



Walden Pond State Reservation

Department of Conservation and Recreation

OCTOBER 2021 PROGRAMS

Public programs are free however, parking fees are collected year-round. **Purchase day passes** for \$8 MA license plate, \$30 out-of-state-plate with MC/VISA at pay & display machine in lots or use the YODEL parking app. Free wifi at the visitor center massIT-Public NO CASH SALES. MA annual and senior passes must be purchased in advance through the DCR website. Advance purchase of passes does not guarantee parking space availability. Parking is first come, first served .

Children must be accompanied by a supervising adult. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. Please follow all current COVID guidelines: Mass.gov/COVID. **No dogs allowed on park premises year-round.** Insect repellent, sturdy shoes, and water suggested for woods programs.

All organized group visitations require advanced reservations. To arrange group visitation contact: walden.programs@mass.gov or (978)405-2082.

During warm weather, fall foliage and holidays the park closes frequently, for several hours, to protect the resource. Check park hours and capacity closure updates on twitter@waldenpondstate

coming events

Daily	<p>Self-guided Autumn StoryWalk® - all ages </p> <p><i>Why Do Leaves Change Color?</i> by Betsy Maestro Woods Path Trail Fall into this colorful story posted along the accessible <i>Woods Path</i> trail. This easy 1/2 mile trail on a crushed stone surface takes 15 minutes each way. No dogs or bikes on any Walden trails.</p>
Daily 10am-4pm	<p>Visitor Center </p> <p>Thoreau Exhibits, <i>Walden</i> Ken Burns film, and Art Gallery Come investigate the life and legacy of Henry David Thoreau at Walden Pond through exhibits, gallery art exhibition and film. The 22-minute film shows every 1/2 hour. Currently on view <i>Thoreau & Walden Pond</i> illustrations by artist, Marianne Orlando.</p> <p>Book of Leaves - Interpretation—all ages </p> <p>Start a journal like Thoreau’s with our pocket-sized notebook . Learn about Walden trees with fun foliage activities.</p>
Sundays October 17 & 24	<p>Harvest Walk, meet at replica - family fun - all ages 10:00-11:30am Easy 1/2 mile exploration along the scenic <i>Pond Path</i> investigating plants from Thoreau’s book <i>Walden</i> and his essay <i>Autumnal Tints</i>. Walk starts at the Thoreau house replica by the main parking lot.</p> <p>Excavation at Walden, meet at original house site </p> <p>all ages, 1:00-2:30pm Learn about the excavation of the original house site above Thoreau Cove in the 1940s and the cairn. Maps at the kiosk or Visitor Center.</p>
Mondays October 11, 18, 25	<p>Thoreau’s Tiny House, meet at replica, open house </p> <p>all ages, 10:00-11:30am Discover how Thoreau’s “experiment in deliberate living” made him an early “Tiny House Movement” advocate.</p>
Tuesdays in October	<p>De-Mystifying Thoreau, meet at replica, open house 10:00-11:30am Debunk the many myths and rumors about renowned writer and naturalist, Henry David Thoreau with a Park Interpreter.</p>
Tuesdays October 5 & 12	<p>Pencil Making for ages 6-12, meet at replica 1:00-2:30pm Learn how Henry David Thoreau’s innovations improved his family’s pencil business and take home a self-made pencil.</p>

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- Tuesdays**
October 19 & 26
Concord Authors - meet at replica, open house
ages 8+, 1:00-2:30pm
 Drop by and learn about Concord's *Summer of Authors*, home of famous writers: Thoreau, Emerson, Alcott, Hawthorne, and Fuller.
- Wednesdays**
October 6, 13, 27
Thoreau's Stay at Walden, meet at replica - all ages
10:00am, 10:30am, 11:00am, 11:30am
 10 minute overview on how, when, and why Thoreau lived "a deliberate life" at Walden for two years, two months, and two days.
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in October
Excavation at Walden, meet at original house site
all ages, 1:00-2:30pm 
 Learn about the excavation of the original house site above Thoreau Cove in the 1940s and the cairn. Maps at the kiosk or Visitor Center.
- Thursdays**
October 14, 21, 28
Thoreau's Stay at Walden, meet at replica - all ages
10:00am, 10:30am, 11:00am, 11:30am
 10 minute overview on how, when, and why Thoreau lived "a deliberate life" at Walden for two years, two months, and two days.
- Thursdays**
October 21 & 28
Excavation at Walden, meet at original house site
all ages, 1:00-2:30pm 
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- Thursdays**
October 21 & 28
Spin Like a Spider, meet at Visitor Center deck
all ages, 2:30-4:00pm 
 Help weave a web, crawl along the spider walk, and learn to spin fiber like former Walden Pond inhabitant, Zilpah White.
- Fridays**
October 1, 15, 29
Thoreau's Stay at Walden, meet at replica - all ages
10:00am, 10:30am, 11:00am, 11:30am
 10 minute overview on how, when, and why Thoreau lived "a deliberate life" at Walden for two years, two months, and two days.
- What Lives in Walden Pond?- on Main Beach patio**
1:00-2:30pm
 Be a naturalist like Thoreau. Learn about Walden Pond animals.
- Saturdays**
October 16 & 30
Harvest Walk, meet at replica - family fun - all ages
10:00-11:30am
 Easy 1/2 mile exploration along the scenic *Pond Path* investigating plants from Thoreau's book Walden and essay *Autumnal Tints*.
- Autumn Saunter, meets at replica, ages 12+**
1:00-2:30pm
 Saunter on this longer walk, over moderate terrain, to learn about the sites that inspired Thoreau's writing.
- Saturday**
October 23
SPECIAL EVENT - Autumnal Tints - ages 12+
12:00-2:00pm - talk & walk with Thoreau
 Supported by the Friends of Walden Pond, an activity of the Walden Woods Project, www.walden.org
 Chat with Henry David Thoreau, portrayed by Richard Smith, from 12:00-1:00pm in the replica then join him for an hour saunter to the amphitheater to discuss his essay, *Autumnal Tints*.
- Sunday**
October 24
Free Fishing Clinic - ages 8+
7:00-9:00am 
 Learn fishing basics. Equipment & instruction provided for this catch/release program. Each child must be supervised by an adult. Space limited to 10 children. **Registration Required: email walden.programs@mass.gov, attn: Elizabeth**

More Self-guided Opportunities: <https://www.mass.gov/location-details/walden-pond-state-reservation-interpretive-programs> or scan code

