



Walden Pond State Reservation

Department of Conservation and Recreation

SEPT. 6 - 30, 2021 PROGRAMS

Programs are free and open to the public 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 YODEL parking app. **NO CASH SALES.** MA annual & senior park passes can no longer be purchased in park. MA annual and senior passes must be purchased online 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](https://www.mass.gov/COVID). **No dogs allowed on park premises year-round.**

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

During warm weather and holidays the park closes frequently, for several hours, to protect the resource. Check park hours and capacity closure updates on [twitter@waldenpondstate](https://twitter.com/waldenpondstate)

coming events

Daily	<p>Self-guided Summer StoryWalk® </p> <p>Henry Builds a Cabin—accessible Woods Path Trail Take a walk on Walden’s wild side as you follow Henry’s adventures on this family-friendly <i>Woods Path</i> trail. This accessible, 1/2 mile trail with a crushed stone surface takes 15 minutes each way. Shoes, water & bug spray suggested. No Bikes. No Dogs.</p>
Daily 10am-4pm	<p>Visitor Center </p> <p>Thoreau Exhibits & Walden Ken Burns film Come investigate the life and legacy of Henry David Thoreau at Walden Pond! The 22-minute feature shows every 1/2 hour.</p> <p>Marianne Orlando Exhibit—Gallery </p> <p>Hand-rendered drawings of Thoreau & Walden Pond by local artist.</p> <p>Walden Pollinators - Interpre-station </p> <p>Learn the importance of pollination, surprising pollinators and where to find “Pollinator Parking” in our Native Wildflower Garden and far afield in Walden.</p> <p>Self-guided Opportunities Visit https://www.mass.gov/location-details/walden-pond-state-reservation-interpretive-programs or scan the code for more self-guided opportunities</p> 

Sundays	<p>Meet Thoreau’s Family, replica open house 10:00-11:30am - No program on September 26 Stop by and chat about Henry’s close-knit family with Sophia Thoreau, portrayed by Park Interpreter Elizabeth.</p> <p>Excavation at Walden, original house site </p> <p>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	<p>Thoreau’s Tiny House, replica open house 10:00-11:30am Discover how Thoreau’s “experiment in deliberate living” made him an early “Tiny House Movement” advocate.</p>

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- Tuesdays**
- Thoreau's Stay at Walden, at the replica**
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.
- Pencil Making for ages 6-12, at the 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.
- Wednesdays**
- De-Mystifying Thoreau, 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.
- Excavation at Walden, original house site** 
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**
- Concord Authors, replica open house**
10:00-11:00am
Drop by and learn about Concord's *Summer of Authors*, home of famous writers: Thoreau, Emerson, Alcott, Hawthorne, and Fuller. Best for ages 12+ years.
- Tools from Another Time, Main Beach**
1:00-2:30pm, *No program on September 23*
Discover tools used in 19th century Walden Pond to harvest ice and build Thoreau's pondside house in the woods.
- Fridays**
- How Deep is Walden Pond? at Main Beach**
10:00-11:00am
Hands-on demonstration of pond formation and depth. Best for ages 3-12 years.
- Thoreau's Stay at Walden, at the replica**
1:00pm, 1:30pm, 2:00pm, 2:30pm
10 minute overview on how, when, and why Thoreau lived "a deliberate life" at Walden for two years, two months, and two days.
- Saturdays**
- Kidleidoscope, on Main Beach patio**
11:00-11:30am, *No program on September 18*
Explore the natural history of Walden Pond with an engaging story, craft, or activity. Nature topics vary. Parent/child program. Best for ages 3-12 years.
- What Lives in Walden Pond?, on Main Beach patio**
1:00-2:30pm
Be a naturalist like Thoreau. Learn about Walden Pond animals.
- Sunday, September 26**
- Free Fishing Clinic** 
7:30-9:00am
Learn fishing basics. Equipment & instruction provided for this catch/release program. Children must be supervised by an adult. Space limited to 10 children. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED:** walden.programs@mass.gov attn: Elizabeth