

# The Newton Conservators

## Walk Schedule - Fall, 2006

**September 24, 2:00 PM**

### **Lakes District Walk**

The Lake District has a wonderful interconnecting trail system that provides the opportunity to take a circle route along the river, ending you where you started. Come on a walking tour to see these trails and walk along Ware's Cove--Waltham Watch Building--Mount Feake Cemetery--Brandeis—MDC Forest Grove-Duck Feeding Area--Charles River Canoe Service--Norumbega Park--Lyons Field.

*Meet at parking lot at Ware's Cove.* The walk will last about 3 hours. Wear comfortable walking shoes. The leader is Peter Kastner. Call ahead in case of poor weather

**October 1, 2006** – no walk scheduled

**October 8, 2:00 PM**

### **Canoe Trip at the Charles River Lake District**

An almost-annual favorite is the canoe trip through the Charles River Lake District, a mixture of residential, commercial and wetlands. It starts from the Charles River Canoe Service on Commonwealth Avenue and passes Norumbega Park, Fox Island, Auburndale Park, Weirs Cove, the Waltham Watch building, Mount Feake Cemetery, and Purgatory Cove and stops just short of the Moody Street dam. These wetlands are well populated with ducks, geese, blue herons and the occasional hawk or egret, so you might want to bring your binoculars.

*Meet at the Charles River Canoe Service on Commonwealth Avenue in Auburndale.* Trip leader is Bill Hagar, current president of the Newton Conservators. Parking is across the river.

**October 15, 2006 – 2:00 PM**

### **Newton/Wellesley/Needham Aqueduct Bike Ride**

Join a 1.5 to 2 hour bike ride that explores opportunities to link trails that connect the aqueduct system in Newton, Wellesley, and Needham. The aqueducts have long served as a resource for walkers, and this ride will show that it provides a wonderful biking trail, as well. Of particular interest is how the various towns have chosen to mark and manage these linear open spaces. This ride is recommended for ages 12 and up, and an adult must accompany all minors. The trip requires an off-road or hybrid bike (thin tires will not handle this terrain). Helmets are required for all riders. This outing includes part of Walk 27 in the Conservators "Walking Trails" guide. See also our page, A Loop Along the Aqueducts.

*Meet at Starbucks in Waban Square.* Henry Finch, Newton Conservators Board Member, will lead.

**October 22, 2:00 PM**

**Charles River North Street/Bridge Street MDC Trail Walk**

The spectacular new section of the Charles River Greenway that travels from Bridge Street in Newton to Farwell Street in Waltham was officially opened last September. With the foresight of DCR planner, Dan Driscoll, the wide accessible path features natural stabilized soil paths, wood walkways over wetlands and the distinguished Blue Heron footbridge (10 feet wide, and approximately 140 feet long) over the Charles River near Cheesecake Brook. This segment of the Upper Charles River Reservation was the critical missing link needed to provide the desired continuous linear connections between Boston and Waltham.

*Meet in Watertown in the southeast corner of the parking lot of the Super Stop and Shop store on Pleasant Street.* From Newton, one can travel on North Street, cross the Charles River, take a right on Pleasant, and a right into the Super Stop and Shop. We will first explore the greenway downstream to Bridge Street and then upstream into Waltham. Bring binoculars if you have them.

Trip leader is Ted Kuklinski.

**October 29 2:00PM**

**Cutler MDC Park, Millennium Park /Wells Avenue Charles River Loop**

This is more of a hike than a walk and you should wear hiking shoes and be prepared to maintain an active pace. The walk will be 5 miles.

Starting at Cutler Park you will explore the Park, going to Millennium Park in West Roxbury, and complete the tour by way of the Wells Avenue Charles River Pathway. These areas have been improved over the past several years and now provide a wide variety of trails, river landings and playing fields.

*Meet in Needham on Kendrick Street at the Cutler Park entrance.* The entrance is 1/4 mile south of the Charles River, on Kendrick Street in Needham. Kendrick and Nahanton Streets join at the Charles River Bridge.

Henry Finch will be the group leader. Part of this walk is on page 54 of the Newton Conservators Walk Guide.