

WALKS SCHEDULE FALL 2016

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Please note: Walks meet at different times. Some trips are weather dependent. Please call trip leader if in doubt.

Sunday, Sept. 11 at 1:00 pm

CANOE AND KAYAK TRIP AT NAHANTON

This canoe/kayak trip will start in Nahanton Park. We'll paddle upstream on the Charles against the current to the far reaches of Needham, Dedham and Wellesley. Bring your own canoe or kayak, or rent one at the canoe/kayak rental stand in Nahanton Park. The area up-stream is a region of significant beauty and almost pristine conditions. Fall is a good time to view the many turtles and other wildlife along this stretch of water. We should see numerous fish, including pickerel, bass and carp. We also will see many birds that make their spring/summer/fall homes in this habitat. We'll pass by Powell's Island, Millennium Park, and the large Dedham Ditch, then stop for lunch on Cow Island. On the return trip, the current will help carry us back. It's an interesting trip for adults and children and usually is completed within three hours.

Trip Leaders: Bill & Dottie Hagar (617-964-2644)

Sunday, Oct. 2 at 8:00 am

NAHANTON BIRD WALK WITH HAYNES MILLER

Nahanton Park offers a mix of woodlands, wetlands, edge habitat and meadows along the Charles River, making it one of the best birding spots in Newton for fall migrants as well as resident species. Bring binoculars if you have them. Beginners as well as experienced birders are welcome. Walking shoes are recommended. Co-sponsored by Friends of Nahanton Park

& Newton Conservators. Meet at the Nahanton St. entrance between the JCC and the Charles. Parking is available inside the park. Cancelled if steady rain. If concerned about the weather, please call.

Trip Leader: Haynes Miller (617-413-2419)

Saturday, Oct. 8 at 9:00 am

BEDROCK GEOLOGY OF NEWTON AND ENVIRONS

The geology of the Newton area tells a fascinating story of a time about 585 million years ago when Newton was part of the great southern continent of Gondwana and not far from the south pole. The rocks record a history of great volcanic eruptions and sedimentary basin deposits (the famous puddingstone!) in areas between the volcanoes. Join us and learn a bit about how the rocks tell us their story. This trip will not be one of the usual "walks" since we will need to carpool to travel to 4 different sites in and around Newton to see the different rock types. Meet in the parking lot at the entrance to the Hammond Pond MDC Reservation area-east, at the west end of Hammond Pond off of Hammond Pond Parkway near Rt. 9, behind "The Street" complex near the movie theatre (see *Newton Conservators Walking Trail Guide*, p.35). We will visit rocks in the woods near here, then carpool to the other exposures. Cancelled if steady rain. Trip will last 2-3 hours.

Trip Leader: Chris Hepburn (617-964-1137)



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Hours: Everyday, Dawn to Dusk

Kennard Sculpture Trail

Opening Reception
September 10th 1- 4pm
Site - specific, outdoor art installation.
Featuring fourteen international, national, and local artists.

Friends of Kennard Park
246 Dudley Road, Newton, MA 02459

Artists listed: Allison Newsome, Caroline Bagenal, Jean Blackburn, Charlet Davenport, Zoe Friend, Mary Dondero, Murry Dewart, Peter Diepenbrock, Marek Jacisin, Carolyn Kraft, Deborah Putnoi, Anne Spalter, Marco Vargas, Paul Walker, Kit Clews

The Friends of Hemlock Gorge fall cleanup will take place on Saturday October 15 from 9:00 A.M. to 12 noon and be followed by lunch at the Stone Building off Route 9 (see details, pg. 10). There's a lot going in Hemlock Gorge. We're applying for funds for a new fence at the circular dam, treating the hemlocks for hemlock woolly adelgids and hemlock scale, and working with the MWRA to fix the railings on top of Echo Bridge. Check in frequently.

— Brian Yates, President of Hemlock Gorge

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