



WELLESLEY TRAILS

Spring 2019

GUIDED WALKS

Come along to enjoy some of Wellesley's beautiful open spaces and discover trails that will expand your recreational options! The walks are free, and no registration is required. Most walks cover 1.5 to 2 miles and last about one hour. Participants are encouraged to wear sturdy footwear.

April 28, Sunday (10-11:15 a.m.) – Sudbury Path & Needham Aqueduct Trail

New walk! This walk takes a loop trail on the Sudbury Aqueduct in Needham and along the Sudbury Path through Babson College in Wellesley. It follows a new section of trail recently opened up by the MWRA along the aqueduct on Olin and Babson land in Needham, then crosses back into Wellesley to connect with the Sudbury Path that goes in back of the Babson Executive Conference Center and Boston Sports Center. Meet at the far right corner of the Babson Skating Rink parking lot at 150 Great Plain Ave.

May 5, Sunday (2-3 p.m.) – Hemlock Gorge & Echo Bridge

Explore the trails in Hemlock Gorge, a scenic and historic area along the Charles River at the corners of Wellesley, Needham and Newton. Get a birds-eye view of the gorge from Echo Bridge, a 70-foot high stone bridge across the Charles River used to carry Sudbury Aqueduct water to Boston. Stand under the main arch and count the number of times you hear your echo. Meet at the Echo Bridge Office Park parking lot at 381 Elliot Street, Newton. **Directions from Rt-9:** Take Rt-9 toward Newton, exit at the first ramp after the I-95 interchange (to Chestnut Street), at end of ramp, turn right onto Ellis Street and go under Echo Bridge. Turn right at Chestnut Street, and at the traffic light, turn right onto Elliot Street. The office park lot is on your right, and please park at the far edge of the lot by the brick building along the river.

May 18, Saturday (9-10:15 a.m.) – Lower Falls

Take a walk through an historic part of Wellesley and enjoy scenic views along the river on the Charles River Path. Walk along the brick Waterway, the remnants of a proposed development in the 1890's at Indian Springs Park. Follow the Crosstown Trail on the Cochituate Aqueduct that was built in 1848 to supply water to Boston. Take an optional short walk to the footbridge over the Charles at the Cordingly Dam. Meet at the River Street parking lot off Washington Street (free on weekends).

June 1, Saturday (9-10 a.m.) – Beard Trail

On National Trails Day walk the trail along Beard Way to discover the mansion at Ridge Hill Reservation in Needham. This land is the source of Fuller Brook, covers 350 acres from the Wellesley town line to the Charles River, and has miles of hiking trails. The reservation was part of the old Baker Estate, an extravagant amusement park created by William Baker in 1868. Meet at the map house located at Grove Street and Beard Way near the Needham town line. Parking is available on Beard Way.

We look forward to seeing you! Activities take place unless it pours rain or there are high winds.

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