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## CLC BOARD NEWS

The CLC Board extends a huge thank you to three valued members who resigned from the Board this year.

**Elaine Quinlan** was our CLC Newsletter editor for 5 years. For our February Candidates Newsletter, she solicited and received statements from candidates for townwide and precinct positions and assembled them into the newsletter. For our spring and fall newsletter, she coordinated with people contributing information and articles, and assembled the contributions into well-organized newsletters.

**Alex Dohan** served as our website coordinator and liaison to the Conservation Commission. She was responsible for posting information on the website and responding to messages coming into the website. As a Conservation Commissioner, she brought the Conservation Commission's plans and perspectives to our board, and provided valuable perspectives on local environmental events and issues.

**Barbara Sidley**, a founding member of CLC, more recently served as secretary for several years, keeping board meeting minutes and insuring that any necessary state and federal documents were appropriately filed.

We welcome three new board members and current members in new roles:

**Ruth Ladd**, our new newsletter editor, who produced the newsletter you are now reading; **Barbara Tarrh**, our walks coordinator, who urges you to join us on our CLC walks this spring; and **Priya Krishnan**, our database coordinator, who is in charge of maintaining our database and sending relevant information to our members. Ongoing Board member, **Pam Lyons**, who has been serving on our board as a liaison to the town meeting members association and to the Lexington Living Landscape committee, has agreed to serve as our Board Secretary, a position that has been open for two years. **Bill Ward**, also a current board member, has volunteered to serve as the Website Community Calendar Editor. He will welcome relevant inputs to the calendar that you may suggest.

Thank you Pam and Bill, and welcome Ruth, Barbara, and Priya.

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Newsletter Editor

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Priya Krishnan

Barbara Tarrh

Keith Ohmart

Rita Pandey

Bill Ward

Ruth Ladd

Ever wonder what all these folks look like so you'll recognize them on walks and around town? See the next page!



*Priva Krishnan*



*Barbara Tarrh*



*Ruth Ladd*



*Keith Ohmart*



*Bill Ward*



*Pam Lyons*



*Eileen Entin*



*Rita Pandey*



*Bobbie Hodson*

## DID YOU KNOW THAT. . .

. . . CLC is planning to develop informational signs for various conservation properties in Lexington? Our first sign will be about vernal pools and will be located adjacent to the vernal pool in Hayden Woods. We anticipate that it will be installed during the summer. Keep your eyes out for it as you walk through Hayden Woods. And look for information about our next sign project in the fall newsletter.

. . . CLC will be holding Conservation Restrictions on Town Conservation properties that were acquired using Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds as a requirement of the CPA program? Detailed applications for each property must be sent to the Secretary of State's office for approval and recording, following which the Select Board must issue final acceptance on behalf of the Town. Properties included in this program to date include the Leary property on Vine Street, now a part of the Lower Vine Brook property, Cotton Farm, and two parcels known as the Goodwin parcels adjacent to the Meagherville property and Katahdin Woods properties. Still to be processed are applications for Wright Farm, a parcel at the end of Sherburne Road adjacent to the Upper Vine Brook property, and most recently, 38 Highland Avenue which is also adjacent to the Upper Vine Brook property. Once each application is accepted into this program, CLC will be responsible for annually performing a site inspection for each property. This program is ongoing and we would welcome the interest and participation of additional volunteers who wish to learn more and assist in the process. Please contact Eileen Entin ([eileenhome@gmail.com](mailto:eileenhome@gmail.com)) to learn more.

. . . CLC holds an annual meeting each year, usually in April, to elect Board members and to host a talk about a topic related to CLC's mission? Sadly CLC's 2020 and 2021 annual meetings were cancelled because of COVID. This year, rather than hold a zoom meeting in April, we are hoping to hold an 'in-person' meeting this fall. The date is still to be determined, but it will likely be some time in October - - and we hope in person!! Look for more information about the annual meeting on our website.

. . . We welcome submissions for our spring and fall newsletters (subject to board approval) and ideas for articles? They can be submitted from the Contact page on our website.



*Reindeer lichen*

*Lichens found on Juniper Hill in January*



*Pixie cups and British soldier lichens*



**Celebrate National Earth Day Friday, April 22nd!**  
**Celebrate Lexington's Earth Day on Saturday, May 14**

## CLC HAS AN UPDATED WEBSITE!

CLC now has a reorganized and updated website. The revised website modernizes the appearance and organization of the website, makes information access simpler and clearer, eliminates duplicate categories, and makes it easier for visitors to the site to find information they are seeking. The updated website also smooths the process for becoming a member, updating membership, or donating in honor or memory of someone.

On the main page one can find links to the most current newsletter, upcoming guided walks, and open space guides. The website has 10 tabs, as shown in the figure below. Among them, the Community Calendar tab provides information about material and activities that may be of interest. The Activities tab provides information about current CLC activities. The Resources tab offers links to organizations and agencies that also address environmental and conservation issues as well as links to our local and state representatives. The Guides tab brings one to links to conservation and flora documents. The Volunteer tab allows those interested to find out about CLC volunteer positions currently available. Users can submit questions or comments using the Contact tab. In the future we would like to include a photo gallery of pictures taken in Lexington's conservation lands.

Bobbie Hodson, Keith Ohmart, and Rita Panday worked with Burlington-based designer Jonathan Sachs to define the website categories, reappportion information from the old site to the updated one, and add new tabs as needed. We thank them for their effort and applaud the result.

We urge you to visit the website ([www.clclex.org](http://www.clclex.org)) and send us your comments and suggestions via the Contact form accessible from the home page. The new format will allow us to more easily add additional features or change current features. Our hope is that this will result in a more dynamic web site that will encourage more visitations and enhance CLC's mission of promoting interest and information regarding the town's open spaces.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Citizens for Lexington Conservation website. At the top left is the logo, which features a white bird perched on a blue wave, with a green leaf above it. To the right of the logo is the text "Citizens for Lexington Conservation". Further right is a green button labeled "JOIN/DONATE" and a search bar with the text "Search..." and a magnifying glass icon. Below the header is a blue navigation bar with the following tabs: Home, About, Community Calendar, Activities, Advocacy, Newsletters, Resources, Guides, Volunteer, and Contact. The main content area features a large photograph of a white egret standing in a marshy area with trees in the background. Below the photograph are four columns of content:

- Welcome**: Citizens for Lexington Conservation was founded in 1967 to encourage the town to preserve valued parcels of open space as a public resource. While land...
- Newsletter**: February 2022 Newsletter, February 11, 2022. Our annual Town...
- Activities**: Guided Walks are one of our most popular activities. We also have self...
- Open Space Guide**: Here are links to Lexington's and other nearby natural areas that are ideal for walking and experiencing nature.

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## A POLLINATOR MEADOW ON THE BIKEWAY

Charlie Wyman

If you travel east of Woburn Street on the Minuteman Bikeway, you soon come to a patch of open ground on the north side of the path. A year ago this was a vigorous stand of invasive knotweed, (*Polygonum cuspidatum*) 6-8 feet high and so dense that nothing grew underneath. In the year since, volunteers with Lexington Living Landscapes (LLL) have been hard at work converting this beautiful piece of land into a pollinator meadow.

Last year on June 5<sup>th</sup>, following approval from both the Department of Public Works and the Conservation Commission, who each oversee part of the property, we began work in earnest. Over the course of the day our crew cut hundreds of 6'-high knotweed stems and filled two dumpsters full of material. We returned frequently through the summer and fall, cutting whenever the stems reached more than a foot high. To minimize erosion of the bare ground beneath and provide some competition for the knotweed and other weeds, we sowed buckwheat, an annual cover crop which germinates quickly and is attractive to pollinators. By mid-summer the land was awash in small white blossoms and the buzzing of insects.

While pesticides are often used to help eliminate a knotweed colony, the LLL team chose the more labor intensive but environmentally safer course of mechanical control. This involves repeatedly cutting the above-ground stems until the extensive below-ground crowns and rhizomes are exhausted of energy stores and eventually die. Experts have warned us that eliminating knotweed in this manner can take a decade of diligent cutting, so we know we're in this for the long haul.

This past winter we engaged Jean Devine of Devine Native Plantings to design a planting plan for the meadow that we envision. We expect the knotweed to come back strong this spring and are ready with a team of volunteers. At the same time, we will gradually start planting and seeding the meadow in spaces in between the knotweed crowns, and we will again sow an annual cover crop of buckwheat and also partridge pea, another annual popular with pollinators.

With some hard work and nature's help, we look forward to a pollinator meadow emerging over the next few years. If you'd like to help, volunteers are always welcome! And come by and see us on LexCAN's (Lexington Climate Action Network) Earth Day on May 14 – check the schedule for our hours.

We could not do this without the advice and logistical support of the Department of Public Works and the Lexington Conservation Division and Commission, and the generous financial assistance of The Trustees of Public Trusts through the Jack and Betty Eddison Blossom Fund. We are very grateful for their encouragement and help.



## PARKER MEADOWS TRAIL CONSTRUCTION HAS STARTED!

Amber Carr

The Conservation Office and Kyle Zick Landscape Architecture (KZLA) are working with the Town's hired contractor SumCo to conduct construction of the ADA Improvement Project at Parker Meadow Conservation Area.

### Improvements include:

- Creation of 1,697 ft of accessible trails (Trail system Option B).
- Parking area improvements
- Creation of a viewing platform (Overlook Option A)
- Creation of an interpretive panel



You can follow along on the progress of the project during construction, all updates will be posted on the Conservation Department's website\_

- 2/7/22: Erosion controls placed on site.
- 2/14/22: Staff conducted a pre-construction site visit and construction began shortly after
- 3/7/2022: SumCo completed the necessary tree pruning and removal for the accessible trail system and began installing the helical piers for the overlook structure.
- 3/14/22: All trails in Parker Meadow are currently closed for construction. ACROSS Lexington, use detour along Revere Street (see map at right).
- 3/22/22: SumCo is Installing framing and decking for boardwalks abutting bridge A and installing railings and decking on overlook structure.



## LATEST ACROSS LEXINGTON ROUTES

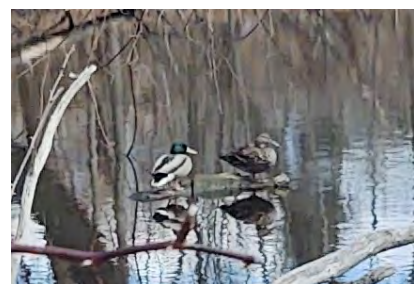
Keith Ohmart

The members of the Greenways Corridor Committee closed out 2021 by finishing the installation of the latest addition to ACROSS Lexington, The Rick Abrams Memorial Trail Network. Route N now connects the Willards Woods Conservation property with the Turning Mill Conservation property in the northwestern part of Lexington. Clocking in at just under 4 miles, this 3.7 mile loop guides the walker along ACROSS Lexington's usual mix of woods trails and streets and sidewalks, with little or no elevation changes along the way.



Turning Mill, as one of the smaller and less accessible Conservation properties, is a perfect example of the benefit that the ACROSS Lexington system provides. Neither the main trail entrance off of busy Grove Street just before it crosses Route 128, or the other entrance at the end of the North Emerson Road cul-de-sac invites easy access. The connection that Route N now provides to the more well-known Willards

Woods property encourages those out for an adventure to explore a part of Lexington's Conservation property network that they probably did not know existed. While small in size, the Turning Mill property is rich in evidence of Lexington's past including a well preserved barn foundation, the foundation of an old ice house, and the earthen dam that provided water power for a succession of mills dating back nearly to Lexington's origins. (*Ma and Pa Mallard are enjoying Turning Mill Pond this spring*)



Not content to rest on their laurels in 2022, the Committee is planning on installing companion Route P adjacent to Route N through the Manor District and down to the Minuteman Bikeway via a trail easement behind Cider Mill Lane where it will link up with existing Routes E and then A. This 3.4 mile route will consist mostly of sidewalks, quiet streets and the Bikeway, while taking the walker through some of Lexington's quieter neighborhood byways. The completion of Route P fulfills yet another goal of the Greenways Corridor Committee: providing an ACROSS Lexington route within half a mile of every home in Lexington.

So what are you waiting for? Slip on your favorite walking shoes and begin to explore these latest additions to the ACROSS Lexington system. And while you are at it, consider taking on the ACROSS Lexington Challenge of completing all 47 miles of the ACROSS system. Walk every mile of the ACROSS System and you will qualify for a certificate of completion (<https://www.xllexcollect.org/>).

A current ACROSS Lexington map showing new Route N is now available on the Greenways Corridor Committee web page (<https://www.lexingtonma.gov/across-lexington>). The Committee anticipates completing Route P by the end of May, following which an updated map will be posted on the web site.



## CITY NATURE CHALLENGE (CNC) Observations needed

Lexington is officially participating in the 2022 City Nature Challenge (yay!). This is a WORLDWIDE event where we will document as many wild organisms as possible between

**April 29th- May 2nd**

Just take photos via the [iNaturalist app](#)! All observations during the timeframe within Lexington will be counted!

### Learn how to use iNaturalist:

Saturday 4/23 9-11 Dunback Meadow (Allen Street entrance)

Sunday 4/24 12-2 PM Willard's Woods (North Street entrance)

Friday 4/29 4-6 PM at Whipple Hill (Summer Street entrance)

### [Register here](#)

Learn more about CNC: [Check out our website](#). Watch the [2022 video](#)

\*\*\* Photos by **Soren Goldsmith** and **Divya Narayanan** from the Lexington High School Photography Club were chosen for the official GLOBAL video!\*\*\*

## 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL NATIVE POLLINATOR PLANTING KIT SALE

Building on last year's success, Lexington Living Landscapes is again collaborating with the Lexington Conservation Office to bring you Pollinator Planting kits for sale. This year we will be offering a Sun kit with plants that thrive in sun to partial sun and a Shade kit with plants that thrive in shade to partial shade. The kits will include three plants of four different native species, which are selected based on bloom time and their attractiveness to pollinators.

**Purchase a kit of 12 plants for \$65.** Kits will become available for pick-up towards the end of May. Anyone wanting to buy a kit should set up a MyRec account first at <https://www.lexingtonma.gov/recreation-community-programs/pages/myreccom>.

For any questions, please feel free to contact us at [lexlivingland@gmail.com](mailto:lexlivingland@gmail.com) or [acarr@lexingtonma.gov](mailto:acarr@lexingtonma.gov).

### Sun Kit

Foxglove Beardtongue (*Penstemon digitalis*); (Early)

Spotted Bee Balm (*Monarda punctata*); (Mid-season)

Clustered Mountain Mint (*Pycnanthemum muticum*);  
(Mid-season)

Showy Goldenrod (*Solidago speciosa*); (Late-season)



### Shade Kit

Foam Flower (*Tierella cordifolia*); (Early)

Woodland Phlox (*Phlox divaricata*); (Early)

Hairy Beardtongue (*Pentesmon hirsutus*); (Mid-season)

Blue stemmed Goldenrod (*Solidago caesia*); (Late-season)



## **CITIZENS FOR LEXINGTON CONSERVATION FALL 2021 WALK LEADERS APPRECIATION**

CLC would like to thank Laurene Baudette, Eileen Entin, Bobbie Hodson, Barbara Katzenberg, Sunder Neelakantan, and Keith Ohmart for leading our fall walks. Our walk leaders are not compensated and give freely of their time to introduce one and all to Lexington's wealth of outdoor resources.

### **2022 SPRING WALKS**

*All walks are free and open to the public*

#### **Walk Leaders Sought!**

Are you an amateur naturalist – are you a mycologist, insect lover, lichen expert or do you have other passions to share? Do you have knowledge of local flora or special insight into your favorite conservation land? Citizens for Lexington Conservation is seeking local nature lovers to share their expertise. If you are one of those folks and if you have some time to donate in leading a conservation walk this upcoming fall, please let us know. Contact Barbara Tarrh, [btarrh@gmail.com](mailto:btarrh@gmail.com).

#### **City Nature Challenge 2022 Lexington iNaturalist Event Friday April 29 - Monday May 2**

*Seeking naturalists town-wide for bioblitz challenge (see additional information on p.9)*

This international event has grown in scope since its beginning in 2016, when San Francisco and Los Angeles issued a friendly challenge to one another to find and document the greatest number of species in their cities, and to mobilize the highest number of people to participate. During the period from April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Lexington residents can use their smartphones and the iNaturalist app to find and record wildlife in their neighborhoods, including animals, plants and any other evidence of living things (how about a robin's nest, or deer scat??) See the town's website to sign up: <https://www.lexingtonma.gov/conservation/events/199916>

#### **Butterfly Walk, Arlington's Great Meadows Sunday May 1, 11 am**

This 183-acre wet meadow is the largest piece of undeveloped land in the Arlington/Lexington area. The meadow is home to host plants for many overwintering insect larvae/pupae. Target species: Henry's and Brown Elfins. Co-sponsored by the Mass Butterfly Club. Park at the entrance to Lexington Meadows town-homes, end of Emerson Gardens Rd. (Use Emerson Gardens Rd. for overflow parking.) More than light rain cancels.

**Leader:** Tom Whelan (781-915-9988, [tom@whelanphoto.com](mailto:tom@whelanphoto.com))

## Garlic Mustard Pull at Lincoln Park

Sunday May 1, 2-4 pm

Garlic mustard seeds can take up to seven years to sprout, requiring repeated efforts to control and eradicate this aggressive invasive species. Come join CLC's multi-year effort to pull this year's progeny from along the pathways in Lincoln Park. Bring gardening gloves. Steady rain cancels. Meet at the Fitness Path entrance on Middleby Rd across from the entrance to Bridge School, where you may park.

**Leader:** Keith Ohmart 1781-862-6216, [kohmart@verizon.net](mailto:kohmart@verizon.net))

## Birding Lower Vine Brook

Saturday May 7, 8-10 am

Lower Vine Brook can be a fantastic area to see a nice selection of warblers, beautiful small tropical birds that migrate north at this time of year. They will eventually reach the forests of northern New England and Canada to breed, but if weather and foliage are right, you may see a dozen species here in a single morning. Dress for the weather (boots if it's wet) and bring binoculars and a bird ID book, or app. Children with adults are welcome. No dogs please. Rain or lightning will cancel the event; if conditions are uncertain, please call the walk leader. Meet at the entrance to Lower Vine Brook conservation area opposite 93 Vine St.

**Leader:** Harry West (617-461-9500, [hwest2020@gmail.com](mailto:hwest2020@gmail.com))

## Birding Paint Mine

Sunday May 8, 7-9 am

The Paint Mine conservation area between Grove St. and Turning Mill Rd. is comprised of nearly 50 acres and contains a variety of habitat types including forested land and boggy ponds, along with disturbed open land under power lines. This edge area can be a reliable stopping place for spring migrants, including the possibility of prairie warblers. Please join us in looking for warblers and other migrating and nesting birds.

Dress for the weather and be prepared to walk along some moderately steep trails. Bring binoculars and a bird ID app if you have one. Heavy rain or lightning will cancel. Meet in the parking lot of Estabrook School, 117 Grove St.

**Leader:** Dianna Queheillalt (contact [clclexington@gmail.com](mailto:clclexington@gmail.com))

## Spring 2022 Lexpress Walk Series #1

Wednesday May 11, 9:30-12 noon

Learn how to use Lexpress to expand Lexington's walking opportunities. This 3+ mile/2.5 hour walk will traverse parts of 4 Lexington Conservation areas including Turning Mill, Willards Woods, Chiesa Farm and Parker Meadow. We will board the 9:30 am Lexpress bus at the Depot in Lexington Center, and return to this location at the end of our walk. Steady rain cancels. **Registration is required.** Lexington Community Center 781-698-4840.

**Leader:** Keith Ohmart (781-862-6216, [kohmart@verizon.net](mailto:kohmart@verizon.net))



*Chiesa Farm wetlands*

## Mindful Walk and Sit, Hayden Woods

Saturday May 14, 9-10:30 am

This walk combines a mindful meander with a meditative sit-spot in Hayden Woods. Hayden Woods is an interesting mix of dry and wet woodlands, including a vernal pool. A series of sensory activities along the way will cultivate a level of enhanced awareness and bring a sense of calm. The loop will end with a 10-to-15-minute silent seated meditation in the Valleyfield Play area. Wear comfortable clothing appropriate for the weather along with sturdy footwear. Foam blocks will be provided for sitting. More than light rain will cancel. Limit 12; **registration is required**. Email walk leader to register and to confirm meeting spot.

**Leader:** Barbara Tarrh ([btarrh@gmail.com](mailto:btarrh@gmail.com))

## ACROSS Lexington Route N Walk

Sunday May 15, 2-4 pm

Explore Route N, the newest addition to the ACROSS Lexington Trail System. This three plus mile route connects Chiesa Farm with Willards Woods and Turning Mill Pond. The walk will include easy unpaved trails as well as paved streets and sidewalks. Some trails may be wet, so wear appropriate shoes. Heavy rain cancels. Meet at the Diamond Middle School parking area off Hancock St.

**Leader:** Bob Haussein (781-862-9102, [rhaussein@rcn.com](mailto:rhaussein@rcn.com))



*Turning Mill  
Pond stream*

## Spring 2022 Lexpress Walk Series #2

Wednesday May 18, 9:30 - 11:30 am

This week's 2.5 mile/2-hour walk will wend its way along the Arlington Reservoir, and through Arlington's Great Meadows and Tower Park before ending at the Community Center. Meet your guide, Keith Ohmart, at the Community Center in time to catch the 9:36 am C Lexpress bus, or board in the Center at 9:30 am or along the route. Steady rain cancels. **Registration is required**. Lexington Community Center, 781-698-4840.

**Leader:** Keith Ohmart (781-862-6216, [kohmart@verizon.net](mailto:kohmart@verizon.net))

## Wild Edibles of Lexington's Waysides

Monday May 16, 6-8 pm

CLC is pleased to have Russ Cohen return for another walk to teach us about wild edible plants! Lexington is home to over 70 species of edible wild plants, both native and non-native, including plants considered to be weedy or invasive. Some are more nutritious and/or flavorful than their cultivated counterparts. Join [Russ Cohen](#), expert forager and author of Wild Plants I Have Known...and Eaten, on a two-hour ramble in and around Lincoln Park to learn about at least eighteen edible species. Russ will present information on identification tips, edible portion(s), season(s) of availability and preparation methods, as well as general guidelines for safe and environmentally-responsible foraging. Steady rain cancels. Meet at the Fitness Trail entrance at the crosswalk on Worthen Road across from the Lexington High playing fields.

**Leader:** Russ Cohen (781-646-7489, [eatwild@rcn.com](mailto:eatwild@rcn.com))

## Peak Migration Birding at Dunback Meadow

Saturday May 21, 7-9 am

The Dunback Meadow property is Lexington's largest town-owned piece of conservation land. With multiple habitat types, the trails provide the opportunity to look for a variety of migrants and breeding birds: warblers, flycatchers and many more. Meet at the Allen St. entrance opposite Pitcairn Place. Rain will cancel. Co-sponsored with the Menotomy Bird Club.

**Leader:** Bobbie Hodson (781-861-9421, [robertahodson@comcast.net](mailto:robertahodson@comcast.net))

## Natural History at Paint Mine

Sunday May 22, 1:30-3:00 pm

The Paint Mine Conservation area is comprised of nearly 50 acres and includes a natural ochre deposit that provided pigment for paint in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Explore this and other historic remnants along trails that weave through open areas and woods, where there are interesting former muskrat ponds. Join us in a quest for the orchid-like fringed polygala and other spring wildflowers. Heavy rain or lightning will cancel the walk. Meet in the parking lot of Estabrook School, 117 Grove St.

**Leader:** Fran Ludwig (781-861-7231, [fludwig12@yahoo.com](mailto:fludwig12@yahoo.com))

## Goat Open House at Chiesa Farm

Saturday May 28, 12-2 pm. Rain date Sunday May 29, 12-2 pm

Come and join the local Lexington goats for their daily pasture walk through the fields and woodlands at Chiesa Farm. Each season the land provides them with diverse plant life. The goats are very specific as to what they need to eat depending on many factors. We will have 2 Lexington herds, totaling twelve female dairy goats. Learn how the goats in town are working to keep invasive plants in check. All adults and children are welcome. No dogs please. Park at Diamond Middle School using the Hathaway/Sedge Road entrance. Follow the signed trail entrance and meet us in the pasture. Note rain date.

**Leaders:** Laurene Beaudette ([laurene@iwebinsight.com](mailto:laurene@iwebinsight.com))

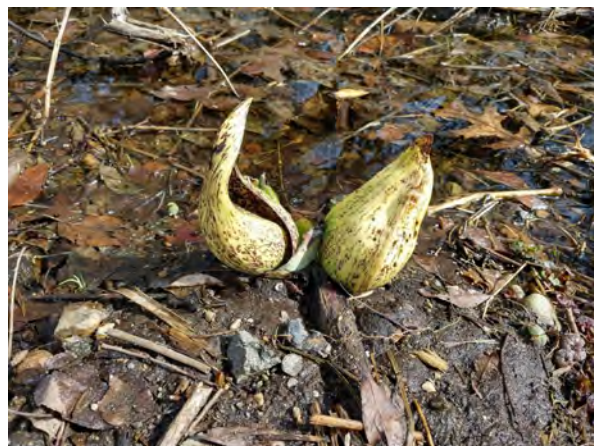
Halé Schatz ([haleschatz@gmail.com](mailto:haleschatz@gmail.com))

## ACROSS Lexington Route G Walk

Sunday June 5, 2-4 pm

Explore one of Lexington's less frequented Conservation properties, Shaker Glen, along with a portion of the Lower Vine Brook Conservation property on this not quite 3 mile walk along ACROSS Lexington's Route G. The walk will include easy unpaved trails with occasional short ups and downs, in addition to sidewalks. Appropriate footwear recommended. Heavy rain cancels. Meet in the rear parking lot of the Christ Revolution Church, 451 Lowell Street.

**Leader:** Bobak Moshiri (508-414-6598, [bob.moshiri@gmail.com](mailto:bob.moshiri@gmail.com))



*Skunk cabbage (Symplocarpus foetidus) at Shaker Glen (March)*

## Whipple Hill Family Walk Sunday June 12, 1:30-3:00 pm

Whipple Hill Conservation Area features Lexington's highest point, topping out at 374 feet above Boston Harbor. Whipple Hill is also home to fascinating remnants of the last glacier to cover the area some 10,000 years ago. The walk up and down the trails will include stopping at a vernal pool and observing typical New England woodland plants, some in bloom. Possible bonus: You can see taller spots in central Massachusetts and even a few mountains in New Hampshire on a clear day! Heavy rain or lightning will cancel. Parking is available on Berkshire Drive, opposite the entrance to the property. If the number of people who sign up exceeds the maximum group size, we will schedule another walk. Each person needs a (free) ticket. **Register at** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/family-walk-at-whipple-hill-tickets-302912809367>

**Leader:** Fran Ludwig



*Raccoon tracks in the mud  
along the stream in Dunback  
Meadow (March)*



*Interesting snag with lichens on  
it in the Sutherland conservation  
lands (March)*