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We welcome new board member, Chaula Patel, who will help us archive our materials. In her professional life she is a program manager for a gene therapy company.



HABITAT FOR POLLINATORS—SUCCESS, NEXT STEPS, READY FOR WINTER
September 20, 12—1 pm WEBINAR

Join Stephanie Frischie, Agronomist and Native Plant Materials Specialist with the Xerces Society, for this Women4theLand Conservation Conversation via Zoom. Mid-September can feel like summer or like fall from one day to another. At this learning circle, the panelists will talk about what happened in your pollinator habitat over the summer. They’ll also talk about what is blooming this time of year, which pollinators and insects are active, and what will happen to them in a few months when winter sets in. Join them to learn about providing overwintering habitat and some good books to add to winter reading lists.

Based in northwest Indiana, Stephanie provides pollinator habitat expertise to farms in Canada and the U.S. She also works with the native seed industry and researchers to plan and develop seed supply of important plant species for restoration of insect habitat.

[Click here](#) for more information and to register.



DID YOU KNOW THAT. . .

- . . .the Lexington Native Pollinator Plant Sale is returning?

When: Tuesday, Sept 20, 2022 2:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Where: Worthen Road Practice Field Lexington, MA

A range of hard-to-find perennial native pollinator plants will be for sale on 'Sustainability Day' Tuesday, September 20, 2022. Plants have been grown from seed at the Lexington Native Plant Nursery and profits from the sale will go towards supplies and water for the Nursery. Plants will include:

- ◇ Hoary Mountain Mint (*Pycnanthemum incanum*)
- ◇ Sweet Goldenrod (*Solidago odora*)
- ◇ Hairy Beardtongue (*Penstemon hirsutus*)
- ◇ Small's Beardtongue (*Penstemon smallii*)
- ◇ Pale Coneflower (*Echinacea pallida*)
- ◇ Spotted Mountain Mint (*Monarda punctata*)
- ◇ fall blooming Asters
- ◇ and many more!

Many of the plants for sale are not eaten by rabbits because the leaves have a strong taste. There will be guidance at the table for plant selection according to your growing conditions and space. Payment can be made by cash, check, Paypal, or Venmo.



- . . .our lovely beech trees are under threat from Beech Leaf Disease? It only arrived in the US (Ohio) in 2010 but is already here in Lexington. The leaves become dark between the ribs, then shrivel and fall off.

Healthy leaves



Diseased leaves



CLC LAUNCHES INTERPRETIVE SIGN PROGRAM

Keith Ohmart

Have you ever wondered about the geological, biological, archeological, or historical riches that are to be found in our conservation lands? In an effort to make visible the breadth of scientific and cultural richness that can be found on the town's various conservation properties, CLC is launching its new Interpretive Sign Project. The first of these signs on the subject of vernal pools will be installed in Hayden Woods in September followed by a second sign on the subject of biodiversity to be installed in Parker Meadow in October. Information confirming the installation of each of these signs will be posted to the CLC website under Activities (<https://clclex.org/activities/>) following installation.



Vernal Pool Association

Each sign will feature color photos and illustrations as well as salient factual information. QR codes on each sign will connect to sources of additional information found on CLC's website as well as links to other relevant organizations. Audio files of the text of each sign in English, Mandarin and Spanish will also be available through an additional QR code. And each sign will pose a question or challenge with links to providing further information and/or opportunities to contribute observations.

The closest parking for the Hayden Woods sign is behind the office building at 65 Hayden Avenue where marked trail-head spaces are found. Turn left at the first trail intersection and continue to where the boardwalk spans the vernal pool. The Parker Meadow sign will be located on the new pond overlook that has been constructed as part of the Conservation Department's universal access trail upgrade project on that property this past summer. Parking including, handicapped parking, is available off Revere Street.

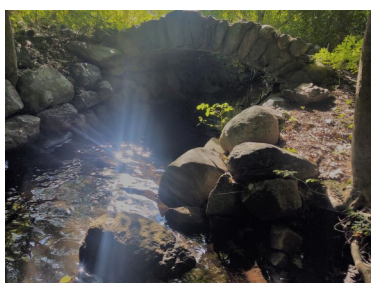
Ideas for additional signs include the site of post-glacial Lake Concord at Katahdin Woods, the location of the pigment deposits in the Paint Mine area, Lexington's agricultural heritage in Dunback Meadow, and geological features at Whipple Hill. Please contact CLC through the website if you have further suggestions on other possible sign locations for this program.

NEW ACROSS LEXINGTON ROUTE P

Keith Ohmart

As anticipated in CLC's Spring newsletter, the Greenways Corridor Committee has now completed the installation of Route P. The new route complements the establishment of Route N last fall and provides a link through the Manor District between Route N and the Minuteman Bikeway behind the Valley Road tennis courts.

Beginning at the intersection of Preston Road and Burlington Street opposite Kinneens Park, the route departs from Route N and follows quiet streets and byways over past seldom-visited Baskin Playground before crossing Bedford Street. It then follows a public trail easement behind Cider Mill Lane before

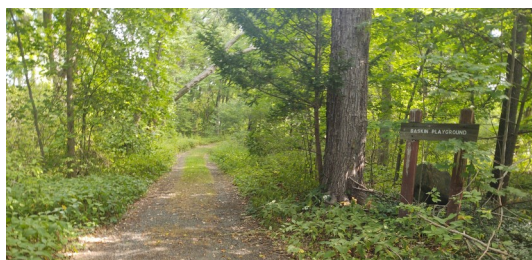


emerging behind the Valley Road tennis courts, crosses Valley Road and follows a gentle paved incline path to join the Bikeway. Just before crossing Valley Road, pause and note the short arched bridge, a relic from Lexington's agrarian past, as it crosses the headwaters of Kiln Brook. The route then follows portions of Routes E, A, and N back to your starting point if you wish to complete the entire 3.4 mile loop.

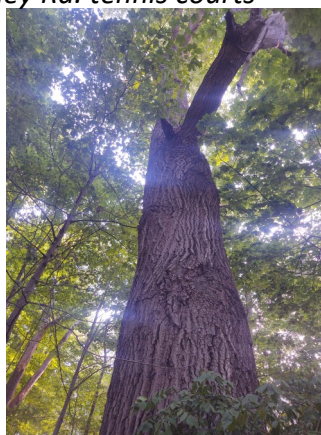


The completion of Route P brings the goal of having an ACROSS Lexington route within a half a mile of every home in Lexington one step closer to fruition. The entire ACROSS system now totals just under 47 miles in length. New brochures including Route P have now been released and can be found in convenient map boxes located throughout the system as well as outlets including the Visitor Center, Town Hall, Cary Library and the Community Center. A current map of the system can be found on the Greenways Committee page of the town's website at: <https://www.lexingtonma.gov/227/Brochure-Map>.

And while you are planning to explore this latest addition to the ACROSS Lexington system, consider taking on the challenge of walking every mile of the ACROSS system. This will qualify you for a certificate of completion for the ACROSS Lexington Challenge. Visit the ACROSS Lexington Challenge website at <https://www.xlexcollect.org/> for details.



Enormous (~10' diameter) red oak where trail leaves/ enters Valley Rd. tennis courts



Trail through wetlands into Baskin and grapes seen (and smelled!) along the way



Signs on bike path where P joins it near tennis courts

LEXINGTON BATTLE GREEN'S NEW TREES

Pat Moyer and Barbara Tarrh

Last year, the Town Tree Committee became aware that there were two plaques on the town green, placed to honor two World War I veterans, whose associated trees had died. The committee delegated one of its members, also a veteran, to work with the town to replace the trees. He delved into town records and found that 100 years ago there were over 50 trees on our Green; 20 years ago there were 46; and before the recent planting, only 28. Some have succumbed to age, others to decay and weather events.

This town volunteer conceived of planting significant trees near the plaques. He worked with the town's Tree Warden, Chris Filadoro, to identify possible sites. As a seasoned Tree Committee member, he suggested native species with good autumn color for these and future tree plantings on the Battle Green. He and the Tree Warden, realizing the toll that time and weather had taken on the trees, thought of planting 4 more trees at the same time, for a total of 6. The Director of the DPW took the proposal to the Select Board, who suggested that the trees be larger than the original duo had imagined.

As a result, in June 2022, a crew from Lexington's Forestry Department planted six 4" diameter native trees—three on the Bedford St. side, two on the Harrington Rd. side, and one on the Mass Ave. side. Funding for this effort was 50% from the Tree Fund and 50% from Operations.

If you want an object lesson on how to place a tree in the ground for optimal survival, come and see the expert work of our town's Forestry Department. You will also get to enjoy the variety of trees our North American continent has produced.

Black Tupelo (*Nyssa sylvatica*) - located along Bedford Street

When thinking about native trees with intense fall color, Black Tupelo does not immediately come to mind. And yet it is one of the most colorful trees in autumn, with a range of shades from lighter yellows and oranges to dark purple-red. In summer, the leaves are modestly sized but quite glossy and almost evergreen in appearance. The fruit is blue-black and attractive to birds and mammals. With age, the bark develops a wizened appearance. This species is interesting in all seasons and a perfect addition to the variety of trees on the green.

Interesting to know:

- Inconspicuous spring flowers are a source of pollen for bees
- The name 'Tupelo' comes from the Native American Creek language and means "swamp tree"
- The wood is difficult to work with but nearly unbreakable when used as handles for tools



Scarlet Oak (*Quercus coccinea*) - located at the first veteran's monument

Scarlet oaks are fast growing trees, somewhat unusual for an oak. The tree can reach a height of 100 feet and can live for up to 85 years. This species yields possibly the most deeply red and scarlet hues of any of the oaks native to North America. Its leaves are handsomely glossy green and deeply cut, which make it more easily identified as compared to black or white oaks. The acorns of this tree are more than ½ covered by neat little caps. As it grows, the tree becomes taller than wide creating beautiful shade below.

Interesting to know:

- The botanical name 'coccinea' means 'dyed scarlet'
- The tree does well from Maine to Florida, and out to the Midwest
- Acorns take two years to develop, and so nuts of varying vintage can be found on the same tree
- Scarlet oaks are found on the grounds of the White House, Supreme Court, the US Capitol, along with Lexington's Battle Green



Yellowwood (*Cladrastis kentukea*) - one is on Harrington Road, one on Bedford St.

Yellowwood is an uncommon tree, even in its natural range to the south, but quite special in its elegant branching pattern. Once established, yellowwood will produce showy, pea-like white flowers in the spring and dangling seed pods in the fall. Its best autumn feature, however, is the clear yellow color of the foliage, which happens comparatively late in the season. While the branches are prone to damage from ice storms, mature trees can develop a beautiful vase-like shape, reminiscent of the American elms that used to line the Green.

Interesting to know:

- The inner bark of roots produces a yellow dye that colonial people used for cloth
- The wood is a bright yellow still used for specialty fine carpentry projects
- Native Americans used the wood for carvings and for building
- The fragrant flowers attract bees



Sweetgum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*) - one on Mass Ave., one at west end



A quick growing tree, Sweetgum has a tall habit, unique star-shaped leaves, and spiny fruit. In the fall the foliage is a brilliant scarlet red. If the bark is damaged or cut, a resinous sap begins to collect from the wound. When the sap hardens it becomes gum-like, and was in fact used by Native Americans as a medicinal chewing gum. Sweetgum is also somewhat drought tolerant and has been used extensively in more southern states as a street tree. In addition to the tree's many pleasing attributes, its fruit and seeds are consumed by many common birds and mammals, including common finches, turkeys and squirrels.

Interesting to know:

- The tree is a common source of lumber, both hardwood and plywood
- Sweetgum grows in a pyramidal shape that becomes more oval with age
- This tree can live 80 years or more
- The first historical reference to the species concerns the 1519 meeting between Hernan Cortes and Aztec Emperor Montezuma, where both ‘partook of a liquid amber extracted from a sweetgum tree’

Pin Oak (*Quercus palustris*) - located at the second Veteran’s monument

Pin oak is one of the most popular and commonly planted trees in America, both for shade and as a street tree. It is easy to grow because of its hardiness. The growth habit of this native oak is pyramidal, and its lower branches tend to hang down in a graceful arc. One of the faster growing oaks, it can add up to three feet in height per year, with a mature height of 60 to 70 feet.

Interesting to know:

- Pin oak is also known as ‘swamp’ oak since it tolerates wetter soils
- The tree’s common name comes from the many short, pin-like branches that grow from the main stems
- While pin oak’s acorns are an important food source for the usual backyard songbirds and mammals, they are a preferred source for many species of ducks



AUGUST 2022 PHOTOS FROM COTTON FARM



Ruth Ladd

Evidence of the drought



Apple orchard



Native seed mix results

Visitor reading interpretive sign



NEWS FROM LEXFARM

Puppet Shows in the LexFarm Learning Garden!

Let Margaret Moody Puppets carry you into different worlds with the flip of a hand. Join us at LexFarm for two family fun events this fall!

Cow and Mouse's Picnic

Cow and Mouse love to play and picnic together -- until it's time to share Cow's dessert. Join [Margaret Moody Puppets](#) for a gentle farm fable told with lively animal puppets. *Best for ages 3 to 7, 25 minutes.*

Date: Saturday, 9/24 (rain date 9/25)

Time: 10:30am

Location: LexFarm Learning Garden

Purchase tickets by credit card or cash at the event: \$5/person or \$15 max per family

The Trolls and the Tree

Two trolls agree to take care of the fairies' woodland garden. But when there's not enough space for their breakfast nook, what should they keep -- their deluxe toaster or the fairies' cherished tree? [Margaret Moody Puppets](#) will delight with an interactive environmental puppet show accompanied by Arlington musician Peter Lehman on lute. *Best for ages 5 to 10, 35 minutes.*

Date: Saturday, 10/22 (rain date 10/23)

Time: 10:30am

Location: LexFarm Learning Garden

Purchase tickets by credit card or cash at the event: \$5/person or \$15 max per family



LexFarm Harvest Festival!

Sunday October 2, 2022, 10am - 1pm

52 Lowell St, Lexington

Plan to join us as we come together to enjoy and celebrate the farm. We will have children's activities, food vendors Del Sur and Tubb's Doughnuts, local band Back Pocket, farm tours, shopping in the farm store and more. Silk Fields Farm will be open for guests to view their chickens, goats, and alpacas.

Come enjoy the company of our farm community!

Nourish Returns to LexFarm

Wednesday evenings September 14, 21 and 28.

Discover the farm in new ways by participating in one or more small group sessions.

Award winning local choreographer and LexFarm Artist in Residence, Jessica Roseman, leads NOURISH participatory movement sessions to help people get grounded and connected to themselves, each other, and to the land. NOURISH is a community based project that combines moving, talking, drawing, and writing. Participants move on their own terms to feed the senses - a practice in "spatial justice."

This September, Jess will be holding small group NOURISH dance sessions. Plan to discover the farm in new ways and by participating in one or more FREE sessions. NOURISH sessions are suitable for all ages, abilities, and levels of experience, but space is limited to 3 participants per session. Please sign up for each date separately. WEDNESDAYS 6-7 PM September 14, 21, 28.

[Sign Up for Session 1, 9/14](#)

[Sign Up for Session 2, 9/21](#)

[Sign Up for Session 3, 9/28](#)

Wear secure shoes, comfortable clothing, and bring water. We will meet in the Learning Garden and then move from there. For more information, visit www.jessicaroseman.com/nourish



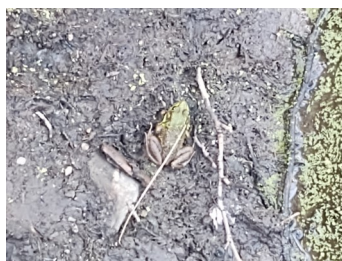
NOURISH at LexFarm has been funded in part by the New England Foundation for the Arts' Public Art for Spatial Justice Grant; Lexington Cultural Council and the Arlington Commission for Arts and Culture, local agencies which are supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

MORE PHOTOS FROM COTTON FARM



Green frog in mud next to pond

Did you know there is a grove of walnuts?! Arrow points to cluster of walnuts.



Interpretive sign on the viewing platform

PARKER MEADOW CONSTRUCTION

Grand Opening Mid-October

Amber Carr

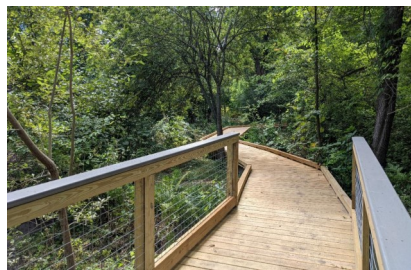
Trails at Parker Meadow will be open again soon! Work remaining includes installation of native plantings in areas of disturbance, installation of a wayside interpretive panel on the viewing platform near the pond, and installation of a story walk in collaboration with Cary Library.

Join CLC on Saturday October 15th to celebrate the new Universally Accessible (UA) trail opening at Parker Meadow!

Once trails are opened, please follow proper UA trail etiquette. Bikes yield to all other users. All dogs must be leashed.

Improvements include:

- Creation of 1,697 feet of accessible trails



- Parking area improvements



- Creation of a viewing platform
- Interpretive Panel



NEW BOARDWALKS IN MEAGHERVILLE

Peggy Enders

A branch of the Kiln Brook cuts through the 52-acre Meagherville Conservation area and eventually empties into the Shawsheen River. Several walking trails cross the brook over bridges built by Eagle Scout candidates, conservation stewards, and other volunteers. When the water in the brook is high, the brook burbles and cascades over rocks and forest debris, sometimes overrunning its banks. But not this summer; the brook is dry and so are the trails.

Before this summer's drought, those who regularly walk in Meagherville noticed that several sections of the primary trail connecting Cedar Street to Garfield park — as well as the secondary trail that begins at the bridge near Kay Tiffany's memorial rock — had been growing increasingly wet and muddy. Walkers and bike riders regularly avoided the main trail where it turns right toward Cedar Street (the "muddy angle") and forged informal trails to avoid the soupy trail. With conditions on the main Meagherville trail becoming chronically muddy and often impassable, and given the importance of the primary trail to Routes E and F of the ACROSS Lexington system plus its use as a safe walking and biking route for school children going to Hastings or Diamond, last March the Greenways Corridor Committee (GCC) requested Conservation Commission approval to install several boardwalks over the muddiest portions of the trail. With the help of Amber Carr in the Conservation Office, several members of the GCC (who are also seasoned conservation stewards) recruited and worked with Eagle Scout candidates Jackson Monks and Ian Miller to construct several sections of boardwalk in the muddy angle area of Meagherville.

Two scouts led separate projects in June to construct three sections of boardwalk in the area of the "muddy angle" and were mentored by adults in their scout troop and advised by experienced conservation stewards. The expectations of them as planners, managers, and leaders to qualify for Eagle Scout status were considerable and challenging. Jackson Monks and his team constructed a 56' boardwalk east of the bridge over the Kiln Brook. Several weeks later Ian Miller and his group of volunteers built a 120' boardwalk in the direction of Cedar Street and coupled it to another 24' length to complete the curve at the "muddy angle". Completion of the project is expected by the end of this season. Thanks to the leadership of Troop 119, to Jackson, Ian, and their dedicated teams for serving Lexington so well.

P.S. The Town's GIS map of the Meagherville Conservation area is evidence of the long story behind Meagherville's survival as one of Lexington's cherished open spaces. Thomas Sileo's "Historical Guide to Open Space in Lexington" tells about the ambitions in 1891 of Mark C. Meagher to divide the area into 1,500 tiny building lots. The lots and street names are still on today's Town GIS map of Meagherville, but not the houses, thanks to the efforts of both the Town and volunteers like Kay Tiffany.

Peggy Enders is a member of the GCC and Chair of the Friends of Lexington Bikeways/Bike Lexington



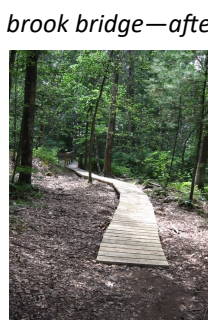
Muddy Angle—before



Muddy Angle—after



E side brook bridge—before



E side brook bridge—after



Scouts—after

SPRING CLC WALKS BY THE NUMBERS

Barbara Tarrh

During May and June of this year, Citizens for Lexington Conservation sponsored or co-sponsored 16 programs including: guided walks on conservation properties, events such as garlic mustard removal at Lincoln Park, and town-wide efforts like the City Nature Challenge. The number of participants ranged from one hardy soul who braved an extremely hot Sunday afternoon at Paint Mine to approximately 40 foragers on an evening walk to look for edibles at Lincoln Park. Overall, nearly 200 folks took part in our programs, from elementary schoolers to grandfathers! In addition:

- 12 different walk leaders donated their time and expertise
- 5 ACROSS Lexington trails were linked through neighborhood streets on two Sunday afternoons
- 2 private goat-herders provided public pasture time for a dozen or more families
- many Lexington partners made these activities possible, including the Community Center, Transportation Services, Lexpress, and the Conservation Department
- a season’s worth of topics was explored, from birding to butterflies to natural history

What Conservation properties would YOU like to explore or revisit? What topics are you most interested in learning more about? Give us a shout at clclexington@gmail.com.

THANK YOU TO OUR WALK LEADERS!

Barbara Tarrh

Our most sincere thanks to CLC’s spring 2022 walk leaders:

Tom Whelan	Keith Ohmart	Harry West
Dianna Queheillalt	Barbara Tarrh	Bob Hausslein
Russ Cohen	Bobbie Hodson	Fran Ludwig
Hale Schatz	Laurene Beaudette	Bobak Moshiri

Guided walks would not be possible without the donation of their generosity, time, and expertise. Their volunteer efforts make Lexington a very special place in which to enjoy the outdoors! Many thanks as well to town employees (including Susan Bennett/Transportation, Sean Dugan/Link to Lexington, and Amber Carr/Conservation) for their efforts in coordinating, scheduling, and advertising CLC’s walks and other activities, and in maintaining our natural spaces.



August 2022—Daisy Wilson
Meadow: view of upper
field from northeast end

CLC FALL '22/WINTER '23 WALKS

All walks are free and open to the public

****Please note that dogs are not allowed on any CLC-sponsored walks. Thank you for honoring the needs of all walk participants by leaving your pets at home.****

Mindful Walk and Sit, Willard's Woods

Saturday September 17, 9:00-10:30 am

This walk combines a mindful meander with a meditative sit-spot in Willards Woods. With nearly 3 miles of trails, Willard's Woods provides an opportunity to explore a variety of areas, including a former farm pond and a peaceful pine grove. After a brief introduction to mindfulness and mindful breathing, we will proceed slowly along the northern section of the property and will stop at a suitable spot for a 10-to-15-minute quiet meditation. Meet at the rear Diamond Middle School parking lot off Hancock St. 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 10; **registration is required**. Email walk leader to register.

Leader: Barbara Tarrh (btarrh@gmail.com)

Fall Insects at Arlington Great Meadows

Saturday September 24, 10:30-noon

Join us on a late September exploration of the northeast corner of Arlington Great Meadows. We'll sample the insects in a meadow area with sweep nets, take in the resurgent plant community on a hill that burned over a decade ago, look for signs of that fire and others, and walk across a large, dry vernal pool. Wear long pants and have bug spray in reserve. Meet at the end of Emerson Gardens Rd. off Maple St. in Lexington. Some public parking is available just past the entrance to Lexington Meadow townhomes. (Use Emerson Gardens Rd for overflow parking.) More than light rain cancels. **Registration is required**. Email Barbara Tarrh to register: btarrh@gmail.com

Leader: Roger Wrubel (contact CLC walks coordinator above with questions)

Nature Journaling, Sutherland Woods

Thursday September 29, 10-11:30am; rain date Thursday October 6, 10-11:30am

Join Arlington artist and naturalist Jan Ford on an inspirational walk around Sutherland Woods. She will work with you to establish what a nature journal can look like. Tree variety and leaf shapes will be the theme. Artists of all skill levels are welcome to share ideas and techniques. Please bring a drawing pad with a sturdy back, and several pencils with erasers. Park along the west side of Sutherland Rd and meet at the entrance to the ball field/playground area. Limit 8; **registration is required**. Email walk leader to register. Note rain date.

Leader: Jan Ford (ford.jd@gmail.com)

Fall Sparrows at Waltham St. Fields

Saturday October 1, 9-10:30 am

Look for seasonal fall migrants including sparrows, and perhaps raptors, in addition to a full array of our resident bird species in one of Lexington's most reliable locations for open field bird watching. Beginners and

families welcome. More than light rain cancels. Meet at the parking area near the tennis courts at Clark Middle School, Brookside Avenue, off Waltham St.

Leader: John Andrews (781-382-5658, jandrews166@gmail.com)

Fall Goat Pasture Walk at Chiesa Farm

Saturday October 8, 12-2:00 pm; rain date Sunday October 9, 12-2:00 pm

Come join the local Lexington goats for their daily pasture walk through the fields and woodland at Chiesa Farm. Each season 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 two Lexington herds, totaling 13 female dairy goats, including new goat kids born spring 2022. Learn how these goats are working to keep invasive plants from taking over. All adults and children are welcome. No dogs please. Park at Diamond Middle School or Fiske Elementary School parking lots. Meet us in the pasture. Note rain date.

Goat Guides: Laurene Beaudette and Halé Sofia Schatz

Contact: Laurene Beaudette (laurene@iwebinsight.com)



Fall 2022 Lexpress Walk Series #1

Tuesday October 11, 10 am-12 noon

Let Lexpress continue to expand Lexington's walking opportunities without relying on your car. This 2.5+ mile/2-hour walk will traverse parts of 3 Lexington Conservation areas including Dunback Meadow, Cotton Farm and Upper Vine Brook before joining the Minuteman Bikeway. Meet your guide, Keith Ohmart, in time to board the 10 am Lexpress A2 bus in front of either Crafty Yankee or Cary Library, depending on Center construction activity. We will return to Lexington Center on foot 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)

Parker Meadow: New accessible trail opening

Tentative date: Saturday October 15, 9-10:30 am; check [CLC website](#) for updates

Join the thoughtful people who were inspirational and instrumental in making Parker Meadow's new accessible trail and parking area a reality. The excursion will utilize the entirety of the new stonedust trails and boardwalks, and will allow observation of the seasonal pond and open meadow. Meet at the new parking area off Revere St. **If you are a more able-bodied driver or participant, please park on Ledgelawn Avenue.** More than light rain will cancel.

Leader: TBD

Fall 2022 Lexpress Walk Series #2

Tuesday October 18, 9:30 - 11:30 am

This week's 2.5 mile/2+ hour walk will explore Willards Woods, Chiesa Farm and the newly upgraded universally accessible trail system in Parker Meadow before returning to the Depot in Lexington Center via the Min-

uteman Bikeway. Meet your guide, Keith Ohmart, at the Depot in time to catch the 9:30 am A1 Lexpress bus. Steady rain cancels. **Registration is required.** Call the Community Center at 781-698-4840.

Leader: Keith Ohmart 781-862-6216, kohmart@verizon.net)

Fall Ducks at Arlington Reservoir

Saturday November 19, 9-11:00 am

Join local birder John Andrews to explore the autumn variety of ducks and other waterfowl that may be found at the Arlington Reservoir, which straddles the Arlington/Lexington border. In addition to migrant duck species, there may be migrant sparrows to find at the pond's border with LexFarm. More than light rain will cancel the walk. Meet in the reservoir's new lot on Lowell St.

Leader: John Andrews (781-382-5658, jandrews166@gmail.com)

Turkey Trot at Willard's Woods & Chiesa Farm

Saturday November 26, 1-3:00 pm

Walk off some of those Thanksgiving calories with a tour of Willard's Woods and Chiesa Farm. Meet at the Willards Woods parking lot on North St. opposite 38 North St. The route will wind through the meadows and woodland on the Willards Woods property, through the Diamond Middle School parking area, and then through Chiesa Farm before looping back to the starting point. Steady rain cancels. Hiking poles may be useful for some, especially if the ground is frozen.

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

Winter Birding, Dunback Meadow

Saturday January 21, 2023 8-10:00 am

During this quiet time at Dunback Meadow, there is the possibility of viewing unusual birds, such as owls (Great Horned Owl, Northern Saw-whet Owl, and Barred Owl), Common Redpolls and Rough-legged Hawks. Our residents – Black-capped Chickadees, Tufted Titmice, Downy Woodpeckers and Blue Jays – will be there as well. Wear boots if there is deep snow, as walking can be difficult. Beginners and children are welcome. Rain or snow will cancel. Meet at the entrance on Allen St. Cosponsored with Brookline Bird Club.

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

Early Spring Migrants at Dunback Meadow

Saturday March 4, 2023 8-10:00 am

Join Bobbie on a return to Dunback Meadow to search for early migrants, such as Song Sparrows and Eastern Phoebes. Wear boots if conditions are snowy or muddy. Beginners and children welcome. Rain or snow will cancel. Meet at the trail entrance on Allen St. Cosponsored with the Brookline Bird Club.

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