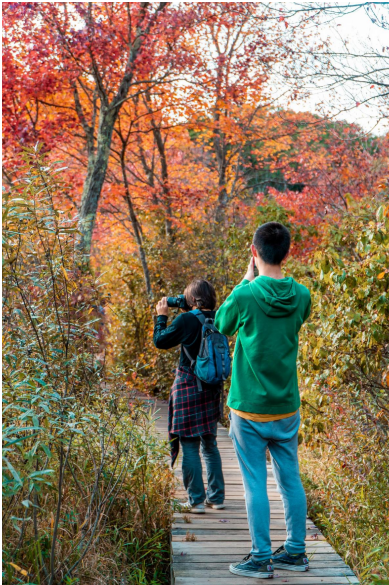




Lexington Conservation Caring for our public land

Community Programs



Observations needed!!! City Nature Challenge (CNC)

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 more about CNC:

[Check out our website](#)

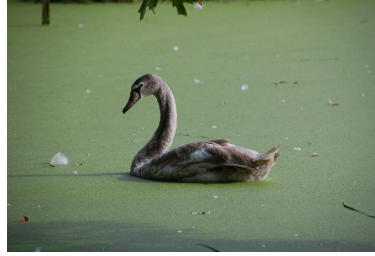
Watch the [2022 video](#)

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

- 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 St entrance)
- [Register here](#)



Contact the
Conservation
Coordinator to learn
more!



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

2nd 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 or acarr@lexingtonma.gov.

[Register Here](#)

Join Our Team

We're Hiring!

We are hiring for two positions on our summer conservation field crew and one crew supervisor. Basic job duties include mowing, brush-cutting, pruning, small construction, invasive plant removal, and native species planting. Ability to operate a Town vehicle is required; familiarity with small landscaping equipment is preferred.

Applicants must be willing to perform physical labor in the outdoors in all weather conditions and in areas with poison ivy, mosquitoes, ticks, dense brush, etc.

Please click [HERE](#) to learn more about the positions and for application instructions. Applications will be accepted until positions are filled.

Land Management

Parker Meadow Trail Closures

Click [HERE](#) to view the final concept plan

Follow along on the progress of the project [HERE](#).

All internal trails at Parker Meadow are closed during construction (red trails on map below). ACROSS route A is temporarily rerouted during this time (green dashed line on map below) to follow Revere Street from the bike path to connect to Hancock Street.



- **3/7/2022:** SumCo has completed the necessary tree pruning and removal for the accessible trail system and will begin 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 above).

Installing framing and decking for boardwalks abutting bridge A and installing railings and decking on overlook structure.

Improvements include:

- Creation of 1,697 feet of accessible trails
- Parking area improvements
- Creation of a viewing platform
- Interpretive Panel

Eye Spy in Nature



The true sign of spring

The American woodcock, or Timberdoodle, is a ground dwelling bird that lives in young forests and shrublands.

If you find yourself near a wet meadow just before dark, listen for the nasal **PEENT** of the American woodcock.

Listen to their **PEENT** call and other vocalizations [here](#)



This well-camouflaged, chunky, and secretive member of the sandpiper family does his best to attract a mate in an impressive courtship dance. He starts by bobbing in a circle on the ground while calling, then he spirals up high, and while circling above the field makes a twittering sound with special feathers. Next, he flutters back to his original spot on the ground while making little chirps, and starts all over again. If he's lucky, a female is nearby and enamored by his display.

Lepidoptera re-branding

A group of entomologists and forestry professionals convened by the



Entomological Society of America has recommended "spongy moth" as the new common name for the moth species *Lymantria dispar*. It would replace "gypsy moth" which is a derogatory term for the Romani people. [Read more here.](#)

Upcoming Events!!!



Happy Earth Day!

Celebrate Earth Day Friday April 22nd
What can you find outside this spring?



Stewardship Saturday volunteer work and camaraderie

Next Event: Clean up old garden site
@ Dunback Meadow

Saturday April 23rd 9:00 am- noon

Dunback Meadow Garden



Join the Conservation Stewards to clean up the old community garden site at Dunback Meadow. Park along Pitcairn Place and meet at the trailhead (across from 23 Allen Street). We will provide all tools and know how just bring work gloves, appropriate clothing (e.g. long pants, no open toed shoes), and a willingness to work!

Event Leaders: Holly Samuels and
Bonnie Newman

[Email us to register!](#)



Alive with Birds: William Brewster in Concord

Mass Audubon is proud to partner with The Concord Museum on this **exceptional exhibition** highlighting the work of Brewster, Mass Audubon's first president and one of our nation's first modern-day conservation leaders. The exhibition also celebrates the wonder of birds through art, featuring treasured paintings and sculpture from Mass Audubon's Museum of American Bird Art.

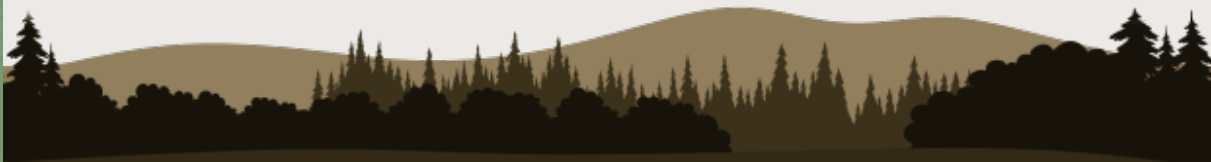
Open until
September 5

[Learn more here](#)



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