

Earth Month Walks
April/May 2022

Join us for one or more of our walks in honor of Earth Month, Sponsored by Westford Climate Action and the Westford Conservation Trust. No registration required. Maps and write-ups of the different areas can be found on the Westford Conservation Trust website, westfordconservationtrust.org. Long pants and socks are recommended. Well-behaved dogs on leashes are welcome, except as noted.*

Saturday, April 2 (rain date April 3), 9-11 a.m. O'Brien Farm, Vose Rd.

Hear a talk about the history of the O'Brien Farm by owner Charlie McCulough and enjoy a tour of the antique barn and farm implements. Westford Conservation Trust President Dave Ebitson and Charlie McCulough will then lead a walk on the conservation land. Terrain is varied and hilly. Meet Dave at the parking area on Vose Rd., near the intersection with Steeplechase Rd. You may call Dave with any questions at 978-387-9378.

Saturday, April 9 (rain date April 10) 9-10:30 a.m. Stone Arch Bridge and Trail 9-10:30 a.m.

Take a 1/2 mile walk to the historic Stone Arch Bridge, led by Conservation Trust member Bill Harman. Enjoy beautiful views of Stony Brook and its wildlife. You may turn around at this point, or continue with Bill on the 1/2 mile trail along the north side of Stony Brook, enjoying views of the brook. Both parts of the walk are fairly flat. Meet at the parking area for Stone Arch Bridge on Cold Spring Rd. For more information, call Bill at 603-533-0325.

Saturday, April 16 (rain date April 17), 9-10:30 a.m. Blake's Hill/ Burns Hill.

Rich Strazdas, Trust Director, will lead a hike on the Trust's newest long trail, constructed by Boy Scout Sean Cheng. Part of the trail overlooks a large marsh with an impressive heron rookery. Terrain is hilly. Meet at the trail head near the cul-de-sac at the end of Rome Drive. You may call Rich with questions at 978-692-2057.

Saturday, April 23 (rain date April 24), 9-10:30 a.m. Frances Hill Wildlife Sanctuary, Lowell Rd.

Trust member Marian Harman will lead a nature walk on the Frances Hill Wildlife Sanctuary. We will move very slowly, identifying wild plants and birds. The walk will be easy, but not entirely flat. Some areas may be wet. Bring binoculars if available. *No dogs please. We will meet at the Frances Hill Wildlife Sanctuary sign across from 120 Lowell Rd. For more information, call Marian at 603-533-4095.

CANCELLED:

Sunday, May 1 (no rain date), 9-10:30, Nashoba Brook/Emmet Land, Trailside Way

Kate Hollister, Trust member, will lead a nature walk on the Nashoba Brook and Richard Emmet trails. We will look for native plants, early-blooming wildflowers and birds, and enjoy views of Nashoba Pond and Vine Brook. Terrain is rocky and hilly in places. Sturdy footwear is recommended. Bring binoculars if available. Well-behaved dogs on leashes welcome. Meet at the parking lot off the cul-de-sac on Trailside Way. For questions, call Kate at 781-910-7721.