Concord’s Thoreau Trail, created by the Concord Museum, is a guide that provides a helpful gateway for exploring the various historic sites and resources in Concord related to Henry Thoreau.

Visit one or all of the sites to learn more about the natural environment that Thoreau studied.

“Be Thoreau” as you explore the Concord landscape.
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### Concord Free Public Library ❄ 129 Main St.

The Concord Free Public Library was founded in 1873 and ever since has collected documents, artwork, and artifacts of local significance. These materials make up the Library’s Special Collections and make it an excellent resource for anyone interested in Thoreau as a writer, surveyor, pencil maker, naturalist, or resident of Concord. Here you will find archival and manuscript collections documenting the work and the world of the Transcendentalist circle, as well as 19th-century Concord town records. (978) 318-3342

### Thoreau Society ❄ The Shop at Walden Pond

The Thoreau Society is an international community of Thoreau enthusiasts and scholars whose regular events and publications promote “living deliberately” today. Through *The Concord Saunterer* and the *Thoreau Society Bulletin*, the Society has played a key role in providing interpretations of Thoreau to its members and to a wider audience since 1941. (978) 287-5477

### Walden Pond ❄ 915 Walden Street

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### Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge ❄ Public Access Off Monsen Road

Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge spans over 3,500 acres of protected freshwater wetlands and provides a habitat for diverse populations of fish, small mammals, and especially migratory birds. The meadows are also steeped in human history. Open sunrise to sunset.

### Sleepy Hollow Cemetery ❄ Bedford Street

On May 6, 1862, Thoreau died of tuberculosis while living in his parents’ home on Main Street. He is buried near his family and friends in the Authors’ Ridge section of Sleepy Hollow Cemetery. The cemetery is two-fifths of a mile long and 119 acres. Open sunrise to sunset.

### Estabrook Woods ❄ Public Access at the End of Estabrook Road

Estabrook Woods is one of the largest, most varied tracts of land in Concord. Thoreau observed the many facets of this landscape in the 19th century—from its geological features such as boulder fields and lime deposits, to its human history of Native Americans and 1600s settlers, and the study of nature in its woods and orchards. Please park courteously. Observe posted no parking zones. Respect neighbor’s driveways. Do not impede emergency vehicle access.

### Ralph Waldo Emerson House ❄ 28 Cambridge Turnpike

Henry Thoreau lived in this house while Emerson was absent on lecture tours. The house is open for tours mid-April - October, Thursday - Sunday. Visitors are permitted to walk the grounds during the day while the House is closed. Behind the garden, locate the signs for the Amble and follow in Emerson’s and Thoreau’s footsteps to observe nature in Concord’s Town Forest on the way to Walden Pond. (978) 369-2236