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SITES AND A MAP

words of Thoreau and those he influenced. Thoreau's Path on Brister's Hill is a trail maintained by the Walden Woods Project. The landscape is marked with the enslaved man, who lived close to the site (in what is now the Concord Town Forest) in the early 19th century.

#3 BRISTER'S HILL PARK AT WALDEN POND OR THE CONCORD TOWN FOREST

The Walden Woods Project maintains the Thoreau Institute Library, home to the largest collection of Thoreau research materials in the world, including manuscripts, art, and early scholarship on Thoreau. The Library and exhibit room are open most weekdays, Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Visitors, researchers, and school groups are welcome and asked to call ahead at (781) 259-4730.

#4 BAKER FARM, LINCOLN

#2 THE THOREAU INSTITUTE AT WALDEN WOODS

The Concord Museum and the Concord Museum Shop are open 362 days a year. For hours, museum admission, and special exhibitions, visit www.concordmuseum.org.



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Photo above: Thoreau's Walden Desk

To learn more about the Museum's Thoreau Collection, visit online at www.concordmuseum.org to search or browse this extraordinary collection of over 250 objects. Many details about Thoreau's everyday life can be discerned in these objects. The collection is also documented in an award-winning book, *An Observant Eye: The Thoreau Collection at the Concord Museum* by Concord Museum curator David F. Wood, available in the Museum Shop. original furnishings from Ralph Waldo Emerson's Study. at the Museum include the 1775 Revere lantern and the Along with the Thoreau collection, other highlights on view to the Museum's founding collector, Cummings Davis. sister Sophia personally gave a number of his possessions Henry Thoreau. Thoreau and his the world of objects related to home to the largest collection in able history. The Museum is for exploring Concord's remark- Concord Museum is a gateway of Emerson and Thoreau, the world" to the literary revolution From the "shot heard round the



#1 CONCORD MUSEUM #3 CAMBRIDGE TPK.

CONCORD'S THOREAU TRAIL

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.



Photo by Cherrie Corey

"Be Thoreau" as you explore the Concord landscape.



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#4 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

#5 WALDEN POND ☞ 915 WALDEN STREET

Henry David Thoreau lived at Walden Pond from July 1845 to September 1847. His experience at Walden provided the material for the book *Walden*, which is credited with helping to inspire awareness and respect for the natural environment. Because of Thoreau’s legacy, Walden Pond has been designated a National Historic Landmark and is considered the birthplace of the conservation movement. Walden Pond is open from 8:00 a.m. to sunset year-round.

#6 THOREAU FARM ☞ 341 VIRGINIA ROAD

One of Concord’s youngest Thoreau organizations, Thoreau Farm: Birthplace of Henry David Thoreau has been preserved as a place for quiet reflection and personal exploration of Thoreau’s ideas about life, nature, and civic responsibility in the 21st century. Visit Saturdays, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., May - October. (978) 451-0300

#7 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

#8 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.

#9 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.

#10 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.*

#11 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

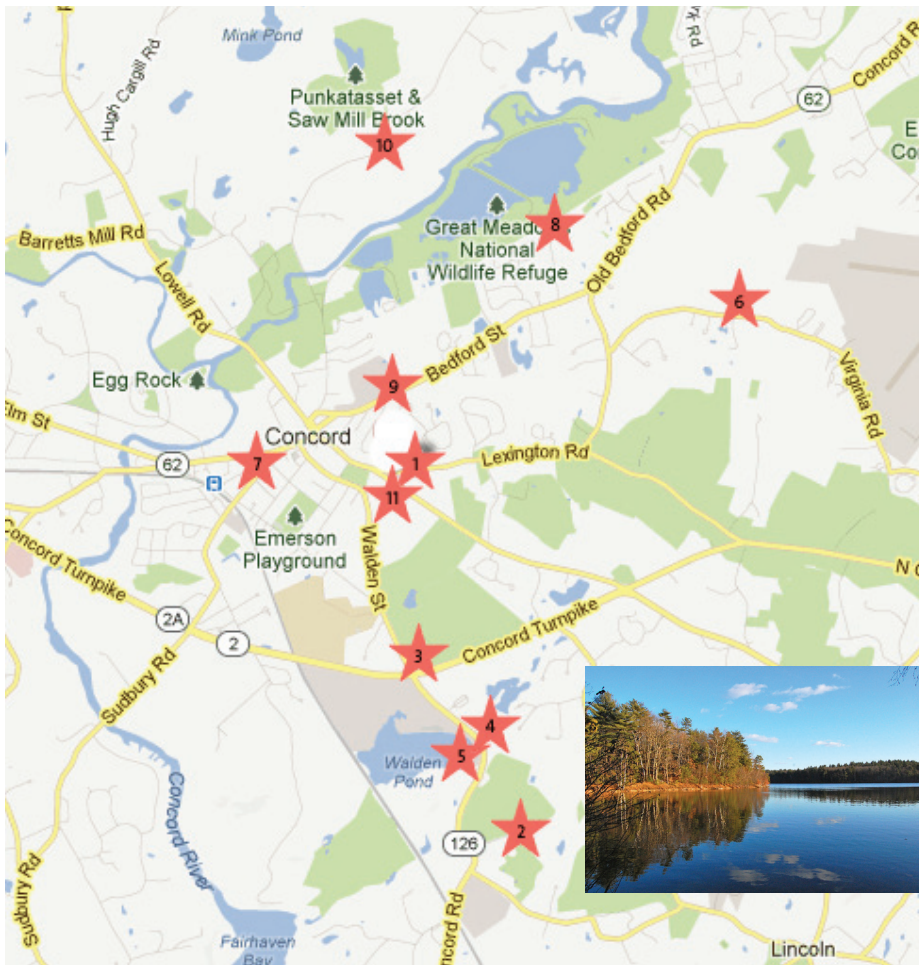


Photo left: Walden Pond