

Sherborn Forest & Trail (SFTA) Walks in Town for 2022
March 17, 2022

Appearing below the asterisks, here are the dates/times for 2022 walks within our 3 temperate seasons – all on Saturdays at 9:00am. The walks avoid July and August to increase participation. No rain dates are listed, but if rain occurs, we'll post the walk status on the SFTA website <https://www.sherbornforestandtrail.org/>

Rocky Narrows, Saturday, April 23, 2022 @ 9:00 am for 2-1/4 hours max. Meet at the Farm Pond Parking Lot on Lake St. We'll walk from the Farm Pond Parking lot to the Forest St. trailhead for Rocky Narrows.

Rocky Narrows is a premier and dramatic hike in Sherborn. Have you seen the Narrows, King Philip's Overlook, an esker cross-section, the Hemlock Grove, the Narrows canoe launch, and the trail where more people get lost in Sherborn than any other place? Art Schnure, one of the three authors of the 2019 *Sherborn Walks* book, will lead you to all these destinations. Note: there is one section of the trail in the Hemlock Grove with a steep drop-off, so children are fine if they're over 8 or so.

Town Forest (Central Section behind Pine Hill), Saturday May 14, 2022 @ 9:00 am for approximately 1 ½ hours. Meet at the parking lot at the top of Pine Hill Ln.

This walk will cover a trail network appreciated by hikers and wildlife alike. Perhaps we will be lucky enough to hear the elusive hermit thrush. Part of the walk will showcase a newly constructed segment of trail installed with the mountain bike community in mind. The main trails are wide with easy footing. The mountain bike trails are more narrow and more challenging but always offer an alternative path for the hiker. Sara Wragge, community member at large, will lead this walk.

Little Farm Pond, Saturday, June 18, 2022 @ 9:00am for 1-1/2 hours max. Meet at the Farm Pond Parking Lot on Lake St due to the small parking lot on Farm Road. We'll have cars to take us from the Farm Pond Parking Lot to (and from) the trailhead on Farm Pond

As an understudy to "big" Farm Pond, this walk is an underappreciated gem in town. Unlike Farm Pond, there's just one house, making this an excellent nature walk that's mostly owned by the Broadmoor Audubon. You'll see wonderful pond views, woody trails, and a well-placed contemplative sitting bench. Art Schnure, one of the three authors of the 2019 *Sherborn Walks* book, will lead the walk.

Bay Circuit Trail to Brush Hill, Saturday, September 24, 2022 @ 9:00am for 2 hours max. Meet at the trailhead parking lot on the West side of N. Main St, between #61 and #83.

We'll enjoy one of the most beautiful sections of the Bay Circuit Trail (BCT), a regional pathway that circles Boston from Duxbury to Gloucester. The trail is generally wide and climbs gradually to the top of Brush Hill, the highest point in Sherborn. Some may continue on the BCT over an SFTA-built bridge to Perry St. and the historic 1785 Brush Hill burying ground. Marian Neutra, longtime SFTA member, will lead. Note: this is a kid-friendly walk with a few short easy climbs. If preferred, it can be a one-way walk with shuttle back to the N. Main parking lot.

Peter's Hill. Saturday, October 22, 2022 @ 9:00am for 1-1/2 hours max. Peter's Hill. Meet on Rockwood Street at the power line crossing.

Peter's Hill is more than the large icicles adorning the cliffs along Coolidge St. in winter. It has fine views of the Laurel Farm ballfields/Dowse Orchards apple trees and good views from the cliff tops. Art Schnure, one of the three authors of the 2019 *Sherborn Walks* book, will lead the walk. Note: there is one section of the trail with a steep drop-off, so children are fine if they're over 8 or so.