

# Vernal Pool Walk Sunday, April 9, 2017

Harvard Conservation Commission's Land Stewardship Subcommittee invites you to explore vernal pools on the Vesenska land and investigate the special life they support.

Our walk will be led by Matt Varrell. Matt is a wetland scientist with a particular interest and expertise in vernal pools. Matt will show us fairy shrimp, egg masses



of salamanders and wood frogs and some other small aquatic inhabitants of these ephemeral woodland pools. We will learn about the lives of these creatures and why vernal pools and their surrounds are such prized and protected habitat in Massachusetts. We will also learn how to recognize vernal pools and hunt for multiple pools in this special woodland.



As spring progresses, vernal pools gradually shrink.

**Meet at Friendly Crossways  
247 Littleton County Road  
Sunday afternoon at 1:30 pm.**

Bring polarized glasses if you have them for looking into the water. Boots recommended for off-trail woods walking and possibly standing in an inch or two of water. Also take precautions for ticks like wearing tucked-in light colored clothes, long sleeves, etc. We'll walk about a mile on moderate but uneven terrain in light rain or shine. Thank you for leaving dogs home this time. For more information contact [jamesadelson@charter.net](mailto:jamesadelson@charter.net).