

Day of Caring, Walk and Talks

Join our faculty and staff on walks around campus on October 21, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.
Check out details of the walks and meeting locations below.

9:00 A.M. WALK AND TALKS

Walk around Pine Park with Sonu Bedi, Professor of Government and Dan Rockmore, Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science

Why we chose this walk: Pine Park is a beautiful stroll. Perfect for relaxing, head-clearing, and thinking.

Meeting info: We'll meet in front of the front entrance to Baker (facing the Green) at 9:00 a.m. and then make our way to Pine Park. The entire walk will be about an hour. Dan will bring his golden retriever, Rocco, who'll be off-leash and running around once we get to Pine Park.

Walk around Occom Pond into Pine Park with Katy Milligan, Director, Master of Health Care Delivery Science Program

Why I chose this walk: Like many other Dartmouth folks, I like to walk around Occom Pond and into Pine Park. It's nice to be able to get into the quiet and peace of the water and the trees.

Meeting info: We'll meet at Baker. I plan to start the walk at 9 a.m. and go for 45-60 minutes. I expect we will have a moderate pace, and it should be mostly easy walking with a bit of up and down hills in Pine Park.

Walk to Balch Hill with Michael Herron, Professor of Quantitative Social Science and Matt Delmont, Professor of History

Why we chose this walk: This is one of my favorite walks in Hanover, and there is a nice view of campus from the top of Balch Hill. One can also see Mt. Ascutney in the distance.

Meeting info: We will leave from Baker at 9 a.m. The round-trip will probably take an hour, perhaps a bit more. Wear decent shoes as we will be walking up a trail from Rip Road to get to the top of Balch. This part of the walk is steep and may be slippery given recent rains.

Walk around Occom Pond with Abdul Latif, Muslim Chaplain, Associate Director, and Nancy Voegelé, Chaplain and Director, Tucker Center

Why we chose this walk: Walking around Occom (or going for a "Wocom") isn't difficult, so we want this walk to be as inclusive as possible.

Meeting info: We will meet at Baker at 9 a.m. and walk around Occom. Time permitting, we will also walk to the top of "Freshmen Hill" on the golf course for perspective taking. Part of the walk will be about the importance of remembering - our loved ones no longer with us and all the gifts they gave us, gratitudes about life in general and for the nature that surrounds us. We will be back at Baker by 10 a.m.

Walk around Nathan's Garden and Hanover Zen Garden with Jim Dorsey, Associate Professor of Japanese (ASCL) and Hope Rennie, Administrator for ASCL

Why I chose this walk: Our walk will include Nathan's Garden and the secret Hanover Zen Garden, two delightful spots I discovered during long strolls in the darkest days of COVID.

Meeting info: We'll meet in front of Baker-Berry Library and leave at 9 a.m. Total of 60 minutes (?) for the round trip, but a little more if we linger in one or more of the gardens. Easy walking on mostly flat terrain.

(see next page for walks starting at 1:15 p.m.)

1:15 P.M. WALK AND TALKS

Walk around Pine Park with Phil Hanlon, President and Gail Gentes

Why we chose this walk: Recently, a group of students asked what my favorite spots are on campus. When I said Pine Park, none of them knew where that was. Every member of the Dartmouth community should know because Pine Park combines the North Woods with the Connecticut River and some steep climbs to get your heart racing.

Meeting info: We will leave from in front of Baker at 1:15 p.m. One option will bring the group back to Occom Pond in time to get back to Baker by 2 p.m. If some participants are game, we will continue on a longer walk that will return to Baker by 3 p.m.

Walk on the Appalachian Trail with David Kotz, Provost, Professor of Computer Science, and '86 DOC alum

Why I chose this walk: The Appalachian Trail passes through Hanover, rounding the corner right next to the Hanover Inn. We'll follow the A.T. northbound from the Inn to Velvet Rocks, enjoying fall foliage and scattered views of Hanover through the trees.

Meeting info: Meet outside the Hanover Inn at 1:15. Wear shoes suitable for walking on dirt trails over rocks and roots. The trail travels up mild grades through the woods; round-trip distance 3.4 miles. We should be back by 3 p.m.

Walk around Mink Brook with Lisa Baldez, Professor of Government and Ellen Rockmore, Institute of Writing and Rhetoric

Why we chose this walk: Mink Brook is a nice and easy walk super close to campus. It takes you to a good swimming spot on the river that you should know about if you don't already.

Meeting info: We will leave from Baker at 1:15. The walk is about 3 miles from start to finish. There may be some slippery spots as we get closer to the river. I'll bring my dog, Pancake, and he will be so psyched.

Walk around Occom Pond with Scott C. Brown, Interim Dean of the College

Why I chose this walk: Love to see our beautiful campus and meet new people.

Meeting info: Occom Pond, 1:15!

Walk around Nathan's Garden with Kristine (Krissy) Giffin, Director of Academic & Student Affairs for the Quantitative Biomedical Sciences graduate program, Lecturer in Biomedical Data Science

Why I chose this walk: While living in Hanover, Nathan's Gardens was a place as a graduate student and post-doc that I was able "escape" to for reading, sitting, observing nature. It was so peaceful and tranquil, I felt like it helped me take some time for personal care. I also know Nathan's sister and the family who has kept it up, and it is not only a beautifully landscaped garden, but a beautifully landscaped memorial. Since then, I have enjoyed bringing my son there for adventures!

Meeting info: Casual stroll -1:15 leave from Baker Berry. 15-20 minute walk to the gardens, but could also do a loop on the River trail if there is interest. Either way I would plan the duration to be 1-1.5 hours, and individuals can head out when they would like to otherwise.