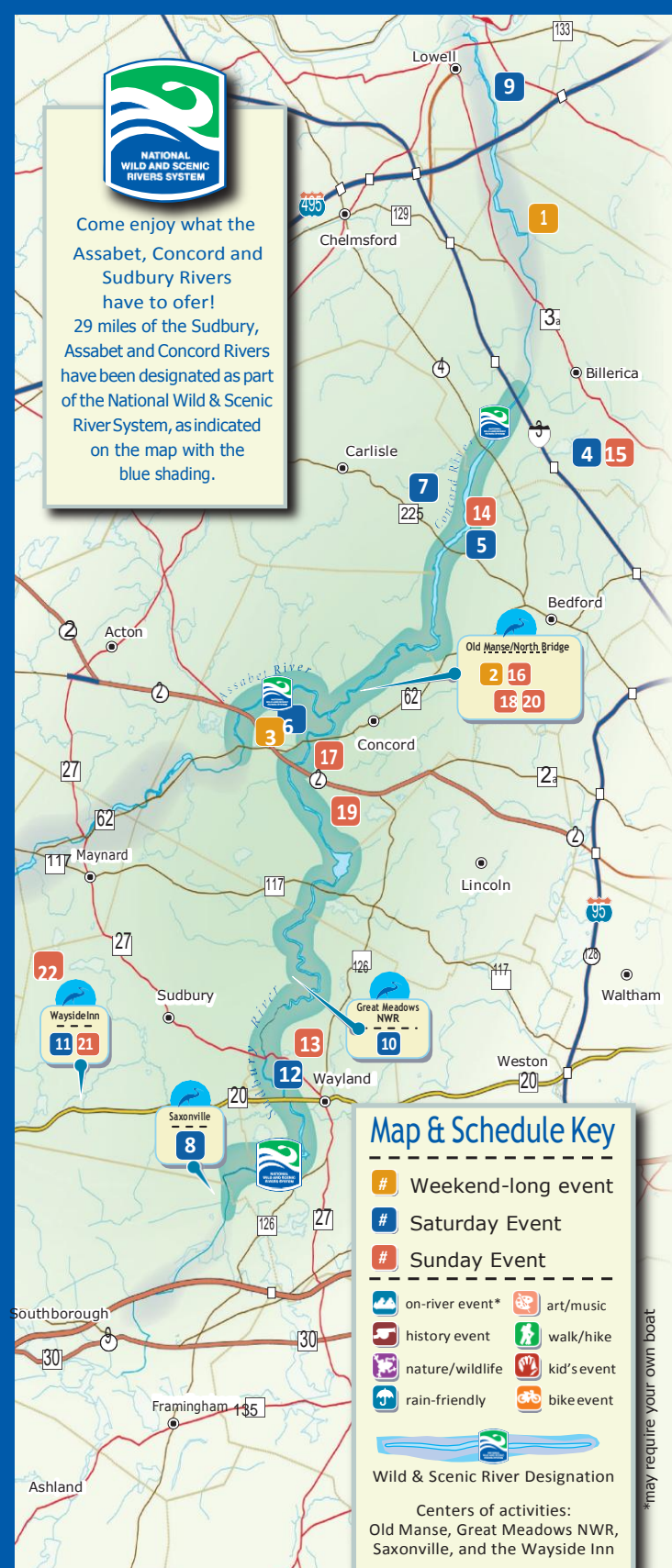




Come enjoy what the Assabet, Concord and Sudbury Rivers have to offer! 29 miles of the Sudbury, Assabet and Concord Rivers have been designated as part of the National Wild & Scenic River System, as indicated on the map with the blue shading.



## Help Celebrate our Wild and Scenic Rivers!

The Sudbury, Assabet and Concord Rivers gently meander through our communities and our lives. Through the year they are ever present, marking the changes of seasons as time passes. If we slow down, we can see the rivers reflect all the wonders of the world around us, as they mark the rhythms of life.

In this, the 17th year since these rivers were designated as part of the national Wild and Scenic River System, we honor and celebrate our precious river resources. Please join the River Stewardship Council at Riverfest 2016!



### What is the Wild and Scenic River System?



Passed in 1968, the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act established a program to permanently protect selected free-flowing rivers. Those rivers deemed to possess outstandingly remarkable scenic, geological, recreational, ecological, historical or cultural resource values are included in the Wild and Scenic River System. To date, over 11,000 river miles have been designated, including such well known names as the Snake, the Klamath, and the Rio Grande.

The Sudbury, Assabet and Concord Wild and Scenic River is one of seven designated rivers in New England.



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# RIVERFEST

JUNE 18 – 19 2016

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# SUDBURY, ASSABET & CONCORD RIVERS



dozens of events celebrating our rivers



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## SATURDAY & SUNDAY

JUNE 18 & 19, 2016

### BILLERICA

#### 1 MIDDLESEX CANAL EXHIBITS

Learn about the construction and function of the Middlesex Canal, the greatest work of its kind in the US until the Erie Canal. It played a key role in the development of Boston and Lowell. John Hancock was the first proprietor. The Middlesex Canal Museum, at the Billerica Falls of the Concord River, 71 Faulkner St, North Billerica. 12–4pm



### CONCORD

#### 2 SOME WERE FOR MAKING A STAND

Join a Park Ranger for a 20-minute program at the benches by the North Bridge (269 Monument St.). Learn about the opening battle of the American Revolution, on April 19, 1775, and the powerful legacy of this event in American history. 11:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30pm



#### 3 SUDBURY RIVER PONTOON BOAT TOURS

This free 1-hour boat tour leaves from the South Bridge Boat House (486 Main Street). To book a seat call 978-371-1785. Advance reservations required. 2pm



## SATURDAY

JUNE 18, 2016

### BILLERICA

**4 FISHING DERBY** Join Billerica Department of Recreation for the annual free Yankee Bassmasters of New England Fishing Derby at Micozzi Beach on Nutting Lake (586 Middlesex Turnpike). Bait provided (or bring your own). Prizes for top anglers and free lunch for all youth participants. For more information contact Donna Hansen at Billerica Recreation at 978-671-0921. 8:30am–12pm



### CARLISLE

#### 5 CONNECTING COMMUNITIES: RIVERFEST

**CONCORD RIVER PADDLE** Join with SVT's guided paddle along the Concord River. This beautiful stretch of the river through Carlisle and Bedford has been federally designated "Wild and Scenic" by the National Park Service. This event is a collaboration with Freedom's Way National Heritage Association's Connecting Communities outreach project. Bring your own boat (kayak or canoe), PFDs required. Experienced paddlers only. Registration required at [www.svtweb.org/calendar](http://www.svtweb.org/calendar). 1–3:30pm



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## CONCORD

### 6 ASSABET RIVER

**WALK** Join the Concord Land Conservation Trust for a 1.5-hour walk to explore the landscapes along the Assabet River. Park along the Nashawtuc Road causeway and meet at the corner of Nashawtuc and Musketaquid Roads. 9am



### 7 FOSS FARM TO GREENOUGH CONSERVATION

**LAND** Join the Carlisle Trails Committee for a 3.5 mile walk through meadows and forests on trails paralleling the Concord River. We will start at the Foss Farm conservation land and pass through Great Meadows Wildlife Refuge and the O'Rourke farm on the way to scenic Greenough Pond. If the water level is low enough we will return through the floodplain via the River Trail. Meet at the Foss Farm parking lot on Bedford Rd. (Rte. 225). Waterproof shoes and insect repellent are recommended. Refreshments will be served at the end. For information, email Alan Ankers at [alankers@comcast.net](mailto:alankers@comcast.net). 1:30–4pm



## FRAMINGHAM

### 8 SUDBURY RIVER WALKS

**Self-guided Nature/Discover Walk:** Enjoy walk along the Sudbury River on the Carol Gatchell Trail. Look for tracks and emerging plants along the banks as spring turns toward summer. Start at the entrance on Sudbury Landing near the Old Danforth Bridge. The trail ends at Little Farms Road where you may join the Framingham Conservation Commission for the 10:00 am

Historical Sudbury River Walk (Call 508-532-5460 to register for that). Leashed dogs welcome. 9:15am

**Historical Walk:** Join the Framingham Conservation Commission for a walk along the Sudbury River, the aqueduct and Stone Bridge in Wayland for a bit of history and information about local flora and fauna. Wear proper footwear. Meet at the end of Little Farms Road at the Sudbury River. Leashed dogs welcome. Allow 2 hours for this walk. Call 508-532-5460 to register. 10am

#### Explore the Cochituate:

The Framingham Conservation Commission will host a walk along the new Cochituate Rail Trail, branching off into Cochituate Brook Reservation and out to the shores of the North Pond of Lake Cochituate State Park. Learn about these great trails and open spaces as well as dog owner responsibilities on conservation lands. Wear proper footwear. Meet at the CRT entrance at the corner of School and Concord Streets in Saxonville. Leashed dogs welcome. Allow 2 hours for this walk. Call 508-532-5460 to register. 2pm



## LOWELL

### 9 LOWELL CEMETERY

**TOUR** Explore one of the first garden-style cemeteries, located on the banks of the Concord River. 90-minute tour led by historian Dick Howe. This bucolic site on the Concord River abuts the Concord River Greenway. Directions online. 1pm



## SUDBURY

**10 FISHING EVENT & FAMILY FESTIVITIES AT GREAT MEADOWS NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE** Join us for a fun-filled day of hands-on activities. Events

will be held rain or shine at the Sudbury Headquarters (73 Weir Hill Road). For more information call 978-443-4661 x35.

**Calling All Anglers:** Beginners and experienced anglers join Mass Wildlife's Angler Experts to learn how to fly-cast, spin-cast, and even tie your own fly. All equipment will be provided. This event qualifies as a free fishing day so state fishing licenses are not required to participate. 10am–2pm

**Family Fun for Everyone:** Join refuge staff in games, crafts, and face painting, or go for a hike on the trails to discover the variety of riverine habitats on the refuge. A native Spanish speaker will be present. 10am–2pm

**Wildlife-Up Close and Personal:** Join Mass Audubon's Drumlin Farm naturalist for a family-friendly visit with native wildlife, birds and reptiles that live along the banks of the rivers and depend on a healthy habitat. 11am–1pm

**Snakes of New England and the World:** See a variety of local snakes close up, and a few exotic ones too. Rick Roth, Director of the Cape Ann Vernal Pool Team, will bring some of his favorites and talk about their lives and habitats. 1pm



### 11 FLY FISHING DEMO AND TYING LESSONS

See what fly fishing is all about and take some fly tying lessons in front of Grist Mill, Wayside Inn. For information email [ajflyfish@yahoo.com](mailto:ajflyfish@yahoo.com). All ages welcome. 11am–2pm



## WAYLAND

**12 HISTORY PADDLE** Travel in time as you paddle with Brian Donahue, Brandeis University history professor

and expert on the history of the Sudbury River. Paddle to Sherman's Bridge through the wide meadows that prompted the founding of Wayland and Sudbury and hear stories of a fascinating and sometimes lurid past. Meet at the Rte. 20 boat launch. Bring your canoe or kayak and life jacket (required). Cars will be available at Sherman's Bridge Rd. to ferry you back. Call if you have space in your boat, or need space in someone else's boat, or have any questions: 508-358-2980. 9am



**13 PHOTO WALK** Sudbury Valley Nature Photographers will host a Photo Walk around the Cow Common. Join SVNP member Hendrik Broekman in a stroll around the 65-acre plot, looking for interesting photos in a mixture of forest and field with some views across the Sudbury River marshes (leaves permitting), and the sunset. All ages and abilities welcome. Meet at the Cow Common parking lot on Old Sudbury Road (Rte. 27) across from the North Cemetery. Rain date: Sunday. If you have any questions, call 508-358-2980. 6:15pm–sunset



## SUNDAY

JUNE 19, 2016

## BEDFORD/CARLISLE

### 14 SUNRISE BIRDING CANOE/KAYAK PADDLE ON THE CONCORD RIVER

Join wildlife specialist Ken Harte for a 2 to 3-hour paddle on the Carlisle section of the Concord River and the Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge. A stop is scheduled at a casual riverside restaurant for a hearty breakfast and to compare notes. Near the end of the trip here will be

an optional stop at the recently protected Elliot Concord River Preserve. Bring your canoe or kayak, life preserver (required), binoculars, breakfast money, drinking water, and guidebooks. Sign in at 5:15 AM at the Bedford Boat Landing (Rte. 225). For more information call 978-369-0336. Cancelled in the case of inclement weather or flood conditions. 5:15am



## BILLERICA

### 15 MICOZZI BEACH AND PADDLE

Enjoy free admission to Micozzi beach when the beach officially opens at 10 AM and enjoy free canoe and kayak rentals until closing at 7pm. (Weather permitting) For more information contact Donna Hansen at Billerica Recreation at 978-671-0921. 10am–7pm



## CONCORD

### 16 RIDE FOR THE RIVER

Bike ride with the Nashoba Valley Pedalers for 30 miles (~2.5 hours) on roads criss-crossing our Wild and Scenic Rivers. Meet at the parking lot across Monument Street from the North Bridge. Helmets required. For more information, contact Dick at [dlawrence2@gmail.com](mailto:dlawrence2@gmail.com). Rain or shine. 10am



### 17 PADDLE THE ASSABET AND CONCORD RIVERS

Join the Appalachian Mountain Club's Worcester Chapter for a 7 mile scenic paddle on our Wild and Scenic Rivers from West Concord to the Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge. Take in sights and sounds of nature and Riverfest activities from Egg Rock and the Calf Pasture to the North Bridge. Enjoy a picnic lunch (bring your

own) on the grounds of the Old Manse. Option to participate in Summer Solstice activities at 6 pm. Bring your own canoe/kayak, paddle and life jacket (required). Some loans of equipment can be made if arranged in advance. Space is limited. Advanced registration is required, see the Riverfest Website for details. 10am–5pm



**18 PADDLE, ART AND THEATRE AT THE OLD MANSE** Come to the riverbank by foot or paddle, bring a picnic, and enjoy art at the Old Manse (269 Monument Street). For boat rentals contact South Bridge Boat House at 978-369-9438.

**Come join us in launching 'The New World Drama: And Crown Thy Good with Sister-and Brotherhood.'** Scenes for the drama are being written by fellow citizens in communities across our land. Bring your own verse, song, legend, tale, your inspirations, which offer a Concord, Middlesex County, or Massachusetts perspective on the aspiring promise of sister- and brotherhood — from sea to shining sea. For a further glimpse visit [www.concordium.us/initiatives/new-world-drama](http://www.concordium.us/initiatives/new-world-drama). Noon–1:30pm

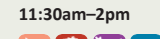
#### Free Paddling and Quest:

Paddle from the North Bridge to Egg Rock on the Concord River in search of clues and stickers. 1-hour free canoe rental available on a first-come-first-served basis. Meet us at the river bank behind the Old Manse. This is a family-friendly event. To reserve a boat in advance, contact OARS at 978-369-3956 or [office@oars3ivers.org](mailto:office@oars3ivers.org) by Friday, June 17. 11am–2pm

#### Be Creative, Build Art:

Join Musketaquid Artists for a spontaneous sculptural installation on the banks of the Concord River. 11:30am–2pm

**Create Your Own Fish and Turtles:** Join OARS to turn recycled soda bottles into colorful fish and bowls into turtles. Younger children can create their own watersticks. Visit [www.oars3ivers.org](http://www.oars3ivers.org) for details. 11:30am–2pm



### 19 WALDEN WOODS EXPLORATIONS

**Naturalist** Peter Alden will lead a 2-hour guided tour, focusing on plants and birds, along Fairhaven Bay and Wright Woods of Walden Woods. The walk will be easy, and about a mile in length. Meet at the corner of Fairhaven Rd and Arena Terrace (turn off just east of Walden Woods farmstand on Rte. 2 eastbound). 5pm



### 20 SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION

End Riverfest by celebrating the arrival of summer on the rivers with OARS and Musketaquid at the Old Manse (269 Monument St.).

**Music:** Music will entertain those who wish to picnic on the beautiful grounds of the Old Manse. 6:30pm

**Illuminated Flotilla with Voices of the Earth Chorus:** Paddle from the picnic up the Concord River. Boat rentals available from the South Bridge Boat House (978-369-9438, 486 Main Street). Boats put-in and take-out at the Old Manse and Lowell Rd. bridge. 8pm

**Solstice Bonfire:** Join the bonfire at the Old Manse 8pm



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## SUDBURY

### 21 SPEND THE AFTERNOON AT THE WAYSIDE INN GRIST MILL

**Wetland Wildlife:** Join a Mass Audubon naturalist for a family-friendly visit with native turtles and ducks as you investigate water samples from our local rivers looking for the invertebrates that live there. 1–3pm

**Rubber Duck Race:** Hop Brook Protection Association and the Sudbury Ponds and Waterways Committee will hold a Rubber Duck Race in Hop Brook at the Grist Mill by Sudbury's Wayside Inn. Free and open to kids 12 and under. Prizes will be awarded. To register email [franklyons@verizon.net](mailto:franklyons@verizon.net). For more information, call 978-443-9638. 1:30pm



### 22 GRANDFATHER TURTLE'S TALES FROM THE THREE RIVERS

Award winning and professional storyteller Tony Toledo brings nature to life on a whole new level. Come hear Grandfather Turtle's adventures along the Sudbury, Assabet and Concord Rivers at the Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center. For more information call (978) 443-4661 ext. 4035. 1–1:45pm



**Rain or shine, join us as we celebrate our wild and scenic rivers. Check online for weather related changes or cancellations.**

Visit [sudbury-assabet-concord.org](http://sudbury-assabet-concord.org) for the latest information on RiverFest 2016!



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