

FERN WALK for BEGINNERS

SUNDAY June 8th 1-3 PM

2025

Federated Women's Forest PETERSHAM

Led by Randy Stone,
Pioneer Valley Fern Society

We'll walk the woods road identifying 15 common ferns along the way, with an emphasis on easy identification.

Dress for possible mud, poison ivy or ticks.



Meet at Parking Lot at end of the Road shown in red on Map below.

Directions: From Rt 202 in New Salem, turn south onto Rt 122. Drive about 3.5 miles, past North & South Spectacle Ponds on either side of road, to the intersection with the road into the Federated Women's Forest, on the west side of Rt 122. On some maps this road is called Federation Rd, Federation State Forest Rd or State Forest Rd.

There will be a *brown sign for the Federated Women's Forest* on the west side of the road *slightly before this intersection*. You will see the white highway sign for entering the Town of Petersham on the east side of the road just ahead *past this intersection*.

The closest house is slightly before (north of) this intersection, at # 372 Petersham Rd in New Salem. If you reach Monson Turnpike you have gone too far. *Continued on next page.*

Drive approximately 1.75 miles down the Federated Women's Forest road to the parking area. The road winds back and forth a bit but is in good shape. You are getting close when you pass a large pond and cascades on the left. *See annotated Google Map below.* Black Arrow points to the road to turn on to. Red dashed line is road to drive down, and red dot labeled P is parking area. The nearest Quabbin gate number is 36, but the parking lot is before that gate.

