INTRODUCTION
Walden Pond is the second oldest lake in Massachusetts, the only place
where Thoreau, naturalist, and environmentalist, specifically mentions the
water surface in his famous essay "Walden: Ainson's Walden (fig. 2). Walden Pond probably is
a representative of a glacially-formed kettle lake. Historical, naturalistic,
and limnological significance as the subject of Henry David Thoreau's well-known essay "Walden:

the water quality and macroalgal biomass of the pond, the lake's ability to support diverse and healthy aquatic life, and the ecological significance of the pond. The lake is located in the town of Concord, Massachusetts, approximately 20 miles west of Boston, Massachusetts. The pond is fed by the Sudbury River, which flows into the Charles River and ultimately into Boston Harbor.

The lake is surrounded by a natural area known as the Walden Reservation, which is managed by the Trustees of Reservations. The reservation includes wetlands, forests, and a network of trails.