

Meet Walden

Walden Natural Perfumes are made from the finest natural absolutes, resins and essential oils in the world. They are named after Henry David Thoreau's seminal book "Walden".

Part meditation, part handbook for simple living in harmony with nature, it was written by Thoreau while living in Walden forest for two years.

It has inspired countless readers since its publication two centuries ago and its central lessons of self-sufficiency and anti-materialism still resonate today.



Natural Perfumery

"Heaven is under our feet as well as over our heads." – Henry David Thoreau



All the Walden perfumes are named after passages from the book.

Walden is proud to continue the traditions of high perfumery, before the advent of cheap synthetics, when master perfumers blended the finest natural ingredients into fragrant masterpieces.

Our Values

"Things do not change; we change." – Henry David Thoreau

Modern perfumes are created by fragrance chemists using aroma-chemicals and selected by focus groups, then made in factories and shilled by celebrities. While they may smell stronger and last longer, they lack the depth and subtlety of natural ingredients.



Walden perfumes, on the other hand, are created by our perfumer based on an idea or inspiration using real absolutes, oils and resins.

Our Perfumer

"Every morning was a cheerful invitation to make my life of equal simplicity, and I may say innocence, with Nature herself." – Henry David Thoreau



Stephan Bisse has always been fascinated by scent and was the co-founder of Perfuma.com in 1998, the first perfume website in the UK.

After getting tired of the increasingly similar, synthetic perfumes on offer he decided to learn the art of natural perfumery and create perfumes the way they are meant to be – handmade in small batches from the finest natural ingredients.



Our Process

All Walden perfumes are formulated and manufactured by hand in small batches from 100% natural ingredients here in Cheshire.

We believe this care and attention to detail is all part of continuing Thoreau's ideals.



Our Scents

"The true Harvest of my daily life is somewhat as intagible and indescribable as the tints of morning or evening. It is a little star-dust caught, a segment of the rainbow which I have clutched."

Henry David Thoreau

"In any weather, at any hour of the day or night, I have been anxious to improve the nick of time, and notch it on my stick too: to stand on the meeting of two eternities, the past and future, which is precisely the present moment: to toe that line."

Henry David Thoreau

"If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost: that is where they should be. Now put the foundations under them."

Henry David Thoreau

"I did not wish to take a cabin passage, but rather to go before the mast and on the deck of the world, for there I could best see the moonlight amid the mountains."

Henry David Thoreau

"If a man does not not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is becaise he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away."

Henry David Thoreau

"Talk of mysteries! Think of our life in nature - daily to be shown matter, to come in contact with it, - rocks, trees, wind on our cheeks! The solid earth! The actual world! Contact! Contact! Who are we?

Where are we?"

Henry David Thoreau



A LITTLE STARDUST

A sumptuous bouquet of Iris and Jasmine enriched with hints of Amyris and Tonka Bean.

TWO ETERNITIES

A garland of forest flowers featuring Wild Rose floating above a fresh Citrus base of Bergamot and Sweet Orange Oil.

CASTLES IN THE AIR

A fresh, intoxicating blend of Citrus featuring Bergamot and Lemon with a hint of Ylang Ylang.

SEE THE MOONLIGHT

An intoxicating scent with fresh Bergamot, Jasmine and hints of Rose, finished with luxurious sandalwood and ambrette seed.

A DIFFERENT DRUMMER

Opens on a spicy note of Pepper followed by a fragrant Cedarwood and smooth Amber finish.

THE SOLID EARTH

After a Petitgrain top note a heart of Betiver and Light Patchouli Oil leads into a smooth drydown of Amyris.

Our Sizes



Available as 50ml & 15ml perfume with spray applicator, 10ml & 2ml perfume oils with rollerball applicator, and 5ml & 2ml samples.





The 5ml samples and 2ml rollerballs can be purchased as gift sets featuring all six fragrances.

