JUNE 2025

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June Highlights



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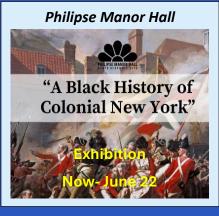


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Get Outside & Get Together Day June 14



Old Croton Aqueduct



Croton Dam Hike June 28





Summer Bash & Splash June 28

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Get Outside and Get Together Day Saturday, June 14, 10am

Get Outdoors & Get Together Day brings together people of all abilities, ages, identities, and backgrounds for fun, healthful activities as part of the Governor's initiative to broaden the diversity of users and ensure inclusivity of access to state public lands. There will be fishing opportunities, games and arts and crafts all at the West Beach Picnic Area near the concession. There will also be a wildlife presentation at 12 noon. Event is free to the

public and vehicle entrance fees will be waived for the day.



Mid-Hudson Astronomical Association Monthly Star Party Fri., June 20 @ 8:30 PM

The Mid-Hudson Astronomical Association hosts a monthly stargazing party in the West Beach parking lot. Bring your own telescopes and binoculars or use those provided by our members. You will be asked to provide your license plate number and make/model car, so park management and police have a record of who will be in park after hours. More info at https://www.spy-hill.net/myers/astro/ltsp/ *Registration:* RSVP is required at least one day beforehand.

CLERMONT STATE HISTORIC SITE // 518.537.4240

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Ongoing: Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. On the hour, 11:00am through 4:00pm Mansion Tours

Come take a tour of the historic Clermont Mansion! Explore the legacies of the illustrious Livingston family and the untold histories of the enslaved

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and paid staff whose labor made life at the mansion possible. Dive further into the history with our Visitor Center exhibit, "Spero Meliora: Life in The Land of Livingston," special exhibits "Redefining The Family: The Livingstons and the Institution of Slavery," "Montgomery to Martyr," and our "Poetry in the Parks" installation. Take a stroll through our gardens or enjoy the scenic view the river from our parking lot adjacent picnic area.

Please note: Tour tickets for the mansion must be purchased at the Visitor Center. **Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and students, and children under 12 are free.**



Bird Walk with the Alan Devoe Bird Club Saturday, June 7, 2025 8:00 AM Meet at parking lot Free

Grab your binoculars and field guides and join us for a spring stroll around Clermont State Historic Site with the Alan Devoe Bird Club! We'll keep our eyes and ears open as we look and listen for spring migrant birds throughout the grounds. We may even spot bright and colorful, forestloving Magnolia Warblers, Black-throated Green Warblers, and Black-throated Blue Warblers who migrate up to Clermont from Central and Southern U.S. Comfortable shoes are suggested. Fun for all ages!

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Magic Lantern Show Saturday, June 7, 2025 Rain date: Sunday June 8, 2025 Seating at 7:30, show starts at 8:30 Mansion Lawn Free

From the late 17th century to the dawn of the 20th, the magic lantern transformed storytelling into an enlivened visual experience. By the late-Victorian era, the magic lantern was an important and ubiquitous visual medium. Eventually eclipsed by the coming of the movies, the wonders of this once-familiar entertainment are rarely experienced by the modern audiences.

Join magic lantern performers Dawn Elliott and Joel Schlemowitz as they bring this fascinating medium back to life at Clermont, presenting their award-winning magic lantern show. Using period-era glass slides, magic lantern projectors, music and narration, the program encompasses tales of Victorian-era anthropomorphic animals, animated images, nautical disasters, and circus antics. This is a rare opportunity to marvel at hand-colored images, dissolving views, and animated effect slides, showcasing the remarkable visual experience of bygone times.



Colonial Crossroads Juneteenth Concert Sunday, June 22, 2025 1:00 pm Visitor Center

Free

On June 19th, 1865, enslaved people living in Texas were freed. With Texas being the last place in the traitorous Confederacy that the Emancipation

Proclamation to reach, that day became synonymous with the freeing of enslaved people in America. Now a federal holiday, the name is derived from combining "June" and "nineteenth". Musical group Carla and Keyes, Carla Lynne Hall and Jim Keyes present a family friendly interpretation of African and European traditions and instruments that influenced each other during the Colonial and Revolutionary years. The audience is encouraged to participate in call-and-response and body percussion techniques. Jim is a multi-instrumentalist who uses baroque guitar, mandolin, mountain dulcimer and recorders to perform European music from the Colonial Era. Carla represents the African side of Colonial America through stories and songs performed on Shekere and Djembe.



Harmonies on the Hudson Concert Series featuring The Hammerhead Horns Thursday, June 26, 2025 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM Clermont's Arryl Lawn Free

With their Roots, Ragtime and Barrelhouse Blues, The Hammerhead Horns are a 5-piece band from the New York Capital District thrilling audiences from the Hudson Valley to the Adirondacks. Interactive and engaging, the band creates an atmosphere of a packed club in New Orleans on a Saturday night or midnight set at a barbecue joint in Memphis. The Hammerhead Horns will have you dancing and singing on your feet to energetic percussion, plunger driven brass and blues soaked vocal renditions of music by Fats Domino, Chuck Berry, Bessie Smith, Muddy Waters and more! **Please note:** All Harmonies on the Hudson concerts are weather permitting. Check out the whole season's concert calendar at <u>friendsofclermont.org/events</u>

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The Livingston's Landscape Walking Tour: Uncovering the relationship the Livingstons had with the land and those living on it. Sunday, June 29, 2025 2pm, Free **Meet at the Visitor Center**

Join us at Clermont State Historic Site for a guided landscape walking tour. On this tour we will look back through generations of the Livingston family and explore how their role as landowners shaped the land and local communities. From the questionable land purchases from Indigenous tribes to enslaved men and tenant farmers tilling the soil, to the Livingston's own gentleman farmers, the relationship with the land and those who worked it changed many times over the past 300 years.

Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes.

In the event of severe weather this tour will be postponed.

OLANA STATE HISTORIC SITE // 518.751.0344

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Landscape: Olana State Historic Site's 250-acre landscape is free and open to all, every day from 8:00 AM to sunset. Image by: Peter Aaron/ OTTO May Hours: Visit OLANA.org/plan-your-visit/ for the most up to date June hours.

Olana Shop & Frederic Church Center for Art and Landscape Hours: Friday-Sunday 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM



Olana Eye Skycam: Virtual visitors can experience the iconic view from Olana's Studio Tower at any time and from around the world at OLANA.org/OLANAEYE. Use the hashtag #OLANAEYE on social media to share your amazing screen captures. Follow us @OlanaFredericChurch.

Virtual Tours: Learn about Frederic Church's Olana and explore the 250acre landscape from the comfort of your own home. Virtual tours are available on the Olana website at https://www.olana.org/virtual-olana/



Slow down and discover works of art up close

Olana State Historic Site | Sharp Family Gallery **Organized by The Olana Partnership**

Frederic Church carefully studied the world around him, incorporating those observations into his paintings, guiding the viewer's eye through his composed landscapes, and encouraging them to take A Closer Look. The Olana Partnership invites you to discover works of art through close looking,

observation, and conversation. Participants in A Closer Look will be encouraged to slow down, open their minds to discover Frederic Church's art in new ways, and spend time in close dialogue with select artworks from the Olana collection. New works of art will be featured each month; no prior knowledge of art is required. Visit OLANA.org/acloserlook for the full schedule.

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Olana State Historic Site | June 14 – November 2, 2025 Organized by The Olana Partnership

Olana is the most intact historic artist's environment in the United States, encompassing the Main House and its extensive collections, an historic farm complex, and the 250-acre landscape designed by Frederic Church. Despite its remarkable state of preservation, several of Olana's extant structures were removed years prior to Olana becoming a National Historic Landmark and New York State Historic Site. In these structures' absence, stories of the people who built them and the functions they served have

also been lost. Visible foundations and archaeological evidence survive for some of these missing structures. In other cases, only photographs, maps, or oral histories bear witness to their past existence. These buildings may have vanished, but their stories remain embedded within Olana's landscape. For *What's Missing?*, The Olana Partnership commissioned artists **Ellen Harvey** and **Gabriela Salazar** to create site-specific outdoor artworks that respond to these missing pieces of Olana's landscape history. Visit OLANA.org/whatsmissing



K-12 Field Trips and Virtual Tours – Accepting Reservations!

Explore Frederic Church's masterwork, Olana, through a field trip or virtual tour in any season! During onsite field trips and virtual tours, students learn more about the art, culture, and history of Olana and the Hudson River Valley through place-based learning activities and lessons. For grades PreK-12 and education groups; \$5-\$15 per student | FREE for schools in Columbia and Greene counties.

Learn more by visiting <u>https://www.olana.org/tour-category/school/</u>



OLANA Webinar

Virtual offering – visit <u>olana.org/webinars</u>

Get cozy and learn more about Olana and its history from home with our range of over 50 webinars highlighting the diverse stories connected to Frederic Church, his family, and creation, Olana. Topics range from the

popularity of coffee in the 19th century to presentations on Church's unique artist friends and colleagues like Marianne North and Edmonia Lewis to conversations with contemporary artists like Jean Shin and Mark Igloliorte. Visit <u>olana.org/webinars</u> to learn more.



Art & Landscape at Olana: An Afternoon Conversation and Celebration Saturday, June 14 | 4:00–6:00 PM

Join The Olana Partnership for an engaging afternoon exploring the intersections of art and landscape, and architecture at Frederic Church's Olana. Celebrate the completion of the Frederic Church Center for Art & Landscape and the opening of the summer outdoor art exhibition *What*'s

Missing? Artworks in the Olana Landscape by Ellen Harvey and Gabriela Salazar. The lead designers of the Frederic Church Center at Architecture Research Office and Nelson Byrd Woltz Landscape Architects join *What's Missing?* artists Ellen Harvey and Gabriela Salazar for a presentation and lively discussion. Light refreshments will follow.

Tickets: \$35 general | \$20 members of The Olana Partnership. AIA CES credits pending. For tickets and information, visit <u>www.olana.org</u> or call (518) 828-1872.



Third Thursday: Juneteenth Reading Room Thursday, June 19 | 2:00-5:00pm

Stop by Olana State Historic Site for a chance to learn more about Juneteenth, a federal holiday which celebrates the ending of slavery in the United States. Drop in and explore kid-friendly resources and reflection activities with The Olana Partnership educators all

afternoon. FREE at the Wagon House Education Center.

TOUR THE LANDSCAPE AND HOUSE

Enjoy FREE house and landscape tours at Olana State Historic Site. Advance reservations are not available; guided house and landscape tour tickets can be reserved on-site, day-of, in the Frederic Church Visitor Center or Olana Shop. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Tours: 1:00 – 6:30 PM Frederic Church Center: 12:00 – 7:00 PM Olana Shop: 12:00 – 7:00 PM For further inquiries, please call ticketing at <u>(518) 751-0344</u> or email <u>tickets@olana.org</u>.



Winter at the Summer House - Solstice Celebration with Hilma's Ghost

Friday, June 20 | 5:00-7:00pm

Celebrate the beginning of summer bringing back a bit of winter with a special artist workshop led by the experimental collective Hilma's Ghost. During this free evening of artist-led ritual and celebration, reflect on the changing of the seasons and explore Ellen Harvey's *Winter in the Summer House*, an immersive artwork in Olana's designed landscape that is on

view as part of *What's Missing? Artworks in the Olana Landscape by Ellen Harvey and Gabriela Salazar* on view through fall 2025. All materials will be provided. FREE; meet outside the Historic House at the top of the site.



Create and Cook: Family Cooking & Art Workshop Saturday, June 21 | 11:00am-1:00pm

Get creative in the kitchen and art studio at Olana State Historic Site! Join The Sylvia Center Chefs and The Olana Partnership educators for a fun, family-friendly program focused on cooking food and making art inspired by Olana's landscape and history. Try new foods and test new art materials together during this FREE family program! This class focuses on making seasonal Summer Rolls using crunchy veggies and exploring outdoor sculpture in Olana's historic farm complex.

For families with children 18 and under (children must be accompanied by an adult). This is the first in a series of three classes – register for one or all three! This program is FREE (suggested donation \$12). Registration includes art-making supplies and all ingredients to make lunch. Advance registration required. For more information, please contact education@olana.org or call (518) 567-2170.



Gallery Explorers: A FREE Family Program Saturday, June 21 | 1:00-2:00pm



Experience learning, looking closely, and conversation as a family during this series of special museum gallery tours at Olana State Historic Site. Each month, The Olana Partnership educators will lead an exploration of two to three works of art on the second-floor galleries through family-friendly dialogue and other hands-on activities. After your tour, extend your day at OLANA and head down to the Wagon House Education Center for a free drop-in program, *Art Making in the Afternoon* from 1-4pm. Support has been generously provided by a grant from TD Bank to expand free programming.

Designed for families with children ages 3 and up. FREE; advanced registration required. Please contact education@olana.org to learn more.



Artmaking in the Afternoon Saturday, June 21 | 1:00-4:00pm

Inspired by your time at Olana or looking for family-friendly fun? Participate in free, drop-in artmaking in the Wagon House Education Center and learn more about Frederic Church's artist-designed home and studio on the Hudson. Support has been generously provided by a grant from TD Bank to

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expand free programming. This drop-in artmaking program is open to all ages and skill levels; all materials provided. FREE. No advanced registration is required. Contact education@olana.org or call (518) 751-6938 for more info.

TACONIC STATE PARK // 518.329.3993



Guided Walking Bingo Saturday, June, 11am Meet at the Copake Iron Works, Free Event

BINGO! There it is! Open to all ages, we are looking forward to Walking Bingo again this year at Copake Falls, approximately a 1 mile hike total. Join in on a guided nature hike and fill your bingo card as we go, according to what we see along the way. This is a fun way to learn about the plants, animals, and history around us with our Park Educator while playing a game too! It's all about the bragging rights.



Nature Explorers: Pond Edition Saturday, June 14,10:30am Free Activity| Vehicle Entry Fee May Apply Rudd Pond Shoreline, Meet at the Playground area

Explore what is at the shoreline and lives in the water at Rudd Pond with our Park Educator. Find out what dragonflies look like underwater, what life cycles are, and what creatures can tell us about the habitat they live in. All abilities and ages welcome for this activity.

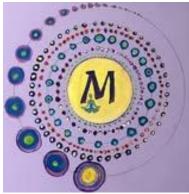


Summer Bash & Splash Saturday, June 28 ,11am-3pm Copake Falls | Swimming & Day Use areas Public Program | Vehicle Entry Fee

School is out for summer and swimming is finally open for weekdays!! Join us at Taconic State Park with swimming, Bicycle Safety, Food Trucks and more! Start your summer off with a splash into the Ore Pit Pond, learn about



activities offered in the Park, participate in a yard game, visit the Copake Iron Works Museum, and check out what's new at the Pomeroy Family Railroad.



Mandala Yoga Thursdays June 12th & 26, 9:00am-10:30am Copake Falls | Day-Use Free | All levels of Experience Welcome Join us for a morning of mindful yoga in the beautiful outdoors guided by Gina of Mandala Yoga and Arts. These sessions are for all interested, from enthusiasts to those just starting their yoga experience. We will have a limited number of mats available for use, so we encourage folks to bring

their own. Water bottles are encouraged. Call the park office with any questions. Future Date: July 10th

Check out Taconic State Park's social media or call the Park office for pop-up events throughout the month including guided walks along the Rail Trail. Small activities are held weekly in the campground and posted on our socials. Call the Copake Office for information

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June 1 – 30 Thursday through Sunday Mansion Tours

Guided mansion tours by advance reservation. See the magnificent Gilded Age home of Ruth Livingston Mills, decorated with its original furnishings. <u>Reservations required</u>: <u>https://Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS</u> Cost: \$10/Adults, \$8/Seniors & Students, Children 12 & under are free.

June 7: 5:30pm-8:00pm The Great Gatsby Gala at Staatsburgh,

The Friends of Mills at Staatsburgh cordially invite you to their spring fundraiser and party. This year's theme celebrates the 100th anniversary of this great, Gilded Age novel. Wear your best flapper attire! **Tickets available at: millsfriends.org/events Cost: \$135/FOMAS members, \$145 non-members**



June 7, 14: 10am Guided Landscape Walk of Staatsburgh's Grounds: "What You See and What You Don't See"

A guided walk through the estate's grounds that explores how the landscape was designed to reflect the luxurious lifestyle of Staatsburgh's owners, while deliberately hiding the turn-of-the-century technology and

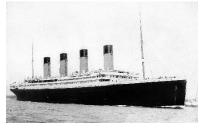
labor that made the estate run.
Reservations required: <u>https://Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS</u>
Cost: free



June 7, 14: 2pm *A Life in Service*

It took a small army to run this 79-room Gilded Age estate. See the mansion through the servants' eyes, as they rose before dawn and toiled until after midnight. The tour—led by a costumed guide—will include visiting the partially restored servants' hall. The hall is a striking artifact of

servant life and work, featuring the servants' dining room, the footmen's bedrooms, and the butler's office. <u>Reservations required: https://Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS</u> Cost: \$12/Adults, \$10/Seniors & Students, Children 12 & under are free



June 8, 15: 2pm

Tales of the Titanic - Special Theme Tour

Mark the 113th anniversary of the sinking by embarking on this special 90minute tour of the home of Titanic ticket holders, Ogden and Ruth Mills. Hear tales of the Titanic's tragic voyage as a guide in period attire points out remarkable similarities between the Titanic's interiors and

Staatsburgh's rooms. <u>Reservations required</u>: <u>https://Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS</u> Cost: \$12/Adults, \$10/Seniors & Students, Children 12 & under are free



June 13, 27: 10am *Staatsburg Village Walking Tour*

This 90-minute walk in the village of Staatsburg will explore the estate's close relationship with the nearby village and its connection to the Mills family. A guide will discuss historic buildings and highlight hidden locations in the village that demonstrate Staatsburg's vibrant past and the lasting legacy of Ruth and Ogden Mills beyond the estate walls. **Cost: free Reservations required:** https://Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS



June 14: 11am – 3pm Historic Toys and Games

Providing a delightful experience of bygone times, Dawn Elliott's historic toys and games have been a highlight of events at many historic sites and museums. Everyone is invited to experience a variety of lawn games, board games, or simply play with toys. Stewart's ice cream and a craft activity are included! **Cost: free**

Reservations recommended: https://www.Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS



June 21, 28: 10am

Guided Hike: History Hidden in the Woods

Have you ever wondered what some of the ruins within Mills-Norrie State Park might be? The beautiful park land was once the setting for grand Hudson Riverfront estates. This 90-minute guided hike will lead visitors through the park, exploring the history of three historic estates: from Staatsburgh's founding as a gentleman's farm in the 1700s to the development of The Point and Stonehurst estates in the 19th century. The hike is approximately 1.5 miles of uneven terrain, requiring study footwear. **Reservations required**: https://Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS Cost: free Staatsburgh continued...



June 21: 2pm Navigating Wealth & Poverty: The Varied Economies of the 19th Century Black Community

"From its inception, the Dutchess County economy has been at the crossroads of great economic currents. From the earliest times of Dutch settlement, it has operated in the economic realms of global trade right down to the smallest economic unit of the self-sufficient farm. We examine

how the Black community, focusing on the 19th century, engaged in all those economic levels locally. We find extremes of wealth and poverty, and a growing middle class of professionals who often worked within, or intersected with, these various levels of economic activity. Likely because of the pervasiveness of slavery even in the most rural parts of the county until its abolition in New York State in 1827, communities of color were present in both built up and the most remote in-land rural areas. This presentation is led by Bill Jeffway, the Executive Director of the Dutchess County Historical Society, where he serves on the research committee of Celebrating the African Spirit, and on the advisory committee to Vassar College's Inclusive History Initiative. Brief reception following presentation. **Reservations required: https://SSHSWealthandPoverty.eventbrite.com**

Cost: \$5/FOMAS members, \$5 plus Eventbrite fee/general admission



June 29: 10am

Drawing from the Landscape:

A Great Estates Garden & Landscape Event

Learn from experienced Hudson Valley artist and teacher, Mira Fink https://www.mirafink.com.Take a short walk around the grounds of Staatsburgh State Historic Site and by the Hudson River to take in the beauty of the landscape. Explore composition and the effects of light and shadow. Learn how to break down the landscape into simple shapes with areas of different values; (lights, mid-tones and darks). Then try your hand at creating "thumbnail sketches". All materials will be provided. Appropriate for teens and adults. No previous drawing experience is needed. This workshop is weather permitting, with a rain date of August 3.

Reservations required: https://FOMAS.eventbrite.com. **Cost: \$8/FOMAS members, \$8 plus Eventbrite fee/general admission**



Explore Staatsburgh's beautiful grounds along the Hudson River self-guided walking tour

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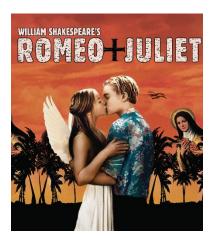
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June Tours - Book your 2025 Tour to Bannerman Island and Castle in the Hudson River Highlands! The Estuary Steward Tour Boat leaves the Beacon Waterfront Dock, directly across from the Beacon Metro-North Train Station at 2 Red Flynn Drive, Beacon, NY from May-October. Enjoy a guided or self-guided tour of the island. Visit the historic Bannerman Castle ruins and gardens and explore the original Bannerman residence, Bannerman Castle continued...

now a museum! For a schedule of events including theater, concerts, dinner events and more - and to purchase tickets please visit: https://bannermancastle.org/tours-events/bannerman-island-tour/



Friday, June 6 Bannerman Island Movie Night Romeo & Juliet

The BCT presents "Romeo & Juliet" starring Claire Danes and Leonardo Di Caprio. Take a sunset cruise and tour to Bannerman's Island and join us for this 1996 classic! For tickets visit: https://bannermancastle.org/toursevents/bannerman-island-tour/



Sunday, June 15 Bannerman Castle Trust's Third Sunday Music Concert Series Storm King Duo

The BCT proudly presents the "Storm King Duo" Unique music duo playing rock, pop, standards on and originals on Bannerman's Island. Concert is FREE for visitors taking the 11:00am and 12:30pm tours! For tickets visit: https://bannermancastle.org/tours-events/bannerman-island-tour/



Friday, June 20 Bannerman Island Movie Night Hook

The BCT presents "Hook" Starring Robin Williams & Dustin Hoffman. Take a sunset cruise and tour to Bannerman's Island and join us for this 1991

classic adventure! For tickets visit: Bannerman Island Cruise & Walking Tour - Beacon, NY | Bannerman Castle



June Exhibitions, Bannerman Island Gallery 150 Main Street, Beacon, NY - *Main Gallery* Bannerman Castle Trust's 30th Anniversary Exhibition continues. Historic exhibition featuring artwork, photographs and artifacts from Bannerman Island and the Bannerman Family Collection, and work by contemporary artists. The exhibition focuses on the history of the Island and the BCT's development since 1994. *West Wall Exhibition* –Virginia

Donovan (*Paintings*) and Mary Ann Glass (*Photo- Mixed Media*). Ongoing show featuring Hudson Valley Paintings & Photography. (Art Sales support preservation projects on Bannerman Island). Gallery Hours: Saturdays & Sundays, Noon – 5:00pm, weekdays by chance & appointment. 845-831-1001 www.bannermancastle.org

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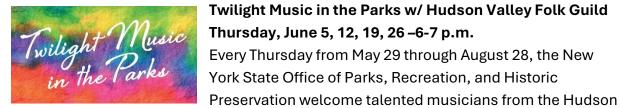
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Twilight Music In The Parks Wednesday, June 4, 11, 18, 25 – 6-7 p.m.

Every Wednesday from May 28 through August 27, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation welcomes an eclectic mix of talented local musicians into the park to bring Walkway

Over the Hudson's Ulster Welcome Center Plaza to life with free live music from 6-7 p.m. Wednesday night concerts represent a variety of genres including blues, jazz, pop, country and Irish music. Concerts are open to everyone and suitable for all ages. Bring chairs and blankets!



Twilight Music in the Parks w/ Hudson Valley Folk Guild Thursday, June 5, 12, 19, 26 –6-7 p.m. Every Thursday from May 29 through August 28, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic



Valley Folk Guild and beyond to bring Walkway Over the Hudson's Ulster Welcome Center Plaza to life with free live music from 6-7 p.m. Concerts are open to everyone and suitable for all ages. Bring chairs and blankets!



Walkway Connections (For Kids): Tiny Ecosystems of the Hudson Friday, June 13 - 7-8 p.m.

Introducing children to the concept of ecology by exploring how living and non-living components of ecosystems interact at the East Gate Plaza in Poughkeepsie. Through understanding how plants provide oxygen and food, and how decomposers recycle nutrients, children gain insight into the ecological balance of where they live. This event also highlights the wisdom of indigenous peoples, who practiced sustainable resource use to maintain harmony with the Hudson's environment. The program emphasizes the ecology of the mid-Hudson Valley, encouraging a better understanding on how they can protect and conserve their natural world in Poughkeepsie. All Walkway Connections events are free to attend with no RSVP required.



Walkway At Night

Friday, June 13 – 8:30-10 p.m.

Friends of the Walkway is pleased to offer the opportunity to enjoy amazing Hudson Valley views after dark from 212 feet above the Hudson River at Walkway at Night. With the moon hanging high in the sky and the Mid-Hudson Bridge twinkling in the distance, there is truly nothing like a twilight evening on the World's Longest Elevated Pedestrian Bridge. Our friends

from the Mid-Hudson Astronomical Association will be on-bridge with telescopes to view the night sky (weather permitting). Reserve your ticket for entry at walkway.org/walkwayatnight.





First Day Of Summer Kickoff Concert Friday, June 20 - 6-7:30 p.m.

Celebrate the start of summer with a free kickoff concert at Walkway Over the Hudson! The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation present "The Local Jam" live at the Ulster Welcome Center in Highland. "The Local Jam" band are local Hudson Valley musicians covering the top bands, artists and one-hit wonders over the past several decades! Our song sets will have you singing along and swaying to the beat of your favorite classic songs from the 60's, 70's,80's and 90's!! Three sisters, who have been singing and harmonizing with each other since childhood, along with male vocalists, bass, keyboards, drums, and guitarist accompaniment. Free and open to the public for all ages.

Walkway Connections: Oh, Freedom! Quilt Exhibit Sunday, June 22 - 2-3 p.m.

The Mid-Hudson Antislavery History Project (MHAHP) and the Oh, Freedom! Quilting Project present a short slide show of the history of

slavery and antislavery in Dutchess County. On display are commemorative history quilts that were created by local quilt circles and invited quilt artists. There is also a simple make and take project available for community participation. The quilts will be on display from 1 – 3:30 p.m. so the public will have the opportunity to learn about the art and the history from those involved with this project. The Walkway Connections presentation begins at 2 p.m. This event takes place at the East Gate Plaza in Poughkeepsie (61 Parker Avenue). It is free to attend and appropriate for all ages.

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Movies Under the Walkway Saturday, June 28 - 7-10 p.m.

Movies Under the Walkway is back with free all-ages films screening outdoors in Upper Landing Park (83 N. Water Street, Poughkeepsie). No tickets or registration required. The park opens at 7 p.m. and the movie begins at approximately 8:30 p.m. Free parking is available at the Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum and Poughkeepsie Train Station. Sunshine only, no rain dates. Bring your own blankets and chairs.

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PHILIPSE MANOR HALL STATE HISTORIC SITE // 914.965.4027

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Did you know? Philipse Manor Hall is open year-round! Explore the museum on your own or take a

guided tour. Free scavenger hunts for kids! Museum open Wednesday-Sunday, 10 am to 5 pm.



Now-June 22, 2025 Exhibition: A Black History of Colonial New York 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Wed-Sun

Presenting an overview of Black history in New York from the colonial New Netherland period to the American Revolution, the exhibit covers topics such as slavery, the slave trade, resistance, self-emancipation, and military service, with a focus on the Philipse Manor, Westchester County,

and the lower Hudson Valley. Exhibition free with general museum admission.



Saturday, June, 2025

PMH & Historical Games at Yonkers YouthFest 12:00 – 4:00 PM | in-person at Fleming Field | Free! Philipse Manor Hall will be bringing Historical Games

Philipse Manor Hall will be bringing Historical Games to the Yonkers Youth Bureau's 3rd Annual Yonkers YouthFest at Fleming Field (140 Fillmore St, Yonkers, NY). Come visit the PMH booth to try your hand at all kinds of

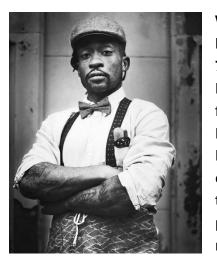
historical games, plus visit other booths, an interactive circus show, music, games, giveaways, and more! (No Story Time this month.) Learn more at <u>www.philipsemanorhall.com/programs-and-events</u>.



Sundays, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 2025 Morning Hatha Yoga 10:30 AM | \$18/person

Join us for this Sunday morning Hatha yoga series at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site! The beautiful sunlit Gothic Chamber is the perfect place for a morning yoga class. This open level class is for everyone - from beginners to long-time practitioners. Within the structure of the class and

the instructor's skillful guidelines, you will work at your own pace and level, and modifications will be offered. You will leave having worked your body, calmed your mind and opened your heart. Learn more and register at www.philipsemanorhall.com/programs-and-events.



Wednesday, June 11, 2025 Lecture: The World as an Oyster: Black Oystermen in New York 7:00 PM | online via WebEx | Free!

Did you know oysters were once a major source of food for New Yorkers from time immemorial? Join Ben "Moody" Harney, founder of The Real Mother Shuckers oyster cart in Brooklyn as he shares his research into New York's deep connections to oysters, from pre-contact Indigenous communities to entrepreneurial Black oystermen like Thomas Downing – the Oyster King of New York City. This program is free and open to the public, but registration is required for virtual access. Learn more and register at www.philipsemanorhall.com/programs-and-events.



Saturday, June 14, 2025 Yonkers Pride Festival 1:00 PM – 7:00 PM | Free!

Come visit the PMH booth at Yonkers Pride! Enjoy live music, vendors, food, and fun. Learn more at <u>www.yonkerspride.org</u>.



Saturday, June 14, 2025 The Golden Cockerel: A Musical & Dramatic Performance 4:00 PM | in-person at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site | Tickets start at \$35

Based on Washington Irving's interpretation of Alexander Pushkin's classic fable and set to Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov's vibrant and dynamic score, "The Golden Cockerel" blends satire, fantasy, and political

commentary. This groundbreaking production brought the tale to life through a bold fusion of drama and operatic music, under the visionary direction of Grammy-nominated opera bass Mikhail Svetlov. Join us for this stunning performance, with optional wine & cheese reception to follow. Sponsored by the Friends of Philipse Manor Hall. Tickets and more information available at

https://friendsofphilipsemanorhall.org/event/the-golden-cockerel/





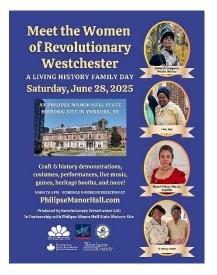
Thursday, June 19, 2025 Juneteenth – Museum Open 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM | \$3-6/person

Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site will be OPEN on Juneteenth, regular hours. Stop by to learn about the history of slavery and abolition in New York State.

Saturday, June 21, 2025 Yonkers Black History Walking Tour 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM | in-person at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site

In honor of Juneteenth, explore 400 years of African and African-descended people in downtown Yonkers. This 2.5 mile urban hike will visit historic churches, the waterfront's Enslaved African Rain Garden, and the sites of

early Black landowners in Yonkers, and discuss Yonkers connections to the American Revolution, Underground Railroad, Civil War, Civil Rights movement, and more. To register, email <u>philipsemanorhall@parks.ny.gov</u> or call 914-965-4027.



Saturday, June 28, 2025 Meet the Women of Revolutionary Westchester

12:00 PM – 5:00 PM | in-person at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site | Free!

Join us for this special outdoor living history family day. Interact with the women of revolutionary Westchester, from those doing ordinary tasks like spinning, weaving and cooking, to camp followers caring for the troops with herbal medicines, to women who joined the military in disguise. In the outdoor tent experience the performances of Peggy Shippen who was married to traitor Benedict Arnold, wealthy loyalist Mary Philipse, an enslaved and then manumitted woman named Liss, and Phoebe Ward who was a mother caught between two armies. History At Play's award-

winning performance, A Revolution of her Own! explores the life of Continental soldier Deborah Sampson. Learn more from area cultural and heritage organizations highlighting the histories of diverse women with connections to revolutionary Westchester County. Enjoy live period music, dancing, 18th century hands-on crafting and demonstrations, period games, and more as you mingle and converse with the costumed performers. In partnership with Revolutionary Westchester 250 and Westchester County. Learn more at <u>https://www.philipsemanorhall.com/programs-and-events/women-ofrevolutionary-westchester</u>

JOHN JAY HOMESTEAD STATE HISTORIC SITE // 914.232.5651

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John Jay Homestead Farm Market Saturdays May-October, 9:00am to 2:00pm

Join Friends of John Jay Homestead in Katonah Village at 190 Katonah Ave in Lot #2 for the 15th annual Farm Market season. This market is a weekly outdoor, certified market which provides the finest New York-grown, fresh and seasonal fruits and vegetables, seafood, breads, specialty items and more. Every Saturday, customers can expect to find certified organic and biodynamic produce, ethically-raised, organic meat and eggs, as well as a wide variety of artisan food items with dozens of weekly vendors and live music. Members Only First Pick 9:00am to 9:30am. Learn more about the Farm Market and join the newsletter to keep up with which vendors will be in attendance each week at https://bit.ly/farmmarketjjh

OLD CROTON AQUEDUCT // 914.693.5259

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Sunday, June 8, 2:00 PM. Ossining Weir Tour

After a brief walk, descend into the Weir in Ossining and explore the original 1842 brick water tunnel and learn its history: the engineering, the people and its impact! Free, easy, 2-hour tour. Meet at the front (upper level/south side) of the Joseph Caputo Center, which is located at 95 Broadway, Ossining, NY 10562, just west of Rte. 9/Highland Ave. at the

junction of Croton Ave. (Rte. 133 (from Metro-North Ossining Train Station by taxi or 15-minute uphill walk/parking lots nearby). Walk may be rescheduled if weather does not cooperate. Required: pre-registration: <u>https://aqueduct.org/event/?id=323</u> **2:00 PM | Location: Ossining | Free | Ages: All Ages**

RiverArts Saturday, June 14, 11:00 AM. 10th Annual RiverArts Music Tour

From Yonkers to Sleepy Hollow, over 75 shows from various genres will fill backyards, gardens, village businesses, churches, community centers and open green spaces on the banks of the Hudson River for the 10th annual RiverArts Music Tour! Stop by the Keeper's House for hourly performances starting at 11:00AM before heading to the waterfront for the Main Stage performances! For more information, please go to https://riverarts.org/programs/music/riverarts-music-tour/

11:00am-6:00pm | Location: Keeper's House, Dobbs Ferry | Free | Ages: All Ages



Saturday, June 14, 10:00 AM. High Bridge (and more!) Tour

The Old Croton Aqueduct System brought the first consistent fresh water to New York City starting in the 1840's. On this tour, we will be able to enjoy the views, history and marvel at the engineering feat completed in 1848. Optional tours of the nearby High Bridge Chamber and Water Tower will be available that da as well as the 260-year-old Morris-Jumel Mansion

(Manhattan's oldest house) at the conclusion of the walk. This free, easy, 3 miles/hours tour (optional tours would add to time, if taken) will meet near the entrance to the Morris-Jumel Mansion, 65 Jumel Terrace, NYC. We will approach the Bridge via the Aqueduct Trailway, which leads from W. 158th x Edgecombe Avenue to the High Bridge. The walk from the Mansion to the High Bridge and back is on flat terrain. The tour may be rescheduled if weather does not cooperate. Required: preregistration. https://aqueduct.org/event/?id=324

10:00 AM | Location: 65 Jumel Terrace, Entrance of Morris-Jumel Mansion | Free | Ages: All Ages



Friday, June 20, 10:30 AM. Dobbs Ferry Library Storytime

Join the Old Croton Aqueduct and the Dobbs Ferry Public Library for our monthly toddler storytime! Stop by the Keeper's House to read about a diverse range of trail topics before taking part in a small craft. Afterwards, we encourage you to take a stroll along the trail and enjoy the morning! 10:30 AM | Location: OCA Keeper's House, 15 Walnut Street, Dobbs Ferry | Free | Ages: Toddler



Saturday, June 21, 12:00 PM Musical Weir Performance and Tour: Celebrating Make Music Day in the Aqueduct

Celebrate Make Music Day with an acoustic concert in the Aqueduct Weir in Ossining. This free acoustic guitar and vocal performance inside the weir features the Mike Risko Band acoustic, with an optional weir tour to follow. Enjoy the cool air and good vibrations in an 1842 brick water tunnel

Meet at noon in front (upper level/south side) of the Joseph Caputo Community Center, which is located at 95 Broadway, Ossining, NY 10562, just west of Rte. 9/Highland Ave. at the junction of Croton Ave., Rte. 133 (from Metro-North Ossining Train Station by taxi or 15-minute uphill walk - parking lots nearby). After a short walk from the Center, we will arrive at the weir in time for a concert that begins at 12:30 pm. Required: pre-registration: <u>https://aqueduct.org/event/?id=325</u>

12:00 PM | Location: Ossining | Free | Ages: All Ages



Friday, June 27, 8:30 PM.

Movies on the Trail: Super Mario Brothers

Movies on the Trail series continues with everyone's favorite plumbers, *The Super Mario Brothers*. From Brooklyn to the Mushroom Kingdom, Mario and Luigi are sent on a wild adventure to stop Bowser! With help from Peach, Donkey Kong and Toad, will the brothers save the day or will Bowser kidnap Peach for a royal wedding? All movies are shown on the east lawn of the Keeper's house and is free of charge! Patrons are encouraged to bring their own refreshments and a chair or blanket to lay on.

8:30pm-10:30pm | Location: OCA Keeper's House, 15 Walnut Street, Dobbs Ferry | Free | Ages: All Ages



Saturday, June 28, 10:00 AM. Croton Dam Hike.

Enjoy a free, easy, 2 miles/2 hours (total) loop hike north along the Aqueduct and atop the beautiful Croton Dam. The leader of the hike will discuss the history and construction of the Old Croton Aqueduct and the features of the Croton Dam, the trailhead of the Old Croton Aqueduct Trail. The Aqueduct was completed in 1842 to supply fresh water to a thirsty New York City. Note: Meet near the restrooms at the rear (south end) of the parking lot at Croton Gorge Park, Rte. 129, Cortlandt, NY. 10567, GPS Coordinates: 41°13' 20.46" N -73°51'12.59" W. \$10 parking fee/car from May - Labor Day (From Metro-North Hudson Line Croton-Harmon Train Station: 15-minute taxi.) Walk may be rescheduled if weather does not

cooperate. Required: pre-registration: <u>https://aqueduct.org/event/?id=326</u> 10:00 AM | Location: Croton Dam | Free, but parking is \$10 | Ages: All Ages



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JAY HERITAGE CENTER // 914.698.9275 210 Boston Post Rd, Rye, NY 10580



Historic and Award Winning Garden Tours; Ongoing Thursdays 10-2pm; Thursdays 10-5pm

Spend some time exploring our three garden rooms and learn more about how the Jay property was used over the years. Tours provided.



Honoring Our Ancestors- The Three Sisters

Garden workshop Honoring Our Ancestors – Three Sisters Planting, June 1 from 3-4p.

Open to all audiences. Storytelling and workshop. Children all ages. Family-friendly activities

"At the height of the summer, when the days are long and bright, and the thunderers come to soak the ground, the lessons of reciprocity are written *clearly in a Three Sisters Garden.*" (Robin Kimmerer, in *Braiding Sweetgrass*). Learn the way First Peoples understood and connected with their environment by cultivating the land using companion planting. Other companion planting techniques will be shared. Visit our website (www.jayheritagecenter.org) for more information.



Summer Loving Crops workshop June 2 from 3-4pm.

Open to all audiences. Children-friendly activities The second (or third) spring crop is harvested around this time of the year and reminds us that it is time to transition into summer crops. Tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, and cucurbits should go in. Learn ways to plan your garden crops yearly, make the most of your garden space and take some

useful tips home with this hands-on practice workshop. Visit our website (<u>www.jayheritagecenter.org</u>) for more information.

In the event of rain this workshop may be cancelled or rescheduled.



Native Protection/Invasive Species Education Workshop June 8 from 9:30-12pm

In the spirit of New York Invasive Species Awareness Week (NYISAW), which is June 3-9th, and in collaboration with the Lower Hudson Partnership for Regional Invasive Species Management (LH PRISM) and their ISF crew, Ryan McClean will be leading this hands-on practice

workshop designed to understand the importance of native species protection, through invasive species education and control. Please be aware that poison ivy, ticks and other insects may be present in the area as we will be working off-path. Visit our website (<u>www.jayheritagecenter.org</u>) for more information. *In the event of rain this workshop may be cancelled or rescheduled*.

Workshop "Fourteen years with LH PRISM, fourteen Invasives: Black Jetbead".

June 15 from 9:30-12pm

Open to young adults, adults

This year 2025 represents a 14-year mark and important cornerstone regarding JHC's work on environmental conservation. To celebrate this important cornerstone, along with our partnership with LH PRISM, we are setting a new goal for this year: "Fourteen years, fourteen invasives" where 14 invasive species management projects will be built into 14 workshops in the JHC's programming, as part of our Native Protection Series. Hands-on practice workshop. Please bring long pants, sunscreen and bug spray, water and snacks. Work gloves will be provided. Visit our website (www.jayheritagecenter.org) for more information.

In the event of rain this workshop may be cancelled or rescheduled.

ROCKEFELLER STATE PARK PRESERVE // 914.631.1470

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Rockefeller is a designated State Park Preserve. A Park Preserve is a protected area of importance for flora, fauna, or features of geological or other special interest, which is reserved and managed for conservation purposes. We are recognized as an Important Bird Area by the National Audubon Society and have a diverse population of animal residents. We are also part of the Old Growth Forest Network and are home to a number of rare and protected plants. We welcome passive recreation such as walking, jogging, photography or wildlife viewing but please leave the picnic and park games at home. Thank you!

Rockefeller continued...



Wildflower Walk 🛃 June 1 (Sun) from 10 am – 12 pm

Join botanist, Devon Cummings, for a leisurely walk around Swan Lake. Learn about the identification of Spring wildflowers! We'll catch some Spring ephemerals as well as early summer blooms. We'll also talk about using iNaturalist and Seek, contributing to the scientific community. Please be aware this is a 1.11 mile walk, mostly flat surface. Max: 12 people. **Cost: \$4**. **Parking: \$6 per vehicle**. *Photo courtesy of John McShane*. <u>RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events</u>



Postural Therapy: Living Comfortably June 3 (Tue) from 9 – 10 am

Start your day with movement! Get energized in this virtual session with postural therapist, Joey Zimet, and learn exercises to improve posture and function. The class will incorporate unique standing, sitting, and floor exercises that are gentle and easily adapted to fit your needs. These methods are well-studied and based upon neuroscience, biomechanics, the myofascial system, and other variables. Treat yourself to some maintenance and self-

care! Cost: FREE. Registered participants will receive a Zoom link to join.

RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events



Sunset Yoga at Rockwood Tuesdays from 6 – 7 pm (June 3, 10, 17, 24)

Relieve stress and explore the connection between breath and movement with instructor, Shivani Singh, as the sun sets over the Hudson with views of the Tappan Zee bridge and NYC in the distance. Appropriate for all levels of experience, ages 18+.

Cost: \$6/class. Photo courtesy of Kim Fendrich. RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events



Rockwood Ramble 10K June 7 (Sat) from 9 – 11 am

Starting and finishing at historic Rockwood Hall, the Friends of Rockefeller State Park Preserve's annual Rockwood Ramble 10K race is a favorite. Scenic Hudson River views greet runners before the course veers into the woods. The wide carriage roads provide the perfect setting for experienced trail runners and first-timers alike. All proceeds benefit carriage road maintenance. *Photo courtesy of Joe Golden*.

Register at: Rockwood Ramble 10k — Friends of the Rockefeller State Park



Plein Air Painting 💰

June 7 (Sat) and June 14 (Sun) from 9 – 11:30 am

Experience nature through painting! Learn the watercolor technique under the guidance of award-winning artist, Anne Johann, as you absorb the beauty of the landscape before you. You may bring your own supplies if you have them; if not, supplies will be provided. **Cost: \$8. Parking: \$6 per vehicle.** Max: 10 people. <u>RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events</u> *Photo courtesy of Heidi Fuhrman*.

Rockefeller continued...



Bird Photography Workshop June 7 (Sat) and June 8 (Sun) from 1 – 3 pm

2 separate workshops (June 8th will be a repeat of the June 7th workshop) Learn the best techniques for photographing birds and other wildlife and explore some of the best locations to shoot with photographer, Bill Golden. The timing should be just right to capture the cedar waxwings enjoying serviceberries in the courtyard. We'll begin with an instructional presentation in the art gallery, followed by a walk through the Preserve to put your newfound skills to the test.

Cost: \$4. Parking: \$6 per vehicle. Max: 20 people. Photo courtesy of Bill Golden. RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events



Full Moon Hike: "Strawberry Moon" June 10 (Tue) from 8 - 10 pm Tickets available May 19 at 10 am

Experience the Preserve after dark! Join Shayla, Hailey, and Dave for a 4mile hike on carriage roads lit by moonlight. We walk at a brisk pace and there will be hills; some hiking experience is recommended. Leashed dogs are welcome. Max: 40 people. Cost: \$4 RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events



Sound Healing 🛃

June 11 (Wed) from 4 – 5 pm & 5:30 – 6:30 pm Tickets available on May 21 at 10 am

Join Dayna Gralla for a therapeutic and restorative sound healing experience. Envelop yourself in the sounds of crystal singing bowls, chimes, and a variety of soothing instruments as you allow your mind to drift from an active state to a relaxed and meditative state. Ages 10+. Max: 20 per session. Photo courtesy of Kim Fendrich. Cost: \$8. Parking: \$6 per vehicle until 4:30 pm. RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events



Birdwatching with the Saw Mill River Audubon Society Dawn Chorus: June 12 (Thu) from 5 am - 7 am June 21 (Sat) & June 23 (Mon) from 7 am – 9 am Get to know our feathered residents and experience the "dawn chorus" during the peek breeding song with an expert from the Saw Mill River Audubon. Great for all levels of birding experience, beginners welcome! Binocular loans available upon request. Ages 8+. Max: 25 people. Cost: FREE. Parking: \$6 per vehicle. NYS Residents over 62 park for free on weekdays. Photo courtesy of Todd Cameron.

Please register at: <u>sawmillriveraudubon.org/register-trips/</u>



Hike with Mike: Swan Lake—Overlook to Lakeside June 14 (Sat) from 9 am – 12 pm

This three-mile, two-hour (depending on weather) hike will offer you views of Swan Lake from the surrounding hillsides as well as from the trails encircling the lake. Our initial lake vista will be from the Overlook Trail with the final view emerging as we exit the Brook Trail. You'll want to come back for our fall foliage spectacular. The hike starts promptly at 9:00 in the Visitor Center courtyard. Leased dogs are welcome. Photo courtesy of Shayla Schott. Max: 20 people. Cost: FREE. Parking: \$6 per vehicle. Registration required. RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/event



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Friends of RSPP Gala June 14 (Sat) from 6 – 10 pm

Join us for dinner and cocktails at The Playhouse on the Rockefeller Estate to celebrate the Friends' ongoing endeavors to protect and maintain the Preserve. Funds raised by the event will go towards the revitalization of Rockwood Hall including amenities for the public and a designated entry in keeping with the location's history and landscaping. The honoree for the evening will be NYS Senate President Pro Tem & Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins who will be receiving the John D. Rockefeller Park Preservation Award for her tremendous work in supporting parks

throughout the state. *Photo courtesy of Liflander Photography*. <u>Friends Gala — Friends of the Rockefeller State Park</u>



Firefly Walk!

June 18 (Wed) from 8 – 9:30 pm Tickets available on May 18 at 10 am

The fireflies are out en masse and they put on a spectacular show this time of year! We'll set out just before sunset and meander through open meadows as the fireflies awaken from their slumber and begin to display their love language. **Meet in the Visitor's Center courtyard**. The hike will be about 4 miles, leashed dogs are welcome. Max: 40 people. **Cost: \$4. Parking: \$6 per vehicle.** <u>RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events</u>



Summer Solstice Forest Bathing & Sound Healing June 21 (Sat) from 10 am - 12:30 pm Tickets available on May 20 at 10 am

Celebrate the summer solstice during this special event co-hosted by certified **forest therapist, Cindy Olsen**, and **sound healer, Dayna Gralla**. Enjoy a mindful stroll in the woods and connect with nature through sensory exploration inspired by the Japanese practice of Shinrin-yoku, "forest bathing". This journey will lead you to the Glacial Erratic for a restorative sound healing experience where crystal singing bowls, chimes, and a variety of soothing instruments will guide your meditation. Finish with herbal tea

under the trees as you take a moment to reflect. The walk is 1 mile round trip. No dogs please. *Photo courtesy of Briana Codella*. Max: 30 people. Ages 18+. **Cost: \$8. Parking: \$6 per vehicle.** <u>RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events</u>



Intro to iNaturalist 💰

June 24 (Tue) from 11 am – 1 pm

Learn how to create and contribute observations for the global scientific community by using iNaturalist. In this workshop, we'll explore both the website and smartphone app of iNaturalist —a community-based education and science organization for those curious about nature, interested in improving their familiarity of local organisms and sharpening their identification skills. Part of this class will be inside and part outside

on the grounds. Photography is an important element when creating these natural observations. Receive first-hand practice as we walk through RSPP and learn how to take clear, concise photographs that optimize your subject. This class will also briefly cover SEEK, an app that uses the iNaturalist database but does not require you to make an account. **Cost: \$4. Parking: \$6 per vehicle.** <u>RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events</u>



Sensory Stroll: Awaken Your Senses June 27 (Fri) from 9 am – 10:30 am

Awaken your senses and tune in to nature in this embodied experience with Linda Parker. You'll be amazed at what you notice when you home in on one sense at a time. Take this opportunity to quiet your mind and connect with the forest on a deeper level. Max: 15 people. **Cost: \$4. Parking: \$6 per vehicle**; NYS residents over 62 park free on weekdays. *Photo courtesy of Kim Fendrich*. <u>RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events</u>



Habitat Restoration at Pocantico June 29 (Sun) from 10 am – 1 pm

Come join RSPPs Stewardship Team to restore native habitats! We will be removing invasive species, and planting native trees in their place. Please wear sun protection, bring water to drink, and wear comfortable closedtoed shoes. Long pants tucked into your socks are recommended to prevent exposure to ticks and poison ivy. Shovels and gloves will be provided. **Please enter at 25 Sleepy Hollow Rd, Sleepy Hollow, NY**

10591. Do NOT go to the main park entrance. You will be directed to off-street parking from there. In case of bad weather, you will be notified by 5 pm the day prior. **Max: 20 people. Registration required.** RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events

DATE	EVENT NAME	NY STATE PARK
June 7	Rockwood Ramble 10K	Rockefeller
Sept. 7	Parkinson's Awareness	Walkway Over the Hudson
Sept.13	Brain Injury Walk	Walkway Over the Hudson
Sept. 14	Marathon	Walkway Over the Hudson
Sept. 14	Premier Cares	Walkway Over the Hudson
Sept. 21	St. Christopher's	Walkway Over the Hudson
Sept. 21	Leslie Grace 5K	FDR
Oct. 4	Rocky's 5K	Rockefeller
Oct.5	Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Walk	James Baird
Oct. 5	Support-a-Walk Breast & Ovarian Cancer	FDR
Oct. 26	Huntington's	Walkway Over the Hudson
Oct. 17	Westchester Walk Like MADD	FDR
Oct. 19	Alzheimer's	Walkway Over the Hudson
Oct. 18	ALS	Walkway Over the Hudson
Nov. 8	Sarcoma Strong 5K	FDR
Nov. 8	Pocantico Marathon & Half Marathon	Rockefeller

SAVE THE DATE! Charity Walks, Marathons and more!

Featured Trail of the Month





Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park: Crom Pond Trail 2957 Crompond Road, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598

Distance: 0.86 miles (1.72 out and back)

Difficulty Rating: Easy

Discover the natural beauty of Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park by exploring the scenic Crom Pond Trail. This tranquil path winds through serene woodlands and vibrant red maple-hardwood swamps, leading you to the peaceful shores of Crom Pond. Along the way, you can encounter a rich variety of native birds, mammals, and amphibians, as well as fish such as largemouth bass, yellow perch, and bluegill.

The trail features footbridges and boardwalks that cross gentle brooks, creating a truly enjoyable and immersive experience. Whether you're an avid birdwatcher, a casual runner, or simply seeking a quiet place to unwind, Crom Pond Trail offers something for everyone.

To begin your journey, park in the east lot next to the pool area and follow the white trail until it connects with Crom Pond Trail. As always, please remember to leave no trace—and enjoy your visit!

Trail Map: https://parks.ny.gov/documents/parks/FranklinDRooseveltTrailMap.pdf

NEW YORK STATE PARKS—TACONIC REGION FACILITY LOCATIONS & PHONE NUMBERS

Please contact the park/site for information regarding fees & availability



STATE PARKS

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STATE GOLF COURSES

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EDUCATION/NATURE CENTERS

Taconic Outdoor Education Center (TOEC) By Group Reservations Only Cold Spring (845) 265-3773 Norrie Point Environmental Center (DEC) Staatsburg (845) 889-4745

STATE HISTORIC PARKS

Old Croton Aqueduct Dobbs Ferry (Park Office) (914) 693-5259 Walkway Over the Hudson Highland/Poughkeepsie (845) 834-2867

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Bannerman Island Beacon, (845) 831-1001 Jay Heritage Center Rye, (914) 698-9275 Quiet Cove Riverfront Park Poughkeepsie (845) 298-4600











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