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MAY Highlights





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Tales of the Titanic May 18 & 25

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Preserve



Peony Celebration May 8

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Saturday, May 17

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Olana SHS



Third Thursday May 18

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LAKE TAGHKANIC STATE PARK // 518.851.3631

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I Love My Park Day Saturday, May 3, at 10am

Come show your park some love! I Love My Park Day is BACK at Lake Taghkanic on Saturday May 3rd! Come on out and help us clean up our pollinator garden, help plant some flowers around the park or help us

with some shoreline cleanup! Event starts at 10am!



Mid-Hudson Astronomical Association Monthly Star Party Fri., May 23 @ 8:00 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. Memorial Day. On the hour, 11:00am through 4:00pm

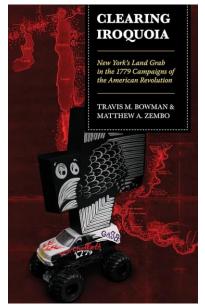
Mansion Tours

Come take a tour of the historic Clermont Mansion! Explore the legacies of the illustrious Livingston family and the untold histories of the enslaved and paid staff whose labor made life at the mansion

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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.**



Clearing Iroquoia:

Author Talk with Travis M. Bowman & Matthew A. Zembo Sunday, May 4, 2025 2:00 pm

Visitor Center, Free

Join authors Travis M. Bowman---the head of museum collections for the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation's Bureau of Historic Sites--and Matthew A. Zembo---associate professor of history and military history at Hudson Valley Community College and instructor of American history at Bard Early College---for a talk about their new book, Clearing Iroquoia: New York's Land Grab in the 1779 Campaigns of the American Revolution .

In 1778, George Washington, Philip Schuyler, army officers, and New York officials began planning invasions against Iroquoia, the homeland of the

Haudenosaunee and several other allied Indigenous nations. Bowman and Zembo's *Clearing Iroquoia* offers a fresh perspective on the Clinton-Sullivan campaign and hard truths about of the dispossession of the Haudenosaunee homeland and American colonialism.



Harvesting History Family Workshop: Seed Paper Saturday, May 10, 2025 11:00 am Visitor Center, Free

Have you ever wondered how paper is made? Join Harvesting History educators in making "Seed Paper" from scratch! Seed paper can be used as fancy paper for writing artful letters and scrapbooking or it can be planted in the ground and act as a great starting plant for your growing garden!

Just as gardening is a wonderful activity for all ages to participate in, this program is for everyone of all ages and skill levels.



The Livingston's Landscape Walking Tour: Uncovering the relationship the Livingstons had with the land and those living on it. Saturday, May 17, 2025 2pm

Meet at the Visitor Center Free

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.



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 May 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 250-acre 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.



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 https://www.olana.org/tour-category/school/



OLANA Webinar

Virtual offering - visit olana.org/webinars

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.

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I Love My Parks Day Saturday, May 3 | 1:00-4:00 PM

Join us for a day of stewardship, service, and fun at Olana State Historic Site and help make sure Frederic Church's artist-designed landscape is ready for another great season! This state-wide event brings together

OLANA Volunteers, The Olana Partnership's Staff, and our New York State Parks Team to help get our public lands and Frederic Church's vision ready for the Spring.

1:30-2:30 PM - FREE Special Landscape Tours and Activities

Kick off your day with optional free tours about the park's history or the plants and landscape at Olana. Join activities designed for the whole family.

2:30-4:00 PM - Volunteer Projects Led by Olana Staff

From 2:30-4:00 PM, join fellow volunteers to get Olana State Historic Site ready for the spring season. Sign up for activities will be available on a first come, first serve basis day-of.

Available projects may include: Park Cleanup & trash removal, Planting Flowers at Cosy Cottage, Indoor Classroom Cleanup at the Wagon House

If you have any questions, please reach out to education@olana.org.



25th Annual Frederic Church Awards Tuesday, May 13

Cocktails 6:30 PM | Dinner and Broadcast 8:00 PM

The Olana Partnership established the Frederic Church Award to honor individuals who, through their vision, commitment and grasp of creative trends, make extraordinary contributions to American art and culture.

Learn More



THIRD THURSDAY - May 15

Olana Partnership's Free Community Day at Olana State Historic Site, the Third Thursday of every month. Make a day of it! Join a FREE program happening in the Wagon House Education Center. Learn more below.

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 (518) 751-0344 or email tickets@olana.org.



THIRD THURSDAY – Spring Honey Tasting and Pollinator Talk Thursday, May 15 | 3:00-5:00 PM

Get a taste of spring! Join beekeeper Chris Layman of Fox Farm Apiary for a free honey tasting and discussion on local pollinators. Discover the fascinating world of pollinators, including the bees in Olana's own orchard. This program is FREE and takes place at the Frederic Church Center for Art & Landscape. Email education@olana.org to learn more.



THIRD THURSDAY – Bollywood Dancing Workshop and Performance Thursday, May 15 | 6:00-7:00 PM

Experience the energy of Bollywood dancing at Olana State Historic Site with instructor, Arobi Hanif! Learn moves to trendy and iconic Bollywood songs during this fun, beginner-friendly outdoor class at Olana and stick around for a special performance on the East Lawn outside the historic house. FREE; outside the historic house. For ages 12 and up; space is limited. Email education@olana.org to learn more.

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Alan Devoe Bird Club Spring Migration Bird Walk Saturday, May 17 | 8:00 -10:00 AM

Get your binoculars ready for this special spring migration bird walk at Olana State Historic Site! Join the Alan Devoe Bird Club and The Olana Partnership on an exploration of Olana's artist-designed landscape and learn more about visiting birds and the species that call this region home

during the peak of spring migration. Open to birders of all levels. This program will take place in the landscape along Olana's historic carriage roads.

FREE. **Advanced registration required.** For more information, please contact <u>education@olana.org</u> or call <u>(518) 567-2170</u>. <u>Register</u>

Image credit: Suzy Allman



Create and Cook: Family Cooking & Art Workshop Saturday, May 17 | 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

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 a Senegalese mango salad bursting with herbs, cherry tomatoes, and golden

mango and creating colorful art and food. 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. Register



Family Tour: A Closer Look Saturday, May 17 | 1:00-2:00 PM

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 1-4 PM.

Designed for families with children ages 3 and up. \$15 adults; children under 12 are free. Advanced registration required.

Please contact education@olana.org to learn more. Register



Artmaking in the Afternoon Saturday, May 17 | 1:00-4:00 PM

Inspired by your time at Olana or looking for family-friendly fun? Participate in free, drop-in artmaking in the Wagon House Education Center from 1-4 PM and learn more about Frederic Church's artist-designed home and studio on the Hudson.

This drop-in artmaking program is open to all ages and skill levels; all materials and warm beverages (coffee, tea, and hot chocolate) provided. FREE. No advanced registration required. Contact education@olana.org or call (518) 751-6938 for more info.

TACONIC STATE PARK // 518.329.3993



I Love My Park Day| Volunteer Day Free Event Saturday, May 3 @ 11am Meet at the Copake Falls Park Office



Bring your work gloves and water bottles as we support our Park. While we love Taconic State Park every day, we invite folks to join us in beautifying our Park. Participate in our landscaping, gardening, clean up projects and more on the day of. Registration not required but is encouraged. Scan the QR code or go to the below website to register today.

https://reg.resport.io/s/step1.jsp?r=5276705629405184



A Day for Birds Saturday, May 10 @ 10am-3pm Copake Falls | Day-Use Area Public Program | Free

Join us for a day in the Park with bird activities, crafts, education programs and a LIVE raptor show at 2pm. On this spring World Migratory Bird Day come learn about the I Bird NY Challenge, make a feathered friend craft, or chat with our park educator about how you can help birds. Check out our social media or call the Park Office for details on when activities are happening throughout the day. *Artwork by Anna Maria Savarino Drago*



Wonders of Water May 25 @ 11am-Noon Copake Falls | Day-Use All Are Welcome | Free

Ever wonder what is just under the surface? Why is the Ore Pit so cold and clear? What calls the water home? Can water be sticky? Get your answers to all of this and more while we explore the wonders of the Ore Pit with Taconic State Park Educator Haley. We'll get to see some of the critters that call the Park's water home and learn about their lives. Check with the office for other activities during the weekend.



Mandala Yoga Thursdays
May 29 @ 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 Dates: June 12 & 26, July 10

Check out Taconic State Park's social media or call the Park office for pop-up events throughout the month. On Memorial Day Weekend (24th-26th) we'll have small in park programs throughout the day.

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STAATSBURGH STATE HISTORIC SITE // 845.889.8851

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May 1 – 31: Thursday through Sunday and Memorial Day, Monday May 26 Mansion Tours

Guided mansion tours by advance reservation. See the magnificent Gilded Age home of Ruth Livingston Mills, decorated with its original furnishings.

Reservations required: https://Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS

Cost: \$10/Adults, \$8/Seniors & Students, Children 12 & under are free.





May 3: 10am – 2pm I Love My Park Day, Free

During this statewide volunteer event for NYS parks and historic sites, Staatsburgh seeks up to 25 volunteers to assist the site with some landscaping and grounds tasks, to prepare the site for the full warmweather season. We will be weeding and mulching around the mansion,

and gathering branches and debris in areas of the park. Volunteers receive event T shirts (while supplies last); a pizza lunch and complimentary mansion tour is offered by the Friends of Mills at Staatsburgh. People interested in registering for Staatsburgh's event can sign up at https://www.ptny.org/events/i-love-my-park-day



May 3: 11am. May 10 & 11: 2pm

The REAL Gilded Age: America's Elite in the Downton Abbey Era

This tour highlights the real-life characters and themes at Staatsburgh that parallel *Downton Abbey* and HBO's *The Gilded Age*. Led by a costumed interpreter, the tour shows how the Mills family and their servants conducted a busy weekend of high society entertaining, comparing Staatsburgh to what viewers saw on TV.

Reservations required: https://Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS

Cost: \$12/Adults, \$10/Seniors & Students, Children 12 & under are free



May 4 & 18: 9am

Birding Walk at Staatsburgh

Staatsburgh State Historic Site and the surrounding Mills-Norrie State Park possess a great variety of environments in close proximity, an ideal setting for birding. Experienced birders will enjoy a walk through several interesting environments, inexperienced birders will find encouragement and a helping hand, and newbies will be able to discuss equipment, apps,

and techniques. We will also be on the lookout for the many wildflowers that bloom in the park. Volunteer walk leader David Lund has been birding Mills-Norrie State Park daily for the last 35 years.

Cost: free. Reservations required: https://Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS



May 4: 2pm

Quiller Queens: A Floral Quilling and Card Making Workshop

Quilling is the art of creating designs using rolled, shaped, and glued paper. Just in time for Mother's Day, this 90-minute, instructor-led workshop will have you creating beautiful, floral filigree designs and cards fit for a queen. All materials, tools, and instruction are included. Light refreshments of tea and cookies will be served.

Tickets: https://staatsburghquilling.eventbrite.com

Cost: \$13 for Friends of Mills at Staatsburgh members and \$15 for non-

members.



May 10 & 17: 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. **Cost: free**

Reservations required: https://Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS



May 10: 3pm – 4pm

Child and Family Craft Program: Koinobori/Japanese Carp Windsocks

A Japanese tradition, the flying of carp or koi shaped kites are used to honor children on Children's Day in early May. Families fly kites as a symbol of their wishes for their children. A group of carp kites can be arranged in a certain way to symbolize the family. For this program, each

member of the family is encouraged to decorate their own carp windsock. All materials and instruction will be provided. This program will take place outdoors, weather permitting, with alternate indoor space if needed. Recommended for ages 4 and up. **Cost: \$5 per kite. Tickets: https://FOMAS.eventbrite.com**



May 17 & 24: 11am
Slavery, Segregation & Staatsburgh: From Black Service to White
Servants

In 1810, there were nine Black people enslaved on the Staatsburgh estate. In 1910, there were no recorded Black employees working inside Staatsburgh – with only one documented Black resident in the entire hamlet. What happened? Join Staatsburgh staff for a conversation about this transition from a Black presence at Staatsburgh during the early 19th century to an apparent absence during the Gilded Age. **Cost: free**

Reservations required: https://Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS



May 17, 24 & 31: 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. Reservations required: https://bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS

Cost: \$12/Adults, \$10/Seniors & Students, Children 12 & under are free



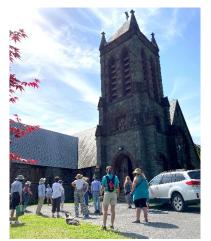
May 18 & 25: 2pm

Tales of the Titanic - Special Theme Tour

Mark the 113th anniversary of the sinking by embarking on this special 90-minute 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. Reservations required: https://Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS

Cost: \$12/Adults, \$10/Seniors & Students, Children 12 & under are free



May 24, 26 & 31: 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



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



BANNERMAN CASTLE TRUST // 845.831.1001

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May 1 - 31st - 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,

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/



Saturday, May 3 I Love My Park Day

If you would like to join us, please

contact: volunteer@bannermancastle.org

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Friday, May 16 Bannerman Island Movie Night

The BCT presents Alfred Hitchcock's "Notorious" starring Cary Grant and Ingrid Bergman. Take a sunset cruise and tour to Bannerman's Island and join us for the 1946 classic romantic thriller! For tickets

visit: https://bannermancastle.org/tours-events/bannerman-island-tour/



Sunday, May 18 Bannerman Castle Trust's Third Sunday Music Concert Series

The BCT proudly presents the Toland Brothers Band, Beacon's dynamic duo plays a versatile blend of rock, pop, classic 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/



Saturday, May 25 The BCT's presents:

Annual Titanic First Class Dinner Event. Designed by Chef Noah Sheetz, this dinner replicates the final 11 course meal that took place on the RMS Titanic on that fateful night. A wonderful "Gilded Age" event for those looking to experience a fabulous meal and a unique night of music and entertainment! (sold out). Bannerman Island Cruise & Walking Tour-Beacon, NY | Bannerman Castle



May Exhibitions Bannerman Island Gallery, 150 Main Street, Beacon, NY

Main Gallery – The Bannerman Castle Trust's 30th Anniversary Exhibition continues! Historic exhibition featuring artwork, photographs and artifacts from Bannerman Island and the Bannerman Family Collection and some works by contemporary artists. The exhibition focuses on the history of Bannerman's Island and the Bannerman Castle Trust's

development since 1994. West Wall Exhibition – Virginia Donovan (Paintings) and Mary Ann Glass (Photo-Mixed Media). Ongoing show features Hudson Valley Paintings & Photography. (Art Sales help support restoration and preservation projects on Bannerman's Island). Gallery Hours: Saturdays & Sundays, Noon – 5:00pm and weekdays by chance & appointment. 845-831-1001 www.bannermancastle.org



WALKWAY OVER THE HUDSON STATE HISTORIC PARK // 845.834.2867

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I Love My Park Day | Saturday, May 3 – 9 a.m - 12:30 p.m.

Join us in our effort to beautify the Walkway Over the Hudson!

Attendees young and old are welcome to participate. Participants will be weeding, pruning, mulching, and watering our beautification areas on either side of the Walkway. Perfect for all who like to see the fruits of their labor

blossom throughout the year. Thanks to our friends at the Millbrook and Dutchess/Orange Garden Clubs we will also have native pollinator plants for planting! Additional projects including trash clean up and painting may be offered as needed.

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Hudson Valley Marathon at Walkway Over the Hudson Sunday, May 4 - 5 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Alpha Win is proud to present the Hudson Valley Marathon at the Walkway Over the Hudson! With a breathtaking run over the Hudson River, you'll get to see beautiful views of the scenic and historic area from the Catskills all

the way to the Hudson Highlands. Just a short walk from the Metro North train station in Poughkeepsie, the Hudson Valley Marathon is the perfect weekend getaway, and now a Boston Marathon qualifier! For complete information, visit HudsonValleyMarathon.com.



Walkway Connections (For Kids): Native Plants & Pollinators Fri, May 9 - 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Come roll up your sleeves and get grounded with the Vassar College Environmental Cooperative on Friday, May 9 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the East Gate Plaza in Poughkeepsie! Learn how you can take action to support pollinators like butterflies and bees, right in your own backyard. Participants will learn all about native plants, decorate their own pot, and receive a seedling to take home (while supplies last). Walkway Connections events are free to attend. No RSVP required.



Walkway At Night: Lights Across The Hudson Friday, May 9 – 7-9:30 p.m.

Hudson Valley Hospice Foundation invites the community to join us for Lights Across the Hudson, a luminary event celebrating those we have lost. Join us for this spectacular tribute on Friday, May 9 from 7-9:30 p.m.

at Walkway Over the Hudson, which will shine brightly as thousands of glowing luminaries light the way in memory of loved ones. Featuring music, food, and inspirational readings. This event is FREE and open to all. Whether you're honoring a loved one or simply looking to be a part of this community remembrance, everyone is welcome to attend and share in the spirit of togetherness.



Pride In The Sky Saturday, May 17 - 4-10 p.m.

The Friends of the Walkway nonprofit organization, in partnership with Big Gay Hudson Valley, will host the second annual Pride In The Sky in Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park on Saturday, May 17 from 6-10 p.m. Kick off Pride season by lighting up the Walkway in rainbow. Music, dancing,

community tables, a pet parade, and more. Free to attend and open to all. For complete details, visit BigGayHudsonValley.com.



Walkway Connections: Meet Sojourner Truth Sunday, May 18 - 2-3 p.m.

Angela Henry performs a portrayal of Sojourner Truth. As she brings to life this abolitionist and fierce proponent of women's rights, Ms. Henry, in costume and as Sojourner Truth, draws on the speeches and correspondence of Truth to help us understand why Smithsonian magazine named her one of the "100

Most Significant Americans of All Time." This Walkway Connections event takes place at the Ulster Welcome Center (87 Haviland Road, Highland) on Sunday, May 18 from 2-3 p.m. It is suitable for guests for all ages.



Mayfest Farmers and Makers Market May 24-26 - 12-5 p.m.

The Mayfest Farmers and Makers Market brings a curated selection of the Hudson Valley's finest producers – farms, distilleries, breweries, wineries,

restaurants, artists, artisans, and more – to its new location in Waryas Park in Poughkeepsie on Saturday, May 24, Sunday, May 25, and Monday, May 26 from 12-5 p.m. Just as in past years, more than 190 vendors will exhibit their wares for purchase, with many agribusinesses offering free samples or tastings. For complete information, visit walkway.org/mayfest.

General admission to Mayfest is \$5, with entry valid for any day. Admission includes full access to all

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vendors, samplings of wine, beer, and spirits from more than 30 area purveyors, a full day of live music and specialty performances, art installations, games and activities for kids, and much more. Walkway members and children under 12 are free. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Walkway nonprofit organization. To learn more about Walkway membership and to secure your complimentary Mayfest tickets, visit join.walkway.org.



Memorial Day Sunset Flag Changing Ceremony Sunday, May 25 - 7-8 p.m.

The American Legion Post 739 organize and present monthly Flag Changing Ceremonies on the Walkway to honor our region's veterans and their service to our country. These events are open to all who wish to attend. The most special flag changing ceremony takes place on Sunday, May 25 in honor of Memorial Day. Join veterans affairs leaders and local VFW

members for a moving sunset ceremony that also includes a four-gun salute, the playing of Taps, local artists performing God Bless America, and a carnation toss into the Hudson River. This special sunset ceremony begins promptly at 7:30 p.m. and lasts approximately 30 minutes.



FREE CONCERTS

Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park (Highland side) Wednesdays and Thursdays, 6-7pm

Back for Season 4, Twilight Music in the Parks showcases Hudson Valley musicians every Wednesday and Thursday night between Memorial Day and Labor Day. On Wednesdays, come listen to jazz, country, pop, Irish music and more from an eclectic mix of area artists.

Thursdays are dedicated to performances from members of the Hudson Valley Folk Guild.

Bring friends, family and lawn chairs for a fun, musical evening under the pavilion.



Wednesday, May 28: Callie Mackenzie is a Kingston, NY based social change worker, musician and multidisciplinary artist. Living at the intersections of art & social justice, she uses the practice of creating art as medicine and works to create liberatory and joyful spaces for growth and healing rooted in love. Armed with a guitar, she brings the audience on a smooth, soulful and sometimes funky journey of deep feelings about oppression, freedom, love, heartbreak, and mental health.



Thursday, May 29: Storm King Skyline, *Kevin & Carol Becker, Rich Keyes, Ken & Linda Sheehan.* Start with deep roots in traditional folk music, add musical versatility, mix in both historical and contemporary themes, all seasoned with a healthy dose of good-natured humor, then enjoy a performance by Storm King Skyline. Storm King Skyline has developed a

unique sound that combines breathtaking vocals, instrumental dexterity, and a synergy that comes only from an intimate knowledge of each other's talents. Their repertoire ranges from historical ballads to songs of social significance and from traditional folk songs to the original songs of the band members. Storm King Skyline has an easy manner and relaxed stage presence which encourages audience participation and contributes to their entertaining performances.

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NAMI - Step into Hope! NAMI Mid-Hudson Walk for Mental Health 2025! May 31, Event starts at 9AM, Walk starts at 11AM.

NAMI Mid-Hudson is hosting a walk across the Walkway Over the Hudson to recognize May as Mental Health Awareness Month and to provide information about local mental health resources. This year, we are excited to bring together individuals, families, and organizations to raise awareness, foster community support, and promote mental wellness.

Each May, NAMI Mid-Hudson joins the national movement to fight stigma, provide support, educate the public, and advocate for a more equitable mental health system. Mental Health is an essential part of overall well-being, and through this walk, we encourage open conversations about mental health while connecting people with valuable resources.

Join us as we walk to support mental health for all! Let's take this step together- because there is no physical health without mental health.

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I Love My Park Day at Hubbard Lodge Saturday, May 3 @ 9:00 am – 12:00pm

Work with Friends of Fahnestock and Hudson Highlands State Parks and experienced gardeners from the Philipstown Garden Club to help rehabilitate the Ann Odell Butterfly Garden at Hubbard Lodge. There will be a range of activities for experienced gardeners and novices alike, including

potting perennial seedlings, spring cleanup of paths and beds, planting annuals that attract butterflies, and continued preparation of existing overgrown beds. We will have some gardening tools, but please bring your own if you have them. We recommend long sleeves, long pants, sun hat, and covered shoes (encountering poison ivy is possible). Recommended for ages 13+. Please bring a refillable water bottle, your enthusiasm, and muscle for a wonderful day outdoors.



LITTLE STONY POINT CITIZENS ASSOCIATION AT HUDSON HIGHLANDS 3011 Route 9D, Cold Spring, NY 10516

NATURE

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I Love My Park Day at Little Stony Point Saturday, May 3 @ 9:30 am – 12:00pm

Little Stony Point Citizens Association is a proud participant in I Love My Park Day. Help make this Hudson River Coast Line the most pristine and welcoming in the lower Hudson Valley. We will be planting trees, picking up

litter on the beaches and doing trail maintenance around Little Stony Point. T-shirts will be available to volunteers. Ideal event for teens, families, corporate volunteers and scout groups. If you are bringing a large group please let us know at info@Littlestonypoint.org --Thank you! FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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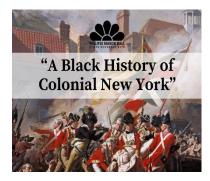
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Did you know? Philipse Manor Hall is open year-round! Explore the museum on your own or take a guided tour. Free scavenger hunts for kids! Museum open Wednesday-Sunday, 10 am to 5 pm.



May 1-June 22, 2025

Exhibition: A Black History of Colonial New York

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, May 3, 2025 PMH & Historical Games at Healthy Kids Day 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM | in-person at JFK Marina | Free!

Philipse Manor Hall will be bringing Historical Games to the YMCA of Yonkers Healthy Kids Day at JFK Marina in Yonkers. Come visit the PMH booth to try your hand at all kinds of historical games, plus visit other

booths, enjoy rides, music, face painting, and more! (No Story Time this month.) Learn more at www.philipsemanorhall.com/programs-and-events.



Sundays, May 4, 11, 18, 25, 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.



Saturday, May 10, 2025 Pinkster Jubilee 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM | Free!

Celebrate the Afro-Dutch holiday of Pinkster, a festival of spring, family, culture, and resistance with live music, dance, games, crafts, food, vendors, history, & more! Free for everyone. Pinkster is the Dutch name for Pentecost, a religious holiday and celebration of spring where people took time to travel and visit family. In the New Netherland Colony, Pinkster was transformed into a unique Afro-Dutch celebration - a week of temporary freedom for enslaved people. Able to travel, earn money, and gather in

groups, Pinkster allowed enslaved people to take a break from their endless work, see separated family members, preserve and pass on culture to the next generation, and resist enslavement. Celebrate African culture in America and New York's unique history! See full schedule and learn more at https://www.philipsemanorhall.com/programs-and-events/pinkster-jubilee-2025



Wednesday, May 14, 2025 Lecture: "The Great Plot: Burning Manhattan" 7:00 PM | online via WebEx | Free!

In May, 1741, two enslaved men, Kofi and Qwaku, were tried by the New York Supreme Court. Both men were accused of "wickedly, voluntarily, feloniously and maliciously conspiring, combining, and confederating...with divers other Negroes, to kill and murder inhabitants of this city..." We may be more familiar with other large scale slave insurrections such as Nat Turner's in Virginia, or the Stono Rebellion in

South Carolina, or the Haitian Revolution, or the events surrounding the Amistad. However, decades before the American Revolution, New York City was the epicenter of two rebellions. Join historian and Philipse Manor Hall's Site Director, Michael Lord as he discusses the Great Plot of 1741 and how the City's enslaved community was able to plan and coordinate such a large and dangerous conspiracy. This program is free, but registration is required. Learn more and register at www.philipsemanorhall.com/programs-and-events.



Saturday, May 17, 2025 and Sunday, May 18, 2025 Yonkers Arts Weekend at PMH 10:30 AM – 5:00 PM | Free!

Join us as we celebrate Yonkers Arts Weekend with special walking tours, architectural history tours of the manor hall, games, and art and craft

programs! Full details and registration information at <u>www.philipsemanorhall.com/programs-and-events</u>.



Saturday, May 24, 2025 Yonkers Waterfront Walking Tour 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM In-person at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site

Why was Philipse Manor Hall built where it was? Why did the Munsee have a village in downtown Yonkers for thousands of years? How did the Yonkers waterfront change over time? Learn the answers to these questions and

more as you explore the daylighted Saw Mill River and Yonkers' Hudson River waterfront. \$6 for adults, \$3 for seniors and students. Tickets include museum admission. To register, email philipsemanorhall@parks.ny.gov or call 914-965-4027.



JOHN JAY HOMESTEAD STATE HISTORIC SITE // 914.232.5651

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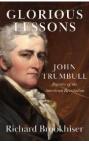
John Jay Homestead Farm Market, Opening Day May 3

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Your favorite vendors in a new location! While the Homestead is undergoing important restoration, the 15th season of the Farm Market will be held in downtown Katonah Village, in Lot 2 behind Plank Katonah. Purchase locally produced healthy food and support local, sustainable agriculture. Rain or shine. The Farm Market runs each Saturday from May

through October. Members Only First Pick: 9:00am to 9:30am.





Lecture with Richard Brookhiser on Glorious Lessons: John Trumbull, Painter of the American Revolution Hosted by Friends of John Jay Homestead Tuesday, May 6 at 7:00pm at Bedford Playhouse

John Trumbull saw the American Revolution firsthand, including being shot at and jailed as a spy. He was seen by his contemporaries as a painter, but he thought of himself as a historian, wanting "to preserve and diffuse the

memory of the noblest series of actions which have ever presented themselves in the history of man." He knew John Jay well, having served as his secretary during the negotiations of the Jay Treaty, and he painted the only portrait in the Homestead's collection that Jay actually sat for (the rest are copies). Brookhiser is author also of several renowned biographies of Founders — Marshall, Madison, Washington, Morris, Lincoln too — and has written and published widely, including serving as a senior editor at National Review. He was awarded the National Humanities Medal in 2008 by President George W Bush. Learn more and purchase tickets at https://johnjayhomestead.org/events-calendar/lecture-with-richard-brookhiser/



Annual Meeting of Friends of John Jay Homestead Tuesday, May 20 at 7:00pm

Members are invited to join Friends of John Jay Homestead for a year in review and look ahead at the exciting year to come. Guest speaker TBA.

Space is limited, please RSVP to friends@johnjayhomestead.org



On the Farm Saturday, May 31 at 6:30pm

Friends of John Jay Homestead invite you to join us for an intimate evening under the stars at Purdy's Farmer & the Fish (100 Titicus Road, North Salem, NY). Guests will enjoy a strolling cocktail hour and farm tour through the greenhouse and terrace gardens, before sitting down to a

curated four course farm-to-table tasting menu on the farm terrace overlooking the fields. Learn more and purchase tickets at https://johnjayhomestead.org/events-calendar/on-the-farm-2025/

OLD CROTON AQUEDUCT // 914.693.5259

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Saturday, May 3rd. 10:00 AM. 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: https://aqueduct.org/event/?id=307

10:00 AM | Location: Ossining | Free | Ages: All Ages

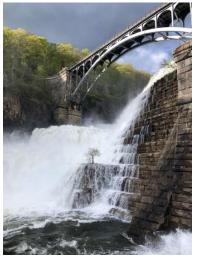


Saturday, May 3rd. 10:00 AM. I Love My Park Day

The Friends of the Old Croton Aqueduct is hosting three I Love My Park Day events in collaboration with Parks & Trails NY on the Old Croton Aqueduct Trail, all on May 3rd with the rain date of May 4th.

The three locations are: Croton-on-Hudson, Irvington, and Yonkers. They are all designed to tend the Aqueduct Trail and all will involve removal of

invasive species to make room for native plants, and will also include trash removal. Registration is recommended and is now live; volunteers can register for their chosen event via the website of the Friends of the OCA using this easily accessible link: https://aqueduct.org/ILMPD.



Sunday, May 4th. 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: https://aqueduct.org/event/?id=308 10:00 AM | Location: Croton Dam | Free, but parking is \$10 | Ages: All Ages



Monday, May 5th. 1:00 PM The Aqueduct in Central Park Walk

Uncover hidden clues to the Aqueduct in Central Park and discover links between the Aqueduct's presence and the park's design. Meet in front of the Central Park Tennis House in Central Park. From the southeast corner of

96th St. and Central Park West, walk east in the park until you see the tennis courts on your left. Walk around the tennis courts to the tennis house. (Locate the tennis house on Google Maps.) We will end the walk at Central Park West and W. 81st Street. Public restrooms are available at the beginning of the walk. For this 90-minute walk, wear comfortable shoes and bring water. Walk will be cancelled if weather does not cooperate. Required: pre-registration: https://aqueduct.org/event/?id=312 1:00 PM | Location: Central Park Tennis House | Free | Ages: All Ages



Saturday, May 10th. 10:00 AM

Divided Loyalties - Revolutionary War on the Aqueduct: Irvington

The Old Croton Aqueduct between Irvington and South Tarrytown crosses several colonial tenant farms impacted by the Revolutionary War. Walk and learn how the war divided neighbors and families into patriots or loyalists and everything in between. Discuss their lives in the dangerous, war-torn contested ground of Westchester County and how it shaped our area following its conclusion.

This free, two-hour tour is offered in partnership with Revolutionary Westchester 250, the Old Croton Aqueduct State Historic Park, and Friends of the Old Croton Aqueduct and will cover about 4 miles. Tour starts at the Mercy College parking lot next to the Smith Ball Field and will proceed north along the trail. This walk may be rescheduled due to bad weather.

To register, visit https://aqueduct.org/events

10:00 AM | Location: Bleachers next to OCA and Smith Field, Mercy College, Dobbs Ferry | Free | Ages: All Ages

Friday, May 16th. 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, May 17th. 10:00 AM 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: https://aqueduct.org/event/?id=309

10:00 AM | Location: Ossining | Free | Ages: All Ages



Saturday, May 24th, 10:00 AM Lenoir Nature Preserve to Untermyer Gardens Walk.

Join us for a 3 hour/3 mile walk along the Northwest section of Yonkers! We'll start at the Lenoir Nature Preserve before heading south from the Preserve for one mile along the Old Croton Aqueduct Trail to Untermyer Gardens. Learn the history of the Old Croton Aqueduct along the way

before we tour the exquisitely restored Untermyer Gardens, once among the most famous gardens in the world, eventually returning to the Lenoir Nature Preserve. Walk may be rescheduled if weather does not cooperate. Required: pre-registration: https://aqueduct.org/event/?id=311

10:00 AM | Location: Lenoir Preserve, Yonkers| Free| Ages: All Ages



Friday, May 30th, 8:30 PM. Movies on the Trail: Inside Out 2

Movies on the Trail series kicks off this year with Inside Out 2! All of Riley's familiar emotions are back to tackle on more adolescent problems, including new teams, new friends and new feelings. Will Joy be able to keep Riley positive during all the changes? Will the new emotions help or hurt Riley as she faces her challenges? 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: Keepers House, Dobbs Ferry | Free

Ages: All Ages

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I Love My Park Day, May 3 from 9a-12p

Volunteers may engage in different maintenance tasks to help with the upkeep of the Jay Estate grounds and/or historic gardens. Activities may include helping with invasive species control and removal, leaf raking, etc. Some of these activities may require some lightweight lifting. You will be outside so please dress accordingly. Please bring your own water bottle.

At the end of the event, we will have a soft ice cream truck on site for participants to enjoy free ice cream. Families are definitely welcome! Children 13 or younger must be accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times. Tools and gloves will be provided. No previous experience is needed.

Rain date: May 4 or TBD

Please email Lucia Maestro (hortdirector.jhc@gmail.com) for more information!



"Fourteen Years with LH PRISM, 14 Invasives: Canadian Thistle" Workshop

May 18 9.30a-noon

This year represents a 14-year mark and important cornerstone regarding JHC's work on environmental conservation. We are celebrating this important milestone by setting a new goal with our valuable partners, LH Prism. "Fourteen years, fourteen invasives" will focus on targeting 14 invasive species through management projects that will be built into 14 workshops in the JHC's programming, as part of our Native Protection Series.

Director of Horticulture Lucia Maestro will be leading this hands-on practice workshop series designed to understand the importance of native species protection, through invasive species education and control. Invasive species like multiflora rose, wineberry, mugwort, Japanese

knotweed, porcelain berry and Japanese honeysuckle will be targeted and removed by hand in several areas to protect other native species; learn how to properly identify and remove them. Bring long pants, sunscreen and bug spray, water and snacks. Work gloves will be provided. Please be aware that poison ivy, ticks and other insects may be present in the area as we will be working off-path. Open to young adults, adults.

In the event of rain this workshop may be cancelled or rescheduled. Please email Lucia Maestro (hortdirector.jhc@gmail.com) for more information!

Jay Heritage Center Garden Tours

Thursdays 10am-2pm; Sundays 10am-5pm (Closed Mother's Day; Memorial Day Weekend)

Please join us for informational tours of our gardens. Learn about the many families that have lived on the Jay Estate. Please visit our www.jayheritage.center.com for more information. All ages welcome!



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I Love My Park Day, May 3 from 9am-11am

FDRs ILMP day will be held at the pool area putting mulch in the flower beds from 9am-11am. Volunteers will park in the pool parking lot.



May 4

Steps2Cure NF is a series of community fundraising walks dedicated to raising awareness and support for those affected by neurofibromatosis (NF). These events bring together individuals, families, and teams in a shared mission to fund research, support programs, and advocacy efforts that make a difference in the lives of people living with NF. With each step,

participants help move closer to a world where NF no longer impacts lives.



May 17 SPCA Dog Walk and Pet Fair

Join us for the BEST dog event in Westchester County! The SPCA Dog Walk and Pet Fair takes place on Saturday, May 17th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at FDR State Park in Yorktown Heights

May 18 Lupus Awareness Fundraiser & Walk

The Net Works is hosting a Lupus Walk and fundraiser to bring more awareness to the disease.

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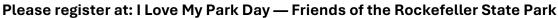
Rockefeller is a designated State Park Preserve. A Park Preserve is a protected area of importance for flora, fauna, or features of geological or other special interest, which is reserved and managed for conservation purposes. We are recognized as an Important Bird Area by the National Audubon Society 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!



I Love My Park Day Sat, May 3 from 9 am - 1 pm

Everyone's favorite day of volunteerism is back! The state-wide day of pitching in to help the parks is organized by Parks & Trails New York (PTNY) in partnership with the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and

Historic Preservation (OPRHP) and local Friends groups, to celebrate and enhance New York's parks and historic sites and bring visibility to the entire park system and its needs. This annual event is a volunteer opportunity for people of all ages to give back to our beloved Preserve. This spring, join Rockefeller State Park Preserve staff and the Friends of Rockefeller State Park Preserve to build up our Preserve and our community! Cost: FREE. Registration required with Friends of Rockefeller State Park Preserve.





Wildflower Walk Sun, May 4 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.

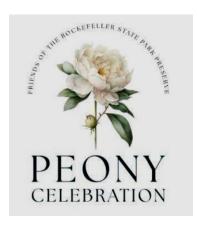
Please register at: RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events



Roll & Stroll 💰

Wed, May 7 from 9:30 am - 11:30 am

Swan Lake Roll & Stroll: This 1.1 mile (1.8 km) hike presents the many vistas offered by Swan Lake. The trail's packed gravel can be readily traversed by traditional mobility devices although it will not be a smooth ride. All-terrain type mobility devices with mountain bike tires will be at home. The Preserve has two all-terrain mobility devices available, if reserved ahead of time. Hike will depart from the Visitor Center courtyard at 10:00 am.



Peony Celebration Gala Thu, May 8 from 6 pm - 9 pm

The Peony is a fun, community-based cocktail reception, held in the Visitor Center courtyard. If you haven't attended, you should join us just to see the amazing tree peony garden in bloom! A fundraiser for the Friends and our projects in the Preserve, the evening features a fine art exhibit and a silent auction of floral centerpieces designed and donated by local garden clubs.

Tickets: \$150-300. Registration required with Friends of Rockefeller State Park Preserve.

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Roll & Stroll 6
Sat, May 10 from 9:30 am – 11:30 am
Pocantico River Roll & Stroll

A more challenging 1.2 mile (1.9 km) hike along a portion of the Pocantico River, includes the energizing sounds and view of our cascade. Trails vary from packed soil to gravel and will have more uphills than our Swan Lake hike. Can be readily traversed by traditional mobility devices although it will not be a smooth ride. All-terrain type mobility devices with mountain bike tires will be at home. The Preserve has two all-terrain mobility devices

available, if reserved ahead of time. Assistance will be available if desired.

WE WILL MEET AT 10:00 AM, ABOUT .5 mi (.8 km) NORTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF WEBBER AVE. AND SLEEPY HOLLOW ROAD (25 Sleepy Hollow Rd. on your GPS). Turn off the road when you see an individual with a reflective vest and Roll & Stroll sign.



Birdwatching with the Saw Mill River Audubon Society Dawn Chorus: Thu, May 8 from 5 am – 7 am Sat, May 24 & Mon, 26 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. Rain or shine except in extreme weather, in which case you will receive a cancellation email 2 hours before scheduled walk. Ages 8+. Max: 25 people. Cost: FREE. Parking: \$6 per

vehicle. NYS Residents over 62 park for free on weekdays. Photo by Bill Golden.

Please register at: sawmillriveraudubon.org/register-trips/



Plein Air Painting Sat, May 31 (rain date June 1) from 10 am – 12:30 pm

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.

Photo courtesy of Heidi Fuhrman. Cost: \$8. Max: 10 people.

Please register at: RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events



Timeless Blooms Art Exhibit Gallery Reception Sat, May 10 from 1 pm – 3 pm

"7 Artists Capture Spring In Timeless Blooms" by our new Gallery Curator, Lisa D'Amico. The Art Gallery at the Rockefeller State Park Preserve welcomes the arrival of spring with 'Timeless Blooms', a captivating exhibition that honors the annual bloom of the preserve's Japanese Tree Peony Garden. Each artist brings their unique perspective to the exhibit, offering interpretations of floral beauty through a variety of artistic styles and mediums. Their works encapsulate the ephemeral nature of flowers while emphasizing their timeless allure. Visitors to Timeless Blooms will

experience a collection of paintings and photography that immerses the viewers in the vivid colors, delicate forms, and dynamic compositions that celebrate the essence of spring.

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Flights of Fancy Birdhouse Art Auction Sat, May 10 from 1 pm – 3 pm (rain date May 11)

The Art Gallery at the Rockefeller State Park Preserve is delighted to announce Flights of Fancy, a unique art auction that celebrates the intersection of art and nature. Thirty-two accomplished artists have transformed simple wooden birdhouses into beautiful works of art, drawing inspiration from the Preserve's landscapes and wildlife. Coordinated by our gallery curator, Lisa D'Amico PhD, these one-of-a-kind creations will be showcased during a reception on Saturday, May 10th, and

will be available for purchase. All proceeds will support necessary repairs and improvements to the gallery, ensuring it remains a community space for artistic and cultural engagement. Please visit the online art auction here: https://www.32auctions.com/rockefellergallery.

Email the curator at rockefellergallery@gmail.com or visit the gallery's Instagram and Facebook accounts @rockefellergallery.



Full Moon Hike: "Flower Moon" Mon, May 12 from 8 pm – 10 pm Tickets available April 19 at 10 am

Experience the Preserve after dark! Join Shayla, Hailey, and Dave for a 4-mile 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. Meet in the Visitor Center courtyard. Please bring water, a flashlight or headlamp, and wear comfortable closed-toed shoes.

IMPORTANT: We leave promptly at scheduled times. This hike takes place

after the park has closed; latecomers will not be able to join after the group has departed. In the event of rain or snow, the hike will be canceled; you will be notified at least 2 hours in advance. *Photo courtesy of Kim Fendrich* Max: 40 people. Cost: \$4 Register at: RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events

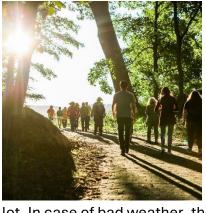


Postural Therapy: Living Comfortably Tue, May 13 from 9 am – 10 am

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! Registered participants will receive a Zoom link to join.

Cost: FREE. Registration required. RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events



Sunset Hike at Rockwood Hall Thu, May 15 from 7 pm – 8:30 pm

Join us for a 3-mile hike and witness the spectacular view of the sun setting over the Hudson and the Tappan Zee Bridge. Leashed dogs are welcome. Please bring water to drink and wear comfortable shoes. **This hike is at Rockwood Hall, DO NOT go to the main entrance.** The parking lot is on Kendal Way off route 117, just after the intersection of Phelps and Regeneron. If the lot is full, you may park in the Phelps garage (free). Gather at the kiosk at the top of the hill across the street from the parking

lot. In case of bad weather, the hike will be canceled; you will be notified at least 2 hours in advance.

Max: 40 people. Cost: \$4. Photo courtesy of Suzy Allman.
Please register at: RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events

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Spring Mushroom Walk Tue, May 20 from 12 pm -2 pm

Join Lindsey Jerome, Senior Ecological Monitoring Coordinator at Stone Barns, for a fascinating fungus walk through the woods! Discover the hidden world of mushrooms and fungi, uncover their secrets, and learn about their vital role in the ecosystem. Boots or sneakers required, bug spray recommended. The walk will leave promptly at 12:00 from the Visitor Center courtyard. Max: 20 people. Cost: \$4.

Please register at: RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events



History of Rockwood Hall Sat, May 24 from 10 am – 12 pm

Join Rockwood docent, David Teich, on an adventure into the past as we explore the remains of Rockwood Hall and its rich history dating back to prehistoric times. Former estate of William A. Rockefeller Jr., this site boasts scenic views overlooking the Hudson, lush forests, and remnants of 19th century luxuries. Leashed dogs are welcome. The hike is about 2 miles roundtrip. This event is at Rockwood Hall, DO NOT go to the main entrance. Max: 40 people. Cost: \$4.

Please register at: RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events



Sensory Stroll: Awaken Your Senses Fri, May 30 from 9 am – 10:30 am

Awaken your senses as you slow down and tune in to nature in this embodied experience with Linda Parker. You'll be amazed at what you notice when you focus on one sense at a time. Meet in the Visitor Center courtyard. Dress comfortably and bring water to drink. In case of bad weather, the program may be canceled or postponed; you will be notified via email by 5 pm the day before. Max: 15 people. Cost: \$4. Parking: \$6 per vehicle; NYS residents over 62 park free on weekdays.

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Featured Trail of the Month

Clarence Fahnestock Memorial State Park: Fahnestock Trail

1498 Route 301, Carmel, NY 1012

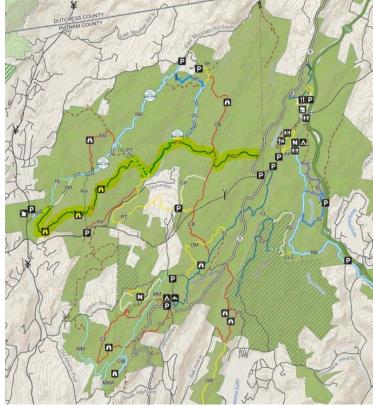
Trail Map: https://parks.ny.gov/documents/parks/ClarenceFahnestockTrailMap.pdf

Distance: 7.4 miles

Difficulty Rating: Hard

Fahnestock Trail is the perfect hike for a conditioned hiker or a beginner looking for a challenge. This 7.4-mile-long trail is an all-day affair, since the hike is not a loop, hiking the entire trail out and back would be almost 15 miles. However, this trail is commonly shortened into a loop by following Round Hill bypass to School Mountain Road making it much more manageable. This trail follows a beautifully flowing brook until it turns to ascend the ridge, from the top hikers can break and take in the spectacular views. This trail is full of diverse native plants and wildlife, from rocky ridges with blueberry bushes and butterflies, to shaded understories with small streams and noisy woodpeckers. Be sure to pack a lunch and plenty of water for your next journey through Clarence Fahnestock Memorial State Park!





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

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



STATE PARKS

Clarence Fahnestock Memorial

Carmel (845) 225-7207

Fahnestock Winter Park

Administration (845) 225-7207 Snow conditions (845) 225-3998

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Yorktown Heights (914) 245-4434

Hudson Highlands

Peekskill to Beacon (845) 225-7207

James Baird

Pleasant Valley (845) 452-1489

Lake Taghkanic Ancram (518) 851-3631

Margaret Lewis Norrie/

Ogden Mills & Ruth Livingston Mills (Mills-

Norrie)

Staatsburg (845) 889-4646

Rockefeller Preserve

Pleasantville (914) 631-1470

Taconic/Copake Falls

Copake Falls (518) 329-3993

Taconic/Rudd Pond

Millerton (518) 789-3059

Wonder Lake

Kent/Patterson (845) 225-7207

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Dinsmore

Staatsburg (845) 889-4071

James Baird

Pleasant Valley (845) 452-1489

STATE HISTORIC SITES

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Germantown (518) 537-4240

John Jay Homestead

Katonah (914) 232-5651

Olana

Hudson (518) 828-0135

Philipse Manor Hall

Yonkers (914) 965-4027

Staatsburgh

Staatsburg (845) 889-8851

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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Beacon, (845) 831-1001

Jay Heritage Center

Rye, (914) 698-9275

Quiet Cove Riverfront Park Poughkeepsie (845) 298-4600















