Hudson River Valley Ramble

17th Annual

SEPTEMBER 3-25, 2016

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A Celebration of the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation’s Hudson River Estuary Program, and New York State Parks and Historic Sites
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Traveling through Stewart International Airport is the easiest way to take full advantage of the Hudson Valley’s astounding natural beauty and historic attractions.

In addition to offering hassle-free boarding, on-time performance and affordable fares on Allegiant, American, Delta and JetBlue, we’re also just a short drive from New York City. So, to make the most of your time in the Hudson Valley, fly into Stewart. And begin exploring.

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Discover an American Legacy

Traveling down the Hudson River, named by Native Americans “the river that flows both ways”, you discover people, places, and events that made American history. The cultural, historic, and scenic resources of the Hudson Valley are so numerous, so varied, and so compelling that it’s no wonder Congress recognized the Hudson River Valley as a National Heritage Area in 1996. The National Park Service called the region the “landscape that defined America.” Its political importance was demonstrated early in our history when the river played a critical role in the Revolutionary War.

The many streams and waterfalls of the tributaries of the Hudson River powered early sawmills and gristmills. The river and its landscapes inspired the Hudson River School painters. Sublime and picturesque paintings by Thomas Cole, Frederic Church, and Asher Durand depicted this unique American landscape for the world to witness. Industrialists and commercial leaders like William and John D. Rockefeller, Frederick Vanderbilt, J.P. Morgan, and Ogden Mills built their great estates along the Hudson River.

Extending from Waterford, just north of Albany, to the northern border of New York City, the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area encompasses over 4 million acres. The region is home to seven National Historic Sites, 66 National Historic Landmarks, 128 historic districts, and over 1,000 sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area is managed by the Hudson River Valley Greenway with technical and financial support from the National Park Service.

Visit hudsonrivervalley.com to plan your trip or order a newly revised Heritage Site Guidebook.

Explore the Hudson River by Kayak

The new Hudson River Greenway Water Trail Map/Guides provide detailed information on the more than 100 water trail access points from the Adirondack Park to New York City. The companion mobile website features an itinerary builder, and allows users to find river access points and outfitters on the go.

HudsonRiverGreenwayWaterTrail.org
The Hudson River Valley Ramble celebrates the history, culture and natural resources of the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, as well as the amazing landscapes, communities, and trails throughout the region. Throughout the month of September, the Ramble features guided outdoor adventures from Saratoga to New York City. In 2015, more than 55,000 people attended Ramble events. Whether you are interested in a challenging hike, bike ride or paddle, an inspiring walk through the grounds and homes of some of the Valley's most notable artists, authors, and Great Americans, a trip back in time to experience the significant role the region played in the Revolutionary War, or a family-fun festival or river exploration event, the Hudson River Valley Ramble truly offers something for everyone!

On the web: HudsonRiverValleyRamble.com

Hike, bike and discover the beauty of Westchester

Westchester is the ideal location for outdoor adventure with an unique trail system that offers scenic views, terrain for every fitness level and plenty of spots to rest and reflect on the county's natural beauty. And with a vibrant art scene, irresistible shopping, authentic farm to table dining and accommodations for every taste and budget, it's easy to turn a walk in the woods into an memorable getaway.

To meet in Westchester County in the Hudson Valley, go to VisitWestchesterNY.com.
The Hudson River Estuary

For nearly half its 315-mile length, the Hudson River is an estuary, an arm of the sea where fresh water from the river’s Adirondack headwaters and numerous tributaries meets and mixes with salty ocean water. From the dam at Troy, the Hudson River estuary ebbs and flows for 153 miles to New York harbor, creating a rich ecosystem pulsing with life. Its waters and tidal marshes provide habitat for more than 200 species of fish, and nursery areas for key commercial and recreational species including striped bass, American shad, bluefish, and blue crab. Bald eagles, herons, and waterfowl feed on the Hudson’s bounty while nesting and migrating. Protected by surrounding forest lands, the streams of the estuary’s watershed supply drinking water to millions. The Ramble features estuary-themed events sponsored by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation’s Hudson River Estuary Program and partners, which are denoted by the Atlantic sturgeon symbol.

The Estuary Program leads a regional effort to ensure clean water, protect and restore fish, wildlife, and their habitats, provide water recreation and river access, adapt to climate change, and conserve world-famous scenic views. The program is guided by the Estuary Action Agenda, a forward-looking plan developed with input from communities up and down the river. The Action Agenda’s success comes from partnerships with several agencies, local governments, and regional organizations. For information on the Hudson River estuary, the Estuary Program and how to partner in this conservation effort, visit: www.dec.ny.gov/lands/4920.html

STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION (DEC) COMMISSIONER
Basil Seggos

DEC is proud to partner again this year in the 17th annual Hudson River Valley Ramble. The Ramble is always a great event that offers an ideal opportunity to showcase all of the natural beauty and recreational opportunity that the region has to offer. I encourage residents and visitors to go out and explore the area’s natural lands and water as part of this exciting annual event.”

Hudson River Estuary Themed Series

In celebration of National Estuaries Week, the Hudson River Valley Ramble highlights the wetlands, wildlife, and water resources that make the Hudson a world-famous estuary. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation’s Hudson River Estuary Program and partners present a series of land and water explorations that will open your eyes to the wonders of “the river that flows both ways.” Estuary events are marked with the sturgeon icon: Look for the many ways you can explore the Hudson River estuary during the Ramble. Experience the Hudson River estuary close up through boating and paddling events, learning about life along the shore and in the marshes, and exploring the far reaches of the Hudson River estuary watershed.

National Estuaries Week
SEPTEMBER 17-24, 2016
Each year in late September, people across the country celebrate these magical places where fresh water from rivers mixes with salt water from the ocean. Estuaries connect rivers and oceans and are used as spawning grounds and nurseries by at least two-thirds of the nation’s commercial fish and shellfish. Tidal wetlands associated with estuaries protect uplands from coastal flooding and provide habitats for migratory birds. Estuaries also offer recreational opportunities such as swimming, boating, and bird watching. To learn more, go to www.estuaries.gov.

Science on the River
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2016
Dive into Hudson River research! Meet Hudson River scientists and learn how they work. Demos and activities for the whole family. Seine or angle for fish. Go on a science scavenger hunt and get a Hudson Estuary poster. Compare modern and ancient life in the Hudson Valley. Enjoy spectacular river views. Weather permitting, join Research Reserve staff on a short, guided tidal marsh paddle (numbers limited; all equipment provided). More info: Jim 845-889-4745 x109, james.herrington@dec.ny.gov.

A Day in the Life of the Hudson River Estuary
OCTOBER 20, 2016
A Day in the Life of the Hudson River Estuary brings schools to the river to celebrate the Hudson and educate participants about our unique estuary. Part of National Estuaries Day, the event is coordinated by the Hudson River Estuary Program with assistance from Columbia University’s Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory. Each fall environmental educators team with school classes to collect data that will create an ecological snapshot of the estuary from the Federal Dam in Troy to New York Harbor. This year’s event will take place at approximately 60 sites throughout the estuary. For more information, visit www.dec.ny.gov/lands/47285.html.
Explore State Parks and Historic Sites

The state park system is one of New York’s greatest treasures, encompassing 215 diverse state parks and historic sites with 335,000 acres of protected land and water. Governor Andrew M. Cuomo has recognized the importance of our park system with his NY Parks 2020 plan to invest $900 million in public and private funds in the state park system by 2020. This fall we are proud to once again participate in the 2016 Hudson River Valley Ramble showcasing some of our flagship properties and hidden gems. Our Ramble line-up features a wide variety of engaging events and programs, from historic house tours, to battle reenactments, guided hikes, walks, nature education, and adventures. New York’s state parks and sites are always chock full of opportunities to explore and make one’s visit memorable. For information on New York State parks and historic sites visit us at www.nysparks.com and follow us on www.facebook.com/nysparks.

Olana State Historic Site, Hudson, Columbia County

Taconic State Park, Copake Falls Area, Columbia County

Minnewaska State Park Preserve, Kerhonkson, Ulster County

The beautiful Hudson River Valley – steeped in natural resources, treasured history, and culture – has something for everyone, and it’s all showcased during this extraordinary celebration. I encourage visitors to pack itineraries full with a variety of events – from hikes, paddling, historic tours, and more – and then to come back in other seasons and experience all the area has to offer again and again.”
The wonderful attractions, breathtaking landscapes, and rich heritage of New York State provide a dazzling variety of places to experience and activities to enjoy.

With 11 beautiful vacation regions, New York’s destinations span from Montauk Lighthouse on the tip of Long Island to the wineries of the Hudson Valley to the mighty Niagara Falls and everywhere in between.

Whether it’s outdoor activities for the whole family like fishing, hiking and boating, culinary wonders and farm-to-table fresh foods, or cultural sites and museums along the Empire State’s Path Through History, New York offers something for everyone.

To discover what you love about New York State, including events, attractions, and accommodations, visit iloveny.com or dial (800) CALL-NYS.

"The Hudson River Valley Ramble is the perfect opportunity for residents and visitors to embrace New York’s vast history and beauty, while enjoying family-friendly events during the month-long celebration. I encourage visitors to explore the Empire State’s National Heritage Area and experience living history at a number of festivals, street fairs, and historic walking tours throughout the State."
Places to Stay: Resorts, Lodges and Campgrounds.

Things to Do: Shopping, Golfing, Rock Climbing, Fishing, Craft Beverage Tasting, Dining and more.

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FOR DETAILED MAPS AND DIRECTIONS
www.hudsonrivervalleyramble.com

TRAIL TIPS
1. Look for “Ramble” signs directing you to each trailhead.
2. Wear sturdy shoes: for hikes, an over-the-ankle boot.
   - No flimsy flats, flip-flops, sandals, or bare feet.
3. Long pants are recommended for walks/hikes in rural terrain.
4. Carry a water bottle.
5. Bring snacks/lunch for hikes lasting several hours.
6. Bring a rain jacket.
7. Stay on the trail.
8. Never get out of sight of the guide.
9. If you have to leave a walk before it’s completed, notify the leader.
10. Don’t remove any foliage, flowers, rocks or other items.
11. Carry it in. Carry it out. Leave nothing behind but your footprints.

Many Ramble events are accessible by train!

METRO-NORTH RAILROAD
Metro-North has over 120 stations throughout the region with service to/from Grand Central Terminal in Midtown Manhattan and the Hudson Valley.

Get travel information at mta.info/mnr or call 511 (outside New York State call (877) 690-5114).

Easy to go, easy to save with discount rail packages for the top tours, attractions and events mta.info/mnr/getaways.

Amtrak (800) USA-RAIL
www.amtrak.com

Coach USA
www.coachusa.com

Trailways (800) 776-7548
www.trailwaysny.com

While many events are accessible by public transportation, others require a car. The region is served by several rental car companies. Check Metro North’s website for current information on discounted car rental and station availability.
GET OUTDOORS
THE REST HAPPENS NATURALLY

AMC is Your Connection to the Hudson Valley, offering:

- Our popular guidebook AMC’s Best Day Hikes in the Catskills and Hudson Valley
- Hiking and paddling trips led by experienced volunteers
- A new lodge and camping destination at Harriman State Park

Join Us! Learn more at outdoors.org/hudsonvalley
### Lower Hudson Valley Ramble 2016

#### Key to Ramble Events
- Hudson River Estuary
- Greenway Trail
- Great Estates
- Hudson River Artists Trail
- Revolutionary War Trail
- Family Friendly
- Walk/Hike
- Bicycle
- Paddle
- Wheelchair Accessible (for details, contact the trip leader)
- Public Transportation

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#### 1. The Original Knickerbocker - Washington Irving & The Legend of Sleepy Hollow

**All Ramble Weekends: 11:00 AM**
Sleepy Hollow Cemetery - South Gate
430 North Broadway, Sleepy Hollow 10591
(914) 631-0081
cristina@sleepyhollowcemetery.org

Trace the footsteps of Washington Irving’s most famous character - Ichabod Crane in “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow” - as we walk to the author’s final resting place. Learn more about the talented Mr. Irving and his influence on popular culture today. We will also enter the cemetery’s 116-year monument, visit wealthy industrialists, and admire the cemetery’s lovely art and architecture during this one-hour walking tour.

**Notes:** This one-hour walking tour covers some steep areas, stairs and unpaved roads. Sturdy walking shoes are recommended.

**Fee:** Tickets are $9.99 if purchased in advance from our website www.sleepyhollowcemetery.org or $10 cash if bought on-site.

**Metro North station:** Tarrytown

#### 2. AMC Young Members Labor Day Weekend at Harriman Outdoor Center

**3:00 PM**
AMC Harriman Outdoor Center, Harriman State Park
200 Breakneck Rd, Harrstraw 10980
(212) 986-1430
harrimanreservations@amc-ny.org

A fun and educational excursion for Young members of all skill levels - from the beginner exploring a new hobby to the seasoned veteran interested in volunteering as a leader. Outdoor enthusiasts of all ages are welcome! We’ll stay at AMC’s brand new Harriman Outdoor Center and hike on local trails; or swim, paddle and fish on Breakneck Pond; or simply relax and enjoy some quiet time in a beautiful location. We’ll camp three nights under covered shelters and come together for family-style, catered dinners on Saturday and Sunday in the dining hall. With questions, please contact ym.activities@amc-ny.org.

**Registration:** Call or email by 9/14

**Fee:** Adult: $98 AMC Member / $118 Non-member

**Not suitable for children under: 16**

**Portion wheelchair accessible:** AMC Harriman Outdoor Center is partially ADA accessible, including the Camp Office, Bathhouse, Family Cabins, some paths. Shelters are not ADA accessible

**Additional equipment:** Suitable camping equipment for the season.

#### 3. Hike with your Senator led by Senator David Carlucci in Rockland County

**9:00 AM**
Kakiat Park
668 Haverstraw Road, Montebello 10901
(845) 623-3627
bayoung@nysenate.gov

Hikers will have the chance to view diverse topography from flat wetlands to rolling hills. The trail is home to various wildlife including, White-Tailed Deer, Red Foxes, Woodchucks, Hawks and many other animals. New York State is fortunate to have an array of beautiful state parks, but surprisingly not nearly enough residents know about them.

**Notes:** Participants will travel through a moderately difficult, three-mile, circular journey over uneven terrain, requiring some light to moderate climbing throughout the trail.

**Registration:** Call (845) 623-3627 to RSVP

#### 4. Hudson River Cruise

**11:00 AM**
Riverfront Green Park
30 Hudson Ave., Peekskill 10566
(914) 589-7773
info@trinitycruises.com

Enjoy a scenic cruise through the Hudson Highlands, departing from Riverfront Green Park in historic Peekskill. Sightseeing Cruise is 3 hours and includes historical commentary as we cruise as far north as West Point and return. The Sunset Cruise is 1.5 hours and cruises past the Bear Mt. Bridge and returns (no commentary). Bring along a picnic lunch or snacks. Soft drinks, beer, and wine available on all cruises.

**Registration:** Call or visit www.trinitycruises.com to purchase online.

**Fee:** See website for ticket prices. Ramblers get a $5 discount on Sighting Fall Foliage Cruise or Saturday Sunset Cruise. Use the code RAMBLE in the promotion code when booking online to receive your discount.

**Portion wheelchair accessible:** Restroom onboard is not handicap accessible. Please let us know if you’ll be arriving with a wheelchair so we can have the appropriate ramps in place.

**Metro North station:** Peekskill

#### 5. Tour Horace Greeley’s Country Home and Former Farm in Chappaqua

**1:00 PM**
100 King St., Chappaqua 10514
(914) 238-4666
director@newcastlehs.org

Explore Horace Greeley’s Country Home and former Farm in Chappaqua, New York. Horace Greeley was the founder and editor of the New York Tribune, one of the most influential newspapers of the 19th Century. Visitors may tour Greeley’s second home in Chappaqua (now...
a museum), view exhibits and artifacts related to Greeley, and take a walking tour of his historic former farm.

**Not suitable for children under: 7**

**Portion wheelchair accessible:** The Historic Home is wheelchair accessible. The historic walking tour of Greeley’s former Farm is not wheelchair accessible.

**Additional activities:** Guided house tour and self-guided outdoor walking tour.

**Metro North station:** Chappaqua

**6. Walk the Piermont Pier with Richard Esnard**

- **9/4 10:00AM**
  - Confetti Restaurant Parking Lot
  - 210 Ash Street, Piermont 10968
  - (845) 290-5287
  - perneljt@optonline.net

  We will meet in the parking lot behind Confetti Restaurant on Ash Street. Richard Esnard of the Piermont Historical Society will lead an historic walking tour --first through early 19th century Bogertown [on Paradise Avenue] and then onto Piermont’s pier. Enjoy the exceptional views whileIRCing the impact the pier had on the village and during WWII. Return to the parking area via Flywheel Park.

  **Notes:** Flat surface
  **Difficulty:** Moderate
  **Length:** 2 miles
  **Duration:** 2.5 hours
  **Not suitable for children under:** 7
  **Additional equipment:** Water, hat, walking stick, good walking shoes
  **Additional activities:** Station Museum at 50 Ash St. from noon to 3 PM.

- **9/4 12:00PM**
  - Piermont Station
  - 50 Ash Street, Piermont 10968
  - (917) 509-5429
  - michael.sheehan@parks.ny.gov

  Visitors can hike along the scenic Erie Path to the station at 50 Ash Street and learn about Piermont’s unique and diverse history significant for its longest railroad in the world in 1851 that ran from Piermont to Lake Erie (hence Erie RR) and its role in the American Revolution and WWII. Open noon to 3 PM.

- **9/4 12:00PM**
  - Stony Point Battlefield State Historic Site
  - 44 Battlefield Road, Stony Point 10980
  - (845) 786-2521
  - michael.sheehan@parks.ny.gov

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  **Notes:** Birding will stay on or near the paved path, only sometimes going into mowed lawn areas.
  **Difficulty:** Easy
  **Length:** 1.5 miles
  **Duration:** 2 hours
  **Not suitable for children under:** 12
  **Additional equipment:** Bring your own lunch.

- **9/4 12:00PM**
  - Appalachian Trail Relocation Building
  - Anthony Wayne North Parking Lot (Exit 17, Palisades Interstate Parkway), Harriman State Park 10974
  - (732) 952-2162
  - refuller99@hotmail.com

  Join the Long Distance Trails Crew of the New York Appalachian Trail (AT) at Harriman State Park. We will be working on a 0.2 mi relocation of an original section of the AT on the east side of Black Mountain. Learn how to build sustainable trails including how to move large rocks, bench cut trails, and build stone steps and crib walls. Involves moderate to strenuous physical labor. No experience is necessary; the crew provides all equipment, training, and camaraderie for a fun and rewarding day. All you need to provide is lunch and water, gloves, a smile, and a desire to work hard and safely in the great outdoors.

  **Notes:** This is a trail work event. The site has steep slopes and uneven surfaces.
  **Registration:** Call or email by Thursday before the event
  **Difficulty:** Moderate
  **Length:** 2 miles
  **Duration:** 7 hours
  **Not suitable for children under:** 14
  **Additional equipment:** Bring your helmet, water and flat fixins. Approximate distance 25 miles, average speed 15 mph. More info and details at BikeNyack.com.

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“Inspiring, enlightening, educational, and just plain impressive. Good fun too.”
— Sharon from NYC

13. Brinton Brook Audubon Hike
9/10 9:00AM
Brinton Brook Audubon Sanctuary
Route 9A, Croton-on-Hudson 10520
(914) 666-6503
office@sawmillriveraudubon.org
Explore the 156 acres of Brinton Brook Audubon Sanctuary overlooking the Hudson River in Croton-on-Hudson with Saw Mill River Audubon. Two-hour leisurely nature walk with optional 1.5 hour extension to the highest point in Croton on the Village’s Highland Trail. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water. Binoculars are helpful. Please note: no restrooms on property.
Notes: Moderate slopes, some uneven rocky surfaces.
Registration: Call or email by 4 pm 9/9
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 2-3 miles
Duration: 2.5-3.5 hours
Not suitable for children under: 12
Additional equipment: Bring a bicycle in good mechanical condition, water, and a helmet.

14. Boots, Bikes and Binoculars - Bike Component
9/10 10:00AM
North County Trail from Yorktown Heights to Carmel
363 Underhill Ave, Yorktown Heights 10598
(914) 471-6205
mhl@mlinehan.us
Ride the North County Trail from Yorktown to Carmel, with the opportunity to find out about five different cafes and ice cream shops along the way. The goal of this community ride is to introduce the public to bicycle riding and the beautiful North County Trail. The ride is open to the public. Meet at the commuter parking lot next to the Yorktown Town Hall on Underhill Avenue, just east of Route 118.
Notes: The North County Trail is a paved, off-road bicycle and pedestrian path that runs from the Bronx to Brewster, NY. We will ride the portion from Yorktown Heights to Carmel and back. The route has long, easy grades and a couple of spots with very short but steep slopes.
Difficulty: Easy
Length: 26 miles
Duration: 3 hours
Not suitable for children under: 12
Additional equipment: Bring a bicycle in good mechanical condition, water, and a helmet.

15. Croton Dam Hike
9/10 10:00AM
Croton Gorge Park
Rt. 129, Cortlandt Manor 10567
(914) 862-4207
tarnowsky@aqueduct.org
Explore the beautiful Croton Dam. Hike leader will discuss the history and construction of the Old Croton Aqueduct and the features of the Croton Dam. The Aqueduct was constructed in 1842 to supply water to a thirsty NYC and the New Croton Dam was completed in 1905.
Notes: Dirt trail, slight incline.
Fee: There is no fee for the event, but admission may be charged to enter Croton Gorge Park.
Difficulty: Easy
Length: 1 mile
Duration: 2 hours
Not suitable for children under: 5
Additional equipment: Water and snack recommended. Participants may wish to bring a lunch to eat at the Croton Gorge Park picnic area following the hike.

16. Hart’s Brook Park & Preserve Nature Walk
9/10 10:00AM
Hart’s Brook Park and Preserve
156 Ridge Rd, Hartsdale 10523
(914) 693-8985
pmpv@gmail.com
Guided tour of the Hart’s Brook Preserve’s barn, greenhouse and master gardens. Learn the interesting history of the Hart’s Brook Park and Preserve’s property. Explore one of the wooded trails with a member of the Greenburgh Parks & Recreation park staff. Families welcome! Wear comfortable shoes and bring a water bottle.
Notes: Wooded trails are slightly rocky but level.
Registration: Call (914) 693-8985, x116 or email name and number to pmpv@gmail.com
Difficulty: Easy
Length: 1-1.5 miles
Duration: 2 hours
Not suitable for children under: 4
Portion wheelchair accessible: The barn/greenhouse tour is wheelchair accessible. Trail is not accessible.
Metro North station: Hartsdale

17. Ramble to The Ossining Waterfront
9/10 1:20PM
Joseph Caputo Community Center
95 Broadway, Ossining, 10562
(914) 232-6583
jerryfaiella@gmail.com
Explore Ossining’s waterfront and learn more of its unique history. Start at the Ossining Community Center, viewing permanent exhibits on the Old Croton Aqueduct and Sing Sing Prison. Stroll along the spectacular new Sing Sing Kill Greenway, a picturesque walkway that runs through the ravine, passing over the Kill Brook and under the double-arch aqueduct bridge. Proceed down to the waterfront for a presentation on Sing Sing Prison and its impact on the waterfront and village.
Notes: Paved path along Sing Sing Kill to Central Avenue then on the sidewalk to waterfront.
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 1.2 miles
Duration: 2-3 hours
Portion wheelchair accessible: exit from path to Central Avenue requires going up stairs.
Additional activities: Presentation at the waterfront on the History of Sing Sing prison and its relationship to the Hudson River and Village of Ossining. Also learn about the initiative to construct a Prison Museum at the foot of the Prison.
Metro North station: Ossining

18. Historic Tallman Mountain State Park Hike
9/10 11:00AM
Tallman Mountain State Park
450 Piermont Ave., Piermont 10968
(845) 519-4247
jurasek@optonline.net
We will hike through the historical Tallman Mountain State Park and learn its interesting history as a former oil tank farm. Then it’s out to the Piermont Pier to follow in the footsteps of the 40,000 US Troops per month who marched to the waiting ships to transport them to the Atlantic Theatre during WWII. Finally, we will learn of the historic transformation of Piermont, NY from a blue collar factory town to its present day status.
Notes: There are limited facilities on the hike. There is one steep descent on the way, but it can be avoided if necessary. There are also some rough paths and short elevation gains.
**Difficulty:** Moderate  
**Length:** 7 miles  
**Duration:** 5 hours  
**Not suitable for children under:** 7  
**Wheelchair accessible:** The pier is wheelchair accessible, but the hiking trails in the park are not. Please contact the leader for more information.

**Additional equipment:** Lunch, water, snack and good walking boots/shoes or sneakers. Bring your own lunch.

**Additional activities:** There will be ongoing narration on the hike for the many historical sites. We are meeting on the corner of Tait and Piermont Avenues in Piermont, NY in front of 450 Piermont Avenue. Drivers should park across the street down Gair Ave in municipal Lot D on the right. Please note that we are not meeting at Tallman Mountain State Park itself.  

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**14. Nyack Family Bike Day**  
**9/17 11:00AM**  
Memorial Park  
Corner of Piermont & Depew Avenues, Nyack 10960  
(845) 535-5046  
meg@visitnyack.org  

A celebration of all things bicycling. It’s family fun, safety, education and a parent / child leader led ride through the Nyacks. The event will include the AAA Bike Rodeo, where kids can learn bicycle safety skills while navigating a fun, simple obstacle course, learn more about bike safety and hone bike skills to become future avid cyclists. Learn how to change a flat at a tire changing clinic. Helmets required for kids and adults. Adults must accompany children on escorted rides. More information and event updates at NyackFamilyBikeDay.com.

**Registration:** Email Recreation@Nyack-NY.gov if you want to learn to bicycle.  
**Additional equipment:** Participants in bike rides and Safety Rodeo must provide their own bicycle and helmet.

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**20. Free Sails with Ferry Sloops from Croton-on-Hudson**  
**9/16 11:00AM**  
Croton Yacht Club  
6 Elliot Way, Croton-on-Hudson 10520  
(914) 841-3107  
info@ferrysloops.org  

The sails aboard Whimbrel, our sloop-rigged catboat, will depart at 11AM, 12PM, 1PM, 2PM and 3PM. Each sail will be approximately 45 minutes long. The free sails are on a “first come, first served” basis. No reservations will be accepted prior to the sail day. Guests can sign up at the Ferry Sloops table in the tent beginning at 10:00AM for any of the day’s scheduled sail times. Limit of four passengers per sail. The boat’s captain reserves the right to cancel any or all of the day’s sails if weather conditions make it unsafe for sailing. There is no rain date. Free parking is available on the street and in the Croton Landing parking lot. DO NOT park in the Croton Yacht Club.  

**Not suitable for children under:** 12 years old, under 18 years old must be accompanied by parent or adult guardian (no exceptions).  
**Metro North Station:** Croton-on-Hudson  

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**21. The River That Flows Both Ways**  
**9/10 1:00PM**  
Kathryn W. Davis RiverWalk Center  
Kingsland Point County Park, Sleepy Hollow 10591  
(914) 762-2912 x110  
merryteatown.org  

The Hudson River Estuary is abundant with life as it ebbs and flows with the tides. Meet at the Kathryn W. Davis RiverWalk Center in Kingsland Point Park to investigate what is living in the warm tidal waters and how the salt wedge can make a difference to the species that inhabit the area.

**Registration:** Call (914) 762-2912 ext. 110 by 9/9.  
**Fee:** $5 parking fee  
**Not suitable for children under:** 4  
**Additional equipment:** Wear shoes/clothes that can get wet.

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**22. Bird Walk: Experience the North County Trailway**  
**9/10 8:00AM**  
Yorktown Heights  
Intersection of North County Trail and Route 11B, Yorktown Heights 10598  
(914) 232-1999  
jpollock@bedfordaudubon.org  

Join us for the second event in our three-part ‘Bikes, Boots, and Bird Colonies’ series! Bedford Audubon Society’s Naturalist Tait Johansson will lead a nature walk focused on birds, near the peak of fall migration. We will be following the trailway south over the reservoir through woods and shrubland in search of migrants and year-round residents. Meet at the parking lot at the intersection of the trailway and Route 11B in Yorktown.  

**Notes:** Some easy walking through woods and shrubland.

**Registration:** Email by 9/10 and note if you need to borrow binoculars.  
**Difficulty:** Easy  
**Duration:** 2  
**Wheelchair accessible:** The North County Trail is paved and wheelchair accessible, but we may go off the trail to investigate bird sites in the nearby woods.  
**Additional equipment:** Binoculars recommended

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**23. SeptemberFest Street Fair**  
**9/17 10:00AM**  
Nyack  
Main Street and Broadway, Nyack 10960  
(845) 535-5046  
info@visitnyack.org  

The Fall season opens with Nyack’s annual SeptemberFest Street Fair. Main Street and Broadway overflow with 300+ street vendors of art, jewelry, clothing, gift ideas, home decor and much more – plus, a kid’s carnival offers families endless fun. Visit the Edward Hopper House Art Center, enjoy Memorial Park on the Hudson, and cycle or hike along the river at Nyack Beach State Park. Visit Nyack for SeptemberFest and find out why Nyack is art and soul on the Hudson. Rain or shine

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**24. Fall Crafts at Lyndhurst**  
**9/16, 9/17, 9/18 10:00AM**  
Lyndhurst Estate  
635 South Broadway, Tarrytown 10591  
(845) 331-7900  
crafts@artrider.com  

Showcases over 275 modern American makers, artists, designers and craftpeople from across the country and is a celebration of all things handmade. These exceptional indie artists infuse each of their pieces with a distinctive creative vision. Fall Crafts at Lyndhurst offers a full day art and shopping experience for the entire family. The show includes one-of-a-kind and limited-edition creations in every material imaginable. Find earrings made of sterling silver and python, handbags made from antique books, scarves made of bamboo, pears made of bronze, and more. Visit the gourmet food and specialties section.  

**Fee:** $12 weekend pass, $11 seniors, kids 6-16 $4, under 6 free.  
**Wheelchair accessible:** The event is outdoors on grass. Weather permitting, wheelchairs are able to be pushed on the grounds.

**Additional equipment:** A smile  
**Additional activities:** Great food, live music, children’s activities, demonstrations, mansion tours (tours are additional fee at mansion).

**Metro North Station:** Tarrytown

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**25. Bike Nyack: Hackensack River**  
**9/17 8:30AM**  
Memorial Park  
Corner of Piermont & Depew Avenues, Nyack 10960  
(845) 535-9735  
dave@NyackNewsAndViews.com  

The Hackensack River winds its way through Rockland and Bergen Counties, replenishing reservoirs in both New York and New Jersey. This week Bike Nyack follows the river to Oradell, NJ, the boyhood home of Mercury 7 astronaut, Wally Schirra. This 30+ mile ride is about 30 miles with an average pace of 15 mph. Meet at Nyack’s Memorial Park at 8:30 AM. Bring your helmet, water and flat fixins. More info and details at BikeNyack.com.
“Great event — learned a lot and met some wonderful folks.”
— Sheila from Hartsdale

Notes: Average speed is 13-18 mph. We usually ride on streets but try to choose roads that are scenic and less congested. Specifics depend on each week’s destination.

Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 25
Duration: 3

26. Hike Through History
9/17 10:00AM
Teatown Lake Reservation
1600 Spring Valley Rd, Ossining 10562
(914) 762-2912 x110
mperry@teatown.org

The Teatown area has its roots in Dutch and English history. Hiking on Teatown trails, we’ll see old foundations, hear about the native people’s use of the land and the story of a local Revolutionary-era tea party. The hike will end with a visit to the Croft, a tudor-style mansion, constructed from parts salvaged from English manors, built over 100 years ago, whose interior was constructed from parts salvaged from English manors dating back 400 years.

Notes: Some rocky, short steep sections of trail
Registration: Call by 9/16
Fee: Teatown members free; Non-members $7
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 1.5 miles
Duration: 1.5 hours
Not suitable for children under: 16

27. Legends and Lore- The Legend of Leatherman
9/17 10:00AM
Sparta Cemetery
50 Revolutionary Road, Briarcliff Manor 10510
(914) 762-6216
OHC10516@gmail.com

Master storyteller Jonathan Kruk will join us to recount the legend of The Leatherman at Sparta Cemetery. We will also unveil the new “Legends and Lore” historical sign next to the Leatherman’s grave marker. Visitors can park at the Scarborough Presbyterian Church just across the street from Sparta Cemetery.

Fee: $10 per person, $20 per family.
Metro North station: Ossining

28. Free Sails with Ferry Sloops from Ossining
9/17 10:00AM
Shattemuc Yacht Club
1 Westerly Road, Ossining 10562
(914) 841-3107
info@ferrysloops.org

The sails aboard Whimbrel, our sloop-rigged catboat, will depart at 10AM, 11AM, 12PM, 1PM, 2PM, and 3PM. Guests can sign up at the yellow Ferry Sloops tent beginning at 9:30AM for any of the day’s scheduled sail times, with a limit of 4 persons per sail. Rain date: 9/18.

Not suitable for children under: Must be at least 12 years old, under 18 years old must be accompanied by parent or adult guardian (no exceptions).

Metro North station: Ossining

29. Ghost Town History Hiking Tour
9/17 10:00AM
Bear Mountain State Park
Seven Lakes Drive, Bear Mountain 10911
(914) 261-0987
hvddaytrips@comcast.net

With photos and maps in hand, tour the “ghost town” Doodletown with “Friends of Doodletown” member Mark Stay. See the cemeteries, sidewalks, walls and foundations, with photos to show how the homes once appeared in the vanished hamlet that was lived in for at least 203 years. In addition, explore its secret places, such as two iron mines, and secluded waterfalls. The history hike rambles along old roads and paths, past pretty streams, and through beautiful woods with beautiful mountain views. Rain date: 9/24.

Notes: 3 long steep hills. Other inclines. Please no pets.
Registration: Call or email by 9/16.
Difficulty: Difficult
Length: 6.5 miles
Duration: 5.5 - 6 hours
Not suitable for children under: 16
Additional equipment: Lunch and water
Additional activities: History hiking tour with maps and photos.

30. Old Croton Aqueduct Weir Tour
9/17 10:00AM
Joseph Caputo Community Center
95 Broadway, Ossining 10562
(914) 862-4207
tarnowsky@aqueduct.org

A short film describes the history of the aqueduct. Participants will be able to descend into the original 1842 brick tunnel and learn its history.

Notes: Stairs, and level terrain.
Registration: Call or email by 9/16.
Difficulty: Easy
Length: 1 mile
Duration: 1 hour
Portion wheelchair accessible: There are stairs down into the Aqueduct that would be difficult, but it is possible to look into the weir.
Additional activities: You may wish to visit the nearby Sing Sing Kill Greenway – a new walkway under the Aqueduct Arch.

Metro North station: Ossining

31. Saw Mill River Heritage Tour
9/17 10:00AM
Philipse Manor Hall and Downtown Yonkers
29 Warburton Ave, Yonkers 10701
(914) 965-4027 x102
opendays@gardenconservancy.org

This family friendly event also includes crafts, activities and displays which will run from 11 AM to 2 PM There may be more ways to get involved in our celebration, please check our website for updates.

Fee: There is a $10 parking fee at Bear Mountain State Park and a $1 suggested donation to enter the zoo.
Portion wheelchair accessible: The trail is paved and wide enough to accommodate wheelchairs, but some of the inclines are steep and may be difficult to climb and descend by wheelchair. Our rustic amphitheater is not wheelchair accessible.

32. Biodiversity Celebration
9/17 11:00AM
Trailside Museums and Zoo
55 Hessian Drive, Bear Mountain 10911
(845) 786-2701 ext. 293
chris.osullivan@parks.ny.gov

Learn why biodiversity is so important and ways your family can provide habitat for local animals. This family friendly event also includes crafts, activities and displays which will run from 11 AM to 2 PM There may be more ways to get involved in our celebration, please check our website for updates.

Fee: There is a $10 parking fee at Bear Mountain State Park and a $1 suggested donation to enter the zoo.

33. Boots, Bikes, and Binoculars - Boots Component
9/17 7:00PM
End of Morris Lane, off of Lexington Avenue, Yorktown Heights 10598
(914) 245-2462
mhl@milnehan.us

The former quarries at the Sylvan Park Preserve supplied honey colored granite for the approaches to the George Washington and Whitestone bridges. Join Walt and Jane Daniels on a 2.5 mile hike through the park. Visit quarries and the 18-foot circumference Quarry Oak. The trails traverse a variety of terrain, from steep climbs and descents to gentle woods roads. Walk will occur regardless of the weather.

Notes: Some ascents and descents; uneven hiking trails.
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 2.5 miles
Duration: 2.5 hours
Additional equipment: Bring a camera, wear comfortable shoes, bring water and a snack.

34. Garden Conservancy Westchester Open Day
9/18 10:00AM Self Guided
Dick Button - Ice Pond Farm
115 June Road, North Salem 10560
(888) 842-2442
opendays@gardenconservancy.org

Visit two extraordinary, large-scale private gardens. Dick Button - Ice Pond Farm is a sweeping space that includes both formal and informal design in perfect harmony. In the White Garden, classically inspired features - a Temple of Apollo, nymphaeum and labyrinth - are surrounded by moss and woodland gardens. Garden descriptions and directions are listed at www.opendaysprogram.org.

Fee: $7 per garden, per person (kids 12 and under free). Discount tickets may be purchased in advance at www.opendaysprogram.org, or (888) 842-2442.
Additional activities: Garden Conservancy Digging Deeper Workshop: Making Visual Sense of Your Outdoor Space. Join a professional garden design team in their own inspired space (featured in Garden Design Magazine) and take away clever, practical ideas for making the most of your site’s features, both good and bad. Advance tickets $35 available at www.opendaysprogram.org or (888) 842-2442.

35. Historic Walk of Piermont with Piermont Historical Society
9/18 10:00AM
Confetti Restaurant Parking Lot
210 Ash Street, Piermont 10968
(845) 290-5287
parnelljt@optonline.net
Richard Esnard of the Piermont Historical Society will lead a walk through the birthplace of Piermont. We will walk along the Sparkill Creek and he will show us the Rockland Road Bridge, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
Notes: The walk is flat.
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 2.5 miles
Duration: 2.5 hours
Not suitable for children under: 7
Additional equipment: Water, good walking shoes, walking stick.

36. Iona Island Educational Canoe Trip
9/18 10:00AM
Iona Island
Iona Island, Bear Mountain 10911
(845) 889-4745 x 109
james.herrington@dec.ny.gov
Paddle through this marshy maze with reserve naturalists. Nestled in the Hudson Highlands adjacent to Bear Mountain State park, this wetland features flowering marsh plants, sunning snapping turtles, and soaring vultures.
Registration: Please register at https://2016-nysdec-canoe.eventbrite.com
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 2 miles of canoeing
Duration: 2.5 hours
Not suitable for children under: 6
Additional equipment: Please wear footwear that can get wet. Boats provided.

37. Art in the Park
9/18 1:00PM
Flywheel Park
554 Piermont Avenue, Piermont 10968
(917) 691-0409
info@psfdn.org
Piermont Straus Foundation invites artists free of charge to join us for a one-day community art event. Artists will show their work, sell their work, and create work on site. Included in the event will be teaching workshops and hands-on workshops for all ages.
Registration: Artists register by 9/9 at www.psfdn.org
Additional equipment: Tents and tables will be provided at cost. Participants will be advised of the rental fees after registration.
Additional activities: Please visit our facebook event page: https://www.facebook.com/groups/474823072697590/
38. Highlands Bluegrass Festival at Harmony Hall
918 1:00PM
Harmony Hall - Jacob Sloat House
15 Liberty Rock Road, Sloatsburg 10974
(845) 712-5220
goeffwelch@gmail.com
Jeff Scroggins and his band, Colorado, will headline the 7th Annual Highlands Bluegrass Festival. Banjo master Jeff Scroggins along with his son Tristan on mandolin with the band Colorado will perform bluegrass classics and original material. Also appearing this year are the entertaining Eric Escoffery Band and McMule. All on the beautiful Ramapo River Valley setting on the Great lawn of Jacob Sloat’s 1848 mansion, Harmony Hall, a National Register of Historic Places Site in Sloatsburg, New York.
Fee: $10 suggested donation
Additional equipment: Bring a lawn chair or blanket.
Additional activities: The festival also features quality local crafts, delicious local foods, chili facts and folklore as the group explores one of the highest points in Westchester. The tour will include historical facts and folklore as the group explores one of the highest points in Westchester. For more information, call (914) 232-5651 or bethany.white@parks.ny.gov

918 1:30PM DIY 3:30PM
South Salem
74 Hemlock Road, South Salem 10590
(888) 842-2442
opendays@gardenconservancy.org
Join a professional garden design team in their own inspired space (featured in Garden Design Magazine) and take away clever, practical ideas for making all of your site’s features, both good and bad.
Registration: Call by 9/15 or visit www.opendaysprogram.org
Fee: $35 per person. Buy tickets at www.opendaysprogram.org or (888) 842-2442.

40. Hike with Your Senator David Carlucci in Westchester
924 8:00AM
Teatown Lake Reservation
1600 Spring Valley Road, Ossining 10562
(845) 623-3627
bayouty@nysenate.gov
Hike the new Twin Lakes Trail with Senator David Carlucci. This is a new 2.3 mile long, moderately strenuous loop trail. The trail travels past two scenic lakes, Shadow and Vernay, old farm fields with beautiful stone walls, and a mature forest, to an overlook of the Hudson Highlands from the highest point at the Teatown Lake Reservation.
Notes: Moderately steep with an uneven trail.
Registration: RSVP to (845) 623-3627 or (914) 941-2041.
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 2.5 miles
Duration: 2.5 hours
Not suitable for children under: 12
Additional equipment: Hikers are encouraged to bring a liter of water, a snack, sunscreen and bug spray.

41. Bike Nyack: Destination Hillsdale
924 8:30AM
Memorial Park, Nyack Corner of Piermont & Depew Avenues, Nyack 10960
(845) 535-9735
dave@NyackNewsAndViews.com
Bike Nyack, the weekly Saturday morning community ride, rides to Hillsdale, NJ for some weekend exercise, great fun and a few good bagels. Meet at Nyack’s Memorial Park (corner of Depew & Piermont Aves) at 8:30AM. Bring your helmet, water and flat fixins. Approx distance 25 miles, avg speed 15 mph. More info and details at http://BikeNyack.com.
Notes: Avg speed is 13-18 mph. We usually ride on streets but try to choose roads that are scenic and less congested. Specifics depend on each week’s destination. If it is raining 30 min prior to the event start – or if rain is predicted during the ride – this event will be postponed. Check BikeNyack.com for updates.
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 25 miles
Duration: 3 hours
Not suitable for children under: 14
Additional equipment: Participants need to bring their own road or hybrid bike, water bottles and a bicycle helmet. Cell phones are not required, but it’s a really good idea to carry one!

42. Supervisor’s History Walk of Rockland Lake
924 9:00AM
Rockland Lake State Park - Parking Field 1 299 Rockland Lake Road, Valley Cottage 10989
(845) 639-6200
j.pedersen@clarkstown.org
For this year’s Supervisor’s Walk join Clarkstown Supervisor George Hoehmann for a very special history walk of Rockland Lake with Robert Maher, president and founder of the Friends of Rockland Lake and Hook Mountain, Inc. and the author of Rockland Lake, Hook Mountain and Nyack Beach, (Acadia Publishing). Rob will lead a tour of the ice house foundations, center of the old town of Rockland Lake, to the banks of the Hudson River where barges and paddlewheel steam ships once left to travel to NYC. The tour will include historical facts and folklore as the group explores one of Clarkstown’s former major hamlets.
Notes: The walk will have three segments, 1. The first hour on flat paved paths to the ice house foundations. 2. The second hour through woods to a hilly roadway as we walk into the old town of Rockland Lake. 3. The third hour from the old town to the shore of the Hudson River, along a paved road but down and up a very steep hill.
Registration: Call or email recreation@clarkstown.org by 9/16. Group size limited to 40.
Difficulty: Difficult
Length: 2 miles
Duration: 4 hours
Portion wheelchair accessible: Only the first hour of tour is accessible.

43. Camp Smith Trail to Anthony’s Nose
924 9:30AM
Bear Mountain Bridge
Camp Smith Trail and Appalachian Trail, Garrison 10524
wjdikes@gmail.com
Running parallel to the Hudson River, the Camp Smith Trail to Anthony’s Nose offers spectacular views that make this strenuous hike, with its many elevation gains and losses, worth the work. The view from Anthony’s Nose is as famous as its name. At each view point, you will learn about the history of the Hudson Valley from Jane Daniels, author of Walkable Westchester and a member of the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference. From east side of Bear Mountain Bridge, go north on Rte 9D and park on the riverside just north of the bridge.
Notes: Rocky footpath with steep ascents and descents.
Difficulty: Difficult
Length: 3.7 miles
Duration: 3 hours
Not suitable for children under: 10
Additional equipment: Wear hiking shoes or hiking boots; bring lunch and at least 1 quart of water.
Additional activities: Interpretation of the views along the trail.
46. Talk by Elizabeth “Perk” Stalter on the Vanished Hamlet of Johnsontown
9/24 1:30PM
The Tomkins Cove Public Library
419 North Liberty Drive, Tomkins Cove 10986
(845) 290-5287
parnelljt@optonline.net
Elizabeth “Perk” Stalter will give a talk on the vanished hamlet of Johnsontown. She will speak about the homes, cemeteries, school and church that were in the area. She has collected a great deal of information about the hamlets, having married a man from Johnsontown and lived in Doodletown for many years. Her knowledge, pictures, stories and sometimes songs will amaze you.
Registration: Call or email by 9/23
Not suitable for children under: 7
Portion wheelchair accessible: The parking is on a hill and the entrance is slightly below the parking area.
Additional activities: Coffee and cake will be served. You will be able to see our new location for the Historical Society of the Palisades Interstate Park Region that is now at the top floor of the Tomkins Cove Public Library.

47. Westchester Wilderness Walk / Zofnass Family Preserve with Westchester Land Trust
9/25 1:00PM
Pound Ridge, New York
Upper Shad Road (Westchester Wilderness Walk / Zofnass Family Preserve entrance, Pound Ridge 10536
(914) 234-6992 ext 15
kate@westchesterlandtrust.org
Join Westchester Land Trust staff and directors for an inspiring walk on the nature trails that wind their way through WLT’s flagship preserve: The Westchester Wilderness Walk / Zofnass Family Preserve. This land boasts extensive wetland systems and majestic woodlands with rare wildlife, plants, dramatic rock formations, soaring trees and dozens of birds. Hikers should gather at the trailhead located off Upper Shad Road. The outing will begin with a brief overview by a member of the Zofnass Family, who founded the preserve and led efforts to protect multiple parcels of land in this region.
Notes: The short hike (1.5 miles) is easy and flat through a wetland trail. The longer hike (3.5 – 4 miles) requires travel up some moderate ascents, and over rock outcrops. Sturdy footwear is strongly encouraged.
Registration: Call (914) 234-6992 or email Joan@westchesterlandtrust.org
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 2 miles
Duration: 3 hours
Not suitable for children under: 7
Additional equipment: Bring lunch, water and a walking stick

48. Walk to the Vanished Hamlet of Johnsontown
9/25 10:00AM
Lake Sebago Beach Entrance
Off Seven Lakes Drive, Suffern 10901
(845) 290-5287
parnelljt@optonline.net
A walk with Elizabeth “Perk” Stalter to the vanished hamlet of Johnsontown. See the three abandoned cemeteries of Johnsontown, as well as the sites where the homes, school and church were located.
Registration: Call by 9/24
Difficulty: Easy
Length: 1.5 miles
Duration: 1 hour
Not suitable for children under: 5
Additional equipment: Bring your own lunch.

49. Jay Day! Fall Family Festival
9/25 11:00AM
Jay Heritage Center
210 Boston Post Road, Rye 10580
(914) 698-9275
skelsey@aqueduct.org
Cranberry Lake Preserve Hike
9/25 2:00PM
Irvington Town Hall
85 Main Street, Irvington 10533
(646) 303-1448
theroadtoruins@verizon.net
Join David Steinberg, author of Hiking the Road to Ruins, for a comprehensive exploration of all the historic sites with the preserve: dynamite shed and quarry, railroad bed, and much more. Uncover the secrets and mysteries hidden in plain sight.
Notes: Woods roads, some bushwhacking, climb up to top of quarry, steep drop-offs, opportunity to quit early if so desired.
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 3 miles
Duration: 4 hours
Additional equipment: Bring your own lunch.

50. Meandering among the Historic Millionaires’ Mansions Walk
9/23 2:00PM
Irvington Town Hall
85 Main Street, Irvington 10533
(646) 303-1448
skelsey@aqueduct.org
Walk north on the Aqueduct and admire architectural landmarks, including the skeletal remains of a Lord & Burnham greenhouse. Take in sweeping Hudson River views. Learn the history of the Old Croton Aqueduct.
Notes: Flat dirt trail.
Difficulty: Easy
Length: 6 miles
Duration: 4 hours
Metro North station: Irvington

51. Cranberry Lake Preserve Hike
9/25 9:30AM
Nature Center
1609 Old Orchard St, White Plains 10604
(914) 274-0449
theroadtoruins@verizon.net
Join David Steinberg, author of Hiking the Road to Ruins, for a comprehensive exploration of all the historic sites with the preserve: dynamite shed site, mysterious stone chamber, quarry, railroad bed, and much more. Uncover the secrets and mysteries hidden in plain sight.
Notes: Woods roads, some bushwhacking, climb up to top of quarry, steep drop-offs, opportunity to quit early if so desired.
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 3 miles
Duration: 4 hours
Additional equipment: Bring your own lunch.
52. Historic Bicycle Tour of Olde Fishkill
   All Ramble Weekends  Self-Guided
   Van Wyck Village Homestead Museum
   504 Route 9, Fishkill 12524
   (845) 896-8560
   FHSinfo@yahoo.com
   Cycle the “high road”, passing by historic sites within the Village and Town of Fishkill and Beacon. View 8, 15 or 25 sites, depending on the tour loop you choose. Ride along routes from the Revolutionary War era, view the site of the Fishkill encampment and supply depot, and visit the home of one of America’s first female entrepreneurs. Three tours accommodate all skill levels: Family 0.6 mi. Easy (flat); Medium 4 mi. (one hill). Extended 24 mi. (several hills, one challenging).
   Difficulty: Moderate
   Additional equipment: This is self-guided. Please provide your own equipment.

53. Recreation on the Hudson River Past and Present; Hike the Greenway Trail at Carnwath Farms
   All Ramble Weekends  Self-Guided
   Carnwath Farms
   Wheeler Hill Road, Wappingers Falls 12590
   (845) 632-1570
   info.carnwathfarmshsp@gmail.com
   View an ice boat, Hudson River sloop and other boats, and hear lectures on recreation on the Hudson. Additional displays by local fishermen and the Wappinger Greenway Committee at the Sports Museum. Saturdays: 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM; Sundays: 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Hike the trail: 1.5 mile trail open all weekends, great view of the Hudson and surrounding mountains.
   Notes: Dress to protect against deer ticks.
   Difficulty: Moderate
   Length: 1.5 miles
   Wheelchair Accessible (for details, contact the trip leader)
   Public Transportation

54. City of Newburgh Waterfront Trail Urban Walk
   All Ramble Weekends  Self-Guided
   City of Newburgh
   Washington Street at the Hudson River, Newburgh 12550
   (845) 728-2601
   conservation@cityofnewburgh-ny.gov
   Newly opened Waterfront Trail along the Hudson River, extending south from the City of Newburgh boat launch, through 7 acres of open field to the Newburgh Rowing Club. Spectacular views, bird-watching, connect with nature! Washington’s Headquarters and the Historic District are up the hill with restaurants nearby. Enjoy one of the few remaining tracts of Natural Open Space in the mid-Hudson area.
   Notes: Clear pathways wide enough for wheelchairs and people walking side by side through 10 ft. high cornfield! However you must wander through varied terrain and along boardwalks to get to location.
   Fee: Call or email for details.
   Difficulty: Easy
   Length: 1 mile
   Duration: one half hour
   Wheelchair Accessible

55. Ulster County Creek Week 2016
   All Ramble Weekends  Times Vary
   Ulster County. Various locations
   (845) 340-4298
   ahn@co.ulster.ny.us
   Join Ulster County Dept. of Environment for a week of family-friendly paddles, hikes, boat rides, educational programs, festivals, and community celebrations!

Registration: Visit: www.ucenvironment.org/creek-week-2016/ for individual event details to see if registration is necessary.
Additional activities: Please visit: www.ucenvironment.org/creek-week-2016/ for individual event details.

56. Hurds Family Farm Cornmaze
   All Ramble Weekends 9:00AM
   Hurds Family Farm: Meet at Historic Dutch Barn
   2187 State Route 32, Modena 12548
   (845) 883-7825
   information@hurdsfamilyfarm.com
   Join us at a New York State Century Farm for an exciting 2 acre cornfield maze hike. Enjoy fresh air and exercise as you wander the pathways of this 2016 Farm Scene Investigation Mystery Adventure. NEW this season is a Farm Animal Tracks Mystery Game geared for the small maze trekkers, 2-8 yr. olds. Shhh...big kids will love it too! Activities include a humongous jumping pillow, gem mining, farm pets, mini maze with an outdoor storybook, Jack and the Cornstalk, popular cow train, Kids Corral, and so much more!
   Notes: Clear pathways wide enough for wheelchairs and people walking side by side through 10 ft. high cornfield! However you must wander through varied terrain and along boardwalks to get to location.
   Fee: General Admission $15; Friend, Senior $13.50; military, SUNY New Paltz students, and children under 13 FREE.

57. Guided Tours of Historic Huguenot Street
   All Ramble Weekends 10:00AM
   Historic Huguenot Street
   81 Huguenot Street, New Paltz 12561
   (845) 255-1660
   info@huguenotstreet.org
   Visit three historic house museums and a reconstructed 1717 French church on a guided tour of our 10-acre National Historic Landmark District. Discover over 300 years of history encompassing the Native American and Colonial experience, through the Gilded Age, and into the 20th century.
   Fee: General Admission $15; Friend, Senior $13.50; military, SUNY New Paltz students, and children under 13 FREE.

Note: We make every effort to ensure accuracy of event listings. However, due to weather and other factors, information may change between the time of publication and the time of each event. We encourage all participants to verify dates and times with the listed Ramble leader for each event.

KEY TO RAMBLE EVENTS
- Hudson River Estuary
- Greenway Trail
- Great Estates
- Hudson River Artists Trail
- Revolutionary War Trail
- Family Friendly
- Walk/Hike
- Bicycle
- Paddle
- Wheelchair Accessible (for details, contact the trip leader)
- Public Transportation

Hike the Kingston Greenline. Photo by Robert Goldwitz.
Portion wheelchair accessible: Historic Huguenot Street strives to make its grounds, exhibits, and programs accessible to everyone, wherever possible, with understandable limitations given the historic nature of the buildings and grounds. Many houses have stairs. Ramps are available by prior arrangement. Two accessible restrooms are located on-site. If you have questions or concerns about accessibility, please contact us. Arrangements can often be made with advance notice.

58. West Point Museum

All Ramble Weekends 10:30AM
West Point Museum
2110 New South Post Road, USMA, West Point 10996
(845) 938-3590
museum@usma.edu
All visitors to the United States Military Academy are encouraged to tour the museum to view the oldest and largest diversified public collection of militaria in the Western Hemisphere. The Museum supports cadet academic, military and cultural instruction. Its collections include nearly all aspects of military history and encompass the history of West Point and the United States Military Academy, the evolution of warfare, and the development of the American Armed Forces. Additional equipment: Photo ID required for tour on-post at West Point. On-post tour has fee involved. Museum admission is FREE.

59. Bannerman Island Discovery Walking Tours

All Ramble Weekends 11:00AM
Departs from Beacon or Newburgh
(845) 831-6346
contact@bannermancastle.org
Enjoy a 30-minute cruise to Bannerman Island on board the Bannerman Castle Trust’s motor vessel, the Estuary Steward. The castle was built to resemble the castles of Scotland. You will be treated to a 1.5 hour tour of the island given by one of our BCT historians. There is a 30 minute cruise back to port. Your adventure departs from the Beacon Institute floating dock at the Beacon waterfront on Saturdays at 11 am and 12:30 pm. On Sundays at 11 am the boat departs from the Blue Point restaurant dock in Newburgh and again at the Beacon Institute dock at 12:30 pm.
Registration: Call Zerve to make a reservation at (855) 256-4007.
Fee: $35 for adults $30 for Children (11 and under)

60. Revolutionary War Headquarters Site

All Ramble Weekends 1:00PM
Van Wyck Homestead Museum
504 Route 9, Fishkill 12524
(845) 896-9560
FHSInfo@yahoo.com
The Van Wyck Homestead was built in 1732, and enlarged to its present size in 1757. It is one of the oldest homes in Dutchess County. During the American Revolution the home was used as an officers headquarters for the Fishkill Supply Depot soldiers’ encampment. Dozens of notable Revolutionary War heroes visited the Homestead - including George Washington, Alexander Hamilton, John Jay, and Marquis de Lafayette, to name a few.
Fee: No Fee - Donations are greatly appreciated.

9/04 artist talk: center for experimental lectures 3pm
9/05 storm king open 10am labor day monday
9/10 wanderings and wonderings: artist tour with dayna tortorici 2pm
9/11 h. peter stern concert: indian classical music 2pm
9/16 moonlit walking tour 8pm
9/17 walk: birds of storm king 8:30am art center

Weekly Events

Saturdays: Morning Yoga at 10:15AM
Saturdays: Beekeeper Tours at 1:00PM & 2:00PM
Sundays: Children & Families Programs at 1:00PM

September Events

September & October Hours

Open Monday, Wednesday - Sundays, 10am - 5:30pm
(Closed Tuesdays)
www.stormking.org
Additional activities: Guided Tours (about one hour long) will be given from 1-4 PM Saturday and Sunday. Last Tour is at 3 PM. Revolutionary War era documents and artifacts are on display. No Fee - donations appreciated. Self-guided bicycle tour brochures for Fishkill will be available 24/7 in the display case of the Van Wyck Homestead Museum.

61. Pride of the Hudson Narrated Sightseeing Cruise
Various dates/times throughout September
Newburgh Waterfront
Front Street, Newburgh 12550
(845) 220-2120
info@prideofthehudson.com
Join us aboard the Pride of the Hudson for a Cruise through the majestic Hudson Highlands! Bask in the sun on the spacious sundeck or enjoy the comfort of our climate controlled main salon featuring wrap-around windows.
Your adventure will begin at Blu Point Landing (formerly Torches) in Newburgh, NY. Your captain will narrate the sights along the way, including: Washington's Headquarters, Mount Beacon, Bannerman Island, Breakneck Mountain, Cold Spring, World's End, Constitution Island & the United States Military Academy at West Point.
Registration: Call Zerve @ (845) 363-4550.
Fee: Adults $22, Seniors (65+) $20, Children (4-11) $18, 3 and under free.
Additional activities: During sightseeing cruises, we provide a narration aboard giving information and history of sites being passed. Snack bar/bar/ souvenirs available aboard.

62. Sunset Kayak Tour
3/9 9:00AM 3/19 9:00AM 5:00PM
3/31 5:00PM 4/30 4:30PM
Storm King Adventure Tours
178 Hudson Street, Cornwall-on-Hudson 12520
(845) 534-7800
info@stormkingadventuretours.com
There are few better ways to end your day than out on the river enjoying a spectacular Hudson Valley sunset. This tour is a stress-free outing for all abilities. These trips are one of our most popular and sell out quickly, so call to reserve now.
Registration: Call prior to event.
Fee: $545 per person. All equipment provided.
Difficulty: Easy
Length: 3 miles
Duration: 2 hours
Not suitable for children under: 12
Additional equipment: Paddlers should wear shoes that they don't mind getting wet. Boats provided.

63. Hudson Valley Sunset Kayak Tour
3/9 9:00AM 3/19 9:00AM 5:00PM
3/31 5:00PM 4/30 4:30PM
I Paddle New York
61 South Partition Street, Saugerties 12477
(845) 532-7779
ipaddlenewyork@aol.com
We start with a quick lesson before launching into the calm waters of the Esopus Creek. We’ll lead you paddling out by the Saugerties Lighthouse and into the Hudson River, where we’ll enjoy a snack as the sun sets behind the Catskill Mountains! We’ll enjoy the birds, beaver and all of nature as we return by twilight.

65. Walk to the Wallkill
4/9 10:00AM
Hamptonburgh Preserve
3 State Highway 416, Campbell Hall 10916
(914) 419-1982
Jeremy@oclt.org
Take a scenic walk through the fields and woodland of Orange County Land Trust’s Hamptonburgh Preserve to the scenic Wallkill River shoreline. Walk will be led by Land Trust Board Member Eli Hart. Parking and entrance are located off Route 416 near the intersection of Routes 207/416. Pre-registration is suggested.
Notes: Terrain is relatively flat with some hilly ascents/descents.
Registration: Email by 9/2
Difficulty: Easy
Length: 1.2 miles
Duration: 2 hours
Not suitable for children under: 5
Additional equipment: General sun and bug protection is recommended: sunscreen, hats, sunglasses, and bug spray suggested.

66. Sculpture Garden Tour
4/9 10:00AM
Maurice D. Hinchey Catskill Interpretive Center
5096 State Route 28, Arkville 12457
(845) 688-3369
mdrillinger@catskillcenter.org
The Maurice D. Hinchey Catskill Interpretive Center is the gateway to the Catskill Park. Located on a 60-acre site, the Catskill Interpretive Center includes sculpture installations, which are chosen by jury and displayed for a year. Come and see the 2016/2017 installation and get a tour by the artists who created the sculptures.
Not suitable for children under: 6

67. Bannerman Castle Kayak and Walking Tour
4/9 10:00AM 4/19 2:00PM 4/24 2:00PM
Storm King Adventure Tours
178 Hudson Street, Cornwall-on-Hudson 12520
(845) 534-7800
info@stormkingadventuretours.com
Here is your opportunity to get a close-up look at the famous Bannerman’s Island Castle. Kayak beneath the mighty Storm King Mountain, cross the river to Breakneck Ridge where we will head north towards the island. Then enjoy a leisurely paddle around our region’s most prominent landmarks while hearing the history behind the castle, followed by a walking tour of the island and Bannerman’s Island Castle.
Registration: Call prior to event.
Fee: $100 per person
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 4-5 miles
Duration: 4 hours
Not suitable for children under: 12
Additional equipment: Paddlers should wear comfortable, quick-drying (non-cotton) clothes and shoes that can get wet. Bring sunglasses, sunscreen and camera, a light lunch and plenty of drinking water. Boats provided. Bring your own lunch.

68. Walking Tour of the Vassar Farm and Ecological Preserve
4/9 10:30AM
Vassar Farm and Ecological Preserve, Rugby Field
51 Vassar Farm Lane, Poughkeepsie 12604
(845) 437-7422
jerubbo@vassar.edu
Please join the Environmental Cooperative for a walking tour of the Vassar Farm and Ecological Preserve. This tour will feature The Ellen Swallows Richard Historical Trail, The Drumlin Trail, The Phenology Trail, or the Beaver Trail. After, join us for refreshments and enjoy a short tour of the newly renovated Vassar Barn, home to the Environmental Cooperative and available for use as community multipurpose space.
Notes: There are a few steep ascents and some rocky terrain. Above-the-ankle boots are not required, but might be useful. Sneakers or sturdy walking shoes are best. NO sandals.
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 2 miles
Duration: 1.5 hours
Not suitable for children under: 6
Additional equipment: General sun and bug protection is recommended: sunscreen, hats, sunglasses, and bug spray suggested.

69. Innisfree Garden Wildflower Walk
4/11 11:00AM
Innisfree Garden
362 Tyrrell Road, Millbrook 12545
(845) 677-8000
office@innisfreegarden.org
Explore the extraordinary array of native plants at Innisfree with George Petty, a life-long naturalist who has led many wildflower and bird walks for the New Jersey Audubon Society. He is a life member of the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, and former chair of their publications committee. George is Professor Emeritus of...
English at Montclair State University, a published poet, and author of Hiking the New Jersey Highlands: Wilderness in Your Backyard. 

**Notes:** The terrain is uneven and there are some steeper slopes, so good walking shoes are suggested, but this is a large garden, not wilderness.

**Fee:** $15 per person (kids 3 and under free). This includes admission to the garden.

**Difficulty:** Moderate

**Length:** 1.3 miles

**Duration:** 1 hour

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**73. Story Walk Opening**

**Date:** 9/8 **12:00PM**

**Location:** Hudson Highlands Nature Museum - Wildlife Education Center

**Address:** 25 Boulevard, Cornwall-on-Hudson 12520

**Contact:** (845) 534-7781

**Email:** estenlerod@hhnm.org

The Museum, in partnership with the Cornwall Public Library and The Grail, invites you to Story Walk 2016. Read an illustrated children’s story as you stroll along our meadow trail. Meet the animal presentations at 1pm and 2:30pm and guided walks along the Story Walk trail at 1:30pm and 3pm.

**Notes:** The trail is a short, mowed path along a meadow. This path is wheelchair- and stroller-friendly.

**Fee:** $3 per person. Children 2 years old and under are free. Museum members are also free.

**Difficulty:** Easy

**Length:** 0.1 mile

**Duration:** 0.25 hour

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**74. Moodna Marsh Kayak Tour**

**Date:** 9/8 **2:30PM** - 9/17 **1:30PM**

**Duration:** 0.1 mile

**Length:** 4-5 miles

**Difficulty:** Moderate

**Notes:** Bring water, sunscreen and a hat. It’s best to wear non-cotton clothing like poly or nylon. Boats provided.

**Not suitable for children under:** 12

**Additional equipment:** Bring water, sunscreen and a hat. It’s best to wear non-cotton clothing like poly or nylon. Boats provided.

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**75. A Concert with Andrew Russo & Frederic Chiu, Pianists**

**Date:** 9/8 **6:00PM**

**Location:** Maverick Concert Hall

**Address:** 120 Maverick Road, Woodstock 12498

**Contact:** (845) 679-8217

**Email:** info@MaverickConcerts.org

The concert will feature selections from Debussy: Suite Bergamasque; Ravel: Miroirs; Debussy, arr. Ravel: Prélude à l’Après-Midi d’un Faune, for piano duet; Stravinsky: Petrushka, for piano duet

**Fee:** General admission: $25, Student tickets: $5 (with valid student ID), Children under 12: FREE when accompanied by an adult. Reserved (assigned) seats: $45 or $55 (depending on the event). A limited number of reserved seats are available only in advance and online by credit card or by phone 24 hours (800) 595-4TIX [4849].

**Notes:** Pay-what-you-can seating. Bring your own chair or blanket.

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**Ferncliff Forest**

Open year round, Rhinebeck’s number one free attraction offers an amazing view of Hudson Valley from our Observation Tower. Enjoy hiking, picnics, camping or just walk your dog in our wonderful 200 acre Forest Preserve.

68 Mount Rutsen Rd. Rhinebeck, NY

845-876-3196 for additional information

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**US SENATOR**

Charles E. Schumer

“Year after year, we are reminded of the Hudson Valley’s unparalleled beauty and indescribable wonder as autumn approaches. From Walkway Over the Hudson to the Hudson River Greenway and many other projects, I have worked to leverage the best of what the Hudson Valley has to offer for the betterment of all who live in and visit the region. In its 17th year, the Ramble will once again showcase the unique heritage, culture, and natural beauty of the area’s river and mountain towns. I look forward to supporting this premier Hudson Valley celebration for years to come.”
The Hudson River has been a destination for exploration and recreation, not just for New Yorkers, but for people from across the country. I call the Hudson River Valley my home, enjoying with my family all the miles of adventure and endless recreation the region has to offer. It fuels the economy with new jobs, development and tourism. The Hudson River Valley Ramble is a tradition that honors a resource that has been so important in defining who we are, and offers the opportunity to take advantage of all it has to offer. As the first senator from upstate New York in nearly 40 years, I will always work to preserve the beauty and tradition of the Hudson River Valley.

76. Hike the Woodland Trail of Discovery at Boscobel House & Gardens

**9/22 10:00AM**
Boscobel House and Gardens
1601 New York 9D, Garrison 10524
(845) 265-3638

Enjoy a self-guided hike of Boscobel’s scenic Woodland Trail of Discovery and stroll the beautiful gardens and grounds overlooking the Hudson River. Ask for a nature hunt sheet for the kids! Enjoy an audio tour of Hudson River Valley stories. Pack a picnic and spend the day! The Gift Shop and The Lemon Press Cafe & Screen and Camera, and plenty of drinking water.

**Admission:** $20.00

**Registration:** Call prior to event

**Notes:** Not suitable for children under 6

**Additional equipment:** Bring your own lunch.

**Additional activities:** Mansion tours are available for an additional fee.

77. Bannerman Castle Kayak Tour

**9/22 1:30PM**
Storm King Adventure Tours
178 Hudson Street, Cornwall-on-Hudson 12520
(845) 534-7800
info@stormkingadventuretours.com

Here is your opportunity to get a close-up look at the famous Bannerman’s Island Castle. Kayak beneath the mighty Storm King Mountain, crossing the river to Breakneck Ridge where we will head north towards the island. Then enjoy a leisurely paddle around our region’s most prominent landmarks while hearing the history behind the castle.

**Registration:** Call prior to event

**Fee:** $60 per person

78. Denning’s Point Kayak Tour- Beacon

**9/22 10:30AM**
Long Dock Park, Beacon 12508
(845) 831-1997
katy@amatontopoutsfitters.com

We will launch from Scenic Hudson’s Long Dock Park and paddle south around the tip of Denning’s Point and into the mouth of the Fishkill Creek. If time allows, we will make a stop at the beach at Denning’s Point. There is a good chance your will see bald eagles, blue heron and other wildlife on this tour.

**Notes:** We will only be paddling if the water is calm. If the water is too rough or there are storms, participants will be refunded. Safety first!

**Registration:** Call by the Friday prior to the paddle.

**Difficulty:** Moderate

**Length:** 3.5 miles

**Duration:** 2.5 hours

**Not suitable for children under:** 16

**Additional equipment:** Water, a snack, sunscreen. Boats provided.

79. A Concert for the Friends of Maverick

**9/22 4:00PM**
Maverick Concert Hall
120 Maverick Road, Woodstock 12498
(845) 679-8217
info@Maverick.Concerts.org

Featuring Pedja Muzijevic, piano, playing selections from: Haydn: Piano Sonata No. 52 in D major; George Crumb: Pastoral; done with Makrokosmos (1972); Schubert: Piano Sonata No. 20 in A major, D. 959.

**Fee:** Regular Maverick tickets are not valid for this event and there is no “Rock Bottom” seating. Admission is by contribution only. A donor of $50 receives one ticket; a donor of $100 or more receives two.

80. Visiting Heritage Vessel: The Historic John J. Harvey Fireboat

**9/22 11:00AM**
Hudson River Maritime Museum Docks
50 Rondout Landing, Kingston 12401
(845) 338-0071 ext 15
ichassman@hrmm.org

From September 9 to 12, the historic 9/11 fireboat “John J. Harvey” will be docked at the Hudson River Maritime Museum’s docks. During this time, there will be the opportunity to take deck tours of the boat and go on a free public ride. Exact times will be posted as they become available. HRMM will be coordinating activities with the Trolley Museum of NY and its 9/11 PATH Train. Visit www.hrmm.org for info.

**Additional equipment:** Participants should wear comfortable walking shoes; hat; raincoat if the boat goes on a free public ride.

**Registration:** Email by 9/7

**Notes:** Not suitable for children under: 6

81. Hudson River Seining & Aquatic Life

**9/23 1:00PM**
Kowawese Unique Area
9 Plum Point Ln, New Windsor 12553
(845) 297-8935
trla72@aol.com

In the shadow of Storm King Mountain, we will sample the in-shore shallows at Kowawese with a beach seine to see who (“fish and shellfish”) is home today. We may see a bald eagle from time to time, quite likely osprey, and perhaps the start of the autumn monarch butterfly migration. Bring swimwear to participate.

**Notes:** Not suitable for children under 4-18; free admission to veterans, active military and their families with ID.

82. Innisfree Garden Nodate - Traditional Outdoor Tea Ceremony

**9/23 1:30PM**
Innisfree Garden
362 Tyrell Road, Millbrook 12545
(845) 677-8000
office@innisfreegarden.org

Enjoy this ancient ritual celebrating seasonal change in the Japanese inspired Innisfree Garden. Talented members of the Mid-Hudson Japanese Community Association will perform this exacting ceremony and explain the meaning of each part of the process. Matcha (tea) and traditional sweets will be shared with the first 25 people who make reservations.

**Registration:** Email by 9/7

**Notes:** Not suitable for children under: 6

83. Hike the new South Taconic Trail Extension

**9/24 10:00AM**
South Taconic Trail Extension
Shagroy Road, just north of Millerton, Dutchess County
(917) 885-0691
president@friendsofsp.org

Join Friends of Taconic State Park for a strenuous, but spectacular hike led by expert guide Claudia Farb on a significant, newly opened 6.5 mile stretch of the South Taconic Trail. From the trailhead, we will head north to the end of our hike at a small parking area on Quarry Hill Road, at which we will have vehicles to return us back to our starting point, where our own vehicles will be waiting. Pack a lunch, water, and snacks (but we will have some treats for the trail at the start to energize and sustain us) at this beautiful and inspirational Hudson River Valley event.

**Registration:** Email by 9/7

**Notes:** Not suitable for children under: 16; military and their families with ID.
84. Monarch Butterfly Migration & Tagging
10:00 AM
Hudson Highlands Nature Center - Outdoor Discovery Center
100 Muser Drive, Cornwall 12518
(845) 534-5506 x206
jbrinker@hhnm.org
Discover all about monarch butterflies, their unusual lifestyle and life cycle and miraculous migration to Mexico. Learn how to catch and handle monarchs, determine gender, and properly tag them in the wild as a part of a national research project!
Fee: Non-members: $7 Adult, $5 Children
Members: $5 Adult, $3 Children
Not suitable for children under: 5

85. Take Two: Storm King and Crows Nest Challenge
10:00 AM
Storm King State Park
Freedom Road Parking Area, Route 9W Northbound, Cornwall 12520
(845) 424-3358, ext. 6.
info@hhlt.org
Enjoy the “west shore” perspective with a challenging trek in Cornwall. Avid hiker and forester Matt Decker leads this expedition that includes Storm King Mountain and the North Point of Crows Nest Mountain, and features spectacular views of the Hudson River and the East Highlands. There will be a stop for photos and a quick picnic lunch. The hike is co-hosted by Hudson Highlands Land Trust and Orange County Land Trust.
Notes: The hike includes steep ascents and descents and uneven rocky surfaces. The trail crosses two streams, but they are not treacherous.
Registration: Call or email by noon 9/2
Difficulty: Difficult
Length: 5 miles
Duration: 4 hours
Not suitable for children under: 12
Additional equipment: We recommend that participants bring ample water and snacks for a 4-hour hike and sturdy shoes. Bring your own lunch.

86. Migrating Birds at John Burroughs Slabsides
10:00 AM
John Burroughs Nature Sanctuary at Slabsides
Burroughs Drive, off Floyd Ackert, Slabsides Entrance, West Park 12493
(845) 384-6556
info@johnburroughsassociation.org
Birds were the first love of literary naturalist John Burroughs when he was writing at the turn of the Twentieth Century. Then as now, the land surrounding his cabin, Slabsides, was abundant with bird life and at this time of year migrating songbirds en route to wintering grounds in South America are stopping off. Discover the richness of tree-top bird life through sight and song with Mark Dedea, president of the John Burroughs Natural History Society. Beginning birders through advanced are welcome. Follow Path Through History signs.
Notes: Generally even terrain on well-developed trails, many with stone pathways and steps.
Difficulty: Easy
Length: 1 mile
Duration: 2 hours
Additional equipment: Wear study shoes and dress for the weather. Bring binoculars if you have them, and water.
Additional activities: Tour John Burroughs’s 1895 rustic cabin Slabsides, a National Historic Landmark and Hudson river Valley National Heritage Site of Special Interest.
87. Catskill Interpretive Center History Walk
9/10 9/11 10:00AM
Maurice D. Hincheys Catskill Interpretive Center 5096 State Route 28, Mount Tremper 12457 (845) 688-3369 mdrillinger@catskillcenter.org
The Maurice D. Hincheys Catskill Interpretive Center is the gateway to the Catskill Park. Located on the site of an old farm, along the Esopus Creek and surrounded by the peaks of the Catskills, the site has a history that speaks of early settlers. Come and learn about the Winnie family and farming in the Esopus valley from colonial times until the middle of the 20th century.
Difficulty: Easy
Length: .5 miles
Duration: 1 hour

88. Harlem Valley AT Community Hike: AT Boardwalk to Dover Oak
9/10 10:00AM
MetroNorth RR AT Station Stop
991 Route 22, Pawling 12564
(917) 328-8184
HarlemValleyAT@gmail.com
This hike starts at the AT Boardwalk, just south of Native Landscapes, and we will hike west across the 1600’ boardwalk. It spans the Great Swamp, New York State’s third largest freshwater wetlands. A bridge at the end takes you over the Swamp River and you’ll head up through a forested hillside. At the top of Corbin hill, the path opens onto farmlands and follows along the perimeter of one of the fields in production. This magnificent landmark is over 300 years old, and with a 20’ circumference, it is the largest tree on the 2180 mile footpath from Georgia to Maine.
Notes: Moderate ascent/descent
Registration: Email by 8/27
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 4 miles
Duration: 3 hours
Not suitable for children under: 6
Additional equipment: Water, bug spray, sun screen.
Metro North station: Appalachian Trail

89. Woodland Trail Hike and Scavenger Hunt
9/10 11:00AM
Stony Kill Farm and Education Center 79 Farmstead Ln, Wappingers Falls 12590 (845) 831-3800 foundation@stonykill.org
Join us for a scavenger hunt and plant identification up the Woodland Trail at Stony Kill Farm. We will meet at the Manor House parking lot and begin the hike while looking at plants and collecting items for the hunt. Bring your lunch for an afternoon meal under our pavilion.
Notes: The trail can be rocky and is uphill for a short part of the walk.
Registration: Call or email by 9/9
Difficulty: Easy
Length: 1.5 miles
Duration: 1.5 hours
Not suitable for children under: 3
Portion wheelchair accessible: It will be rocky terrain and the uphill part will be difficult to maneuver with a wheelchair.
Additional equipment: Bring a walking stick if you like and bug spray if needed. Bring your own lunch.

90. Boat Brigade Wallkill River Watershed Alliance Paddle
9/10 11:00AM
Ulster County Fairgrounds Boat Launch Libertyville Road, New Paltz 10940 (845) 594-6353 Brendabowers42@yahoo.com
This paddle will take you down a small portion of the Wallkill River, exploring the beauty and discussing the challenges.
Notes: Easy paddle with the current from Ulster County Fairgrounds to the Sojourner Truth boat landing in New Paltz.
Registration: Call prior to event
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 5 miles
Duration: 2 hours
Not suitable for children under: 10
Additional equipment: Participants can bring their own boat or borrow one from New Paltz Kayak Tours with advance registration. Boats provided.

91. Clearwater’s Family Day at Esopus Meadows
9/10 2:00PM
Esopus Meadows Preserve 257 River Rd, Ulster Park 12487 (845) 797-2847 elli@clearwater.org
Join Clearwater for a beautiful day by the river. There will be live music, entertainment, craft projects, hiking, and more. We will use our seine nets to see what is in the river, and send you on a scavenger hunt in the woods. Or bring a beach chair, relax by the river and listen to the music. Bring a picnic, your cousins and neighbors, all are welcome.

92. CHHS Projects IN:SITE Closing Event
9/10 2:00PM 9/10 3:00PM
Century House Historical Society at the Snyder Estate 668 Route 213, Rosendale 12472 (845) 658-9900 insiterosendale@gmail.com
Closing celebration and performances for IN:SITE, a summer-long outdoor art exhibit at the Century House Historical Society (CHHS) on the Snyder Estate in Rosendale, NY, home of the Widow Jane Mine. Curated by Jenny Lee Fowler and Natasha Maria Brooks-Sperduti, fifteen artists from the Northeast present site-specific sculptures and performances that explore the location’s rich natural and industrial histories.
Portion wheelchair accessible: Art work is installed all over the grounds. Most of the ground is all one level, some paths have large branches that need to be stepped over, the mine itself is inaccessible.

93. Bannerman Island Farm Fresh Dinner, Cruise and Tour
9/10 3:00PM
Depart Beacon Institute dock (845) 831-6346 contact@bannermancastle.org
Join Noah Sheetz and the Chef’s Consortium on Bannerman Island for a five course, farm fresh dinner prepared by five noted Hudson Valley chefs. Dine at the Bannerman Island Residence side garden with your choice of one of our two seating times. This incredible dinner features a self-guided tour of Bannerman Island and a cruise on the Hudson, aboard The Estuary Steward. The Kings Highlander Bag Pipe Band will provide entertainment. Rain or shine. Departs Beacon at 3PM and 4:15PM.
Registration: Call Zerve for reservations at (855) 256-4007.
Fee: Tickets are $135 for general admission and $125 for BCT members.
Metro North station: Beacon

94. Happy Traum and Friends
9/10 8:00PM
Maverick Concert Hall 120 Maverick Road, Woodstock 12498 (845) 679-8217 info@MaverickConcerts.org
Happy Traum and Friends: Woodstock’s own folk music legend.
Fee: General admission: $25. Book of 10 tickets: $200 (save $50). Student tickets: $5 (with valid student ID). Children under 12: FREE when accompanied by an adult. Reserved (assigned) seats: $45 or $55 (depending on the event). A limited number of reserved seats are available only in advance and online by credit card or by phone 24 hours 800-595-4TIX [4849]. Rock Bottom: “Pay-what-you-can” seating. Bring your own chair or blanket.

95. Trail Restoration at Knox Headquarters
9/10 9:00AM
Knox HQ State Historic site 289 Forge Hill Rd, New Windsor 12553 201-512-9348, ext. 16. office@nynjtc.org
Restore the Silver Stream Trail at Knox Headquarters: Move rock using specialized hand tools to improve the footing on the trail tread.
Registration: Call prior to event
Not suitable for children under: 14
Additional equipment: Training and safety tools will be provided. Wear sturdy, protective shoes or boots, long pants, bring plenty of water and some lunch.
Additional activities: Light refreshments provided at the end of the day.
96. Kingston Fall Foliage Morning Kayak Tour  
**9/10 9:00AM**  
Kingston Point Beach  
50 Delaware Avenue, Kingston 12401  
(845) 481-7336  
kckeegan@kingston-ny.gov  
Paddle the Hudson River during one of the most spectacular times of the year. These paddles launch from Kingston Point Beach. The trip includes instruction, equipment and guide.  
**Notes:** Great for beginners, shallow, calm area on the Hudson.  
**Registration:** Call prior to event day  
**Fee:** $35. Kingston residents, children and those who provide own kayak equipment receive a $10 discount.  
**Difficulty:** Easy  
**Length:** 2.5 miles  
**Duration:** 2 hours  
**Not suitable for children under:** 5  
**Additional equipment:** Kayak equipment is provided if needed for the program.
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**Beacon**

Bring your own lunch.

Addendum equipment: Hiking boots or other sturdy walking shoes are recommended.

**103. Bannerman Castle Kayak and Hard Hat Tour- Beacon**

Duration: 2.5 hours

Length: 6 miles

Difficulty: Difficult

Kayak tour and hard hat walking tour of $100 per person includes equipment, $24 hours 800-595-4TIX [4849]. Rock Bottom:

Fee: $10 per car vehicle use fee; No fee for vehicles with a current Empire Passport. There is no fee for the program, just for vehicle use.

**Difficulty:** Easy

Length: 1.5 miles

Duration: 2.5 hours

**Not suitable for children under:** 10

Additional equipment: Hiking boots or other sturdy walking shoes are recommended.

**104. Guided Tour of the D&H Canal**

**Five Lock Walk**

Duration: 4.5 hours

Length: 6 miles

Difficulty: Difficult

Eagles, blue heron and various other wildlife will pull the kayaks ashore and enjoy an hour-long walk along the pace of the island with one of the island's most knowledgeable guides. We will enjoy our lunch and then it's back in the kayaks for a return paddle to Beacon. Keep your eyes open for bald eagles, blue heron and various other wildlife along the way!

**Notes:** Terrain on island can be rough so please wear secure footwear (no flip flops). Expect to get a little wet.

**Registration:** Call by 9/8

**Fee:** $100 per person includes equipment, kayak tour and hard hat walking tour of Bannerman's Island. We will paddle 3 miles south along the eastern shore of the Hudson River to Bannerman's Island. We will pull the kayaks ashore and enjoy an hour-long hard-hat tour of the island with one of the island's most knowledgeable guides. We will enjoy our lunch and then it's back in the kayaks for a return paddle to Beacon. Keep your eyes open for bald eagles, blue heron and various other wildlife along the way!

**Notes:** Terrain on island can be rough so please wear secure footwear (no flip flops). Expect to get a little wet.

**Registration:** Call by 9/8

**Fee:** $100 per person includes equipment, kayak tour and hard hat walking tour of Bannerman's Island.

**Difficulty:** Difficult

**Length:** 6 miles

**Duration:** 4.5 hours

**Not suitable for children under:** 10

**Additional equipment:** Plenty of water, a lunch, sunscreen, muscle. Boats provided. Bring your own lunch.

**Metro North station:** Beacon

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**105. Pacifica String Quartet**

**Maverick Concert Hall**

Duration: 1.5 to 3 hours

Length: 3 or 6 miles

Difficulty: Moderate

Interpretive Center shows how a disturbed stream and take a free guided tour of the national historic landmark Five Lock Walk. See five restored locks from the final 1852 enlargement of the D&H Canal, the first million dollar private enterprise in US history. The canal ran for 108 miles from Honesdale PA to Rondout NY to bring coal from Carbondale PA to NYC, running from 1828 through 1898. The Canal fueled the industrial revolution in America and helped make NYC the world's largest city. It informed the 19th century history of all the towns along its route.

**Notes:** Terrain on island can be rough so please wear secure footwear (no flip flops). Expect to get a little wet.

**Registration:** Call by 9/8

**Fee:** $100 per person includes equipment, kayak tour and hard hat walking tour of Bannerman's Island.

**Difficulty:** Difficult

**Length:** 6 miles

**Duration:** 4.5 hours

**Not suitable for children under:** 10

**Additional equipment:** Plenty of water, a lunch, sunscreen, muscle. Boats provided. Bring your own lunch.

**Metro North station:** Beacon

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**106. West Point Volkswalk for Everyone!**

**Maurice D. Hinchey Catskill Interpretive Center**

**5096 Route 28, Mount Tremper 12457**

**mdrillinger@catskillcenter.org**

On the course, you will pass all of West Point's historic monuments, cadet barracks, chapels and take in views of the Hudson River valley and the mountains above. Come here for a scenic, safe, and traffic free walk. For those who wish to do the 6 mile walk, self-guided directions and map will be provided and the split occurs roughly 1/2 way through the guided portion. (A walk through the historic cemetery will be on the longer trail.) Meet outside Highland Falls Market.

**Notes:** The 3 mile course is all on sidewalks with some gravel, but all hard surfaces generally. There are some hills along the way that preclude wheelchair chairs, but strollers would be doable with a good push.

**Difficulty:** Easy

**Length:** 6 miles

**Duration:** 1.5 to 3 hours

**Not suitable for children under:** 6

**Additional activities:** In the event that West Point is closed due to a security alert, an alternative 3 mile guided walk through the Village of Highland Falls will be provided instead. No fee for walking, those walkers participating in the American Volkssport Association walking program pay $3 for the usual credit fee.

**Registration:** Email info@senatehousekingston.org by 9/9

**Fee:** $30 per person

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**107. An Evening with Jay Ungar & Molly Mason**

**Maverick Concert Hall**

Duration: 1 hour

Length: 5 miles

Difficulty: Easy

Senator will entertain guests for an evening of music, hors d’oeuvres and drinks.

**Registration:** Email info@senatehousekingston.org by 9/9

**Fee:** $30 per person

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**108. Riparian Project Tour**

**Maurice D. Hinchey Catskill Interpretive Center**

**5096 Route 28, Mount Tremper 12457**

**mdrillinger@catskillcenter.org**

The Maurice D. Hinchey Catskill Interpretive Center in conjunction with the Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program is developing a demonstration riparian project. A riparian zone is the area immediately along a stream or wetland. The riparian demonstration project at the Catskill Interpretive Center shows how a disturbed stream side forest was restored using native plants.

**Difficulty:** Easy

**Length:** 5 miles

**Duration:** 1 hour

**Portion wheelchair accessible:** There is a wheelchair accessible bridge that provides a reasonable vantage point for seeing and hearing the talk.
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SAMUEL DORSKY MUSEUM OF ART
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT NEW PALTZ
WWW.NEWPALTZ.EDU/MUSEUM
109. Hike to Jimmy Dolan Notch
9/17 10:00AM
Prediger Road Trail Head
Prediger Rd, Elka Park 12427
(845) 247-3021
skibob42@gmail.com
This hike in the Catskill Mountains has two options. When we get to the Notch, we can continue to the first viewpoint on Twin. The other option is to go to Indian Head. Great views at Indian Head and at the Notch. Sponsored by the Rip Van Winkle Kibbling Club.
Notes: Some steep sections and one rock scramble.
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 4 to 5 miles
Duration: 3.5-4 hours
Not suitable for children under: 10
Additional equipment: Bring lunch, snacks and drinks. Could get wet if there has been recent rain.

110. Innisfree Garden Guided Curator’s Tour
9/17 11:00AM
Innisfree Garden
362 Tyrrel Road, Millbrook 12545
(845) 677-8000
office@innisfreegarden.org
Explore Innisfree, a powerful icon of mid-twentieth century design now recognized as one of the world’s ten best gardens. The group will take a lively 1.5 hour tour focusing on the people, the inspirations, and the natural and designed features that make Innisfree such a memorable and moving place.
Fee: $10 Innisfree members, $15 general public.
Kids 3 and under free.
Additional equipment: The terrain is irregular, so good walking shoes are suggested.

111. Tivoli North Bay Educational Canoe Trip
9/17 12:00PM
Tivoli North Bay
Kidd Lane, Tivoli 12583
(845) 889-4745 x109
Paddle through this fascinating tidal marsh in Dutchess County with Reserve naturalists. Enjoy unique sights, sounds, and smells as you wander through one of the most protected sites on the Hudson.
Registration: Please register at https://2016-nysdec-canoe.eventbrite.com
Not suitable for children under: 6
Additional equipment: Please wear footwear that can get wet.

112. Wallkill River Festival
9/17 12:00PM 9/18 12:00PM (Rain date)
Sojourner Truth Park
Plains Road, New Paltz 12561
(845) 256-9316
wallkillalliance@gmail.com
An afternoon of fun for the whole family, to celebrate the Wallkill River. Hands-on children’s activities, food, live music, and short kayak tours. Try your hand at collecting and identifying creek critters and learn what they tell you about the health of a river. 30 minute kayak paddles offered for $10 (children 12 & under free). Support the Wallkill River Watershed Alliance, working to restore the Wallkill River.
Wheelchair accessible: The site is flat but not paved. Gravel and lawn.

113. Theatre on Bannerman Island
9/17 9/18 3:00PM
Departs Beacon Institute dock
(845) 831-6346
contact@bannermancastle.org
This legendary Broadway show is performed in concert, starring Broadway Actors Craig Schulman and Marni Raab, in the gardens at Bannerman Island with the castle ruins as the backdrop. The show is directed by Sugar Loaf Performing Arts Center’s Joyce Presutti and includes a cruise to and from the island and an hour-guided-tour of Bannerman Island. Food is available on the island. The Estuary Steward departs from the Beacon Institute floating dock at the Beacon waterfront at 3 PM and 4:15 PM, show is at 5 PM.
Registration: Call Zerve for reservations at (855) 256-4007.
Fee: Tickets are $65
Metro North station: Beacon

114. Clearwater’s Esopus Meadows Walk and Wade
9/17 3:00PM
Esopus Meadows Preserve
257 River Road, Ulster Park 12487
(845) 797-2847
eli@clearwater.org
Come to Esopus Meadows and follow the Kline-Esopus Kill from its mouth to near its source. With a Clearwater educator, follow the trail of the creek and learn how over the last 20,000 years water has shaped the terrain. We will take a moderate one-mile hike followed by a beach seine program on the Hudson River beach. We will discuss native wildlife and invasive species, collect and identify fish, and get any willing participants in chest waders to help us catch fish.
Not suitable for children under: 4

115. Farmland Cycling Tour
9/17 9:00AM
Poets’ Walk Park
River Road, Red Hook 12571
(845) 473-4440 Ext 273
aconeski@scenichudson.org
Energize with fresh donuts, cider and apples (courtesy of local farmers), then pedal through the beautiful, rolling countryside of Dutchess and Columbia counties. The ride will include scenery of the beautiful Hudson River, working farms that Scenic Hudson has helped to protect, and stops along the way with fresh produce and water. After returning to Poets’ Walk, enjoy a fabulous lunch while listening to live music.
Registration: Call or email by 9/15
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 10, 25 or 45 miles
Duration: 1, 2 or 3 hours
Not suitable for children under: Under 16 must ride tandem, under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.
Additional equipment: Bring a bike, helmet, clothing appropriate for cycling and plenty of water for your ride. Bicycle techs will be on site to inspect your bikes and give advice on proper seat height and tire pressure. Bring your own lunch.

116. Fall Into Rowing with Mid Hudson Rowing Association
9/17 9/18 9:00AM
Hudson River at Poughkeepsie
270-272 N Water St, Poughkeepsie 12601
(845) 452-2970
lhr@midhudsonrowing.org
Experience first-hand the joys of recreational rowing on our magnificent Hudson River. This two-session learn-to-row class is perfect for the beginning rower. The first session is an indoor tank session where you will learn the basics of rowing from our certified coaches. In the second session, weather permitting, you will row on the river with support from our club members and coaches. Experience the Hudson...row it with MHRA. Event will be held rain or shine.
Notes: 1st session is an on-land tank session 2nd session is on the river - unless weather conditions are too rough. Not suitable for non-swimmers.
Registration: Call or email by 9/12
Fee: $50 inclusive of both days, equipment and instruction.

117. Seth Lyon Trails Volunteer Workday - 7th Annual
9/17 9:00AM
Riverfront Park
34 River Road, Hyde Park 12538
(845) 229-8086, ext. 5
recdirector@hydeparkny.us
Please join us for a day of trail maintenance along the Hyde Park Trail System. We will be working on a new section of the Hyde Park Trail. Park and meet at River Ridge, Hudson View Terrace near the new Community Center. The exact trail section is subject to change. Heavy rain cancels.
Registration: Call by 9/12
Not suitable for children under: 10
Portion wheelchair accessible: Entrance into the park on the north end near the parking lot is wheelchair accessible. We will be working on the north end of the park’s trail to increase sustainability.
Additional equipment: Please wear work clothes, sturdy boots, hat, gloves and bug spray with DEET. Bring a bag lunch and water bottle.
Additional activities: Snacks will be provided by the Hyde Park Trail Committee and event sponsors.

118. The Stone Chambers of Mead Farm
9/17 9:30AM
Mead Farm, NYC DEP land
Kent 14477
(914) 274-0449
thropedorus@verizon.net
Colonial constructions, ancient sacred sites or UFO bases? We will seek out three mysterious stone chambers of unknown origin or date of construction, located on NYC watershed lands. We’ll also visit a balanced rock and the enigmatic Hawk Rock glacial erratic. Led by David A. Steinberg, author Hiking the Road to Ruins. Meet at Dunkin Donuts, carpool to site. Call or email for details.
Notes: Foot trails and eroded abandoned roads, some bushwhacking, no major elevation changes.

Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 4 miles
Duration: 4 hours
Registration: Hikers and especially parked cars must have a free DEP permit, available here: https://a826-web01.nyc.gov/recpermitapp/
Deadline to apply for your permit is two weeks before the event. Parking is limited at the trailhead. Registration is limited to 25. Register by phone or email by 9/10.
Additional equipment: Bring bug spray and lunch.

119. 200 Years of Landscape History at Hyde Park
9/18 1:00PM
Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site
119 Vanderbilt Park Road, Hyde Park 12538
Allan_Dailey@nps.gov
During this ninety minute, one mile hike, a ranger will chronicle 200 years of landscape history at the Vanderbilt’s Hyde Park country place. Learn about earlier estate owners, the Vanderbilts’ care of the property and the National Park Service’s ongoing plans for the very important American landscape. For the last half hour, volunteers from the Frederick W. Vanderbilt Garden Association will be conducting a walking tour of the formal gardens.

Portion wheelchair accessible: The formal gardens are accessible to cars with handicap registration with a pass obtained at the visitor center.
Additional equipment: Participants may wish to bring water.
Additional activities: Tours of the Vanderbilt formal gardens are also available and will be presented by members of the Frederick W Vanderbilt Garden Association after the grounds tour. No fee.

120. Reading the Forest
9/18 10:00AM
Hudson Highlands Nature Museum - Outdoor Discovery Center
100 Muser Drive, Cornwall 12518
(845) 534-5506
mhoffman@hhnm.org
What is living in the forest? How do you know what is there and what is not? You just need to know what to look for! Come and learn the tell-tale signs of the forest so the next time you hike, you know what lives in the woods you are walking in. Donald “Doc” Bayne is a former Educational Educator at Sterling Forest and leads many educational hikes in the Hudson Valley.

Fee: Non-Members: $7 Adults, $5 Children, Museum Members: $5 Adults, $3 Children
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 1 mile
Duration: 1.5 hours

121. Minnewaska 7th Annual Volunteer Trail Work Day
9/18 10:00AM
Minnewaska State Park Preserve
5281 Route 44/55, Kerhonkson 12446
(845) 255-0752
Laura.Conner@parks.ny.gov
Come to the Park Preserve to meet new friends, help improve trail conditions and learn about basic trail maintenance from experienced trail keepers in this stewardship project. Volunteers will use hand tools to clip back overgrown shrubs and tree roots, clear woodland debris, build bog bridges and improve the trail route. This event is also a great way for students in public school to accrue...
It was educational, beautiful, and relaxing. It was a perfect day in the woods. — Valerie from Kerhonkson

necessary community service hours for completion of their requirements.
Registration: Call or email by 9/17
Fee: The parking fee will be waived for participants volunteering for this program.
Not suitable for children under: 12
Additional equipment: Hiking or work boots

122. Bannerman Island Third Sunday Music and Self-Guided Tour
9/18 11:00AM or 12:30PM
Departs Newburgh or Beacon
(845) 831-6346
contact@bannermancastle.org
Enjoy a self-guided tour of Bannerman Island and listen to the Sounds of SANTA RITA.Santa Rita is Kelly Ellenoff (vocals/ accordion), Kathleen Bosman (violin, viola) and Stephen Clair (guitar). The music is a cry from the heart and rooted firmly on the street – whether on La Rue Pigalle or the Boulevard of Dreams. Event includes: self-guided tour, cruise to and from Bannerman Island and the concert of Santa Rita.The Estuary Steward departs Newburgh waterfront at 11 AM and Beacon waterfront at 12:30 PM.
Registration: Call Zerve for reservations at (855) 256-4007.
Fee: Tickets are $35

123. History Walk at Carnwath Farms
9/18 2:00PM
Carnwath Farms
Wheeler Hill Road, Wappingers Falls 12590
(845) 831-0437
dicklahey@aol.com
This walk will begin at the Carriage House with a brief talk on Reginald Rives, who had horses and carriages there at the turn of the last century. The group will then walk down the old carriage road to the home of Dick Lahey who will provide a barn tour of his collection of 19th century Hudson Valley carriages and sleighs, and then return to the Carriage House.
Registration: Call by 9/17
Difficulty: Easy
Length: 1 mile
Duration: 1.5 hours

124. LaGrange Wappinger Creek Greenway Trail Walk
9/18 2:00PM
LaGrange Wappinger Greenway
87 Sleigh Pass Road, Poughkeepsie 12603
(845) 554-9166
m2hoo@yahoo.com
Enjoy a walk in a serene woodland setting on a beautiful nature trail that winds along the banks of the Wappinger Creek under a canopy of sycamore, oak and maple trees. Park at trail entrance marked by a split rail fence and a sign “Wappinger Creek Greenway Trail.”
Notes: Mostly flat grassy foot path, some roots possibly some muddy spots if it rained a few days before the event.
Registration: Call or email by 9/17
Difficulty: Easy
Length: 2.25 miles
Duration: 1.5 hours
Not suitable for children under: 6
Additional equipment: Bring water and insect repellent. Wear long sleeve shirt, pants and study footwear.

125. Ramble Through Hurley’s Historic Burial Grounds
9/18 2:00PM
Hurley Heritage Society Museum
52 Main Street, Hurley 12443
(845) 336-5267
sweeneynt1@gmail.com
Tour this unique piece of Hudson Valley history, where the earliest graves date back to the 1600s when Hurley was the Dutch settlement of Nieu Dorp. Hurley’s 350 year history will be told through the stories of its prominent citizens, witches, and an axe murderer, who are (and in one strange case, not) buried here. Rain or shine.
Fee: Adults: $5, Children under 12: Free.
Not suitable for children under: 10
Additional equipment: This event is on uneven, unpaved terrain. Please wear appropriate shoes and dress for the weather.
Additional activities: The Hurley Harvest Fest will take place on the Hurley Heritage Museum grounds, 11AM-5PM featuring vendors, food, children’s activities, crafts, antiques, music, fall produce and flowers. The museum will also be open, offering our 2016 exhibit “Hurley Harvest: By Hand and By Horse.” Fest and exhibit admission is free.

126. Cold Spring Volkswalk for Everyone!
9/18 9:00AM
Cold Spring Depot Restaurant, Cold Spring 10516
(845) 462-7539
vcwpava@gmail.com
The trail goes by many 19th century historic buildings, antique shops, and boutiques with spectacular views of the Hudson River. A portion of this walk goes through the historic West Point Foundry. The longer trail consists of a walk through the village of Nelsinville as well. A portion of either the 3 or 6 mile trail might be self-guided with provided well-written, instructions depending on the turnout and desire of the walkers to all do either 3 or 6 miles. Meet outside Depot Restaurant in small park.
Notes: Mostly on village streets or other hard surfaces except when traveling through the West Point Foundry which is on dirt paths.
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 3 or 6 miles
Duration: 1.5-3 hours
Not suitable for children under: 6
Additional activities: No fee for walking, those walkers participating in the American Volkssport Association walking program pay $3 for the usual credit fee.

127. Fall Family Camp Out
9/22 6:00PM
Hudson Highlands Nature Museum - Outdoor Discovery Center
100 Muser Drive, Cornwall 12518
(845) 534-5506
mhoffman@hhnm.org
Welcome the fall season with a night under the stars! After dinner, bring your family, tent and sleeping bags for an evening of nocturnal fun. As the sun goes down, join us for fun and s’mores around the campfire. A light breakfast snack and coffee will be provided Saturday morning as we break camp. Limited space available. Prepaid registration required.
Registration: Call by 9/20
Additional equipment: All camping gear is required (tent, flashlight, sleeping bag etc.).

Additional activities: Activities will include guided educational stations and an easy night hike.

128. Hike Up New Picnic Trail
9/18 10:00PM
Maurice D. Hinchee Catskill Interpretive Center
5096 State Route 28, Mount Tremper 12457
(845) 586-2611
mdrillinger@catskillcenter.org
The New York-New Jersey Trail Conference completed a new trail up the hill behind the Catskill Interpretive Center. Join a guide for the half mile hike up the new trail to the new picnic area with views of Mount Pleasant and the Esopus Creek.
Learn about Catskill geology, history, plant life, forest management and threats, and what it took to create the trail you will walk.
Notes: Sleep hill with uneven surfaces.
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 5 miles
Duration: 1 hour

129. Rondout National Historic District Walking Tour
9/18 10:00PM
Ulster County Heritage Area Visitors Center
20 Broadway, Kingston 12401
(845) 339-0720
fokh@verizon.net
Hear how Kingston’s historic waterfront district mushroomed from farmland into a prosperous maritime village and major Hudson River port during the heydays of the Delaware and Hudson Canal (1828-1898). View the legacy of residential, commercial and ecclesiastical architecture built by the “melting pot” of nationalities that emigrated to Rondout in the nineteenth century.
Notes: Sidewalks, with one gravel surface path. Some uphill walking.
Fee: $10 adult; $5 child under 16
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 1 mile
Duration: 1.5 hours
Not suitable for children under: 12
Portion wheelchair accessible: Gravel uphill path is not wheelchair accessible.

130. Mandeville House Tour
9/18 1:00PM
Mandeville House
1005 Lower Station Rd., Garrison 10524
(845) 425-3626
p2kath@aol.com
Built in 1737, the oldest house in Garrison, was built by Jacob Mandeville, a young man of Dutch origin. The house was a strategic point during the American Revolution and was headquarters for General Putnam and other notable commanders. Many Revolutionary War heroes were quartered at the house—the most notable being Gen. George Washington. Be sure to see the old Revolutionary-era road in front of the house. Tours are given until 4PM.
Metro North station: Garrison
12. Wappinger Greenway Trail & Village History Talk and Walk  
**9/24 1:30PM**  
Grinnell Public Library District  
2642 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls 12590  
(845) 297-3428  
simmons@grinnell-library.org  
Starting at the historic 1887 Grinnell Public Library District with Village of Wappinger Falls Historian Brenda Von Burg, View the library’s collection of 19th century Wappingers Falls landscapes by local artist Clinton Clapp and an ornithological exhibit of Hudson Valley birds. Continue with Wappingers Falls historian Mary Schmalz to the Mesier Homestead for an exhibit about the village at the turn of the century with histories by trustee Eileen Stickle. After the talk, Greenway Trail guide, Wilredo Chaluisant will lead a walk to the Greenway Trail.  
**Notes:** Majorly of the walk is on sidewalks.  
**Difficulty:** Easy  
**Length:** 1 mile  
**Duration:** 3 hours  
**Portion wheelchair accessible:** The library, home- 


dead and sidewalks are wheelchair accessible.

13. In Their Own Words - The Battle for Fort Montgomery!  
**9/24 10:00AM**  
Fort Montgomery State Historic Site  
690 Route 9W, Fort Montgomery 10922  
(845) 446-2134  
peter.cutul@parks.ny.gov  
Come for a unique, extended tour of one of the Hudson Valley’s most dramatic battle sites! Drawing mainly on first-hand accounts and archaeological data, this ramble will bring to life the Revolutionary War attack on Fort Montgomery using the words of the soldiers who were there and what they left behind. Program will last approxi-mately 2 hours and include rarely visited spots of the battlefield and conclude with a musket firing demonstration. Ramblers are welcome to bring a bagged lunch.  
**Registration:** Call or email by 9/9  
**Not suitable for children under:** 12

14. Sterling Forest Fire Tower Ramble  
**9/24 10:00AM**  
Sterling Forest State Park  
116 Old Forge Road, Tuxedo 10987  
(845) 351-5907  
barbara.kohlberger@parks.ny.gov  
The Fire Tower Ramble is a moderate 4 mile loop highlighted by scenic views of Sterling Forest. Hikers are able to observe the surrounding Hudson Highlands from a 60 foot fire tower built in 1922.  
**Notes:** Trails can be steep and rocky, so please wear sturdy hiking shoes.  
**Registration:** Call by 9/23  
**Difficulty:** Moderate  
**Length:** 4 miles  
**Duration:** 4 hours  
**Not suitable for children under:** 10

15. John Burroughs Slabsides Geology Ramble  
**9/24 10:00AM**  
John Burroughs Nature Sanctuary at Slabsides  
Burroughs Drive, off Floyd Ackert Rd. Follow Path Through History signs, West Park 12493  
(845) 384-6556  
info@johnburroughssassociation.org  
Join Vassar College geology professor Jeff Walker for hike to read the many stories in the rocks of the John Burroughs Nature Sanctuary. The newly de-

veloped trails are part of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Trail System. The rocks represent sediments eroded from a Himalayan-scale mountain range nearly 400 million years ago. The sediments were repeatedly caught in continental collisions, which bent them and stood them literally on end. They were most recently scraped clean by a mile-


thick sheet of glacial ice, which melted a mere 14,000 years ago.  
**Notes:** Talus piles and some moderately rough terrain on new, well-developed trails, many with stone pathways and steps.  
**Registration:** Email  
Joan@JohnBurroughsAssociation.org by 9/22  
**Difficulty:** Moderate  
**Length:** 1.5 miles  
**Duration:** 1.5 hours  
**Additional equipment:** Wear hiking boots or sturdy shoes and bring water and bug spray.  
**Additional activities:** Tour of “Slabsides,” a National Historic Landmark and a Hudson River Valley National Heritage Site of Special Interest.

16. Hudson River Lighthouse to Lighthouse Challenge, Rally and Walking Tour  
**9/24 10:00AM**  
George Freer Park  
Canal St, Port Ewen 12466  
(845) 417-8292  
ddintruff@yahoo.com  
The scenic Town of Esopus shoreline allows boaters to stay out of the shipping channel while enjoying two lighthouses. The Hudson River L2L is open to all sea-worthy, human-powered/paddled water craft, including solo and tandem kayaks and canoes, guide boats, rowing shells, surf skis and SUPs. Walking paths with view of both light-houses and Our Lady of the Hudson statue, and Sojourner Truth sites are also available; binoculars suggested. All participants will receive an Esopus Explorers badge. Please allow time for on site registration and preparing your gear.  
**Notes:** Hudson River conditions vary. A rally option exists to provide participants the option of staying in the more sheltered Esopus Bay area if conditions are difficult. A walking path option is also available for non-boaters...binoculars sug-


ggested to view Esopus Meadows Lighthouse from walking path.  
**Registration:** On site registration day of event  
**Difficulty:** Moderate  
**Length:** 7 miles  
**Duration:** 3-4 hours  
**Not suitable for children under:** 10  
**Additional equipment:** Participants must provide own gear. All participants must wear a PFD. Boat rentals are available from Kenco, (845) 338-5021.  
**Additional activities:** A tour of the Esopus Meadows Lighthouse may be available (not defi-


tine) to kayakers for $10.

17. Hike to Manitoga’s View Spots to the Hudson  
**9/24 10:00AM**  
Manitoga / The Russel Wright Design Center  
584 Route 9D, Garrison 10524  
(845) 440-3046  
info@VisitManitoga.org  
Hike to Manitoga’s View Spots to the Hudson Take a 1-1/2 hr. / 1.5 mile hike of Manitoga’s woodland...
trails created by midcentury industrial designer Russel Wright on the site of an abandoned granite quarry in Garrison NY. This moderate hike will feature 4 signature view spots or “osios” from native Algonquin, and intend them as dramatic moments within the landscape. You will visit Boulder Osio, Mossy Overlook, Lost Pond Osio and Chestnut Oak Osio with framed views of the Bear Mountain Bridge, West Point, Storm King Mountain and the Hudson River north to Newburgh-Beacon Bridge. **Notes:** This is a moderate hike in woodland terrain. Hike will take place rain or shine. **Registration:** Call (845) 424-3812 or register online by 9/23. www.brownpapertickets.com/profile/7669 **Fee:** $15 per person. No discounts will be honored for this special event. **Difficulty:** Moderate **Length:** 1.5 miles **Duration:** 1.5 hours **Not suitable for children under:** 15

138. Garden Conservancy Millbrook Open Day
**9/24 10:00AM Self Guided**
Clinton Corners, Millbrook & Stanfordville
362 Tynrel Road, Millbrook 12545
(888) 842-2442
opendays@gardenconservancy.org
Explore five spectacular private gardens in the Millbrook area, with sites ranging from a modern, yet naturalistic estate with a collection of important outdoor sculptures to a cut flower farm, plus the gardens of several stars in the design world. Named one of the “World's Ten Best Gardens,” Innisfree Garden will be open 9:30am-5:00pm. Garden descriptions and directions are available online at www.opendaysprogram.org, and at Innisfree. **Fee:** At 5 private gardens, admission is $7 per garden person (free for children 12 and under). Discounted tickets can be purchased in advance at www.opendaysprogram.org, or (888) 842-2442. Admission to Innisfree Garden (public) is $8 per person (free for children 3 and under) and includes a curated garden market. **Additional activities:** A curated garden market with top specialty nurseries and other garden treasures will be held at Innisfree Garden. Admission is included with regular Innisfree fee.

139. National Public Lands Day Roosevelt Farm Lane Hike
**9/24 11:00AM**
Roosevelt Farm Lane Rt. 9 Side
4086 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park 12538
(845) 229-7770
allan_dalley@nps.gov
Farm lane is a trail that follows the internal road through Franklin Roosevelt’s tree plantations connecting the “big house” Springwood to the cottage at Val-Kill. This guided hike celebrates Public Land Day and will explore a few of the President’s tree plantations and discuss tenant farmer Moses Smith who continued to operate a farm on much of the acreage even after the President purchased it. Hike begins at the Farm Lane trailhead. **Notes:** A well manicured and wide trail shared by pedestrians, bicycles and trams. Some portions may be damp or wet. **Difficulty:** Moderate **Length:** 2.8 miles **Duration:** 2.5 hours **Additional equipment:** Binoculars, water, snack(s), bug spray, sun screen and/or a hat for protection from the sun.

140. Smithsonian Magazine’s Museum Day Live!
**9/24 11:00AM**
Hudson River Maritime Museum
50 Rondout Landing, Kingston 12401
(845) 338-0071 ext 15
icashman@hrmm.org
We participate in the annual Smithsonian magazine’s Museum Day Live! Download the free admission ticket and submit upon entry to the museum. Good on Saturday, 9/24 from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. www.smithsonianmag.com/museumday.

**Additional activities:** Tour the museum and new exhibits: White Oak, Shipwrights and Varnish: Wooden Boat Building on the Hudson/Rowing in the Hudson Valley/Cement Caves and Kilns of Kingston and the Rondout. Tour our new Riverport Wooden Boat School and see the “Woody Guthrie” being restored. Kids can do the museum scavenger hunt and play on the Steamboat Playground.

141. Tour of Historic Barns and Working Farms
**9/24 12:00PM**
Northern Dutchess County
Rhinebeck 12572
(845) 876-4213
director@innisfree.org
The annual tour will wind through Northern Dutchess towns of Red Hook, Rhinebeck, Milan and Clinton culminating with a reception at 5:30 p.m. The tour offers visitors a rare opportunity to see some extraordinary properties and benefits Winnakee Land Trust, a non-profit organization that protects open space and farmland in northern Dutchess County. A mapped program will outline the self-guided route. Docents will guide people through each site, offering the history and background of how the buildings were built and used. **Registration:** Call by 9/22
**Fee:** Fee for adults, free for children under 12. Fee includes a reception at the last stop of the tour.

142. Newburgh Open Studios
**9/24 12:00PM**
5 Grand Street, Newburgh 12550
(845) 562-1195
84 Liberty St., Newburgh 12550
**Fee:** Kites will be given free to the first 150 youth 12 or under. Admission is free, thanks to generous support of Central Hudson. Program also sponsored by Friends of the State Historic Sites of the Hudson Highlands, and the Palisades Parks Conservancy. **Portion wheelchair accessible:** Park with various levels of accessible paths. Museum 1st floor accessible. Hasbrouck House accessible. No accessible restrooms. **Additional activities:** Washington’s Headquarters will be open from 11am until 5pm. Take a tour of the historic Hasbrouck House, and explore the museum including the multi-award winning exhibit, Unpacked & Rediscovered: Selections from the Washington’s Headquarters’ Collection.

144. Newburgh Rowing Great 5-Mile Kayak and Rowing Challenge
**9/24 7:30AM**
Newburgh Rowing Club Boathouse
2 River Street, Newburgh 12550
(845) 541-2313
Newburhgrowers@gmail.com
Join us at this fundraiser for the beautification of Ward Brothers Memorial Park, as we paddle through Newburgh. We will also have sculling events for the rowers. All participants get to enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast. We will have a Kayak up for raffle, beautiful event T-shirts included, and merchandise for sale and tours of the Boathouse, along with coupons for free Learn to Row lessons. Everyone should come on down and enjoy the beautiful Ward Brothers Memorial Park and the Hudson River with us.

**Notes:** There will be a safety motorboat out with the kayakers with an experienced coach and we will provide lifejackets. This is suitable for reasonably physically fit adults and children ages 10 and up. Stay away from the shore, as it can be shallow and Rocky **Fee:** $25 per person, includes event T-shirt and pancake breakfast, and one raffle ticket. Winner of the raffle wins a brand new kayak and paddle. **Difficulty:** Moderate **Length:** 5 miles **Duration:** 1-2 hours **Not suitable for children under:** 10 **Additional equipment:** You are welcome to bring your own kayak, lifejacket and paddle. We will provide kayaks, paddles and lifejackets while supplies last. **Additional activities:** Free pancake breakfast, free event T-shirt included, one free raffle ticket included good for the raffling off of it brand-new kayak and paddle. Coupons for free Learn to Row event, and Boathouse tours.

145. Verkeerderkill Falls Trail Work
**9/24 9:00AM**
Sam’s Point Area of Minnewaska State Park Preserve
400 Sam’s Point Road, Cragsmoor 12420
(845) 647-7989 ext. 104
drew.polinsky@parks.ny.gov
We’re restoring the popular Verkeerderkill Falls Footpath! Find out how to move and set rocks safely with hand tools, and create a stable, dry walkway on a single track hiking trail. This is a Trail University event co-hosted by the Sam’s Point Area at Minnewaska State Park Preserve and the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference. **Not suitable for children under:** 14
Additional equipment: Work or hiking boots, long pants, gloves, sunglasses, backpack with water, lunch, snacks. We will provide all other safety equipment including safety glasses, hard-hat, ear protection, and gloves, as well as all tools.

146. Sports Museum Hall of Fame of Dutchess County 5K Race
9:24 9:30AM Kids run, 9:45AM over 13 run
Dutchess Rail Trail, Van Wyck Trailhead
Lake Walton Road, Wappingers Falls 12590
(845) 297-7950
petesan8@gmail.com
Join us for the Sports Museum Hall of Fame of Dutchess County Ramble Run. The children’s run is 1 mile, adults’ run is 5k (3.1mi). From route 376, turn onto Lake Walton Rd. and follow signs.
Registration: Register by 9/21 at mhrrc.org
Fee: $14 adults, $10 kids under 13

147. Apple Cider Ramble
9:25 1:00PM
Peach Hill Park
32 Edgewood Dr, Poughkeepsie 12603
(845) 505-0600
tmeyering@townofpoughkeepsie-ny.gov
Spend an enjoyable time at the largest town park in the Town of Poughkeepsie! Join the “Apple Cider Ramble” for a short hike around the park. The park is noted for its outstanding views and great fall colors. While on the hike you will collect apples and then help make your apples into apple cider. Please wear appropriate clothing and sturdy shoes. Bring a bag to collect apples in, and we will supply a jug for your cider.
Notes: Ascents and descents, uneven surface.
Registration: Call (845) 485-3628 to reserve start time.
Fee: Suggested donation $5 per family
Difficulty: Easy
Length: 2 miles
Duration: 1.5 hours
Additional activities: Apple cider making.
Additional event date 10/2 will include Ramble as described above and 10th anniversary of park opening.

148. Tavern Talk: Kenneth Daigler
7:07 7:00PM
Newburgh Brewing Company
88 Golden Street, Newburgh 12550
(845) 562-1195
elyse.goldberg@parks.ny.gov
Join Author and Retired CIA Officer Kenneth Daigler as he discusses his book, “Spies, Patriots, and Traitors: American Intelligence in the Revolutionary War” at the Newburgh Brewing Company as part of the Friends of the State Historic Sites of the Hudson Highlands Tavern Talk program.
**KEY TO RAMBLE EVENTS**

- Hudson River Estuary
- Great Estates
- Greenway Trail
- Hudson River Artists Trail
- Revolutionary War Trail
- Family Friendly
- Walk/Hike
- Paddle
- Bicycle
- Wheelchair Accessible (for details, contact the trip leader)
- Public Transportation

Note: We make every effort to ensure accuracy of event listings. However, due to weather and other factors, information may change between the time of publication and the time of each event. We encourage all participants to verify dates and times with the listed Ramble leader for each event.

### 148. Guided Tours at Mount Lebanon

**All Ramble Weekends**  10:00AM

Shaker Museum | Mount Lebanon

- 202 Shaker Road, New Lebanon 12125
- (518) 794-9100 ext. 220
- programs@shakerml.org

Mount Lebanon was the leading Shaker society in America from its founding in 1787 through its closing in 1947, and the North Family was its face to the wider world, composed of some of the most progressive and public Shakers in Shaker history. Explore the North Family in guided tours at 10:30AM and 2:30PM daily. At 12:30PM, immerse yourselves in the extraordinary lives of the North Family Shakers as we discuss how the Shakers viewed the end of life, remembrance and immortality while walking through the forest to their cemetery and community memorial. On Mondays, take a 12:30PM walk up to the meetinghouse, where the Shakers held public services on Sundays.

### 149. USS SLATER Open for Tours

**All Ramble Weekends**  10:00AM

- Broadway & Quay Street, Albany 12202
- (518) 431-1943
- info@ussslater.org

Tour the last World War II destroyer escort afloat in America. USS Slater is open for tours Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is charged.

- Fee: $8 per adult, $7 per senior citizen 65 and older, $6 per child ages 6-14.
- Not suitable for children under: 6
- Additional equipment: Comfortable walking shoes and raingear, as needed.

### 150. Sounds of Summer

**9/6**  10:00AM

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center

- 56 Game Farm Rd., Delmar 12054
- (518) 475-0291
- fiverivers@dec.ny.gov

Listen carefully as we walk along the Bird Watchers Path and the Old Field Trail. We will use our “deer ears” to hear all manner of sound from wind and rain, to frogs, insects and birds. Come hike along with us to help determine who is making all that racket.

- Difficulty: Easy
- Length: 1 mile
- Duration: 1 hour

### 151. Codfish Point Quarry

**9/11**  10:00AM

Platte Clove Preserve

- Platte Clove Road, Co. Rte. 16, Elka Park 12427
- (315) 853-1070
- ccswhite@juno.com

Hike the Overlook Trail through the Platte Clove Preserve, with nature signs, to an interesting large quarry overlooking the Hudson Valley known as Codfish Point, where workers were stranded for days during a snowstorm and subsisted on canned codfish!

- Notes: Moderate ascent on typical Catskill rocky trail.
- Registration: Call or email by 9/1

### 152. Neighborhood Walk – DiCaprio Park

**9/11**  10:30AM

Albany Pine Bush Preserve - DiCaprio Park Trailhead (r11)

- 3420 E Lydius St, Schenectady 12303
- (518) 456-0655
- info@albanypinebush.org

Calling all neighbors, join us for a guided walk located at the DiCaprio soccer fields. We will hike approximately one mile over rolling and steep topography, stopping along the way to explore the diversity of species that live in this region of the Albany Pine Bush Preserve. We will meet at the DiCaprio Park trailhead (#11).

- Notes: Rolling and steep topography through a mostly forested landscape. There will be roots to look out for on the trail, but rocks are unlikely.
- Registration: Call (518) 456-0655 or visit www.AlbanyPineBush.org and click on “Events Calendar”.

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151. Codfish Point Quarry
- Fee: Admission to guided tours is $10/person.
- Entry to exhibitions and grounds is by donation.
- Tours run every two hours starting at 10:30AM. A complete list of tours and more information can be found at www.shakerml.org.
- **Portion wheelchair accessible**: Wash House Visitor Center & Museum Store is accessible via ramp, with ironing room exhibition gallery and orientation gallery accessible on first floor.
- **Additional activities**: Three distinct guided walking tours and exhibition included with admission ticket.

150. Sounds of Summer
- Fee: $8 per adult, $7 per senior citizen 65 and older, $6 per child ages 6-14.
- **Not suitable for children under**: 6
- **Additional equipment**: Comfortable walking shoes and raingear, as needed.

152. Neighborhood Walk – DiCaprio Park
- Fee: Admission is charged.
- **Duration**: 5 hours
- **Length**: 3.9 miles
- **Notes**: Moderate ascent on typical Catskill rocky trail.
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**153. Skyscape Series: Neptune at Opposition at Olana**

Start time: 8:00 PM

Wagon House Education Center
5720 Rte 9G, Hudson 12534
(518) 828-1872 x 105
eschanz@olana.org

Join Dr. Willie Yee, President, and Joe Macagne, vice president of the Mid-Hudson Astronomical Association for a presentation and 21st Century exploration of the night sky at Olana. Come learn about the sky by looking through telescopes and finding celestial forms.

**Fee:** $5, Non-Member: $10

**Not suitable for children under:** 5

**Additional equipment:** Red flashlight optional.

**Additional activities:** Visit www.olana.org “Book a Tour” page to reserve a House Tour or a Historic Landscape Tour.

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**154. Papscanee Island Nature Preserve Walk**

Start time: 9:00 AM

Papscanee Island Nature Preserve
Staats Island Road, Castleton 12033
(518) 270-20-2888
ashaughnessy@rensc.com

Led by David Chinery from the Cornell Cooperative Extension, enjoy a 1-hour walk through the Papscanee Island Nature Preserve and discover the various species of plants and animals that make the 156-acre Preserve and Hudson River shoreline their home. Cottonwood trees, buckthorn shrub, and bittersweet vine reflect the history of the land farmed by the Mohican Indians for thousands of years. The preserve also boasts a variety of habitats, including marsh, river bank, and floodplain. This riparian setting is a pristine example of nature reinvigorating itself. From 9J, turn Right at Preserve South Entrance sign onto Staats Island Road; go .25 mi. cross Amtrak tracks, right into Preserve parking lot.

**Notes:** Trails are relatively flat with some uneven surface and slight ascents/descents, exposed tree roots and limbs.

**Registration:** Not required but appreciated by 9/2

**Difficulty:** Moderate

**Length:** 1 mile

**Duration:** 1 hour

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**155. All Dogs Day Hike**

Start time: 12:00 PM

Wagon House Education Center
5720 Rte 9G, Hudson 12534
(518) 828-1872 x 105
eschanz@olana.org

Join dog enthusiast and environmental educator, Fran Martino, and her dog Loki for a dog-themed hike and information sharing dedicated to our favorite furry friends. For everyone’s safety, dogs must be on a leash at all times.

**Notes:** Wide gravel groomed carriage roads, some hilly and uneven terrain.

**Fee:** Member: $5, Non-Member: $10

**Difficulty:** Moderate

**Length:** 1.5 miles

**Duration:** 2 hours

**Additional equipment:** Required: Leash, trash bag. Suggested: good walking shoes, long socks, sunscreen, and a water bottle.

**Additional activities:** Guided House Tours are from 10 AM - 1 PM. Self-Guided House Tours are from 2 PM - 3:30 PM. Guided Electric Vehicle Landscape Tour at 11:15 AM & 2:15 PM.

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**156. Ramshorn-Livingston Audubon Paddle**

Start time: 12:30 PM

Ramshorn Livingston Audubon Sanctuary
84 Dubois Rd., Catskill 12414
(845) 265-2601 x 15
cmacs@audubon.org

A guided canoe paddle through beautiful Ramshorn Livingston Sanctuary. Registration: Reservations required. Space is limited to 15 persons, Call or email. “Note: Participants must be at least 7 years of age.

**Fee:** New prices for the 2016 paddling season are as follows: $45 for adults; $40 for seniors, students, and Audubon members; and $30 per child ages 7-15.

**Difficulty:** Moderate

**Not suitable for children under:** 7

**Additional equipment:** Water, sunblock, bug spray, snacks. Boats Provided.

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**157. Discover the Pine Bush**

Start time: 1:00 PM

Albany Pine Bush Discovery Center
195 New Karner Road, Albany 12205
(518) 456-0655
info@albanypinebush.org

An extraordinary journey into the Albany Pine Bush, the best remaining example in the world of an inland pine barrens. Our experts will guide you along this 0.9 mile hike over rolling sand dunes where you will discover Pine Bush natural history, seasonal surprises and transformations.

**Notes:** We will be walking over rolling sand dunes. There may be tree roots across the path, but no large rocks.

**Registration:** Call (518) 456-0655 or visit AlbanyPineBush.org and click on “Events Calendar”.

**Difficulty:** Moderate

**Length:** 0.9 miles

**Duration:** 1.5 hours

**Additional equipment:** Please remember to dress for the weather, wear long pants, sturdy walking shoes and bring drinking water. While leashed pets are permitted on marked trails, we ask that visitors not bring pets to our educational programs.

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**158. Homesteading 101: Cheese Making**

Start time: 9:30 AM

Behold! New Lebanon Station and Store
438 US Route 20, New Lebanon 12125
(518) 720-7265
info@beholdnewlebanon.org

Paul Rix and Anna Duohon invite you to join them as they make their weekly batch of cheese. Explore life on a homestead and experience making farmer’s cheese. For this program, boards at the Behold! Station and Store at 9:30 am. The bus will transport visitors to Paul and Anna’s home for this workshop.

**Fee:** $18 per ticket. Children under 12 free.

**Additional equipment:** Please dress for walking in woods and fields with heavy shoes or boots and a hat. Bring sunscreen and bug repellent.

**Additional activities:** Food, workshop, hands-on, demonstration and lecture.

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**159. Stoppel Point and Plane Wreck**

Start time: 9:30 AM

Outside North-South Lakes Campground
Schutt Rd, Haines Falls 12436
(315) 853-1070
csw91349@juno.com

Hike the Rock Shelter Trail and Mary’s Glen Trail to North Point, with spectacular views to the Hudson Valley and nearby lakes and mountains, then continue on the Escarpment Trail over North Mountain to Stoppel Point’s excellent viewing and a 1938 plane wreck.

**Notes:** Hike involves occasional very steep ascents, uneven rocky surface, rock scrambling, slippery rocks. 1350 feet total ascent.

**Registration:** Call or email by 9/8

**Difficulty:** Difficult

**Length:** 8.2 miles

**Duration:** 7 hours

**Not suitable for children under:** 10

**Additional equipment:** Hiking boots highly recommended. Bring your own lunch.

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**160. Hawk Migration Watch at Thacher Park**

Start time: 10:00 AM

1 Hales Cave Rd
Voorheesville, 12186
(518) 872-0800
Nancy.Engel@parks.ny.gov

Thacher Park Overlook is a great place to watch for hawks flying south during their fall migration. Hawk Watch leader Will Aubrey will be on hand to answer questions, provide background material, compile statistics, and assist with hawk identification. Come see live raptors and learn about wildlife rehabilitation. Refreshments will be available at the Overlook concession stand. On Sunday, 9/11, raptor viewing and counting continues with Will Aubrey, call for details.

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**161. Cornell Hill Fire Tower Tours**

Start time: 10:00 AM

Camp Saratoga
Scout Road, Gansevoort 12831
(518) 469-0918
info@wiltonpreserve.org

Climb an authentic fire tower and view a replica fire observer’s cabin without having to climb a mountain! Get a treetop view of Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park. The schedule is subject to weather conditions and availability of Volunteer Fire Tower Interpreters. Hours of operation are 10 AM to 3 PM. To confirm that it is open, contact Larry Gordon at (518) 469-0918.

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**162. Glass Blowing at Hoogs and Crawford**

Start time: 10:30 AM

Behold! New Lebanon Station and Store
438 US Route 20, New Lebanon 12125
(518) 720-7265
info@beholdnewlebanon.org

Elizabeth Crawford and Nathan Hoogs have been in business together for 17 years creating unique glass pieces. Join them at their studio, Hoogs and Crawford Modern Studio Glass in Canaan, NY, where you will watch the two glass blowers make a hand-crafted, free form, piece from start to finish! The bus for this program boards at the Behold! Station and Store.

**Fee:** $18 per ticket. Children under 12 free.

**Additional activities:** Lecture, demonstration
163. Architecture of Downtown Troy
9/10 10:30AM
Visitor Information Booth Farmer’s Market
Troy 12180
(518) 272-7232 x11
ksheehan@rchsonline.org
Join us for a tour of amazing architecture located in the historic district in downtown Troy. Building styles from Federal to Colonial Revival in both commercial and residential buildings. You will see buildings designed by noted architects Alexander Jackson Davis, James Durkin, George B. Post, and more.
Notes: Paved, but some uneven streets, fairly flat.
Fee: Free for Rensselaer County Historical Society members, $5.00 for not-yet-members.
Difficulty: Easy
Length: 1.5 miles
Duration: 1 hour

164. Crailo Harvest Faire
9/10 11:00AM
Crailo State Historic Site
9 1/2 Riverside Avenue, Rensselaer 12144
(518) 463-8738
Erin.Czernicki@parks.ny.gov
An old fashioned agricultural festival devoted to all aspects of harvest time in the colonial-era Hudson Valley. Harvest Faire offers seventeenth and eighteenth century music, historical re-actors, vendors, Native American and colonial demonstrations, games and activities.
Fee: Harvest Faire is a free outdoor event. A nominal fee is charged for entry to the museum exhibit inside Crailo State Historic Site.
Portion wheelchair accessible: Our grounds are largely accessible as is the first floor of the museum. Please contact Crailo at (518) 463-8738 about available accommodations.

165. Monarch Butterfly Walk
9/10 11:00AM
Camp Saroaga North
Parking Lot #1 on Scout Road, Gansevoort 12831
(518) 450-0321
info@wiltonpreserve.org
Join us for a nature walk to discover the butterflies and flowers of fall. The walk covers about a mile of gently rolling terrain. We will be looking for Monarch butterflies during their peak season just before they start to head to Mexico for the winter. The walk will not take place if there is rain.
Notes: Gently rolling terrain.
Registration: Call or email by the Friday before the walk
Difficulty: Easy
Length: 1 mile
Duration: 1 hour
Additional equipment: Water and a camera!

166. Hike and Book Signing hosted by the Mountain Top Historical Society
9/10 1:00PM
Mountain Top Historical Society
5132 Route 23A, Haines Falls 12436
(518) 589-6657
mthsdirector@mths.org
Registration: Call by 9/9
Fee: Donations accepted for talk/booksigning
Not suitable for children under: 10
Portion wheelchair accessible: Talk/booksigning

167. Surviving in the Forest
9/10 2:30PM
Behold! Station and Store
438 US Route 20, New Lebanon 12125
(518) 720-7265
info@beholdnewlebanon.org
Ambling through fields and forests with Roger Boutard, you’ll learn to identify all the markings of a meal – from mushrooms to dandelions. You’ll never have to fear getting lost or going hungry again. The bus for this program boards at the Behold! Station and Store.
Notes: Flat grassy terrain. The foraging walk will take place in a field with some brush.
Fee: $18 per ticket. Children under 12 free.
Difficulty: Easy

168. Albany Bootlegger Tour
9/10 2:00PM
Albany Visitors Center
25 Quackenbush Square, Albany 12207
(518) 434-0405
acvb@albany.org
Notorious bootlegger John ‘Legs’ Diamond met his end in Albany, NY. Was he ‘offed’ by rival gangster, Dutch Schultz? Was it a ‘hit’ organized by his jealous wife, Alice? Or perhaps his girlfriend, Kiki Roberts, had something to gain from his execution? Follow your guide and uncover the truth behind the death of Legs Diamond. Along the way, you will also hear stories of Albany’s colorful brewing history, from the Erie Canal to present day.
Notes: Flat terrain
Registration: Call or email by 9/8
Difficulty: Easy
Length: 1.5 miles
Duration: 2.5 hours
Not suitable for children under: 18
Portion wheelchair accessible: One indoor location on tour is not wheelchair accessible, otherwise it is.

169. Fall Hawk Migration
9/10 2:00PM
Five Rivers Environmental Education Center
56 Game Farm Rd., Delmar 12054
(518) 475-0291
5Rivers@dec.ny.gov
Woodland hawks can be very secretive. Even our common red-tailed hawks are generally viewed only one or two at a time. But from late August into December, hundreds of thousands of hawks will leave their northern breeding territories to wing their way to their southern wintering grounds. This indoor program will help you identify hawks in flight, suggest places to view hawk migration, and prepare you to enjoy this spectacular seasonal phenomenon.

170. Fairy Houses
9/10 2:30PM
Behold! Station and Store
438 US Route 20, New Lebanon 12125
(518) 720-7265
info@beholdnewlebanon.org
Join the creative minds at the Mountain Road School as they lead families on a walk into the woods behind the school. Guides will encourage visitors to look at nature how a fairy would. You will gather sticks, leaves, bark, flowers, and more to make a unique house fit for fairies. This program is great for children of all ages! The bus for this programs boards at the Behold! Station and Store.
Notes: This hike will take place in the woods behind the Mountain Road School. Though not densely lined, there are a few hills.
Fee: $18 per ticket. Children under 12 free.
Difficulty: Moderate
Additional activities: hands-on

171. Artful Hike: Frederic Church’s Letters & 19th Century Ballads
9/10 3:00PM
Visitor Center, Olana State Historic Site
5720 Rte 9G, Hudson 12534
(518) 828-1872
eschanz@olana.org
As you stroll along the roads designed by Frederic Church, contemplate his words and the words of his family and contemporaries and songs from their era. Artist and musician Brian Dewan does a dramatic reading of significant letters in Olana’s collection. What better way to learn than through primary sources?
Notes: Wide, well-groomed gravel carriage roads. Some low-grade ascents/descents and uneven terrain.
Registration: Please visit www.olana.org Book a Tour page to make your reservations.
Fee: Member: $15, Non-Member: $20
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 1.5 miles
Duration: 1.5 hours
Additional activities: Guided House Tour, 10 AM - 1 PM; Self-Guided House Tour, 2:00 - 3:00PM; Guided Historic Landscape Walking Tour, 11:15 PM & 2:15 PM.

172. Elm Tree Mill Tour
9/10 4:00PM
Behold! Station and Store
438 New York Route 20, New Lebanon 12125
(518) 720-7265
info@beholdnewlebanon.org
When President Theodore Roosevelt lived in the White House, he insisted that his pancakes be

Platte Clove. Photo by Robert Goldwitz.
prepared only from Elm Tree Mill buckwheat. A tour conducted by the family who now lives in the mill offers an unprecedented opportunity to look inside and back to the 18th century. Meet at Behold! New Lebanon station and general store and then board a bus to the event site. Registration: Visit www.beholdnewlebanon.org Fee: This program is $18 for adults, children under the age of 12 are free.

173. Barry Hopkins Run
8:30AM
Wagon House Education Center
5720 Rte 9G, Hudson 12534
(518) 828-1872 x 105
eschanz@olana.org
Spend the morning on this 3.8-mile course traversing the historic carriage roads at Frederic Church’s Olana. This event is a collaboration with the Onteora Running Club and supports arts education in the Catskill School District. Please register online or on race day. Rain or shine. Free t-shirt to the first 75 people who register. Children’s Run 9am, Adult Run 9:30am. Fee: Member: $15, Non-Member: $20
Registration: Please visit the Book a Tour Page at www.olana.org to make your tour reservations.
Not suitable for children under: 5
Additional equipment: Good running shoes.
Additional activities: Guided House Tours 10 AM - 1 PM. Self-Guided House Tours 2 PM - 3:30 PM. Historic Landscape Tour 11:15 & 2:15 PM
174. Wildflower Walk
9:00AM
Huyck Preserve
284 Pond Hill Rd., Rensselaerville 12147
(518) 797-3440
outreach@huyckpreserve.org
Join our naturalist for a hike in search of the last flowers of summer along some of our core trails! Notes: Hike will use our core trails, some have mild to moderate gradients up/down hills, and a few narrow spots. May be some rocks or damp spots, but no standing water on the trails. Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 1.5 miles
Duration: 2 hours
Not suitable for children under: 10
Additional equipment: Recommended to bring water, bug spray, sunscreen, and layers.
175. Van Schaick Mansion Tours
9:00AM
Van Schaick Mansion
1 Van Schaick Ave, Cohoes 12047
(518) 235-2699
gpg1776@gmail.com
The Van Schaick Mansion is one of the most historic homes in New York State with a rich history that is tied to both the French and Indian War & the American Revolution. Built circa 1735, the house was used as military headquarters for a number of English generals during the French and Indian War. During the American Revolution the mansion once again served as military headquarters and was inhabited by generals Schuyler, Gates, Poor, St. Clair and colonels Morgan, Gansevoort, and Arnold while formulating the plans for the Battle of Saratoga. Fee: Guided tours $5 for adults. Military families free. Grounds and historic cemetery free.
Portion wheelchair accessible: Grounds and cemetery areas are accessible. Mansion has stairs.
180. Pushing Ink into Paper: Traditional Letterpress
9/17 9:30AM
Behold! Station and Store
438 US Route 20, New Lebanon 12125
(518) 720-7265
info@beholdnewlebanon.org
Jerry Grant and Sharon Koomler share the history of letterpress printing and open their Victorian-style print shop for tours. They will demonstrate their craft on late 19th and mid-20th century presses. Ages 10 and older are welcome. The bus for this program boards at the Behold! Station and Store.
Fee: $18 per ticket. Children under 12 free.
Not suitable for children under: 10
Additional activities: Lecture

181. Troy’s Tiffany Treasures
9/17 9:30AM
Downtown Troy
Troy 12180
(518) 274-5267
michael@hudsonmohawkgateway.org
Troy may well have more Tiffany windows per square mile than any other city in the nation. We will briefly describe the life’s work of Louis Comfort Tiffany and then guide you on a walking and driving tour of the abundant Tiffany windows and interior designs in downtown Troy. Advance registration required. This always sells out, so be sure to register early.
Registration: Call or email info@hudsonmohawkgateway.org by 9/16, 4 p.m.
Fee: $20 per person, cash or check at door, charge available if called in or sent in advance. Children under 12 are allowed to come along free with parent or guardian.
Additional equipment: Cameras are permitted.

182. Insects Alive
9/17 10:00AM
Five Rivers Educational Center
56 Game Farm Rd., Delmar 12054
(518) 475-0291
5Rivers@dec.ny.gov
Late summer and early autumn are excellent for observing insects. Join us as we explore the fields for grasshoppers, beetles, mantids and more. Classify insects into families by looking at their identifying features, and discover the wonderful adaptations each has to aid its survival.
Additional activities:

183. North Germantown-Midwood Paddle
9/17 10:00AM
Lasher Park, Germantown 12526
(646) 431-5954
ramblin-kaare@kaarechristian.com
The Germantown-Midwood paddle starts in Lasher park in North Germantown and goes four miles down the beautiful east shore of the North Germantown reach of the Hudson. Our turnaround point is Midwood, where we’ll stop for lunch and experience an exciting presentation. Then we’ll paddle back to Lasher Park.
Notes: Paddle is on the Hudson River, which has strong currents, and the possibility of strong winds and other hazardous conditions. On this paddle we will not be crossing the shipping channel.
Registration: Call by 9/12. Paddlers strictly limited to 20.
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 8 miles
Duration: 5 hours
Not suitable for children under: 16
Additional equipment: Touring kayak of at least 12’ in length with bulkheads. All paddlers must supply and wear a PFD at all times. Bring your own lunch.

184. Palenville Overlook
9/17 10:00AM
Outside North South Lake Public Campground
Schutt Rd., Haines Falls 12436
(315) 853-1070
ccwhite@juno.com
Hike the Escarpment Trail and Sleepy Hollow Horse Trail to fantastic views east over the Hudson Valley over Palenville and a view straight down to NY Route 23A from rock shores next to an old boarding house foundation.
Notes: Hike involves a steep pitch, rocky terrain and ledges at the viewpoint.
Registration: Call or email by 9/15
Difficulty: Difficult
Length: 5.3 miles
Duration: 6 hours
Not suitable for children under: 10
Additional equipment: Hiking boots recommended. Bring your own lunch.

185. Battle of Saratoga Anniversary Encampment
9/17 10:00AM
Saratoga National Historical Park
648 Route 32, Stillwater 12170
(518) 670-2981
eric_schnitzer@nps.gov
Marking the 239th anniversary of the Battle of Saratoga. Come explore the lives of men, women, and children of the Revolutionary War! Learn the soldiers’ musket drill, hear cannon and musket firings, smell the aromas of open-fire cooking, take part in a special guided tour of Freeman’s Farm, or help decide a court martial. Kids get to have their own “mini encampment” this year!
Fee: Event is free, but battlefield entrance fees apply: $5 per car / $3 per adult (hike, bike, horse-back) / $10 for annual pass. Pay fee at battlefield visitor center.
Not suitable for children under: 3 or 4
Portion wheelchair accessible: Visitor center is accessible. Paved pathways at battlefield tour stops, though some steep hills.
Additional equipment: No food services are available, though bookstore has snacks and bottled water. Dress for the weather. Bring sunscreen and insect repellent. Bicyclists must wear helmets.
Additional activities:

186. Discover the Hilltowns: Farms and Artisans Tour
9/17 10:00AM Self Guided
Berne, Knox, Rensselaerville and Westerlo
(518) 618-5376
alporkorn@mycampar.com
Experience the scenic hilltowns of Albany County on this self-guided driving tour of farms, artisan studios, markets, historical museums and other places of interest. Choose from dozens of destinations. Maps with details, schedules, wheelchair accessibility, and locations for gas and food are available free at all venues or can be downloaded from our website www.Hilltows.org.
Portion wheelchair accessible: Tour is by car. Each site’s accessibility will vary; see printed guide or contact Helderberg Hilltowns Association for details at www.Hilltowns.org.
is charged and take home a logo wine glass. An additional fee
Wine tasting. NYS wineries
Fee: Adults $8 and children under 15 free. Fee for
apples and apple products!
rides. Tons of festival foods and drinks. Lots of
Festival will again be held at the Altamont Fair
info@altamontorchards.com (518) 861-6515
Main Street, Altamont 12009
Altamont Fair Grounds
187. Russell Sage College in 1916
9/17 10:30AM
Troy Farmer’s Market, Monument Square
Troy 12180 (518) 272-7232
ksheehan@rchsonline.org
In honor of the centennial of Russell Sage College, join Rensselaer County Historical Society staff for a tour of the campus and surrounding area in the historic district of downtown Troy, highlighting the year 1916, the year Russell Sage College opened. We will discuss Margaret Olivia Slocum Sage’s vision for the woman’s college.
Notes: Terrain mostly flat, some uneven sidewalks.
Fee: Free for Rensselaer County Historical Society members, $5 for not yet members.
Difficulty: Easy
Length: 1.5 miles
Duration: 1 hour
188. Capital Region Apple & Wine Festival
9/17 10:30AM 9/18 10:00AM
Altamont Fair Grounds
Main Street, Altamont 12009 (518) 861-6515
info@altamontorchards.com
The 24th annual Capital Region Apple & Wine Festival will again be held at the Altamont Fair Grounds. Activities include a juried craft show, farmers market and bakery, a variety of entertainment, car show (Sunday), haunted house, bounce houses, wine tasting (additional fee) and pony rides. Tons of festival foods and drinks. Lots of apples and apple products!
Fee: Adults $8 and children under 15 free. Fee for wine tasting.
Additional activities: Wine tasting. NYS wineries and take home a logo wine glass. An additional fee is charged
189. Animal Tracking
9/17 1:30PM
Behold! Station and Store
438 US Route 20, New Lebanon 12125 (518) 720-7265
info@beholdnewlebanon.org
Join Flying Deer Nature Center Director Josh Wood in the woods and meadows of New Lebanon and learn to identify animals by their tracks. Find out how to recognize animal signs, gaits and patterns and uncover a wealth of mysteries written in the landscape. The bus for this program boards at the Behold! Station and Store.
Fee: $18 per ticket. Children under 12 free.
Additional activities: Please dress for walking in woods and fields with heavy shoes or boots and a hat. Bring sunscreen and bug repellent.
190. Tiffany Windows, Waterfalls and a 100 Mile View
9/17 1:30PM
Oakwood Cemetery
186 Oakwood Avenue, Troy 12182 (518) 272-7520
oakwood_cemetery@yahoo.com
Join Ned Pratt and Michael Barrett as they introduce you to the amazing beauty and history of Oakwood Cemetery. See the Earl Chapel’s Tiffany windows, Uncle Sam’s grave, and a 100 mile view, as well as ponds, waterfalls, striking gravestone markers and more. Meet at the Earl Chapel.
Registration: Call 1-800-556-6273
Fee: $15 per person
191. Copake Iron Works Tours
9/17 2:00PM
Copake Iron Works, Taconic State Park
33 Valley View Road, Copake Falls 12517 (917) 885-0691
President@friendsof tsp.org
Join Friends of Taconic State Park for tours of the historic Copake Iron Works. Established in 1845 along Bash Bish Brook at the base of the Taconic Ridge, the Copake Iron Works, and 18 acres surrounding the area were listed on the State and National Register of Historic Sites in 2007. The Copake Iron Works Historic District comprises all of the buildings in the Iron Works area, the historic blast furnace, three workers’ houses, and the now-flooded ore pit, as well as the Church of St. John in the Wilderness. Tours include the museum where on display are a series of iron artifacts, ranging from plow parts to chisels and unknown objects. Tours are given rain or shine, beginning at 2:00 PM and concluding at 4:00 PM.
Portion wheelchair accessible: Copake Iron Works Museum is wheelchair accessible via one of the two entrances.
192. Stuffed: Sausage Making with Phoebe
9/17 2:30PM
Behold! Station and Store
438 US Route 20, New Lebanon 12125 (518) 720-7265
info@beholdnewlebanon.org
What goes into a good sausage? Phoebe explains while offering a hands-on demonstration of fresh sausage making. Taste Phoebe’s delicious New Lebanon Baloney while learning how Phoebe was inspired by her childhood experience in Lebanon, Pennsylvania to create this new local delicacy. Take home a half pound of sausage for your labor! The bus for this program boards at the Behold! Station and Store at 438 US Route 20, New Lebanon, NY 12125.
Fee: $18 per ticket. Children under 12 free.
Additional activities: Workshop, hands-on.
193. Hudson River Paddle
9/17 3:00PM
Hudson Boat Launch
Water Street, Hudson 12534 (518) 392-5525 x210
john.horton@clctrust.org
Join Columbia Land Conservancy’s Marissa Codey and Nick Zachos of the Hudson Sloop Club on a guided paddle up the Hudson River and into North Bay. CLC has some kayaks and life vests available for borrowing, please contact John Horton at john.horton@clctrust.org if you need to borrow a kayak.
Notes: We’ll be paddling along the Hudson River into a wetland.
Registration: Call or email by 9/10

Hudson River Valley
JOIN US THIS FALL:
Let’s Moove 5K 22nd Annual Run/Walk Fall Festival
Saturday, 9/24 Sunday, 10/9
HAWTHORNEVALLEY.ORG

CONGRESSMAN
Chris Gibson
“I am very excited to see the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area will once again sponsor the annual Hudson River Valley Ramble in September. The efforts by the Hudson River Valley Greenway, the National Heritage Area, and their partners and local communities are truly commendable. These events not only highlight the history, culture, and scenic beauty of our region, they contribute significantly to the local economy. Throughout my tenure in Congress, I have been proud to partner with each of these groups in advocating for federal funding and policies that bring more people into contact with the national treasures of the Hudson River Valley. I know you will enjoy the Ramble. Thank you for joining us!”
193. Hudson River Valley Ramble 2016

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Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 3 miles
Duration: 2 hours
Additional equipment: Bring a life jacket. Boats Provided.

194. Squire Jacob Concert with Mark Rust in Concert
9:17 8:00PM
Sand Lake Center for the Arts
2880 NY 43, Averill Park 12018
(518) 674-2007
reservations@slca-ctp.org
Mark Rust sings and plays several instruments including piano, guitar, banjo, fiddle, mountain and hammered dulcimer with great proficiency. Hailing from Woodstock, N.Y., he offers a unique and engaging program which will be both entertaining and educational for music lovers of all ages.
Registration: Call, email or visit www.slca-ctp.org
Fee: $18 adults, $10 under 18
Not suitable for children under: 5 years old
Additional activities: Cafe will be open with offerings of delectable desserts and beverages.

195. Windham High Peak Traverse
9:18 9:30AM
South of Windham
Peck Rd, Maplecrest 12454
(315) 853-1070
ccswhite@juno.com
Hike with Authors of Catskill Day Hikes over 3,524-foot Windham High Peak and enjoy many excellent views in all directions along the northern Escarpment Trail. Shuttle required.
Notes: Moderately steep ascents, uneven rocky surface and some rock scrambling. Short car shuttle required.
Registration: Call or email by 9/15
Difficulty: Difficult
Length: 7 miles
Duration: 5-6 hours
Not suitable for children under: 10
Additional equipment: Hiking boots highly recommended. Bring your own lunch.

196. Sunday Art Studio: Building with Blocks
9:18 11:00AM
Olana State Historic Site - Visitor Center
5720 Rte 9G, Hudson 12534
(518) 828-1872
eschanz@olana.org
These Sunday morning programs are designed for local families, heritage and art tourists, and regular visitors who like to make art. Projects take about 30 minutes and are fun for all ages. Everyone leaves with a work of art!
Additional activities: Guided House Tours 10 AM - 1 PM, Self-Guided House Tours 2 PM - 3:30 PM, Historic Landscape Tour 11:15 & 2:15 PM. Please visit the Book Tour Page at www.olana.org to make your tour reservations.

197. The Industrial Gateway Bicycle Tour - Part 2
9:18 9:30AM
25 Quackenbush Sq, Albany 12207
(518) 225-4209
hardworkjohn@aol.com
Our ride will take the Hudson River waterfront from downtown Albany through Cohoes to Waterford and Troy. We will make stops along the way and explore the birthplace of the great Industrial Revolution of the United States. The original Erie Canal, the Cohoes Falls, Peebles Island and the Burden Iron Works are just a few of the historic sites we’ll explore and learn about. This tour has a 25 rider limit, so please register early as previous tours have sold out.
Notes: We’ll be riding a 10-12 mph pace on paved city streets, paved and unpaved bike paths. Hybrid bicycles work best. There is a short steep section in Cohoes but otherwise terrain is flat.
Registration: Call or email by 9/16
Fee: Fee is $20
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 25-30 miles
Duration: 5 hours
Not suitable for children under: 18
Additional equipment: All participants must possess a properly working bicycle, adequate riding skills for an extended tour and a helmet which must be worn during the ride.
Additional activities: We’ll have a rest/ lunch stop at the Cohoes Falls.

198. Invasion 1777: The Hidden Battlefield at Clermont
9:18 10:00AM
Clermont State Historic Site
1 Clermont Avenue, Germantown 12526
(518) 537-4240
jsenterman@catskillcenter.org
Join historian Geoff Benton to explore the grounds of Clermont State Historic Site, not as the idyllic playground of the wealthy Livingston family, but as the high-water mark of the British invasion of the Hudson River Valley from the south. In 1777, the British army launched a three pronged attack on the Hudson River Valley to cut New England off from the rest of the Colonies. One prong was famously stopped at Saratoga, another at Fort Stanwix and the third reached Clermont before turning back.
Notes: Mostly flat, with some rolling grassy fields, one steep hill up and down. Mixture of grass and pavement.
Registration: Call by 9/14
Fee: The walk and refreshment will cost $8
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 2 miles
Duration: 1.5 hours
Not suitable for children under: 10
Additional activities: Full tours of the mansion will be available all day for an additional fee. Clermont grounds and trails remain open until dusk.

199. Fantastic Fungi
9:18 10:00PM
Albany Pine Bush Discovery Center
195 New Karner Road, Albany 12205
(518) 456-0655
info@albanypinebush.org
What would the Pine Bush be without fungi? These amazing organisms work silently all around us, making our ecosystems function. They break down dead material, help plants get the nutrients they need, and feed a wide array of creatures. Come learn about Pine Bush fungi and hunt for their fruiting bodies along the trails. We will be hiking approximately one mile.
Notes: Rolling sand dunes in a partially forested landscape. There may be tree roots growing across the path, but no rocks.
Registration: Call or visit www.AlbanyPineBush.org and click on “Events Calendar”.
Fee: $3 per person/$5 per family.
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 1 mile
Duration: 1.5 hours
Not suitable for children under: 10
Additional equipment: Please remember to dress for the weather, wear long pants, sturdy walking shoes and bring drinking water. While leashed pets are permitted on marked trails, we ask that visitors not bring pets to our educational programs.

200. Bronck Museum - Amusements, Doubleday
9:18 1:00PM
Bronck Museum
90 County Route 42, Coxsackie 12051
(518) 731-6490
gchsbm@mhcable.com
Step up to the plate and take a swing at baseball as Abner Doubleday might have wanted it played.
Fee: Adults $7, Children $3.50
Portion wheelchair accessible: Historic home therefore the house is not wheelchair accessible everywhere.

201. Platte Clove Hike
9:18 1:00PM
Platte Clove Preserve
2504 Platte Clove Road, Hunter 12427
(845) 586-2611
info@albanypinebush.org
Join historian Geoff Benton to explore the grounds of Clermont State Historic Site, not as the idyllic playground of the wealthy Livingston family, but as the high-water mark of the British invasion of the Hudson River Valley from the south. In 1777, the British army launched a three pronged attack on the Hudson River Valley to cut New England off from the rest of the Colonies. One prong was famously stopped at Saratoga, another at Fort Stanwix and the third reached Clermont before turning back.
Notes: Mostly flat, with some rolling grassy fields, one steep hill up and down. Mixture of grass and pavement.
Registration: Call by 9/14
Fee: The walk and refreshment will cost $8
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 2 miles
Duration: 1.5 hours
Not suitable for children under: 10
Additional activities: Full tours of the mansion will be available all day for an additional fee. Clermont grounds and trails remain open until dusk.

202. 7th Annual Rensselaer Plateau Traverse Hike
9:18 7:50AM
Pineridge Cross Country Ski Area
1463 Plank Road, Petersburgh 12138
(518) 712-9211
jim@renssaelaerplateau.org
Join us for one or both days of our 2 day Plateau Traverse Hike. Or come for just the morning or
afternoon of either day. Become an end-to-ender. Meet at Pineridge Cross Country Ski Area at 7:30am on Saturday and take shuttle buses to our starting point, then spend the day hiking back to Pineridge. Participants are welcome to pitch a tent and spend the night. Potluck dinner after the Saturday hike. Leave Pineridge at 8am on Sunday to hike to the other half of the Plateau. Shuttle buses will bring participants back to Pineridge at the end of the day. This event is cosponsored by the Rensselaer Land Trust, the Dyken Pond Environmental Education Center, the Friends of the Dyken Pond Center, and Pineridge Cross Country Ski Area.

Notes: A mix of trail conditions (flat, rocky, etc), logging roads and bushwhacking. Bushwhacking will be easy to moderate difficulty with a few short difficult areas. Trails may be muddy or wet depending upon weather conditions prior to the event.

Registration: Call or email by 9/23
Fee: $10 / day suggested donation to offset the fuel costs of shuttle buses.
Difficulty: Difficult
Length: 15 - 17 per day (half day options each day)
Duration: 8+ hours each day, 4 - 5 hours half day
Not suitable for children under: 14
Additional equipment: Day pack, water bottles, sturdy footwear.
Additional activities: We will pass views and historic sites including the opportunity to ascend the Dickinson Hill Fire Tower on Saturday morning. We will eat dinner and breakfast together Sat evening and Sun morning for those who are interested. We ask participants to bring something to share.

203. Collar City Ramble
9/24 9:00AM
Collar City Ramble booth at the Troy Waterfront Market
Riverfront Park, Troy 12180
(518) 429-3909
jimmer@nyicap.rr.com
Tour Troy’s urban trails by foot, bicycle, water, GPS, or whatever in this alternate transportation festival. The Collar City Ramble covers Troy in ways that anyone can find to enjoy. Explore the historical, the undeveloped, the water, the hidden treasure, and the urban areas with a tour group or independently with materials from the booth. The details of guided tours are listed separately.

Portion wheelchair accessible: Access to the booth is wheelchair accessible. Access of tours varies.
Additional equipment: Required equipment depends on the activity.
Additional activities: Check collarcityramble.com or Facebook for updates

204. Hawthorne Valley Let’s Moove 5K Walk & Run
9/24 9:00AM
Hawthorne Valley Farm
327 County Route 21C, Ghent 12075
(518) 672-4465 x280
info@hawthornevalleyassociation.org
Join us for the Let’s Moove 5K Walk & Run at Hawthorne Valley! The event features an off-road trail through fields and gently rolling hills, surrounded by a beautiful vista. The 5K is open to all ages. All net proceeds will support need-based scholarships for place-based learning programs. Due to the terrain, all strollers will be prohibited.
Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult in order to participate. Pre-registration will begin at 8am.

Notes: Fields and gently rolling hills with pastoral vistas. Some wooded areas. Uneven terrain.

Fee: Register before 9/9 for early-bird pricing: Adult – $20; Youth (11 through 17) – $15; Child, 10 and under – Free. After September 9th: Adult – $25; Youth (11 through 17) – $20; Child, 10 and under – Free. The first 50 participants to register will receive a Let’s Moove t-shirt.
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 3.1 miles
Duration: 1 hour
Not suitable for children under: No strollers
Additional activities: There will be refreshments provided after the race.

205. Cycle the Rensselaer Plateau
9/24 9:30AM
Miller Hill Elementary School Intersection of Rtes 66 & 43 in Sand Lake
8439 Miller Hill Road, Averill Park 12018
(518) 283-0159 or (518) 928-8877
sdgibbs@nyicap.rr.com

Notes: Some gravel roads.
Difficulty: Very Difficult
Length: 45 miles
Duration: 6 hours
Not suitable for children under: 12; Seasoned riders 13-16 must have parent sign and accompany.
Additional equipment: Must have helmet and bike, preferably road bike. Bring your own lunch.

206. Hand Hollow Nature Walk
9/24 9:30AM
Hand Hollow Conservation Area
438 New York Route 20, New Lebanon 12125
(518) 720-7265
beholdnewlebanon@gmail.com
Join fun-loving naturalist Bonner McAllester for a leisurely walk in Hand Hollow, the Columbia Land Conservancy’s magnificent property. Amble through meadows and forests, along the streams and ponds with bear dam in this home to hundreds of birds including a heron nesting. Meet at the Behold! New Lebanon station and general store and board a bus to the event site.

Registration: Register at www.beholdnewlebanon.org
Fee: $18 per adult, children under 12 are free.
Difficulty: Moderate
Additional equipment: Please dress for walking in woods and fields with heavy shoes or boots and a hat. Bring sunscreen and bug repellent.

207. The Uncle Sam Trail- A Path through Troy’s History
9/24 9:30AM
Uncle Sam Trail
Middleburgh and 8th Streets, Troy 12180
(518) 429-3909
jimmer@nyicap.rr.com
Kathryn Sheehan, Rensselaer County & Troy City Historian, will lead a tour on the Uncle Sam Rail Trail. The trail was the former Troy & Boston and later the Boston & Maine Railroad. We will discuss the many industries, residences, churches and recreational ventures that bordered the rail line. Learn about the Haymakers baseball team, the murder of Robert Ross, and where the ink for our nation’s currency was manufactured! On-street parking.

Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 4 miles
Duration: 2 hours
Not suitable for children under: 5
Additional equipment: Suggest bringing a water bottle and hiking boots.
Additional activities: Knickerbocker Harvest Festival 8:00am-4:00pm. Pancake breakfast $6 - 8:00am-11:00am. Chicken and Biscuit Dinner $10 - Noon-4:00pm. Knickerbocker mansion and cemetery tours, bake sale, harvest produce for sale and snack bar open.
209. Explore Troy’s Gateway to the Hudson River Water Trail
9/24 10:00AM
Ingalls Avenue Boat Launch
Ingalls Avenue and Presidents Street, Troy 12180
(518) 429-3909
jimmer@nymcap rr.com
The 10:00 am intermediate Water Trail Paddle is a 2 hour paddle of about 3 miles round trip in conjunction with the Adirondack Mountain Club. The paddle will proceed downstream to the Congress Street Bridge along the Troy waterfront and return. This is recommended for paddlers who have had experience on the river. For beginners, a mile on the Hudson with Upstate Kayaks is offered. Three shorter guided outings of about an hour (10:30, 11:30, 12:30) are scheduled for those who want to try out the sport with a volunteer guide. This route circumnavigates Adams Island.
Difficulty: Moderate
Additional equipment: Kayaks will be available for rental or participants may bring their own.
Additional activities: The tours are offered as part of the Collar City Ramble.

210. Five Rivers Scavenger Hunt
9/24 10:00AM
Five Rivers Environmental Education Center
56 Game Farm Rd, Delmar 12054
(518) 475-0291
5Rivers@dec.ny.gov
Pick up a scavenger hunt list at the nature center and head outdoors. Our scavenger hunt suggests fun activities to complete alone or with friends and family. Simply check the activities off your list as each is completed. Bring your list to the education center after you have completed at least 12 of the activities and receive a free poster.

211. Indian Ladder Trail Guided Walk
9/24 10:00AM
1 Hales Cave Rd
 Voorheesville, 12186
(518) 872-0800
Nancy.Engel@parks ny.gov
Descend the cliff and learn about the geologic and cultural history of the Helderbergs on this scenic and historic trail. See underground streams, look for fossils and step inside the crevice cave along the trail. Trail is moderately rugged with stair climbing and a couple of steep slopes. Wear sturdy shoes and meet at the Indian Ladder picnic area. Walk lasts about 1.5 hours.
Notes: Trail has staircases, short steep sections, uneven surfaces.
Registration: Call or email by 9/22.
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 1.5 miles
Duration: 1.5 hours
Not suitable for children under: 6

212. The Marquis de Lafayette Visits Troy
9/24 10:30AM
Farmer’s Market Information Booth Troy
Troy 12180
(518) 272-7232
ksheehan@rchsonline.org
For much of the year 1824 and into 1825, this hero of the American Revolution made a triumphant visit to all the United States. He came to Troy twice during that time. Follow in his footsteps as he was shown the bustling city that Troy had become under the influence of liberty and freedom.
Notes: Mostly flat terrain, one gradual small hill, some sidewalks are uneven.
Fee: Free for RCHS Members, $5 for not-yet-members.
Difficulty: Easy
Length: 1.5 miles
Duration: 1 hour

213. Guided Downtown Albany Walking Tour
9/24 11:00AM
Albany Visitors Center
25 Quackenbush Square, Albany 12207
(518) 434-0405
accvb@albany org
A guided walking tour highlighting downtown Albany’s historic places and magnificent architecture.
Notes: City sidewalks; moderate hill
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 1.5 miles
Duration: 2 hours
Not suitable for children under: 10

214. LarkFEST
9/24 11:00AM
Lark Street between Madison & Washington Avenues
Lark Street, Albany 12210
(518) 434-3861
bid@larkstreet.org
LarkFEST is Upstate New York’s largest one-day street festival celebrating Lark Street-The Heart of Albany. The event hosts hundreds of vendors, 2 stages of music with both local and national headlining music acts. With an estimated 80,000 people descending upon Lark Street, this is an event not to be missed! LarkFEST was voted in the top 3 “Best Arts Events” in both 2009 and 2010. 2016 promises to be as exciting as ever, as we celebrate the 34th Annual LarkFEST with fantastic music, great food, and more!

215. Urban Geocaching
9/24 11:00AM
Collar City Ramble Booth at the Troy Waterfront
Farmers Market
Troy Riverfront Park, Troy 12180
(518) 429-3909
jimmer@nymcap rr.com
Geocaching is a real-world treasure hunting game in which the goal is to navigate to a set of GPS coordinates and seek out the geocache container hidden there. There will be an introduction to geocaching followed by a hunt led by an experienced geocacher for some nearby downtown Troy caches.

Portion wheelchair accessible: At least one geocache will be wheelchair accessible.
Additional equipment: A GPS unit or GPS-enabled device, including most cellphones.
Additional activities: Experienced geocachers can try their skill at Troy’s geocaches. A list of nearby caches that we particularly like will be available to explore independently. Some are child friendly, others are more challenging, and a few will be set up exclusively for the Ramble to highlight some of Troy’s treasures.

216. Hiking Frear Park Trails
9/24 11:30AM
Frear Park Tennis Courts Parking Lot
Frear Park Road, Troy 12180
(518) 429-3909
jimmer@nymcap rr.com
Discover Frear Park’s hiking trails, enjoy natural scenery, and learn some history. We will hike along the old Troy water reservoirs, pass by a beaver dam and pond, and the Piscawen Creek and waterfalls. Enjoy the view over the Hudson Valley; on a clear day you can clearly see downtown Albany and the Catskills from the top of the trails. Interesting native wildflowers can be found along the trails, and a stop will be made to enjoy the educational wildflower and butterfly gardens near the Frear Park pagoda and fountain.
Difficulty: Easy
Length: 1 mile
Duration: 1 hour
Additional activities: The tour is offered as part of the Collar City Ramble.

217. Ramble Bike Rides
9/24 12:00PM
Collar City Ramble Booth at the Troy Waterfront
Farmers Market
Troy Riverfront Park, Troy 12180
(518) 429-3909
jimmer@nymcap rr.com
Two separate groups of bike riders, a beginning and an intermediate, will be led on urban bike rides through the city of Troy. Both tours will include street riding through historical neighborhoods and sites. The shorter will go to the Uncle Sam Trail. The longer will travel through more areas of Troy. Rides will explore the city at a human pace on two wheels, with possible stops for encountered activities. The beginner ride will last approximately one hour and the intermediate two hours.
Notes: The shorter tour of one hour is easy. The two hour tour is intermediate in level and includes some of Troy’s hills.
Additional equipment: Bicycles
Additional activities: Pre-ride bike checks will be available starting at 11:15.

218. Hiking Through History Along Troy’s Wynantskill
9/24 12:15PM
Burden Pond Environmental Park
Corner Route 4 / Mill Street and Campbell Avenue, Troy 12180
(518) 429-3909
jimmer@nymcap rr.com
Come learn about the local history and the changing landscape of south Troy shaped by the Wynants Kill from Colonial time mills to the Industrial Era Burden Iron Works. Hike through an urban nature preserve with a deep gorge, a water fall and remnants of dams and infrastructure that supplied water power. We will stand in an area that had once been a mill pond. We will finish at a historic church and vantage point to see where the Burden Iron Works once stood and imagine what it all looked like.
Notes: Some short hill climbs and dirt paths.
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 2.5 miles
Duration: 2 hours
Additional activities: Start at the former Burden Iron Works offices to hear from local historians and examine pictures and maps of the changing landscape, setting the stage for the hike. The Burden Museum is located at 1 E Industrial Pkwy, Troy, NY 12180. Reconvene a short drive upstream at the parking area of the Burden Pond Environmental Park.

“I did not realize there were so many Tiffany windows in Troy. Wow!”
— Lynn from Albany
219. Albany History Race
9/24 1:00PM
Albany Public Library - Washington Avenue Branch
161 Washington Avenue, Albany 12208
(518) 427-4376
localhistory@albanypubliclibrary.org
The Third Annual Albany History Race is an Amazing Race-style afternoon scavenger hunt for history experts, novices, and visitors interested in learning about Albany’s past. No prior knowledge needed. Albany Public Library is partnering with Historic Albany Foundation and showcasing the endangered buildings of our city. The event will begin in the library’s local history room and conclude at McCue’s Pub, where teams will receive 20% off their food and drink that afternoon. Additional Albany-themed prizes will be awarded to the fastest teams! For more details, visit the Albany Public Library’s event calendar.
http://goo.gl/wzh26Xk
Registration: Deadline 9/23 visit http://goo.gl/wzh26Xk
Not suitable for children under: 8
Additional equipment: Each team must have a car and either a phone or digital camera to take and store photos of their visits.

220. Basket Making
9/24 1:00PM
Behold! Station and Store
438 US Route 20, New Lebanon 12125
(518) 720-7265
info@beholddnewlebanon.org
Isabel Krebs invites you to learn the art of basket weaving while enjoying the beautiful views of Glen Douglas Farm. Isabel will demonstrate how she makes farm baskets and encourage you to join in during a small workshop. The bus for this program boards at the Behold! Station and Store.
Fee: $18 per ticket. Children under 12 free.
Not suitable for children under: 10
Additional activities: Hands-on workshop, lecture.

221. Brilliant and Bristly Buckmoths
9/24 9/25 1:00PM
Albany Pine Bush Discovery Center
195 New Karner Road, Albany 12205
(518) 456-0655
Albany Pine Bush Discovery Center
Not suitable for children under: 6
Additional equipment: Please remember to dress for the weather, wear long pants, sturdy walking shoes and bring drinking water. While leashed pets are permitted on marked trails, we ask that visitors not bring pets to our educational programs.
222. Walking Tour of Former Schenectady & Troy Railroad
9/24 1:00PM
58 Remsen Street, Cohoes 12047
(518) 237-5618
cherniak@mpacrr.org
This walking tour will follow the route of the former Schenectady & Troy Railroad from the site of the “Crescent Station” at Louden and Fonda Roads in Colonie south to Alexander Street in Cohoes. As we walk the route, we will discuss the passenger stations, industrial sidings, grade crossings and bridges at various stops along the tour. We will also look at railroad artifacts along the route, which will help tell the story of the railroad. We will discuss the origins of the railroad in 1841, its inclusion in the New York Central System in 1853, the Penn Central in 1968, and its eventual abandonment in 1977 after the creation of Conrail.
Notes: The former Schenectady & Troy Railroad is a paved bike path on a gently descending grade through Cohoes, NY and is part of the Mohawk-Hudson Bike-Hike Trail. Tour will meet at Cohoes Visitor Center, 58 Remsen Street, Cohoes and carpool/vanpool to the starting point at “Crescent Station” on Fonda Road and US Route 9/Louden Road in Colonie. End point is at Alexander Street in Cohoes, with carpool/vanpool back to Visitor Center.
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 3.25 miles
Duration: 2.5 hours
Not suitable for children under: 10
Portion wheelchair accessible: The Mohawk-Hudson Bike-Hike Trail in Cohoes is accessible, but the Spindle City Historic Society does not have the capability to transport wheelchairs from the Visitor’s Center to trail start and from the trail end back to the Visitor’s Center.
Additional equipment: Participants should wear sturdy shoes or hiking boots, and bring water to drink. Wear clothing appropriate to the weather on the day of the tour.
Additional activities: Upon return to the starting point at the Cohoes Visitor’s Center in the Cohoes Music Hall, join us for light refreshments and viewing of various exhibits concerning the history of Cohoes. Books published by the Spindle City Historic Society will be available for purchase.

223. A Celebration of Colonial African Culture with the Children of Dahomey
9/24 2:00PM
Schuyler Mansion State Historic Site
32 Catherine Street, Albany 12202
(518) 434-0834
ian.mumpton@parks.ny.gov
Between 1765 and 1804, over a dozen men, women, and children were enslaved by the Schuyler family, their labor exploited to achieve the luxury and refinement of the family’s elegant lifestyle. Performance-education group, the Children of Dahomey, will use a combination of audience participatory dance, music, percussion, and storytelling to introduce visitors to the historical experiences of enslaved Africans and African-Americans in 18th century New York. Participants will also learn about how the enslaved resisted their bondage through cultural resilience. Refreshments provided following the performance. Please call for Rain-Date information.
Registration: Call or email by 9/18

Portion wheelchair accessible: The outdoors performance and first floor of the mansion are wheelchair accessible, however the upper floor of the house is only accessible via stairs. Full color images of the upper floor are provided downstairs.
Additional activities: Following the outdoor performance, the mansion will be available from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. for open-house tours. Self-guided pamphlets highlighting the history of the enslaved servants and laborers of the Schuyler estate will be provided. There is no fee for the performance or open-house.

224. Geology Hike of Olana
9/24 3:00PM
Visitor Center, Olana State Historic Site
5720 Rte 9G, Hudson 12534
(518) 828-1872 x 105
eschanz@olana.org
Join Hartwick College Geology Professor, Robert Titus, on Olana’s East Lawn, to learn about the geological history of Olana. The hike will also explore the natural forces that shaped Frederic Church’s artist-designed landscape. With Titus as your guide, science meets storytelling. We will hike about 1.5 miles followed by healthy seasonal snacks.
Notes: Wide, well-groomed gravel carriage roads. Some low-grade ascents/descents and uneven terrain.
Fee: Member: Free, Non-Member: $5
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 1.5 miles
Duration: 2 hours
Not suitable for children under: 5
Additional equipment: Suggested: good walking shoes, water bottle, and sunscreen.
Additional activities: Guided House Tours 10 AM - 1 PM, Self-Guided House Tours 2 PM - 3:30 PM, Historic Landscape Tour 11:15 & 2:15 PM. Please visit the Book a Tour Page at www.olana.org to make your tour reservations.

225. Artful Hike: Poet’s Walk
9/24 3:00PM
Olana State Historic Site
5720 Rte 9G, Hudson 12534
(518) 828-1872 x 105
eschanz@olana.org
What would it be like to step into a poem?
This walking poetry reading in motion hopes to answer the volatile possibilities of such a question. Guided by Sam Truitt, Director of Station Hill Press and the co-editor of In|Filtration: An Anthology of Innovative Poetry from the Hudson River Valley.
Notes: Wide, well-groomed gravel carriage roads. Some low-grade ascents/descents and uneven terrain.
Fee: Member: $10, Non-Member: $15
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 1 mile
Duration: 1.5 hours
Not suitable for children under: 10
Additional equipment: Suggested: good walking shoes, water bottle, and sunscreen.
Additional activities: Guided House Tours 10 AM - 1 PM, Self-Guided House Tours 2 PM - 3:30 PM, Historic Landscape Tour 11:15 & 2:15 PM. Please visit the Book a Tour Page at www.olana.org to make your tour reservations.
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