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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.

GOVERNOR
Andrew M. Cuomo

“The Hudson River is one of New York State’s most valuable treasures, and the valley that surrounds it is home to some of the most significant historic, cultural and natural resources in the country. The Hudson River Valley Ramble attracts residents and visitors alike to experience these resources, helping to drive our tourism economy. The many organizations who contribute to the Ramble’s success have a greater impact by working together, each one providing amazing experiences year after year that will be remembered for a lifetime.”

Explore the Hudson River by Kayak
The 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 a trip planner, 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 2016, more than 111,000 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

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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 thrilled to partner again this year in the 18th annual Hudson River Valley Ramble. The Ramble is always a great event and time for residents and visitors to be outdoors to enjoy and discover the area’s rich history, its many recreational activities, and the magnificent wildlife viewing opportunities there are in the Hudson Valley.”

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 16-23, 2017

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, SEPTEMBER 23, 2017

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 12, 2017

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.

Iona Island Educational Canoe Trip, Rockland County.
Explore State Parks and Historic Sites

The state park system is one of New York’s greatest treasures, encompassing more than 250 diverse state parks, historic sites, recreational trails, golf courses, and boat launches, 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 2017 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.
When it comes to memory-making getaways for the whole family, it's all here and only here in New York State. Wonderful attractions, breathtaking landscapes and rich heritage provide a dazzling variety of places to experience and activities to enjoy.

With 11 beautiful vacation regions, New York’s destinations span from the white sand beaches of Long Island, to the wineries of the Hudson Valley, the high peaks of the Adirondacks, mighty Niagara Falls, and everywhere in between.

Whether it’s outdoor activities like fishing, hiking and boating, farm-to-table food and craft beverages, or cultural sites and museums along New York’s Path Through History, the Empire State offers something for everyone.

To plan your trip, including information on events, attractions and accommodations, visit iloveny.com or dial (800) CALL-NYS.

The Hudson River Valley Ramble is a wonderful celebration of the region’s trails and natural beauty, culture, and communities. The month-long series of events offers local foods along with family-friendly fun and entertainment, all of which is set against picturesque fall foliage that you can only find in the Northeast. I encourage everyone to plan a trip to the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area and celebrate New York State’s rich culture and history.”
Dutchess County offers 800 square miles of breathtaking vistas; fascinating historic and cultural sites; family-friendly activities; artisanal food and wine offerings; and colorful fairs and festivals.

Take a short drive, and take advantage of what’s nearby. Experience the Hudson Valley that National Geographic, Fodor’s Travel, and Lonely Planet have all recognized as one of the world’s top travel destinations.


Beacon Independent Film Festival, University Settlement Camp, Beacon September 15-17: Showcases creative films, nestled among the trees at the foot of Mount Beacon. 845-418-3992. www.BeaconIndieFilmFest.org

Hudson Valley Vegfest The Dome at Gold’s Gym, Poughkeepsie September 23-24: A showcase and festival celebrating all that comprises the vegan lifestyle and world. www.hvvegfest.org

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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.

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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.
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Deep within our rolling hills and quiet landscapes, you’ll discover the time of your life. An invigorating hike in our forests. Picturesque bike paths just waiting to be discovered. A round of golf in a countryside setting. Trout in our crystal streams. Fresh, crisp air. Boundless serenity. No matter what your passion, the great outdoors is simply the best part of being in Columbia County.

Free Visitor’s & Dining Guide at:
www.columbiacountytourism.org
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. Help Rehab the Appalachian Trail

   - Difficulty: Easy
   - Length: 2 miles
   - Duration: 2 hours
   - Note: Not suitable for children under 10
   - Additional activities: Guided house tour and self-guided outdoor walking tour
   - Metro North station: Chappaqua

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

   - Fee: $15 per person, under 18 free
   - Registration: www.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.

   - Notes: Some gravel and dirt paths and one gentle climbing slope.
   - Difficulty: Easy Moderate
   - Length: 1 mile
   - Duration: 1 hour
   - Not suitable for children under: 7
   - Additional activities: Guided house tour and self-guided outdoor walking tour
   - Metro North station: Chappaqua

3. Hudson River Cruise

   - Fee: $15 per person, under 18 free
   - Registration: www.trinitycruises.com
   - Enjoy a scenic cruise through the Hudson Highlands, departing from Riverfront Green Park in historic Peekskill. Sightseeing Cruise is just under 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 & wine available on all cruises.

   - Registration: www.trinitycruises.com to purchase online, use discount code RAMBLE or call.
   - Fee: See website for ticket prices. Ramblers get a $5 discount on 11AM Sightseeing 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

4. The Original Knickerbocker – Washington Irving & The Legend of Sleepy Hollow

   - Fee: $9.99 if purchased in advance or $10 cash if bought on-site
   - Registration: Online, use discount code RAMBLE or call.
   - 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.

   - Registration: www.sleepyhollowcemetery.org
   - Metro North station: Peekskill

Additional equipment: Water (minimum of 2 liters), lunch and snacks. Long pants and sturdy, closed-toe shoes are mandatory.

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5. Walk the Piemont Pier with Richard Esnard  
9/3 10:00AM  
200 Ash Street, Piemont 10968  
(914) 509-5429  
lolaesnard@gmail.com  
We will meet in the parking lot behind Confetti’s Restaurant on Ash Street. Richard Esnard of the Piemont Historical Society will lead an historic walking tour – first through early 19th century Bogertown (on Paradise Avenue) and then onto Piemont’s pier. Enjoy the exceptional views while learning of 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, and good walking shoes  
Additional activities: Station Museum at 50 Ash Street from noon to 3PM.

6. Tour of Untermyer Gardens  
9/3 9/10 11:00AM  
9/17 9/24 2:00PM  
Untermyer Gardens  
945 N. Broadway, Yonkers 10701  
(914) 613-4502  
jbernard@untermyergardens.org  
The tour will highlight aspects of what was called “America’s Most Spectacular Garden” in the 1920s. Great emphasis will be given to the history of the design and owners plus exceptional horticulture.  
Fee: $10/person except $20/person for President’s Tour  
Not suitable for children under: 10  
Additional equipment: Wear comfortable walking shoes.  
Metro North station: Greystone

7. Piemont’s Station Museum  
9/3 9/10 12:00PM  
Piemont Station  
50 Ash Street, Piemont 10968  
(845) 398-2313  
lolaesnard@gmail.com  
Visitors can hike along the scenic Erie Path to the station at 50 Ash Street and learn about Piemont’s unique and diverse history, which was part of the American Revolution and WWII. Parking is available on site.  
Additional activities: Two short historic documentaries on Piemont can be viewed in audio room on second floor of museum at no cost.

8. Hart’s Brook Park & Preserve Nature Walk  
9/9 10:00AM  
Harts Brook Park and Preserve  
156 Ridge Road, Hartsdale 10530  
(914) 693-9955 x116  
pmurphy@greenburghny.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!  
Notes: Wooded trails are slightly rocky but level.  
Registration: Please call or email name and phone number.  
Difficulty: Easy

9. Mushrooms and Fungi  
9/9 10:00AM  
Teatown Lake Reservation  
1600 Spring Valley Road, Ossining 10562  
(914) 762-2912 x 110  
teatown@teatown.org  
Leon Stermoff, respected mycologist and editor of Mushroom, the Journal of Wild Mushrooms, will lead a walk to locate and identify wild mushrooms and discuss the role fungi play in ecosystems.  
Registration: Call or email.  
Fee: $7/person; free for Teatown members  
Difficulty: Easy  
Duration: 3 hours  
Not suitable for children under: 16  
Additional equipment: Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a water bottle.

10. Free Sails with Ferry Sloops from Croton-on-Hudson  
9/9 11:00AM  
Croton Yacht Club  
6 Elliott 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. 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.  
Registration: No reservations will be accepted prior to the sail day. Guests can sign up at the Ferry Sloops table in the tent beginning at 10AM for any of the day’s scheduled sail times. Limit of 4 passengers per sail.  
Not suitable for children under: Passengers must be at least 12 years old, under 18 years old must be accompanied by parent or adult guardian (no exceptions).

11. Iona Island Educational Canoe Trip  
9/9 11:00AM  
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:  
https://hudsoncanoeprogram2017.eventbrite.com  
Difficulty: Moderate  
Length: 2 miles  
Duration: 2.5 hours  
Not suitable for children under: 6  
Additional equipment: Please wear footwear that can get wet. Boats provided.

12. Hudson River Birding Ramble  
9/9 8:00AM  
Stony Point Battlefield State Historic Site  
44 Battlefield Road, Stony Point 10980  
(845) 786-2521  
michael.sheehan@parks.ny.gov  
Presented by Della and Alan Wells of the Rockland Audubon Society. These experts will lead a walk through the diverse bird habitats found at Stony Point Battlefield in search of neo-tropical birds on their fall migration. First time birders are welcome, and experienced birders will enjoy exploring the location of a wonderfully accessible birders paradise.  
Not suitable for children under: 12  
Portion wheelchair accessible: Some of the walk will be on paved surfaces, portions may not be.  
Additional equipment: Please bring binoculars if you have them.

13. Brinton Brook Audubon Hike  
9/9 9:00AM  
Brinton Brook Audubon Sanctuary  
Route 9A, Croton-on-Hudson 10520  
(914) 666-6503  
oice@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.  
Notes: Moderate slopes, some uneven rocky surfaces. No restrooms available.  
Registration: Please call or e-mail by 4:00 PM, 9/8  
Difficulty: Moderate  
Length: 3 miles  
Duration: 3 hours  
Not suitable for children under: 6  
Additional equipment: Wear sturdy shoes, bring binoculars, and bring water.

When it comes to natural beauty, nothing beats the Hudson River Valley. Our region has some of the nicest greenery in the nation, and our waterfront along the Hudson provides residents and visitors with some absolutely stunning visuals. We are very fortunate to live in this beautiful part of the country and I encourage everyone to learn more about what the Hudson River Valley has to offer.”

CONGRESSMAN  
Eliot Engel
“Really fun! The hosts were very friendly and it was a beautiful day.” — Ellie G.

14. Appalachian Trail Rehabilitation/ Relocation Project
9/10 9:00AM
Appalachian Trail – Harriman State Park
Anthony Wayne Far South Parking Lot – South End (Exit 17, Palisades Interstate Parkway), Harriman State Park
(732) 952-2162
refuller99@hotmail.com
Join the Long Distance Trails Crew of the New York – New Jersey Trail Conference on the Appalachian Trail (AT) at Harriman State Park, NY. We will be working on trail rehabilitation or relocation of an original section of the AT on West Mountain or Black Mountain. Learn how to build sustainable trails including how to move large rocks, bench cut trails, and build stone steps and crib walls. Much of the work will involve using heavy hand tools and some rigging with a high line (overhead cable) to move heavy rocks. There will also be lighter duty work but all involves moderate to strenuous physical labor. The work-sites are about a mile from the parking area and road and there will be very little carrying of equipment to the site. No experience is necessary; the crew provides all necessary equipment, training, and camaraderie for a fun and rewarding day where you will be able to immediately see the results of your efforts. All you need to provide is lunch and water, 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. Hiking boots recommended.

Registration: Call or email Chris Reyling at (914) 953-4900, chrisreyling@gmail.com or Bob Fuller at (732) 952-2162, refuller99@hotmail.com
Register by the Thursday before the event. Information will be provided when they register. Bring your own lunch.

Additional equipment: Work gloves and safety glasses if available. Participants will also be required to fill out a Volunteer Service Agreement before the event. Information will be provided when they register. Bring your own lunch.

15. Highlands Bluegrass Festival at Harmony Hall
9/10 1:00PM
Harmony Hall – Jacob Sloat House
15 Liberty Rock Road, Sloatsburg 10974
(845) 712-5220
gEOFwelch@gmail.com
Banjo Great Tony Trischka headlines the 8th Annual Highlands Bluegrass Festival. We are excited to have this Bluegrass master at the 2017 festival. Also appearing this year are the very entertaining Mama Tried Bluegrass Band from the Hudson Valley and other musicians. All on the beautiful Ramapo River Valley setting on the Great Lawn of Jacob Sloat’s 1848 mansion, Harmony Hall, an National Register of Historic Places Site in Sloatsburg, New York. Harriman and Sterling Forest State Parks are nearby in the surrounding ancient, scenic Ramapo Mountains.

Additional equipment: Bring a lawn chair or blanket.

Additional activities: Festival also features quality local crafts, delicious local foods, children’s amusements, historic displays, Highlands Region and environmental displays and information. Dining is also available nearby at Characters, Sushiville, and Rhodes Tavern in Sloatsburg.

Metro North station: Sloatsburg

16. Bird Walks: Experience the North County Trailway
9/10 8:00AM
Intersection of North County Trail and Route 118, Yorktown Heights 10598
(914) 302-9713
info@bedfordaudubon.org
Bedford Audubon Society’s Naturalist Tait Johannson 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 118 in Yorktown.

Duration: 2 hours
Length: 5 miles
Difficulty: Very Easy
Notes: Some easy walking through woods and shrubland.

Registration: Please register by e-mail with Susan and note if you need to borrow binoculars.

Difficulty: Easy
Duration: 2 hours
Portion 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

17. Camp Smith Trail – Hike to Anthony’s Nose
9/10 9:00AM
Route 9D, Garrison 10524
(914) 539-1982
cantoolong@gmail.com
Run up 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. Fred and Connie Stern, who maintain a portion of the trail and are members of the New York- New Jersey Trail Conference, will lead the hike. From east side of Bear Mountain Bridge, go north on Route 9D and park on the river side just north of the bridge. Meet at Route 9D between Bear Mt. Bridge and Appalachian Trail Head. There is no cell service at the meeting place. We will carpool to the beginning of the hike at the Toll House parking lot and hike to Route 9D via the Camp Smith Trail and the Appalachian Trail.

Notes: Rocky footpath with steep ascents and descents. Uneven rocky surfaces with small scrambles. According to Jane and Walt Daniels in Walkable Westchester, this is the most rugged trail in Westchester.

Registration: Call or e-mail by 9/8

Difficulty: Very Difficult
Length: 5 miles
Duration: 5 hours
Not suitable for children under: 10
Additional equipment: Bring a day pack and a windbreaker. Wear hiking shoes or hiking boots; bring lunch and at least 1 quart of water.

Metro North station: Manitou

18. Dark Skies Astronomy Getaway
9/8 3:00PM
The Stephen & Betsy Corman AMC Harriman Outdoor Center
200 Breakneck Road, Haverstraw 10980
(212) 986-1430
harrimanreservations@amc-ny.org
Join Douglas Aron, Professor of Physics and Astronomy at Carthage College and President of Galileoscope, and Ron Phelps, AMC volunteer leader, for an exploration of astronomy, our galaxy and the universe beyond at AMC Harriman Outdoor Center (HOC). We will enjoy sky observing, presentations, and activities designed to connect each of us to the greater Universe, and better understand how we fit into the “big picture.” This event is part of the Mountains of Stars astronomy program, a partnership between Carthage and AMC.

Registration: Registration and pre-payment required by 8/29 at https://activities.outdoors.org/search/index.cfm?action/details/id/96863

Fee: Adult: $125 member/$125 non-member.
Program fee includes two nights lodging in Storm King Lodge 2, two dinners, and two breakfasts.

Portion wheelchair accessible: Only camp office, dining hall, and bathhouse are ADA compliant.

Cabin is not.

Art in the Park, Pietmont.
19. Fall Crafts at Lyndhurst  
9/15 10:00AM  
Lyndhurst Estate  
635 South Broadway, Tarrytown 10591  
(845) 331-7900  
crafts@artrider.com  
Showcases over 750 modern American makers, artists, designers, and craftspeople 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 pythons, handbags made from antique books, scarves made of bamboo, pears made of bronze, and more. Visit the gourmet food and specialties section.


Additional wheelchair accessible: The event is outdoors on grass. Weather permitting, wheelchairs are able to be pushed on the grounds.

Additional activities: Great food, exciting children’s activities, hands-on demonstrations, mansion tours (tours are addl. fee at mansion).

Metro North station: Irvington

9/16 1:00PM  
Ossining  
200 Main Street, Ossining 10562  
(914) 762-3262  
miguel.hdz10562@gmail.com  
Holy Ossining! Its sacred Spaces & Peaceful Places is a two-hour walking tour of the interior of some of Ossining’s historically and architecturally significant 19th century Gothic-style church buildings such as the First Presbyterian, First Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian Church, Trinity Episcopal and others that are included in the Village’s Downtown Historic District’s “Museum in the Streets.”

Not suitable for children under: 6

Metro North station: Ossining

21. Saw Mill River Heritage Tour  
9/16 10:00AM  
Philips Manor Hall and Downtown Yonkers  
29 Warburton Avenue, Yonkers 10701  
(914) 965-4027 x102  
Robert.Lee@parks.ny.gov  
Philips Manor Hall and downtown Yonkers have both shaped and have been shaped by the Saw Mill River. This walking tour follows the Saw Mill, or Nepperchan, River from its mouth at the Hudson to Chicken Island. Patrons will learn about the growth and development of Yonkers from 1682 to present and see how these changes in Yonkers are connected to larger trends in New York and United States history.

Notes: Walking tour along city street with gradual hills.

Fee: Cash or check only. $5 per adult $3 per senior or student. Free for members of the Friends of Philips Manor Hall and children under 12 years old.

Difficulty: Moderate

Length: 1 mile

Duration: 1.5 hours

Not suitable for children under: 5

Metro North station: Yonkers

22. Garden Conservancy Westchester County Open Day  
9/16 11:00PM  
150 June Road, North Salem 10560  
(845) 424-6500  
kkerin@gardenconservancy.org  
Visit an acclaimed private garden in North Salem, and get inspiration for your own plot. The garden is open until 4PM. For a garden description and driving directions, please visit www.opendaysprogram.org.

Fee: $7 per person, cash or check. Kids 12 and under are free.

Additional activities: Another private garden in nearby Ridgefield, CT, will be open the same day. Visit www.opendaysprogram.org for details.

23. Senator David Carlucci Hosts A Hike With Your Senator  
9/16 8:00AM  
Bear Mountain Summit Loop, Perkins Memorial, Bear Mountain State Park  
(845) 623-3627  
bayoung@nysenate.gov  
This mile long hike follows a newly-built section of the Appalachian Trail. The first third of a mile is designed to be handicapped-accessible, thus permitting all users to enjoy a beautiful section of this trail. The hike is considered easy and can be enjoyed by hikers of all ages. Hikers will walk over rocky terrain and will ultimately reach spectacular viewpoints over the Hudson River and beyond.

Registration: Please register by 9/8. Call or e-mail carlucci@nysenate.gov

Difficulty: Easy

Length: 1 mile

Duration: 1 hour

Not suitable for children under: 6

Additional wheelchair accessible: The first 1/3 of the trail is wheelchair accessible.

Additional equipment: Water, and bug spray.

24. History in Your Own Backyard Daytrip: Historic Cemeteries in Stony Point  
9/16 8:45AM  
20 Zukor Road, Stony Point 10980  
(845) 634-9629  
director@rocklandhistory.org  
The Historical Society of Rockland County invites you to join us on a daytrip to visit Historic Cemeteries in the Town of Stony Point. We will tour by luxury motorcoach several historic cemeteries, including First United Methodist Church; Cassilles; Mount Olivet; Waldron; Rose Family; Old Rose, and more. Trip includes bus transportation, guided tours, and lunch. Bus leaves from Fireside Steak Pub.

Registration: Register by 9/9. Call or e-mail info@rocklandhistory.org

Fee: $74/person (non-members); $69/person (HSRC members). Includes bus transportation, guided tours, and lunch at Fireside Steak Pub, Stony Point.

Not suitable for children under: 12

Additional equipment: Comfortable shoes

25. Art in the Park  
9/17 1:00PM  
Flywheel Park, Piermont 10968  
(917) 509-5429  
lolaesnard@gmail.com  
Richard Esnard of the Piermont Historical Society will lead a walk to the birthplace of Piermont. Walk along the Sparkill Creek, where you will see the Rockland Road Bridge and Peirmont’s Reformed Church, both on the National Register of Historic Places. Meet in parking lot behind Confetti restaurant.

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, and walking stick.

Additional activities: Historic Train Station Museum at 50 Ash Street from noon to 3PM.

Registration: Artists wishing to participate must submit an application on or before 9/9. Go to www.psfdn.org for details.

Additional equipment: Artists are encouraged to bring their own 10’x10’ tents, and tables. Chair rentals are available. E-mail for details.

Additional activities: Please visit our FB event page: www.facebook.com/groups/474823072697590/

26. Historic Walk of Piermont with Piermont Historical Society  
9/17 10:00AM  
200 Ash Street, Piermont 10968  
(917) 509-5429  
lolaesnard@gmail.com  
Richard Esnard of the Piermont Historical Society will lead a walk to the birthplace of Piermont. Walk along the Sparkill Creek, where you will see the Rockland Road Bridge and Piermont’s Reformed Church, both on the National Register of Historic Places. Meet in parking lot behind Confetti restaurant.

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, and walking stick.

Additional activities: Historic Train Station Museum at 50 Ash Street from noon to 3PM.
27. Hawks on High
9/17 11:00AM
Kathryn W. Davis RiverWalk Center
Kingsland Point Park, Sleepy Hollow 10591
(914) 762-2912 x 110
teatown@teatown.org

It’s migration time and hawks will be soaring overhead as they make their way south. Join a Teatown educator to meet a few of Teatown’s ambassador hawks and then walk to the river to look for migrating raptors.

Registration: Call or email by 9/16
Not suitable for children under: 6
Metro North station: Philipse Manor

28. Boots and Bikes – Boots Component
9/17 2:00PM
Sylvan Glen Park Preserve
(914) 555-1212
wjdhikes@gmail.com

The former quarries at Sylvan Glen Park Preserve supplied honey-colored granite for the approach to the George Washington and Whitestone bridges. Join Walt and Jane Daniels on a 2.5-mile hike to visit quarries and the 18-foot circumference Quarry Oak. Walk will occur regardless of weather.

Notes: Some assents and descents, uneven terrain.
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 2.5 miles
Duration: 2.5 hours
Not suitable for children under: 6

29. Yoga & Qi Gong Weekend
9/22 3:00PM
The Stephen & Betsy AMC Harriman Outdoor Center
200 Breakneck Road, Haverstraw
(212) 986-1430

HarrimanReservations@amc-ny.org

Rejuvenate your soul and refresh your body at our new Corman AMC Harriman Outdoor Center. In the mornings and evenings, experience Yoga and Qi Gong movement, breathing, and awareness exercises on the deck beside Breakneck Pond. Hone your senses in and around nature while relaxing and strengthening your muscles. There will be plenty of time to hike, swim, or simply relax.

3 days and 2 nights. Space is limited to 14 cabin guests and 8 tenting guests.

Registration: Register by 9/5. Registration and pre-payment required on http://activities.outdoors.org/search/index.cfm/action/details/id/97456
Fee: Cabin $155 member/$185 non-member; Tenting $115 member/$135 non-member
Portion wheelchair accessible: Camp office, dining hall, bathhouse are ADA accessible

Additional equipment: Lunch, beverage of choice, snacks to share, sheets, pillowcase, sleeping bag, yoga, hiking, swimming, paddling gear, hat, sunscreen, bug spray, headlamp, water bottle, towels, personal toiletries, and camping equipment if desired.

30. Free Sails with Ferry Sloops from Ossining
P2S 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. Each sail will be approximately 45 minutes long. The free sails are on a “first come, first served” basis. 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. Rain date is Sunday, September 24, 2017. Free parking is available on the street (Westerly Road) and in Shattemuc Yacht Club parking lot. DO NOT park in The Boathouse Restaurant parking lot or in spaces that have signs designating The Boathouse Restaurant parking.

Registration: No reservations will be accepted prior to the sail day. Guests can sign up at the Ferry Sloops table in the tent beginning at 9:30AM for any of the day’s scheduled sail times. Limit of 4 passengers per sail.

Not suitable for children under: Passengers 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

31. Mountain Biking the Yorktown Trails
P2S 10:00AM
Yorktown Trails
2901 Manor Street, Yorktown Heights 10598
(303) 521-2633
unlimitedmpg@gmail.com

Join Yorktown Trailtown and Westchester Cycle Club for a lively mountain bike ride on the Yorktown Trails! We will have a short safety talk before departing. We will regroup primarily at the end of each trail. Meet at the Crompton Elementary School parking lot. From there we will ride to the Strang Blvd. trailhead and head into the woods! Plan to ride for about 60-90 minutes over about 2-2.5 hours.

Notes: These are intermediate-level trails that include rocks, roots, and logs. Must have some level of comfort with trail obstacles and know the limits of your abilities. Walking sections beyond your ability is okay!
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 5 miles
Duration: 2 hours
Not suitable for children under: 14

Additional equipment: Mountain bike (please, NO HYBRIDS), helmet, water, snack(s), spare tube and tools, positive attitude.

32. Historic Tallman Mountain State Park Hike
P2S 11:15AM
Tallman Mountain State Park
450 Pierson Avenue, Pierson 10968
(845) 519-4247
jurasek@opendoline.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 Pierson Pier to follow in the footsteps of the 40,000 US Troops per month who marched to the waiting ships to transport them across the Atlantic to the European Theatre during WWII.

Finally, we will learn of the historic transformation of Pierson, NY from a blue collar factory town to its present day status. We are meeting on the corner of Tate and Pierson Aves in Pierton, NY in front of 450 Pierson Ave. 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.

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

Portion 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.

33. Tappanport Historical Society’s Annual Colonial Day
P2S 12:00PM
The DeWitt House/Washington’s Headquarters
20 Livingston Street, Tappan 10983
(845) 359-1923
cavelle44@yahoo.com

Step back in time and visit Colonial America. Tour the Carriage House Museum and the DeWint House with costumed guides. See Colonial Army reenactors, encampment soldiers, live farm animals, and preparations for winter in the DeWint House kitchen. Watch spinners, lacemakers, quillers, embroiderers, woodcarvers, a sheepshearer, blacksmith, and colonial singers and dancers. For the children there is apple pressing, stenciling, candle dipping, writing with quill pens, making tussie mussies, juggling, and making a mob cap.

Refreshments available. Ends at 5:00PM.

34. John Paulding Plaque Dedication
P2S 2:30PM
The Old Cemetery at Van Cortlandtville
297 Locust Avenue, Cortlandt Manor 10567
(914) 739-4841 or (914) 400-9522
band4man@hotmail.com

This will be the dedication of a new plaque which re-inscribes and clarifies the worn text on the existing John Paulding Monument located in the Old Van Cortlandtville Cemetery in the Town of Cortlandt Manor. The monument was erected by the City of New York in 1827 in recognition of area resident and patriot John Paulding, who along with Isaac Van Watt and David Williams, ap-prehended British spy John Andre. Andre had colluded with Benedict Arnold in his failed attempt to surrender West Point to the British in New York City during the Revolutionary War.

Not suitable for children under: No restriction, but supervision advised

Portion wheelchair accessible: The church is not wheelchair accessible, but the rest of the venue is wheelchair accessible.

35. Supervisor’s History Walk of Rockland Lake
P2S 9:00AM
Rockland Lake State Park - Parking Field 1
299 Rockland Lake Road, Valley Cottage 10989
(845) 639-2070
j.simoes@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,
Rob will lead a three-hour walking tour of the ice house foundations, the center of the old town of Rockland Lake, and will lead us 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 (845) 639-6200 or email recreation@clarkstown.org by 9/15. The group size will be limited to the first 40.

Difficulty: Difficult
Length: 2 miles
Duration: 4 hours

Portion wheelchair accessible: Only the first hour of tour is accessible.

36. Hike with Senator David Carlucci at Teatown Lake Reservation
9/23 9:00AM
Teatown Lake Reservation
1600 Spring Valley Road, Ossining 10562
(845) 623-3627
bayoung@nysenate.gov
Join Senator David Carlucci and members of the Teatown Lake Reservation for a hike through Teatown. Hikers will have an opportunity to view many of the natural gems inside Teatown and will be educated on plant and animal identification, geology and many of the beautiful environmental characteristics of the Hudson Valley. Hikers are to meet at the main parking lot.

Notes: Moderately strenuous hike over uneven terrain.

Registration: Call or email by 9/22.

Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 2 miles
Duration: 2 hours

37. Jay Heritage Center Fall Festival
9/24 11:00AM
Jay Heritage Center
210 Boston Post Road, Rye 10580
(914) 698-9275
preservationists@gmail.com
The Jay Heritage Center will host a fall family festival celebrating American culture and traditions. Highlights will include falconry, live music, book readings with children’s authors, pony rides, a petting zoo, and tours. Sample bites from the Meltmobile. Purchase fresh offerings from our farmers market. Treat the kids to facepainting, old fashion apple coring, and more. The event is organized by JHC’s Auxiliary, the Preservationists, a group of parents committed to the adaptive reuse of John Jay’s landmark home as a community resource and learning center.

Fee: $10.00 per person $40.00 per family

Portion wheelchair accessible: The grounds of the Jay Estate are largely wheelchair accessible as is the 1907 Carriage House however the 1838 Jay Mansion is not

Additional activities: Docent led tours of the 1838 Jay Mansion will be available.
38. Haverstraw River Arts & Music Festival
   9/24 11:00AM
   Emeline Park
   16 Front Street, Haverstraw 10927
   (845) 372-6552
   haverstrawriverarts@gmail.com
   The 4th annual Haverstraw River Arts & Music Festival kicks off in the Village of Haverstraw’s scenic Hudson riverfront Emeline Park. The day’s festivities include four live bands, the Live Art event, Community Tile Project #3, Schooner Pioneer rides, a kite making event, craft vendors, food trucks, and a beer garden at Catch on the Hudson waterfront restaurant. Admission is free. Schooner tickets will be on sale in August 2017. Additional equipment: Handicap parking is limited. We will provide a shuttle bus service with wheelchair access in the parking lot of 40 New Main Street, Haverstraw Village Hall.

39. AMC New Members Sampler Weekend
   9/29 3:00PM 3-days, 2-nights
   The Stephen & Betsy Corman AMC Harriman Outdoor Center
   200 Breakneck Road, Haverstraw
   (212) 986-1430
   wildernessfirstaid@amc-ny.org
   The outing will begin promptly at 10AM 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. After the remarks, hikers will split into smaller groups according to distance and pace. All hikes will begin and end at the Upper Shad Road trailhead. Notes: The short hike (1.5 miles) is mostly easy and flat through a wetland trail that includes a few stepping stones. Stepping stones may be difficult for individuals with severe balance issues. The longer hike (4 miles) requires travel up some moderate ascents, and over rock outcrops. Sturdy footwear is strongly encouraged.
   Registration: Register by 9/25 by email at michelle@westchesterlandtrust.org or call (914) 234-6992 ext 10
   Difficulty: Moderate
   Length: Hikers can choose one of the two hikes:
   Short hike (1.5 miles): 2 hour to 2 1/2 hours
   Long hike (4 miles): 4 hours
   Not suitable for children under: 5
   Additional equipment: Sturdy walking shoes are recommended for both the long and short hikes. Participants may wish to bring water, snack, camera, insect repellent, sunscreen, etc. There are no restroom facilities.
   Additional activities: Meals before or after the hike are available in nearby Pound Ridge or Bedford Village.

40. Wilderness First Aid Course
   9/29 3:00PM
   The Stephen & Betsy Corman AMC Harriman Outdoor Center
   200 Breakneck Road, Haverstraw
   (212) 986-1430
   wildernessfirstaid@amc-ny.org
   Wilderness First Aid (WFA) training prepares you for the medical situation when there is no ambulance, no roof or walls to provide shelter from the elements, your supplies are few, the wait for help is unknown, and moving the patient a short distance might take hours. The course is based on modern emergency medical care practices modified and expanded for backcountry environments and focuses on patient care and prevention. It is a 2-day, 16-hour course (8 hours/day, 9am to 5pm).
   Registration: Register by 9/10 at http://activities.outdoors.org/search/index.cfm/action/details/id/97457
   Fee: Adult: $205 member/$265 non-member
   Not suitable for children under: 18
   Additional equipment: Camp office, dining hall, bathroom
   Additional activities: Weekend students have full access to the camp, including free use of canoes and kayaks.

41. Westchester Wilderness Walk / Zofnass Family Preserve with Westchester Land Trust
   10/1 10:00AM
   259 Upper Shad Road (Westchester Wilderness Walk/Zofnass Family Preserve entrance)
   Pound Ridge 10536
   (914) 234-6992 ext 10
   Tate@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 bird species. Hikers should gather at the trailhead located at 259 Upper Shad Road. The outing will begin promptly at 10AM 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. After the remarks, hikers will split into smaller groups according to distance and pace. All hikes will begin and end at the Upper Shad Road trailhead. Notes: The short hike (1.5 miles) is mostly easy and flat through a wetland trail that includes a few stepping stones. Stepping stones may be difficult for individuals with severe balance issues. The longer hike (4 miles) requires travel up some moderate ascents, and over rock outcrops. Sturdy footwear is strongly encouraged.
   Registration: Register by 9/25 by email at michelle@westchesterlandtrust.org or call (914) 234-6992 ext 22
   Difficulty: Moderate
   Length: Hikers can choose between 1.5 miles or a 3.5-4.0 mile walk
   Duration: 2 hour to 2 1/2 hours
   Not suitable for children under: 5
   Additional equipment: Sturdy walking shoes are recommended for both the long and short hike. Participants may wish to bring water, snack, camera, insect repellent, sunscreen, etc. There are no restroom facilities.
   Additional activities: Meals before or after the hike are available in nearby Pound Ridge or Bedford Village.
43. Sunset Kayak Tour
Duration: 3 hours
Fee: $60 per person.
Register: Call prior to event
Additional equipment: Paddlers should wear comfortable, quick-drying (non-cotton) clothes and shoes that can get wet. Bring sunglasses, sunscreen and camera, and plenty of drinking water. Boats provided.

44. Help Rehab Trails at Breakneck Ridge
Breakneck Ridge Parking Area
430–442 Breakneck Road, Beacon 12508
(201) 512-9348 x819 geoff@nynjtc.org
The Taconic Trail Crew constructs new trails and rehabilitates eroded and damaged trails. This year, a major part of our work will involve stone stair construction on the Undercliff Trail in Hudson Highlands State Park. If you enjoy working outdoors and want to learn more about how sustainable trails are built, the Taconic Crew wants to meet you. The team will be hard at work five days a week, so there are plenty of opportunities for you to get out there and have some fun on the trail with us! Work trips are led by Trail Conference’s on-staff field manager and Conservation Corps members.
Register: Call or email at least 48 hours in advance.
Not suitable for children under: 5
Additional equipment: Anyone under 14 must have a parent or guardian present. Anyone under 18 must have a signed parental consent form. Be prepared: Volunteering with us is lots of fun but can be strenuous! Please make sure to come prepared with: Water (minimum of 2 liters), lunch and snacks. Long pants and sturdy, closed-toe shoes are mandatory.

45. Help Build a New Multi-use Trail in Sterling Forest
Sterling Forest State Park, Tuxedo 07430
(201) 512-9348 x819 geoff@nynjtc.org
If you enjoy working outdoors and have a thirst for knowledge, the Floworks and Palisades Crews would love to meet you. There are plenty of opportunities for you to get out there and have some fun on the trail with us! Register: Call or email at least 48 hours in advance.
Not suitable for children under: 5
Additional equipment: Anyone under 14 must have a parent or guardian present. Anyone under 18 must have a signed parental consent form. Be prepared: Volunteering with us is lots of fun but can be strenuous! Please make sure to come prepared with: Water (minimum of 2 liters), lunch and snacks. Long pants and sturdy, closed-toe shoes are mandatory.

46. Hurds Family Farm Cornmaze
Hurds Family Farm: Meet at Historic Dutch Barn
2187 State Route 32, Modena 12548
(845) 883-7825
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2187 State Route 32, Modena 12548
(845) 883-7825
information@hurdsfamilyfarm.com
Join us at a New York State Century Farm for an exciting family friendly 2 acre cornfield “Bring in the Pollinators” maze hike. Make a day of it, discover the 25 fun and educational outdoor activities created for families on this Pride of New York Ulster County farm.
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: Email or call for details.
Difficulty: Easy
Length: 1 mile
Duration: 0.5 hours
47. Stockade National Historic District
Walking Tour
2
Corner of Wall and Main Streets
63 Main Street, Kingston 12401
(845) 339-0720
fohk@verizon.net
Following the street plan designed by Peter Stuyvesant in 1658, the tour walks the heart of the largest intact early Dutch settlement in New York State and the neighborhood where New York State was born in 1777. Tour highlights include viewing the many eighteenth century limestone houses still standing in the Stockade District, and visiting the site of the drafting of the New York State Constitution in 1777 and the gravesite of New York’s first elected governor, George Clinton.
Fee: $10 for adults; $5 for children under 16
Difficulty: Easy
Length: 1 mile
Duration: 1.5 hours
Not suitable for children under: 12

48. 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 (Oct. 1776 – Oct. 1783). Dozens of notable Revolutionary War heroes visited the Homestead – including George Washington, Alexander Hamilton, John Jay, and Marquis de Lafayette, to name a few.
Additional activities:
Guided tours (about one hour long) will be given from 1-4PM Saturday and Sunday. Last tour is at 3PM. Revolutionary War era documents and artifacts are on display. Self-guided bicycle tour brochures for Fishkill will be available 24/7 in the display case of the Van Wyck Homestead Museum.
Fee: No fee. Donations are greatly appreciated.

49. Pride of the Hudson Narrated Sightseeing Cruise
Various dates/times throughout September
Blu Pointe Landing Dock
120 Front Street, Newburgh 12550
(845) 220-2120
info@prideofthehudson.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: Please call to make your reservation.
Fee: $60 per person
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 4.5 miles
Duration: 3 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, and plenty of drinking water. Boats provided.

50. Bannerman Castle Kayak Tour
2
9/3 1:30PM 9/3 10:00AM 9/16 1:30PM
9/24 10:00AM 9/24 1:30PM
Storm King Adventure Tours
178 Hudson Street, Cornwall-on-Hudson 12520
(845) 534-7800
info@stormkingadventuretours.com
Experience real Hudson River back country! Moodna Creek Marsh provides beautiful calm waters, great scenery, wildlife, and a sense of remoteness. This is the perfect trip for beginners or seasoned paddlers.
Registration: Please call to make your reservation.
Fee: $60 per person
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 4-5 miles
Duration: 3 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, and plenty of drinking water. Boats provided.

51. Moodna Marsh Kayak Tour
2
9/9 10:00AM 9/10 2:30PM 9/17 10:00AM 9/23 3:30PM
9/28 1:30PM 10/1 10:00AM
Storm King Adventure Tours
178 Hudson Street, Cornwall-on-Hudson 12520
(845) 534-7800
info@stormkingadventuretours.com
Experience real Hudson River back country! Moodna Creek Marsh provides beautiful calm waters, great scenery, wildlife, and a sense of remoteness. This is the perfect trip for beginners or seasoned paddlers.
Registration: Please call to make your reservation.
Fee: $60 per person
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 4-5 miles
Duration: 3 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, and plenty of drinking water. Boats provided.

52. Guided Tours of Historic Huguenot Street
9/3 1:00PM
81 Huguenot Street, New Paltz 12561
(845) 255-1660
info@huguenotstreet.org
Visit two historic house museums, a reconstructed 1717 French church, and replica Esopus Munsee wigwam 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, & Children under 13 FREE
53. Civil War Reenactment at Museum Village
2017
10:00AM
Museum Village
1010 State Route 17M, Monroe 10950
(845) 782-8248
marketing@museumvillage.org
42nd Annual Civil War Weekend at Museum Village! The living historians that will gather here take great pride in their representation and portrayal of historic regiments and organizations. See representations of Federal and Confederate infantry, artillery, and cavalry units, medical demonstrations, and civilian life. Witness re-enactments of standard Civil War tactics and troop movements as the two armies meet in battle. Stroll through the camps, meet and talk with the troops and civilians, and shop at Sutler’s Row, the civilian merchants who followed the Army. 10AM to 4PM.
Fee: Adults: $15.00; Seniors: $12.00; Children 4 - 12: $10.00
Portion wheelchair accessible: Only some of the buildings are wheelchair accessible.

54. Fall Family Day at Catskill Interpretive Center
2017
10:00AM
Catskill Interpretive Center
5096 State Route 28, Mount Tremper 12457
(845) 688-3369
info@catskillcenter.org
Outdoor fun for families with kids of all ages! Enjoy storytime under the trees, hands-on science programs, and art activities as you explore the Catskill Interpretive Center’s beautiful, fully accessible nature trail. Learn how to identify animal tracks (and make your own!), work together to complete our new interactive scavenger hunts, and lots more! 10AM to 2PM
Additional equipment: Comfortable shoes, sunscreen and bug spray. Feel free to pack and bring a picnic lunch!

55. West Point Museum
2017
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.

Portion wheelchair accessible: Many houses have stairs. Ramps are available by prior arrangement. Two accessible restrooms are located on-site. Please contact us; arrangements can often be made with advance notice.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS
9/1 & 9/2 Love’s Labour’s Lost
6PM Presented by the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival
9/4 Storm King Open
10AM Labor Day Monday
9/8 Moonlit Walking Tour
8PM
9/16 Wanderings & Wonderings:
2PM Artist Tour with Kristen Jensen
9/17 H. Peter Stern Concert:
2PM Roopa Panaser

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

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER HOURS
OPEN MONDAY, WEDNESDAY - SUNDAY, 10AM - 5:30PM
(CLOSED TUESDAY)
WWW.STORMKING.ORG

Dia:Beacon
Anne Truitt
Dia:Beacon, Riggio Galleries
3 Beekman Street Beacon New York
845 440 0100 www.diaart.org

HUDSON RIVER VALLEY RAMBLE 2017
58. Historic Bicycle Tour of Olde Fishkill
All Ramble Weekends 11:00AM
Van Wyck Village Homestead Museum
504 Route 9, Fishkill 12524
(845) 896-9560
FHInfo@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 significant 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. Self-guided. No fee. Three tours accommodate all skill levels: Family 0.6 mi. Easy (flat); Medium 4 mi. (one hill). Extended 24 mi. (several hills, one challenging). Maps are available at the Van Wyck Homestead Museum in the display case.
Difficulty: Moderate
Additional equipment: This is self-guided. Please provide your own equipment.

59. Recreation on the Hudson River Past and Present; Hike the Greenway Trail at Carnwath Farms
All Ramble Weekends 11:00AM
Carnwath Farms
81 Carnwath Farms Lane, Wappingers Falls 12590
(845) 632-1570
info@carnwathfarmshsp@gmail.com
View an ice boat, Hudson River sloop and other boats, and lectures on recreation on the Hudson. Additional displays by local fishermen and the Wappinger Greenway Committee at the Sports Museum. Saturdays: 11AM to 4PM; Sundays: 1PM to 4PM. Self Guided. More info at www.carnwathfarms webs.com Hike the trail: 1.5 mile trail open all weekends; great view of the Hudson and surrounding mountains.
Notes: Dress to protect against ticks.
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 1.5 miles

60. Norrie Point Kayak Tour
9/2 12:00PM
Norrie Point Paddlesport Center
1 Norrie Way, Staatsburg 12580
(845) 246-2187
Info@AtlanticKayakTours.com
A tour of the Hudson River from Norrie Point and visiting nearby spots like Esopus Island, Bard Rock, and Black Creek Preserve. Perfect for beginners, this trip includes use of a sea kayak and all gear. Experienced guides will help participants improve their paddling skills. Wildlife, scenic vistas, and historic sites along the paddle route will be featured.
Notes: Waters are usually calm, but wind, waves, and boat wakes are possible.
Registration: Please register at least 2 days in advance at www.atlantickayaktours.com. Click on Norrie Short Tour.
Fee: $60 per person, includes all equipment.
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 4 miles
Duration: 3 hours
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.

61. Wilderstein House Tours
9/1, 9/2, 9/8, 9/10, 10/12:00PM
Wilderstein Historic Site
330 Morton Road, Rhinebeck 12572
(845) 876-4818
wilderstein@wilderstein.org
Hudson Valley Victoriana at its best. Home of Margaret (Daisy) Suckley, cousin and confidante of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Queen Ann-style mansion with 1888 interiors, grounds designed by Calvert Vaux, walking trails, and spectacular Hudson River views.
Fee: Adults $11; Students/Seniors $10; Children under 12 free.
Not suitable for children under: 8
Additional activities: Self-guided hiking on Wilderstein’s network of trails.

62. Rondout Lighthouse Tour
All Ramble Weekends 12:00PM
Hudson River Maritime Museum
Rondout Creek and Hudson River, Kingston 12401
(845) 338-0071 x 16
swassberg@hrmm.org
Take a guided tour of the Rondout Lighthouse, which sits at the mouth of the Rondout Creek on the Hudson River. Still fully operational as a navigational light, the Rondout lighthouse is one of only seven remaining on the Hudson River. Explore this historic structure from the first floor all the way up to the observation deck around the light itself. All tours are led by our experienced and knowledgeable tour guides. Saturdays and Sundays at 12PM, 1PM, 2PM, and 3PM.
Registration: Limited to 6 per tour, no advance reservations.
Additional equipment: No bathrooms, not handicapped accessible, suggest wearing closed toe shoes/no sling-backs.

63. Story Walk Opening
9/15 12:00PM
Hudson Highlands Nature Museum - Wildlife Education Center
25 Boulevard, Cornwall-on-Hudson 12520
(845) 534-7781
enestlerod@hhnm.org
The museum, in partnership with the Cornwall Public Library and The Grail, invites you to Story Walk 2017. Read an illustrated children’s story as you stroll along our meadow trail. This is an on-going event from 12-4PM. Please check the website, hhnm.org, for details.
Notes: The trail is a short, mowed path along a meadow. This path is wheel chair- and stroller-friendly.
Fee: $3 per person. Children 2 years old and under and museum members are free.
Difficulty: Easy
Length: 0.1 mile
Duration: 0.25 hours

64. Walking Tour of the Vassar Farm and Ecological Preserve
9/2 5:30PM
The Environmental Cooperative at the Vassar Barns; Vassar Farm and Ecological Preserve
50 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, depending on weather and trail conditions. After, join us for
refreshments and enjoy a short tour of the renovated Vassar Barn, home to the Environmental Cooperative and available for use as community multipurpose space.

Notes: It might be muddy, depending on weather. There are some steep ascents and some rocky terrain. Above-the-ankle boots are not required, but sneakers or sturdy walking shoes are necessary. No sandals.

Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 3 miles
Duration: 2 hours
Not suitable for children under: 6

Additional equipment: Sunscreen, hats, sunglasses, and bug spray suggested.

65. Hudson Valley Sunset Kayak Tour
9/2 9/3 9/10 9/11 5:30PM
9/16 9/17 9/23 9/24 5:00PM
I Paddle New York
61 South Partition Street, Saugerties 12477
(845) 532-7797
ipaddlenewyork@aol.com
We start with a quick lesson prior to launching into the calm waters of the Esopus Creek. We’ll talk about some of the rich history as we paddle down to take a quick peek at the Cantine Falls before heading 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 paddle the Hudson River during one of the most scenic times of the year. This paddle introduces participants to the natural beauty of the area’s river and many other projects, I have worked to leverage the best of what the area offers for the betterment of all who live in and visit the region. Now in its 18th 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."

66. Fall Foliage Paddle
9/2 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 scenic times of the year. This paddle launches from Kingston Point Beach. The trip includes instruction, equipment, and guide. Great for beginners, shallow, calm area on the Hudson River.

Notes: Launch from a sheltered cove off beach, paddle is mainly along shoreline in shallow calm waters.

Registration: Call or visit www.kingstonparksandrec.org before 9/1
Fee: $40. Kingston residents, children, and those who provide their own kayak equipment receive a $10 discount.
Difficulty: Easy
Length: 2.5 miles
Duration: 2 hours
Not suitable for children under: 5

Additional equipment: Boats provided.

67. Bannerman Castle Kayak and Walking Tour
9/8 2:00PM 9/9 10:00AM 9/17 2:00PM
9/25 10:00AM 10/1 2:00PM
Storm King Adventure Tours
178 Hudson Street, Cornwall-on-Hudson 12520
(845) 534-7800
info@stormkingadventuretours.com
Receive an exclusive behind-the-ruins kayak and walking tour of Bannerman’s Castle. Includes a guided visit with a full narrated history of the island and castle. Proceeds go toward the preservation of this unique landmark.

Registration: Please call to make your reservation.
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.

68. Legends and Horror Film Nights on Bannerman’s Island!
9/8 9/9 7:00PM
Bannerman’s Island, Hudson River – Boat leaves Beacon Dock
Red Flynn Drive, Beacon 12508
(855) 256-4007
neilcaplan@aol.com
Legends Tour and Horror Film Nights on Bannerman’s Island. Tour Bannerman’s Island and see a great classic film on the island. “Dracula” will be featured on September 8 and “Bride of Frankenstein” on September 15! Boat leaves Beacon Dock at 7PM on both nights, returns by 10:30PM.

Registration: Call by 9/13
Fee: $35 includes transportation to and from the island
Not suitable for children under: 13

Metro North station: Beacon

69. Tour Hoyt House/The Point
9/2 1:00PM 9/3 2:00PM
Mills Norrie State Park
Staatsburg 12580
(845) 380-1887
info@calvertvaux.org
Join Abandoned Hudson Valley Founder Liz Cooke and Red Hook Deputy Town Historian Emily Majer for a tour of Hoyt House/The Point. The gilded-age mansion and country estate landscape designed by Calvert Vaux offers for the betterment of all who live in and visit the region. Now in its 18th 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."

70. Interactive Storywalk® with Yoga Lesson
9/10 10:00AM
Rain date 9/10 10:00AM
The Manor House at Stony Kill Farm
79 Farmstead Lane, Wappingers Falls 12590
(845) 831-3800
foundation@stonekill.org
Stony Kill Foundation introduces our latest Storywalk® featuring children’s author Brian Russo’s Yoga Bunny. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT, and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. The purpose of this activity is to get kids moving outdoors and instill a love of reading. Yoga instructor Kathy Martin will guide you along the perennial gardens reading about Yoga Bunny’s adventures with her friends while she teaches yoga poses as illustrated throughout the books.

Registration: Email by 9/7
Difficulty: Easy
Length: 1 mile
Duration: 1 hour

Additional equipment: Wear comfy clothes and bring bug spray. Bring a towel or a yoga mat if you like, or try your poses on the grass. Bring your own lunch.

71. Fairy Houses
9/10 10:00AM
Hudson Highlands Nature Center - Outdoor Discovery Center
100 Muser Drive, Cornwall 12518
(845) 534-5506 x211
mhoffman@hhnm.org
Learn all about the art of Fairy Houses & Toad Abodes! After practicing and playing in the forest, create your own fairy house to bring home. Register in the Visitor’s Center at the Outdoor Discovery Center.

72. Esopus Meadows Walk and Wade  
**9:00AM**
Esopus Meadows Preserve
257 River Road, Ulster Park 12487
(845) 797-2847
e@clearwater.org

Come to Esopus Meadows and follow the Kline-Esopus Kill from its mouth to near its source. Become part of an exciting new citizen science movement by studying eight plant species on Scenic Hudson’s Phenology Trail at Esopus Meadows Preserve. Data we collect while enjoying a pleasant hike through a dense forest will help scientists gauge the impacts of a changing climate. Afterwards, go seining (fishing with a net) with a Clearwater educator to collect and identify fish. We will have any willing participants put on chest waders to help us catch fish. Native and invasive species will be discussed, and we will shed light on the present challenges facing the wildlife of the Hudson River Estuary. 

**Not suitable for children under:** 4

73. Chefs’ Consortium’s Farm Fresh Dinner on Bannerman’s Island  
**9:00AM**
Bannerman’s Island on the Hudson River
Riverfront Dock, Red Flynn Drive, Beacon 12508
(855) 256-4007
neilcaplan@aol.com

Attendees will sample Hudson Valley Farm Fresh Delights during a five-course dinner! Live music! Boat leaves from Beacon Dock at 3PM and 4PM. Dinner and boat transportation to and from Bannerman’s Island.

**Registration:** Call or visit www.bannermancastle.org by 9/1  
**Fee:** $135 general, $125, members

**Additional activities:** Island tour  
**Metro North station:** Beacon

74. Follow the River Lecture & Film Series: Hope on the Hudson by Jon Bowemaster  
**9:00AM**
Hudson River Maritime Museum
50 Rondout Landing, Kingston 12401
(845) 338-0071 x 15
i@clearwater.org

“Hope on the Hudson: New Films from Jon Bowemaster,” special film screening with panel discussion from representatives of organizations working toward a sustainable future for the Hudson Valley, moderated by filmmaker Jon Bowemaster. 4PM to 6PM in the Kingston Home Port and Education Center. If you missed “Hudson: A River at Risk” last year, come early for an encore screening at 2PM.  

**Fee:** Suggested donation $5

75. Migrating Birds at John Burroughs’ Slabsides  
**9:00AM**
John Burroughs Nature Sanctuary at Slabsides
Burroughs Drive, off Floyd Ackert, 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 20th 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 on Rte 9W and Floyd Ackert Rd. Meet on Burroughs Drive at Slabsides entrance.  

**Notes:** Generally even terrain on well-developed trails, many with stone pathways and steps.

**Difficulty:** Easy  
**Length:** 1 mile  
**Duration:** 3 hours  
**Additional equipment:** Wear study shoes and binoculars if you have them, and water

76. New Paltz Volkswalk for Everyone!  
**9:00AM**
New Paltz Historic District
The Bakery (outside), 13 North Front Street, New Paltz 12561
(845) 462-7539
vcwpava@gmail.com

The trail consists of paved roads, sidewalks, and a dirt rail trail. There is a 5k (3.1 miles) and a 10k (6.2 miles) trail, and there are some hills. Not suitable for wheelchairs. The trails will take you: 1. Through downtown New Paltz, past many interesting shops and eateries; 2. Down the “oldest street in America,” where you will see six original stone houses that were built by New Paltz’s first European settlers, the French Huguenots; 3. Through the SUNY New Paltz campus; 4. Through quaint residential areas; 5. You will also have many opportunities to view the Shawangunk Mountains, where the sport of mountain climbing is practiced by climbers from all over the world. Portions of the 5k walk will include a guided tour leader as well. All participants receive a self-guided set of directions with a map and text.

**Difficulty:** Moderate

77. Wappinger Greenway Trail & Village History Talk and Walk  
**9:00AM**
Grinnell Public Library District  
2642 East Main Street, Wappingers Falls 12590
(845) 297-3428
director@grinnell-library.org

Starting at the historic 1887 shingle-style Grinnell Public Library District with Village of Wappingers Falls Historian Brenda Von Burg. View the library’s collection of 19th century Wappingers Falls landscapes by local artist Clinton Clapp and 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 Stickel. After the talk, Greenway Trail guide, Wilredo Chaluisant will lead a walk to the Greenway Trail. Pick up trail maps and Ramble info at the library all month! Visit www.grinnell-library.org for hours and additional information. From Route 9, take E. Main St. West, past Mesier Park to corner of E. Main and Spring Streets. Info in Spanish can be requested.  

**Notes:** Majority of the walk is on sidewalks.  
**Difficulty:** Easy  
**Length:** 1 mile  
**Duration:** 3 hours  
**Portion wheelchair accessible:** The Library, Homestead and sidewalks are wheelchair accessible.

78. Survival 101  
**9:00AM**
Hudson Highlands Nature Museum
Outdoor Discovery Center  
100 Muser Drive, Cornwall 12518
mhoffman@hhnm.org
Join educator Carl Heitmuller to learn all about basic survival techniques. Do you know the rule of 3’s? Come learn all about it and work together to build a shelter! Register in the Visitor’s Center at the Outdoor Discovery Center.  

**Fee:** Museum Members: $5/Adults, $3/Children. Not-yet-Members: $8/Adults, $5/Children.  
**Not suitable for children under:** 7

79. Guided Tour of the D&H Canal Five Lock Walk  
**9:17AM**
23 Mohonk Road, High Falls 12440
(845) 687-2000
info@canalmuseum.org
Come to the D&H Canal Museum in High Falls and take a free guided tour of the national historic landmark Five Lock Ward 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 19 century history of all the towns along its route. Approximately 1/2 mile.
80. Constitution Marsh Audubon Public Canoe Trip
9/10 2:30PM
Constitution Marsh Audubon Center & Sanctuary
127 Warren Landing Road, Garrison 12508
(845) 265-2601 x15
cmacs@audubon.org
Public canoe trip into Constitution Marsh
Registration: Reservations required. Space is limited to 15 persons. Call or email.
Note: Participants must be at least 7 years of age.
Fee: $45 for adults; $40 for seniors, students, and Audubon members; and $30 per child ages 7-15.
Difficulty: Moderate
Duration: 3 hours
Not suitable for children under: 7
Additional equipment: Boats provided.

81. Guided Garden Tour of the English-style Flower Garden
9/13 5:30PM
Stonecrop Gardens, Cold Spring 10516
(845) 265-2000
garden@stonecrop.org
Take a guided garden tour with a staff horticulturist and discover the enclosed English-style flower garden at its peak. A plethora of color greets you from a vast array of tropicals, tender perennials, and annuals.
Notes: Guided tour is on grass area of garden with mulch paths and some steps. Other areas of the garden are gravel, rocky paths.
Fee: $10 per person. No charge for Stonecrop members.
Difficulty: Easy
Length: 1/4 mile
Duration: 1 1/2 hours
Not suitable for children under: 12
Portion wheelchair accessible: Access to tour requires navigating gravel areas of the garden. Please call ahead to arrange parking nearer the start of the tour.
Additional equipment: Please wear sensible shoes. Bug repellent is suggested.

82. Shawangunk Ridge Trail Run/Hike
9/15 6:30PM 9/15-9/16
Shawangunk Ridgeline
Binnewater Parking Area, Binnewater Road, Rosendale 12472
(646) 784-0341
posnerk@gmail.com
Come celebrate one of the Trail Conference’s unique creations by participating in a special footrace along the Shawangunk Ridge Trail. This important connector trail starts at a junction with the Appalachian Trail in High Point State Park, New Jersey, and then heads north through forested hills, wetlands, and rare mountain top pitch pine barrens, along the way passing through several state forests, Minnewaska State Park Preserve, and the Mohonk Preserve, before finishing on a restored railway trestle in Rosendale, New York, high above the Rondout Creek. Experienced thru-hikers and ultra-runners can choose from 30 miles, 50 miles, or the entire 70-mile length of the SRT - and there is also a 1/2 marathon option, which is suitable for runners or hikers and has a very generous 13-hour time limit.
Registration: Prices increase: August 14.
Registration closes: Wed, September 13 at 11:59PM. Registration link: https://ultrasignup.com/register.aspx?id=41166. Contacts: Ken Posner, posnerk@gmail.com, Todd Jennings, todjen@optonline.net.
Fee: 70 Miler - Registration - $150 ($165 after Aug 14), 50 Miler - Registration - $90 ($100 after Aug 14), 30 Miler - Registration - $75 ($85 after Aug 14), 1/2 Marathon - $50 ($60 after Aug 14).
Welcome to the beautiful Hudson Valley for the 18th annual Hudson River Valley Ramble! I invite everyone in attendance to explore the stunning natural scenery, rich cultural history, and friendly hospitality in and around New York’s premier National Heritage Area. Whether you’re a longtime resident – or a visitor – I hope you’ll enjoy everything the Hudson Valley has to offer.

83. Hike at Fuller Mountain Preserve
9/16 10:00 AM
Fuller Mountain Preserve
70 Bowen Road, Warwick 10990
(845) 534-3690, x18
jeremy@oclt.org

Join the Orange County Land Trust for a hike at one of Orange County’s best kept secrets, Fuller Mountain Preserve. Enjoy spectacular views of Orange County’s highest peaks, as well as the Shawangunk Ridge and Catskill Mountains.

Notes: Some uneven rocky terrain.
Registration: Register by 9/15:
Call (845) 534-3690 x18 or e-mail jeremy@oclt.org
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 1.8 miles
Duration: 2 hours
Not suitable for children under: 10

84. Vee! Vee!
9/16 10:00 AM
Little Stony Point Park, Cold Spring
(845) 548-3728
info@hhlt.org

HHLT Land Steward Manager Nicole Wooten leads a Spanish-speaking family hike through Little Stony Point Park in Cold Spring. The scavenger hunt theme, along with the trail’s changing terrain, will make the outing a fun family adventure.

Notes: The trail has changing terrain, with some inclines and declines, but nothing difficult.
Registration: Email or visit https://www.eventbrite.com/e/veo-veo-ticket-32637097437 by 9/16
Difficulty: Easy
Length: 1 mile
Duration: 1 hour
Metro North station: Cold Spring

85. Harlem Valley AT Community Hike: AT Boardwalk to Dover Oak
9/16 10:00 AM
MetroNorth RR AT Station Stop
991 Route 22, Pawling 12564
(845) 832-3032
HarlemValleyAT@gmail.com

The hike starts at the AT Boardwalk, west of the MetroNorth RR AT station stop, which is just south of Native Landscapes, 991 Rt. 22. We will hike west (southbound,) across the 1600’ boardwalk, which was finished in 2012. 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. Heading off the hill, you will arrive at the Dover Oak on West Dover Road in Pawling. This magnificent landmark is over 300 years old, and with a 20’ circumference, it is the largest tree on the 2,180 mile footprint from Georgia to Maine. On Instagram: @harlemvalleyatcommunity

Notes: Moderate ascent/descent
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 4 miles
Duration: 3 hours
Not suitable for children under: 6
Additional equipment: Water, bug spray, sun screen, snacks
Metro North station: Pawling

86. Fungi in the Forest
9/16 10:00 AM
Sam’s Point Area of Minnewaska State Park Preserve
400 Sam’s Point Road, Cragmoor 12420
(845) 647-7989
Leah.Rudge@parks.ny.gov

Join us for a new workshop where we will debunk the mysteries of mushrooms and learn about how to grow your own! We will explore how native fungii function in the ecosystem and some of the unique characteristics of the forest at Sam’s Point. We will look for fungi along the trail and make spore prints from any fresh finds. Then we will learn about and experience the process of growing mushrooms via log inoculation. The logs will be placed in our garden so visitors can return and watch them flourish. We will also have mushroom kits for you to take home. This program is open to all ages and levels of experience. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over the age of 18.

Registration: Call to register
Portion wheelchair accessible: Most of our program will take place at the Visitor Center, which is wheelchair accessible, however the program will also include a short hike to search for mushrooms.

87. Family Friendly Exploration of the Thorn Preserve
9/16 10:00 AM
Catskill Center’s Thorn Preserve
55 John Joy Road, Woodstock 12498
(845) 586-2611
mdrillinger@catskillcenter.org

Join us for an exploration of the Thorn Preserve on Saturday September 16 at 10AM. At this family event we’ll be walking the grounds as we learn about different habitats. We’ll play games that allow us to interact with one another and gain a better understanding of why habitat is important to animals. This program will be led by Matt Helfrich, 4-H educator in Ulster County and longtime outdoor enthusiast.

Notes: The Thorn Preserve is flat, open meadow. Wear a sun hat, sunscreen and bring bug spray. The event will take place in shine or rain – but will be canceled in the event of heavy and steady rain.
Registration: Call or email by 9/15
Difficulty: Easy
Length: 1.5 miles
Duration: 2 hours

88. Nature Journaling 101
9/16 11:00 AM
Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Site
54 ValKill Park Road, Hyde Park 12538
(818) 929-6231
kayla_allant@nps.gov

Hone your observation skills while reflecting in the woods where Eleanor Roosevelt regularly walked. Participants will learn writing and drawing exercises while exploring the 1 mile loop trail, Eleanor’s Walk. They will also receive additional activity ideas and decorate the cover of their journal to take home. Exploration will include reading some of Eleanor’s writings and considering the question “Where do human rights begin?” This program is designed for youth ages 9-12 and their families, but life-long learners of all ages are welcome!

Meet at the Visitor Center
Notes: Rocky trail with one hill, uneven trail
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 1 mile
Duration: 1.5 hours
Not suitable for children under: 5
Additional equipment: Bring water, comfortable walking shoes, and bug spray. Journal supplies will be provided.

Additional activities: House tours are offered daily. Please check into the Visitor Center for availability and tickets (fees on website: www.nps.gov/erol.) There is also a self-guided exhibit that is free.

89. Winnakee Land Trust Annual Tour of Historic Barns and Working Farms
9/16 11:00 AM
Northern Dutchess County
Rhinebeck 12572
(845) 876-4213
Ellen@winnakee.org

The annual tour will wind through Northern Dutchess towns to some of the region’s most historic barns and properties. The tour will culminate with a reception beginning at 4:30 p.m. and offers attendees a rare opportunity to visit some extraordinary sites. A mapped program will outline the self-guided route. Docents will guide people through each site, offering the history and background of barns and other site amenities. All proceeds benefit Winnakee Land Trust, a non-profit organization that protects open space and farmland in northern Dutchess County.

Registration: Call or visit www.winnakee.org prior to event.

Fee: Fee for adults, free for children under 12. Fee includes a reception at the last stop of the tour.
Additional equipment: Winnakee Land Trust will provide a map of the tour with GPS addresses. We recommend you use your GPS of choice to guide you on your preferred route.

90. Hudson River Seining & Aquatic Life
9/16 2:00 PM
Kowawese Unique Area
90 Plum Point Lane, New Windsor 12553
(845) 297-8935
trike7@aol.com

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

Portion wheelchair accessible: There is a ramp to the beach to within 100 feet of the event.
91. LaGrange Wappinger Creek Greenway Trail Walk
9/16 2:00PM
87 Sleight Plass Road, Poughkeepsie 12603
(845) 554-9166
m2htoo@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, maple, and other trees. Park at trail entrance marked by a split rail fence and a sign reading “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 9/15
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.

92. War of the World’s Infamous Radio Play on Bannerman’s Island!
9/16 3:00PM
Bannerman’s Island, Hudson River - Boat leaves Beacon Dock
Riverfront Dock, Red Flynn Drive, Beacon 12508
(855) 256-4007
neilcaplan@aol.com
This infamous radio play, first broadcast from New York’s “Mercury Theatre” in 1938, had many terrified listeners convinced that an actual alien invasion of Earth was taking place. Originally directed and narrated by Orson Welles, this play made the world tremble. Now you can experience the original script with live actors as they present the frightening tale of an extraterrestrial takeover! Boat takes attendees to Bannerman’s Island for an island tour followed by the performance. Return trip gets people back to Beacon Dock by 7:30pm
Registration: Call Neil Caplan (845) 831-6346 by 9/1
Fee: $65.00 fee includes boat trip to and from Bannerman’s Island, a tour of the Island and the “War of the Worlds” Performance
Not suitable for children under: 12

93. Wallkill River Festival
9/16 4:00PM
Rain date 9/17 4:00PM
Village of New Paltz Park
New Paltz 12561
(845) 256-9316
wallkillalliance@gmail.com
An afternoon/evening 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. 4PM to 8PM. Please contact us for specific location

94. Newburgh Rowing Great 5-Mile Kayak and Rowing Challenge
9/16 7:30AM
Newburgh Rowing Club Boathouse
2 River Street, Newburgh 12550
(845) 541-2313
Newburghrowers@gmail.com
Kayakers of all levels, from newbies to highly experienced, are welcome to attend. It is a “challenge” so you do not have to complete the 5-mile course unless you choose to do so. We will also have sculling events, for the rowers. All participants get to enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast, beautiful event T-shirts included in fee, and merchandise for sale and tours of the boathouse, along with coupons for free “Learn to Row” lessons. The event is a fundraiser for beautification of the Ward Brothers Memorial Park.
Notes: There will be a safety motorboat out with a lifeguard on board with the kayakers with an experienced coach and we will provide lifejackets. Stay away from the shore, as it can be shallow and rocky.
Fee: $30 per person, includes event T-shirt and pancake breakfast
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 5 miles
Duration: 2-2.5 hours each day
Not suitable for children under: Children between 14 and 18 must be accompanied by a participating adult. Not suitable for children under 14.
Additional equipment: Bring water bottle, sunscreen, and hat. Wear comfortable non-cotton clothing that will keep you warm if wet. Avoid loose-fitting clothing that could interfere with rowing equipment. Boats provided.
Metro North station: Poughkeepsie

95. Fall Into Rowing with Mid Hudson Rowing Association
9/15 9:00AM
Hudson River at Poughkeepsie
270-272 N. Water Street, Poughkeepsie 12601
ltr@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: Email by 9/9
Fee: $60 inclusive of both days, equipment and instruction.
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: Variable miles
Duration: 2-2.5 hours each day
Not suitable for children under: Children between 14 and 18 must be accompanied by a participating adult. Not suitable for children under 14.
Additional equipment: Bring water bottle, sunscreen, and hat. Wear comfortable non-cotton clothing that will keep you warm if wet. Avoid loose-fitting clothing that could interfere with rowing equipment. Boats provided.
Metro North station: Poughkeepsie
“It was great to visit such historical and cultural sites with such knowledgeable guides.”
— John M.

96. Pine Swamp Loop Hike
[916] 101 9:00AM
Begins in Lake Skannatati parking area in Harriman State Park
(845) 786-2701 x293
chris.osullivan@parks.ny.gov
This hike begins with an easy walk on the Long Path through open woodlands along the shores of Lake Skannatati and crossing Pine Swamp Brook. Gradually climbing, it takes you past huge rock ledges and through hilly blueberry patches, until it intersects with the Dunning Trail. Following this old mine road, you ascend to Pine Swamp, home to pitcher plants, sundews, beaver, and historic mines. Intersecting with the Arden-Surebridge trail, you bend around the shoulder of Pine Swamp Mountain and rapidly descend through open forest to the parking area.
Notes: Uneven rocky surfaces, wet areas.
Registration: To register for 9/16 hike, please register by 9/14 at noon. For 10/1 hike, please register by 9/12 at noon.
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 3.15 miles
Duration: 3 hours
Not suitable for children under: 12
Additional equipment: Hiking boots recommended. Bring plenty of drinking water.

97. Long Mountain Loop Hike
[916] 101 9:00AM
Long Mountain in Harriman State Park
Turkey Hill Parking - Harriman State Park, Tomkims Cove 10986
(845) 786-2701 x293
chris.osullivan@parks.ny.gov
Meeting at the Turkey Hill/Long Mountain parking area, this 2-mile trek along the Long Path and woods road makes gradual then steeper ascents to the Raymond H. Torrey Memorial atop Long Mountain. You will enjoy east-facing views of Bear Mountain, Popolopen Torne, and Anthony’s Nose, with Turkey Hill Lake below. The rapid descent is along a rocky section of trail to Deep Hollow Brook at the base of the mountain and return to the parking area is by woods road.
Notes: Steep ascents and descents, uneven rocky terrain, loose rocks.
Registration: Call to register. For 9/16 hike, please register by 9/14 at noon. For 10/1 hike, please register by 9/29 at noon.
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 2 miles
Duration: 2 hours
Not suitable for children under: 12
Additional equipment: Hiking boots recommended. Bring plenty of drinking water.

98. Canoe Paddle Carving Class
[916] 107 9:00AM
HRMM’s Riverport Wooden Boat School
50 Rondout Landing, Kingston 12401
(845) 338-0071 x16
swassberg@hrmm.org
Carve your own canoe paddle! From the shape of the paddle blade, to its length, to the shape of the handle, the paddle you create will be made for you, by you. Each participant in the class will be provided with a blank laminated of carefully selected woods. Using hand tools you will carve your paddle blade to the desired shape. Once the blade is shaped, you will custom fit your paddle, by carving the shape of the grip area to fit your hands and cutting the paddle shaft to the perfect length for you. Students leave with a completed paddle. Beginners welcome.
Registration: Call or email to register
Fee: $245 HRMM members, $290 non members
Not suitable for children under: 15

99. 200 Years of Landscape History at Hyde Park
[917] 1:00PM
Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Site
119 Vanderbilt Park Road, Hyde Park 12538
Allan_Dailey@nps.gov
During this 90-minute one mile hike, a ranger will chronicle 200 years of landscape history at the Vanderbils’ Hyde Park country place. Learn about earlier estate owners, the Vanderbilt’s 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.
Notes: Hike will be taken on flat grassy landscape and some paved areas.
Difficulty: Easy
Length: 1.8 miles
Duration: 1.5 hours
Portable 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.

100. Minnewaska 7th Annual Volunteer Trail Work Day
[917] 10:00AM
Minnewaska State Park Preserve
5281 Route 44/55, Kerhonkson 12446
(845) 255-0752
Laura.Conner@parks.ny.gov
Meet new friends, help improve trail conditions, and learn about basic trail maintenance from experienced trail keepers in this stewardship project. Join members of the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference and Park Preserve staff to help improve one of the many scenic footpaths that meander through Minnewaska. 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 necessary community service hours for completion of their requirements.
Registration: Call by 9/16
Fee: The parking fee will be waived for participants volunteering for this program.
Not suitable for children under: This program is recommended for adults and teenagers, who must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over the age of 18.
Additional equipment: Hiking or work boots. Participants are encouraged to bring their own work gloves and tools, including loppers, bow saws, and clipping shears.

101. Diane Diachishin, Irish and Bluegrass Concert
[917] 11:00AM
Bannerman’s Island, Hudson River – Boats leave Newburgh and Beacon Docks
Beacon 12508
(885) 256-4007
neilicaplan@aol.com
Family-friendly outdoor concert on Bannerman’s Island featuring professional Irish and bluegrass musician Diane Diachishin. Boats leave both Beacon and Newburgh docks on Sundays.
Newburgh Boat 11:00, Beacon Boat 12:30. Concert will run from 11:30am – 2:30pm.
Registration: Friday, September 15th
Fee: $35 ticket covers boat ride to and from Bannerman’s Island, tour of the island and concert
Additional activities: Island tour
Metro North station: Beacon

102. Ramble through Hurley’s Historic Burial Grounds
[917] 2:00PM
52 Main Street, Hurley 12443
(845) 416-1937
info@hurleyheritagesociety.org
Tour historic Hurley’s old burial ground, located in this National Historic Landmark village founded in 1662. Hear the tales of Hurley’s earliest residents, who lived and died many years ago, and, some say, never really left. Hear the legends of haunted happenings, and become acquainted with those bygone times through the lives represented here by their final memorials.
Notes: Uneven terrain for walking.
Fee: $5 adults; children under twelve are free
Difficulty: Easy
Length: 5 mile
Duration: 1 hour
Additional equipment: Wear appropriate footwear and dress for weather. Event is rain or shine.
Additional activities: The Hurley Heritage Society 2017 exhibit: The O&W Railway in Ulster County: Stations Along the Way. Interactive features, many railway artifacts, self-guided. Admission is free.

103. Saugerties Pro Musica presents the Boston Trio
[917] 3:00PM
Saugerties United Methodist Church
Corner (#67) Washington Avenue & Post Street, Saugerties 12477
(845) 679-5733
hopefarm@hopefarm.com
The Boston Trio - piano, violin & cello - perform the opening concert for Saugerties Pro Musica’s 2017/18 season. Follow the Boston Globe’s advice: “Whenever this trio plays, drop everything and go hear them!”
Fee: $15 Adults, $12 Seniors, Students Free. Free refreshments and reception afterwards
Additional equipment: There will be free refreshments at a “meet the musician” reception after the concert that is not wheelchair accessible.
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104. Walkkill River Paddle
9/17 9:00AM
Twin Island Fishing Park, River Road, just south of Village of Walden, Town of Montgomery 12586
(845) 313-3725
ocboatbrigade@gmail.com
This paddle is one of the Walkkill River Watershed Alliance’s Boat Brigade’s regular monthly paddles in which participants enjoy the river as well as monitor the river for garbage, illicit discharges, potential algae blooms, and storm water infrastructure. If anything suspicious is found, the Alliance will file reports of their observations with local building inspectors and MS4 officers.
Notes: No white water, easy paddling
Registration: Email in advance of event
Difficulty: Easy
Length: 1 mile
Duration: 2 hours
Not suitable for children under: 3
Additional equipment: Life preservers, paddles, camera, snacks
Additional activities: Later that day is a Festival on the River in the Village of New Paltz (see separate Ramble listing).

105. Walkkill River Twin Island Paddle
9/17 9:00AM
Twin Island park near Walden on River road
206 River Road, Walden 12586
(845) 313-3725
Ocboatbrigade@gmail.com
This is a great opportunity to get out to see a relatively unused scenic section of the Walkkill river. We’re mostly about recreation, but the WRWA has a mission to observe and report conditions on the river to promote its future health. Participants are encouraged to photograph suspicious conditions and share that with the event host. Also, we promote a clean river, so retrieving litter from the waterway is encouraged. No one is required to do more than they like.
Notes: This is the pool above Walden dam. Approaching the dam is the only serious hazard. The water is flat with a slow current. There is no dock, so we will be launching from a rocky/muddy bank.
Registration: Email by 9/10
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 4 miles
Duration: 2 hours
Not suitable for children under: 10
Additional equipment: PFD required.

106. Bear Mountain Loop via Appalachian Trail and Major Welch Trail
9/17 9:00AM
Bear Mountain State Park
Appalachian Trail and Suffern-Bear Mountain Trail Junction near Hessian Lake, Bear Mountain 10911
(845) 786-2701 x293
chris.osullivan@parks.ny.gov
The steep ascent up Bear Mountain starts by way of many hundreds of impressive stone steps along the Appalachian Trail, which takes you through a section of large boulders, over a bridge, and to beautiful views of Iona Island and the Hudson River. Enjoy panoramic views to the south and west over Dunderberg and West Mountains. Perkins Memorial Tower provides more views with interpretive signage. Traversing rock outcrops and stone steps, the steep path down ends at a paved footpath at Hessian Lake, which takes you back to the start.
Notes: Steep ascents and descents, uneven rocky surfaces, rock scrambling
Registration: Call to register. For the 9/17 hike, please register by 9/15 at noon. For the 9/30 hike, please register by 9/28 at noon.
Fee: There is a $10 parking fee at Bear Mountain State Park.
Difficulty: Difficult
Length: 4 miles
Duration: 3.5 hours
Not suitable for children under: 12
Additional equipment: Hiking boots recommended; Bring plenty of drinking water. Bring your own lunch.

107. Storm King Mountain Loop Hike
9/17 PRD 9:00AM
Storm King State Park
Storm King State Park parking lot, Cornwall-On-Hudson 12520
(845) 786-2701 x293
chris.osullivan@parks.ny.gov
Beginning and ending with some fairly steep stretches and some rock scrambling, this 2.5 mile loop meanders from stunning view to stunning view, summing both Butter Hill and Storm King Mountain. This hike is moderate to strenuous.
Notes: Steep ascents and descents, uneven rocky surfaces, rock scrambling
Registration: Call to register. For 9/17 hike, please register by 9/15 at noon. For 9/30 hike, please register by 9/28 at noon.
Difficulty: Difficult
Length: 2.5 miles
Duration: 3 hours
Not suitable for children under: 12

108. Nature in Image and Prose
9/17 10:00AM
Catskill Interpretive Center
5096 State Route 28, Mt. Tremper 12457
(845) 688-3369
kpalm@catskillcenter.org
Photographer Rudd Hubbell, who’s been documenting the natural beauty of the Catskills since the 1970s, will be in conversation with nature writer Leslie T. Sharpe. A descendant of the area’s first settlers, Hubbell has captured thousands of photographs of our spectacular wilderness. He enjoys looking closer than the broad view, and always tries to focus on the things most of us overlook or take for granted. Sharpe is a writer, editor and educator. Her new book, The Quarry Fox and Other Critters of the Wild Catskills (The Overlook Press, 2017), is a lyric narrative look at the wild animals of the Catskill Mountains. Sharpe will read from this work and discuss the genre of nature writing as it relates to the Catskills.

109. Small Wonders: Storytelling and an Imaginative Scavenger Hunt at Innisfree Garden
9/17 10:00AM
Innisfree Garden
362 Tyrrell Road, Millbrook 12545
(845) 677-8000
InnisfreeGarden.org
Let your imagination guide you through Innisfree Garden, a space of wonder and inspiration for visitors of all ages. Begin your exploration by listening to award-winning storyteller, Lorraine Hartin-Gelardi share original and traditional tales about the marvels of nature and its enchantments. Afterwards, stroll through the garden on a scavenger hunt with clues from the stories and a map to help you discover nature’s treasures at Innisfree.
Fee: Event is free with admission to Innisfree: $8 per person, kids 3 and under are free.
Not suitable for children under: 5
Additional activities: Three private gardens near Innisfree will be open to the public from 10am-4pm on the Garden Conservancy Millbrook Area Open Day. At 11am, there will be a “Behind the Scenes Tour of Innisfree: Water in the Garden.” Tickets (at the gate) are $15 and include admission to Innisfree.

110. Music and Nature at Montgomery Place
9/17 1:00PM
Bard College Montgomery Place Campus
55 Montgomery Place, Annandale-on-Hudson 12504
(845) 752-5000
montgomeryplace@bard.edu
Join Professor Bruce Robertson for a pre-concert Wildlife and Ecology walk on the grounds of Montgomery Place. At 2PM, meet at the Montgomery Place mansion house for a nature-themed chamber music concert with selections from composers John Cage, John Luther Adams, and Toru Takemitsu performed by Bard College conservatory students. Reception to follow concert.
Not suitable for children under: 5
Portion wheelchair accessible: Nature hike is not wheelchair accessible, but concert is.
Additional equipment: Wear long pants for the nature hike.
Additional activities: House tours will also be happening at 10:30, 11:30, 1:30, and 2:30PM.

111. The Stone Chambers of Mead Farm
9/17 10:00AM
Mead Farm DEP land
Kent 14477
(914) 274-0449
thoroadtour@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 of Hiking the Road to Ruins. Meet at 1090 Route 52, Carmel (Dunkin Donuts), carpool to trail. Call or email for details.
Notes: Foot trails and eroded abandoned roads, some bushwhacking, no major elevation changes. Hiking boots recommended
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 4 miles
Duration: 4 hours
Additional equipment: 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. Bring bug spray. Bring your own lunch.
112. Nature Photo Scavenger Hunt

9/23 10:00AM
Woodland Trail
79 Farmstead Lane, Wappingers Falls 12590
(845) 831-3800
foundation@stonykill.org
While walking the trail and enjoying the scenery, capture special memories to take home and cherish! Come with matching bandana or even a team color and post a scavenger hunt picture to our Facebook or Instagram page, Stony Kill Foundation, using #hvrambleSKF. Finish your day with a picnic lunch while enjoying the historic landmark of Stony Kill Farm! Download our scavenger hunt list at stonykill.org or pick one up at our trail head. A prize will be awarded for the most creative family photo that will be posted on our website.

Notes:
The Woodland Trail is a dirt-and-rock path in a wooded area. There are several wooden bridges to cross and if you continue up to the Verplanck Ridge Trail, there is an incline.

Registration: Email by 9/22
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 1.5 miles
Duration: 1 hour
Not suitable for children under: 2
Additional equipment: Please bring bug spray and wear comfortable boots or sneakers. Also, bring a camera or smart phone to post your pictures. You may bring a picnic lunch.

113. John Burroughs Slabsides

Geology Ramble

9/22 10:00AM
John Burroughs Nature Sanctuary at Slabsides
Burroughs Drive, off Floyd Ackert Road Follow Path Through History signs, West Park 12493
(845) 384-6556
info@johnburroughsassociation.org
The rocks were one of literary naturalist John Burroughs’ favorite aspects of the Slabsides location, but even he did not realize that the rocks represented sediments eroded from a Himalayan-scale mountain range nearly 400 million years ago. Join Vassar College geology professor Jeff Walker for a hike to read the many stories in the rocks of the John Burroughs Nature Sanctuary. The newly developed trails are part of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Trail System. Meet at Slabsides.

Notes:
Tallus piles and some moderately rough terrain on new, well-developed trails, many with stone pathways and steps.

Registration: Emil by 9/21, Joan@JohnBurroughsAssociation.org
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 1.5 miles
Duration: 1.5 hours
Not suitable for children under: 10
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.
It was a beautiful day, wonderful scenery and some new insights with friendly walkers.”
— Karen E.

114. Natural History of the Wallkill River-Nature Walk  
**9/23 10:00AM**  
Hamptonburgh Preserve  
3 State Highway 416, Campbell Hall 10916 (845) 534-3690, x18  
Jeremiah@oct.org  
Naturalist and interpretive guide Gary Keeton will lead a walk through Hamptonburgh Preserve as he shares information about the natural history of the Wallkill River, as well as the area’s historical significance.  
**Notes:** Terrain is primarily flat with some sloping hills.  
**Registration:** E-mail by 9/22  
**Difficulty:** Easy  
**Length:** 2 miles  
**Duration:** 1.5 hours  

115. Garden Conservancy Millbrook Area Open Day  
**9/23 10:00AM**  
Millbrook, Clinton Corners & Stanfordville  
Innisfree Garden, 362 Tyrrel Road, Millbrook 12545 (845) 424-6500  
kkerin@gardenconservancy.org  
Three exceptional private gardens in the rolling fields and forests of Dutchess County’s hunt country will be open to the public from 10am-4pm. Garden descriptions and directions can be found on the Garden Conservancy’s website, www.opendaysprogram.org, and will be available the day of the tour at Innisfree Garden, Millbrook, which will be open from 9:30am-5pm.  
**Fee:** Admission to each private garden is $7 per person (cash or check). Kids 12 and under are free. Admission to Innisfree Garden is $8 per person (cash or check). Kids 3 and under are free.  
**Additional activities:** At 11am, there will be a special tour, “Behind the Scenes Tour of Innisfree: Water in the Garden.” Tickets are $15 and include admission to Innisfree. There will also be a special family program, “Small Wonders: Storytelling and an Imaginative Garden Scavenger Hunt at Innisfree Garden,” offered at 1pm, 2pm, and 3pm. It is free with admission to Innisfree and best for kids age 5 and up.  

116. Monarch Butterfly Migration & Tagging  
**9/23 10:00AM**  
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! Register in the Visitor’s Center at the Outdoor Discovery Center.  
**Fee:** Non-members: $7 Adult, $5 Children, Members: $5 Adult, $3 Children  
Not suitable for children under: 5  

117. Biodiversity Celebration  
**9/24 11:00AM**  
Rain date 9/24  
Trailside Museums & Zoo at Bear Mountain State Park  
Bear Mountain State Park, Bear Mountain 10911 (845) 786-2701 x293  
emily.enoch@parks.ny.gov  
Come to Trailside Museums & Zoo and learn about Biodiversity & Local Habitats! Visit our Pond, River, Forest, Woodland Pool & Grassland habitat stations to complete your Habitat Passport. When you complete the activity at each station you get a stamp. Collect all stamps & win a prize, while discovering ways you can help protect and provide habitat for wildlife.  
**Fee:** There is a $10 parking fee at Bear Mountain State Park.  

118. Behind the Scenes Tour of Innisfree: Water in the Garden  
**9/23 11:00AM**  
Millbrook  
Innisfree Garden, 362 Tyrrel Road, Millbrook 12545 (845) 677-8000  
info@innisfreegarden.org  
Take a behind-the-scenes look at the innovative ways water is used for aesthetic and ecological effect at Innisfree.  
**Fee:** $15 per person, includes admission to Innisfree Garden.  
**Additional equipment:** The terrain is irregular, so good walking shoes are suggested.  
**Additional activities:** The same day, three private gardens will be open near Innisfree as part of the Garden Conservancy Millbrook Area Open Day. A family program will be offered at 1PM, 2PM, and 3PM, “Small Wonders: Storytelling and an Imaginative Scavenger Hunt at Innisfree Garden,” free with Innisfree admission.  

119. Art Walk Kingston  
**9/23 9/24 12:00PM**  
Kingston (845) 454-3222  
info@artwalkkingston.com  
A celebration of the arts and the local community. Visitors and local residents are invited to explore three distinct areas of the city of Kingston and immerse themselves in a range of art and events. Paintings, photographs, drawings, and sculptures are just some of the mediums that will be on display at home studios and galleries across the city – performers are invited to schedule performances to include during the tour. Whether you have a few hours or a full day, the event weekend will offer a broad range of art and activities for everyone. 12PM to 6PM.  
**Portion wheelchair accessible:** Some studios are not accessible.  
**Additional activities:** Performances, live experiential events will be updated on Art Walk Kingston facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/artwalkkingston/  

120. Kites Over The Hudson  
**9/24 2:00PM**  
Washington’s Headquarters State Historic Site  
84 Liberty Street, Newburgh 12550 (845) 562-1195  
elise.goldberg@parks.ny.gov  
All are invited to come and enjoy the outdoor fun at this annual event when color fills the sky overlooking the Hudson River. FREE kites are given to the first 150 children 15 years and under. Free Refreshments. Event, museum, and tours are free today compliments of Central Hudson and Friends of the State Historic Sites of the Hudson Highlands, and Palisades Parks Conservancy.  
**Portion wheelchair accessible:** Park with various levels of accessible paths. Museum 1st floor accessible. Hasbrouck House accessible. No accessible rest rooms.  
**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.”  

121. Science on the River  
**9/25 2:00PM**  
Norrie Point Environmental Center  
256 Norrie Point Way, Staatsburg 12580 (845) 889-4745 x109  
JHarrington@dec.ny.gov  
The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation’s Hudson River Research Reserve invites the public to celebrate National Estuaries Day at an interactive “Science on the River” open house. Help take a sediment core from the cove and discover what it can teach us. Canoe a tidal marsh of the Hudson (weather and space permitting). Help fish the waters around Norrie Point to find out who lives there. See how the types of organisms living in a stream indicate its health. Learn what “SAV” means and why it’s important to the river. Also, many games and activities are planned especially for our youngest visitors. This program is free and most exhibit areas are wheelchair accessible. There’s something for everyone at “Science on the River!”  
**Additional activities:** Canoe trips will be offered.  

122. Sunset Seine and Sing  
**9/25 5:00PM**  
Esopus Meadows Preserve  
257 River Road, Ulster Park 12487 (845) 797-2847  
eli@clearwater.org  
Join Clearwater at the “magic hour” around sunset, to fish the river with a net and find out what fish are living in our estuary. We will put willing participants in chest waders and seine. Native and invasive species, adaptations, and diversity will be subjects of the discussion and we will focus on the present challenges the estuary faces. This will be followed by a “circle of song,” in which musicians and participants will play instruments and sing river songs. Bring your own instrument and a picnic dinner.  

123. Hasenclever Hike  
**9/25 9:00AM**  
Tiorati Brook Road, Southfields 10975 (845) 641-2219  
digitdoger@aol.com  
Hike from Daisey Field on Tiorati Brook Road to Hasenclever Mine and Rockhouse Mountain Cemetery, Jones Farm.  
**Difficulty:** Moderate  
Not suitable for children under: 12  
**Additional equipment:** Walking stick, hiking boots, water, light lunch or snack
124. Hand carving: Decorative and Utilitarian Designs Class
   9/23 9:00AM
   HRMM’s Riverport Wooden Boat School
   Hudson River Maritime Museum, Kingston 12401
   (845) 338-0071 x16
   swaasberg@hrmm.org
   Join RWBS Senior Instructor Andrew Willner and European-trained master carver Georgette Kadgen in this unique course. Learn about the distinct styles of carving and choose your own path as Willner and Kadgen guide you in a custom carving project designed by you. Options include decorative pieces, marine signboards, or utilitarian objects such as bowls or spoons. 9AM to 4PM
   Registration: Call to register.
   Fee: $345 HRMM members, $390 non-members
   Not suitable for children under: 21

125. Apple Cider Ramble
   9/24 1:00PM
   Peach Hill Park
   32 Edgewood Drive, Poughkeepsie 12603
   (845) 485-3628
   tmeyering@townofpoughkeepsie-ny.gov
   Participants will take a walking tour of our orchard. During the tour, you will pick apples and help press them into apple cider at the end of the trip.
   Notes: Your walk could include steep ascents/ descent and muddy trails.
   Fee: $5 per person/$1 per family donation. Please call to reserve a starting time.
   Difficulty: Moderate
   Length: 1 mile
   Duration: 1 hour
   Rock the Hudson: mbrown@hrmm.org
   Freeport: (845) 858-1000

126. What You See and What You Don’t See
   9/24 1:00PM
   Staatsburgh State Historic Site (Mills Mansion)
   Old Post Road, Staatsburg 12580
   (845) 889-8851 x 338
   donald.fraser@parks.ny.gov
   In 1895, Staatsburgh’s landscape architect designed glorious grounds that showcased the good life in the Gilded Age, while using landscape elements to hide the turn-of-the-century technology and labor that made the estate run. Enjoy a leisurely guided stroll through the grounds as we explore what you see...and what you don’t see.
   Not suitable for children under: 8
   Additional activities: House tours available, $8 adults, $6 seniors, children under 12 are free.

127. Wild Herb Ramble
   9/24 10:00AM
   Minnewaska State Park Preserve
   5281 Route 44-55, Kerhonkson 12446
   (845) 255-0752
   Laura.Conner@parks.ny.gov
   Join local holistic health educator and culinary herbalist Amy Nielsen for an introduction to wild herbs and edible plants local to Minnewaska State Park Preserve and surrounding areas. We will begin with a discussion on how local plants have been used to support the health and wellbeing of people living in this area for generations. Afterwards, we will ramble to a special spot brimming with the diversity of this amazing habitat, where we will learn to identify herbs and edibles in the field. We will touch on what constitutes an herb and how they are similar and different to food plants. Minnewaska is rife with natural edible plants; we will talk about which wild foods are abundant in our forests. We will also discuss ethical and sustainable foraging and collecting practices, which are prohibited in State Parks, and we’ll share some recipes for the bounty we will see.
   Registration: Advance registration required. Contact phone: 845-255-0752. Contact email: laura.conner@parks.ny.gov or nicholas.martin@parks.ny.gov. The fee for parking is $10 per vehicle or a valid Empire Passport may be used.

128. Cary Institute Forest Ecology Walk
   9/24 10:00AM
   Cary East Gifford House Parking Area
   2917 Sharon Turnpike, Millbrook 12545
   (845) 677-7600 x121
   freemanp@caryinstitute.org
   Dr. Charles Canham will lead an interpretive walk along the Wappinger Creek Trail. The moderate 2-mile walk encompasses habitats ranging from young forests and fallow fields to streams and wetlands. During the walk, Dr. Canham will share the history of Dutchess County’s forests from the first settlers in 1750 to the current day—over 250 years of land use patterns that have transformed Hudson Valley landscapes. The stories told will include fascinating facts and folklore about the forest, as well as future changes likely under the many different current human impacts, including climate change, pests and pathogens, and air pollution. The walk will begin at the Cary East (Gifford House) parking area.
   Notes: Hiking trails with some uneven rocky surface.
   Difficulty: Moderate
   Length: 2 miles
   Duration: 2 hours
   Additional equipment: Participants should bring drinking water and wear hiking shoes or boots.

129. Montgomery Place Landscape Tour
   9/24 10:00AM
   Bard College. Montgomery Place Campus
   55 Montgomery Place, Red Hook 12571
   (845) 752-5000
   montgomeryplace@bard.edu
   Enjoy a guided outdoor tour through the grounds of historic Montgomery Place, which is now part of the Bard College campus. Take in spectacular views of the Tivoli South Bay, Hudson River, and Catskill Mountains as you walk along the woodland trails in the ravine of the Sawkill Creek and the meadow paths of the mansion’s West Lawn. Historical highlights include cascading waterfalls and the hydropower station along the

130. One River, Many Streams
   9/24 2:00PM
   Beacon
   696 Dutchess Turnpike, Poughkeepsie 12508
   (845) 454-3222
   folkgal@yahoo.com
   Arts Mid-Hudson Folk Arts Program presents One River, Many Streams Folk Festival, an annual celebration of folk and traditional arts in the Mid-Hudson Valley.
   Additional activities: There will be additional activities associated with the Spirit of Beacon Day surrounding the festival.

131. History Walk at Carnwath Farms
   9/24 2:00PM
   Carnwath Farms
   Wheeler Hill Road, Wappingers Falls 12590
   (845) 831-0437
dicklahey@aol.com
   The walk will begin at the Carriage House with a brief talk on Reginald Rives, who had horses and carrigages there at the turn of the last century. The group will then walk down the old carriage road and to the home of Dick Lahey, who will give a barn tour of his collection of 19th Century Hudson Valley carriages and sleights. Returns to Carriage House.
   Registration: Please call by 9/22/17
   Difficulty: Easy
   Length: 1 mile
   Duration: 1.5 hours
132. Ashokan High Point
9/24 9:00AM
Hike around the base of the mountain and enjoy the view from the fire tower.
Registration: Call or e-mail by 9/25.
Field work will not be suitable for children under: 10
Additional equipment: Hiking boots recommended.
Notes: A well-maintained and wide trail shared by pedestrians, bicyclists, and hikers.

133. Mandeville House Tour
9/30 10:00AM
122 Lower Station Road, Garrison 10524
(845) 424-3626
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 located at 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—most notably was Gen. George Washington. Be sure to see the Revolutionary era road in front of the house.

134. Rondout National Historic District Walking Tour
9/30 10:00AM
Ulster County Heritage Area Visitors Center
20 Broadway, Kingston 12401
(845) 339-0720
eabhcr@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 hour
Not suitable for children under: 10
Additional equipment: Hiking boots recommended.
Bring your own lunch.

135. Sterling Fire Tower Ramble
9/30 10:00AM
Sterling Forest State Park
116 Old Forge Road, Tuxedo 10987
(845) 351-5907
barbara.kohlerberger@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 mile
Duration: 4 hours
Not suitable for children under: 10
Portion wheelchair accessible: Gravel uphill path is not wheelchair accessible.

136. In Their Own Words - The Battle for Fort Montgomery!
9/30 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 firsthand 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 approximately 2 hours and include rarely visited spots of the battlefield and conclude with a musket firing demonstration.
Registration: Call or e-mail by 9/29 by 5:00PM.
Not suitable for children under: 12
Additional equipment: Bring your own lunch.

137. National Public Lands Day
9/30 10:00AM
Sam's Point Area of Minnewaska State Park Preserve
400 Sam's Point Road, Cragsmoor 12420
(845) 647-7989
Leah.Rudge@parks.ny.gov
We will have two projects geared towards different skill levels so that everyone can participate. Spend the day outdoors, giving back by picking up trash or pulling invasive species to show appreciation for our public lands. All National Public Lands Day volunteers will receive a free day pass to participating federal public lands. Trash Pickup Project 10AM – 1PM; Meet at the Sam's Point Visitor Center at 10AM Barberry Pull Project 10AM – 1PM; Meet at Mt. Meenagh Rd (GPS address 172 Mt. Meenagh Road.)
Registration: Register by phone prior to event.
Not suitable for children under: 15.
All children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over the age of 18. Additional equipment: water, snacks, sturdy hiking shoes, bug spray, long sleeve shirt, long pants. Bring your own lunch.

138. National Public Lands Day Roosevelt Farm Lane Hike
9/30 10:00AM
Roosevelt Farm Lane Rt. 9 Side
4066 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park 12538
(845) 229-7770
allan_dailey@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. It begins at the Farm Lane trailhead and continues to the parking lot on Rt. 9G opposite the entrance to Val-Kill. Participants may return to Rt. 9 or make arrangements to be picked up on Rt. 9G.
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.

139. D&H Canal Car Tour
9/30 10:00AM
D&H Canal Museum, High Falls and Hudson River Maritime Museum, Kingston
23 Mohonk Road, High Falls 12440
(845) 338-0071 x16
education@hrmm.org

At noon, the group will leave the museum and drive along Creek Locks Road with a guide to the locks which can be seen from the road and end at the Anchorage restaurant in Eddyville. A buffet lunch at the Anchorage is included in the ticket price. After lunch, learn about Lock #1 in Eddyville, then drive down Route 213 to the Rondout, where HRMM educators will lead a walking tour of the Rondout Waterfront. Tour ends at the Hudson River Maritime Museum, where participants can choose to take a self-guided tour through the museum. Museum admission is included in the ticket price.

Registration: To register, visit: www.hrmm.org
Fee: $40 for HRMM or D&H Canal Museum members, $45 for non-members. Fee includes lunch.
Not suitable for children under: 10

140. Newburgh Open Studios
9:30 10:30 12:00PM
Newburgh Art Supply
5 Grand Street, Newburgh 12550
(845) 561-5552
michael@newburghartsupply.com
The 7th Annual Newburgh Open Studios tour offers a unique opportunity to see the work and meet many of the artists in the City of Newburgh’s growing arts community. The studios are located in some amazing historic buildings, most of which are rarely open to the public. This is a self-guided tour, much of it walkable. Maps will be available starting on Saturday, September 30 at 10:00AM at Newburgh Art Supply, 5 Grand Street.

Portion wheelchair accessible: Some locations are at street level, others are up stairs.

141. Ponds & Prosecco
9:30 3:00PM
Hudson Highlands Nature Museum- Outdoor Discovery Center
100 Muser Drive, Cornwall 12518
(845) 534-5506
mhoffman@hhnm.org
Get down and bubbly while learning about the wetland ecosystem! Sip, stroll and see what lives below the surface of our ponds.

Registration: Register online at hhnm.org, or call (845) 534-5506 x204, by 9/27. Pre-paid registration required. Check-in at the Visitor’s Center.
Not suitable for children under: 21

142. Live Birds of Prey with Annie Mardiney
10:30 10:00AM
Minnewaska State Park Preserve
5281 Route 44/55, Kerhonkson 12446
(845) 255-0752
laura.conner@parks.ny.gov
Join Annie Mardiney, wildlife rehabilitator for wild mountain birds, for an up-close and personal look at some of the raptors common to the Shawangunk Ridge. Live education birds may include red-tailed hawk, broad-winged hawk, American kestrel, barred owl, screech owl, and great horned owl. Stop by the Nature Center to meet these amazing and beautiful animals in person!

Fee: The fee for parking is $10 per vehicle or a valid Empire Passport may be used.
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

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.

143. Autumnal Horse & Carriage Tours

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Olana State Historic Site
5720 Route 9G, Hudson 12534
(518) 828-1872
education@olana.org

In honor of Olana’s 50th Anniversary, we offer carriage rides on the 19th century carriage roads. A stunning carriage and draft team saunter Frederic Church’s gravel roads bringing travelers to majestic views and stellar landscapes while viewing the sky, the Hudson River, and the Catskill Mountains. Meet the carriage 10 minutes before start time at the Olana Visitor Center entrance. (Tours are subject to change due to extreme weather.)

Fee: Individual: $40, Exclusive Couple: $100
Shared access may be available.

144. Castleton-on-Hudson Farmers and Artisans Market

| 9/1 | 9/15 | 4:30PM |

Corner of Scott Avenue and North Main Street, Castleton-on-Hudson 12033
(518) 732-7659
gina.giuliano@gmail.com

The Castleton-on-Hudson Farmers and Artisans Market (COHFAM) is held the first and third Fridays of the month from 4:30-7:30PM. It includes food, vendors, live music, and activities for kids. It is held at the corner of Scott Avenue and Main Street. Stop in and enjoy the beautiful Hudson River view while supporting the local economy!

Portion wheelchair accessible: Most is on a flat grass surface, so may be hard to navigate. Some is on blacktop and is accessible.

145. Artist on Art Tour

| 9/1 | 9/15 | 9/29 | 4:30PM |

Olana State Historic Site
5720 Route 9G, Hudson 12534
(518) 828-1872
education@olana.org

Artists offer a unique lens with which to “read” an artist’s home and landscape. During this series artists use many mediums and “poetic license” to talk about Olana and the exhibition with concepts and connections that inspire them. This is not a traditional house tour! Artist-led tours are accompanied by TOP’s Director of Education and end with a glass of wine on the piazza near sunset.
09/01 Maia Cruz Palileo; 09/15 Jackie Goss & Jenny Perlin; 09/29 Mariella Brisson.

Fee: Member: $15, non-member: $20

Not suitable for children under: 12

146. Casting Her Ballot: Emily Rankin and the Suffrage Question

| 9/2 | 9/9 | 9/16 | 9/22 | 9/30 | 1:00PM |

Historic Cherry Hill
523 1/2 South Pearl Street, Albany 12202
(518) 434-4791
info@historiccherryhill.org

In honor of the centennial of women’s suffrage, this house tour will focus on fifth-generation Cherry Hill owner Emily Rankin, who came of age as the suffrage debate was raging in New York and the nation. How did Emily’s experiences at Cherry Hill, in Albany, and at Smith College shape her views on this critical issue of her time? Follow Emily’s footsteps on a tour of her home, view some of her photographs and belongings, and find out which side Emily was on. Tours are offered Wednesdays and Saturdays starting at 1, 2, and 3PM.

Registration: Please call to pre-register
Fee: Members are free, $5 Adults, $4 Seniors and College Students, $2 Children 12-17, Group rates available.

Not suitable for children under: 12

Portion wheelchair accessible: Call for more information: (518) 434-4791

147. Codfish Point Quarry

| 9/2 | 10:00AM |

Rain date 9/3

Platte Clove Preserve
Platte Clove Road, Co. Route 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!
Limited access in historic buildings.
Center & Museum Store is accessible via ramp.
Granary Visitor Portion wheelchair accessible:
depart at 11AM and 2PM. More information at
Fee:
objects from the museum's collections, dive into Shaker Sisterhood. View exhibitions of Shaker and work of women at the North Family - the New for 2017 is a walking tour exploring the lives and work of women at the North Family - the Shaker Sisterhood. View exhibitions of Shaker objects from the museum's collections, dive into educational resources at our visitor center, and browse the museum store.
Fee: Guided tour tickets are $10/person, $8 for members. Combo tickets are available. Entry to exhibitions and grounds is by donation. Tours depart at 11AM and 2PM. More information at www.shakerml.org.
Portion wheelchair accessible: Granary Visitor Center & Museum Store is accessible via ramp. Limited access in historic buildings.
Additional activities: Exhibition entry included with guided tour admission tickets.
150. 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, 10AM to 4PM
Fee: $9 per adult, $8 per senior citizen 65 and older, $7 per child ages 6-14
Not suitable for children under: 6
Additional equipment: Comfortable walking shoes and rain gear, as needed.
151. Food Truck Picnic Day
9/2 11:00AM
Olana State Historic Site
5720 Route 9G, Hudson 12534 (518) 828-1872 education@olana.org
Gracie's food truck is a local institution and serves up made-from-scratch American classics. On Saturday of Labor Day weekend, Gracie's will be parked at Olana so you can purchase your picnic lunch, dinner, or brunch, with an awesome view!
Picnic revellers are encouraged to bring chairs, blankets, and a cooler.
152. Family Fun Hike
9/2 11:00AM
Blueberry Hill West Trailhead (#5), Albany Pine Bush Preserve Trailhead #5, Pitch Pine Road, Albany 12203 (518) 456-0655 info@albanypinebush.org
Join us for an end of summer family hike. We will meet at Blueberry Hill West trailhead (#5) and hike 1.4 miles over rolling terrain.
Notes: Rolling sand dunes with occasional tree roots.
Registration: Call or visit www.albanypinebush.org and click on “Events Calendar.”
Fee: $3 per person/$5 per family
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 1.4 miles
Duration: 1.5 hours
Not suitable for children under: 6
153. Copake Iron Works Tours
Copake Iron Works, Taconic State Park
33 Valley View Road, Copake Falls 12517 (518) 966-2730 president@friendsoftsp.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 previously National Register-listed Church of St. John in the Wilderness. 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.
154. Mushroom Walk with John Michelotti
9/2 2:00PM
Copake Falls 12517 (518) 966-2730 president@friendsoftsp.org
Join this mushroom walk and learn with John Michelotti of Catskill Fungi, president of the Mid-Hudson Mycological Association, about the ecological functions of fungi, common edibles, and medicinal mushrooms, as well as historic uses of fungi and present-day innovations of the exceptional Kingdom Fungi! Learn the principles of basic ID skills based on the specimens we find along our trail. Registrants will be emailed directions of where to meet for the walk.
Notes: Gently rolling hills
Registration: Registration ends on September 2. Limited to 20 participants. Buy tickets ($10.00 + $1.54 fee) at http://www.friendsoftsp.org/event/ sept-2-mushroom-walk-with-john-michelotti/
Fee: $10 + $1.54 fee
Difficulty: Easy
Length: 2 miles
Duration: 2 hours
Not suitable for children under: 13
155. Papscanee Island Nature Preserve Walk
9/2 9:00AM
Papscanee Island Nature Preserve Staats Island Road, Castleton 12033 (518) 270-2888 ashaughnessy@renscog.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 reinvigoring itself. Over 30 acres of the preserve are still farmed today, giving the land the distinction of being under active agriculture (corn) longer than any other lands in the U.S. Over six miles of hiking trails offer public access to over 2 miles of Hudson River shoreline. 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: Pre-registration not required but appreciated. Call by 9/1.
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 1 mile
Duration: 1 hour
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156. Ramshorn-Livingston Audubon Paddle
   12:00PM
   Ramshorn Livingston Audubon Sanctuary
   84 Dubois Road, Catskill, NY 12414
   (845) 265-2601 x15
   cmacs@audubon.org

Additional equipment: Not suitable for children under: 2 hours
Duration: 1.5 miles
Registration: Reservations required. Space is limited to 15 persons. Call or email for reservations or more information. Note: Participants must be at least 7 years of age.
Fee: Prices for the 2017 paddling season are as follows: $45 for adults; $40 for seniors, students, and Audubon members; and $30 per child ages 7-15.
Difficulty: Moderate
Duration: 3 hours
Not suitable for children under: 7
Additional equipment: Water, sunblock, bug spray, and snacks. Boats provided.

157. Weeds for Wellness
   1:00PM to 5:00PM
   Platte Clove Preserve
   2504 Platte Clove Road, Elka Park 12427
   (845) 586-2611
   k palm@catskillcenter.org

Use your navigation skills to participate in a letterbox challenge. The program will begin with a short hike at the Catskill Center's Platte Clove Preserve. Learn hands-on weed/ plant identification techniques, plant nutrition, local historical lore, and the healing music of the plants. The program will wrap up with a tasting of some locally foraged food and a discussion.
Registration: Call or email by 9/3
Fee: $35 per person
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 1.5 miles
Duration: 2 hours
Not suitable for children under: 12
Additional equipment: Water bottle and weather-appropriate clothing

158. Explore the Farm: Letterbox Challenge
   10:00AM
   Martin Van Buren National Historic Site
   1013 Old Post Road, Kinderhook 12106
   (518) 929-6231
   kayla_altland@nps.gov

Use your navigation skills to participate in a letterbox challenge and learn more about the park and farm. Challenge includes problem solving and clues to find the letterbox hidden in the park. Challenge was designed by local high school interns working at the park.
Notes: Mostly walking on grass without an established path, some walking on gravel roadway, and some walking on path through woods. Terrain is mostly flat with some rolling hills.
Difficulty: Easy
Length: 1 mile
Duration: 1 hour
Additional equipment: Water and a camera!

159. Traveling Talks: Geology and Olana's Hudson River Region
   10:00AM
   Olana State Historic Site
   5720 Route 9G, Hudson 12534
   (518) 828-1872
   education@olana.org

Join Robert Titus, Ph.D., Hartwick College Geology Professor 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. Hike followed by healthy seasonal snacks.
Notes: Ascending and descending wide gravel paths.
Fee: Member: $5, Non-Member: $10
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 1.5 miles
Duration: 2 hours
Not suitable for children under: 5

160. Catskill Streamside Stroll
   10:00AM
   The Windham Path parking area, NY Route 23, Windham 12496
   (845) 720-0088
   jsolomon@catskillcenter.org

Join this gentle guided stroll along the Batavia Kill stream in Windham to take in breathtaking Catskill Mountain views and learn about all the ways that healthy streamside lands are important for plants, animals, and people! All ages welcome.
Notes: Generally level gravel path
Difficulty: Easy
Length: 1.5 miles
Duration: 2 hours
Additional equipment: Water bottle and weather-appropriate clothing

161. Cornell Hill Fire Tower Tours
   10:00AM, 1:00PM, 2:00PM
   Camp Saratoga
   162. Monarch Butterfly Walk
   10:20AM
   Camp Saratoga 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: Registration is suggested by the Friday before the walk by calling or info@wiltonpreserve.org
Difficulty: Easy
Length: 1 mile
Duration: 1 hour
Not suitable for children under: 2
Additional equipment: Water and a camera!
Additional activities: After the walk, stop by and visit the Historic Cornell Hill Fire Tower, which is also located at Camp Saratoga.

163. People, Place and Progress
   10:30AM
   Troy’s Farmer’s Market Information Booth
   (518) 272-7232 x12
   ksheehan@rchsonline.org

This introduction to Troy’s history and architecture looks at how the city evolved from its initial founding in 1789 as a village to its 19th-century heyday, decline in the 20th century and its rebirth in the 21st century. The sites of many important events will be discussed along with some of the people who made the name Troy famous around the world.
Notes: Street, sidewalks, cut away curbs, somewhat uneven sidewalks in spots.
Fee: $10 adults; RCHS members $5; children 6-16 $5; under 6 free
Difficulty: Easy
Length: 1.5 miles
Duration: 1 hour
Not suitable for children under: 6

164. Monarch Butterfly Walk
   11:00AM
   Camp Saratoga 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: Registration is suggested by the Friday before the walk by calling or info@wiltonpreserve.org
Difficulty: Easy
Length: 1 mile
Duration: 1 hour
Not suitable for children under: 2
Additional equipment: Water and a camera!
Additional activities: After the walk, stop by and visit the Historic Cornell Hill Fire Tower, which is also located at Camp Saratoga.

165. Explore & Create: The Art of Stones
   4:00PM
   Olana State Historic Site
   5720 Route 9G, Hudson 12534
   (518) 828-1872
   education@olana.org

Join Amy DiLalla, localetsy artist of The Peach Tree, for a special jewelry making class. Take a look at the stones in Church’s collection, be inspired and create your own piece of jewelry to take home. A pop-up store by The Peach Tree will be on location. Abridged tour of the main house followed by art-making. Refreshments will be served.
Fee: Member: $30, Non-Member: $35
Not suitable for children under: 12
166. Troy’s Walk With A Doc
7:30AM Registration
8:00AM Walk begins
Troy Waterfront Farmer’s Market
River and Fulton Streets, Troy 12180
(518) 833-6479
CollarCityRamble@gmail.com
Walking for as little as 30 minutes a day can reduce the risk of coronary heart disease, improve blood pressure and blood sugar levels, elevate mood, and reduce the risk of osteoporosis, cancer, and diabetes. Proceed at your own pace while walking with local doctors from Capital Cardiology Associates, Troy Associates of Cardiology, Samaritan Hospital, and St. Mary’s Hospital. Enjoy a wonderful walk through beautiful historic downtown Troy. Upon conclusion of the walk, nurses will be on hand to take blood pressure and physicians will be available for questions.
Notes: The route loops around Riverfront Park which has slight elevations.
Difficulty: Easy
Length: Based on individual capacity miles
Duration: 2 hours
Additional activities: This walk is offered as part of the Collar City Ramble.

167. Hudson River Ramble – Twin Mountain or Indian Head Mountain
9:00AM
55 N. Lake Road, Elka Park, NY 12427
(518) 589-6657
mthsdirector@mths.org
Actual hike (Twin Mountain or Indian Head Mountain) will be decided by the hikers once everyone meets morning of hike. Meet at the parking area directly across from St. Francis de Sales RC Church on County Route 16 (the road to Platte Clove) in Elka Park.
Registration: Call or email. Leave name/phone number/number in party.
Difficulty: Difficult
Length: 6-8 miles
Duration: 4-5 hours
Not suitable for children under: 16
Additional equipment: Bring a lunch, water and wear good hiking shoes. NO dogs, please.

168. Stoppel Point and Plane Wreck
9:30AM
Outside North-South Lakes Campground
Schutt Road, Haines Falls 12436
(315) 853-1070
ccswhite@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 1983 plane wreck.
Notes: Hike involves occasional very steep ascents, uneven rocky surface, rock scrambling, slippery rocks. 1,350 feet total ascent.
Registration: Call or email by 9/07. Rain date 9/08.
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.
169.  7th Annual Kayaking 4 Meso  
9:30AM Launch, Festivities 10:00PM - 4:00PM  
Halfmoon Lighthouse Park  
597 Hudson River Road, Waterford 12188  
(518) 495-6099  
markwells@kayaking4meso.org  
This is an eight-mile paddle to raise awareness and donations for mesothelioma research. All proceeds are donated to the Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation.  
Notes: This is an eight-mile paddle down the Hudson River from Admirals Marina in Stillwater, NY to the Halfmoon Lighthouse Park in Waterford, NY. We travel thru locks 4, 3 and 2. We paddle together in a group. PFD’s are required.  
Registration: Register by August 18th at www.Kayaking4Meso.org or by email  
Fee: $30 registration fee. $40 after August 18th, 2017  
Difficulty: Moderate  
Length: 8 miles  
Duration: 3 1/2 hours  
Not suitable for children under: 8  
Additional equipment: Participants will need a kayak, paddle, and PFD.  
Additional activities: Festivities from 1:00 - 4:00 at the Halfmoon Lighthouse Park. Food and refreshments will be available. Shuttle busses available in the morning.  

170.  Taste of Troy Food Tours’ Central Troy Historic District Food Tour  
9:30AM 9:45AM  
275 River Street, Troy 12180  
(518) 495-2277  
info@tasteforyofoodtours.com  
Put on your walking shoes for an entertaining and delicious way to learn about Troy and the role food is playing in bringing this architectural gem back. Explore the beautiful downtown waterfront, while sampling foods and beverages from establishments that are helping to revitalize this historic city. Our three-hour walking tour allows you to experience the vibrant culinary scene that surrounds Troy’s amazing year round farmers’ market and ends in time for you to shop the market and meet the local farmers and vendors. Discover stunning architecture and cultural tidbits that will help you develop a fresh perspective on the Easternmost city in New York’s Capital District.  
Registration: www.tasteforyofoodtours.com or (518) 305-5034 for booking tickets. Latest booking by Thursday before each event; depends on availability.  
Fee: $49 per person; $29 for children 3-12.  
Includes a progressive brunch/lunch.  
Portion wheelchair accessible: One of the stops works for regular wheelchairs but not for electric wheelchairs.  

171.  Nature Journaling  
9:10AM  
Albany Pine Bush Preserve Discovery Center  
195 New Karner Road, Albany 12205  
(518) 456-0655  
info@albanypinebush.org  
Come spend part of your day with us as we draw inspiration from nature and pause to observe life in the Pine Bush. We will combine drawing, scientific observation, poetry and more as we each record a visit to the Pine Bush in our own creative way.  
Registration: Please sign up prior to the program by calling, or visit www.AlbanyPineBush.org and click on “Events Calendar”.  
Fee: $3 per person/$5 per family  
Not suitable for children under: 6  

172.  Bronck Family at Home in Pieter’s World - Living  
9:10AM 9:40PM  
Bronck Museum  
90 County Route 42, Coxsackie 12051  
(518) 731-6490  
gchsbm@chhistory.org  
Did they sleep on the floor? Exploration of seldom discussed aspects of living in the 1660s. Program offered in cellar of 1663 Bronck dwelling.  
Fee: Adults $7; Children $3.50  

173.  Tours of Van Schaick Mansion  
9:10AM Last tour begins at 3:00 p.m.  
1 Van Schaick Avenue, Cohoes 12047  
(518) 439-0814  
johannasoghan@earthlink.net  
Site of the planning for the Battles of Saratoga in the summer of 1777, the historic Van Schaick Mansion is an architectural gem. Generals Schuyler and Gates, Col. Morgan and the Riflemen of Virginia, General Benedict Arnold, Stark Kosciusko, and many more people of this time stayed at the house for the build up of the army before the advance to meet the British Army under the leadership of General Burgoyne.  
Not suitable for children under: 6  

174.  The Geological Heritage of Clermont  
9:10AM 2:00PM  
Clermont State Historic Site — Clermont Cottage  
87 Clermont Avenue, Germantown 12526  
(518) 537-6622  
info@friendsofclermont.org  
Noted scientists Drs. Robert and Johanna Titus will present a special talk about the geology of the Clermont State Historic Site, and will explore its journey from the distant past. Immediately following the lecture, Drs. Titus will lead a walk of Clermont’s grounds to point out specific geological formations. Drs. Titus have studied the bedrock and ice age geology of the Hudson Valley for many years. They have written hundreds of newspaper and magazine articles, along with several books about this subject. They are popular speakers and make dozens of presentations every year. They believe that much of the history, art, and culture of the Hudson Valley had its origins in the region’s geological history.  
Registration: To register, find us on Facebook or Eventbrite by searching Friends of Clermont. For more information, go to www.friendsofclermont.org or call 518-537-6622.  
Fee: This event is free for members and $5 for non-members.  
Not suitable for children under: 8  

175.  Barry Hopkins Run  
9:10AM 8:30AM  
Olana State Historic Site  
5720 Route 9G, Hudson 12534  
(518) 828-1872  
education@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.  
Fee: Member: $15, non-member: $20  
Not suitable for children under: 3  

176.  Platte Clove Hike  
9:10AM  
Platte Clove Preserve  
2504 Platte Clove Road, Hunter 12427  
(845) 586-2611  
sjenterman@catskillcenter.org  
Join the executive director of the Catskill Center on a short hike in our Platte Clove Preserve. See our Artist in Residence cabin and hike to our 60’ box canyon waterfall.  
Notes: Uneven surface, moderate climb/decent  
Registration: 9/14/17 catskillcenter.org or (845) 586-2611  
Difficulty: Moderate  
Length: 1 mile  
Duration: 1 hour  
Additional activities: House tour  

177.  Troy’s Tiffany Treasures  
10:00AM  
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: September 15, 4PM  
(518) 274-5267 or info@hudsonmohawkgateway.org.  
Fee: $20 per person, cash or check at door, charge available if called in or sent in advance.  
Not suitable for children under: Under 12 are allowed to come along free with parent or guardian  
Additional equipment: Cameras are permitted.  

178.  Palenville Overlook  
10:00AM  
Outside North South Lake Public Campground  
Schutt Road, Haines Falls 12436  
(315) 853-1070  
csccwhite@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 floors next to an old boarding house foundation.  
Notes: Hike involves a steep pitch, rocky terrain, and ledges at the viewpoint.  
Registration: By 9/14 via email or phone  
Difficulty: Difficult  
Length: 5.3 miles  
Duration: 6 hours  
Not suitable for children under: 10  
Additional equipment: Hiking boots recommended. Bring your own lunch.  
Additional activities: If shuttle used, car pooling may be required and shared park entrance fee.  

179.  Cycle the Rensselaer Plateau  
10:00AM  
Rensselaer Plateau Alliance  
200 Ledenbauer Road, Ave Maria 12018  
(518) 283-0155 or (518) 928-8877  
sdgibbs@nycap.rr.com  
Ride leader Shari Gibbs will lead a different route than in past years, this one featuring the natural resource treasures of the Rensselaer Plateau. The Rensselaer Plateau Alliance has established two Community Forests, each several hundred acres, which will be the terminal points of a challenging loop. Starting at the Poestenkill Community Forest
(PCF) in East Poestenkill, we’ll travel hill and dale to the Albert Family Community Forest in East Nassau, break for snacks, and return to the PCF via more hills and dales.

**Notes:** Hilly. Short gravel section in/out of parking lot of each Community Forest. Road bikes fine.

**Fee:** No fee required, but a suggested $5 donation helps support the Community Forests’ future programs and events.

**Difficulty:** Very Difficult

**Length:** 41 miles

**Duration:** 5 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; carry plenty of water. Bring your own lunch.

180. Discover the Hilltowns: Farms and Artisans Tour
9/16 9/17 10:00AM
Berne, Knox, Rensselaer, and Westerlo
(518) 872-1390
hhapublicity@gmail.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.hilltowns.org. 2017 map will be finalized in September.

**Additional 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.

**Notes:** Uneven sidewalks in certain spots. There are cutaway curbs for wheelchairs.

**Fee:** $10 adults; RCHS members $5; children 6-16 $5; children under 6 free.

**Difficulty:** Easy

**Length:** 1 mile

**Duration:** 1 hour

**Not suitable for children under:** 6

181. Capital Region Apple & Wine Festival
9/16 9/17 10:00AM
Altamont Fair grounds
Main Street, Altamont 12009
(518) 861-6515
info@altamontorchards.com

The 25th annual Capital Region Apple & Wine Festival will again be held at the Altamont Fair Grounds, Route 146, Altamont. Activities include a juried craft show, farmers’ market and bakery, a variety of entertainment, car show, haunted house, Bounce Houses, wine tasting (additional fee), and pony rides. Tons of festival foods and wares. See website and printed guide for details. There is no charge for tours or printed guide with map.

182. Battle of Saratoga Anniversary Encampment
9/16 10:00AM to 4:00PM
9/17 10:00AM to 3:00PM
Saratoga National Historical Park
648 Route 32, Stillwater 12170
(518) 670-2981
eric_schnitzer@nps.gov

Marking the 240th anniversary of the Battles 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, or help decide a court martial. Hands-on activities for kids, including a special Junior Ranger booklet.

**Fee:** Battlefield entrance fees apply: $5 per car/$3 per adult (hike, bike, horseback) / $10 for animal passes.

**Notes:** 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:** Sunday, 2PM wreath laying by Daughters of the American Revolution and Sons of the American Revolution.

183. From “The Strip” to O’Crowley’s Tea Room: Drinking and Dining in Downtown Troy
9/16 10:30AM
Troy Waterfront Farmer’s Market Information Booth, Troy 12180
(518) 272-7232 x12
ksheehan@cronline.org

Take a nostalgic tour through the historic district as we rediscover some of Troy’s favorite hot spots. From Petars Club Morocco and The Puritan to Paul’s and The Tavern, this tour will surely bring back memories of your favorite food, drink, and time spent with friends.

**Notes:** No fee required, but a suggested $5 donation helps support the series and partner with state and federal groups to welcome visitors and residents alike. Please enjoy these national treasures of the Hudson Valley which have made our region a leading source of natural, cultural, and artistic creativity and inspiration.

Registration: Please sign up prior to the program by calling or visit www.AlbanyPineBush.org and click “Events Calendar.”

**Fee:** $3 per person/$5 per family.

**Difficulty:** Moderate

**Length:** 0.9 miles

**Duration:** 1.5 hours

**Not suitable for children under:** 6

184. Crailo Harvest Faire
9/16 11:00AM
Crailo State Historic Site
9 1/2 Riverside Avenue, Rensselaer 12144
(518) 463-8738
Sam.Huntington@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.

**Notes:** Not suitable for children under 2.

185. Snakes of the Pine Bush
9/16 11:00AM
Albany Pine Bush Preserve Discovery Center
195 New Karner Road, Albany 12205
(518) 456-0655
info@albanypinebush.org

Snakes may seem scary. Oh my! Whether you love snakes or not, join us for a presentation on the many snake species that live here in the Pine Bush and their amazing adaptations. Then go exploring in this snake habitat to see how many of them we can find.

**Notes:** The trail passes over rolling sand dunes with occasional tree roots.

**Registration:** Please sign up prior to the program by calling or visit www.AlbanyPineBush.org and click “Events Calendar.”

**Fee:** $3 per person/$5 per family.

**Difficulty:** Easy

**Length:** 1 mile

**Duration:** 1 hour

**Not suitable for children under:** 6

186. Five Rivers Fall Festival
9/16 12:00PM
Five Rivers Environmental Education Center
56 Game Farm Road, Delmar 12054
(518) 475-0295
friendsfiverivers@outlook.com

This FREE family festival is held at the center’s 450-acre nature center and wildlife preserve at 56 Game Farm Road in Delmar, with free on-site parking. A cooperative effort of the Friends of Five Rivers and the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, the Fall Festival draws over 2,000 visitors annually. 12 noon to 4:00PM, rain or shine. The festival is known for its “kid appeal.” Return favorites include eco-crafts, live animals (with experienced animal rehabilitators), juggling, astronomy, games and fly casting, “The Incredible Journey” of a water droplet, and the “Insect Safari” with trained naturalists. There are also naturalist-led family hikes at regular intervals, featuring geology, botany, and wildlife. Live music adds to the festival atmosphere. Hot dogs, cider, popcorn, and bake sale goodies are available until they run out!
187. Fun with Fermentation
9/16 2:00PM
Clermont State Historic Site - Clermont Cottage
87 Clermont Avenue, Germantown 12526
(518) 537-6622
info@friendsofclermont.org

The 19th century was a time of great progress for food preservation, with the invention of paraffin wax and mason jars in the mid 1850s. As a result, lacto-fermentation and vinegar pickles became a major staple of people’s diets and offered a great way to use the summer harvest into the winter months. Learn how to safely lacto-ferment and go home with your own mason jars of sauerkraut and pickles made from produce harvested from our own teaching garden!

Registration: To register call or visit www.friendsofclermont.org
Fee: Cost of one adult and one child over 8: $10, Additional child over 8: $5
Not suitable for children under: 8

188. Finding Balance: Slackline Yoga and AcroYoga
9/16 2:00PM
Frear Park Tennis Courts Parking Lot
Frear Park Road, Troy 12180
(518) 429-3909
collarcityramble@gmail.com

Join Catherine and Scott of Team WillCo for demonstrations of AcroYoga and Slackline Yoga. Slackline Yoga is the practice of finding stillness in inherently unstable situations by balancing on a 1 inch piece of webbing strung up between two trees. AcroYoga brings together the practices of dance, yoga and acrobatics, in a playful, collaborative, and accessible way. Participation will be encouraged. You will be surprised by what you can do!

Additional activities: This event is offered as part of the Collar City Ramble.

189. Hiking Frear Park Trails
9/16 3:00PM
Frear Park Tennis Courts Parking Lot
Frear Park Road, Troy 12180
(518) 429-3909
collarcityramble@gmail.com

Discover Frear Park’s hiking trails, enjoy natural scenery, and learn some history on this hike led by Bram Van Heuveln. This year marks the 100-year anniversary of the park. To celebrate, we will hike along the old Troy water reservoirs, pass by a beaver dam and pond, and visit the Piscawen Creek and waterfalls. Enjoy the view over the Hudson Valley. 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: 1.5 miles
Duration: 2 hours
Additional activities: The tour is offered as part of the Collar City Ramble.

190. Tasty History: Bittersweet Tales from Latin America
9/16 3:00PM
Olana State Historic Site
5720 Route 9G, Hudson 12534
(518) 828-1872
education@olana.org

This series explores the trade, customs, and recipes of essential Latin American ingredients and natural resources including rum, sugar, coffee and chocolate. New York State Curator Amanda Massie and Valerie Balint, Olana’s former interim director of Collections & Research, set the historical stage for an evening of tasty treats prepared by a local chef and bittersweet tales.

Fee: Member: $25; Non-Member: $30
Not suitable for children under: 21

191. Tiffany Windows, Waterfalls, and a 100 Mile View
10/15 9:00AM
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 gravesite markers and more. Meet at the Earl Chapel.

Registration: Call 1-800-556-6273
Fee: $15 per person.

192. Performing Olana: Frederic Church Living His Art
10/15 6:00PM
Olana State Historic Site
5720 Route 9G, Hudson 12534
(518) 828-1872
education@olana.org

Olana and Ancram Opera House collaborate to produce a theater performance specifically created to take place in the landscape of the historic site. The dramatic work draws inspiration from Frederic Church’s paintings, letters, and family life and the celebrated landscape and is presented as an immersive theater experience in which performer and audience journey together into Church’s art.

Fee: Member: $10; Non-Member: $15, Family (up to 5): $40
Not suitable for children under: 8

193. North Bay Paddle
10/15 3:00PM
Henry Hudson Riverfront Park, Hudson 12534
(518) 392-5252 x210
john.horton@clctrust.org

Explore the Hudson River’s North Bay with Columbia Land Conservancy and Hudson Sloop Club!

Registration: September 9 by email or phone
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 1 mile
Duration: 2 hours
Not suitable for children under: 10
Additional equipment: Life jacket

194. Explore Troy’s Gateway to the Hudson River Water Trail
10/15 10:00AM
Ingalls Avenue Boat Launch
Ingalls Avenue and Presidents Street, Troy 12180
(518) 429-3909
jjimmer@nycaprr.com

This intermediate water trail paddle is held in conjunction with the Adirondack Mountain Club. The Paddle will proceed downstream to around the Congress Street Bridge along the Troy waterfront and return. This is recommended for paddlers who have had experience on the river.

Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 3 miles
Duration: 2 hours
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.
195. Burden Iron Works Museum Tour
PE 9/23 10:00AM
The Burden Iron Works Museum
1 East Industrial Parkway, Troy 12180
(518) 274-5267
michael@hudsonmohawkgateway.org
Located in the former office of one of the most important firms in the history of iron and steel, the Burden Iron Works Museum educates visitors not only about the history of iron working in South Troy, but also about the transformation of the region around the confluence of the Hudson and the Mohawk Rivers into the Silicon Valley of the nineteenth century. Hear a talk at 12:15PM on the industrial history of the Wynantskill.

Additional activities: The tours are offered as part of the Collar City Ramble.

196. Exploring Prospect Park’s Trails
PE 9/23 10:30AM
Prospect Park Pavilion, Troy 12180
(518) 429-3909
collarcityramble@gmail.com
Prospect Park is not just the playground and picnic areas on top of Mount Ida – it’s the whole hill! We will hike some of the older and newer trails as we explore the connection between one of Troy's original green spaces and its surrounding neighborhoods. We will descend to Ferry Street on the original entrance road, pass the site of Uncle Sam’s house, and climb back up the Garnet Hill. This ride pace will be 10 to 12 mph. Paths are mostly paved and include the Taste of Troy Trail.

Notes: Some short hill climbs and dirt paths.
Difficulty: Moderate
Length: 2 miles
Duration: 2 hours
Additional equipment: Hiking boots, bug repellant, and water are needed.

Additional activities: The tour is offered as part of the Collar City Ramble.

197. From A Village to a City: Troy from 1789-1816
PE 9/23 10:30AM
Troy Waterfront Farmer’s Market Information Booth, Troy 12180
(518) 272-7232 x12
ksheehan@rchonline.org
This tour focuses on the southern end of the historic district where Troy's first businesses and industries grew along the banks of the Hudson River in the area around Ferry Street. Included in this tour is the story of Samuel Wilson, who arrived in Troy in 1789 to start his brick-making and meat-packing business and becomes vital in supplying meat to the troops during the War of 1812.

Notes: Uneven sidewalks in spots, cutaway curbs for wheelchair access
Fee: $10 adults; RCH’s members $5; children 6-16 $5; under 6 free
Difficulty: Easy
Length: 1 mile
Duration: 1 hour
Not suitable for children under: 6

198. A Mile on the Hudson
PE 9/23 10:30AM
Ingalls Avenue Boat Launch
Ingalls Avenue and Presidents Street, Troy 12180
(518) 429-3909
collarcityramble@gmail.com
For beginners, A Mile on the Hudson with Upstate Kayaks is offered starting at 10:30. Three shorter guided outings on the Hudson are scheduled for those who want to try out kayaking with a volunteer guide. This route circumnavigates Adams Island, just north of Collar City Bridge and below Ingalls Avenue Launch.

Difficulty: Easy
Length: 1 mile
Duration: 2.5 hours
Additional equipment: Kayaks will be available for rental or participants may bring their own.

Additional activities: These paddles are offered as part of the Collar City Ramble.

199. LarkFEST
PE 9/24 10:00AM
Lark Street, Albany 12210
(518) 248-9770
larkstreet.org
The 36th Annual LarkFEST is Upstate New York’s largest one-day street festival! It is one of Albany’s most anticipated events with 80,000 people expected to attend this year. Live music and entertainment including top regional bands, food trucks, and much more!

Additional activities: This talk may be attended as background for the following hike, Hiking Through History Along Troy's Wynantskill, or separately. The talk is offered as part of the Collar City Ramble.

200. Bike Ride Through Troy's Future Riverfront Trail
PE 9/24 12:00PM
Collar City Ramble Table at the Troy Waterfront Farmer’s Market
Second Street between Broadway and State Streets, Troy 12180
(518) 429-3909
collarcityramble@gmail.com
Take a bike ride through historic downtown Troy along the future Riverfront Trail. The Riverfront Trail is a combination of on street and off street bicycling and pedestrian improvements making bicycling and walking easier in Troy. The route will connect the 378 bridge in south Troy with the Uncle Sam Trail. Once complete, Troy will have a continuous network of bicycling and walking facilities making all connections and points of interest in Troy accessible without the use of a motor vehicle. The ride pace will be 10 to 12 mph.

Notes: Expect some hills.
Difficulty: Easy
Length: 12 miles
Duration: 1.5 hours
Additional equipment: Participants can either bring their own bike or rent a bike through the Bike Share program.

Additional activities: The tour is offered as part of the Collar City Ramble.

201. Industrial History Along Troy’s Wynantskill
PE 9/24 12:15PM
The Burden Iron Works Museum
1 East Industrial Parkway, Troy 12180
(518) 429-3909
collarcityramble@gmail.com
Come learn about the local history and the changing landscape of south Troy shaped by the Burden Iron Works once stood and imagine what it all looked like in the past.

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 at 12:15 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 Parkway, Troy 12180. Reconvene a short drive upstream at the parking area of the Burden Pond Environmental Park for the hike. The tour is offered as part of the Collar City Ramble.

Hudson Mohawk Industrial Gateway describes what led to the historical industrial development along this waterway.

Additional activities: The tours are offered as part of the Collar City Ramble.
**203. Troy's Lower River Street**

**9/23 12:30PM**
Collar City Ramble Table at the Troy Waterfront
Farmer's Market
Second Street between Broadway and State Street, Troy 12180
(518) 429-3909
collarcityramble@gmail.com

As the young city of Troy grew in the early 1800s, River Street soon emerged as Troy’s most important thoroughfare. The Hudson River was the source of the city’s growing importance as a nexus point for commerce traveling between New York City and Canada, and across to New England and central and western New York. No street in Troy has seen more change over the centuries than River Street. Our tour will look at the architecture, the businesses and the people who made River Street so successful. The tour will include an old River Street warehouse and the plans for its renovation. The tour will be led by Suzanne Spellen, an architectural historian, who blogs as Spellen of Troy.

**Notes:** The street tour is accessible. The building entry is not.

**Additional activities:** The tour is offered as part of the Collar City Ramble.

**204. Haunted History Walking Tour**

**9/23 3:00PM**
Albany Heritage Area Visitors Center
25 Quackenbush Square, Albany 12207
(518) 434-0405
accvb@albany.org

Lace up your best walking shoes and gather at the Albany Heritage Area Visitors Center to embark on a chilling afternoon of haunted history. Brave guests will be guided along Albany’s downtown streets to unearth the capital city’s storied past. Learn about the spirits of Legs Diamond, Boz the Baker, and even Abraham Lincoln, all of whom may still inhabit the city to this day!

**Notes:** City sidewalks, moderate incline in a couple locations

**Fee:** $5 per person

**Difficulty:** Easy

**Length:** 1.5 miles

**Duration:** 1.5 hours

**Not suitable for children under:** 12

**205. Story Harvest**

**9/23 3:00PM**
Freedom Square
101 Street where 6th Avenue becomes 5th Avenue, Troy 12180
(518) 272-2390
info@mediasanctuary.org

Story Harvest is a celebration of art and food from seed to table! The Sanctuary for Independent Media’s 7th annual outdoor fall festival cultivates community through art, food, stories, and music. The occasion recognizes the journey of a growing community network dedicated to sustainability! Music creates bridges and breaks down the walls of culture, religion, and language. Lakou Mizik is a multi-generational Haitian roots band with a mission to bring Haitian culture to the world.

**Additional equipment:** Participants may bring blankets and lawn chairs.

**206. Fall Migration Bird Hike**

**9/23 7:00AM**
Albany Pine Bush Preserve Discovery Center
195 New Karner Road, Albany 12205
(518) 456-0655
info@albanypinebush.org

They may not be singing anymore, but fall is a busy time of year for birds as our local residents are moving out and some non-local birds are stopping through the Pine Bush on their southward migrations. Join us this morning for a birding walk through the preserve. We will take our time hiking through various habitats to search for birds of all shapes and sizes. Bring your binoculars or borrow a pair of ours!

**Notes:** The trail passes over rolling sand dunes with occasional tree roots.

**Registration:** Please call or visit www.albanypinebush.org and click on “Events Calendar.”

**Fee:** $3 per person/$5 per family

**Difficulty:** Moderate

**Length:** 2.6 miles

**Duration:** 3 hours

**Not suitable for children under:** 10

**207. Roe Jan Ramble Bike Tour**

**9/23 8:30AM Check-in**
305 Mountain View Road, Copake 12516
(347) 952-5764
roejanramble@gmail.com

This popular annual cycling event is a must for both casual and experienced cyclists. A non-competitive ride through the picturesque country hills of the Roe Jan area towns of Copake, Hillsdale, and Ancram, NY, along the Taconic Mountains bordering Massachusetts. Choose from 4 routes of 10, 25, 35, and 50 miles (from easy to challenging) on lightly traveled country roads and portions of the Harlem Valley Rail Trail. Registration is free; suggested donation or pledges to benefit the Harlem Valley Rail Trail Association are encouraged.

**Notes:** Easy 10-mile route is mostly flat with gentle rolling hills. Moderate 25-mile route has rolling hills with a couple challenging climbs. Advanced 35-mile route has some challenging steep climbs. Serious 50-mile route extends the 25-mile route with the final 25-miles of the 35-mile route and is recommended for experienced cyclists.

**Registration:** Email or register online at www.roejanramble.org.

**Difficulty:** Moderate

**Not suitable for children under:** 6

**Additional equipment:** All bicyclists must wear a helmet.

**208. Exploring Prospect Park's History**

**9/23 9:00AM**
Prospect Park Pavilion, Troy 12180
(518) 429-3909
collarcityramble@gmail.com

Have you always looked up in wonder at those white wings that flies for only a brief window of time? The inland barrens buckmoth is one of America’s rarest butterflies, an orange-brownish-brown insect with a small white wing and long tail. Join us on Saturday morning as we explore the undeveloped, the waterways, and the recently uncovered located in our urban areas, with a tour group or independently with materials from the tour. The details of the Collar City Ramble’s guided tours are listed separately.

**Additional equipment:** Required equipment depends on the activity.

**Additional activities:** Check collarcityramble.com or Facebook for updates.

**209. Kinderhook Dutch Farming Heritage Trail Run**

**9/23 9:00AM**
Martin Van Buren National Historic Site
1013 Old Post Road, Kinderhook 12106
(518) 758-9689 x2011
mava_info@nps.gov

Martin Van Buren National Historic Site with the assistance of the Kinderhook Runners Club is sponsoring a moderately difficult 4 mile scenic trail run. The free run is limited to 175 runners and pre-registration is required. The first 100 runners checking in on race day will receive a complimentary T-shirt. Visit www.nps.gov/mava for details and registration link.

**Registration:** Register online by 9/9. Call or email for details.

**Not suitable for children under:** 8

**Additional activities:** Food, music, and tours offered.

**210. Collar City Ramble**

**9/23 9:00AM ~ 2:00PM**
Collar City Ramble Table at the Troy Waterfront
Farmer’s Market
Second Street between Broadway and State Street, Troy 12180
(518) 429-3909
CollarCityRamble@gmail.com

Explore Troy’s urban trails by foot, bicycle, water, or whatever in this alternate transportation festival. Discover places you have never seen! The Collar City Ramble covers Troy in ways that anyone can find to enjoy. Celebrate the historical, the undeveloped, the waterways, and the recently uncovered located in our urban areas, with a tour group or independently with materials from the booth. The details of the Collar City Ramble’s guided tours are listed separately.

**Additional equipment:** Required equipment depends on the activity.

**Additional activities:** Check collarcityramble.com or Facebook for updates.

**211. Windham High Peak Traverse**

**9/23 9:30AM**
South of Windham, NY
Peck Road, Maplecrest 12454
(315) 853-1070
ccswhite@juno.com

Hike with co-author of Catskill Day Hikes over 3,524-foot Windham High Peak and enjoy many excellent views in all directions along the northern Escarpment Trail.

**Notes:** Moderately steep ascents, uneven rocky surface, and some rock scrambling. Short car shuttle required.

**Registration:** Register by Sept. 21 by email (preferred) or phone. Phone date 9/24.

**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.

**212. Brilliant and Brizzly Buckmoths**

**9/24 1:00PM ~ 3:00PM**
Albany Pine Bush Preserve Discovery Center
195 New Karner Road, Albany 12205
(518) 456-0655
info@albanypinebush.org

Join us for a 0.9-mile hike to discover the amazing world of buckmoths. The inland barrens buckmoth is a large beautiful moth with bold black and white wings that flies for only a brief window of...
time during daylight in the early fall. A species of special concern in New York State, our local buckmoths depend on scrub oaks that thrive in this sandy, fire-dependent ecosystem. **Notes:** The trail passes over rolling sand dunes with occasional tree roots. **Registration:** Call or visit [www.AlbanyPineBush.org](http://www.AlbanyPineBush.org) and click on “Events Calendar”. **Fee:** $3 per person/$5 per family **Difficulty:** Moderate **Length:** 0.9 miles **Duration:** 1.5 hours **Not suitable for children under:** 6

### 213. Thacher Park Fall Festival
**9:30** 10:00AM
Thacher State Park Visitor Center
(518) 872-0800
Nancy.Engel@parks.ny.gov
Join us for a day of family fun and festivities including birding, guided hikes, wildlife presentations, archery, crafts, old-fashioned games, local artisans and crafters selling quality handcrafted items, farm fresh veggies and flowers, live music, food vendors, and more. Take a guided walk and explore geology, local history, or hawk migration. Event will be based at the beautiful new Thacher Visitor Center, with panoramic views from the Helderberg Escarpment. **Fee:** $6 per vehicle.

### 214. To Protect and Serve
**9:30** 10:30AM
Troy Waterfront Farmer’s Market Information Booth, Troy 12180
(518) 272-7232 x12
ksheehan@rchsonline.org
Firehouses, church bells, and night constables—with a dash of murder and mayhem. This walking tour focuses on the colorful history of Troy’s municipal police and fire departments, from their volunteer beginnings to today’s public servants. **Notes:** Some uneven sidewalks, cutaway curbs for wheelchairs **Fee:** Adults $10; RCHS members $5; Children 6-16 5; under 6 free **Difficulty:** Easy **Length:** 1 mile **Duration:** 1 hour **Not suitable for children under:** 6

### 215. Fall Foliage Hike to the Dickinson Hill Fire Tower
**9:30** 10:30AM
Rain date **10:01** 10:30AM
Grafton Lakes State Park
Parking Lot at end of North Long Pond Road, Grafton 12082
(518) 279-1155
friends@graftonlakesstatepark@gmail.com
Enjoy fall foliage on the Rensselaer Plateau and a view of the Adirondacks, Green Mountains of Vermont, and the Berkshires of Massachusetts from atop the restored Dickinson Hill Fire Tower. Participants are welcome to enjoy their lunch by the fire tower before returning along the trail in the afternoon. **Notes:** Brief steep climb and trail may be wet in spots depending on recent rainfall. **Registration:** Register by September 28 phone or email **Difficulty:** Moderate **Length:** 3 miles **Duration:** 2.5 hours **Not suitable for children under:** 5

### Additional equipment:
- Hiking boots. Bring your own lunch.

#### 216. Tom Lee Question Tour
**10:00** 11:30AM
Olana State Historic Site
5720 Route 9G, Hudson 12534
(518) 828-1872
education@olana.org
Master storyteller Tom Lee is a professional storyteller with twenty years’ experience performing traditional stories, folktales, and myths for adults and for children in museums and libraries. This special tour is what happens when your questions about Olana get layered with myths, stories, and more questions. You will learn many truths—but you might be surprised by how you get there. **Fee:** Individual: $15 **Not suitable for children under:** 10

### 217. Albany History Race
**10:00** 2:00PM
Albany Public Library - Washington Avenue Branch
161 Washington Avenue, Albany 12210
(518) 427-4376
localhistory@albanypubliclibrary.org
The Fourth 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 is needed. This year, to support the efforts of the future Albany Firefighters Museum, Albany Public Library is partnering with Albany firefighter Tim Blaney and City Historian Tony Opalka, who are researching the history of the Albany Fire Department. All locations visited in the race will have connections to the fire department and historic Albany fires. The event will begin and end at the library’s local history room. Pizza will be provided to all participating teams and Albany-themed prizes will be awarded to the fastest teams. **Registration:** Register on the Albany Public Library Events Calendar by 9/30. [http://goo.gl/QV32pH](http://goo.gl/QV32pH) **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.

### 218. 8th Annual Rensselaer Plateau Traverse Hike
**10:01** 8:00AM
Pineridge Cross Country Ski Area
1463 Planck Road, Petersburgh 12138
(518) 712-9211
jim@rensselaerplateau.org
Join us for one or both days of our two-day Plateau Traverse Hike. Or come for just the morning or afternoon of either day. Meet at Pineridge Cross Country Ski Area at 7:30AM on Saturday and take shuttle buses to our starting point and 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 by B&AM 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. **Notes:** We scout out new routes each year and will not know the exact route until Sept. 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.

### Additional activities:
- Hiking boots. Bring your own lunch.
- 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.

#### 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 9/29
**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 hours **Not suitable for children under:** 14 **Additional equipment:** Day pack, water bottles, sturdy footwear. Bring your own lunch.

#### Additional activities:
We will pass views and historic sites, which may include 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.
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