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#### **DUTCHESS COUNTY**



WALKWAY OVER THE HUDSON STATE HISTORIC PARK // 845.834.2867

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Flag Changing Ceremony
Sunday, April 21 – 12-12:30 p.m.
Center Overlook, Walkway Over the Hudson

The American Legion Post 739 organize and present monthly Flag Changing Ceremonies on the Walkway to honor our region's veterans and their service to our country. These events, organized and presented by these local

veterans' organizations, are open to all who wish to attend.

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Walkway At Night
Friday, April 26 – 8-9:30 p.m.
Walkway Over the Hudson – Either Entrance

The Friends of the Walkway nonprofit organization is pleased to offer the opportunity to enjoy amazing Hudson Valley views after dark from 212 feet above the Hudson River at Walkway at Night. With the moon hanging high in

the sky and the Mid-Hudson Bridge twinkling in the distance, there is truly nothing like a twilight evening on the World's Longest Elevated Pedestrian Bridge.

Our friends from the Mid-Hudson Astronomical Association will be on-bridge with telescopes to view the night sky (weather permitting).

Everyone must reserve a ticket for entry at walkway.org/walkwayatnight. Walkway members are welcome to attend at no cost. Non-members can register for \$5.



STAATSBURGH STATE HISTORIC SITE // 845.889.8851

**NATURE** 

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**HERITAGE** 



April 5 – 20 Fridays & Saturdays AND April 25 – 28 Thursday through Sunday *Mansion Tours* 

Mansion tours <u>by advance reservation only</u>. See the magnificent Gilded Age home of Ruth Livingston Mills, decorated with its original furnishings.

Reservations required: <a href="https://Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS">https://Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS</a>

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



April 6, 13, 20, 27, 28: 11am *Tales of the Titanic* 

Mark the 112<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the sinking by touring the home of Titanic ticket holders, Ogden and Ruth Mills. Hear tales of the Titanic's tragic voyage from a costumed guide, as they point out remarkable similarities between the Titanic's

interiors and Staatsburgh's rooms. Reservations required: https://Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS

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



April 6: 2pm at Staatsburgh AND April 18: 7pm via Zoom

Slavery, Segregation & Staatsburgh: From Black Service to White Servants
In 1810, there were nine Black people enslaved on the Staatsburgh estate. In
1910, there were no recorded Black employees working inside Staatsburgh.
What happened? Join Staatsburgh staff for a conversation about their new
research into this transition from a Black presence at Staatsburgh during the
early 19th century to a total absence during the Gilded Age. Cost: free

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



April 13, 20, 27: 9am
Birding Walk at Staatsburgh

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

in the park. Volunteer walk leader David Lund has been birding Mills-Norrie State Park daily for the last 35 years. **Cost: free** 

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



April 14: 1pm Gilded Age Tea & Talk Series: *Belle da Costa Greene* 

Enjoy tea and scones in the formal dining room while listening to talks about Gilded Age history.

Staatsburgh's manager, Pam Malcolm, will explore how Belle da Costa Greene spent 43 years guiding the formation of J. P. Morgan's rare book collection (now The Morgan Library) while hiding her African American heritage in order to achieve her professional goals. **COST \$60/PERSON** 

Reservations required: TeaAndTalk.Eventbrite.com

April 21: 1pm
Gilded Age Tea & Talk Series: The Gilded Age in a Glass

Enjoy tea and scones in the formal dining room while listening to talks about Gilded Age history.

The Gilded Age gave us some of our most famous drinks - the Martini, the Daiquiri, the Old Fashioned, and others. Cocktails -- their ingredients, their stories, their pageantry -- reveal unexpected aspects of American society. Staatsburgh Historic Site Assistant Zachary Veith will explore social scandals, women's suffrage, American imperialism, and other influences behind the popular mixed drinks of yesterday and today.

COST \$60/PERSON Reservations required: TeaAndTalk.Eventbrite.com



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



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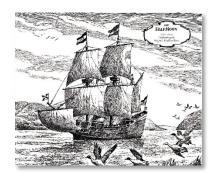
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Book a Hudson River Tour to Bannerman Island in 2024! Take a magnificent cruise in the Hudson River Highlands to Bannerman's Island on the Estuary Steward Tour Boat from the Beacon Institute Dock on the Beacon waterfront across from the Train Station at 2 Red Flynn Drive, Beacon, NY. Enjoy a guided, or self-guided tour of the island. Visit the historic Bannerman Castle ruins and gardens and explore the original Bannerman residence, now a museum. For tickets visit: bannermancastle.org where you'll also find a schedule of upcoming island theatrical events, concerts, film nights,

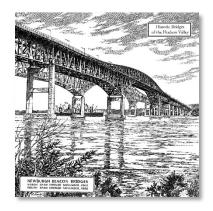
environmental programs and culinary events planned for 2024. Please call Executive Director, Neil Caplan at 845-831-1001 for discounted rates for group tours.



APRIL 13 – June 2: Art Exhibitions at Bannerman Island
Gallery, 150 Main Street, Beacon, NY. Main Gallery Exhibition Saturday, April 13 – Sunday, June 2, 2024 - JOHN FLEMING GOULD
(1906-1996) Artist and Illustrator, Historic Hudson River Valley
Paintings, Watercolors, Pastels, Drawings and Prints.

Opening Reception - Saturday, April 13 - 4:00-6:00pm

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West Wall Exhibition - Virginia Donovan (Paintings), Mary Ann Glass (Photo-Mixed Media). Hudson Valley Paintings & Photography. Proceeds from all gallery sales help support preservation projects on Bannerman's Island! Gallery Hours: Sat.'s & Sun.'s, Noon – 5:00pm, weekday afternoons and evenings by chance and appointment. Please call: (845) 416-8342, 845-831-1001 or contact: bannermangallery150@aol.com.



### APRIL 23 - FREE PRESS TOUR to Historic Bannerman's Island! Tuesday, April 23, 2024, 11:00am - 1:00pm

Members of the press, photographers and representatives from area cultural and non-profit organizations are invited to join Bannerman Castle Trust (BCT) Executive Director, Neil Caplan for a FREE Spring press tour and luncheon on Bannerman's Island. The BCT is now celebrating their **30th year** and just received the **Dutchess Tourism Award of Excellence for Best Events** this past year, so we hope you will celebrate with us! **Tickets are limited, PLEASE RESERVE EARLY by contacting Neil Caplan at 845-440-3318** or at neilcaplan@aol.com.

#### **COLUMBIA COUNTY**



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### Fri., April 5: Mid-Hudson Astronomical Association Monthly Star Party, 7:30 PM

The Mid-Hudson Astronomical Association hosts a monthly stargazing party in the West Beach parking lot. Bring your own telescopes and binoculars or use those provided by our members. You will be asked to provide your license plate number and make/model car, so Park Management and Police have a record of who will be in park after hours. More info at <a href="https://www.meetup.com/mhastro/events/275468188/">https://www.meetup.com/mhastro/events/275468188/</a>/ Registration: RSVP is required at least one day beforehand.



CLERMONT STATE HISTORIC SITE // 518.537.4240

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Monday April 8, 2024 1:00pm-5:00pm

There Goes The Sun: View the Solar Eclipse at Clermont Visitor Center

Come by Clermont State Historic Site to marvel at the solar eclipse happening on April 8th, 2024, and enjoy our iconic river views under a shadowed sky. Stop by our Visitor Center to get eclipse glasses that will allow you to safely enjoy the astronomical sight, while supplies last!

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Saturday April 13, 2024 11:00am-1:00pm Crafty Kids Welcome Spring! Visitor Center

Welcome spring with Crafty Kids! Enjoy a snack as you paint a mini birdhouse, decorate a picture frame, or let your imagination run wild with our arts and

crafts supplies! Light instruction is offered, creativity is encouraged.

Please note: The cost of the event is \$5 per person, please be prepared to pay at the door. This is a children's program; all children must be accompanied by an adult and all adults must be accompanied by a child. Space is limited. Visitors must register in advance at bookeo.com/Clermont



Saturday April 20, 2024 2:00 pm Inside/Out House Tour Visitor Center

Take a walk with one of Clermont's guides around the exterior of the mansion. Learn about the rooms inside the house from the outside. This fascinating tour

takes you deep into the lives of the Livingstons and the people who toiled at Clermont. Space is limited. Visitors must register in advance at bookeo.com/Clermont



Saturday April 27, 2024 11:00 am-4:00pm The Chancellor's Sheep and Wool Showcase Main Parking Lot

The rolling hills, and river views at Clermont State Historic Site will be alive with the sound of music, the delicious aroma of hot food, and the brilliant yarns,

soaps, and artisanal goods by local makers.

This family-friendly event, one of the historic site's oldest and most popular annual festivals, has become a springtime tradition for many in the area. With sheering demonstrations, farm animals, and historic reenactments, there's something for everyone!

The Showcase is a great place for children, with crafts, storytelling, and the chance to meet their first sheep! Tickets: \$12 per car at the gate.

For more information about the Sheep & Wool Showcase, or for other questions about the Clermont, please call (518) 537-4240.



Photo: The Olana Partnership



ONGOING
OLANA OUTDOOR + INDOORTOURS

Olana State Historic Site's 250-acre landscape is free and open to all, every day from 8:00 AM to sunset. Tours of the historic landscape and main house are offered Friday-Sunday from 11 AM - 3:15 PM. **The Museum Store** is open Friday – Sunday, 10 AM – 4 PM.

See tour listings at OLANA.org for more details.



#### **OLANA EYE SKYCAM**

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



#### **VIRTUAL TOURS**

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



**K-12 FIELD TRIPS AND VIRTUAL TOURS - ACCEPTING RESERVATIONS!** Explore Frederic Church's masterwork, Olana, through a field trip or virtual tour in any season! During onsite field trips and virtual tours, students learn more about the art, culture, and history of Olana and the Hudson River Valley through place-based learning activities and lessons.

grades PreK-12 and education groups; \$5-\$15 per student | FREE for schools in Columbia and Greene counties. Transportation reimbursement available for Title 1 Schools through the New York State Parks Connect Kids Grant. Learn more by visiting <a href="https://www.olana.org/tour-category/school/">https://www.olana.org/tour-category/school/</a>



#### PANORAMA: SUMMER ART + NATURE PROGRAM

Dive into Olana this summer during PANORAMA Summer Art + Nature Program. Back for its 15th annual season, The Olana Partnership will offer four weeks of hands-on exploration for children ages 6-11 from

July to August at Olana State Historic Site. Experience art, science, and nature through sketching, lake exploration, hiking, painting, play, and more, all while meeting new friends and learning from the experts. The whole summer focuses on art and nature with special guest visits and activities each week. You don't want to miss this unforgettable summer adventure! The program runs Monday-Friday, 9 am to 3 pm. Secure your space! Registration will close on June 1, 2024.

https://www.olana.org/learn/panorama/

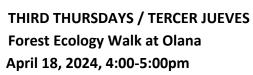
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## THIRD THURSDAYS / TERCER JUEVES Plant Paints Watercolor Workshop April 18 / 18 de Abril | 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Join artist Ellie Irons for a hands-on workshop painting with watercolor paints made from locally-sourced wild and weedy plants. This drop-in program focuses on making pigment from the plants who live on the shores of the Mahicannituck/Hudson River. Participants of all ages can watch paint-making demos on the hour and experiment with painting from plant-made pigments. Postcards will be available to paint and takeaway, and Ellie's book, Feral Hues, will be available for purchase.





Learn how land use has transformed Hudson Valley landscapes as you explore Olana's forests with Dr. Charles Canham from the Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies. Learn more about forest history and discover over 250 years of land use patterns that have transformed the Hudson Valley landscapes artists like Frederic Church admired.

FREE; meets at the Wagon House Education Center in the historic farm complex.

**LEARN MORE** 



#### Artmaking in the Afternoon Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> 1:00 – 4:00 PM

Inspired by your time at Olana? Join The Olana Partnership educators for handson artmaking using professional materials and a series of prompts to get your creativity flowing.

Drop-in program; FREE. All materials provided. Located in the Wagon House Education Center.

#### **WESTCHESTER COUNTY**



PHILIPSE MANOR HALL STATE HISTORIC SITE // 914.965.4027

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#### **Philipse Manor Hall Tours**

#### 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM, 1:30 PM, 3:00 PM

Self-guided and guided tours of Philipse Manor Hall are offered Wednesdays through Sundays, 10:00 am to 5:00 PM. Tours led by our knowledgeable museum interpreters are available at 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM, 1:30 PM, and 3:00 PM each day. Reservations recommended for guided tours, but not required. Call 914-965-4027 to reserve. Special scavenger hunt available for kids, free! Admission is \$6 for adults, \$3 for seniors and students (13+), kids 12 & under get in free.

#### **Philipse Manor Hall Virtual Wing**

Visitors from around the world can experience the history of Philipse Manor Hall via our Virtual Wing. Explore our 360° Virtual Tour, read interesting articles about Philipse Manor Hall, check out our blog, or peruse our bibliography of historical books. Open 24/7 to anyone with an internet connection. Visit us at <a href="https://www.philipsemanorhall.com">www.philipsemanorhall.com</a>.



#### Every Sunday Morning Hatha Yoga

### 10:30 AM | in-person at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site | \$18 (\$15 for Friends of Philipse Manor Hall)

Join us for this new Sunday morning Hatha yoga series at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site! The beautiful sunlit Gothic Chamber is the perfect place for a morning yoga class. Open to all levels and abilities! All proceeds benefit the Friends of Philipse Manor Hall. Register at

www.philipsemanorhall.com/programs-and-events.



#### Friday, April 5, 2024

Historian & A Movie: "Hello, Dolly!"

#### 7:00 PM | in-person at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site | FREE

Yonkers "Half-a-millionaire" Horace Vandergelder is looking for a wife. Famous matchmaker Dolly Levi is just the person to find him one. In "Hello, Dolly!" (1969, 148 mins, G), hijinks ensue as everyone from the office clerk on up searches for love in Gilded Age New York! With commentary from Yonkers City Historian Mary Hoar and Philipse Manor Hall interpreter David C. Lucas on the

accuracies and inaccuracies of the film, familiar on-location shots, and movie trivia. This program is free and open to the public. Registration is recommended, but not required. Refreshments provided by the Friends of Philipse Manor Hall. Register at <a href="https://www.philipsemanorhall.com/programs-and-events">www.philipsemanorhall.com/programs-and-events</a>.

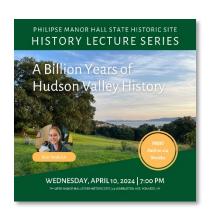


#### Saturdays, April 6 & 20, 2024 Historical Games

### 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM | in-person at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site | FRFF

How did people entertain themselves in the past? Join us indoors (outdoors, weather-permitting) at Philipse Manor Hall to try your hand at all kinds of historical games. Learn the history behind these games and then learn how to play Quoits, Nine Men's Morris, Skittles, Shut the Box, Cribbage, Mancala, and more! For children and adults. Free! Children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is recommended, but not required. Register at

www.philipsemanorhall.com/programs-and-events.



Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Lecture: "A Billion Years of Hudson Valley History"

7:00 PM | online via WebEx | FREE

The Hudson Valley tells a unique story of over a billion years of landscape evolution. This story is written in the rocks, hills, and valleys we live in; tales of an incredible transformation of land that was once situated at the equator submerged under the sea, later buried under a sheet of ice 2,000 feet thick. Embark on a journey through time and learn about the geologic history of our

area in this virtual presentation with Kim Fendrich of Rockefeller State Park. This virtual program is free, but registration is required. Register at <a href="https://www.philipsemanorhall.com/programs-and-events">www.philipsemanorhall.com/programs-and-events</a>.



Springtime Forest Art Workshop Saturday, April 13, 2024 1:00 PM | Free!

Join us for this free, family-friendly workshop where you will learn a variety of art techniques to create your own springtime tree portrait. Using wax resist techniques, watercolors, and collage elements, create a beautiful work of art showcasing a tree leafing out in springtime, guided by a professional artist. Art pieces can be displayed

individually, or with other pieces to form a mural. All materials provided.



Saturday, April 20, 2024 Yonkers Waterfront Walking Tour

10:30 AM to 12:00 PM | in-person at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site Why was Philipse Manor Hall built where it was? Why did the Munsee have a village in downtown Yonkers for thousands of years? How did the Yonkers waterfront change over time? Learn the answers to these questions and more as you explore the daylighted Saw Mill River and Yonkers' Hudson River waterfront. \$6 for adults, \$3 for seniors and students. Tickets include museum admission. Register at <a href="https://www.philipsemanorhall.com/programs-and-events">www.philipsemanorhall.com/programs-and-events</a>.



Sunday, April 21, 2024

"What's A Yonker? Tales of Van Der Donck & the Olde Dutch" with Jonathan Kruk

2:00 PM | in-person at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site | \$15 (\$10 for children and Friends of Philipse Manor Hall)

In honor of Dutch-American Friendship Day, master storyteller Jonathan Kruk brings to life stories of the "First American," Adriaen Van Der Donck, and how Yonkers got its name, with guest appearances by curmudgeonly Peter "The Headstrong" Stuyvesant, haunting river spirits, and more. Audiences of all ages will enjoy Kruk's rollicking blend of local history and lore. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for children and Friends of Philipse Manor Hall, and include museum admission and refreshments. Register at

www.philipsemanorhall.com/programs-and-events.



JOHN JAY HOMESTEAD STATE HISTORIC SITE // 914.232.5651

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Friends of John Jay Homestead present a lecture with Eliga Gould on his forthcoming book *Crucible of Peace: The Turbulent History of America's Founding Treaty* on Thursday, April 18 at 7:00pm at Bedford Playhouse in Bedford, NY.

John Jay was the third member (along with Benjamin Franklin and John Adams) of the Peace Commission which produced the treaty ending the Revolution and definitively established the independence of the "United States." Eliga Gould, Professor of History at the University of New Hampshire, calls this Treaty of Paris "the third founding document, equal in importance to the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution." Purchase tickets for this event at <a href="http://johnjayhomestead.org/events-calendar/lecture-with-eliga-gould/">http://johnjayhomestead.org/events-calendar/lecture-with-eliga-gould/</a>



#### Family Story: John Jay II and The New York Custom-House Controversy

After the controversial election of Rutherford B. Hayes in 1877, John Jay II was appointed by then Secretary of the Treasury, John Sherman, to investigate the New York Customs House due to growing concerns over corruption. This investigation put John at odds with a former partner in the courtroom and future president, Chester A. Arthur, who was serving as Collector of the Port of

New York. Read all about this turbulent time of reform and political loyalties in this month's family story at johnjayhomestead.org.



#### **Self-Guided Historic Landscape Tours**

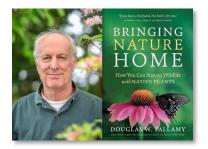
John Jay began to inherit his land near Bedford, New York, in 1785, three years after his father died. He began developing the land as an income-producing farm in 1787, strictly as an investment at first. He developed it further in the late-1790s to become his home in retirement. His descendants lived into the 1950s, and as you walk around the property, you will see many features developed by the different generations of the Jay family. Self-guided historic landscape tour booklets are available at the Carriage Barn Education & Visitor Center. The grounds of John Jay Homestead are open daily from sunrise to sunset. Free admission.





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### Native Tree Symposium with Doug Tallamy April 14th 10:30am-2:30pm

How can we create a national park in our own backyards or local municipalities? Please join us at the Jay Heritage Center to learn more about plant biodiversity and native plants and spend the morning networking and exploring our award-winning gardens. Best-selling author and

entomologist **Doug Tallamy** will help us better understand the many ways insects interact with plants and how such interactions determine the diversity of animal communities. Please visit our <u>website</u> to learn more and sign up for this FREE event. *Co-sponsored by the City of Rye Sustainability Committee* and *Larchmont-Mamaroneck Pollinator Pathway*.



### Ikebana Demonstration with Judith Hata April 16th 11:30am // Waitlist only

"Where there are flowers there are friends." Please join us for an Ikebana demonstration with **Judith Hata**, who has been teaching ikebana, the art of Japanese flower arranging, in the New York area for over 60 years. She holds the rank of Riji, the highest teacher's degree in the Sogetsu School,

having learned her art directly under Sofu Teshigahara, founder of the Sogetsu School, and then under his daughter and successor, Kasumi Teshigahara. Mrs. Hata served on the Board of Directors of the Horticultural

Society of New York and the Committee for the New York Flower Shows. Please visit our <u>website</u> to sign up for this event.



### Garden Workshops and Volunteer Opportunities Thursday 10am-2pm; Sundays 10am5pm

Come and discover the award-winning Jay Estate Gardens this spring!

The gardens will be open to the public two days a week. Enjoy docent led experiences or follow a self-guided tour following our QR code signs. Drop in for a lesson, talks, and workshops led by JHC's Director of Horticulture and Garden Education, Lucia Maestro\_and special guest speakers. Please visit our website or email Lucia for more information: hortdirector.JHC@gmail.com.



#### **OLD CROTON AQUEDUCT // 914.693.5259**

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### Saturday, April 13th. 10:00. Divided Loyalties - Revolutionary War on the Aqueduct

The Old Croton Aqueduct between Dobbs Ferry and Hastings-on-Hudson crosses several colonial tenant farms impacted by the Revolutionary War. Walk and learn how the war divided neighbors and families into patriots or loyalists and everything in between. Discuss their lives in the dangerous, wartorn contested ground of Westchester County and how it shaped our area following its conclusion. This free, two-hour tour is offered in partnership with Revolutionary Westchester 250, the Old Croton Aqueduct State Historic Park,

and Friends of the Old Croton Aqueduct and will cover about 4 miles. Tour starts at the Mercy College parking lot next to the Smith Ball Field. We will be walking to Revolutionary Walk in Hastings and back. This walk may be rescheduled due to bad weather. To register, visit <a href="https://aqueduct.org/events">https://aqueduct.org/events</a>. **10:00 AM | Location:** 

Smith Field, Mercy College | Free | Ages: All Ages



#### April 13, Saturday at 10 am –Weir Tour.

Free, easy, 2-hour tour. Meet at the front (upper level/south side) of the Joseph Caputo Center, which is located at 95 Broadway, Ossining, NY 10562, just west of Rte. 9/Highland Ave. at the junction of Croton Ave., Rte. 133 (from Metro-North Ossining Train Station by taxi or 15-minute uphill walk - parking lots nearby). After a brief walk, descend into the Weir in Ossining and

explore the original 1842 brick water tunnel and learn its history. Walk may be rescheduled if weather does not cooperate. Required: pre-registration: <a href="https://aqueduct.org/events/weir-tour-65">https://aqueduct.org/events/weir-tour-65</a>

#### Thursday, April 18th. 10:30. Dobbs Ferry Library Storywalk

Join us for the next installment of the Dobbs Ferry Library Storywalk along the Old Croton Aqueduct featuring *Adventures with Finn and Skip: Forest.* Start at the OCA Keeper's House with a small craft before we take a stroll along the trail to Chestnut Street and read-a-long with the book on our Storywalk! The Storywalk will be up for the duration of the spring and can be used from sunrise to sunset! **10:30 AM | Location: Keeper's House, Dobbs Ferry | Free | Ages: Toddler** 

#### Saturday, April 20th. 8:30 AM. Annual Yonkers OCA Clean Up

Yonkers has been at the forefront of climate activism in urban locations for many years now. It continues to find ways to provide access to clean nature and green space for its residents, with the aqueduct being a transportation link to many of the city parks and green spaces. Join Mayor Spano and other Yonkers official and local volunteers for this annual spring cleanup of the trail. Registration begins at 8:30 with Mayor Spano

kicking it off at 9:00! Pre-register by emailing <a href="mailto:Parks@Yonkersny.gov">Parks@Yonkersny.gov</a>. 8:30 AM | Location: OCA at Walnut Street, Yonkers | Free | Ages: All Ages



#### April 27, Saturday, at 11 am – Croton Dam Hike.

Enjoy a free, easy, 2 miles/hours (total) loop hike north along the Aqueduct and atop the beautiful Croton Dam. Meet near the restrooms at the rear (south end) of the parking lot at Croton Gorge Park, Rte. 129, Cortlandt, NY. 10567, GPS Coordinates: 41.22603, -73.85770. The leader of the hike will discuss the history and construction of the Old Croton Aqueduct and the features of the

Croton Dam, the trailhead of the Old Croton Aqueduct Trail. The Aqueduct was completed in 1842 to supply fresh water to a thirsty New York City. (From Metro-North Hudson Line Croton-Harmon Train Station: 15-minute taxi.) Walk may be rescheduled if weather does not cooperate. Required: preregistration: <a href="https://aqueduct.org/events/croton-dam-hike-3">https://aqueduct.org/events/croton-dam-hike-3</a>



#### **ROCKEFELLER STATE PARK PRESERVE // 914.631.1470**

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



#### In search of Ephemeral Pools April 7 from 10 am – 12 pm

Winter snowmelt and spring rains create vernal pools, temporary bodies of water, that foster new life in the forest. Certain species of frogs and salamanders rely exclusively on these habitats to breed and deposit their eggs before they evaporate in the summer. Survey one of the Preserve's vernal pools with naturalist, Josh DiPaola, during this brief, but explosive breeding period and get a close look at eggs, larvae, adults, and potential predators. This program

involves a 2-mile roundtrip hike and periods of standing.

Max: 15 people. Cost: \$4. Parking: \$6 per vehicle.

Photo courtesy of Bill Golden. RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events



#### Solar Eclipse Viewing Party! April 8 from 3 – 4 pm

Meet the dark side of the moon, as shade covers the land and the temperature suddenly drops during one of the most awe-inspiring natural phenomena! We'll have a telescope set up for this rare and exciting event and commemorative safety glasses for the first 100 attendees to take home. The last total solar eclipse in New York was in 1925, nearly 100 years ago! The next total solar eclipse in the United States will be in 2045, but NY won't be in the path of totality again until 2079. The moon's shadow will obscure 90% of the sun in our area, with the eclipse reaching

its maximum around 3:25 pm.

Photo courtesy of Vinny Coulehan. RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events

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### Postural Therapy: Living Comfortably April 9 from 9 – 10 am

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

FREE. Registered participants will receive a link to join. RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events



### A Billion Years of Hudson Valley History <a>6</a><br/>April 10 from 7 – 8:15 pm

The Hudson Valley tells a unique story of over a billion years of landscape evolution. This story is written in the rocks, hills, and valleys we live in; tales of an incredible transformation of land that was once situated at the equator submerged under the sea, later buried under a sheet of ice 2,000 feet thick. Embark on a journey through time and learn about the geologic history of our area in this virtual presentation with Kim Fendrich hosted by Philipse Manor Hall

State Historic Site. Cost: FREE. **Registered participants will receive a link to join.** *Photo courtesy of Kim Fendrich.* Please register at: <a href="mailto:philipsemanorhall.com/programs-and-events">philipsemanorhall.com/programs-and-events</a>



#### Sunset Hike at Rockwood Hall April 11 from 6:15 – 7:45 pm

Join Melissa for a 3-mile hike and witness the spectacular view of the sun setting over the Hudson and the Tappan Zee Bridge. Leashed dogs are welcome. Max: 40 people. Cost: FREE, registration required.

Photo courtesy of Guardian Melissa. RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events



#### Spring Has Sprung on Buttermilk Hill April 13 from 10 am – 12 pm

The road less-traveled, Buttermilk Hill is one of the scenic areas of the Preserve that often gets overlooked. Welcome spring and explore both Buttermilk Hill and Ferguson Lake on this 4-mile hike with Guardian Patricia. The hike will move at a moderate pace and will include some hills. Leashed dogs are welcome. Max: 20 people. Cost: \$4.

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### The Many Faces of the Continental Army <a>6</a> April 14 from 1 – 2:15 pm

The Continental Army recruited soldiers who were native-born, immigrants of almost every nationality, and free and enslaved African-Americans. Join us for a glimpse into the life of a soldier from the perspectives of the 1<sup>st</sup> Rhode Island Regiment, a.k.a. the "Black regiment," and the 5<sup>th</sup> New York regiment, who fought in the local area, as we approach the 249<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of the American Revolution (April 19, 1775). Historians Duane Jackson & Joe Ryan will

highlight the battles of Pine's Bridge, in present day Yorktown, and Fort Montgomery, in Orange County. Get a feel for the reality of the battlefield during their live demonstration of the flintlock musket and rifle. All uniforms

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and equipment are authentic reproductions. Max: 60 people. Suggested for ages 12+. Cost: \$5. RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events



Sound Healing 6
April 16 from 4 – 5 pm & 5:30 – 6:30 pm
Tickets available on March 19 at 10 am

Join Dayna Gralla for a therapeutic and restorative sound healing experience. Envelop yourself in the sounds of crystal singing bowls, chimes, and a variety of soothing instruments as you allow your mind to drift from an active state to a relaxed and meditative state. Ages 10+. Max: 18 per session.

Cost: \$8. Parking: \$6 per vehicle until 4:30 pm. *Photo courtesy of Kim Fendrich*. RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events



Stargazing in the Preserve April 16 from 8 – 9:30 pm Tickets available on March 19 at 10 am

Peer into the cosmos with Vinny Coulehan of the Rockland Astronomy Club. We'll use a telescope to observe the quarter moon, as well as Orion, Jupiter, double star systems, and more! Max: 20 people. Cost: \$4.

Photo courtesy of Vinny Coulehan. RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events



Local Lore and Legends

April 18 from 6 – 7:30 pm

Tickets available on March 19 at 10 am

Did you know that the famous horseman ride in *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* likely took place here in the Preserve? Actually, there are quite a few lesser-known legends that take place on this land. The names of some of our most iconic locations (Spook Rock, Ravens Rock, Witch's Spring) come from stories that have been told by locals dating back hundreds of years. Join Ranger Su

(tonight as "Major Su") for a 2-mile twilight hike to visit some of these locations and hear their stories. Max: 30 people. Cost: \$4. *Photo courtesy of Margaret Fox*. RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events



#### Birdwatching with the Saw Mill River Audubon Society April 20 and 22 from 8 – 10 am

Get to know our feathered residents! Join an expert from the Saw Mill River Audubon Society on a bird walk around the Preserve. Great for all levels of birding experience, beginners welcome! Binocular loans available upon request. Ages 8+. Max: 25 people. Cost: FREE. Parking: \$6 per vehicle. NYS Residents over 62 park for free on weekdays. *Photo courtesy of Bill Golden*.

Please register at: <a href="mailto:sawmillriveraudubon.org/register-trips/">sawmillriveraudubon.org/register-trips/</a>

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### Earth Day Festival! 6 April 20 from 11 am – 4 pm

Join us in celebrating the 54<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day! Let's come together to advocate for sustainability, climate action, and environmental stewardship through education in this family-friendly event. Meet animal ambassadors, plant seeds to take home, and enjoy a wildlife demonstration with Brian Robinson featuring birds of prey and reptiles. Get to know some local environmental organizations and learn about ecology, conservation, agriculture, waste

management, native plants and pollinators, and more! Appropriate for all ages. Cost: **FREE!** Please register so we may communicate any changes in the event of bad weather.

Rain date: April 21. Photo courtesy of Elijah Goodwin. RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events



Full Moon Hike: "Pink Moon"

April 23 from 7:30 – 9:30 pm

Tickets available on March 19 at 10 am

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

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Arbor Day Tree Identification Walk April 25 from 10 – 11:30 am

Celebrate Arbor Day with conservation steward, Devyani Mishra, and enjoy a leisurely stroll through the Rockwood Hall area to learn about trees and how to identify them. The hike will be short with frequent stops for discussion. Leashed dogs are welcome. Max: 15 people. Cost: \$4.

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Roll & Stroll: An Accessible Adventure! 
April 27 from 9:30 – 11:30 am

We are thrilled to announce our first in a series of hikes that welcomes people of all abilities to explore the Preserve's trails. The terrain will be relatively level containing forest, a lake, and fields. Our carriage roads are 16 feet wide and surfaced with gravel. All-terrain devices or wheelchairs with bicycle-type wheels/tires are recommended. Standard wheelchairs should work as well but hard rubber tires can lead to a bumpier ride. We'll have two routes to choose

from; either 1 or 1.5 miles in length. After the first half mile, participants can choose to round the lake and return to the Visitor's Center, or continue for another mile. There will be a hike leader with each group. Bicycles are not permitted. Max: 30 people. Cost: FREE, registration required. Parking: \$6 per vehicle.

Photo courtesy of Alexandra Nava-Baltimore. RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events

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#### Arbor Day Tree Planting April 27 from 2 – 4 pm

Get your hands dirty and give back to your local forest by planting some trees! Join Preserve staff in partnership with <u>Trout Unlimited</u> and help us restore the banks of the Pocantico River and fill gaps in the canopy. More trees means more shade on the water, and that makes for happy fish! Shovels and gloves will be provided. Max: 50 people. Registration required.

Photo courtesy of RangerSu. <a href="RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events">RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events</a>



#### Yoga in the Gallery April 28 from 5 – 6:15 pm

Join instructor, Shivani Singh, for our last indoor session as we celebrate the change of seasons: new beginnings, longer days, and more energy. We'll focus on transitions between poses and introduce some new movements. Appropriate for all levels of experience, ages 18+. Max: 12 people. Cost: \$8.

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#### LITTLE STONY POINT CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

**3011 Route 9D, Cold Spring, NY 10516** 



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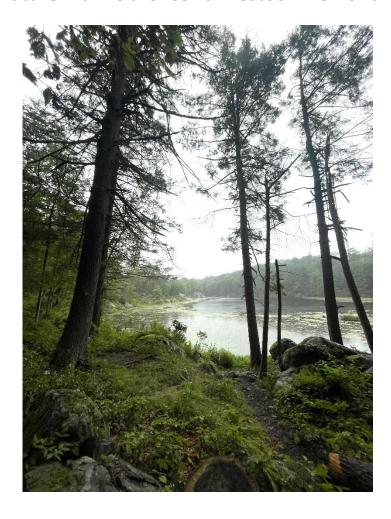


Star Party - April 5th, 7-10pm, hosted in partnership with Mid Hudson Astronomical Association (MHAA), Friends of Fahnestock and OPRHP. MHAA will provide telescope equipment to view the stars at Canopus Lake Beach Parking lot on April 5th 7-10pm, rain date April 6th. Please register to attend, this is a free event.

**Earth Day & Adopt a Highway - April 20th, 8-3pm, hosted by LSPCA.** The day will begin with our early risers at 8am organizing for a 9D clean-up followed by fun family beach clean-up slots 10-12pm or 12-2pm. Please register to attend, this is a free event.

#### Featured Trail of the Month:

#### **Pelton Pond Nature Trail: Clarence Fahnestock Memorial State Park**



Address: Pelton Pond Trailhead: 1498 Route 301, Carmel, NY 10512

Trail Map: <a href="https://parks.ny.gov/documents/parks/ClarenceFahnestockTrailMap.pdf">https://parks.ny.gov/documents/parks/ClarenceFahnestockTrailMap.pdf</a>

**Distance:** 1.04 miles **Difficulty Rating:** Easy

Enjoy this roughly 1 mile loop around Pelton Pond in Fahnestock State Park. A remnant of previous mining operations, Pelton Pond was formed by the damming of an iron ore mine shaft. Now home to fish, ducks, beavers and more, you can take in the views throughout your journey around the pond. Pelton Pond is also a very popular trail for bird watchers

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

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



#### STATE PARKS

**Clarence Fahnestock Memorial** Carmel (845) 225-7207

**Fahnestock Winter Park** 

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

Franklin D. Roosevelt

Yorktown Heights (914) 245-4434

**Hudson Highlands** 

Peekskill to Beacon (845) 225-7207

James Baird

Pleasant Valley (845) 452-1489

Lake Taghkanic

Ancram (518) 851-3631

Margaret Lewis Norrie/

Ogden Mills & Ruth Livingston Mills (Mills-

Norrie)

Staatsburg (845) 889-4646

**Rockefeller Preserve** 

Pleasantville (914) 631-1470

Taconic/Copake Falls

Copake Falls (518) 329-3993

Taconic/Rudd Pond

Millerton (518) 789-3059

**Wonder Lake** 

Kent/Patterson (845) 225-7207

#### STATE GOLF COURSES

Dinsmore

Staatsburg (845) 889-4071

James Baird

Pleasant Valley (845) 452-1489

#### STATE HISTORIC SITES

Clermont

Germantown (518) 537-4240

John Jay Homestead

Katonah (914) 232-5651

Olana

Hudson (518) 828-0135

**Philipse Manor Hall** 

Yonkers (914) 965-4027

Staatsburgh

Staatsburg (845) 889-8851

#### **EDUCATION/NATURE CENTERS**

**Taconic Outdoor Education Center** (OPRHP) By Group Reservations Only Cold Spring (845) 265-3773 Norrie Point Environmental Center (DEC)

Staatsburg (845) 889-4745

#### STATE HISTORIC PARKS

**Old Croton Aqueduct** 

Dobbs Ferry (Park Office) (914) 693-5259

**Walkway Over the Hudson** 

Highland/Poughkeepsie (845) 834-2867

#### PROPERTIES OWNED BY NYSOPRHP AND **MANAGED BY NON-PROFITS**

**Bannerman Island** Beacon, (845) 831-1001 **Jay Heritage Center** Rye, (914) 698-9275





