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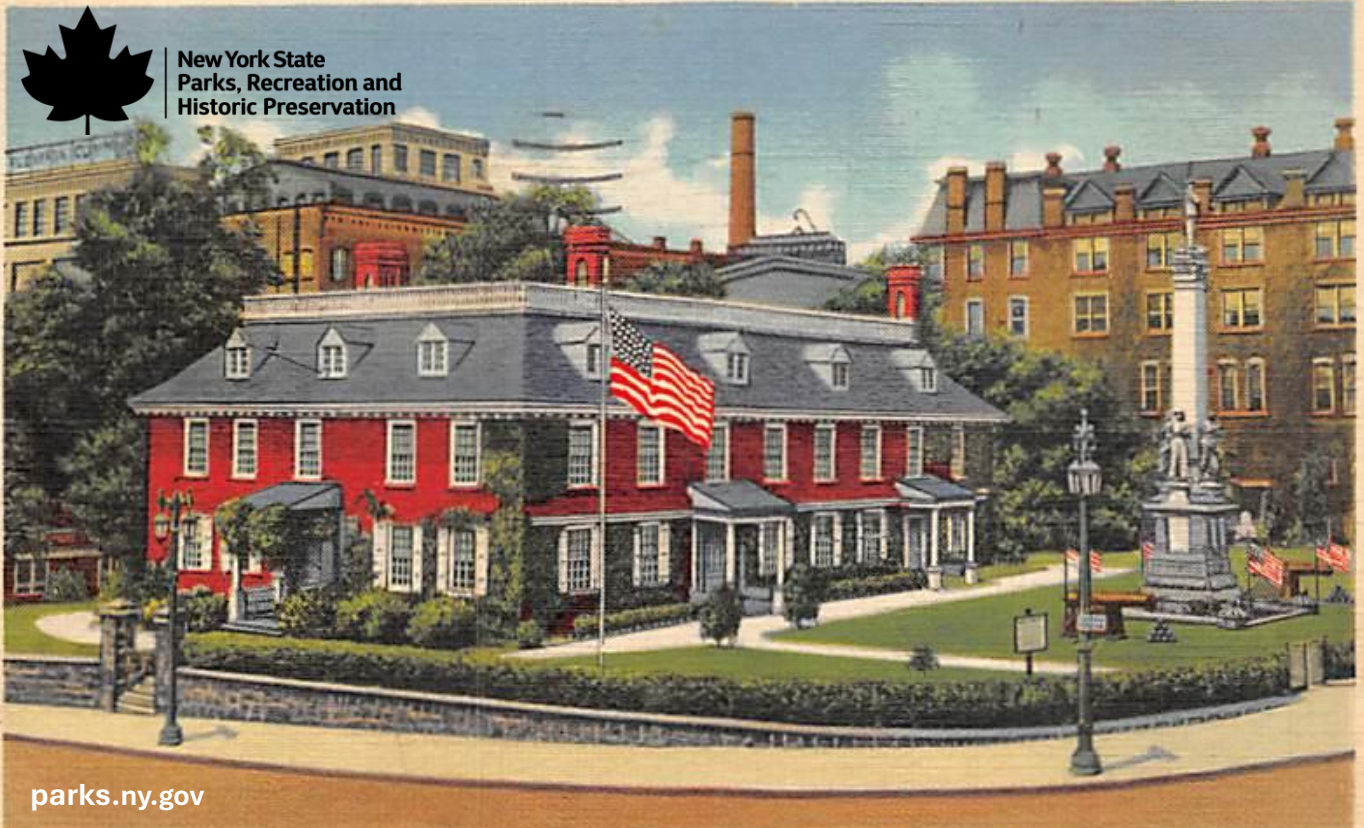
THINGS TO DO, PLACES TO GO! New York's Hudson Valley, East of the River

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Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site, vintage postcard

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April Highlights!

<p>Clermont SHS</p> <p>Chancellor's Sheep and Wool Showcase</p> <p>Saturday, April 26</p>	<p>Staatsburgh SHS</p> <p>Spring Break Programs For Children & Families</p> <p>April 16, 17, 18</p>	<p>Old Croton Aqueduct State Historic Park</p> <p>Croton Dam Hike</p> <p>April 20</p>
<p>Walkway Over the Hudson</p> <p>Ronald McDonald Footsteps For Families</p> <p>Sunday, April 27</p>	<p>Philipse Manor Hall Yonkers</p> <p>Waterfront Walking Tour</p> <p>Saturday, April 12</p>	<p>Olana State Historic Site Taconic State Park Little Stony Point</p> <p>CELEBRATE EARTH DAY</p>

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Mid-Hudson Astronomical Association Monthly Star Party

Fri., April 25 @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 <https://www.spy-hill.net/myers/astro/ltsp/>

Registration: RSVP is required at least one day beforehand.

CLERMONT STATE HISTORIC SITE // 518.537.4240

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Ongoing: Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Holiday Mondays.

On the hour, 11:00am through 4:00pm

Mansion Tours

Come take a tour of the historic Clermont Mansion! Explore the legacies of the illustrious Livingston family, who called the river-side mansion home for seven generations, and the untold histories of the enslaved and paid staff whose labor made life at the mansion possible. Dive further into the histories of the people of Clermont with our Visitor Center exhibit, "Spero Meliora: Life in The Land of Livingston." Two special exhibits are on view this season, "Redefining The Family: The Livingstons and the Institution of Slavery" and "The Matriarch of Clermont: Margaret Beekman at 300."

After your tour, check out our Poetry in the Parks installation, displayed on the outer wall of the Visitor Center, take a stroll through our gardens, go on a leisurely hike on our trails, or enjoy the scenic view the river from our parking lot adjacent picnic area.

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



Crafty Kids Family Crafting Day: Welcome Spring!

Saturday, April 5th, 2025

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Visitor Center

Come celebrate the changing of the seasons with Crafty Kids Family Crafting Day! Join us for Spring-inspired crafts and snacks in our newly renovated Visitors Center. For the kids, we have paint-your-own planters, paper flowers, and cute bunny crafts.

For the grownups (or maybe even ambitious big kids) we have spring origami and mini canvas to create your own masterpiece! If the preplanned crafts aren't for you, you can make whatever you can imagine using our craft supplies. Light instruction is offered, creativity is encouraged. *From internationally recognized Hudson River School painters to dedicated hobbyists who shared their love of the arts with their children, Clermont has always been home to creative people. We continue the tradition with Crafty Kids! Inspired by our past, Crafty Kids grew from a pandemic-era need for community arts programming. Through online tutorials and socially distanced events, dozens of children and their grownups were able to destress and create together during a time of uncertainty. We are excited to continue to offer arts programming to children and their grownups throughout the year, drawing inspiration from seasonal events and local history! Please note: **The cost of the event is \$5 per person.** Please be prepared to pay at the door. This is a Family Program; all children must be accompanied by an adult and all adults must be accompanied by a child.*



Earth Day Story Hour and Nature Walk for Families

Saturday, April 12, 2025

2pm

Visitor Center , FREE!

Celebrate the Earth and the environment at Clermont! Join us in our historic Visitor Center for an afternoon of stories about the little blue dot we call home. Enjoy healthy snacks and a leisurely nature walk lead by one of our ecology educators.

As this event includes an outdoor component, please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes.

Please note: This is a family program. All children must be accompanied by adults, all adults must be accompanied by a child. **This event is free of charge**, but visitors must register in advance.

Chancellor's Sheep and Wool Showcase**Saturday, April 26, 2025****11am to 4pm****Location: Clermont State Historic Site--- along the parking lot and stretching all throughout the site.****Rain Location: Palatine Park, Germantown.****\$15 per vehicle at the gate. Cash Only.***Our yearly celebration of fiber arts and artisans returns on Saturday April 26th!*

The Chancellor's Sheep and Wool Showcase is family-friendly event that features shearing demonstrations, farm animals, and historic reenactments. The artisan craft market offers a little something for everyone at every price point, including brilliant yarns, fleeces, soaps, candles, flowers, and handicraft treasures. One of Clermont's oldest and most popular annual festivals, The Chancellor's Sheep and Wool Showcase has become a springtime tradition for many in the area. With local historians and demonstrators on hand, the traditional Irish music of Tamarack and the nature-inspired music of The Orchestra Now filling the air, and many springtime crafts, historic toys and games, and sheep meet-and-greets for the little ones, there's something for everyone at Sheep and Wool!

Please note: **The price of this event is \$15 per vehicle at the gate. Cash Only.**

Online reservations are not required.

OLANA STATE HISTORIC SITE // 518.751.0344

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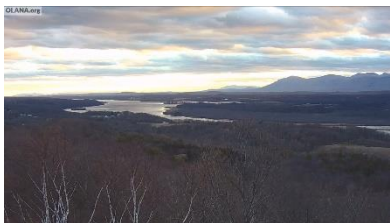
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Landscape: Olana State Historic Site's 250-acre landscape is free and open to all, every day from 8:00 AM to sunset. *Image by: Peter Aaron/ OTTO*

April Tour Hours: Friday – Sunday, 10:30 AM – 3:45 PM**Olana Shop & Frederic Church Center for Art and Landscape Hours:**

Friday-Sunday 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM



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

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

A CLOSER LOOK

Slow down and discover
works of art up close

Olana State Historic Site | Sharp Family Gallery**Through March 30****Organized by The Olana Partnership**

Frederic Church carefully studied the world around him, incorporating those observations into his paintings, guiding the viewer's eye through his composed landscapes, and encouraging them to take *A Closer Look*. This winter, The Olana

Partnership invites you to discover works of art through close looking, observation, and conversation. Unfolding over four months and featuring a series of four themed artwork installations, participants in *A Closer Look* will be encouraged to slow down, open their minds to discover Frederic Church's art in new ways, and spend time in close dialogue with select artworks from the Olana collection. New works of art will be featured each month; no prior knowledge of art is required. Visit OLANA.org/acloserlook for the full schedule.



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

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

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



Warm Up With an OLANA Webinar

Virtual offering – visit [olana.org/webinars](https://www.olana.org/webinars)

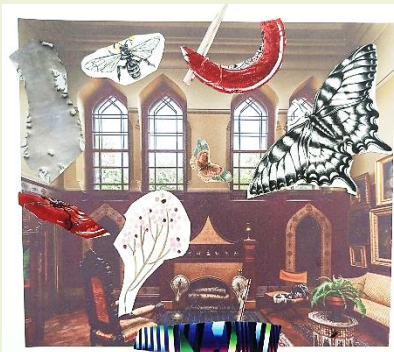
Get cozy and learn more about Olana and its history from home with our range of over 50 webinars highlighting the diverse stories connected to Frederic Church, his family, and creation, Olana. Topics range from the popularity of coffee in the 19th century to presentations on Church's unique artist friends and colleagues like Marianne North and Edmonia Lewis to conversations with contemporary artists like Jean Shin and Mark Igloliorte. Visit [olana.org/webinars](https://www.olana.org/webinars) to learn more.



Special Earth Day Third Thursday

Thursday, April 17

Stop by the Wagon House Education Center for fun activities and prizes from 2:00-5:00pm, including a special nature scavenger hunt with the Columbia Land Conservancy.



Third Thursday – Make Your Own OLANA Nature Zine!

Thursday, April 17, 2:00-5:00pm

Celebrate Earth Month with art! Stop by the Wagon House Education Center for a free zine-making workshop all afternoon led by The Olana Partnership teaching artists and educators. Let the landscapes of Olana inspire you and explore techniques for making your own zine to take home.

All materials, refreshments, and drinks will be provided. FREE.



Third Thursday: Climate Cuties Hike

Thursday, April 17

6:00-7:30pm

Looking for someone who loves the planet as much as you do? Join this special Earth Month evening hike at Olana to mingle with fellow nature enthusiasts. Explore Olana’s landscape, learn about Frederic and Isabel Church’s shared passion for the natural world, and enjoy an evening of fresh air, conversation, and watching the sunset together.

FREE; no registration required. Meets at the Wagon House Education Center. Ages 18+.



Create and Cook: Family Cooking & Art Workshop

Saturday, April 19, 11:00am-1:00pm

Get creative in the kitchen and art studio at Olana State Historic Site! Join The Sylvia Center Chefs and The Olana Partnership educators for a fun, family-friendly program focused on cooking food and making art inspired by Olana's landscape and history. Try new foods and test new art materials together during this FREE family program! This class focuses on making a delicious Minestrone vegetable soup and exploring early signs of spring.

For families with children 18 and under (children must be accompanied by an adult). This is the first in a series of three classes – register for one or all three!

This program is FREE (suggested donation \$12). Registration includes art-making

supplies and all ingredients to make lunch. Advance registration required. For more information, please contact education@olana.org or call (518) 567-2170.



Family Tour: A Closer Look

Saturday, April 19, 1:00-2:00pm

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

in the Afternoon from 1-4pm.

Designed for families with children ages 3 and up. \$15 adults; children under 12 are free. Advanced registration required. Please contact education@olana.org to learn more.



Artmaking in the Afternoon

Saturday, April 19

1:00-4:00pm

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

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

TACONIC STATE PARK // 518.329.3993

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History in the Trees| Guided Tour

Saturday, April 19, 2pm

Walk back in time as we visit the Copake Iron Works and walk the Iron Workers Trail. Learn about how the iron production influenced the forest and how the forest helped shape the Ironworks. Our Park educator will take you through a brief history of the Copake Iron Works and development of the Park you see today, while we learn a little about the natural world around us.

Free Event



Earth Day Celebration

Saturday, April 26, 10a-2pm

Copake Falls | Day-Use Area

Earth Day is a time to get together! Learn how nature and our communities can stay healthy! Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. Wellness for us, means wellness for the earth. We will have a few vendors, a food truck or two, informational groups that involve conservation and health/wellness in our local communities. Or just come out for some fun in the sun. **Public Event | Free Event**



Bicycle Safety Program

Saturday, April 26, 10a-2pm

Copake Falls | Day-Use

Want to brush up on some Bicycle Safety? Get ready for the season? Or get your kiddos ready for riding? Join the Columbia County Sheriffs, Department of Health, and Taconic State Park on this Bicycle Safety Course! Then take what you've learned out onto the Harlem Valley Rail Trail. Don't have a bicycle?

Rentals may be available at Bash Bish Bicycle, adjacent to the Park. **Public Event | Free of charge**

Check out Taconic State Park's social media or call the Park office for pop-up events throughout the month, especially during Spring Break.

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STAATSBURGH STATE HISTORIC SITE // 845.889.8851

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April 1 – 26 Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and select Sundays

Mansion Tours

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

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

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



April 5, 6, 12, 19, 26: 11am

Tales of the Titanic - Special Theme Tour

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

rooms. **Reservations required:** <https://Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS>

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



April 12, 19, 26: 9am

Birding Walk at Staatsburgh

Staatsburgh State Historic Site and the surrounding Mills and Norrie State Parks possess a great variety of environments in 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 daily for the last 35 years. **Cost: free**

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



April 12: 2pm

Make a Fascinator Workshop

Just in time for Easter, the Kentucky Derby, and the spring season, make your own fascinator to take home...or to the races! These small, striking hats have adorned the heads of fashionable women for centuries. Instruction and all materials will be provided, along with light refreshments.

Reservations required: <https://fascinator.eventbrite.com>

Cost: \$12; Friends of Mills at Staatsburgh Member: \$10



April 13: 1pm

TEA & TALK SERIES: Enjoy tea and scones and tea fare in Staatsburgh's formal dining room while listening to talks on Gilded Age history.

How to Throw a Dinner Party in the Gilded Age

For more than merely eating food, the Gilded Age dinner table was the supreme accomplishment of a hostess, according to Emily Post in 1922. Beth M. Forrest, Professor of Liberal Arts and Applied Food Studies at the Culinary Institute of America, uses cookbooks, etiquette manuals, and other primary source documents to consider the social expectations of both the host and the guest, from how to choose the menu and set the table, to the proper way to eat your soup. **Cost: \$65. Reservations required:** <https://TeaAndTalk.Eventbrite.com/>

SPRING BREAK
AT STAATSBURGH STATE HISTORIC SITE

April 16, 17, 18

Spring Break Programs For Children And Families



April 16 at 10am

"Mythology and Mascarons - The Faces of Staatsburgh"

Staatsburgh's ceilings and walls are decorated with three-dimensional gilded faces; symbols of kings, archetypes, and mythological figures. Explore these ornamental faces, known as mascarons, and then sculpt one of your own! For children ages 8 to 12, accompanied by an adult.

Reservations required: <https://springbreakmascarons.eventbrite.com>



April 17 at 10am: "It's a Gilded Life"

Children will learn how life was lived in a Gilded Age mansion more than 100 years ago. Included is a tour of the opulent 79-room home of Ogden and Ruth Livingston Mills, followed by hands-on activities that allow participants to compare and contrast the lives of the servants and the gentry. For children ages 8 to 12, accompanied by an adult.

Reservations required: <https://springbreakgildedlife.eventbrite.com>



April 18 at 10am: "Architecture of Staatsburgh"

Learn about, design, and build your very own Staatsburgh like Gilded Age Architect Stanford White did. Using neo-classical architectural elements including columns, fanlights, pediments, and porticos, participants will build cardboard models. For children ages 8 to 12,

accompanied by an adult. **Reservations required:** <https://springbreakarchitecture.eventbrite.com>

Cost for each program is \$8 -- \$12



April 27: 1pm

TEA & TALK SERIES: Enjoy tea and scones in Staatsburgh's formal dining room while listening to talks on Gilded Age history.

Redressing American Fashion: Black Designers in the 19th and 20th Centuries
From late 19th-century dressmakers to transitional creatives who helped navigate what an American designer could be, Black people have always been a driving force in American fashion. Elizabeth Way, Associate Curator of Costume at The Museum at the Fashion Institute of Technology, will explore how Black people have significantly shaped American fashion through their style, their labor, and as innovators. Their stories, however, are often left out of the narrative. Examining the lives and careers of just a few, starts to create a more holistic understanding of American fashion and its wider impacts on culture and society. **Cost: free. Reservations required:** <https://TeaAndTalk.Eventbrite.com/>



April 29: 6pm via Zoom

Vive La France: The French Influence at Staatsburgh

Join Staatsburgh's curator, Dr. Maria Reynolds, for a one-hour zoom presentation that examines why Staatsburgh resembles a French palace and what this type of décor reveals about the Mills family and their place in society. This talk will explore what Ruth Mills is trying to communicate to her guests with the use of French design and decoration. Special attention will be given to objects and furniture in the collection that are not usually highlighted or visible during a house tour. **Cost: free.**

Reservations required, Zoom link provided upon registration: <https://Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS>



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

BANNERMAN CASTLE TRUST // 845.831.1001

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APRIL 1- is the time to Book your 2025 Tour to Bannerman Island and Castle in the Hudson River Highlands! The Estuary Steward Tour Boat leaves the Beacon Waterfront Dock, directly across from the Beacon Metro-North Train Station at 2 Red Flynn Drive, Beacon, NY from May-October 2025. Enjoy a guided or self-guided tour of the island. Visit the historic Bannerman Castle ruins and gardens and explore the original Bannerman residence, now a museum. For a schedule of events including theater, concerts, dinner events and more - and to purchase tickets please visit: <https://bannermancastle.org/tours-events/bannerman-island-tour/>



Tuesday, APRIL 29th, 11:00am-1:00pm

FREE PRESS TOUR to Historic Bannerman's Island!

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 31st year and received the Dutchess Tourism Award of Excellence for Best Events last year, so come see our progress! Tickets are limited, please reserve early by contacting Laurie Clark at 845-831-1001 or info.bannermancastle@gmail.com, or Neil Caplan at 845-440-3318 or at neilcaplan@aol.com.



March Art Exhibitions, Bannerman Island Gallery

150 Main Street, Beacon, NY

Main Gallery - Bannerman Castle Trust's 30th Anniversary Exhibition continues - Historic exhibition featuring artwork, photographs and artifacts from Bannerman Island and the Bannerman Family Collection, as well as works by contemporary artists. An incredible exhibition focusing on the history of

Bannerman's Island and the Bannerman Castle Trust's development since 1994.

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



WALKWAY OVER THE HUDSON STATE HISTORIC PARK // 845.834.2867

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Pavilions Open For Season

Saturday, April 5 – 10 a.m.

Walkway's volunteer Ambassadors return to the park, and our merchandise pavilions and electric tram will resume regular operation for the season (weather permitting). Pavilions will be open from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. on weekends, and the tram in operation Wednesday-Sunday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.



Walkway At Night

Friday, April 11 – 7:30-9 p.m.

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

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

As always, Walkway members are welcome to attend at no cost. Non-members can register for \$5. Children 12 and under are free. Members have been emailed a special discount code to use upon registration providing one complimentary admission to Individual members, and up to four complimentary admissions for Household members. **Reserve your ticket for entry** at walkway.org/walkwayatnight.



Flag Changing Ceremony

Sunday, April 13 – 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.



2025 Hudson Valley Heart Walk

Saturday, April 26, 2025

8:30am Check-In, 10:00am Walk Begins

Location: Walkway Over the Hudson, East Parking: 61 Parker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY
West Parking, 87 Haviland Road, Highland, NY

Contact: Your Hudson Valley Heart Walk Team, (845) 764-1156. [Email Us](#)



Ronald McDonald Footsteps for Families

Sunday, April 27, 12:00-3:00

Spring is the perfect time to get outside, enjoy breathtaking views of the Hudson River, and support a great cause! Join us for a fun-filled day of walking, fundraising, and community connection to make a difference for families with critically ill children from the Hudson Valley and beyond. Fun for all ages, this event welcomes strollers and leashed dogs—we can't wait to see your photos and videos as we come together for hope and healing.

Register: <https://www.giveeffect.com/campaigns/36635-footsteps-for-families-2025>

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LITTLE STONY POINT CITIZENS ASSOCIATION AT HUDSON HIGHLANDS

3011 Route 9D, Cold Spring, NY 10516

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Earth Day & Adopt a Highway

April 19, 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.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY

PHILIPSE MANOR HALL STATE HISTORIC SITE // 914.965.4027

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

Note: No Yoga This Month

Philipse Manor Hall is having work done on the Gothic Chamber in April, so yoga is postponed until May.



Saturday, April 5, 2025

Story Time & Games

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

Free!

Join us at 12:00 PM for story time with librarians from the Yonkers Public Library! Then stay afterwards for historical games, fun for all ages. Explore how people played in the past with games like graces, hoop and stick, battledore and shuttlecock, and many more. This program is free and open to the public, sponsored by the Friends of Philipse Manor Hall. Registration is not required. Learn more at www.philipsemanorhall.com/programs-and-events.

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

“Caribbean Connections to New Netherland”

7:00 PM | online via WebEx | Free!

Did you know the first non-Indigenous person to live in New York was from Santo Domingo? Or that the Dutch were trading with and colonizing the Caribbean and South America at the same time as New York? Join us for this special program tracing the connections between the Caribbean and the Dutch colony of New Netherland (today New York), including people like Juan Rodriguez and the Philipses, events like the war between Spain

and the Netherlands, and the Dutch global trade for salt, sugar, and mahogany. Learn more and register at www.philipsemanorhall.com/programs-and-events.



Saturday, April 12, 2025

Yonkers Waterfront Walking Tour

10:30 AM to 12:00 PM | in-person at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site

Why was Philipse Manor Hall built where it was? Why did the Munsee have a village in downtown Yonkers for thousands of years? How did the Yonkers waterfront change over time? Learn the answers to these questions and more as you explore the daylighted Saw Mill River and Yonkers' Hudson River

waterfront. \$6 for adults, \$3 for seniors and students. Tickets include museum admission. To register, email philipsemanorhall@parks.ny.gov or call 914-965-4027.

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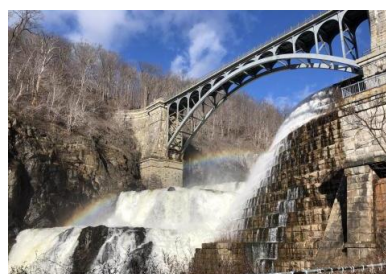
April 12, Saturday at 10 am –Weir Tour.

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: <https://aqueduct.org/event/?id=289>

Friday, April 18th. 10:30. Dobbs Ferry Library Storytime

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



April 20, Sunday at 1 pm – Croton Dam Hike.

Enjoy a free, easy, 2 miles/2 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°13' 20.46" N -73°51'12.59" W. 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: <https://aqueduct.org/event/?id=290>



April 26, Saturday at 10 am

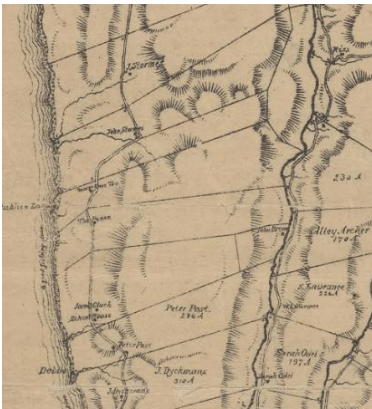
**Meandering among the Mansions of the Historic Millionaires
Irvington and Tarrytown Walk.**

Free, easy 4-mile/3 hour loop beginning and ending at Irvington Village Hall at 85 Main Street, Irvington. Enjoy the mostly level, shaded walk in one of the

most historic sections of the Aqueduct. First stop is the Tiffany Reading Room inside Village Hall, to view one of the only remaining Louis Comfort Tiffany interiors. View the remarkable Villa Lewaro, the estate of Madam CJ Walker, the African-American entrepreneur who was America's first female self-made millionaire. Walk the grounds of Lyndhurst Mansion, country home of notorious robber baron, Jay Gould and location site for HBO's "The Gilded Age." Along the way, we will talk about the history of the Aqueduct, the origins of the Village of Irvington and Washington Irving's fascinating connection with the Village. Walk may be rescheduled if weather does not cooperate. Required: preregistration: <https://aqueduct.org/event/?id=292>

Saturday, April 26th. 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 major 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 Parks@Yonkersny.gov. **8:30 AM | Location: OCA at Walnut Street, Yonkers | Free | Ages: All Ages**



Saturday, April 26th. 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 the dangerous, war-torn contested grounds 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 (bleachers) next to the trail. We will be walking towards Revolutionary Walk in Hastings and back. This walk may be rescheduled due to bad weather.

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

10:00 AM | Location: Smith Field, Mercy College, Dobbs Ferry | Free | Ages: All Ages



April 27, Sunday at 1 pm –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: <https://aqueduct.org/event/?id=293>

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Jay Heritage Center Garden Volunteer Opportunities

Thursdays and Sundays @ 9:30am

Please join us in the historic Jay Heritage Gardens for our ongoing volunteer sessions. Volunteers may engage in different maintenance tasks from weeding and pruning to invasive species management and planting. Community service forms available upon request. Please remember you will be working outside so please plan accordingly. Bring your own water bottle. Please email Lucia Maestro (hortedirector.jhc@gmail.com) for more information!



Jay Heritage Center Garden Tours

Thursdays 10am-2pm; Sundays 10am-5pm starting April 27th

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

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



Postural Therapy: Living Comfortably

April 1 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!

Registered participants will receive a Zoom link to join. **Cost: FREE. Registration required.**

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Hike with Mike: Eagle Hill-Pocantico [Lake](#)

April 5 from 9 am – 12 pm

This five-mile, 2-3 hour hike will offer a winter view of Swan Lake, Eagle Hill vistas and our neighbor Pocantico Lake. Leashed dogs are welcome. Be prepared to move at a steady pace; some hiking experience is recommended. Meet in the Visitor Center courtyard. Dress warmly in layers, bring water to drink, and wear comfortable shoes. In case of bad weather, the hike may be canceled; you will be notified by 5 pm the day prior. **The hike will leave promptly at 9:00 from the**

Visitor Center courtyard. Max: 20 people. Cost: FREE. Registration required. Parking: \$6 per vehicle.

Photo courtesy of Shayla Schott. RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/event



Full Moon Hike: "Pink Moon"

April 12 from 7:30 – 9:30 pm

Tickets available April 19 at 10 am

Experience the Preserve after dark! Join Shayla, Hailey, and Dave for a 4-mile hike on carriage roads lit by moonlight. We walk at a brisk pace and there will be hills; some hiking experience is recommended. Leashed dogs are welcome. Meet in the Visitor Center courtyard. Please bring water, a flashlight or headlamp, and wear comfortable closed-toed shoes. **IMPORTANT:** We leave promptly at scheduled times. This hike takes place after the park has closed; latecomers will

not be able to join after the group has departed. In the event of rain or snow, the hike will be canceled; you will be notified at least 2 hours in advance. *Photo courtesy of Kim Fendrich*

Max: 40 people. Cost: \$4 RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events



Birdwatching with the Saw Mill River Audubon Society

Dawn Chorus: April 24 from 6 – 8 am

April 26 and 28 from 8 – 10 am

Get to know our feathered residents and experience the “dawn chorus” during the peak of breeding song with an expert from the Saw Mill River Audubon Society. Great for all levels of birding experience, beginners welcome! Rain or shine except in extreme weather, in which case you will receive a cancellation email 2 hours before the scheduled walk. 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 by Bill Golden.* **Please register at: sawmillriveraudubon.org/register-trips/**



Sensory Hike: Rise and Shine!

April 25 from 9 – 10:30 am

Awaken your senses as you slow down and tune in to nature in this embodied experience with Linda Parker. You’ll be amazed at what you notice when you focus on one sense at a time. Meet in the Visitor Center courtyard. Please dress warmly and bring water to drink. In case of bad weather, the program may be canceled or postponed; you will be notified via email by 5 pm the day before.

Max: 15 people. Cost: \$4. Parking: \$6 per vehicle; NYS residents over 62 park free on weekdays. *Photo courtesy of Kim Fendrich.*

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Arbor Day Tree Planting

April 27 from 10 - 1 pm

To celebrate Earth Day (April 23rd) and Arbor Day (April 25th), come get your hands dirty and give back to your local forest by planting some trees! Join Preserve staff in partnership with Trout Unlimited 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! Please wear sun protection, bring water to drink, and wear comfortable closed-toed shoes. Long pants tucked

into your socks are recommended to prevent exposure to ticks and poison ivy. Shovels and gloves will be provided. **Please enter at 25 Sleepy Hollow Rd, Sleepy Hollow, NY 10591. Do NOT go to the main park entrance.** You will be directed to off-street parking from there. In case of bad weather, we will postpone to May 4th; you will be notified by 5 pm the day prior. **Max: 50 people. Registration required.** *Photo courtesy of RangerSu.* RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events

Featured Trail of the Month



Olana State Historic Site: Lakeside Road

5720 Route 9G Hudson, NY 12534

Trail Map: [OlanaCarriageRoadMap.pdf](#)

Distance: 0.4 miles

Difficulty Rating: Easy

Olana State Historic Site sits on 250-acres of wooded forest and old agricultural fields. Thanks to its previous owner, the world-famous artist Frederic Edwin (1826-1900), the estate features an elaborately stenciled, Persian-inspired mansion. This property is nestled in rolling hills along the Hudson River, giving it a breathtaking view of the valley. Lakeside Road is one of the many carriage roads within the estate. It is a short 0.8 mile out and back stroll along a small lake at the bottom of the mansion's hill. This path is ideal for a calm walk, or even some cross-country skiing as it has gradual slopes, soft turns, and wonderful views of the mansion.

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

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



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Carmel (845) 225-7207
- Fahnestock Winter Park**
Administration (845) 225-7207
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- 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 (TOEC) By Group Reservations Only**
Cold Spring (845) 265-3773
- Norrie Point Environmental Center (DEC)**
Staatsburg (845) 889-4745

STATE HISTORIC PARKS

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

PROPERTIES OWNED BY NYSOPRHP AND MANAGED BY NON-PROFITS

- Bannerman Island**
Beacon, (845) 831-1001
- Jay Heritage Center**
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