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Olana State Historic Site
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New York State
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COLUMBIA COUNTY

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 the warmth of your own vehicle.

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.

Happy New Year! Happy Lunar New Year!

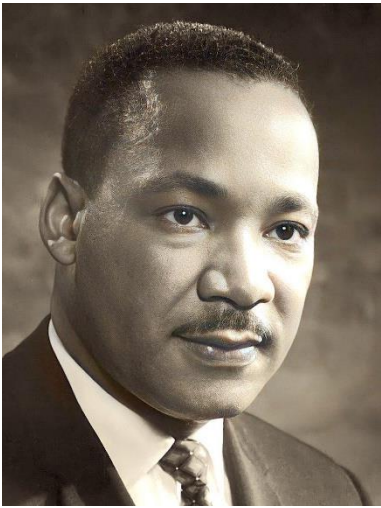
Story and Craft Hour for Kids

Saturday, January 11, 2025, 1pm

Visitor Center, Free!

Celebrate 2025 with a special story and craft hour at Clermont! Join us in our historic Visitor Center for an afternoon of stories, snacks, and crafts focusing on celebrations surrounding both Western New Year and Lunar New Year.

Please note: This is a children's 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.



JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, January 20

FREE TOURS!

11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tours held on the hour.

Explore the new exhibit, enjoy family-friendly activities, and nibble on refreshments in the Visitor Center.


In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, please join us for a Celebration of Community at Clermont. Learn about the Livingston family, and the enslaved men and women, native communities, servants, and other underrepresented groups who lived and worked at Clermont. Check out our award-winning exhibit, **Redefining The Family: The Livingstons and the Institution of Slavery**

in our Visitor Center and enjoy a free tour of the mansion.

Clermont State Historic Site is part of The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation’s Our Whole History Initiative, which seeks to bring a more balanced historic narrative to public awareness, enriching our state’s history and the stories we share throughout the Parks and Sites. Through ongoing research and new interpretations, Clermont seeks to create a more inclusive environment, more reflective of our multicultural past and welcoming to all.

There is no charge for this family-friendly event. You do not need to register online for this event, however, you **MUST** check in at the Visitor Center prior to your tour. Because of the capacity of the mansion, tour size is limited. Visit our [event page](#) for additional information.

Tours are underwritten by the Friends of Clermont.



Ishion Hutchinson at Clermont State Historic Site.

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OLANA STATE HISTORIC SITE // 518.751.0344

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ONGOING

Landscape: Olana State Historic Site’s 250-acre landscape is free and open to all, every day from 8:00 AM to sunset.

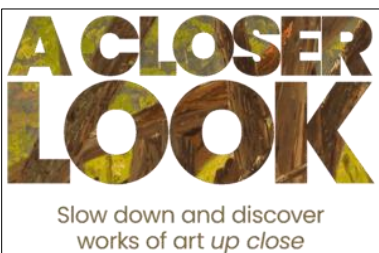
January Tour Hours: Friday – Sunday, 11:00 AM – 3:15 PM

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/OLANAIEYE. Use the hashtag #OLANAIEYE 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/>



Olana State Historic Site
November 24, 2024 – March 30, 2025

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](https://www.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)

As winter approaches, 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.



First Day Hike with the "Dogs of Olana"

HIKE ONE

Wednesday, January 1, 10:00-11:00am

Celebrate the New Year with expansive views and channel 19th century artist Frederic Church's taste for exploration during a special pup-friendly hike of the winter landscape at Olana. Explore Olana State Historic Site with your furry friend in tow. Please note, all dogs must be kept on a leash during their time at Olana and the site is a carry in carry out facility. The walk begins at the Wagon House Education Center at the historic farm complex at the bottom of the site and covers about 1 mile with an uphill portion. Hot beverages and sketching materials will be provided in the Wagon

House Education Center as part of our First Day Hike celebration. FREE; Registration required. For more information, please contact education@olana.org or call (518) 751-6938. [Register](#)



First Day Hike in the Afternoon

HIKE TWO

Wednesday, January 1, 1:00-2:00pm

Celebrate the New Year by exploring expansive views at Olana State Historic Site! Channel 19th century artist Frederic Church's taste for exploration during this special hike of the winter landscape and explore Olana's 250-acres. Begins at the Wagon House Education Center at the historic farm complex at the bottom of the site and covers about 1 mile with an uphill portion; please wear weather-appropriate apparel and comfortable footwear. Hot beverages and sketching materials will be provided in the Wagon House Education Center as part of our

First Day Hike celebration. FREE, registration required. For more information, please contact education@olana.org. [Register](#)



Expert's Eye: The Sky and Beyond with Avis Lang

Sunday, January 5 | 2:00-3:00 PM

Join experts for a series of dialogues on paintings from OLANA's collection that are worth a closer look. During each gallery conversation, experts working in fields of science, art education, ecology, and indigenous history will share what they discover within a picture's frame. This first talk will feature Avis Lang, former senior editor at Natural History magazine and coauthor with Neil deGrasse Tyson, for a conversation on what can be learned from examining Frederic Church's sky paintings and expanding one's vision upward. [Register](#) Credit: Frederic Edwin Church, *Aurora Borealis*, c. 1865-66. Oil on canvas. 9 1/16 x 14 5/8 inches. New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation, Olana State Historic Site, OL.1980.1879.A



FREE Monthly Tours and Programs / Entradas y Programas GRATUITOS

Thursday, January 16

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

Día Comunitario Gratuito al Sitio Estatal Histórico Olana cada tercer jueves del mes, organizado por La Asociación Olana. ¿Quiere pasar el día con nosotros? Participa en uno de los programas GRATUITOS que se ofrecen en nuestro Centro Educativo "Wagon House."

Visit OLANA.org/ThirdThursday



A Closer Look Family Tours

Saturday, January 18 | 1:00-2:00 PM

Experience learning, looking closely, and conversation as a family during this series of special museum gallery tours at Olana State Historic Site. Each month, The Olana Partnership educators will lead an exploration of two to three works of art on the second floor galleries through family-friendly dialogue and other hands-on activities. After your tour, extend your day at OLANA and head down to the Wagon House Education Center for a free drop-in program, Art Making in the Afternoon from 1-4pm. Designed for families with children ages 3 and up. \$15 adults; children under 12 are free. [Register](#) Credit: Zio & Sons

Artmaking in the Afternoon

Saturday, January 18 1:00-4:00pm

Join The Olana Partnership educators for **hands-on artmaking using professional materials** and a series of prompts to get your creativity flowing. Drop in program open to all ages; FREE. All materials provided. Located in the Wagon House Education Center.



Expert's Eye: Landscapes of Power with Rosanna Flouty

Saturday, January 25 | 2:00-3:00 PM

Join experts for a series of dialogues on paintings from OLANA's collection that are worth a closer look. During this program, Dr. Rosanna Flouty will lead a discussion centered on two of Church's Catskill paintings illuminating dynamics of territorial power. Using deep looking and a short, hands-on activity, participants will examine how Church's works serve as lenses for interrogating colonial histories and the reclamation of landscape. This conversation will catalyze discussions on the power of land as a contested site of identity, ownership, and cultural memory. [Register](#)

Credit: Frederic Edwin Church, *Twilight Among the Mountains (Catskill Creek)*, 1845. Oil on canvas. 18 1/8 x 24 inches. New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation, Olana State Historic Site, OL.1981.25.A

TACONIC STATE PARK // 518.329.3993

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TACONIC STATE PARK – COPAKE FALLS

Wednesday, January 1, 2025, 1:00PM

Ring in the New Year and join us for a fun-guided, moderate 4-mile, round trip hike out to Bash Bish Falls, from the Copake Falls Park Office. An alternative easy hike will be available for those that want on the day of. Updates will go out on social media. A bonfire and hot chocolate will be served on return to park office. Event is for all ages, leashed and well-behaved dogs welcome.

Event is rain, snow or shine! Consider the weather and potential trail conditions when choosing footwear. Lace up hiking boots are necessary with additional ice spikes or cleats in certain conditions. Stay tuned to our social media for trail condition updates. Meet up at Park Office 253 Rt. 344, Copake Falls, NY 12517.

Advance registration encouraged. Please call 518-329-3993 for inquiries and to register.

LAKE TAGHKANIC STATE PARK // 518.851.3631

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Mid-Hudson Astronomical Association Monthly Star Party

Fri., January 24 @5:00 PM

The Mid-Hudson Astronomical Association hosts a monthly stargazing party in the West Beach parking lot. Bring your own telescopes and binoculars or use those provided by our members. You will be asked to provide your license plate number and make/model car, so park management and police have a record of who will be in park after hours. More info

at <https://www.meetup.com/mhastro/events/275468188/>

Registration: RSVP is required at least one day beforehand.

**Poetry
in the
Parks**

Robert Hass at Lake Taghkanic State Park.

Poetry in the Parks is a public art initiative that integrates poems in public parks and historic sites. Poems and poets reflect the diversity of park visitors and celebrate the beauty of nature found in these public places, encouraging exploration and discovery.

DUTCHESS COUNTY

STAATSBURGH STATE HISTORIC SITE // 845.889.8851

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STAATSBURGH STATE HISTORIC SITE & MILLS STATE PARK

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 at 11:00AM

Join park staff for a hike on the woodland trail within Mills State Park (the historic grounds of Staatsburgh State Historic Site). The hike will launch from near the mansion and include a visit to a small, little-known cemetery in the woods. The hike will return near the mansion for optional cocoa, courtesy of the Friends of Mills at Staatsburgh. Free, minimum age 12, leashed pets welcome, 1.2 miles moderate hike

To register (required), please go to www.Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS



January 24 - 31 Fridays and Saturdays

Mansion Tours

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.



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

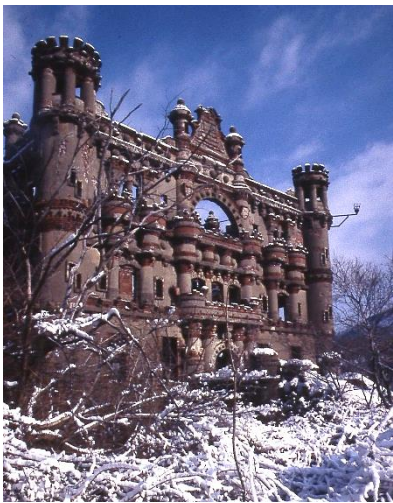
BANNERMAN CASTLE TRUST // 845.831.1001

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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 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 and to purchase tickets or gift certificates, please visit: <https://bannermancastle.org/tours-events/bannerman-island-tour/>



**BCT January Exhibitions, Bannerman Island Gallery,
150 Main Street, Beacon, NY**

Main Gallery - Bannerman Castle Trust's 30th Anniversary Exhibition

Historic exhibition featuring artwork, photographs and artifacts from Bannerman Island and the Bannerman Family Collection, as well as works by contemporary artists. Incredible show 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 Sale proceeds help support preservation projects on Bannerman's Island. Gallery Hours: Saturdays & Sundays, Noon – 5:00pm, weekdays by chance & appointment. Group tours available. Contact: bannermangallery150@aol.com or call 845-831-1001. www.bannermancastle.org

WALKWAY OVER THE HUDSON STATE HISTORIC PARK // 845.834.2867

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Flag Changing Ceremony

Sunday, January 19, 12-12:30PM

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.



WALKWAY OVER THE HUDSON STATE HISTORIC PARK

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 at 11:00AM- 2:00PM

Please join us for our 14th Annual First Day Hike. Come see the amazing views of the Hudson Valley from 212 feet above the Hudson River. Two hike distances offered – a short one to the flagpole and a longer one on a modified 360 loop trail. This hike (modified Walkway Loop) will be approximately 3.0 miles. Participants will travel along the Walkway, down the elevator, along the Hudson River, over the Mid-Hudson Bridge and back to the park via Haviland Road. No pets allowed on longer hike. Free, leashed pets welcomed on shorter hike only. No registration required, and fun for all ages.

For more information, please contact 845-834-2867

Ada Limón, U.S. Poet Laureate, at Walkway Over the Hudson (West)

Patricia Spears Jones, NY Poet Laureate, at Walkway Over the Hudson (East).

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Poetry
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WESTCHESTER COUNTY

OLD CROTON AQUEDUCT // 914.693.5259

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OLD CROTON AQUEDUCT

January 1, Wednesday at 1PM – **First Day of the Year Croton Dam Hike.** Start the year on the right foot! 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.)

Required: pre-registration: <https://aqueduct.org/events/first-day-year-croton-dam-hike-0>



January 4, Saturday at 1PM

Sleepy Hollow Loop Walk along the Aqueduct and within the Rockefeller Preserve.

Free, easy, open-air walk of approximately 3 miles/hours. Meet at Aqueduct Ventilator #12, on the Aqueduct Trail just steps south of the intersection of Gory Brook Road and Ridge Street in Sleepy Hollow (on-street parking on Gory Brook Road). We will walk north and discuss the Aqueduct and view some of its structures, including a weir, a 90-foot high embankment carrying the Aqueduct over the Pocantico River, the ghostly remnants of an old Keeper's House, touch upon Rockefeller history and the monument in nearby Sleepy Hollow Cemetery to those in the NY Guard's First Provisional Regiment who perished during the 1918 Spanish Influenza pandemic while guarding the

Aqueduct during The Great War. Walk may be rescheduled if weather does not cooperate. Required: pre-registration: <https://aqueduct.org/event/?id=268>



January 11, Saturday at 10AM

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=269>

January 15, Wednesday at 10AM

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=270>

January 25, Saturday at 10AM

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=271>

 **FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT STATE PARK // 914-245-4434**

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FDR STATE PARK

Wednesday, January 1, 2025, 10:00AM

Ramble through FDR State Park with your guide Terence Ducey for a fun and fact-filled First Day Hike at 10am. Easy 2-mile hike, no pre-registration, leashed pets only! Dress in warm layers with hats and gloves. Meet up in North end of pool parking lot. Free of charge.

**Poetry
in the Parks**

Andrea Cohen at FDR State Park.

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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!



**ROCKEFELLER STATE PARK PRESERVE
SAW MILL RIVER AUDUBON SOCIETY**

Wednesday, January 1, 2025, 9:00 – 11:00AM

Start your New Year with an invigorating 1.5 mile walk along the Hudson River across the beautiful landscape of Rockwood Hall, former estate of William A. Rockefeller Jr. The hike will be guided by Larry Trachtenberg of the Saw Mill River Audubon Society. We will keep an eye out for winter birds including both bald eagles and the red-tailed hawks often seen in this part of the preserve. We'll move at a slow to moderate pace and will encounter some hills; there are benches along the way.

Dress warmly and bring binoculars if you have them. Suitable for ages 6+. No pets please.

Cost: FREE, registration required. RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events



Postural Therapy: Living Comfortably

January 7 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 link to join.** Cost: FREE. RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events



Coexisting with Coyotes 

January 8 from 6 – 7 pm

As coyote breeding season begins in January, sightings within the Preserve are bound to increase. Join Dana Goin from the Wolf Conservation Center for a virtual presentation about coyotes, their history and ecology, and what we can do to best coexist with them. Dana's goal is to empower our community with the tools, information, and resources we require to live in harmony with this misunderstood predator. **Registered participants will receive a link to join.** Cost: FREE. *Photo by Jeff Seneca.* RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events



Parks Centennial Photo Exhibit Reception 

January 11 from 1 – 3 pm

Rockefeller State Park Preserve is celebrating the 100th anniversary of NYS Parks! We asked the community to share their favorite photos taken in the Preserve to commemorate the occasion. We selected 30 photographs to highlight in the exhibit on display from **January 3rd – 31st** at the **Warner Library at 121 N Broadway, Tarrytown, NY**. Join us on January 11th for a reception and enjoy refreshments as you admire the selected photography. Click the links below to look through the collection, pick your favorites, and purchase prints

to support the Preserve! Winners of the People's Choice Award will be announced at the reception.

Cost: FREE, no registration required.

View photos and purchase prints: 32auctions.com/RSPPphoto2024, cast your vote: forms.gle/KskLBqeXeFQgPfRRA



Full Moon Hike: "Wolf Moon"

January 13 from 4:45 – 6:45 pm

Tickets available December 16 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. Cost: \$4.

Photo courtesy of Kim Fendrich. RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events



History of Rockwood Hall

January 18 from 10 am – 12 pm

Join Rockwood docent, David Teich, on an adventure into the past as we explore the remains of Rockwood Hall and its rich history dating back to prehistoric times. Former estate of William A. Rockefeller Jr., this site boasts scenic views overlooking the Hudson, lush forests, and remnants of 19th century luxuries. The hike is about 2 miles roundtrip; leashed dogs are welcome. Cost: \$4. *Photo courtesy of Guardian Melissa.*

RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events



Mineral Identification Workshop

January 26 from 1 – 2:30 pm

Minerals are the fundamental building blocks of our planet! Learn all about minerals and how to identify them with geologist, Kim Fendrich. Discover some of the ways we use minerals in our daily lives and hone your observational skills in this interactive program as you perform tests on a variety of minerals to figure out what they are. Stay tuned for part 2 (rock identification) in February! Ages 8+. Cost: \$4.

Photo courtesy of Kim Fendrich. RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events



Sound Healing

January 15 from 4 – 5 pm [or] 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Tickets available December 16 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+. Cost: \$8.

Photo courtesy of Kim Fendrich. RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events



Birdwatching with the Saw Mill River Audubon Society

January 25 and 27 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+. Cost: FREE. Parking: \$6 per vehicle. NYS Residents over 62 park for free on weekdays.

Photo courtesy of Bill Golden.

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



Local Lore and Legends

January 19 from 1 – 2:30 pm

Tickets available on December 16 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. Leashed dogs are welcome.

Cost: \$4. Photo courtesy of Margaret Fox. [RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events](https://www.RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events)

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.



Morning Hatha Yoga

Every Sunday

10:30 AM | \$18/person

Yoga is back! Ring in a healthier new year with our Morning Hatha Yoga class, Sundays at 10:30 AM. The beautiful sunlit Gothic Chamber is the perfect place for a morning yoga class. This open level class is for everyone - from beginners to long-time practitioners. Within the structure of the class and the instructor's skillful guidelines, you will work at your own pace and level, and modifications will be offered. You will leave having worked your body, calmed your mind and opened your heart. Fee is \$18/class, registration available at www.philipsemanorhall.com/programs-and-events



Saturday, January 4, 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 mancala, shut the box, skittles, quoits, cup and ball, and 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, January 8, 2025

Lecture: TBA

7:00 PM | online via WebEx | Free!

Description TBA. Sponsored by the Friends of Philipse Manor Hall and Tompkins Bank.

To register, visit www.philipsemanorhall.com/programs-and-events.

Friday, January 17, 2025

Historian & A Movie: Last of the Mohicans

6:30 PM | in-person at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site | Free!

"Last of the Mohicans" (1992, R) follows half-White Hawkeye and his adoptive Mohican family as they struggle to rescue the captured daughters of a British colonel during the French & Indian War. Historians Michael McGurty and Chad Johnson of New Windsor Cantonment State Historic Site and historian and Pocomoke nation member Drew Shuptar-Rayvis discuss the truth and fiction behind this popular adaptation of James

Fenimore Cooper's novel. Tickets are free, but registration is recommended. To reserve your spot, call 914-965-4027 or email philipsemanorhall@parks.ny.gov. Refreshments provided by the Friends of Philipse Manor Hall.

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LITTLE STONY POINT AT HUDSON HIGHLANDS

Wednesday, January 1, 2025, 11:00AM – 2:00PM

Ring in the New Year with beautiful scenery and fresh air of the Hudson Highlands down at the Hudson River's shoreline!! Join us on New Year's Day starting at 11 a.m. for free hot cocoa, coffee, snacks, music, fireside warmth, short naturalist-led hikes around Little Stony Point (about 1 mile), or a hike to nearby historic Cornish Estate (3 miles round-trip).

Little Stony Point Volunteer Center at 3011 NY-9D, Cold Spring, NY 10516

LSPCA - www.littlestonypoint.org

NYS Parks - <https://parks.ny.gov/events/first-day-hikes.aspx>

Hikes commence at 11:30 am // No fee event // Free snacks, coffee & hot cocoa

Leashed pets allowed // Easy to moderate terrain // All ages welcome

Dress warmly and wear proper trail footwear.

Featured Trail of the Month



Lake Taghkanic State Park: Lakeview Trail

1528 Route 82, Ancram, NY 12502

Trail Map: [LakeTaghkanicTrailMap.pdf](#)

Distance: 4.96 miles

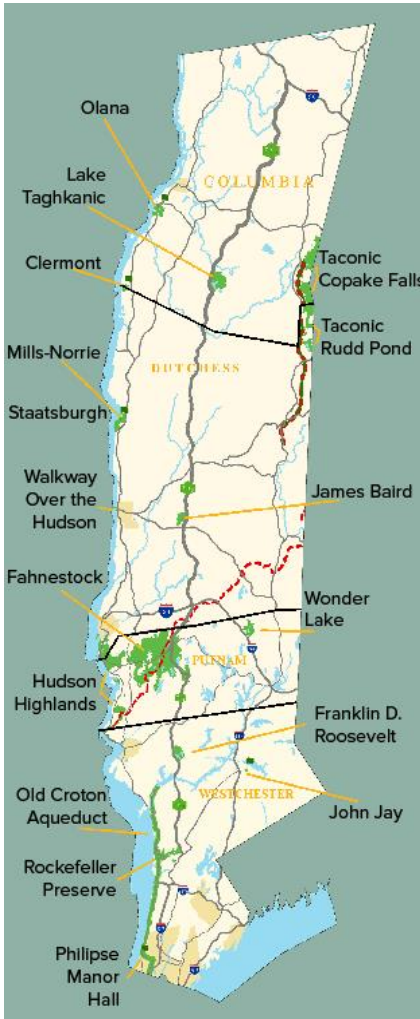
Difficulty Rating: Easy to Moderate

Lake Taghkanic State Park is the perfect destination for a fun daytrip to the great outdoors. It is conveniently located directly off the Taconic State Parkway in Columbia County and full of activities for the family. With snow mobile and hiking trails, playgrounds, beach access and concessions (summertime only), and a newly completed disc golf course, this park has much to offer. The Lakeview trail, blazed white, is a lengthy but relaxing 4.9-mile loop. As the trail wraps the entirety of Lake Taghkanic, it passes by many overlooks with benches to take in the view. A few stretches of newly installed bog bridges ensure hikers feet stay dry while passing by the wetlands on the east end of the lake. Wildlife such as Bald Eagles, beavers, and herons are often spotted here, along with an occasional American Woodcock and the rare fisher cat. This Lakeview trail is perfect for a peaceful and serene walk through the wilderness during any season.



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

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Clermont

Germantown (518) 537-4240

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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

Rye, (914) 698-9275

Quiet Cove Riverfront Park

Poughkeepsie (845) 298-4600

