

November 2024

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

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Clermont State Historic Site photo by Pieter Estersohn

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NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

<p>STAATSBURGH STATE HISTORIC SITE <i>Martinmas Lantern Workshop & Procession</i> November 9, 3:00PM</p>	<p>PHILIPSE MANOR HALL <i>Revolution on the Hudson! Living History Experience</i> November 9, 11AM-4PM Revolutionary Westchester 250</p>	<p>OLANA STATE HISTORIC SITE <i>Free Third Thursday</i> November 21, 11AM-4PM</p>
<p>ROCKEFELLER STATE PARK PRESERVE <i>Pocantico Hills Marathon</i> November 9, 8AM-4PM</p>	<p>LAKE TAGHKANIC STATE PARK <i>MH Astronomical Association Monthly Star Party</i> Fri., November 1, 5:30 PM Fri., November 29, 4:30 PM</p>	<p>BANNERMAN ISLAND GALLERY <i>30TH Anniversary Exhibition</i> Gallery Hours: Sat. & Sun., 12- 5:00 PM, weekdays by chance & appointment</p>

DUTCHESS COUNTY

STAATSBURGH STATE HISTORIC SITE // 845.889.8851

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November 2, 9: 10am

Guided Hike: *History Hidden in the Woods*

Have you ever wondered what some of the ruins within Mills and Norrie State Parks might be? The beautiful park land was once the setting for grand Hudson Riverfront estates. This guided hike will lead visitors through the park, exploring the history of three historic estates: from Staatsburgh's founding as a

gentleman's farm in the 1700s to the development of The Point and Stonehurst estates in the 19th century. The hike is approximately 1.5 miles of uneven terrain, requiring sturdy footwear. **Cost: Free.**

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



November 9: 3pm

This Little Light of Mine: A Martinmas Lantern Workshop and Procession

Dating to medieval times, Martinmas is a procession of lanterns marking the end of the harvest and the start of winter. It reminds us to kindle warmth and light in our hearts as we enter the darkest time of the year. In this 1 ½ hour workshop, children will decorate a mason jar to make a lantern to keep. We will proceed as a group outdoors as the sun sets over the Hudson River, singing

songs about light. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Appropriate for ages three and up. All materials are provided. Please dress for an outdoor walk. **Cost: \$5 per child or \$12 for family of 3 children.**

Reservations required: <https://Martinmas.Eventbrite.com/>

November 15: 6pm

Craft Workshop: Victorian Gilded Walnut Ornaments

Have you ever tried your hand at gilding? Visit the Gilded Age mansion at Staatsburgh to create lovely small ornaments—a beautiful item to gift or for your own home. Inspired by the story, "The Gilded Walnuts," this workshop offers participants all the materials and instruction to make these delicate period ornaments, while enjoying light refreshments. The mansion's gift shop will be available for early holiday shopping.

Recommended for ages 15 and up; *please note that actual nuts will be used.* Cost: \$12 per person (plus Eventbrite fee) Reservations required: <https://GildedWalnuts.Eventbrite.com/>



A Gilded Age Christmas

November 29 – December 30

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday;
see Bookeo link below for times and reservations.

Open every day December 26 – 30

Closed December 24, 25 and 31

Enjoy Staatsburgh's beautiful interiors, with their original furniture, art and décor, lavishly decorated for the holiday season. Guests can reserve a timed-entry to stroll through the mansion's main floor at their own pace and enjoy the festive decorations. Docents will be stationed throughout the house to answer questions and provide direction. Children on tour can participate in a scavenger hunt and look for decorated mouse houses. The site's shop—filled with wonderful gift items—is available for holiday shopping. Reservations required.

No advance ticket purchase required, but reservations for entry necessary. Special programs, evening hours, and program costs: see <https://Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS> for more information and to reserve!

Photo by Karl Rabe



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

BANNERMAN CASTLE TRUST // 845.831.1001

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November – 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.

Photo: Neil Caplan standing with original Francis Bannerman desk

For a schedule of events and to purchase tickets visit:

<https://bannermancastle.org/tours-events/bannerman-island-tour/>



November 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, November 17 – 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.

**Poetry
in the Parks**

*Ada Limón, U.S. Poet Laureate, at Walkway Over the Hudson (West)
Patricia Spears Jones, NY Poet Laureate,
at Walkway Over the Hudson (East).*

See page 16 for more information about this new public art initiative that integrates poems in public parks and historic sites.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY

PHILIPSE MANOR HALL STATE HISTORIC SITE // 914.965.4027

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Saturday, November 2, 2024

Story Time

12:00 PM – 12:30 PM | in-person at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site | Free!

Join us for story time in the Gothic Chamber, in partnership with Yonkers Public Library. We'll be celebrating Native American Heritage Month with *Hiawatha and the Peacemaker* by Robbie Robertson, which tells the story of how Mohawk warrior Hiawatha helped bring peace to the Haudenosaunee people, and *When the Shadbush Blooms* by Carla Messinger, which follows two Lenape girls - one traditional, and one modern - as they experience the seasons and explore tradition and change.



Saturday, November 2, 2024

Historical Games | Free!

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

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 Graces, Quoits, Nine Men's Morris, Shut the Box, Mancala, Graces,

Ninepins, Captain's Mistress, and more! For children and adults. Free! No registration required. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Thursday, November 7, 2024 | 7:00 PM

Lecture: Takings: A History of Land Disputes along the Croton Aqueduct in-person at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site & online via WebEx

When the Old Croton Aqueduct was built, it disrupted many longstanding working farms and estates throughout Westchester, the Bronx, and Manhattan when the state used eminent domain to acquire land. Although local landowners were powerless to stop the project, they did win several concessions, including small route diversions, the creation of tunnels and ramps for access to the river, and even the design of the glorious Highbridge to

allow for river navigation. In this special lecture, historian Keith Doherty will document how the OCA affected the local landscape and how property owners in turn shaped the OCA. To register, visit

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



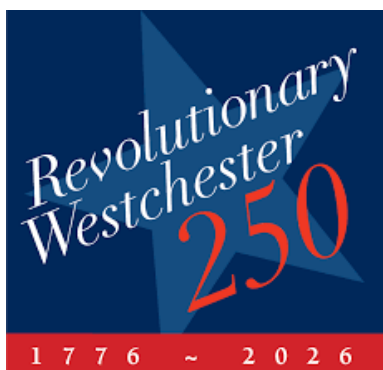
Saturday, November 9, 2024

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. To register, email philipsemanorhall@parks.ny.gov or call 914-965-4027.



Saturday, November 9, 2024

Revolution on the Hudson! Living History Experience

11:00 AM – 4:00 PM | Free

Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site will join reenactors, demonstrators, and other heritage organizations at this special event hosted by Revolutionary Westchester 250 at Croton Point Park in Croton-on-Hudson, NY. Stop by our booth to see our traveling "Revolution in New York" exhibit! For more information, visit www.rw250.org.



Sunday, November 10, 2024

African Art Exhibit Closes

10:00 AM – 5:00 PM | \$3-6/person

Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site and the African Friends of United States invite you to see the African Art exhibit on this last day before it closes at the end of the day! Exhibit access is included with museum general admission.

Saturday, November 16, 2024

“Making History: Revolution, Abolition, and Preservation in New York State”

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM | in-person at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site and online via WebEx

Join us for a special symposium highlighting the work of NYS Parks’ Bureau of Historic Preservation, including historic sites around the state and the State Historic Preservation Office, on the Our Whole History initiative. We’ll discuss the state’s plans for the 250th anniversary of the Revolutionary War, the 200th anniversary of the abolition of slavery in New York, and the community preservation opportunities. Seating is limited for the in-person event, so tickets are required. “Making History” will be simulcast via WebEx. Virtual access is free, but registration is required. To learn more and to register, visit www.philipsemanorhall.com/programs-and-events.



Saturday, November 30, 2024

Lecture: Sugar & Spice: A Global History

2:00 PM | in-person at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site, \$3-6/person | Virtual, free

Pumpkin pie, gingerbread, mulled cider - these are just a few of the spiced sweet treats that dominate the fall and holiday season in America. But where do all these foods come from? And how did tropical plants like nutmeg and sugarcane end up on American shores? Join us for a deep dive into the global history of the spice trade, the sugar trade, and the development of our favorite holiday foods. To register for in-person, email philipsemanorhall@parks.ny.gov or call 914-965-4027. Refreshments provided by the Friends of Philipse Manor Hall. Virtual access via WebEx is free, but registration is required. Register at www.philipsemanorhall.com/programs-and-events.

OLD CROTON AQUEDUCT // 914.693.5259

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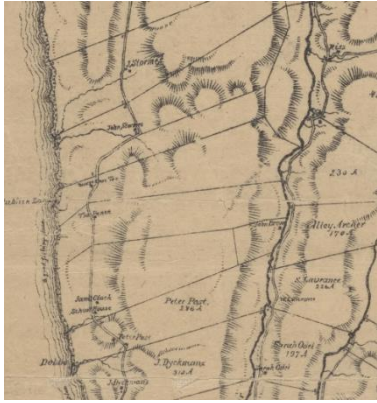
November 9, Saturday at 10 am

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/events/weir-tour-79>



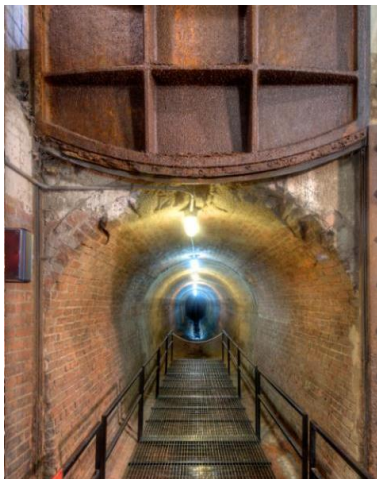
Saturday, November 16 at 9:30 AM

Divided Loyalties

Revolutionary War on the Aqueduct: Irvington

The Old Croton Aqueduct between Irvington and South Tarrytown 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, war-torn 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 University parking lot next to the Smith Ball Field and the OCA and will proceed north along the trail. This walk may be rescheduled due to bad weather. To register, visit <https://aqueduct.org/events>.

9:30 AM | Location: Smith Field next to the OCA, Mercy University, Dobbs Ferry | Free | Ages: All Ages

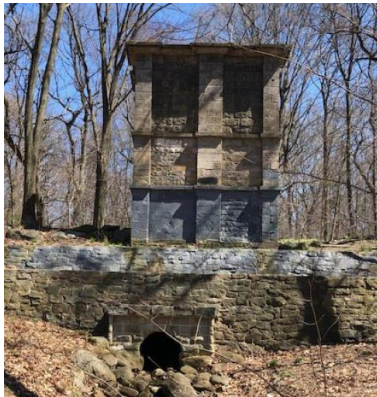


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Required; Pre-registration: <https://aqueduct.org/events/weir-tour-80>



November 17, Sunday at 11 am

Fall Walk on the Aqueduct in Van Cortlandt Park

Free one-way walk of approximately 3 miles, 3 hours. Meet in front of St. Paul the Apostle Church (602 McLean Ave.) at Sherman Ave. in Yonkers. Street parking is available on McLean Ave. or use W20 bus to McLean Ave or W4 bus to Sherman Ave. From McLean Avenue we will walk on the Aqueduct thru Van Cortlandt Park to Bedford Park Blvd. West and Goulden Avenue, with a stop by the Jerome Park reservoir. Public bathrooms are available in the park on Bedford Park Blvd. To return to the start of walk, take W4 bus or W20 bus back to McLean Avenue and # 4 train and D train available at Bedford Park Blvd. Trail is mostly flat, but rocky, so wear appropriate shoes. Walk may be rescheduled if weather does not cooperate.

Required; Pre-registration: <https://aqueduct.org/events/fall-walk-aqueduct-van-cortlandt-park>



November 23, Saturday at 11 am

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: 41.22603, -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; Pre-registration: <https://aqueduct.org/events/croton-dam-hike-8>



November 24, Sunday at 11 am

Tibbetts Brook Park Loop (Rescheduled from 10/27)

Free, easy 4-mile (total) loop walk beginning and ending (where we will meet) by the admission booth near the park entrance at 355 Midland Avenue (at Teresa Avenue), Yonkers, NY 10704. Discover the connections between the Old Croton Aqueduct, Tibbetts Brook Park, and South County trails. View Tibbetts Brook with fall foliage and learn its history. Learn about three Croton water structures. Walk will be rescheduled in the event of rain. Required: Pre-registration: <https://aqueduct.org/events/tibbetts-brook-park-loop-5>

JAY HERITAGE CENTER // 914.698.9275

210 Boston Post Rd, Rye, NY 10580

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Rich Soil by Kristine Mays (Ongoing)

Thursdays and Sundays During Garden Hours

Don't miss out on the opportunity to see Rich Soil in our award-winning gardens. Mays breathes life into wire as she creates human forms that dance, grieve, hope and pray. Her 29 unique and inspiring figures help us resurrect the narratives of the women and men whose strength, resilience, and measurable contributions to our landscape have often been forgotten. Please visit www.jayheritagecenter.org for more information.



Making the Presidency: John Adams and The Presidents that Forged the Republic with historians Lindsay M. Chervinsky and Joanne B. Freeman
Sunday, November 3 at 3pm

Dr. Lindsay M. Chervinsky is a presidential historian and author of the award-winning book, *The Cabinet: George Washington and the Creation of an American Institution*, co-editor of *Mourning the Presidents: Loss and Legacy in American Culture*. Prof. Freeman specializes in early American politics and political culture. Her interest in political violence and political polarization—dirty, nasty, politics—has made her work particularly relevant in recent years. Please join us for a lively discussion about early democracy in the United States. Click here to [register](#).

A Guided Tour of the Jay Estate Meadow

Thursday, November 7

Two passes: from 2:00-2:45pm and 3:15-4:00pm

Free and open to all audiences and ages

Meadow enthusiasts can visit the site of the oldest man-managed meadow in NY State, dated back to the First Peoples settlements in the area. In 2016, Larry Weaner Landscape Associates designed and installed the meadow using wildflowers and native grasses. Learn about the ongoing management practices and efforts to preserve the now established meadow at the Jay Estate within the Boston Post Road Historic District. During your visit, you will also learn about our valuable collaborations with different organizations and partnerships, and through volunteer work to preserve this valuable landscape and surrounding areas. Our site is collaborating with a PRFCT event, **Managing Meadows: Best Practices for Biodiversity and Beauty**, on this day. Please visit www.jayheritagecenter.com for more information.



A Taste of Garlic

Sunday, November 10 at 12-2pm

Open to all audiences and ages. Hands-on practice workshop.

Roll up your sleeves and join us for a fun workshop “sowing” garlic seeds. Learn about the bulb life cycle, different varieties, and how to make the best of this popular kitchen staple by growing it at home. Recipes will be shared. During your visit, you will also see which fall crops and perennials are thriving in this

weather in the Jay Gardens.



Andrew Revkin: 40 Years of Climate and Sustainability in Journalism

Sunday, November 17 at 3pm

Andrew Revkin is an environmentalist, author and educator. He has written on a wide range of subjects including destruction of the [Amazon rain forest](#), the [2004 Asian tsunami](#), sustainable development, [climate change](#), and the changing environment around the [North Pole](#). Join us for an in-depth discussion about how climate change and environmental advocacy can impact our lives. Please visit www.jayheritagecenter.org for more information.



Mansion Tours (Ongoing)

Sundays 2-5pm

Travel back in time as you experience the 1838 Jay Mansion! Our docent-led tours share the stories of the many eras of the Jay Mansion and give you a behind-the-scenes look at our extensive restoration process. No reservation necessary. Please visit www.jayheritagecenter.org or email Meredith Slater: m Slater.jhc@gmail.com

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

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**Poetry
in the Parks**

Andrea Cohen at FDR State Park
See page 16 for more information about this new public art initiative that integrates poems in public parks and historic sites.

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 park games at home. Thank you! *Photo by Heidi Fuhrman.*



Seasonal Changes in the Preserve Hike

November 2 from 9 am – 12 pm

Embark on a 6-mile hike to see what's remaining of our glorious fall foliage as we look down at Swan Lake from the Overlook Trail. Continuing on the Sleepy Hollow Trail, views of the Hudson will emerge as we reach the summit of Eagle Hill. On the way back, we'll make a brief detour to the Pocantico River cascades where the sounds of tumbling water provide a respite from the world outside the Preserve. Leashed dogs are welcome.

Max: 30 people. Cost: FREE, registration required. Parking: \$6 per vehicle.

Photo courtesy of Charles J. Favata. RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events



Hailey's Charity Art Auction Reception

November 2 from 1 – 3 pm

Please join us for a reception to celebrate the exhibition of artwork from Hailey's Charity Art Auction benefiting Rockefeller State Park Preserve. Meet the artist and enjoy refreshments as you admire her work. The artwork will be displayed in the gallery through November 17. Hailey's fundraising efforts have helped purchase two all-terrain wheelchairs for the Preserve and continue to support public programs and stewardship projects. Show your love for the Preserve by bidding, buying, or donating toward this cause that is so near and dear to our

hearts! 32auctions.com/HaileysArtAuction24



Geology of the Hudson Valley

November 3 from 12:30 – 4 pm

Embark on a journey through time and learn about the geologic history of the Hudson Valley on this 4-mile hike through the Buttermilk Hill area with our resident geologist, Kim Fendrich. We'll stop at 4 sites along the way and observe evidence of tectonic activity, glaciation, weathering and erosion. Please bring water and a snack and be prepared to move at a brisk pace; some hiking experience is recommended. Leashed dogs are welcome. Suggested for ages 10+. Max: 20 people. Cost: \$4.

Photo courtesy of Bill Golden. RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events



Sound Healing

November 4 from 4 – 5 pm [or] 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Tickets available October 21 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. Max: 20 per session. Ages 10+.

Cost: \$8. Parking: \$6 per vehicle until 4:30 pm.

Photo courtesy of Kim Fendrich. RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events



Postural Therapy: Living Comfortably

November 5 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



Yoga in the Gallery

Tuesdays from 6 – 7 pm

Relieve stress and explore the connection between breath and movement with instructor, Shivani Singh, in our indoor yoga series. Appropriate for all levels of experience, ages 18+. The classes will be held in the art gallery at the Visitor Center. Max: 12 people. Cost: \$8.

Photo courtesy of Kim Fendrich. RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events



Stargazing in the Preserve

November 6 from 7:30 – 9 pm

Tickets available on October 21 at 10 am

Peer into the cosmos with Vinny Coulehan of the Rockland Astronomy Club. View the night sky through a telescope and observe Jupiter, Saturn, stars and more! Max: 20 people. Cost: \$4.

Photo courtesy of Vinny Coulehan. RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events



Pocantico Hills Marathon

November 9 from 8 am – 4 pm

This challenging and beautiful course begins and ends at the Rockwood Hall section of the park, overlooking the Hudson River and the Palisades. Both the half marathon and full marathon are single loop courses on wide groomed carriage roads, visiting all the signature aspects of the Preserve with a ton of scenic views. The course traverses rolling hills past meadows, stone walls and bridges, grazing livestock, rivers, forests, and lakes. No pavement and no cars on the course! *Photo courtesy of Joe Golden. PocanticoHillsMarathon.com*



Native Life in the Hudson Valley: Lenape Technologies

November 10 from 10 am – 12 pm

Get a glimpse into the life of indigenous people who have lived along the Hudson River Valley as far back as 12,000 years ago. Barry Keegan will provide hands-on experience making twine from local plants and will demonstrate Lenape technologies such as flintknapping of stone tools, making animal glue, and using a mortar and pestle for grinding grains and nuts. A display and discussion of other artifacts and replicas will follow including bows, arrows, animal traps, clothing and footwear, and models of watercraft such as bark canoe and dugout. Max: 30 people. Ages 8+. Cost: \$4. Parking: \$6 per vehicle.

RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events



Free Fishing Day!

November 11

Free fishing days allow residents and non-residents to fish without a freshwater fishing license or recreational marine fishing registration (kids under 16 can always fish for free!). It's the perfect opportunity to try out fishing for the first time, to get back into the sport, or to take a friend or the whole family along! Don't have fishing equipment? Borrow gear for the day from one of the many providers statewide! To find a list of providers and learn more about fishing regulations, Learn to Fish clinics, and other helpful tips, please visit:

dec.ny.gov/outdoor/44804.html



Full Moon Hike: "Beaver Moon"

November 15 from 4:30 – 6:30 pm

Tickets available October 21 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. RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events

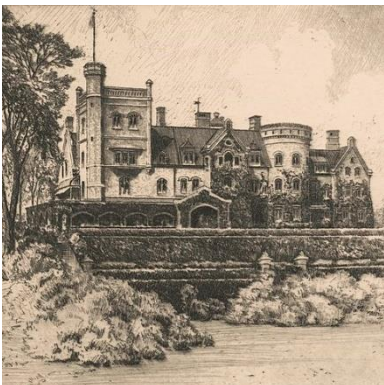


Roll & Stroll at Rockwood

November 17 from 10 am – 12 pm

Celebrate National Hiking Day with us and explore one of our favorite areas of the Preserve! The route will take us out-and-back along the Lower Trail at Rockwood Hall, with sweeping views of the Hudson River and scenic bridges passing over woodland streams. We'll traverse a total of 2.15 miles on relatively level terrain. Trails are 12-16 feet wide and surfaced with fine hard-packed gravel. Adaptive hiking equipment - two Mountain Trike chairs, the [eTrike](#) and [ePush](#), as well as an [Oasis Pneumatic](#) walker - may be reserved in advance, free of charge. For those bringing your own devices, standard wheelchairs will work as well, but hard rubber tires can lead to a bumpier ride. All-terrain devices or chairs with bicycle-type wheels are recommended. (Bicycles are not permitted.)

Cost: FREE, registration required. *Photo courtesy of Pierce Johnston. RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events*

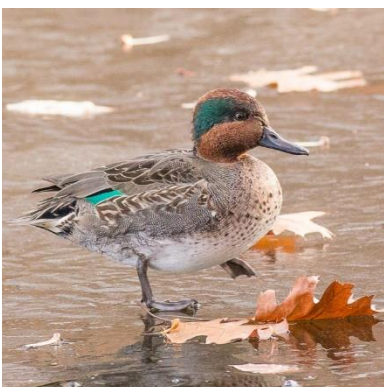


History of Rockwood Hall

November 23 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. Max: 40 people. Cost: \$4.

RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events



Birdwatching with the Saw Mill River Audubon Society

November 25 and 30 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: sawmillriveraudubon.org/register-trips/

COLUMBIA COUNTY

CLERMONT STATE HISTORIC SITE // 518.537.4240

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Ongoing: Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Veteran's Day.

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 a picnic overlooking the river.

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.**



Sunday, November 3

1-2:30 pm

Geology Walk at Clermont

Meet at the Visitor Center

Join professor Robert Titus as he leads us on a geology walk at Clermont State Historic Site. Titus and his wife Johanna are both retired scientists who have become popular science writers, well known throughout the Catskills. They have recently published a book entitled "The Hudson River Schools of Art and Their Ice Age Origins." The book relates the Ice Age history of the Hudson Valley to the development of its 19th Century art, literature and landscape architecture.

In short, Robert and Johanna argue that all Hudson Valley culture dates back to the Ice Age. One chapter includes a section about Clermont. The geology of Clermont dates back 450 million years. The bedrock rising east of the mansion takes us back all those years to see the site when it was at the bottom of a marine abyss, similar to the Mariannas Trench in today's western Pacific. But there's more geology here. The mansion lies on a thick sequence of silt and clay. This was, late in the Ice Age, the bottom of Glacial Lake Albany. That lake extended up and down the Hudson Valley. All this geology provided the Clermont estate with an especially scenic setting for the building of the mansion and its outbuildings.

*Please note: Space is limited. **This event is free of charge**, but visitors must register in advance at friendsofclermont.org/events*

Saturday, November 23, 2024

1:00pm

Crafty Kids Story Hour! Happy Thanksgiving!

Visitor Center

Join us for a Thanksgiving story hour! Sit in our cozy children's space and listen to stories about grand feasts, funny turkeys, historical perspectives, and being thankful. After our story time, we'll make paper bag turkeys-- the perfect DIY centerpiece for your Thanksgiving table.

Please note: Space is limited. **This event is free of charge**, but visitors must register in advance at bookeo.com/Clermont

Poetry
in the **Parks**

Ishion Hutchinson at Clermont State Historic Site
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ONGOING at OLANA



Olana Indoor + Outdoor Tours:

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*

November Tour Hours:

Regular tour hours: Thursday – Sunday, 11:00 AM – 3:15 PM

**Main House Closed Thursday 11/7 and Friday 11/8 (Landscape tours only)
Closed Thanksgiving Day**



The Museum Store is open:

Friday – Sunday: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Third Thursday: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Visit OLANA.org/ThirdThursdays for hours and information.



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/OLANAEEYE. Use the hashtag #OLANAEEYE 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/>

Memories in the Landscape: OLANA Memory Project

Afterglow: Frederic Church and the Landscape of Memory, on view at Olana State Historic Site through October 27, shows how art and the natural world can be a source of reflection, peace, and beauty. Olana is both a family home and an artist's creation, made up of 250 acres of designed landscape that frame breathtaking views. As you explore Olana State Historic Site's landscape, listen to Olana's community members share memories of Olana's landscape and hear how this place is connected to meaningful recollections, memories of loved ones, and important milestones. To listen to Olana memories, visit: <https://olana.stqry.app/>. Share your Olana memory by calling 518-750-6747.



Warm Up with an OLANA Webinar

Virtual offering

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 Iglooliorte. Visit olana.org/webinars to learn more.





K-12 Field Trips and Virtual Tours – Now Accepting Fall 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/>

OLANA THIRD THURSDAYS TERCER JUEVES



FREE Third Thursday at Olana

Thursday, November 21 | 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Enjoy **FREE** house access and landscape tours at Olana State Historic Site.

Advanced reservations are not available; timed-entry house tickets and guided landscape tickets can be reserved on-site, day-of, in the Museum Store. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Space is limited.

To learn more, visit: www.OLANA.org/thirdthursdays

For further inquiries, please call ticketing at (518) 751-0344 or email tickets@olana.org.

Want to make a day of it? Join the **FREE** programs happening day-of, on-site. Learn more below.

Third Thursday: Make Your Own Medicine Drop-in Workshop

Thursday, November 21 | 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Learn more about plants and their power to heal during this **FREE** workshop with Community Organizer/bridge, Psycho-spiritual, Embodiment and

Medicine Guide, and founder of Casa Finca, Suanny Ugegui. Create your own piece of herbal medicine to take home and practice slowing down and reconnecting with the natural world. Program will end with an invitation to watch the sunset, weather permitting. Open to all ages; offered in English and Spanish. **FREE:** meet at the Wagon House Education Center.



OLANA Star Party

Friday, November 22 | 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Spend your evening looking up at the cosmos in the spirit of Frederic Church's celestial-inspired paintings! During this free, drop-in program, learn more about the night sky and when viewable planets and deep-sky objects are visible from Olana State Historic Site. Members of the Mid-Hudson Astronomical

Association will project real-time astro-images of galaxies and nebulae inside while Saturn, Jupiter, and other objects will be visible with the aid of additional powerful telescopes outdoors. Special star-tours will be held at 7 PM and 9 PM, where an expert guide will point out the evening's visible constellations.

Light refreshments will be served. **FREE;** drop-in anytime during the duration of the program. Pre-registration is encouraged to ensure up to date info on viewing conditions. *Image by: Peter Aaron/ OTTO*

Rain and/or cloud date will be on Saturday, November 23. Visit OLANA.org.



Artmaking in the Afternoon

Saturday, November 23 | 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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; **FREE**. All materials provided. All ages welcome. Located in the Wagon House Education Center.

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NATURE

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Mid-Hudson Astronomical Association Monthly Star Party

Fri., November 1 @5:30 PM

Fri., November 29 @4:30 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.meetup.com/mhastro/events/275468188/>

Registration: RSVP is required at least one day beforehand.



Disc Golf Course NOW OPEN

Come and play at the new disc golf course. We are renting discs from our park office for \$10. Course maps are also available.

Poetry
in the Parks

Robert Hass at Lake Taghkanic State Park

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Featured Trail of the Month

Hudson Highlands Trail: Wonder Lake State Park



380 Ludingtonville Rd. Holmes, NY 12531

Trail Map: <https://parks.ny.gov/documents/parks/WonderLakeTrailMap.pdf>

Distance: 3.6 miles

Difficulty Rating: Moderate

Nestled in the beautiful Putnam County, Wonder Lake State Park is located just a few minutes from I-84 in Holmes, NY. This 1,145-acre park contains a great selection of trails varying in views from shrubby meadows to woody conifer forests, leading to a stunning lakeview. The Highlands Trail is a long distance trail in progress, stretching over 200 miles and passing through 4 states to connect the Delaware River to the Connecticut border. Wonder Lake State Park contains the first segment in Putman County, titled and marked as the Highlands Trail on available trail maps. This portion of the Highlands Trail contains features such as, babbling brooks, mossy rock gardens, stone staircases, and marshes thriving with life. The Highlands trail is a serene and relaxing hike of 3.6 miles from one end to the other. Park maps provided at the trailhead recommend a moderate loop, which follow the Highlands trail to the lake and return for a 2.8-mile hike. This map also provides options for shorter and lengthier hikes and more information of the history of Wonder Lake.

Poetry in the Parks

To celebrate the *Centennial of New York State Parks*, the Taconic Region is excited to present **Poetry in the Parks**, a new 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.

Poems are temporarily installed for up to one year at five park locations and sites stretching from Westchester to Columbia counties. Selected poems are integrated into architecture found in the parks and meant to be discovered by visitors as a way to explore and reflect on the beauty of their natural surroundings.



Poets selected for the inaugural installation of **Poetry in the Parks** include:

Andrea Cohen at FDR State Park; **Ada Limón**, *U.S. Poet Laureate*, at Walkway Over the Hudson (West side);

Robert Hass at Lake Taghkanic State Park;

Ishion Hutchinson at Clermont State Historic Site;

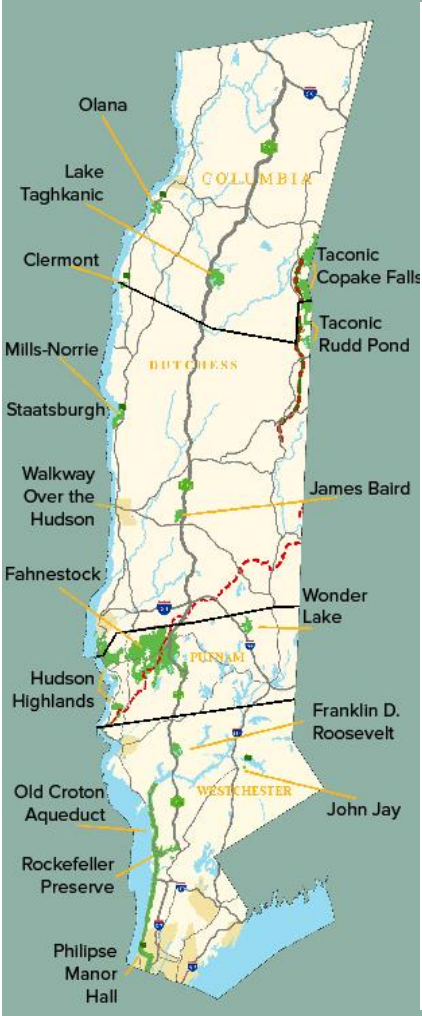
Patricia Spears Jones, *NY Poet Laureate*, at Walkway Over the Hudson (East side).

Poetry in the Parks is presented as a partnership between Poetry Society of America and New York State / Taconic Region in the Hudson Valley. Poetry Society of America selected a range of diverse poems from poets who have published at least two books of poetry.

The [Poetry Society of America](#), the nation's oldest poetry organization, was founded in 1910. Its mission is to place poetry at the crossroads of American life. The PSA transforms public spaces into sites for imaginative encounters with poems, engages diverse and often underserved communities, amplifies the voices of poets around issues of common concern, and honors their aesthetic contributions to our lives.

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 (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



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