

# FEBRUARY 2019



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*Eastern coyote in snow by Jeff Seneca*

**Hudson Valley Events in COLUMBIA, DUTCHESS, PUTNAM & WESTCHESTER Counties**



**Parks, Recreation  
and Historic Preservation**

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## DUTCHESS COUNTY

**JAMES BAIRD STATE PARK // 845.452.1489**

NATURE

WINTER  
FUN

JAMES  
BAIRD  
STATE  
PARK

Outdoor enthusiasts will find the seven miles of scenic wooded trails ideal for hiking in the warm months and cross country skiing and snowshoeing in the wintertime.

- Snowshoeing Trails
- X-Country Skiing
- Winter Geocaching Series; January 1- April 30. *For more information on how to play please visit [Geocaching.com](http://Geocaching.com).*

STAATSBURGH STATE HISTORIC SITE // 845.889.8851

ARTS

KIDS

HERITAGE

**GILDED AGE TEA & TALK SERIES:** Enjoy tea and refreshments in the formal dining room while listening to talks about different aspects of Gilded Age history. Please call 845-889-8851 to reserve and be advised that the teas fill up very quickly! Three Gilded Age Talk Series are offered this month.

**February 2 – WORLD WAR I AND THE END OF THE GILDED AGE.** Commemorating the recent 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War I, this tour explores how Gilded Age extravagance withered away in the cataclysm of the Great War. *Reservations Required.*

**Time: 1PM / Cost: \$10/Adults, \$8/Seniors & Students, \$5/ Friends of Mills Mansion**

**GILDED AGE TEA & TALK SERIES:**

**February 9 - FAMOUS LOVE STORIES OF THE GILDED AGE.** Enjoy a Valentine tea plus a chocolate treat and listen to stories of true love and devotion, researched by Staatsburgh curator Maria Reynolds. *RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.*

**Time: 1:00 PM / Cost: \$35 / Person, \$30 / Friends of Mills Mansion Members.**

**GILDED AGE TEA & TALK SERIES:**

**February 10 – FAMOUS LOVE STORIES OF THE GILDED AGE // SOLD OUT**

Enjoy a Valentine tea plus a chocolate treat and listen to stories of true love and devotion, researched by Staatsburgh curator Maria Reynolds. *RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.*

**Time: 1:00 PM / Cost: \$35 / Person, \$30 / Friends of Mills Mansion Members**



**February 23 – A Closer Look: A Curator-Guided Exploration of the Hidden & Hard-to-see.**

In this special tour by reservation, Staatsburgh’s Curator, Dr. Maria Reynolds, will focus on a selection of objects—from works of art to books, tools, you name it—that are not accessible or easily seen on tour, or which tell a special story. *Reservations required.*

**Time: 1PM /Cost: \$10/Adults, \$8/Seniors & Students, \$5/Friends of Mills Mansion.**

**GILDED AGE TEA & TALK SERIES:**

**Sunday, February 24 - Tea With Alice Roosevelt // SOLD OUT**

President Theodore Roosevelt's eldest daughter, a good friend of the Millses' twin daughters, was celebrated for her wit and disregard for society's polite conventions. Come and meet Alice, as portrayed by American History Theater's Kim Hanley. *Reservations required.*

**Time: 1:00 PM / Cost: \$35 / Person, \$30 / Friends of Mills Mansion Members.**

WINTER FUN  MILLS-NORRIE STATE PARK	<p>State Park adjoins <a href="#">Margaret Lewis Norrie State Park</a> and together, comprise more than one thousand acres. Mills Memorial State Park is the home of Dinsmore Golf Course and Staatsburgh State Historic Site. The numerous trails that thread through the grounds of both Mills and Norrie State Parks are ideal for cross country skiing, and snow shoeing - treating visitors to fabulous views of the Hudson River which runs directly along the parks' western boundaries. Check out the spectacular sledding on the great lawn of Staatsburgh State Historic Site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sledding</li> <li>• Snowshoeing Trails</li> <li>• X-Country Skiing</li> <li>• Winter Geocaching Series; January 1 – April 30. <i>For more information on how to play please visit <a href="#">Geocaching.com</a>.</i></li> </ul>
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**WALKWAY OVER THE HUDSON STATE HISTORIC PARK //845.834.2867** NATURE

**Flag Changing Ceremony**

**February 17 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm**

The American Legion Post 739 and VFW Post 6534 Highland 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.

**Contact:** [Ross Hartlipp](#) with American Legion Post 739 for information and updates.

**Location:** Center Overlook of the Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park

**Event Organizer:** American Legion Post 739 and VFW Post 6534 Highland

**COLUMBIA COUNTY**

**OLANA STATE HISTORIC SITE // 518.828.0135** KIDS ARTS NATURE HERITAGE

**Winter Hours of Operation Now through Spring...** House Tours: Saturday - Sunday only, 11am-3pm, last tour starts promptly at 3pm. The house is available by guided tour only. Reservations are strongly recommended, please visit [www.olana.org/book-a-tour](http://www.olana.org/book-a-tour).

**Free Audio Tours!** These tours can be listened to in any location, but we recommend listening as you stroll any of the carriage roads designed by Frederic Church. To download or stream, visit: [www.olana.org/digitaltour/](http://www.olana.org/digitaltour/)

**Olana's Historic Landscape Digital Audio Tour:** Learn about the history and ongoing historic restoration of Olana's artist designed landscape. Imagine walking inside a Frederic Church painting. While you learn a myriad of facts you will be inspired on Church's many historic carriage roads. The tour can be listened to anywhere, but best to follow along on Ridge Road. We suggest wearing good walking shoes.

WINTER  
FUN

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- Snowshoeing Trails
- X-Country Skiing

**TACONIC STATE PARK, Copake Falls // 518.329.3993**

NATURE

WINTER  
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TACONIC  
STATE  
PARK

The fun doesn't end in wintertime. There are great trails for cross country skiing and snowshoeing, as well as 5 miles of snowmobile trails, 6 year-round cottages and snowshoes available for rent.

- Snowmobiling
- Snowshoeing Trails
- X-Country Skiing



## LAKE TAGHKANIC STATE PARK // 518.851.3631

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- Ice Fishing
- Ice Skating
- Sledding
- Snowmobiling
- Snowshoeing Trails
- X-Country Skiing

## PUTNAM COUNTY

### FAHNESTOCK WINTER PARK // 845.225.7207 Main office

NATURE



WINTER FUN

## FAHNESTOCK WINTER PARK

*The Winter Park located in 16,000 acre Clarence Fahnestock Memorial State Park. We are located at an elevation of 1,100 feet which helps capture and maintain snow.*

**Skiing...**FWP offers 20 km of machine groomed, and tracked trails for skiers of all ability levels. We groom for classic and skate skiing. There is plenty of flat beginner terrain near the lodge for first time skiers.

**Snowshoeing and Tubing...**We have dedicated snowshoe trails and a sledding and tubing hill.

**Rentals ...**Skis, Snowshoes and Tubes for all ages are rented in the lodge.

We have both classic and skate skis for rent.

**Café...**Our café provides hot food, snacks and hot and cold beverages. We have both indoor and outdoor seating and a fire pit. Hats, gloves and some basic ski supplies are available.

Restrooms, changing rooms and showers provided onsite.

**Ski Conditions and Opening Reports....**To find out when we are open and to get conditions

Reports. Reports are sent out daily when we are open.

### Web Site

Go to the Fahnestock Winter Park page on the NY State Parks website. <https://parks.ny.gov/parks/147/details.aspx>

**Yahoo Groups...**<http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/fwpcconditions>

**Twitter:** ...<http://twitter.com/FWPupdates>

**Ski Report:** <http://www.snocountry.com/crosscountry-ski-reports/ny>

### Hiking, Walking, Fat Tire Bikes and Dog Walking

These activities are not allowed on the groomed trails. We have many other locations in the park where you can engage in these activities. Information available at the park office.

## WESTCHESTER COUNTY

**OLD CROTON AQUEDUCT // 914.693.5259**

NATURE

HERITAGE

**FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

*Walks & Tours & More are free and do not require prior registration (unless otherwise noted). They will be organized/led by the Friends of the Old Croton Aqueduct. Call event contact for the event for any updates on schedule, weather, etc. and bring water and snacks.*

*General questions about Walks & Tours: Co-chair Sara Kelsey, 646-303-1448, [saraakelsey@gmail.com](mailto:saraakelsey@gmail.com). General questions about the Friends: President Mavis Cain, 914-693-0529, [mavisbird500@verizon.net](mailto:mavisbird500@verizon.net).*



**February 2, Saturday at 10 am – Croton Reservoir & Dam Hike** – Easy 2-mile hike north along the Aqueduct and atop the beautiful Croton Dam. Meet near the restrooms at the parking lot at Croton Gorge Park, Rte. 129, Cortlandt, NY 10567. 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 Aqueduct Trail. The Aqueduct was completed in 1842 to supply water to a thirsty New York City. (From Metro-North Hudson Line Croton-Harmon Train Station: 15-minute taxi.) Inquiries: Aram Aslanian-Persico, [aram.dap@gmail.com](mailto:aram.dap@gmail.com) or call/text 949-258-7016.

**February 9, Saturday at 10:00 am – Walk the High Bridge & Explore Nearby** – Meet at the Highbridge Recreation Center on Amsterdam Ave. at 173 Street in Manhattan, a short walk from #1 (Note: 168<sup>th</sup> St. #1 Stn is closed.) and A subway stations. Washington Heights near the High Bridge deserves more attention, especially now that the gleaming bridge beckons day-trippers once more. Let's take a long walk that starts by crossing the Harlem River via the High Bridge. You will hear the tale of the Old Croton Aqueduct then wind back to the gorgeous Jumel Terrace Historic District, Trinity Cemetery (resting place of Ed Koch and John James Audubon), and to hidden Audubon Terrace. Along the way we pay homage to Paul Robeson, jazz greats like Lena Horne, the indomitable Eliza Jumel and to NY baseball. Be prepared for many stairs and up to 4 hours of hilly walking (4.5 miles). (Metro North Hudson Line riders must make elevated subway transfer at Marble Hill.) Bring snacks, drinks. Heavy rain cancels. Inquiries: text only to Lesley Walter, 914-671-7112.

**KEEPER'S HOUSE VISITOR & EDUCATION CENTER: New Exhibit of engineers' drawings and photographs curated by Robert Kornfeld. Open every Saturday and Sunday, 1-4 pm. The Keeper's House has received a Greater Hudson Heritage Network Award for Excellence for its interactive permanent exhibit about the history of the Croton System and the NYC water supply.** Located at 15 Walnut Street, Dobbs Ferry, between the Aqueduct Trail and Broadway. Docents are available to answer questions, provide information about walks & tours & more and sell NYC and Westchester Aqueduct maps, shirts and caps. (From Metro-North Dobbs Ferry Train Station, a 5-10-minute uphill walk.

**GO THE EXTRA MILE!** The Friends will recognize walkers/runners who complete the Westchester portion or the entire Old Croton Aqueduct with a 26- or 41-mile certificate and patch (free to members). Details and recognition forms are available on the website and at walks and tours. Walks/runs can be completed in segments or all at once and can be done in any sequence, direction, speed, or length of time. Use the Friends' Old Croton Aqueduct State Historic Park Map & Guide and the Old Croton Aqueduct in New York City map as the reference points for location (or a work-around, where necessary). Inquiries: Sara Kelsey, saraakelsey@gmail.com or call 646-303-1448.

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 **PHILIPSE MANOR HALL STATE HISTORIC SITE // 914.965.4027**

HERITAGE

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ARTS

**Thursday, February 7th: Downtown Yonkers Gallery Hop**

Stop by each of the 4 major downtown galleries: Blue Door Art Center, PC4, Philipse Manor Hall and the Riverfront Library, the first Thursday of each month to view new and exciting exhibits of arts and culture!

**5:30PM-7:30pm | Location: Yonkers | Free | Ages: All Ages**

**Saturday, February 9, 3:00pm: Rivertown String Quartet: From Russia with Love**

Looking for a different kind of Valentine's Day concert? Join us for candy, crafts and classical music from Russia! Receive Borodin's famous anniversary present for his wife Ekaterina, the romantic String Quartet No. 2. Experience Shostakovich's dramatic musical response to fascism, the String Quartet No. 8. Historical, political, musical and biographical anecdotes included in the concert! **3:30PM-4:45pm | Location: Yonkers | Free | Ages: All Ages**

**Saturday, February 16, 12:00-3:00 P.M. • Presidents' Day**

Presidents George Washington and Franklin Delano Roosevelt both visited Philipse Manor Hall, and this Presidents' Day, you can do the same! Celebrate the Manor Hall's collection of presidential portraits with crafts, scavenger hunts, quizzes, and more. Come meet and mingle with the 16th president Abraham Lincoln, and hear him regale you with how he grew into the man we all came! Event is free thanks to Friends of Philipse Manor Hall. **12:00PM-3:00pm | Location: Yonkers | Free | Ages: All Ages**

**Wednesday, February 20: Storytime at the Museum**

Preschoolers ages 1 to 5 (accompanied by a caregiver) can hear stories, sing songs and enjoy hands-on museum activities in the county's oldest standing building!! Today's topic will be on the American Presidents! Presented in partnership with the Yonkers Public Library

**11:00am-12:00pm | Location: Yonkers | Free | Ages: 1-5**

**Thursday, February 21: *Slavery in Dutch New York 1626-1664***

The Friends of Philipse Manor Hall and the New Netherlands Institute are pleased to welcome Curator Travis Bowman, who will present the role slavery played in the formation and growth of the West India Company and how the Company's Atlantic slave trading activities affected the colonists of Dutch New York. The lecture takes place at 6:30 and is free to attend!

**6:30pm-8:00pm | Location: Yonkers | Free | Ages: All Ages**

**Saturday, February 23, 3:00PM: Saturday Family Movie: Show Dogs**

The winter series of Saturday Family Movie continues with a dog out of place in, *Show Dogs*. Max is a rough and tumble Rottweiler police dog who gets sent undercover as a pampered show dog in a prestigious Dog Show. Along with his human partner, can the two of them avert a disaster from happening? All Saturday Family Movies are rated PG and free to attend. Guests are encouraged to bring a blanket and refreshments. Each movie will take place at 3pm inside the Gothic Chamber of Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site. **3:00pm-5:00pm | Location: Yonkers | Free | Ages: All Ages**

**FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT STATE PARK // 914.245.4434**

NATURE

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The Park's hills and trails are perfect for winter sports. The young and the young at heart will enjoy sledding or cross-country skiing. In wintertime, the water's tree-lined border provides a winter wonderland backdrop for ice fisherman.

- Ice Fishing
- Recreation Programs
- Sledding (Accessible)
- Snowmobiling
- Snowshoeing Trails
- X-Country Skiing

**JOHN JAY HOMESTEAD // 914.232.5651**

NATURE

HERITAGE

**Thursday, February 21 – Scholars Lecture: The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote**

Elaine Weiss tells the gripping story of the climax of the fight to ratify the 19th Amendment, replete with heroism, skullduggery, and suspense, coordination and conflict with other reform movements, and leadership by individuals famous and less than famous. The book has been optioned by Steven Spielberg's Amblin Television, to become a movie or limited series. 7:00pm lecture (registration and refreshments starting at 6:30pm), followed by a book signing. Reservations are recommended.

**6:30pm | Location: Ballroom | \$25; \$20 for members.**

**ROCKEFELLER STATE PARK PRESERVE // 914.631.1470 x 170**

NATURE

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Thirty miles north of New York City, the property is the former Pocantico Hills & Rockwood Hall country estates of members of the Rockefeller Family. Since 1983, the Rockefeller Family has generously donated over 1425 acres to the State of New York to safeguard these lands for present and future generations. Managed by NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation, the Preserve is open to the public year-round, sunrise to sunset.

- Sledding (Rockwood Hall only)
- Snowshoeing Trails
- X-Country Skiing
- Nature Trails
- Winter Geocaching Series; January 1- April 30. *For more information on how to play please visit [Geocaching.com](http://Geocaching.com).*



## New York State Parks—Taconic Region Facility Locations and 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/Rudder Pond

Millerton (518) 789-3059

#### Wonder Lake

Kent/Patterson (845) 225-7207

### STATE GOLF COURSES

#### Dinsmore

Staatsburg (845) 889-4071

#### James Baird

Pleasant Valley (845) 452-1489

### STATE HISTORIC SITES

#### Clermont

Germantown (518) 537-4240

#### John Jay Homestead

Katonah (914) 232-5651

#### Olana

Hudson (518) 828-0135

#### Philipse Manor Hall

Yonkers (914) 965-4027

#### Staatsburgh

Staatsburg (845) 889-8851

### EDUCATION/NATURE CENTERS

#### Taconic Outdoor Education Center

(OPRHP) By Group Reservations Only

Cold Spring (845) 265-3773

#### Norrie Point Environmental Center (DEC)

Staatsburg (845) 889-4745

### STATE HISTORIC PARKS

#### Old Croton Aqueduct

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

#### Walkway Over the Hudson

Highland/Poughkeepsie (845) 834-2867

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

#### Bannerman Island

Beacon, (845) 831-6346

#### Clinton House State Historic Site

Poughkeepsie, (845) 471-1630

#### Jay Heritage Center

Rye, (914) 698-9275

## ATTENTION: STUDENTS, TEACHERS, RETIREES

Summer Employment Opportunities

## New York State Lifeguard

Taconic Region State Parks employ approximately 50 lifeguards seasonally at our 5 beautiful aquatic facilities.

For more information about NYS Parks Lifeguard employment, please visit:

<https://parks.ny.gov/employment/lifeguards/default.aspx>

Or contact one of the Taconic Region Swimming Park Managers at:

Lake Taghkanic State Park ...Rob Snyder [Robert.Snyder@parks.ny.gov](mailto:Robert.Snyder@parks.ny.gov) (518) 851-3631

Taconic State Park... Chris Rickard [Christopher.Rickard@parks.ny.gov](mailto:Christopher.Rickard@parks.ny.gov) (518) 329-3993

Fahnestock State Park... Evan Thompson [Evan.Thompson@parks.ny.gov](mailto:Evan.Thompson@parks.ny.gov) (845) 225-7207

Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park... Bob Guarino [Robert.Guarino@parks.ny.gov](mailto:Robert.Guarino@parks.ny.gov) (914) 245-4434

The NYS Parks Lifeguard Qualifying Exam is offered in many locations throughout NY State.

For more information & exam schedule, please contact:

Gerry Covert; 845-889-3899

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