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# January 2019

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**DUTCHESS COUNTY**

**WALKWAY OVER THE HUDSON STATE HISTORIC PARK //845.834.2867**

**NATURE**

**FIRST  
DAY  
HIKE**

## **First Day Hike at Walkway Over the Hudson**

**Tuesday, January 1, 2019 2:00-3:00PM**

In conjunction with New York State Parks and Trails, join your fellow winter warriors on the Walkway Over the Hudson to ring in the new year with a First Day Hike. Participants (walkers, cyclists, runners, skaters, pets on leash) can gather at either the East or West Entrances to the Walkway 2 p.m. and begin a group hike to the Center Overlook.

East Entrance – 61 Parker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

West Entrance – 87 Haviland Road, Highland, NY 12528.

All participants will be entered into a raffle with a chance to win items including annual memberships to the Walkway, Walkway apparel, tickets to our Independence Day Fireworks Spectacular Celebration, and more. The raffle will be held at the Center Overlook at 2:30 p.m. once both groups (east and west sides) arrive. This event is complimentary to attend. **In the event of severe weather, the hike will be cancelled. Cancellations will be posted to [walkway.org](http://walkway.org) and social media sites.** For any additional questions, please contact [walkway@walkway.org](mailto:walkway@walkway.org).



**Walkway Night at Marist Basketball – Friday, January 11 – 7 p.m.**

Join Walkway Over the Hudson at McCann Arena on Friday, January 11 as the Marist Men’s Basketball team faces rival Siena College from Albany. Walkway Ambassadors will be on hand passing out giveaways, participating in on-court promotions, and more!

For tickets, visit [MaristTickets.com](http://MaristTickets.com).

**Flag Changing Ceremony – Sunday, January 20 – 12-1 p.m.**

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](mailto:Ross.Hartlipp) with American Legion Post 739 for information and updates.

**STAATSBURGH STATE HISTORIC SITE // 845.889.8851**

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**Saturday at 1:00pm, Jan 12... America’s Elite in the *Downton Abbey* Era**

Highlighting Staatsburgh’s real- life counterparts of the *Downton Abbey* characters, this tour, led by a costumed interpreter, will explore how the servants prepared for a busy weekend of entertaining...and how the Millses’ daughter, like *Downton Abbey’s* Cora, married into the British aristocracy.

Reservations required. Cost: \$10/Adults, \$8/Seniors & Students, \$5/ Friends of Mills Mansion.

**Saturday at 1:00pm Jan 19... World War I & the End of the Gilded Age.** Commemorating the recent 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War I, this special tour explores how Gilded Age extravagance withered away in the cataclysm of the Great War.

Reservations required. \$10/Adults, \$8/Seniors & Students, \$5/Friends of Mills Mansion.



**Gilded Age Tea & Talk Series** – Enjoy tea and scones in Staatsburgh’s formal dining room while listening to talks about Gilded Age history. Each participant will receive a 4-oz. tin of Staatsburgh Blend tea brewed by Harney & Sons.

**Jan 27 at 1pm; The Clermont Livingstons...**Staatsburgh’s Ruth Livingston Mills was proud of her Livingston lineage and hung portraits of her famous Livingston relatives in Staatsburgh’s Main Hall. Guest historian Geoff Benton from Clermont State Historic Site will discuss the history of Ruth Mills’ illustrious family. Reservations required. Cost: \$35/person, \$30/Friends of Mills Mansion.

**COLUMBIA COUNTY**

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

NATURE

**FIRST DAY HIKE**

**First Day Hike at Taconic State Park - Copake Falls Area  
Tuesday, January 1, 2019 1:00 PM**

Please join us for an easy hike to Bash Bish Falls. It’s a great way to welcome the new year in a healthy way with friends and family including the four-legged kind. After, we’ll have a roaring fire and roast some marshmallows.

▶ **OLANA STATE HISTORIC SITE // 518.828.0135**

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## FIRST DAY HIKE

### **First Day Hike at Olana State Historic Site Tuesday, January 1, 2019 11:00 AM**

Have you ever wanted to step into a piece of art? Now is your chance! Help us kick off the new year right by joining us for a walk along the artist-designed Ridge Road carriage drive, as we explore Olana as an inspiration for the creation of art through the centuries.

For Registration, please visit <http://www.olana.org/calendar/>



WESTCHESTER COUNTY

▶ **FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT STATE PARK // 914.254-4434**

NATURE

## FIRST DAY HIKE

### **First Day Hike At Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park Tuesday, January 1, 2019 11:00 AM**

Join the Friends of FDR State Park to visit the lesser known side of the park. Enjoy a brisk walk and visit the bridges built in 2016 and 2017. Meet up Location: Pool Parking Lot, near the bench at the northern end.

▶ **JOHN JAY HOMESTEAD // 914.232.5651**

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## FIRST DAY HIKE

### **First Day Hike at John Jay Homestead Tuesday, January 1, 2019 1:00 PM**

Kick start your New Year's resolutions with a hike on the grounds of John Jay Homestead. Warm up by the bonfire with a cup of hot cocoa. Pick up your self-guided landscape between 1pm and 2pm at the registration table in our main parking lot.

**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. General questions about the Friends: President Mavis Cain, 914-693-0529, [mavisbird500@verizon.net](mailto:mavisbird500@verizon.net).*



**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.*

**KEEPER'S HOUSE VISITOR & EDUCATION CENTER:** *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 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, the Visitor's Center contains exhibits about the Old Croton Aqueduct, New York City's Water System, the Aqueduct Trail, videos, a water fountain, a bathroom and more! 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.*

# FIRST DAY HIKE

## **First Day Hike at Croton Reservoir & Dam // Old Croton Aqueduct State Historic Park**

**Tuesday, January 1, 2019 at 12 Noon**

Greet the New Year with an easy 1-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 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 New York City.

Inquiries: Sara Kelsey, saraakelsey@gmail.com or 646-303-1448.

**January 5, Saturday at 1:30 pm – Along the Aqueduct Trail - Meet the new Curator of the Lenoir Nature Preserve, Sara Cavanaugh. Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Old Croton Aqueduct and the Lenoir Nature Preserve.** Meet at the Keepers House at 15 Walnut Street in Dobbs Ferry, off Broadway. Learn about Lenoir from Sara and enjoy light refreshments. Afterwards, there will be an optional visit to the Preserve at 19 Dudley Street in Yonkers, off Broadway: on foot in a guided tour along the Aqueduct Trail (2.6 miles each way, wear sturdy shoes; steps and steep initial entry within the Preserve); or by car, where you will be treated to a tour of this beautiful Westchester County Nature Preserve. Inquiries: Sara Kelsey, [saraakelsey@gmail.com](mailto:saraakelsey@gmail.com) or 646-303-1448.

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

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**Saturday's on January 5, 12, 26: 11:00AM-12:15PM. Yoga and Meditation Class**

Simple chair yoga and meditation practices can help us release stress, relax, feel healthier and calmer. It helps us sleep better, and can ultimately can help shift our perspective, enabling us to feel more in charge of our lives, and have a more compassionate, inclusive and empowered view of the world. Class takes place inside the Gothic Chamber and walk ins welcomed. No mats. \$10 per class, no reservations needed.

**11:00 am-12:15pm | Location: Yonkers | \$10 | Ages: All Ages**

**Thursday, January 3rd: 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, January 12th: Vento Trio**

Philipse Manor Hall is pleased to present the Vento Trio, live at the Manor! The Vento Trio plays chamber music that grooves; from popular Brazilian songs, jazzy improv styles, and commissions by US composers to contemporary Latin American works. The trio also is adept in and incorporates classics from the likes of Bozza, Albeniz, Bach and Mozart! This free performance is possible thanks for Puffin Foundation. For more information on the Vento Trio, please visit their website at <http://ventotrio.com/>.

**3:00pm-4:00pm | Location: Yonkers | Free | Ages: All ages**

**Wednesday, January 16th: 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 Martin Luther King Jr.! Presented in partnership with the Yonkers Public Library

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

**Saturday, January 26th, 3:00PM: Saturday Family Movie: Monsters INC**

The winter series of Saturday Family Movie kicks off with a trip to Monstropolis to see our favorite scarer and his coach in Monsters Inc! Mike and Sully are at the top of the scare world and about to break the record for screams generated, but will they be able enjoy their success? 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**

ROCKEFELLER STATE PARK PRESERVE // 914.631.1470 x 170

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## FIRST DAY HIKE

### First Day Hike with Saw Mill River Audubon // Rockefeller State Park Preserve

**Tuesday, January 1, 2019 09:00 AM**

Hosted by Saw Mill River Audubon and led by SMRA Board Member Larry Trachtenberg. Now an annual Saw Mill River Audubon tradition! Start off the year and your 2019 bird list with an invigorating walk along the Hudson River shoreline at Rockwood Hall. Dress warmly since it is often cooler by the river. Bring binoculars if you have them. SMRA will also have spotting scopes to share. Meet up location: Parking lot near Rockwood. Beginners encouraged!

#### Jan 20: **SUNDAY MORNING WINTER PHOTO WALK WITH HEIDI FUHRMAN**

Heidi Fuhrman is rejoining us as our special guide for a Winter Photo Walk, contributing her unique talents to lead another once-per-season tradition at the Preserve. Heidi will not burden the walk with an instructional class; rather, she will help point out photographic opportunities and approaches during an energetic 2-hour jaunt through our carriage trails in search of both broad vistas and close-ups. Each season brings different photographic opportunities, and winter brings special light and simplicity.

This past year, Heidi has focused on projects photographing "fog" and "ice," and these large collections both have been exhibited in public gallery spaces. During the Fall, several of her images were on view at the New York Hall of Science's exhibit on forest birds and at the Rockefeller Preserve Gallery exhibit on carnivores. Locally, her photographs are routinely featured in Rockefeller State Park Preserve web and print publications. Heidi is also co-president of the 80+ member Color Camera Club of Westchester. Pre-registration required

at [www.rockefellerstateparkpreserve.eventbrite.com](http://www.rockefellerstateparkpreserve.eventbrite.com) or by calling Julia at 914-631-1470 x107. Any camera is fine, even a cell phone. Meet at the Park's main Office.

**Sunday | 10:00 AM – 12 NOON | Rockefeller State Park Preserve | FREE | All ages**

PUTNAM COUNTY

CLARENCE FAHNESTOCK MEMORIAL STATE PARK // 845.225.7202

NATURE

## FIRST DAY HIKE

### First Day Hike at Little Stony Point // Hudson Highlands State Park Preserve

**Tuesday, January 1, 2019 11:00 AM**

Join us for a short hike on New Year's Day, and welcome the New Year. Hot cocoa and snacks will be served after the hike.

*2 choices: 1 mile on Little Stony Point and 3 mile on Cornish Estate Trail*

Meet up location: Park Office and Volunteer Center, 3011 Route 9D, Cold Spring NY 10516

If you would like to submit a NYS Park event for consideration in next month's calendar, we would love to hear from you! Deadline: First Monday of every month for the following month's calendar. Columbia, Dutchess, Putnam and Westchester counties only. For more information, please contact: [Janeen.Martin@parks.ny.gov](mailto:Janeen.Martin@parks.ny.gov)

# New York State Parks—Taconic Region Facility Locations and Phone Numbers

Please contact the park/site for information regarding fees and availability.

## STATE PARKS

### Clarence Fahnestock Memorial

Carmel (845) 225-7207

### Fahnestock Winter Park

Administration (845) 225-7207

Snow conditions (845) 225-3998

### Franklin D. Roosevelt

Yorktown Heights (914) 245-4434

### Hudson Highlands

Peekskill to Beacon (845) 225-7207

### James Baird

Pleasant Valley (845) 452-1489

### Lake Taghkanic

Ancram (518) 851-3631

### Margaret Lewis Norrie/

### Ogden Mills & Ruth Livingston Mills (Mills-Norrie)

Staatsburg (845) 889-4646

### Rockefeller Preserve

Pleasantville (914) 631-1470

### Taconic/Copake Falls

Copake Falls (518) 329-3993

### Taconic/Rudd Pond

Millerton (518) 789-3059

### Wonder Lake

Kent/Patterson (845) 225-7207

## STATE GOLF COURSES

### Dinsmore

Staatsburg (845) 889-4071

### James Baird

Pleasant Valley (845) 452-1489

## STATE HISTORIC SITES

### Clermont

Germantown (518) 537-4240

### John Jay Homestead

Katonah (914) 232-5651

### Olana

Hudson (518) 828-0135

### Philipse Manor Hall

Yonkers (914) 965-4027

### Staatsburgh

Staatsburg (845) 889-8851

## EDUCATION/NATURE CENTERS

### Taconic Outdoor Education Center (OPRHP) By Group Reservations Only

Cold Spring (845) 265-3773

### Norrie Point Environmental Center (DEC)

Staatsburg (845) 889-4745

## STATE HISTORIC PARKS

### Old Croton Aqueduct

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

### Walkway Over the Hudson

Highland/Poughkeepsie (845) 834-2867

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

### Bannerman Island

Beacon, (845) 831-6346

### 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	<a href="mailto:Robert.Snyder@parks.ny.gov">Robert.Snyder@parks.ny.gov</a>	(518) 851-3631
Taconic State Park	Chris Rickard	<a href="mailto:Christopher.Rickard@parks.ny.gov">Christopher.Rickard@parks.ny.gov</a>	(518) 329-3993
Fahnestock State Park	Evan Thompson	<a href="mailto:Evan.Thompson@parks.ny.gov">Evan.Thompson@parks.ny.gov</a>	(845) 225-7207
Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park	Bob Guarino	<a href="mailto:Robert.Guarino@parks.ny.gov">Robert.Guarino@parks.ny.gov</a>	(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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