

# MARCH 2019

## TACONIC REGION CALENDAR



*Walkway Over the Hudson at Sunrise by Fred Schaeffer*

Here Comes the Sun!  
Daylight Savings Time  
begins March 10

**Events in Columbia, Dutchess, Putnam & Westchester Counties of NY's Hudson Valley**



**Parks, Recreation  
and Historic Preservation**

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### WESTCHESTER COUNTY

**JOHN JAY HOMESTEAD STATE HISTORIC SITE // 914.232.5651**

KIDS

NATURE

HERITAGE

**Thursday through Saturday, throughout the month of March – Thematic Tour: Women of the Jay Family.** Sarah, Nancy, Eleanor and the rest! Six generations of strong, educated women lived at John Jay's Bedford House. Their stories shed light on the roles of women in upper class homes in the eighteenth, nineteenth, and early twentieth centuries. Regular admission fees.

Advance purchase of tickets is suggested as space is limited – [www.johnjayhomestead.org](http://www.johnjayhomestead.org).

**2:00pm | Location: Glass Porch of Bedford House | \$10 adults; \$7 seniors & students; Free for members and children under 12**

**Thursday, March 14 – Scholars Lecture: *No Property in Man: Slavery and Antislavery at the Nation's Founding*** Rather than presenting the Constitution as a cynical political bargain enshrining slavery in the new nation, Sean Wilentz argues that it actually restricted slavery's legitimacy, and kept alive the eventual possibility of antislavery politics the national level. Wilentz is the George Henry Davis 1886 Professor of American History at Princeton, author of seven other books and co-author or editor of many more, and the winner of multiple prizes and awards, including the Bancroft and Pulitzer (finalist). He is also historian-in-residence at Bob Dylan's official website. 7:00pm lecture (registration and refreshments starting at 6:30pm), followed by a book signing. Reservations are recommended – [www.johnjayhomestead.org](http://www.johnjayhomestead.org). \$25; \$20 for members.

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

**OLD CROTON AQUEDUCT // 914.693.5259**

NATURE



#### **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. See [aqueduct.org](http://aqueduct.org) for more information about the Aqueduct. Call 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).*

Old Croton continued...

**March 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: Peter Dispensa, [solarconstant@msn.com](mailto:solarconstant@msn.com) or call 914-522-5000.

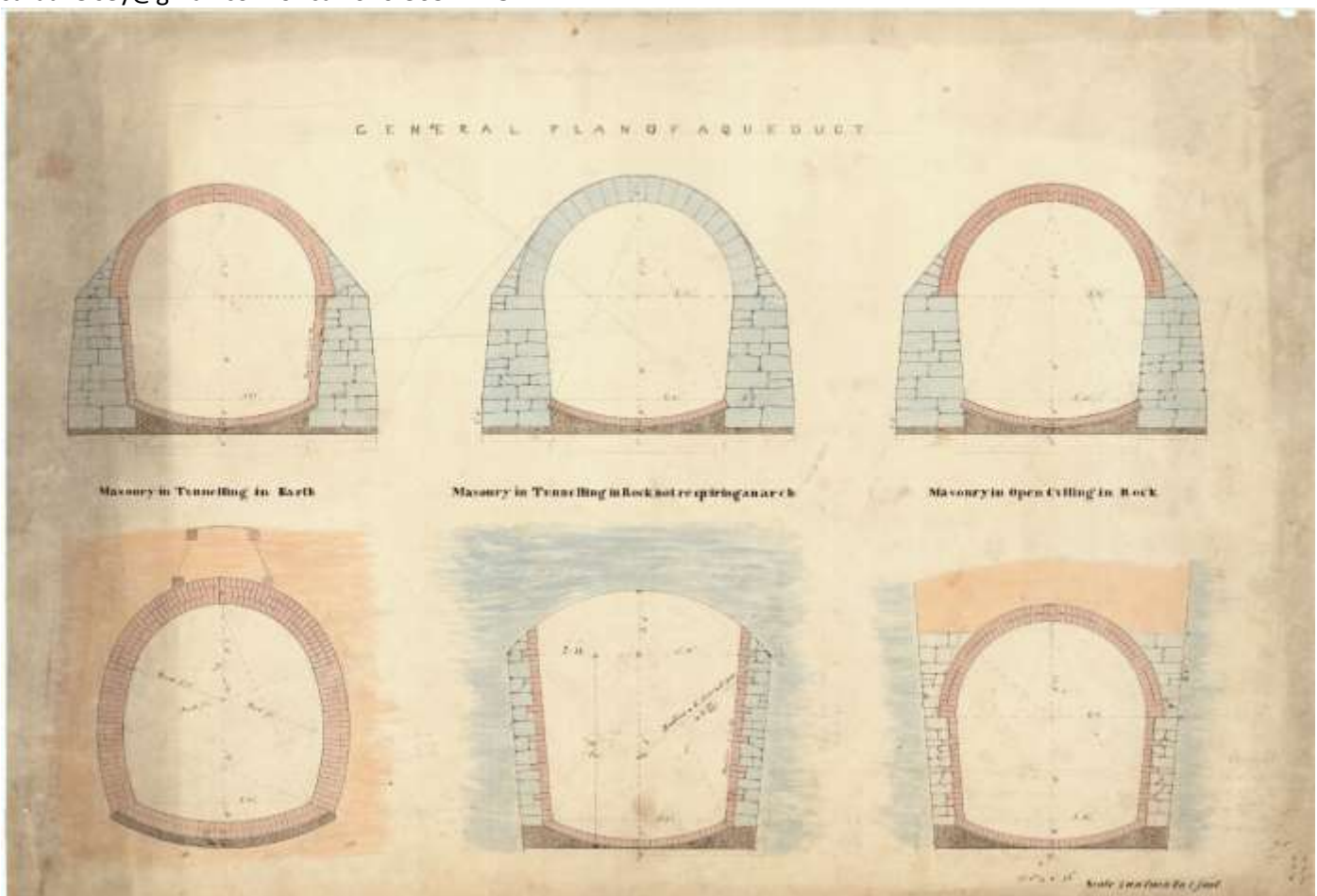
### March 16, Saturday at 10:30 am – Weirs to Beers: Ossining & The Aqueduct

We start and end on a wooded trail – but in between, expect Sing Sing village tales, close Hudson River views from Crawbuckie Park, a stroll through the rocky gorge of Sing Sing Kill and a neat microbrewery (almost) at walk's end. Six miles, 3 hours (excluding the brewery), some hills. Wear hiking boots and bring water. This hike is for people who walk regularly. No bathrooms except at the brewery. Rain and snow cancel.

Meet at 10:30 am sharp in the REAR parking lot of Scarborough Presbyterian Church, 655 Scarborough Road, Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510. Please do not park in the main church parking lot! Their parking lot is off Route 9 (a/k/a S. Highland Avenue), Briarcliff Manor. From Route 9 turn into Marlborough Road (a smallish road just south of Sparta Cemetery and just north of the Church). The lot is the first right turn off Marlborough. Tour leader is Lesley, cell 914-671-7112, please text only.

**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 (Westchester) 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](mailto:saraakelsey@gmail.com) or call 646-303-1448.



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

ARTS

KIDS

HERITAGE

**Saturdays, March 2, 9, 16. ...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.

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

**Saturday, March 16, 3:00pm: Rivertown String Quartet: Peace Concert** Join the Rivertown String Quartet for their third performance at Philipse Manor Hall! Make time for peace and music with uplifting arrangements from the likes of Bach, Barber, Cat Stevens and more! The concert starts at 3:30 on Saturday, March 16th is free to attend!

**3:30PM-4:45pm | Location: Yonkers | Free | Ages: All Ages**

**Saturday, March 23, 11:00AM-12:15PM: Yoga and Meditation Class**

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**Thursday, March 28th: Yonkers Downtown Quality of Life Meeting**

Join local politicians, police officers from the 4<sup>th</sup> precinct, business and land owners, community activist and residents for an ongoing discussion about the changes and proposals impacting the downtown area. All residents of the downtown are invited to attend to voice their concerns and hear about what the future may bring to Yonkers!

**7:00pm-8:30pm | Location: Yonkers | Free | Ages: All Ages**

**Saturday, March 30, 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.

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**Saturday, March 30, 3:00PM: Saturday Family Movie: The Little Mermaid**

The winter series of Saturday Family Movie moves right along with an all-time classic, The Little Mermaid! Join Ariel, a mermaid, in her care-free life under the seas! Will all the fun and adventure be enough to keep her content with her water locked life? 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**

ARTS

NATURE

**Monday, March 11: BIRD WALK with Saw Mill River Audubon.** Come birding with SMRA! Beginners encouraged.

Meet in the main parking lot of Rockefeller State Park Preserve. More info at [www.sawmillriveraudubon.org](http://www.sawmillriveraudubon.org).

**Monday | 8:30 AM | Rockefeller State Park Preserve | FREE | All ages**

**Monday, March 18: BIRD WALK with Saw Mill River Audubon**

Come birding with SMRA! Beginners encouraged. Meet at the Pocantico/Sleepy Hollow Road entrance of Rockefeller State Park Preserve. More info at [www.sawmillriveraudubon.org](http://www.sawmillriveraudubon.org).

**Monday | 8:30 AM | Rockefeller State Park Preserve | FREE | All ages**



*The Art Gallery at Rockefeller State Park Preserve Presents:*

**“SNAP! – Colors, Patterns & Textures”**

Visitors from far and wide have found joy exploring, running and riding historic trails created by John D. Rockefeller and family. Artists are inspired by the seasonal changes of floral subjects that provide displays for continual exhibitions in the on-site gallery. *Now thru March 31*

*Winter Light by Michael Garber*



## COLUMBIA COUNTY

LAKE TAGHKANIC STATE PARK // 518.851.3631

NATURE

**Fri., March 8: Mid-Hudson Astronomical Association Monthly Star Party, 7:30 PM.** The Mid-Hudson Astronomical Association hosts a monthly stargazing party in the West Beach parking lot. Bring your own telescopes and binoculars or use those provided by our members. RSVP is required at least one day beforehand. 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>. *Registration: Required*

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TACONIC STATE PARK COPAKE FALLS // 518.329.3993

NATURE

**Wednesday March 6<sup>th</sup> - Snowshoe Hike at 1 p.m.** (conditions permitting). Free 3-mile snowshoe hike; route to be determined based on conditions. We will meet at the park office: 253 State Route 344, Copake Falls, NY 12517. We have a limited number of snowshoes, so please bring your own if you have them. Snowshoeing is fun and it's a great workout, so don't be afraid to come with us even if you are a first timer. Wear sturdy boots and watch this video by our friends at the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation to learn more about staying safe while having fun outdoors in the winter: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Epr0PyTgQQE&feature=youtu.be>



Photo of Rudd Pond by Chris Rickard, Park manager

## DUTCHESS COUNTY

STAATSBURGH STATE HISTORIC SITE //845.889.8851 x 336

HERITAGE

NATURE

GENERAL



*Photo from historical archives*

### March 2 – World War I & the End of the Gilded Age

Commemorating the centennial years 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.

1:00pm

#### Gilded Age Tea & Talk Series // SOLD OUT!

*Enjoy tea and refreshments in the formal dining room while listening to talks about different aspects of Gilded Age history.*

### March 3 – Underwhere?

Learn about historic undergarments along with a demonstration of all the required layers!

\$35/PERSON, \$30/FRIENDS OF MILLS MANSION MEMBERS. Reservations required. **SOLD OUT!**

1:00pm

### March 10 – Millionaires & Masquerade Balls

Guest Historian Carol Kohan will explore how the centuries-old diversion of masquerade and fancy dress balls flourished across continents and enthralled New York society, included the Millses, in the Gilded Age.

\$35/PERSON, \$30/FRIENDS OF MILLS MANSION MEMBERS. Reservations required. **SOLD OUT!**

1:00pm

### March 24 – You Can't Make This Stuff Up: Delving Deeper into Gilded Age Scandals

Sex, murder and money – the shocking behavior of their rich Edwardian friends must have appalled the very genteel Millses. Staatsburgh's Don Fraser will highlight some of his favorite stories from our popular "Gilded Age Scandals" theme tour.

\$35/PERSON, \$30/FRIENDS OF MILLS MANSION MEMBERS. Reservations required. **SOLD OUT!**

1:00pm

### March 16 – Ice is Nice! ...and Historic!

Family Program for children ages 7 – 12.

Families will be introduced to the tools and techniques used for harvesting and storing ice, see the mansion's historic ice box, take a walk to visit a former ice house nearby, and make ice cream. Program includes winter hiking on trails; a parent or guardian must accompany child.

\$8/ child; \$15/family for up to 3 children. Reservations required.

1:00 – 3:00pm



*Photo from historical archives*

*Staatsburgh continued...*

### March 23 – A Closer Look: A Curator-Guided Exploration of the Hidden & Hard-to-see

In this special tour, 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. Cost: \$10/Adults, \$8/Seniors & Students, \$5/Friends of Mills Mansion.  
1:00pm

### March 30 – 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 servants prepared for a busy weekend of entertaining, and how the Millises' daughter, like Downton Abbey's Cora, married into the British aristocracy. Reservations required. Cost: \$10/Regular, \$8/Seniors & Students, \$5/Friends of Mills Mansion.

1PM

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

NATURE

GENERAL

### Flag Changing Ceremony

March 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

### Sunrise Stroll

March 24 @ 6:30 am - 7:30 am

The early bird gets the view! Join your fellow early risers to celebrate the first Sunday of Spring and Fall with a Sunrise Stroll on the Walkway. Enjoy the sunrise and Walkway's spectacular views of the Hudson River Valley. The east and west gates to the Walkway will open at 6:30 AM. Don't forget to bring your camera!

**Location:** Walkway East (Poughkeepsie) and West (Highland) Entrances

**Time:** 6:30 AM opening at both gates, however the group walk will begin from the east gate promptly 6:30 am.

**Cost:** FREE to Walkway members. Donation encouraged for non-members – or become a member and help us continue to present fun and exciting events on the Walkway throughout the year!

## 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

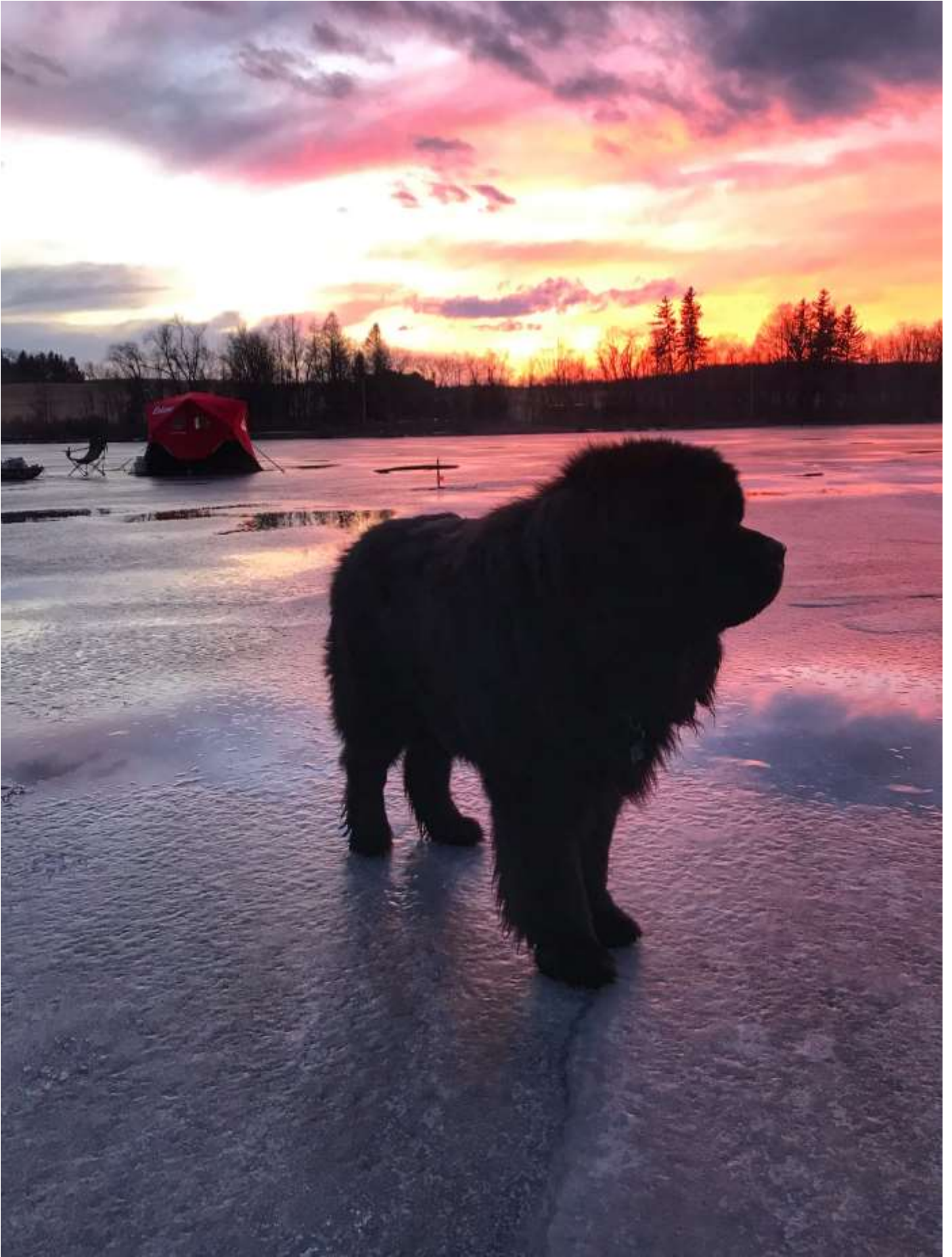
The NYS Parks Lifeguard Qualifying Exam is offered in many locations throughout NY State.

For more information & exam schedule, please contact:

Gerry Covert; 845-889-3899

E-Mail: [Geraldine.covert@parks.ny.gov](mailto:Geraldine.covert@parks.ny.gov)





*Photo taken at Taconic State Park by Chris Rickard, Park manager*

## 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/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



