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



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COLUMBIA COUNTY

OLANA STATE HISTORIC SITE // 518.751.0344

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OLANA STATE HISTORIC SITE'S 250-ACRE LANDSCAPE is free and open to all, every day from 8:00 AM to sunset. August House and Landscape Tour Hours: 10:00 AM-3:30 PM, Tuesday-Sunday

The Museum Store is open Tuesday – Sunday, 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM. See our tour listings at OLANA.org for more details. *Image by: Peter Aaron/OTTO*

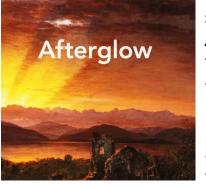
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OLANA EYE SKYCAM

Virtual visitors can experience the iconic view from Olana's Studio Tower at any time and from around the world at OLANA.org/OLANAEYE. Use the hashtag #OLANAEYE 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 <u>https://www.olana.org/virtual-olana/</u>



SPECIAL EXHIBITION

Afterglow: Frederic Church and the Landscape of Memory

The Olana Partnership is thrilled to announce "Afterglow: Frederic Church and the Landscape of Memory," at Olana State Historic Site. This exhibition explores Frederic Church's rarely-seen memorial landscape paintings. While Church is best known for his monumental, panoramic paintings of natural wonders, he also created smaller, intimate works full of personal symbolism for friends and family. To learn more, visit OLANA.org/Afterglow



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.



K-12 FIELD TRIPS AND VIRTUAL TOURS - ACCEPTING RESERVATIONS!

Explore Frederic Church's masterwork, Olana, through a field trip or virtual tour in any season! During onsite field trips and virtual tours, students learn more about the art, culture, and history of Olana and the Hudson River Valley

through place-based learning activities and lessons. For grades PreK-12 and education groups; \$5-\$15 per student | FREE for schools in Columbia and Greene counties. Learn more by visiting https://www.olana.org/tour-category/school/



FREE Third Thursday at Olana Thursday, August 15, 12:00-7:00 pm

Enjoy FREE house access and landscape tours at Olana State Historic Site from 12:30 PM – 6:00 PM. 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.

Museum Store: 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM Tour Hours: 12:30 PM – 6:00 PM

For further inquiries, please call ticketing at (518) 751-0344 or email tickets@olana.org. Want to make a day of it? Join a FREE program happening in the Wagon House Education Center. Learn more below. To learn more, visit: www.OLANA.org/thirdthursdays

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Third Thursday: Exploring Medicine Movement and Yoga with Nkoula Badila August 15, 4:00-6:00pm

Join artist and yoga practitioner Nkoula Badila for a special yoga workshop. Get centered in Olana's landscape as you explore movement and mindfulness outdoors. Program will take place along Ridge Road; check in at Olana's Visitor Center for more information day-of.

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



Third Thursday: Tunes with a View - Andes Manta August 15, 5:00-7:00pm

Celebrate the beginning of summer with live music outdoors at Olana. Listen to ANDES MANTA perform the vibrant music of South America and the Andes on traditional instruments such as panpipes and the Andean flute. Performance will take place outdoors near the Main House; check in at Olana's visitor center for more information day-of. To learn more, visit: www.OLANA.org/thirdthursdays



Artmaking in the Afternoon August 17, 2024, 1:00-5:00pm

Inspired by your time at Olana? Join The Olana Partnership educators for handson artmaking using professional materials and a series of prompts to get your creativity flowing.

Drop in program; FREE. All materials provided. Located in the Wagon House Education Center. To learn more, visit: www. OLANA.org/programs-events/



Exploring Mindfulness and Change in Olana's Farm August 17, 10:00am-12:00pm

Why do so many turn to farms and gardens in moments of personal, social and ecological turbulence? From about 1861 to 1870, the farm, orchard and garden below Frederic and Isabel Church's first house at Olana, Cosy Cottage, was a place to ground their daily lives. Today, the once productive farm looks different. A rewilding meadow and honeybee hives stand where there were once peach, cherry and apple trees. During this program, participants will walk through the historic farm, using their senses to tune into the living world of plants and animals. Use sketching and journaling to gather plant impressions and explore who continues to inhabit the farm now. The program will include opportunities for sharing and discussion and will end with seasonal snacks.

\$15 general; \$10 Members; \$5 Columbia & Greene County Residents.

To learn more, visit: www.OLANA.org/programs-events/



Movie Night with Upstate Films: Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind August 23, Doors open 7:00pm; Film begins at 8:00pm

Join The Olana Partnership and Upstate Films at Olana State Historic Site for a movie night under the stars. Director Michel Gondry delivers a sci-fi love story for the ages about memory, ideals, and tenderness. When Joel (Jim Carrey) discovers his ex-girlfriend Clementine (Kate Winslet) has had memories of him erased from her mind, he desperately decides to match the process and have her removed from his memory. But as Joel's memories progressively disappear, he begins to rediscover his love for Clementine. (dir. Michel Gondry, US, 2004, 108m) \$14 general admission (\$10 members. To learn more, visit: OLANA org/programs-events/

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Landscape Memories in Plein Air with Anne Crowley Saturday, August 24 | 1:00 – 4:00pm

Join artist Anne Crowley for the opportunity to express your connection to memories through landscape painting in a plein air workshop at Olana. The breathtaking views can help you share and reflect on an important memory of yours. Grab your French easel and oil painting supplies and enjoy this outdoor

adventure in art. This program is offered in collaboration with Woodstock School of Art on occasion of the exhibition *Afterglow: Frederic Church and the Landscape of Memory*.

\$74 per student; register at Woodstock School of Art. https://woodstockschoolofart.org/classesworkshops/workshops/

To learn more, visit OLANA.org/afterglow

LAKE TAGHKANIC STATE PARK // 518.851.3631

Poetry ^{in the}Parks



Robert Hass at Lake Taghkanic State Park See page 18 for more information about this new public art initiative that integrates poems in public parks and historic sites.

Fri., Aug. 2: Mid-Hudson Astronomical Association Monthly Star Party, 8:00 PM

The Mid-Hudson Astronomical Association hosts a monthly stargazing party in the West Beach parking lot. Bring your own telescopes and binoculars or use those provided by our members. You will be asked to provide your license plate number and make/model car, so Park Management and Police have a record of who will be in park after hours. More info at https://www.meetup.com/mhastro/events/275468188/ Registration: RSVP is required at least one day beforehand.

CLERMONT STATE HISTORIC SITE // 518.537.4240

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Ishion Hutchinson at Clermont State Historic Site See page 18 for more information about this new public art initiative that integrates poems in public parks and historic sites.



Ongoing: Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays 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, 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.



Saturday, August 3, 2024 11:00am to 1:00pm Crafty Kids! Visitor Center Spend the morning creating picture frame, design an 18th

Spend the morning creating with Crafty Kids! Enjoy a snack as you paint a picture frame, design an 18th century paper doll, or let your imagination run wild with our arts and crafts supplies! Light instruction is offered, creativity is

encouraged. Please note: The cost of the event is \$5 per person, please be prepared to pay at the door. This is a children's program; all children must be accompanied by an adult and all adults must be accompanied by a child. Visitors must register in advance at bookeo.com/Clermont



Sunday, August 11, 2024 2:00 pm

Tracing Material Histories in Clermont's Collections – An Art History Tour Meet at the Visitor Center

Join us for an exploration into the material histories of the objects and artworks in Clermont's collections. Just as the current interpretation of the site seeks to shed light on the life and legacies of the enslaved people, servants, and laborers who worked at Clermont, this tour will uncover the connections the collection maintains to systems of trade, industry, and labor through the materiality of the objects themselves. From silver to mother-of-pearl to the pigment used to capture the likeness of the most prominent Livingstons, this material exploration will seek to expand our understanding of the origins of this

collection by discussing who and what went into making it. Please note: **The cost of the event is \$5 per person,** please be prepared to pay at the door. Space is limited. Visitors must register in advance at bookeo.com/Clermont



Sunday, August 18, 2024 2:00pm The Unsinkable Margaret Beekman Clermont Mansion, back porch

Perhaps known as Clermont's most important matriarch, Margaret Beekman Livingston features in all the major stories of this house's history – and this year we celebrate the 300th anniversary of her birth! Today, hear from the lady herself as she shares what it was like to be from two influential and local families, to mother ten children, and to see this house burned and rebuilt. Please note: Space is limited. **This program is free of charge,** but Visitors must register in advance at bookeo.com/Clermont



Thursday, August 22, 2024 6:00pm

Harmonies on the Hudson Presents: Musicians of Ma'alwyck Arryl North Lawn, near the main parking lot

Founded in 1999 by violinist and director Ann-Marie Barker Schwartz, the group specializes in music performed in America during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Many of the performing materials are drawn from the

Clermont continued...

Special Collections of the New York State Library. In 2002, <u>Musicians of Ma'alwyck</u> performed by invitation for television producer Norman Lear in celebration of his purchase of the last private copy of the Declaration of Independence. Musicians of Ma'alwyck has been presented on National Public Radio, WMHT-FM and WMHT-TV. In 2009 the ensemble produced the 1783 opera The Poor Soldier by William Shield, drawing national attention. Musicians of Ma'alwyck was named the best chamber music ensemble of the Capital Region for both 2008 and 2009 by Metroland. This past season the ensemble commissioned an opera about the woman suffrage movement, which premiered last June. Titled Aleda or the Flight of the Suff Birdwomen, and written by Max Caplan, the opera received high artistic praise.

Please note: Harmonies on the Hudson concert series is presented free of charge by the Friends of Clermont. All Harmonies on the Hudson concerts are weather permitting. Check out the whole season's concert calendar at friendsofclermont.org/events

DUTCHESS COUNTY

WALKWAY OVER THE HUDSON STATE HISTORIC PARK // 845.834.2867

NATURE HERITAGE

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

Poetry ^{in the}Parks

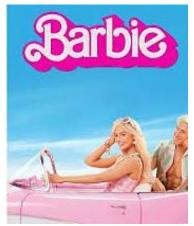


Twilight Music In The Park, 6:00PM – 7:00PM Tuesday, August 6, 13, 20, 27 & Thursday, August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Ulster Welcome Center Plaza

Every Tuesday and Thursday, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation welcomes talented musicians from the Hudson

Patricia Spears Jones, *NY Poet Laureate*, at Walkway Over the Hudson (East). See page 18 for more information about this new public art initiative that integrates poems in public parks and historic sites.

Valley Folk Guild and beyond to bring Walkway Over the Hudson's Ulster Welcome Center Plaza to life with free live music from 6-7 p.m. Concerts are open to everyone and suitable for all ages. Some seating available, but feel free to bring your own chairs. Concerts are weather-dependent.



Movies Under The Walkway - Barbie Saturday, August 10 – 7:30-10 p.m.

Upper Landing Park – 83 N. Water Street, Poughkeepsie Movies Under the Walkway is back with free all-ages films screening outdoors in Upper Landing Park (83 N. Water Street, Poughkeepsie). No tickets or registration required.

On August 10, enjoy Barbie! The park opens at 7 p.m. and the movie begins at approximately 8:30 p.m. Free parking is available at the Mid-Hudson Discovery Museum and Poughkeepsie Train Station. Sunshine only, no rain dates. Bring your own blankets and chairs.



Walkway At Night

Saturday, August 17 – 8-9:30 p.m.

Walkway Over the Hudson – Either Entrance

The Friends of the Walkway nonprofit organization is pleased to offer the opportunity to enjoy amazing Hudson Valley views after dark from 212 feet above the Hudson River at Walkway at Night. With the moon hanging high in the sky and the Mid-Hudson Bridge twinkling in the distance, there is truly nothing like a twilight evening on the World's Longest Elevated Pedestrian

Walkway continued...

Bridge. Our friends from the Mid-Hudson Astronomical Association will be on-bridge with telescopes to view the night sky (weather permitting). Everyone must reserve a ticket for entry at walkway.org/walkwayatnight. Walkway members are welcome to attend at no cost. Non-members can register for \$5.



Flag Changing Ceremony Sunday, August 18 – 12-12:30 p.m. Center Overlook, Walkway Over the Hudson

Ceremonies on the Walkway to honor our region's veterans and their service to our country. These events, organized and presented by these local veterans' organizations, are open to all who wish to attend.



Walkway Talks: The Brainchild of Harvey Eastman Sunday, August 18 – 2:30-3:30 p.m. East Gate Plaza, Poughkeepsie

This presentation will tell the story of how the Poughkeepsie-Highland Railroad Bridge was the brainchild of Mayor Harvey Eastman and how that idea finally came to fruition in the late 1800s. It deals with Eastman's vision and the roadblocks he faced, and the laying of the cornerstone, which was a huge event for the time. The delay and eventual building of the bridge will be discussed as well as the final abandonment and rebuild. Finally, Jim will talk about his novel, *The Poughkeepsie Murder*, and its connection to the Walkway.

Presented by James Bennett BFA, MFA, a Poughkeepsie artist and author. He has written over 30 books including two novels which incorporate local history and important landmarks. This event is free to attend and open to all.





August 1 – 31 Thursday through Sunday *Mansion Tours*

Mansion tours by advance reservation. See the magnificent Gilded Age home of Ruth Livingston Mills, decorated with its original furnishings. Reservations required: https://Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS Cost: \$10/Adults, \$8/Seniors & Students, Children 12 & under are free



August 1 – 31, every day Photographic Scavenger Hunt



A phone with a camera and some walking shoes are all that's needed to explore the grounds and complete 10 riddles on a loop through Staatsburgh's beautiful landscape along the Hudson River. All ages are invited to participate – play solo or with a group. Learn about some of the highlights of the historic grounds around the mansion while having fun! **Cost: free**

Thanks to Stewart's Shops, participants who complete the hunt can also win a free ice cream cone while supplies last. To download the clue sheet: https://millsfriends.org/virtual/letsgo-outside



August 2, 10, 30: 10am

Guided Landscape Walk of Staatsburgh's Grounds: What You See and What You Don't See

A guided walk through the estate's grounds that explores how the landscape was designed to reflect the luxurious lifestyle of Staatsburgh's owners, while deliberately hiding the turn-of-the-century technology and labor that made the estate run. Reservations required: https://Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS Cost: free

Staatsburgh continued...



August 3, 9, 17: 10am Staatsburg Village Walking Tour

This 90-minute walk in the village of Staatsburg will explore the estate's close relationship with the nearby village and its connection to the Mills family. A guide will discuss historic buildings and highlight hidden locations in the village that demonstrate Staatsburg's vibrant past and the lasting legacy of Ruth and

Ogden Mills beyond the estate walls. Reservations required: https://Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS Cost: free



August 4: 2pm Macramé Workshop

Make your own macramé plant hanger in a workshop during the Great Estates Garden & Landscape Weekend. All materials and a plant are included in the \$10 cost of the workshop , and light refreshments will be served. *For ages 16 and up.* Advance registration required:

https://staatsburghmacrame.eventbrite.com/ Cost: \$10/person



August 11, 25: 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 90-minute 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**

August 11, 31: 2pm

Black Staatsburg: The Gilded Age Black Community of Staatsburg

What did the "Gilded Age" mean to the free, Black community of the Staatsburg village? Join site staff for a one-hour conversation exploring that question through census records, historic maps, and the larger context of race relations during the Gilded Age. Often pushed to the outskirts of society by White Americans, Black men and women were nonetheless able to foster a strong community in the face of constant adversity. Long marginalized in the historical narrative, the free Black community of the Staatsburg village reveals the triumphs and struggles of generations of African Americans in the Hudson Valley. **Cost: free.** Reservations required: https://Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS

August 23, 24: 11am

A Closer Look: A Curator-Guided Exploration of the Hidden & Hard-to-See

In this special 90-minute tour, Staatsburgh's curator will focus on a selection of objects that are not easily seen on tour or which tell a special story. This version of the tour will focus on all things France including the French objects, furniture, and architecture in the house.

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

Cost: \$12/Adults, \$10/Seniors & Students, Children 12 & under are free



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

MILLS-NORRIE STATE PARK // 845.889.4646





Music in the Parks: 6:30 pm August 7: Bosco and the Storm

At Staatsburgh State Historic Site (Mills Mansion) on the great lawn. Rain location will be the Taconic Regional Office at 9 Old Post Rd., Staatsburg. Brought to you by Town of Hyde Park Recreation Department.

BANNERMAN CASTLE TRUST // 845.831.6346

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August 1 – 31 Enjoy a Hudson River Cruise and Tour Historic Bannerman Island in the Hudson Highlands. The Estuary Steward Tour Boat board at the Beacon Waterfront Dock, directly across from the Beacon Metro-North Train Station located at 2 Red Flynn Drive, Beacon, NY. Enjoy a guided or self-guided tour of the island. Visit the historic Bannerman Castle ruins and gardens and explore the original Bannerman residence, now a museum. For schedule and tickets visit: https://bannermancastle.org/tours-events/bannerman-island-tour/



August 1 - 4 "Always… Patsy Cline" – Musical Theater Event on Bannerman's Island - Always… Patsy Cline by Ted Swindley, is a true story about Cline's friendship with a fan from Houston named Louise Seger, who befriended the star in a Texas honky-tonk and continued correspondence with Cline until her untimely death in a plane crash. The show includes 27 of Patsy's hits and stars Jessica Welch, who has portrayed Patsy Cline in over 3600 performances throughout the country. The show also features Emily Clare Zempel as Patsy's friend Louise and a full band! The performance includes a cruise to Bannerman Island on the Estuary Steward, departing from Beacon, NY at 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm for one performance at 8:00 p.m. For tickets visit: https://bannermancastle.org/toursevents/bannerman-island-tour/



August 1 – 31 Art Exhibitions at Bannerman Island Gallery,
150 Main Street, Beacon, NY.
August 10 – September 8, Main Gallery
The Photography of Alec Halstead featuring fine art photographs of the Hudson
River Valley including Bannerman Island and Castle. August (Ongoing) West Wall

Exhibition – Virginia Donovan (*Paintings*) and Mary Ann Glass (*Photo Mixed Media*). Ongoing show featuring 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. Contact: bannermangallery150@aol.com.

Bannerman continued...



Friday, August 9

Movie Night on Bannerman's Island!

Take a sunset cruise to Bannerman's Island and join us for **PLUNDER QUEST**, **a movie that was actually filmed on Bannerman's Island**! The film stars **Katherine Flannery**, **Olivia Roldan and Stefanie Hubbard**. After catching wind of valuable prohibition-era whiskey hidden on an island, a quest for liquid gold turns out to be the priceless adventure of a lifetime. https://bannermancastle.org/toursevents/bannerman-island-tour/





Enjoy a summer cruise to Bannerman's Island and join us for **DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS: HONOR AMONG THIEVES starring Chis Pine, Michelle Rodriguez and Regé-Jean Page.** Based on the popular role-playing game, the film follows a band of thieves on the hunt for a valuable relic. When they target a lost artifact, the band messes with the wrong people and must play the game right to win it all. https://bannermancastle.org/tours-events/bannerman-island-tour/



Saturday, August 17

Bannerman Castle Summer Concert – The Celt in the Cotton Club! A summer evening of great music under the stars in the shadow of Bannerman's Castle. Singer, songwriter and recording artist **Tara O'Grady**, and acclaimed vocalist **Karl Scully**, of the world-renowned Irish Tenors, perform Jazz, Blues, Celtic and contemporary favorites! https://bannermancastle.org/toursevents/bannerman-island-tour/



Sunday, August 18

Bannerman Castle Trust's Third Sunday Music Concert Series Singer/Songwriter Emily Beck performs original songs and covers that everyone will enjoy! Concert is FREE for visitors taking the 11:00am and 12:30pm Bannerman Island tours – enjoy great music while visiting Bannerman Island. For

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



Friday, August 23

Movie Night on Bannerman's Island!

Take a late summer cruise to Bannerman's Island and join us for **Steven Spielberg's JURASSIC PARK, starring Sam Neil, Laura Dern and Jeff Goldblum.** Genetically engineered dinosaurs run amok on a remote island. It's up to a paleontologist, a paleobotanist and a mathematician to outmaneuver the deadly beasts and find their way back to civilization. Based on Michael Crichton's bestseller. The film won three Oscars, including Best Visual Effects.

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

For more information - Please call Executive Director, Neil Caplan at 845-440-3318 or Exhibition, Events, and Program Coordinator, Laurie Clark at 845-416-8342 - Thank you!

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PHILIPSE MANOR HALL STATE HISTORIC SITE // 914.965.4027

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Philipse Manor Hall Tours 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM, 1:30 PM, 3:00 PM

Self-guided and guided tours of Philipse Manor Hall are offered Wednesdays through Sundays, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Tours led by our knowledgeable museum interpreters are available at 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM, 1:30 PM, and 3:00 PM each day. Reservations recommended for guided tours, but not required. Call 914-965-4027 or email <u>philipsemanorhall@parks.ny.gov</u> to reserve. Special

scavenger hunt available for kids, free! Admission is \$6 for adults, \$3 for seniors and students (13+), kids 12 & under get in free.



Philipse Manor Hall Virtual Wing

Visitors from around the world can experience the history of Philipse Manor Hall via our Virtual Wing. Explore our 360° Virtual Tour, read interesting articles about Philipse Manor Hall, check out our blog, or peruse our bibliography of historical books. Open 24/7 to anyone with an internet connection. Visit us at <u>www.philipsemanorhall.com</u>.



Every Sunday

Morning Hatha Yoga 10:30 AM | In-person at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site | \$18 (\$15 for Friends of Philipse Manor Hall)

Join us for this new Sunday morning Hatha yoga series at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site! The beautiful sunlit Gothic Chamber is the perfect place for a morning yoga class. Open to all levels and abilities! All proceeds benefit the

Friends of Philipse Manor Hall. Register at www.philipsemanorhall.com/programs-and-events.

Saturday, August 3, 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. Free! No registration required. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



Saturday, August 3, 2024 Historical Games

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

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.

Philipse Manor Hall...



Saturday, August 10, 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 <u>philipsemanorhall@parks.ny.gov</u> or call 914-965-4027.



Saturday, August 17, 2024 Historical Games 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM | In-person at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site | Free!

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.

JOHN JAY HOMESTEAD STATE HISTORIC SITE // 914.232.5651

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Saturdays, May through October, Friends of John Jay Homestead host a weekly outdoor, certified market which provides the finest New York-grown, fresh and seasonal fruits and vegetables, seafood, breads, specialty items and more on a historic farm setting. Customers can expect to find certified organic and biodynamic produce, ethically-raised, organic meat and eggs, as well as a wide variety of artisan food items with dozens of weekly vendors. While at John Jay

Homestead, patrons can also enjoy a walk, sight see, and explore flower, herb, and vegetable gardens or picnic on the historic grounds of John Jay Homestead. Farm Market is open from 9:30am to 2:00pm for the general public, while members of Friends of John Jay Homestead are offered the Members Only First Pick from 9:00am to 9:30am.



Living History Saturdays: Sugar and Spice: Food History Fun Saturday, August 6, 10 AM to 12 PM

Join Sarah Wassberg-Johnson, food historian and Education and Programs Manager at Phillipse Manor Hall SHS, on a hands-on journey about the history of food. What did people eat 250 years ago? Where did the food come from? What types of tools did they use in the kitchen? Sarah will answer these questions and more during this family-friendly two-hour program. We hope you can join us!

OLD CROTON AQUEDUCT // 914.693.5259

Ongoing: Dobbs Ferry Library Storywalk

Take a stroll along the OCA for the summer installment of the Dobbs Ferry Library Storywalk featuring *Tierra, Tierrita (Earth, Little Earth), by Jorge Tetl Argueta.* Start at the OCA Keeper's House and head north to Chestnut Street while you read-a-long with the book on Mother Earth! The Storywalk will be up for the duration of the summer and can be used from sunrise to sunset! Daytime | Location: Keeper's House, Dobbs Ferry | Free | Ages: Toddler



August 7, Wednesday at 11 am

Weir Tour

Meet up address: 95 Broadway, Ossining, NY 10562

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. <u>https://aqueduct.org/events/weir-tour-72</u>



August 9, Friday at 1 pm

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

Meet up address: On the Aqueduct at Gory Brook Road at Ridge Street, Sleepy Hollow, NY

Free, easy, open-air walk of approximately 3 miles/hours. Meet at Aqueduct Ventilator #12, on the Aqueduct Trail just steps south of the intersection of Gory Brook Road and Ridge Street in Sleepy Hollow (on-street parking on Gory

Brook Road). We will walk north and discuss the Aqueduct and view some of its structures, including a weir, a 90-foot high embankment carrying the Aqueduct over the Pocantico River, and the ghostly remnants of an old Keeper's House. We will also touch upon Rockefeller history and the monument in nearby Sleepy Hollow Cemetery to those in the NY Guard's First Provisional Regiment who perished during the 1918 Spanish Influenza pandemic while guarding the Aqueduct during The Great War. Walk may be rescheduled if weather does not cooperate. Required: pre-registration. <u>https://aqueduct.org/events/sleepy-hollow-loop-walk-6</u>



August 10, Saturday at 10 am

Weir Tour

Meet up address: 95 Broadway, Ossining, NY 10562

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. <u>https://aqueduct.org/events/weir-tour-73</u>

NATURE HERITAGE



August 11, Wednesday at 11 am Croton Dam Hike Meet up address: 95 Broadway, Ossining, NY 10562

Enjoy a free, easy, 2 miles/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.) **Note:** Parking fee for Croton Gorge Park is \$10. Walk may be rescheduled if weather

does not cooperate. Required: pre-registration. <u>https://aqueduct.org/events/croton-dam-hike-6</u>

Friday, August 30, 8:30PM Movies on the Trail: Despicable Me

Movies on the Trail wraps up with our favorite villain in *Despicable Me!* Only a few people can pull off being a bad guy like Gru, who is battling to become the world's greatest villain with the help from his team of minions and evil genius, Dr. Nefario! His master plan? To steal the moon! When his plan leads him to adopt three orphan girls as cover, mayhem and hilarity ensues as their worlds collide! Will Gru stick to his original plan? Will the girls turn the villian good? All movies are shown on the east lawn of the Keeper's House and is free of charge! Patrons are encouraged to bring their own refreshments and a chair or blanket to lay on. **8:30pm-10:00pm | Location: Dobbs Ferry | Free | Ages: All Ages**

JAY HERITAGE CENTER // 914.698.9275 210 Boston Post Rd, Rye, NY 10580

FAMILY NATURE

HERITAGE



Garden Tours and Volunteer Opportunities Thursday 10am-2pm; Sundays 10am-5pm

Our gardens are magnificent during the summer months! Enjoy Japanese anemone, sunflowers and cone flowers. Spend a morning by our calming reflecting pool or wander through our new Japanese Cherry tree allée. Two days a week you can enjoy docent-led experiences or follow a self-guided tour following our QR code signs. Drop in for a lesson, talks, and workshops led by **JHC's Director of Horticulture and Garden Education, Lucia Maestro** and special guest speakers. Please visit our <u>website</u> or email Lucia for more information: <u>hortdirector.JHC@gmail.com</u>.



Mansion Tours Sundays 2-5pm

Escape the heat and 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 our <u>website</u> or email Meredith Slater: <u>mslater.jhc@gmail.com</u>

Promoting Pollinators and Wildlife with Native Plants workshop

August 25 from 10.30 - 11.30am

Please join us for an important workshop about protecting native species and pollinators. Native species are best suited for the weather and soil conditions of any given area and they attract insects and wildlife. Learn how to create your own native garden at home, and learn about some of those native species on display in the Jay Gardens. Hands-on practice workshop open to all ages.

ROCKEFELLER STATE PARK PRESERVE // 914.631.1470

ARTS NATURE



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 Suzy Allman*



The Nature of Woodworking August 4 from 10 am – 1 pm

Learn how trees are transformed into everyday tools and functional art in this workshop with artist and woodworker, Mark Andreas. We will begin by exploring the forest to better understand the qualities and uses of individual tree species. Mark will then demonstrate how to work with hand tools such as a chisel, gouge, hand saw, and hatchet as he fashions a wooden spoon from raw material collected at the Preserve. Max: 20 people. Rain date: August 11. Cost: \$4. *Photo courtesy of Kim Fendrich.* <u>RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events</u>



Rock Identification Workshop 🔏 August 4 from 2 – 3:30 pm

Earth's history is written in rocks. Learn how to identify them and how to read their stories with our resident geologist and educator, Kim Fendrich. Find out how rocks are made and modified throughout the rock cycle and hone your observational skills in this hands-on, interactive program! Max: 18 people. Ages 8+. Sorry, no pets.

Cost: \$4. Parking: \$6 per vehicle. *Photo courtesy of Kim Fendrich*. <u>RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events</u>



Postural Therapy: Living Comfortably August 6 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. <u>RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events</u>



Sunset Yoga at Rockwood Tuesdays from 6 – 7 pm

Relieve stress and explore the connection between breath and movement with instructor, Shivani Singh, as the sun sets over the Hudson with views of the Tappan Zee Bridge and NYC in the distance. Appropriate for all levels of experience, ages 18+.

Cost: \$6. *Photo courtesy of Pierce Johnston*. <u>RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events</u>

Rockefeller continued...



Sound Healing 💰

August 7 from 4 – 5 pm [or] 5:30 – 6:30 pm Tickets available on July 19 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

Firefly Walk!

August 9 from 7:30 – 9:30 pm Tickets available on July 19 at 10 am

The fireflies are out en masse and they put on a spectacular show this time of year! We'll set out just before sunset and meander through open meadows as the fireflies awaken from their slumber and begin to display their love language. The hike will be about 2 miles. Leashed dogs are welcome. Max: 40 people. Cost: \$4.

Photo courtesy of Pierce Johnston. RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events



Hike with Mike: Pocantico Lake August 10 from 9 am – 12 pm

Join Mike for a 5-6 mile hike to Pocantico Lake, which is not part of the Preserve, and to one of the many popular destinations within the Preserve: either Eagle Hill or Thirteen Bridges. The route and distance will depend on temperature. Leashed dogs are welcome. Be prepared to move at a steady pace; some hiking experience is recommended. Max: 20 people. Cost: \$4. Parking: \$6 per vehicle. *Photo courtesy of Jessika Creedon.* <u>RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events</u>



Tackle Anything: Learn to Fish! August 10 from 9:30 – 11 am [or] 11:30 am – 1 pm

Join Nicole Byrnes from Girl Scouts of America in this family-friendly event and learn about the positive aspects of fishing from both an environmental and mental health perspective. After a brief educational session, attendees will be guided through a fishing session at Swan Lake; rods and artificial lures will be provided. This program is intended for a youth audience. Rain date: August 11. Max: 10 people per session. Cost: FREE; registration required.

Photo courtesy of Pierce Johnston. <u>RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events</u>



Wildflower Walk $\left|\frac{\dot{\sigma}}{\dot{\sigma}}\right|$ August 11 from 9:30 – 11:30 am

Join botanist, Devon Cummings, for a leisurely walk and learn about the identification of summer wildflowers. Contribute as a citizen scientist to increase our knowledge of the ecology of the Preserve by logging your observations in the iNaturalist app.

Max: 12 people. Cost: \$4. Parking: \$6 per vehicle. Photo courtesy of Kim Fendrich. <u>RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events</u> Rockefeller continued...



Monarch Habitat Hike August 14 from 10 am – 12 pm

Explore the habitat of monarch butterflies with Shayla and Hailey on a familyfriendly hike at Rockwood Hall. Learn about the monarch life cycle and their incredible transcontinental migration, why their numbers are in decline, and what we can do to help them. The hike will be about 2 miles with frequent stops for discussion.

Max: 20 people. Cost: \$4. Photo courtesy of Rob Amendola. <u>RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events</u>



Sunset Hike at Rockwood Hall August 15 from 6:30 – 8 pm

Join Melissa for a 2-mile hike and witness the spectacular view of the sun setting over the Hudson and the Tappan Zee Bridge. Leashed dogs are welcome. Max: 40 people. Cost: FREE, registration required.

Photo courtesy of Guardian Melissa. RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events



Plein Air Painting 💰 August 17 and 24 from 9 – 11:30 am

Experience nature through painting! Learn the watercolor technique under the guidance of award-winning artist, Anne Johann, as you absorb the beauty of the landscape before you. You may bring your own supplies if you have them; if not, supplies will be provided. Max: 10 people. Cost: \$8. Parking: \$6 per vehicle. *Photo courtesy of Heike May-Fendrich.* <u>RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events</u>



Animal Adaptations Under a Microscope $\overline{\mathscr{G}_r}$ August 18 from 10 – 11:30 am

Discover the world from a new perspective with educator, Kim Fendrich, and naturalist, Josh DiPaola, in this family-friendly event. Estimate the ages of various animals using clues on their bones and scales, observe the cunning evolutionary adaptations of moth wings, and take a closer look at tick teeth and insect eyes to better understand how they do what they do! No pets please. Cost: \$4. Parking: \$6 per vehicle. Max: 16 people. *Photo courtesy of Kim Fendrich.* RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events



Full Moon Hike: "Sturgeon Moon" August 18 from 7:45 – 9:45 pm Tickets available on July 19 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

Rockefeller continued...



Birdwatching with the Saw Mill River Audubon Society August 26 and 31 from 7 – 9 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/

S. Notes wheelchair-friendly programs.





Andrea Cohen at FDR State Park See page 18 for more information about this new public art initiative that integrates poems in public parks and historic sites.

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 <u>Poetry Society of America</u>, 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.

Featured Trail of the Month



Wizards Way: Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park 2957 Crompond Rd. Yorktown Heights, NY 10598

Trail Map: https://parks.ny.gov/documents/parks/FranklinDRooseveltTrailMap.pdf

Distance: 1 mile

Difficulty Rating: Easy

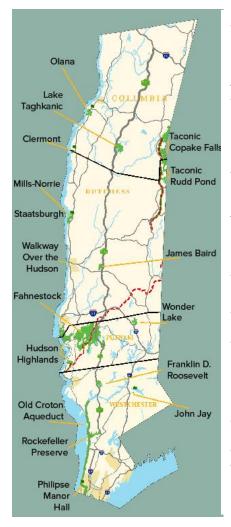
Built for the Harry Potter themed event hosted at FDR in 2022, Wizards Way will take you on a wonderful walk through an open woodland connecting the Forested Loop and CCC trails. In addition to the section of newly constructed trail, there is also a new boardwalk which provides a unique perspective from the elevated walkway. Popular for jogging, dog walking and birding, this easy 1 mile loop is a great way to explore the interior sections of FDR State Park and can easily be accessed from one of the multiple parking areas throughout the park.

SAVE THE DATE! Upcoming Fundraisers, Charity Walks, Marathons and more!

DATE	EVENT NAME	NY STATE PARK
Aug. 14	Taconic Roadrunners	FDR
Sept. 7	West Point Walking Club	Walkway Over the Hudson
Sept. 8	Parkinson's Awareness	Walkway Over the Hudson
Sept.14	Brain Injury Walk	Walkway Over the Hudson
Sept. 15	Marathon	Walkway Over the Hudson
Sept. 14	Barn Dance Fundraiser	John Jay Homestead
Sept. 21	Premier Cares	Walkway Over the Hudson
Sept. 22	Accessibility Awareness Walk	Walkway Over the Hudson
Sept. 28	Suicide Awareness	Walkway Over the Hudson
Sept. 28	Run for Recovery	FDR
Sept. 29	St. Christopher's	Walkway Over the Hudson
Oct. 4	Starry Starry Night Fundraiser	Walkway Over the Hudson
Oct. 6	Support Connection Breast & Ovarian Cancer Walk	FDR
Oct. 5	Rocky's 5K	Rockefeller
Oct. 6	Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Walk	James Baird
Oct. 6	Thoroughbred Retirement	Walkway Over the Hudson
Oct. 13	Huntington's	Walkway Over the Hudson
Oct. 19	Alzheimer's	Walkway Over the Hudson
Oct. 20	ALS	Walkway Over the Hudson
Nov. 9	Pocantico Marathon & Half Marathon	Rockefeller

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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