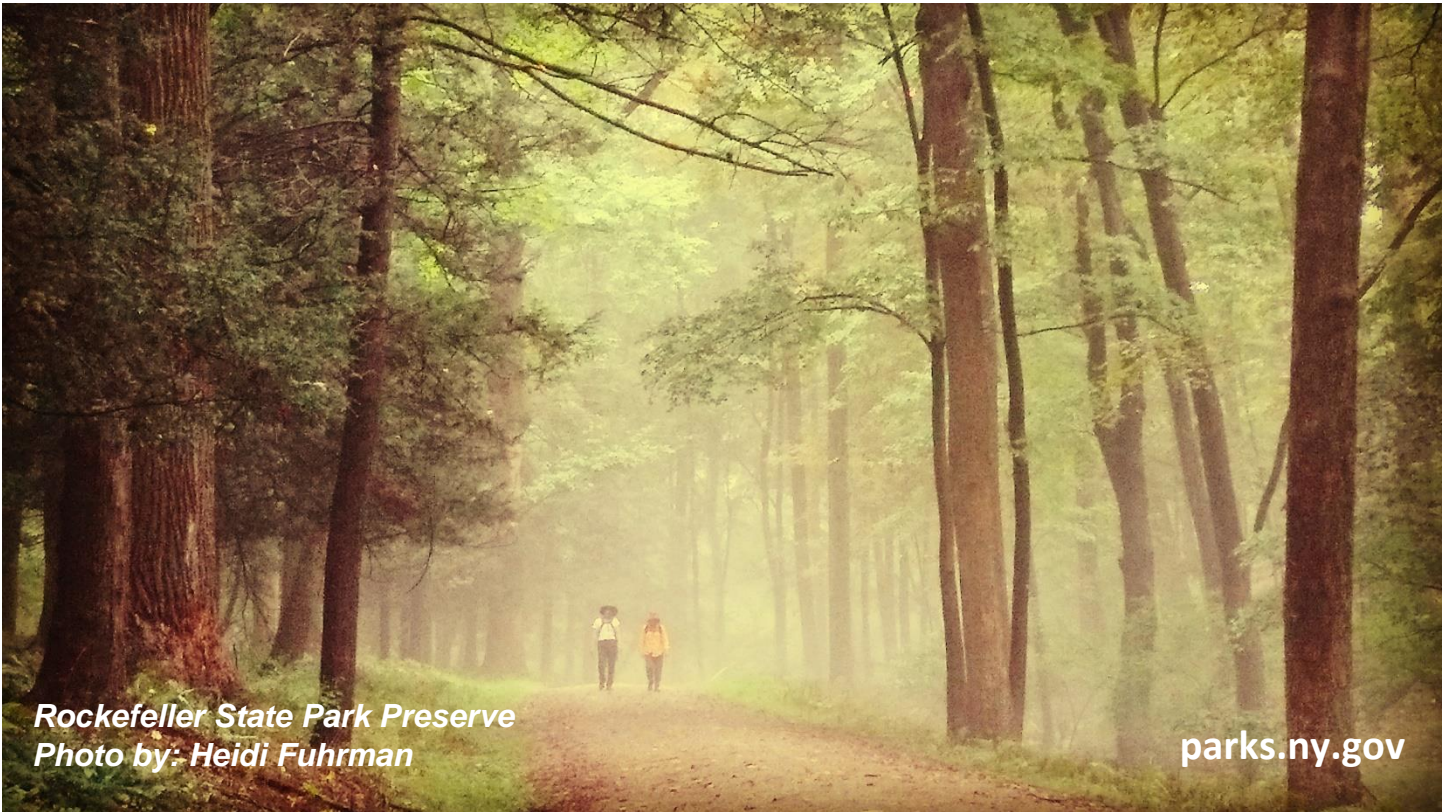


# September 2024

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



Rockefeller State Park Preserve  
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## PUTNAM COUNTY

**LITTLE STONY POINT CITIZENS ASSOCIATION**  
3011 Route 9D Cold Spring, NY 10516

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Little Stony Point Citizens Association Presents:  
**HOOT**

**September 8, 12-6pm**

**LSPCA Volunteer Center**

**3011 Route 9D, Cold Spring, NY 10516**

The annual "Hoot" music festival at Little Stony Point Citizens Association Volunteer Center with adjoining park will take place September 8th, 2024 12-6pm. This Pete Seeger-inspired event is free, the music is lively, and the scenery along the Hudson River can't be beat! So, bring a picnic basket, and come have a Hoot on a lazy summer afternoon! If available please walk, bike, train or carpool as parking is very limited. If the trolley is running we will make the route available on [littlestonypoint.org](https://www.littlestonypoint.org) and in the discussion on the Facebook event here: <https://www.facebook.com/share/oDYSWe25QjR4NqnS/>

## DUTCHESS COUNTY

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

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### Walkway Talks: Where The Waters Are Never Still

**Sunday, September 7 – 2:30-3:30 p.m.**

**Ulster Welcome Center, Highland**

Join Eddie Moran and Lindsay Dalton of Historic Huguenot Street for “Where the Waters are Never Still,” a presentation on the relationship between people and local rivers in the late 17th century. Attendees will learn how Native people, European settlers, and enslaved and free Africans interacted with the Hudson River and its estuaries in the first decades after colonization.

Lindsay Dalton and Eddie Moran have overseen tours and education at Historic Huguenot Street for the last two years. Historic Huguenot Street is a ten-acre historic landmark district in New Paltz that aims to engage diverse audiences in the exploration of America’s multicultural past to understand the historical forces that have shaped America. This event is free to attend and appropriate for guests of all ages.



### Sunrise Stroll

**Sunday, September 22 – 7-8 a.m.**

**All Entrances, Walkway Over the Hudson**

Celebrate the start of a new season with a Sunrise Stroll on the World’s Longest Elevated Pedestrian Bridge. During the vernal and autumnal equinoxes, the sun rises in line with the Walkway deck, making for a spectacular photo opportunity. We’re opening the gates early on both approaches to allow everyone to enjoy this magnificent experience. There’s no cost to attend Sunrise Stroll.



### Flag Changing Ceremony

**Sunday, September 22 – 12-12:30 p.m.**

**Center Overlook, Walkway Over the Hudson**

The American Legion Post 739 organize and present monthly Flag Changing Ceremonies on the Walkway to honor our region’s veterans and their service to our country. These events, organized and presented by these local veterans’ organizations, are open to all who wish to attend.

**Additional Walkway events added on pages 23-24**

**Poetry  
in the Parks**

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

*Patricia Spears Jones, NY Poet Laureate,*

*at Walkway Over the Hudson (East).*

See page 22 for more information about this new public art initiative that integrates poems in public parks and historic sites.

**STAATSBURGH STATE HISTORIC SITE // 845.889.8851**

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**September 1 – 30 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/lets-go-outside>



**September 1: 1pm**

**Slavery, Segregation & Staatsburgh**

In 1810, there were nine Black people enslaved on the Staatsburgh estate. In 1910, there were no recorded Black employees working inside Staatsburgh. What happened? Join staff for a conversation about their new research into this transition from a Black presence at Staatsburgh during the early 19th century to a total absence during the Gilded Age. **Cost: free**

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



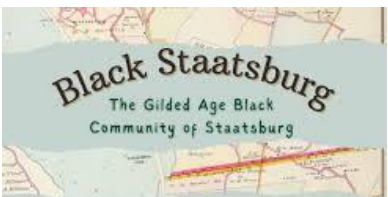
**September 1, 8, 15: 2pm**

**Gilded Age Scandals!**

Ruth and Ogden Mills were paragons of respectability, but some of their Gilded Age peers were not! Learn about the scandalous behavior and intrigues of the very rich at the turn-of-the-century while touring the mansion with a costumed guide. Reservations required:

**<https://Bookeo.com/StaatsburghSHS>**

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



**September 2: 2:30pm in person; and September 19: 7pm on Zoom**  
**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>**



**September 6, 13, 20, 27: 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**



**September 13, 14, 21: 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 of the house.

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

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



**September 7: 2:30pm**

***Guided Outdoor Walk: Shaping Staatsburgh: Explore the Language of Architecture***

Buildings come in many different sizes and styles, designed for different uses and tastes. Join a guide for a 1-hour walk around the estate to examine the mansion and other estate buildings while exploring the language of architecture and why buildings look the way they do. Appropriate for ages 9 and up; children must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost: free**

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



**September 7, 14, 21, 22, 28, 29: 2:00pm**

***The REAL Gilded Age: America's Elite in the Downton Abbey Era***

This tour highlights the real-life characters and themes at Staatsburgh that parallel *Downton Abbey* and HBO's *The Gilded Age*. Led by a costumed interpreter, the tour shows how the Mills family and their servants conducted a busy weekend of high society entertaining, comparing Staatsburgh to what viewers saw on TV.

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

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



**September 21 & 28: 10am**

***Guided Hike for the Hudson Valley Ramble: 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>

**September 22 & 29: 2pm**

***Guided Walk for the Hudson Valley Ramble: Staatsburg Village Walking Tour***

This 90-minute walk in the village of Staatsburgh 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 Staatsburgh's vibrant past and the lasting legacy of Ruth and Ogden Mills beyond the estate walls. **Cost: free**

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



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

**BANNERMAN CASTLE TRUST // 845.831.6346**

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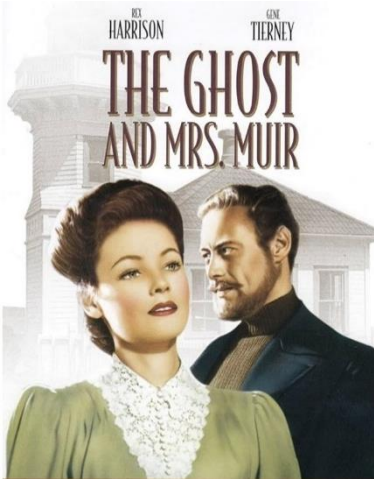
**Month of September - Take a cruise to Bannerman Island and tour the historic island in the beautiful Hudson River Highlands.** The Estuary Steward Tour Boat leaves the Beacon Waterfront Dock, directly across from the Beacon Metro-North Train Station at 2 Red Flynn Drive, Beacon, NY. Enjoy a guided, 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 a schedule and tickets visit: <https://bannermancastle.org/tours-events/bannerman-island-tour/>

#### Friday, September 6

##### Movie Night on Bannerman's Island!

Take a sunset cruise to Bannerman's Island and join us for the **classic film THE GHOST AND MRS. MUIR, Starring Rex Harrison and Gene Tierney.** Defying her conventional in-laws, young widow Lucy Muir (Gene Tierney) leaves London with her young daughter and moves away for a quieter life in a secluded seaside cottage. Lucy discovers the ghost of the deceased former owner, sea captain Daniel Gregg (Rex Harrison) is haunting the house, but gathers the courage to stand up to him, and woman and ghost become friends. Faced with dwindling means of support, Lucy agrees to the Captain's challenge to write his colorful life story.

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



#### Saturday, September 7

##### Annual Chefs Farm Fresh Dinner on Bannerman's Island!

The Bannerman Castle Trust and Chef NOAH SHEETZ proudly present their Annual Fundraiser Dinner on Bannerman's Island. Noah and five chefs from New York return to create a special five-course delectable meal. Enjoy the island during peak summer garden bloom and see the progress being made on the historic island. The cruise on the Estuary Steward Tour Boat, guided tour,

dinner (with music by the **Storm King Duo**) and a fine art sale are all included in the price of the ticket! Boat departs from the Beacon Institute dock, across from the Beacon Train Station at 2 Red Flynn Drive. Tickets on a first come first serve basis, reservations required.

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



**September 14 – January 31; Exhibitions at Bannerman Island Gallery, 150 Main St. Beacon, NY.**

**September 14, 4:00-6:00pm**

##### Main Gallery, Opening Reception for the Bannerman Castle Trust's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibition

An exhibition featuring artwork, photographs and artifacts showcasing the history of Bannerman's Island and the Bannerman Castle Trust organization's ongoing development since 1994. **West Wall Exhibition – Artists Virginia Donovan (Paintings) and Mary Ann Glass (Photo- Mixed Media).** This ongoing show features Hudson Valley Paintings & Photography. (Art Sale proceeds help support preservation projects on Bannerman's Island. Gallery Hours: Saturdays & Sundays, Noon – 5:00pm, weekdays by chance & appointment. Contact: [bannermangallery150@aol.com](mailto:bannermangallery150@aol.com) and visit [www.bannermancastle.org](http://www.bannermancastle.org)





**Sunday, September 15**

**Bannerman Castle Trust's Third Sunday Music Concert Series** presents **Singer/Songwriter Tara O'Grady.**

The daughter of Irish immigrants, raised in NYC, Tara now resides in the Hudson Valley. She's been referred to as "an Irish American Jazz Powerhouse" by the Irish Central and "Resplendent, fun and a force of nature" by Jazz Ireland. This Concert is FREE for visitors taking the 11:00am and 12:30pm Bannerman Island tours – enjoy great music while taking your tour! For

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



**September 18-22**

**"Dracula" The popular Broadway version of this horror classic comes to the Bannerman Island Stage!** Presented by the Bannerman Castle Trust and Theater on the Road for several exciting nights from Wednesday-Sunday, September 18-22. <https://bannermancastle.org/tours-events/bannerman-island-tour/>

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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 [philipsemanorhall@parks.ny.gov](mailto:philipsemanorhall@parks.ny.gov) 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 [www.philipsemanorhall.com](http://www.philipsemanorhall.com).

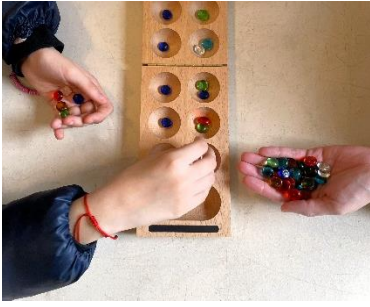


**Saturday, September 7, 2024**

**Story Time**

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

Join us for story time in the Gothic Chamber, in partnership with Yonkers Public Library. We'll be reading *Hornbooks and Inkwells* by Verla Kay, a story of school in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, and *Revolutionary Prudence Wright: Leading the Minute Women in the Fight for Independence* by Beth Anderson, based on a true story about a woman who rallies her town in the face of the British. Free! No registration required. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



**Saturday, September 7, 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.

**Wednesday, September 11, 2024**

**Lecture: "The Real Story: André, Arnold and Treason of the Blackest Dye"**

**7:00 PM | Virtual | Free!**

On September 23, 1780, Tarrytown was the site of an event that likely altered the outcome of the Revolutionary War: the capture of British spy Major John André and discovery of American General Benedict Arnold's treason. Almost immediately, fabrications and fake news sprang up, myths that persist in today's popular imagination. This presentation will correct the record with the real story of the capture by three honest Westchester militiamen and introduce new research on Arnold's disclosure of two Westchester-based double agents. This virtual program is free, but registration is required. Register at [www.philipsemanorhall.com/programs-and-events](http://www.philipsemanorhall.com/programs-and-events).



**Saturday, September 14, 2024**

**Yonkers Waterfront Walking Tour**

**10:30 AM to 12:00 PM | In-person at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site**

Why was Philipse Manor Hall built where it was? Why did the Munsee have a village in downtown Yonkers for thousands of years? How did the Yonkers waterfront change over time? Learn the answers to these questions and more as you explore the daylighted Saw Mill River and Yonkers' Hudson River

waterfront. \$6 for adults, \$3 for seniors and students. Tickets include museum admission. To register, email [philipsemanorhall@parks.ny.gov](mailto:philipsemanorhall@parks.ny.gov) or call 914-965-4027.



**Saturday, September 21, 2024**

**Historian & A Movie: The Scarlet Coat (1955)**

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

On September 23, 1780, British Major John André was captured in Westchester County on his way back from a treasonous meeting with American General Benedict Arnold. In honor of that history, join us in the Gothic Chamber for "The Scarlet Coat," a 1955 film based on the Arnold-André events. Our historians will give the real historical context behind the Hollywood take plus movie trivia. Free! Registration is recommended but not required. To register, email [philipsemanorhall@parks.ny.gov](mailto:philipsemanorhall@parks.ny.gov) or call 914-965-4027.



**Saturday, September 28, 2024**

**Harvest Festival**

**12:00 PM – 5:00 PM | In-person at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site  
Free!**

Step back in time to the late 18th century! This free family-friendly outdoor festival features costumed reenactors and hands-on activities. September was the time of year when tenant farmers on the Philipse Manor would harvest their wheat and start to bring it to the Philipse grist mills for assessment and grinding into flour. September was also apple harvest time in the Philipse orchards. Try your hand at grinding grain in a stone mill, grinding up apples for cider in a cider press, and other hands-on activities.

Meet military and civilian reenactors, including General George Washington and his horse Nelson, members of Lord Dunmore's Ethiopian Regiment and the First Rhode Island Regiment, Westchester Patriot Ann Miller, colonial era craftspeople, and more. Enjoy live 18th century music from Carla & Keyes and try old-fashioned country dancing. Visit a traveling exhibit from the Odell House/Rochambeau Headquarters Museum. Play colonial-era games, try your hand at our Revolutionary War spy activity, and learn more about the history of Westchester County before and during the American Revolution.

**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. 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 the 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.

Learn more at <https://johnjayhomestead.org/events/farm-market/>



**Saturday, September 7, 10:00AM to 12:00PM**

**Living History Saturdays: Keep it Fresh! Historic Food Preservation**

Join us for a hands-on presentation from Living Historian Tom Hunt about what it was like to prepare for winter in the 18th and 19th centuries. From pickling to drying to salting and smoking, Tom will discuss and demonstrate many of the techniques used in early American food preservation.



**Barn Dance**

**September 14 at 5:00pm**

Celebrate the 26th Annual Barn Dance with Friends of John Jay Homestead. Guests will enjoy live music by local bands, delicious food, a campfire, and of course the famous racing pigs! This family favorite fall fundraiser supports educational work at the Homestead.

Purchase tickets at <https://johnjayhomestead.org/events-calendar/barn-dance-2024/>

**OLD CROTON AQUEDUCT // 914.693.5259**

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**Saturday, September 14: 12:00PM.**

**Yonkers Riverfest**

After a year layoff, head to downtown Yonkers for the return of *Riverfest*. This annual party brings the community together with something for everyone! This carnival/music festival atmosphere has music and food by the plenty and games and fun for all ages! Stop by the OCA/FOCA informational table and say "Hello!"

For full days program, visit: <https://yonkersdowntown.com/yonkers-riverfest/>

**12:00 PM | Location: Yonkers Waterfront | Free | Ages: All Ages**



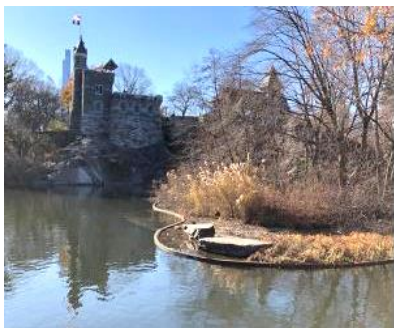


**September 14, Saturday at 12 noon**

**The Aqueduct along Amsterdam Avenue Walk**

**Meet up address: In front of Highbridge Recreation Center at 173rd St. and Amsterdam Ave., Manhattan**

Most of the Old Croton Aqueduct in Manhattan ran under Amsterdam Avenue. Walk along this route and learn why that avenue was chosen, see vestiges of the aqueduct today, and immerse yourself in the historic and present-day activities of this part of Manhattan. Meet in front of the Highbridge Recreation Center at 173rd St. and Amsterdam Ave. We will end the walk in front of the gatehouse at 135th St. Public restrooms are available at the beginning and end of the walk. For this two-hour walk, wear comfortable shoes and bring water. The walk begins with the descent of a five-story staircase. Walk may be rescheduled if weather does not cooperate. Required: pre-registration: <https://aqueduct.org/events/aqueduct-along-amsterdam-avenue-walk-8>



**September 15, Sunday at 12 noon – The Aqueduct in Central Park Walk.**

**Meet up address: Meet in front of the Central Park Tennis House in Central Park - Locate the tennis house on [Google Maps](#).**

Uncover hidden clues to the Aqueduct in Central Park and discover links between the Aqueduct's presence and the park's design. Meet in front of the Central Park Tennis House in Central Park. From the southeast corner of 96th St. and Central Park West, walk east in the park until you see the tennis courts on your left. Walk around the tennis courts to the tennis house. (Locate the tennis house on [Google Maps](#).) We will end the walk at Central Park West and W. 81st Street. Public restrooms are available at the beginning of the walk. For this two-hour walk, wear comfortable shoes and bring water. Walk will be cancelled if weather does not cooperate. Required: pre-registration: <https://aqueduct.org/events/aqueduct-central-park-walk-9>



**September 15, Sunday at 10 am – Croton Dam & Reservoir Hike.**

**Meet up address: 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°13' 20.46" N -73°51'12.59" W.**

As part of the Hudson River Valley Ramble, enjoy a free, easy, 2 miles/2 hours (total) loop hike north along the Aqueduct and atop the beautiful Croton Dam. Meet near the restrooms at the rear (south end) of the parking lot at Croton Gorge Park, Rte. 129, Cortlandt, NY. 10567, GPS Coordinates: 41°13' 20.46" N -73°51'12.59" W. **Note: Fee of \$10/car to enter park.** 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.) Required: pre-registration: <https://aqueduct.org/events/croton-dam-hike-7>



**Saturday, September 21, Ossining Day (Formerly Ossining Village Fair)**

*Put on by the Ossining Chamber of Commerce, this festival brings the local community to the historic Ossining Downtown with vendors, games, food and much more. In honor of this special occasion, the Friends of the Old Croton Aqueduct will be holding continuous Weir tours in the Ossining Weir. Take this great chance to enjoy fun time above and inside the Aqueduct!*

**10:00 AM-4:00 PM | Location: Downtown Ossining (95 Broadway) | Free | Ages: All Ages**

**September 21, Saturday, between 10 am – 4 pm – Weir Tours (continuous) as part of the Ossining Village Fair.**

**Meet up address: Meet at the north end of the Aqueduct Bridge in Ossining near 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). Map to location [HERE](#).**

Descend into the Weir in Ossining, explore the original 1842 brick water tunnel and learn its history. You may wish to visit the nearby Sing Sing Kill Greenway, a walkway under the Ossining Aqueduct Bridge or enjoy the nearby Ossining Village Fair on Main Street. **No registration required.** Inquiries: Sara Kelsey, [saraakelsey@gmail.com](mailto:saraakelsey@gmail.com), 646-303-1448. <https://aqueduct.org/events/ossining-day-weir-tours>



**Saturday, September 28, 11:00 AM. Aquefest**

After an 8-year hiatus and for the first time since the opening of the Keeper's House, the Friends of the Old Croton Aqueduct are ecstatic to bring back their favorite community party, *Aquefest*! Come out to the Keeper's House and help celebrate the 100th anniversary of State Parks with games, crafts, art projects, puppets and much more! For a full schedule of the day, visit [www.Aqueduct.org](http://www.Aqueduct.org). **11:00 AM-4:00 PM | Location: Keeper's House, Dobbs Ferry | Free | Ages: All Ages**

**JAY HERITAGE CENTER // 914.698.9275**

**210 Boston Post Rd, Rye, NY 10580**

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**Creating Habitats for Birds (available in English and Spanish)**

**Sunday, September 15: 11am-12pm**

**All ages welcome!**

Native birds may be used as indicators of a changing ecosystem. Protecting wildlife is essential for a healthy ecosystem. At this workshop you will learn how to create or preserve healthy habitats for birds in your own backyard while learning about some of the native species that offer food and shelter to birds in the area. This tour will be offered in Spanish and English as we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. Please check our [website](#) for more information.



**Jams at Jay: Urban Coyotes with Paul Jensen**

**Sunday, September 20: 4-6pm**

**All ages welcome!**

Bring a blanket and enjoy live music at Jay Heritage Center with Rye's very own Paul Jensen and his band, Urban Coyotes! Blending electric and acoustic instruments with multi-part harmonies Urban Coyotes perform a diverse mix of rock and folk classics as well as original music from Jensen. Come hear your favorite songs from Tom Petty, U2, Zac Brown Band and more! Please check out our [website](#) for more information.



**Jay Day Fall Festival**

**Sunday, September 29: 12-4pm**

**Families welcome! \$20/individual \$50/family**

Enjoy one of most beloved events of the year! Bring your children to Jay Day and experience all of the wonderful things our park can offer including live bluegrass music from NYC's own Citigrass, pony rides, face painting, boat races, food trucks and more! Please register [here](#) or email Meredith Slater: [m Slater.jhc@gmail.com](mailto:m Slater.jhc@gmail.com) for more information.



### Garden Tours and Volunteer Opportunities

**Thursdays at 10am-2pm; Sundays at 10am-5pm**

We offer docent-led experiences two days a week but you can also follow a self-guided tour following our QR code signs. Enjoy the roses on our legendary arbor, sunflowers and coneflowers. 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 [website](#) or email Lucia for more information: [hortedirector.JHC@gmail.com](mailto:hortedirector.JHC@gmail.com).



### Mansion Tours

**Sundays: 2-5pm**


Enjoy the beginning of fall by traveling 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 [website](#) or email Meredith Slater: [mslater.jhc@gmail.com](mailto:m Slater.jhc@gmail.com)

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**Rockefeller** is a designated State Park Preserve. A Park Preserve is a protected area of importance for flora, fauna, or features of geological or other special interest, which is reserved and managed for conservation purposes. We are recognized as an Important Bird Area by the National Audubon Society and have a diverse population of animal residents. We are also part of the Old Growth Forest Network and are home to a number of rare and protected plants. We welcome passive recreation such as walking, jogging, photography or wildlife viewing but please leave the picnic and park games at home. Thank you!

 *Notes wheelchair-friendly programs.*



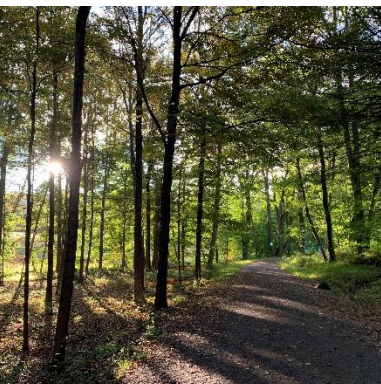
### Sunset Yoga at Rockwood

**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.*

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### Hike with Mike: Intro to Hiking 2

**September 7 from 9 am – 12 pm**

If you're getting ready to hike through our fall foliage, join Mike for some helpful suggestions on what you'll need from top to bottom on this 4-mile round trip hike to Thirteen Bridges. He'll answer any questions that may arise along the way, and will break a mile in so people will have the option to turn back for a shorter hike. Leashed dogs are welcome. Max: 30 people.

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

*Photo courtesy of Shayla Schott.* [RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events](https://RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events)



### Sound Healing

**DATE TBD from 4 – 5 pm [or] 5:30 – 6:30 pm**

**Tickets will be posted on August 20 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](https://RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events)*



### Native Warm Season Grassland

**September 8 from 9:30 – 11:30 am**

In collaboration with the Preserve, over the past several years Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture has been running a project in the Buttermilk Hill area to convert approximately 45 acres of our introduced cool season grassland back to climate-adaptive native warm season grasses and pollinator-friendly, grazing-tolerant native wildflowers. Join Elijah Goodwin, Director of Ecological Monitoring at Stone Barns, for a 2-mile walk to learn more about this important project and what we hope to gain from the research we're conducting. We'll

observe birds, insects, plants, and other wildlife along the way. Max: 30 people. Cost: \$4.

*Photo courtesy of Elijah Goodwin. [RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events](https://RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events)*



### Rendezvous with Treason: The André/Arnold Conspiracy

**September 8 from 2 – 3:15 pm**

In partnership with Revolutionary Westchester 250, Rockefeller State Park Preserve is excited to announce a special performance in honor of a pivotal moment in our nation's history. This dramatic portrayal by Sean Grady & Gary Petagine shares the history of two of the most intriguing characters in the American Revolution - Major John André and General Benedict Arnold and their fateful meeting in Haverstraw, New York in September of 1780. The events following their collusion played out across Putnam, Westchester and

Rockland Counties. The production allows these infamous men an opportunity to tell their side of the story and their motivation behind the plot that could have ended the cause for independence. Cost: FREE, registration required. [RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events](https://RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events)



### Postural Therapy: Living Comfortably

**September 10 from 9 – 10 am**

Start your day with movement! Get energized in this virtual session with postural therapist, Joey Zimet, and learn exercises to improve posture and function. The class will incorporate unique standing, sitting, and floor exercises that are gentle and easily adapted to fit your needs. These methods are well-studied and based upon neuroscience, biomechanics, the myofascial system, and other variables. Treat yourself to some maintenance and self-care! **Registered participants will receive a link to join.** Cost: FREE. [RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events](https://RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events)



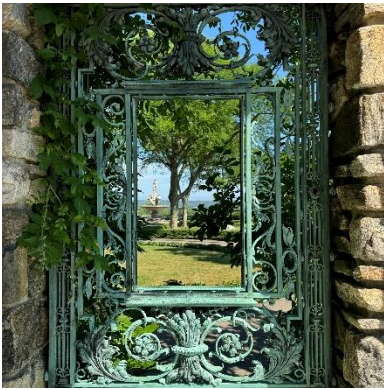
### Sunset Hike at Rockwood Hall

**September 12 from 5:45 – 7:15 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](https://RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events)*



### Living Landscape at Pocantico:

**Honoring the Past, Innovating the Future**

**September 13 from 1 – 5 pm**

Over time, humans have coevolved with the landscape, our path shaped by our environment and the natural resources available to us, as we in turn molded our environment to suit the growing needs of our society. In the wake of a rapidly changing climate, we are faced with the challenge of building and landscaping in ways that are adaptive and regenerative. Join us for this special event in partnership with the Rockefeller Brothers Fund and Mathews Nielsen Landscape

Architects, P.C. (MNLA) to learn about sustainable practices being implemented at The Pocantico Center. Preserve educator, Kim Fendrich, will provide geologic context for our area, followed by a presentation on climate-adaptive landscaping by Signe Nielsen, Founding Principal, MNLA. We'll finish with an optional walk to observe the landscape architecture and geological features throughout the grounds of The Pocantico Center. Refreshments will be served. Registration required, please visit: [rbf.org/pocantico/events](https://rbf.org/pocantico/events). *Photo courtesy of Kim Fendrich.*



### Plein Air Painting

**September 14 and 21 from 9:30 am – 12 pm**

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 Kim Fendrich. [RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events](https://RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events)*



### History of Rockwood Hall

**September 14 from 10 am – 12 pm**

Join Rockwood docent, David Teich, on an adventure into the past as we explore the remains of Rockwood Hall and its rich history dating back to prehistoric times. Former estate of William A. Rockefeller Jr., this site boasts scenic views overlooking the Hudson, lush forests, and remnants of 19<sup>th</sup> century luxuries. The hike is about 2 miles roundtrip; leashed dogs are welcome. Max: 40 people. Cost: \$4. [RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events](https://RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events)



### Full Moon Hike: "Harvest Moon"

**September 16 from 7 – 9 pm**

**Tickets available August 20 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.*

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### Local Lore and Legends

**September 20 from 5:30 – 7 pm**

**Tickets available on August 20 at 10 am**

Did you know that the famous horseman ride in *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* likely took place here in the Preserve? Actually, there are quite a few lesser-known legends that take place on this land. The names of some of our most iconic locations (Spook Rock, Ravens Rock, Witch's Spring) come from stories that have been told by locals dating back hundreds of years. Join Ranger Su (tonight as "Major Su") for a 2-mile twilight hike to visit some of these locations

and hear their stories. Leashed dogs are welcome. Max: 30 people. Cost: \$4.

Photo courtesy of Margaret Fox. [RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events](https://RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events)



### Equinox Celebration: Forest Bathing & Sound Healing

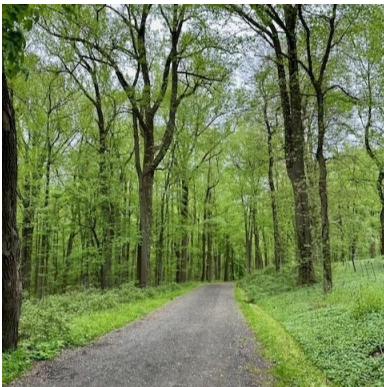
**September 21 from 10 am – 12:30 pm**

**Tickets available on August 20 at 10 am**

Celebrate the autumnal equinox during this special event co-hosted by certified forest therapist, Cindy Olsen, and sound healer, Dayna Gralla. Enjoy a mindful stroll in the woods and connect with nature through sensory exploration inspired by the Japanese practice of Shinrin-yoku, "forest bathing". This journey will lead you to the Glacial Erratic for a restorative sound healing experience where crystal singing bowls, chimes, and a variety of soothing instruments will guide

your meditation. Finish with herbal tea under the trees as you take a moment to reflect. The walk is about 1 mile round trip. No pets please. Max: 30 people. Ages 18+. Cost: \$8. Parking: \$6 per vehicle.

Photo courtesy of Briana Codella. [RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events](https://RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events)

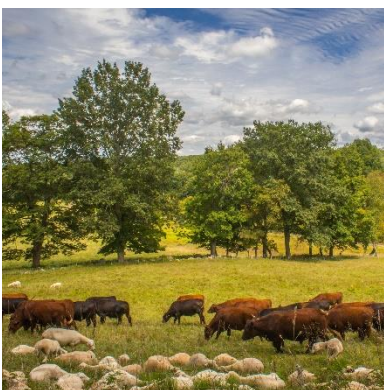


### Nature's Way to Eagle Hill Hike

**September 22 from 9 – 11 am**

Enjoy the first day of fall with Guardians Pat and Jim on a 4-mile hike to Eagle Hill and back. We'll venture along Nature's Way, stopping at the Glacial Erratic to bask in its imposing presence before continuing down Old Sleepy Hollow Rd. The hike will move at a moderate pace and will include some hills. Leashed dogs are welcome. Max: 30 people. Cost: FREE, registration required. Parking: \$6 per vehicle.

Photo courtesy of Guardian Patricia. [RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events](https://RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events)



### Livestock and Land Management with Stone Barns & RSPP

**September 22 from 10 am – 2 pm**

Join a discussion with staff from Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture and Rockefeller State Park Preserve on regenerative livestock management and the role of herbivores on grasslands ecosystems. We'll cover the basic principles of rotational grazing, the important function of each species of livestock in a diverse farm ecosystem, and the role livestock play in increasing wildlife diversity and soil fertility. Learn about our synergistic partnership and how shared agricultural land management practices support the regional ecosystem and

stewardship in the Preserve. Stop by anytime within the 4-hour window. Cost: FREE, registration recommended in case there are changes due to inclement weather. Parking available at either Stone Barns or the Preserve's main entrance. Photo courtesy of Heidi Fuhrman. [RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events](https://RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events)



### **Birdwatching with the Saw Mill River Audubon Society**

**September 23 and 28 from 8 – 10 am**

Get to know our feathered residents! Join an expert from the Saw Mill River Audubon Society on a bird walk around the Preserve. Great for all levels of birding experience, beginners welcome! Binocular loans available upon request. Ages 8+. Max: 25 people. Cost: FREE. Parking: \$6 per vehicle. NYS Residents over 62 park for free on weekdays. *Photo courtesy of Bill Golden.*

Please register at: [sawmillriveraudubon.org/register-trips/](http://sawmillriveraudubon.org/register-trips/)



### **Stargazing in the Preserve**

**September 25 from 8 – 9:30 pm**

**Tickets available on August 20 at 10 am**

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

*Photo courtesy of Vinny Coulehan.* [RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events](http://RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events)



### **Sensory Hike: Rise and Shine!**

**September 27 from 9 – 10:30 am**

Awaken your senses and tune in to nature in this embodied experience with Linda Parker. You'll be amazed at what you notice when you home in on one sense at a time. Take this opportunity to quiet your mind and connect with the forest using this unique approach. Max: 15 people.

Cost: \$4. Parking: \$6 per vehicle; NYS residents over 62 park free on weekdays.

*Photo courtesy of Kim Fendrich.* [RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events](http://RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events)



### **National Fish and Wildlife Day: Birds of Prey**

**September 28 from 2:30 – 3:30 pm**

Celebrate National Fish and Wildlife Day with master falconer, James Eyring, and enjoy this rare opportunity to observe birds of prey in action! Watch flight and hunting demonstrations, learn about their habits and adaptations, and find out what you can do to help support these species and conserve the habitats they rely on. **Sorry, no dogs or horses allowed.** Cost: FREE, registration recommended in case there are changes due to inclement weather. Parking: \$6 per vehicle.

*Photo courtesy of Kim Fendrich.*

Why not make a day out of it? It's also DEC's Free Fishing Day, where residents and non-residents are allowed to fish without a freshwater fishing license or recreational marine fishing registration (\*Kids under 16 can always fish for free!). It's the perfect opportunity to try out fishing for the first time, to get back into the sport, or to take a friend or the whole family along! Don't have fishing equipment? Borrow fishing gear for the day from one of the many providers statewide! To find a list of providers and learn more about fishing regulations, Learn to Fish clinics, and other helpful tips, please visit: [dec.ny.gov/outdoor/44804.html](http://dec.ny.gov/outdoor/44804.html)



**Abilities Celebration** 

**September 29 from 1 – 4 pm**

Join us for a family-friendly day of live music, activities, and guided hikes at our second annual Abilities Celebration! With our well-maintained carriage roads, Rockefeller State Park Preserve is uniquely suited to welcome individuals of all abilities. We aim to create an inclusive environment where **everyone** can be grounded in nature and connected to their community. We'll be debuting our two new Mountain Trike all-terrain chairs, which guests will have the opportunity to test, as well as the Action Trackchair and the GRIT Freedom Chair.

You'll get to meet some lovable therapy dogs and be sure to chat with our partner organizations to learn about adaptive outdoor recreation in our area. You're guaranteed to leave with a renewed sense of adventure and community! Cost: FREE, registration required. Parking fees waived for attendees. *Photo courtesy of Pierce Johnston.* [RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events](http://RockefellerStateParkPreserve.org/events)

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*Andrea Cohen* at FDR State Park  
See page 22 for more information about this new public art initiative that integrates poems in public parks and historic sites.

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**Sat., September 9: Stargazing Night**  
**Queer Outdoor Adventures, 7:30-8PM**

Creating safe and inclusive outdoor experiences for LGBTQ+ individuals by building strong community connections, Queer Outdoor Adventures is hosting a special Stargazing Night.

For more info: [www.QueerOutdoorAdventures.com](http://www.QueerOutdoorAdventures.com)



**Fri., September 27: Mid-Hudson Astronomical Association**  
**Monthly Star Party, 6:30 PM**

The Mid-Hudson Astronomical Association hosts a monthly stargazing party in the West Beach parking lot. Bring your own telescopes and binoculars or use those provided by our members. You will be asked to provide your license plate number and make/model car, so Park Management and Police have a record of who will be in park after hours.

More info at <https://www.meetup.com/mhastro/events/275468188/>  
*Registration:* RSVP is required at least one day beforehand.

**Poetry  
in the Parks**

*Robert Hass* at Lake Taghkanic State Park  
See page 22 for more information about this new public art initiative that integrates poems in public parks and historic sites.



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**Ongoing: Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Labor Day Monday.**

**On the hour, 11:00am through 4:00pm**

#### **Mansion Tours**

Come take a tour of the historic Clermont Mansion! Explore the legacies of the illustrious Livingston family, who called the river-side mansion home for seven generations, and the untold histories of the enslaved and paid staff whose labor made life at the mansion possible. Dive further into the histories of the people of Clermont with our Visitor Center exhibit, "Spero Meliora: Life in The Land of Livingston." Two special exhibits are on view this season, "Redefining The Family: The Livingstons and the Institution of Slavery" and "The Matriarch of Clermont: Margaret Beekman at 300." After your tour, check out our Poetry in the Parks installation, displayed on the outer wall of the Visitor Center, take a stroll through our gardens, go on a leisurely hike on our trails, or enjoy a picnic overlooking the river.

Please note: Tour tickets for the mansion must be purchased at the Visitor Center. **Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and students, and children under 12 are free.**



**Thursday, September 12, 2024**

**6:00pm**

**Harmonies on the Hudson Presents: Girl Blue**

**Arryl North Lawn, near the main parking lot**

If you like Alanis Morissette, Brandi Carlisle, and crying in public, you're going to love Girl Blue. Writing deeply emotional songs with strong singable hooks, singer-songwriter Arielle O'Keefe is absolutely one to watch.

She's been featured on top Spotify playlists (New Music Friday) and charts (#2 on US Viral Charts), in national commercials, and on top blogs like the Huffington Post. She has received 7 Thomas Edison Music Awards, twice receiving Songwriter of the Year and Solo Act of the Year. It's been said "she...has the kind of spark that makes stars" and, most especially as a live performer, she has an authenticity that regularly moves audience members to tears.

She is based outside of Saratoga Springs, NY. She records all her own music at home with her partner/producer Jimi W and is funded entirely by her community of fans on Patreon and across social media. **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](http://friendsofclermont.org/events)



**Saturday, September 14, 2024**

**12:00pm to 2:00pm**

**Tea at Clermont**

**Walled Garden**

Sip tea while enjoying finger foods, live music, and our beautiful formal gardens. Plus, back by popular demand, local artist Ruby Silvious will join us with examples of her internationally recognized tea bag art. An online auction will be available leading up to the event.

**Please note: *The cost of the event is \$60 for Friends of Clermont members and \$75 for non-members. Children under 12 are free.*** Tea at Clermont Gardens raises money to support Friends of Clermont's ongoing garden restoration work. Your gift is 100% tax-deductible! Register in advance at [friendsofclermont.org/events](http://friendsofclermont.org/events)



**Saturday, September 14, 2024**

**Rain date: Saturday, September 21, 2024**

**2:00pm**

**Clermont Grounds and Gardens Tour**

**Meet at the Visitor Center**

Join us for a late summer tour of Clermont's formal gardens. Walk with one of our experienced tour guides and learn the history of the land. From woods to farmland to manicured lawns, Clermont's landscape has changed with each generation. This tour includes gentle inclines on uneven surfaces. Please wear comfortable footwear and dress for the weather.

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

**Sunday, September 22, 2024**

**2:00pm**

**Cornelia Livingston's Sewing Table: Its Materiality, History, and Labor**

**Meet at Visitor Center**

Cornelia Livingston's sewing table is one of the most eye-catching pieces in Clermont's collection. Join us for an in-depth discussion on the material history and the systems of labor and industry hidden beneath the surface of this beautiful mother-of-pearl and papier-mâché piece from the mid-nineteenth century. This lecture will cover the origins of papier-mâché and lacquer work furniture before diving into the history of the pearling industry before and throughout the Industrial Revolution.

*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](https://bookeo.com/Clermont)*



**Saturday, September 28, 2024**

**11:00am to 1:00pm**

**Crafty Kids: Halloween Party!**

Welcome the Spooky Season with a Crafty Kids arts and crafts day! Enjoy a snack as you decorate a spooky coffin deco box, paint a treasure chest perfect for hiding candy, or let your imagination run wild with our table full of Halloween craft supplies! Light instruction is offered, creativity is encouraged.

This is a program for children; all children must be accompanied by an adult and all adults must be accompanied by a child.

*Please note: **The cost of the event is \$5 per person**, please be prepared to pay at the door. **Space is limited.** Please make reservations in advance on Bookeo: <https://bookeo.com/clermont>*



**Sunday, September 29, 2024**

**1:00 pm**

**The Hudson River Schools of Art and Their Ice Age Origins; Robert & Johanna Titus Lecture & Book Signing**

**Visitor Center**

Join Robert Titus, retired professor of Geology, and Johanna Titus, retired professor of Biology, for a talk about the Hudson River School of Art and the Ice Age!

During the 19th century there was something of a cultural Renaissance right here in the Hudson Valley region. America's first worldclass literature appeared. We also saw the birth of American landscape architecture. Most importantly, led by Thomas Cole, we saw the appearance of the Hudson Valley School of Art. In short, our region became the center of a truly important cultural movement. None of this, we argue, would ever have happened if the Hudson Valley, especially the North Lake area, had not been so heavily glaciated. We take our readers to see how the North Lake glaciers created the landscapes that so inspired the great artists of those times.

Robert and Johanna Titus are best known as popular science writers. Over the years they have written for several regional magazines, including Kaatskill Life and Tri-County Historical Reviews, as well as the Mountain Eagle and the Columbia Paper. They have authored five books on the Catskills and Hudson Valley geology. The Titus's run The Catskill Geologist Facebook page and a blog site, thecatskillgeologist.com

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

## Poetry in the Parks

**Ishion Hutchinson** at Clermont State Historic Site  
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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. September Tour Hours: 10:00 AM-3:30 PM, Tuesday-Sunday

The Museum Store is open Tuesday – Sunday, 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM.

Third Thursdays: 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

See our tour listings at [OLANA.org](http://OLANA.org) for more details.

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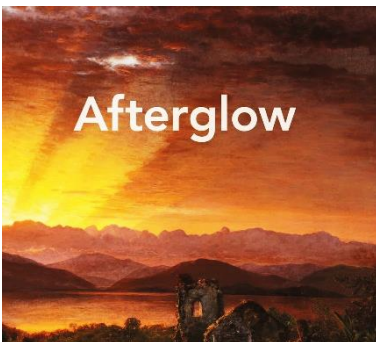


### OLANA EYE SKYCAM

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



### 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](http://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 its landscape and hear how this place is connected to meaningful recollections, memories of loved ones, and important milestones.

Share your Olana memory by calling 518-750-6747. To listen to Olana memories, visit: <https://olana.stqry.app/>



**K-12 FIELD TRIPS AND VIRTUAL TOURS**

***Now Accepting Fall Reservations!***

Explore Frederic Church’s masterwork, Olana, through a field trip or virtual tour in any season! During onsite field trips and virtual tours, students learn more about the art, culture, and history of Olana and the Hudson River Valley through place-based learning activities and lessons.

For grades PreK-12 and education groups; \$5-\$15 per student | FREE for schools in Columbia and Greene counties. Transportation reimbursement available for

Title 1 Schools through the New York State Connect Kids Grant. Learn more by visiting <https://www.olana.org/tour-category/school/>



**FREE Third Thursday at Olana**

**Thursday, September 19, 12:30-6:00 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](mailto: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](http://www.OLANA.org/thirdthursdays)



**The Hudson River Schools of Art and Their Ice Age Origins**

**Thursday, September 19, 2:00-4:00 PM**

Time travel back to Olana’s ice age past! Join geologist Robert Titus for a walking tour showcasing Olana’s artist-designed landscape through science and storytelling. During this program, participants will learn more about the geological history of Olana and the forces that shaped Frederic Church’s masterwork.

Image Credit: Robert Goldwitz



**Third Thursday: Tunes with a View – Naomi Westwater**

**Thursday, September 19, 3:30-5:00 PM**

Drop by for a special free performance by folk musician Naomi Westwater. Bring a picnic and listen to lively tunes as you enjoy Olana’s landscape. Performance will take place outdoors near the Main House; check in at Olana’s Visitor Center for more information day-of.



**Tunes with a View - Perry Allen**

**Thursday, September 19, 6:00-7:00 PM**

Drop by for a special free performance by Perry Allen and a special jazz trio. Bring a picnic and listen to lively tunes as you watch Olana’s spectacular end-of-summer sunset. Performance will take place outdoors near the Main House; check in at Olana’s Visitor Center for more information day-of.



### Artmaking in the Afternoon

**Saturday, September 21 | 1:00-5:00 PM**

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

Drop in program, FREE. All materials provided. Located in the Wagon House Education Center.



### Memories in the Landscape: Members Listening Hour

**Friday, September 6th | 5:00-6:30 PM**

Members of Olana are invited to join The Olana Partnership's education staff for a special evening highlighting *Memories in the Landscape*, an audio project developed in concert with Olana's current exhibition *Afterglow*. This special tour will give members a chance to learn more about this project while listening to community members share poignant recollections of memories at Olana. The tour will take place along Ridge Road with a wine and cheese reception to follow. Free for members. RSVP to [lmiller@olana.org](mailto:lmiller@olana.org).



### Still Life: Drawing a Memorable Object with Cris Gamet

**Saturday, September 28th, 1:00-4:00 PM**

Bring a family heirloom, gift from a loved one, or any memorable object to this workshop where students will prepare to express meaning through still-life drawing. Participants will use charcoal to draw on newsprint and Strathmore papers, participating in demos as they work from the objects.

This program is offered in collaboration with Woodstock School of Art on occasion of the exhibition *Afterglow: Frederic Church and the Landscape of Memory*. To learn more, visit [Olana.org/afterglow](http://Olana.org/afterglow).

\$74 per student; register at Woodstock School of Art. Workshops - Woodstock School of Art



### Featured Trail of the Month

## Hopeland Trails: Mills-Norrie State Park

9 Old Post Rd. Staatsburg, NY 12580

Distance: 1.8 miles      Difficulty Rating: Easy

In the northern most section of Mills-Norrie State Park, park visitors can find the quiet and secluded Hopeland Area. Featuring almost two miles of trails, Hopeland is a favorite destination for birders, bikers, and dog walkers. Throughout the summer you will find a diverse landscape of meadows and woodlands which makes excellent habitat for wildlife. In the colder months snowshoeing and cross country skiing is a favorite for winter enthusiasts. Linking the Hopeland and Huntington trails will make a 1.5 mile loop around the property, or a short half mile out and back to Dragonfly Pond provides ample opportunities for recreation.

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

# Poetry in the Parks

To celebrate the *Centennial of New York State Parks*, the Taconic Region is excited to present **Poetry in the Parks**, a new public art initiative that integrates poems in public parks and historic sites. Poems and poets reflect the diversity of park visitors and celebrate the beauty of nature found in these public places, encouraging exploration and discovery.

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



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

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

**Robert Hass** at Lake Taghkanic State Park;

**Ishion Hutchinson** at Clermont State Historic Site;

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

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

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

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

DATE	EVENT NAME	NY STATE PARK
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. 20	Veteran's Appreciation	Walkway Over the Hudson
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

### ADDITIONAL WALKWAY EVENTS JUST IN:

#### Salute2Vets

Friday, September 20 – 5:30-9 p.m.

#### All Entrances, Walkway Over the Hudson

Join the Friends of the Walkway nonprofit organization and veterans from both Dutchess and Ulster County as we celebrate those that served our nation.

Dutchess County Veteran Services and MHA Dutchess Vet2Vet will host resource and informational tables for Veterans on the East (Poughkeepsie) side of the Walkway. There will be food trucks and free food for Veterans and families along with music and other entertainment. Ulster County Veteran Services and HVNCVR Vet2Vet will host the same on the West (Highland) side.

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At 7:30 p.m., all guests will proceed toward the Walkway's Center Overlook led by Pipes and Drums. Veterans and residents from both sides of the Hudson will meet at the American flag for a ceremony to honor our heroes and enjoy a fireworks show! There will be a special viewing area reserved for Veterans and their guests. **This event is free to attend and open to all.** RSVPs are requested by visiting [walkway.org/salute2vets](http://walkway.org/salute2vets).

**Walkway Over the Hudson Golf Outing**

**Monday, September 23 – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

**Apple Greens Golf Course, Highland, NY**

The Friends of the Walkway nonprofit organization invites you to enjoy a wonderful day of golf at Apple Greens Golf Course in Highland, New York on Monday, September 23.

This 18-hole scramble event features stunning views of the Shawangunk Mountains, classic competitions like longest drive and closest-to-the-pin, light lunch on the course, a delicious locally-sourced dinner, drinks, post-round awards, an awesome raffle and silent auction, and other fun surprises throughout the day.

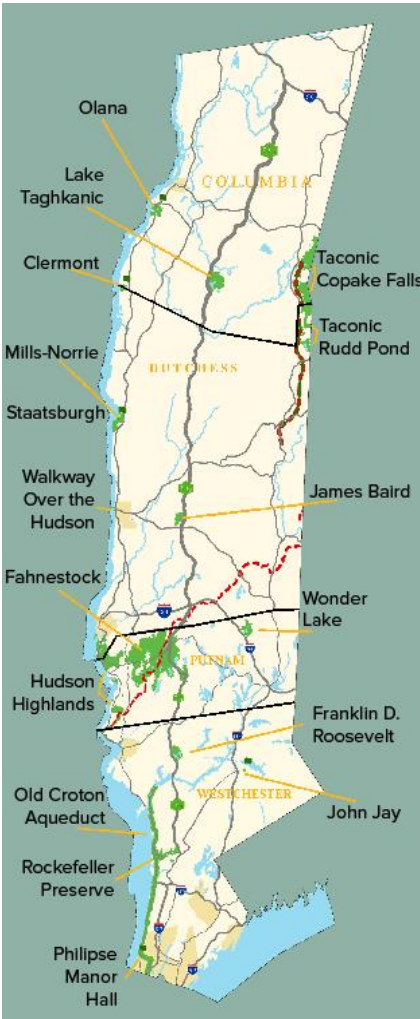
The Walkway Over the Hudson Golf Outing is presented by Insperity. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Walkway nonprofit organization.

Play as an individual golfer or register your foursome. Want to join us for dinner only? Non-golfers are welcome to attend after the round with a non-golf dinner



# 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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