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Save the Date!
4th Annual Family Festival &
Sleepover Under the Stars
Sat. June 21st — 4:00pm

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INSIDE!



Thursday, September 11th MUSICAL TOT TREK II — This time, join us for a whimsical nature walk along Marcia's Mile in Garrison led by singer/songwriter Stacy Labriola. Designed with toddlers and preschoolers in mind, this trek features a rollicking musical break with Stacy's renditions of favorite nature-inspired songs and chants. Space is limited/Registration required. **Meet:** 10:00am **Duration:** 1 hr. **Level:** Easy/Family-friendly

Saturday, September 13th VIEWPOINTS & VISTAS — The Hudson Valley has been the inspiration of landscape artists for centuries. Join local resident and renowned painter Don Nice as he shares his own artistic perspective on a walk that reveals some truly breathtaking Hudson River views. Part of the Hudson River Valley Ramble. **Meet:** 9:00am **Little Stony Point Park Bridge Duration:** 2.5 hrs. **Level:** Moderate

Saturday, September 20th FORTS & BRIDGES — Local Hudson River historian Ray Phillips will lead us on a trek through the remains of a Revolutionary War fortification overlooking the Hudson in Fort Montgomery. We will hike through the scene of a fierce battle, visit an old mining site near Popopen Creek, and take a stroll across the Bear Mountain Bridge. Part of the Hudson River Valley Ramble. **Meet:** 9:00am **Fort Montgomery Visitors' Center Duration:** 3.0 hrs. **Level:** Moderate

Saturday, October 4th FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN — Up for a challenge? Jordan Dale, Executive Director of Surprise Lake Camp in Cold Spring, leads us on this vigorous hike/climb to the Beacon Fire Tower on Fish-Kill Ridge and the incredible 360 degree views it affords of the Hudson Valley. Along the way, you'll see and hear about the old Beacon Incline Railway & catch glimpses of the Shawangunk Ridge to the northwest. Bring a bag lunch. **Meet:** 10:00am **Surprise Lake Camp Main Bldg Duration:** 4 hrs. **Level:** Difficult

Saturday, October 11th FALL FOLIAGE & TREE ID — So you have a favorite tree that turns a certain color every autumn but just can't figure out what it is... Join us! Arboretist Lew Kingsley will lead hikers around Pelton Pond in Fahnestock State Park, Putnam Valley on this colorful & educational hike. **Meet:** 9:00am **Pelton Pond parking area, Rte. 301 Duration:** 2 hrs. **Level:** Easy



Friday, October 17th SPOOKY --NOT SCARY-- STORIES ON THE HUDSON — Gather your courage and meet us for an eerie walk through Little Stony Point Park in Cold Spring. Professional storyteller Jonathan Kruk will spin yarns of local mysteries and spooky area legends, perfect for putting families with school-aged kids in the Halloween mood. **Meet:** 5:00pm **Little Stony Point Park bridge Duration:** 1 hr. **Level:** Easy/Family-friendly

Sunday, October 25th STORM KING MOUNTAIN — Enjoy the West Shore perspective with a challenging hike led by HHLT Board Member and Hudson Highlands Nature Museum Chairman David Redden in Cornwall. This four mile loop hike climbs to the North Peak of Crows Nest Mountain, and features spectacular views of the Hudson River and the East Highlands. **Meet:** 10:00am **Storm King State Park parking lot off Mountain Rd. Duration:** 3 hrs **Level:** Moderate/Difficult



Sunday, June 8th OSBORN LOOP — Join outdoorsman Hank Osborn on this challenging 4.5 mile hike up, around, and down the Osborn Loop in Garrison. Pack a lunch to enjoy while taking in breathtaking views of the Hudson River on this trek through the Hudson Highlands State Park. **Meet:** 9:00am **Castle Rock Unique Area, Route 9D Duration:** 3 hrs. **Level:** Difficult



Thursday, June 12th MUSICAL TOT TREK I — Little ones and parents alike will love this whimsical nature walk around idyllic Lake Alice in Garrison led by singer/songwriter Stacy Labriola. Designed with toddlers and preschoolers in mind, this trek features a rollicking musical break with Stacy's renditions of favorite nature-inspired songs and chants. Hike takes place on privately conserved land, so please call to register/get directions. **Meet:** 10:00am **Duration:** 1 hr. **Level:** Easy/Family-friendly

Saturday, July 12th DISCOVERY QUEST FAMILY ADVENTURE — Experience a Discovery Quest guided by an environmental educator at the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum in Cornwall. Part word game, part treasure hunt, part "Museum Tour in the Woods," guests are a fun, interactive way to learn about what you see when hiking our highland trails -- a unique outdoor experience for adults, teens, and children ages 5 & up. Space is limited/Registration required. **Meet:** 9:30am **Hudson Highlands Nature Museum Duration:** 2 hrs. **Level:** Easy/Family-friendly

Saturday, August 23rd WHO LET THE DOGS OUT? — Promenade your purebred or strut your mutt — this hike is dedicated to our furry four-legged companions! Breeder/Dog Obedience Trainer Gayle Watkins will lead us on a trek through privately conserved land in Cold Spring. Dogs will get a chance to cool off in Clove Brook. All dogs must be people and dog friendly to participate — leashes required. Space is limited / Registration required. **Meet:** 9:00am **Duration:** 1.5 hrs. **Level:** Moderate

2008 Hudson Highlands Land Trust **TAKE-A-HIKE!** Schedule

Join us for seventeen unforgettable outdoor experiences during the Land Trust's **2008 Take-A-Hike!** season. Led by experienced volunteers who share their knowledge of local treasures, this year's program features old favorites and some fun, new family-friendly treks, informative rambles and exhilarating adventures. There is no cost to join us on a hike. For more information, contact HHLT at 845-424-3358 or info@hhlt.org. **Note: some hikes require pre-registration. Please call the office or check our website (www.hhlt.org) to confirm that a hike has not been cancelled, particularly in cases of inclement weather.**

Saturday, April 19th GO GREEN AT BLACK ROCK FOREST — Celebrate sustainability with a tour (2 hrs.) of "green" buildings at Black Rock Forest Consortium in Cornwall. Executive Director Bill Schuster will lead us through this impressive facility, which features sustainable building materials, a geothermal heating system, solar panels, etc. Pack a picnic lunch for a hike (2 hrs.) in the Forest where Con Ed proposed building a hydro-electric plant, now the home of an active environmental education and research center. **Meet:** 9:00am **Black Rock Forest Lodge Duration:** 2-4 hrs. **Level:** Moderate



Tuesday, April 22nd KIDS EARTH DAY ADVENTURE — Spend Earth Day outdoors at this family eco-adventure with Environmental Educator Pete Salmansohn and friends. We'll venture into the Garrison School Forest for a hike, some games and a picnic. Space is limited/registration required. **Meet:** 10:00am **Duration:** 3hrs. **Level:** Easy/Family-friendly



Saturday, May 3rd SONG BIRDS OF SPRING — Come join long-time Putnam Highlands Audubon board member Lew Kingsley for a bird walk on Sunken Mine Road in Fahnestock State Park, Putnam Valley. No birding experience necessary, but bring binoculars to get a close-up look at the spring migrants we find. **Meet:** 8:00am **parking area at corner of Denneytown & Sunken Mine Roads Duration:** 2 hrs. **Level:** Easy

Saturday, May 17th ARDEN & ARNOLD (service hike) — Discover the beauty of Arden Point on the Garrison waterfront and hear the tale of Benedict Arnold's flight on a hike that will take us along part of Arnold's dramatic escape route. This hike is sponsored by Credit Suisse First Boston and will include some light trail maintenance along part of Marcia's Mile. **Meet:** 10:00am **Garrison Train Station Duration:** 2 hrs. **Level:** Moderate