



News from HHLT: April 2018

Water Forum Less Than a Week Away! A Few Spots Left

The Taste of Sprawl
A Water Discussion
Hosted by the Hudson Highlands Land Trust

Sunday, April 15, 2018 • 11am – 3pm
Highlands Country Club • 955 Route 9D, Garrison, New York
Suggested Donation: \$10

Advance registration is required: www.hhlt.org/forum
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Our 2018 Community Forum—[The Taste of Sprawl: A Water Discussion](#)—will explore how land-use decisions can impact our drinking water and how we can protect this essential resource.

Our morning panel, *Safe Drinking Water: An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure*, will feature speakers from **Riverkeeper**, **DEC**, **Hudson Valley Regional Council**, **Chazen Companies** and **Quassaick Creek Watershed Alliance**. Afternoon breakout sessions will provide the opportunity to engage with water experts on local case studies in Newburgh, Beacon and Philipstown. The complete agenda and list of speakers can be found [here](#).

Due to the high level of interest in this topic, we've expanded the capacity of the event. However, that extra space is filling up fast so [sign up](#) soon if you're interested. We will activate a waitlist once the event sells out.

The event is open to the public and free (with a \$10 suggested donation), but advance registration is required as space is limited. A delicious complimentary lunch provided by the Highlands Country Club is included. Visit hhlforum2018.eventbrite.com to register.

You can read more about the forum in the [Putnam County News and Recorder](#), [Highlands Current](#), [Hudson Valley 360](#) and [Times Herald-Record](#).

Next Take-a-Hike on Algonquin Culture Scheduled for May 5th

We are delighted to announce the second hike in our 2018 Take-a-Hike! series: a [Native Algonquin Culture & Stories Hike](#) led by **Evan Pritchard**, Director of the Center for Algonquin Culture. This moderate, family-friendly hike will take place at the [Hudson Highlands Nature Museum's Outdoor Discover Center](#) on **Saturday, May 5**. It will focus on the history and culture of local Native Americans. Participants will learn about Sconennokee culture, including local history and geography, especially within Munsee territory; local language; and native peoples' insights into ecology of the area.

The hike is free but advance [registration](#) is required as space is limited. Children are welcome to join with an adult guardian.

(Please note our **April 14th Invasive Plant Species Management Hike** through **Manitou Point Preserve's Public Trails** is full. However, you can sign up for the [waitlist](#) and we'll alert you if and when a spot becomes available.)



LOCAL EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Putnam History Museum Mt. Beacon Hike

Even though our **April 14th** hike is full, there's another great opportunity to hike that day with the [Putnam History Museum](#). Join David Rocco of the Friends of the Mount Beacon Eight for a moderate hike up to the site of the November 11, 1945 Navy plane crash on **Mount Beacon**.

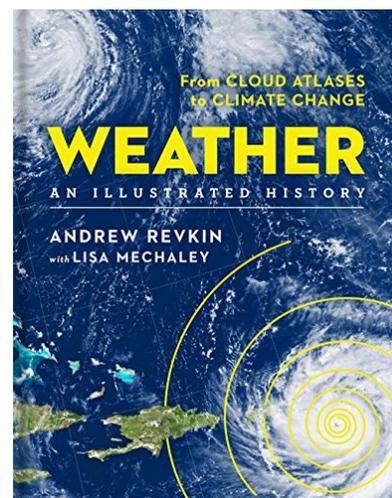
The group will meet at 10am in the Scenic Hudson Fishkill Ridge Parking Lot located at 36 Sunnyside Road in Fishkill. The hike is \$5 for the general public and free for members. Please [register](#) to guarantee your spot. Contact Catherine at catherine@putnamhistorymuseum.org or 845-265-4010 x10 with any questions.

Putnam Highlands Audubon Society Spring Dinner

The [Putnam Highlands Audubon Society](#) will host their annual fundraising dinner on **Saturday, April 14** at the Highland Lodge of the **Taconic Outdoor Education Center in Cold Spring**. After dinner, Philipstown residents Andy Revkin and Lisa Mechaley will present their new book *Weather: An Illustrated History: From Cloud Atlases to Climate Change*.

Andy is an award-winning environmental journalist for *The New York Times* and has authored several books including *The North Pole was Here: Puzzles and Perils at the Top of the World*. Lisa, a science teacher and environmental educator, is a PHAS board member and has also worked with HHLT, developing and presenting our River of Words Program in local schools.

RSVP to Adele Stern (ajstern1@gmail.com or 845-265-4432) or through the [PHAS website](#). Proceeds will support the organization's conservation and education programs.



Guided Hike w/ Cornell Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners



Beginning in May, [Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County's](#) Master Gardener Volunteers will guide hikes on trails throughout Putnam County. These free, [guided hikes](#) will explore forest regeneration, local history and invasive plants on the second Saturday of each month (with rain date the following Sunday). Hike guides will point out highlights along the way—vegetation, invasive species, wildlife and history—in addition to answering questions from attendees.

The first hike of the season on **Saturday, May 12** runs through **Clearpool Model Forest in Kent**, which is within the New York City watershed. Highlights will include an exploration of forest regeneration, rugged boulders and scenic spring forests. This trail includes moderate to difficult rocky slopes and runs approximately 2.5 miles. [Pre-registration](#) is required.

Black Rock Forest Summer Science Camp

This summer, [Black Rock Forest Consortium](#) will once again welcome students between the ages of 11 to 15 for week-long learning experiences in nature, working directly with scientists. Summer Science Camp will focus on understanding nature through observation and investigation. Classes are taught by experts and provide an opportunity to explore college and career possibilities in the natural sciences while having fun outside in **Black Rock Forest in Cornwall**. Offerings include classes on birds, reptiles, writing, photography and computer science. Summer Science Camp is a day camp that operates **July 10–14** and **July 17–21** from 8:30am–5:30pm. Pick-ups and drop-offs are available in Cornwall and Newburgh. Visit blackrockforest.org or call 845-534-4517 for more information and to register.



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