

Heritage Walks 2025



The Berkshires and Litchfield County

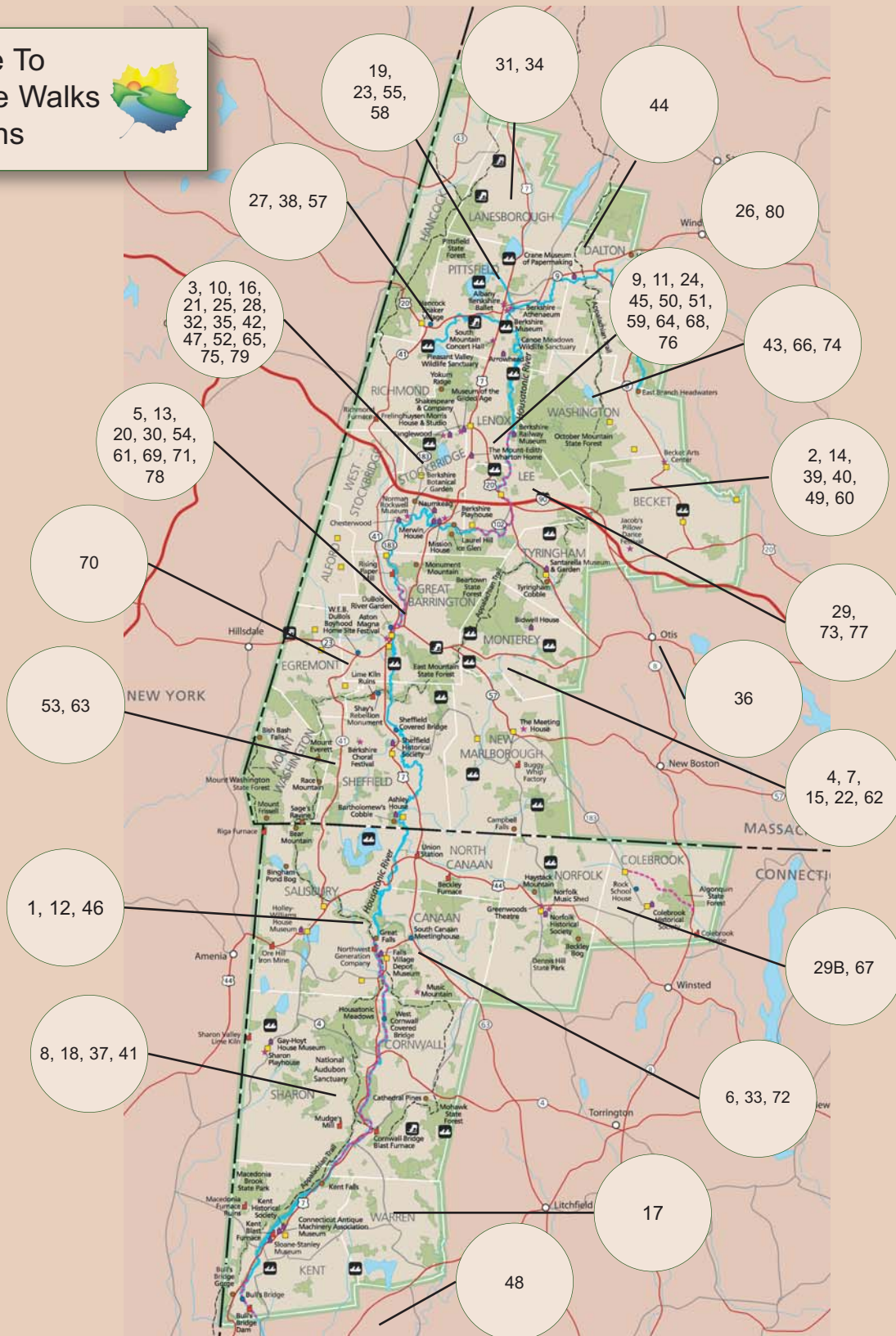


Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival by Diane Cote

In Partnership with
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A Guide To Heritage Walks Locations





Dark Hollow Preserve by AllTrails

SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 6, 2025

1 – Salisbury, CT 9 AM to 10 AM
THE SECRETS OF DARK HOLLOW PRESERVE HIKE

Nobody knows the Salisbury Association's Dark Hollow Preserve like Tom Key, from the Salisbury Association Land Trust, who has stewarded the land since it was acquired in 2008. The area was formerly called Spooky Hollow. This easy hike explores the dark, spooky interior of this mysterious place. Hikers follow the preserve's three major trails, which wander through mixed hardwoods and pine/hemlock forest, skirting large rock outcroppings, and descending along fields and wetlands. A pleasant walk, with a few spine tingles! 1 hour–2.5 miles

Meet at the first pull off on Dark Hollow Road, coming from Farnam Road (at the south end of the trail). At the intersection of Rt. 44 and Rt. 41 in Lakeville, take Rt. 41 heading southeast and almost immediately take a left on Farnam Road and drive 2 miles to the trailhead. To download the trail map, <https://salisburyassociation.org/land-trust/hiking-trails-preserves/> GPS 41.964148, -73.417601



Dark Hollow Preserve by Lou Hecht

2 – Becket, MA 9:30 AM to 1 PM
HISTORY HIKE TO THE KEYSTONE ARCHES BRIDGES—A MOST MAGNIFICENT ENGINEERING FEAT BUILT IN THE 1840'S !

Join Dave Pierce, from the Friends of the Keystone Arches, for a hike to the first cluster of stone arch railway bridges built in America, in the 1830's. They are impressive, breath-taking stone structures, up to 70 feet high, brilliantly revealing their ancestry in the great cathedrals of ancient Rome!

NOTE—An inside tour of the Chester Railway Station Museum can be arranged after the free Heritage Walk. Donations accepted. The



Keystone Arches by Diane Cote

Arches and the Railway Station were designated as National Historic Landmarks in 2021. 3.5 hours – 5 miles

To register - dpiercedlp@aol.com or 413-961-9166

From junction of Rts. 20 & 102 in Lee, take Rt. 20 east and drive 18 miles to Chester center. Meet at the Chester Railway Museum, 10 Prospect St. We will carpool 2 miles to the trailhead. GPS 42.28054, -72.97860

3 – Stockbridge, MA 10 AM to 11:30 AM
THE HISTORY OF INDIAN TOWN – STOCKBRIDGE

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Indian Burial Grounds by Dan Bolognani

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Park at Stockbridge town offices - Rt 102/50 Main St.



Berkshire National Fish Hatchery by Diane Cote

4 – New Marlborough, MA 10 AM to 12 NOON
HIKE AROUND THE BERKSHIRE NATIONAL FISH HATCHERY

The Berkshire National Fish Hatchery supports the restoration of lake trout populations in the Lower Great Lakes by supplying lake trout eggs to other federal hatcheries and rearing native brook trout for stocking in local waterways to support recreational fishing and education programs. Take a journey around a unique geological feature, the Kettle Loop Trail, before heading up the Pinnacle Loop Trail, which includes a 500-foot elevation climb. We'll pass a historic Monterey-New Marlborough town pillar, placed in 1913, and an old charcoal pit before reaching the Pinnacle summit, to enjoy fantastic views! We'll take the Cellar Hole Trail to see how early settlers strategically positioned their structures. Then continue onto the Nature Trail, which features signs about the local wildlife and plants.

For those looking for a shorter and less strenuous option, alternative hikes will be available with little elevation change. After the hike, we'll have hotdogs and refreshments and you can take a tour of the hatchery. Hats and shirts will be available for purchase. 2 hours–3 miles

To register– info@hatcheryfriends.org or (413) 591-9295, <https://hatcheryfriends.org>

Meet at 240 Hatchery Road, New Marlborough. From the north in Monterey, take Rt 23 and just east of Lake Buel, take River Road to the Hatchery. If coming from the south, New Marlborough, take Rt 57 / Rt 183 (Hartsville-New Marlborough Road) to the center of Hartsville, and turn right onto Hatchery Road.

5 – Gt. Barrington, MA 11 AM to 1 PM
GREAT BARRINGTON'S ARCHITECTURE & HISTORY – THE STORY OF GREAT BUILDINGS IN A GREAT TOWN

This walking tour with Nicholas Greene, from Clark, Green & BEK, will lead participants on a stroll through historic downtown Great Barrington as they discover the rich history of the town's former and current inhabitants, their lives and the beautiful building architecture they called home. 2 hours–1 mile



Great Barrington Meeting House Marker by Nicholas Green

To register - greenen23@gmail.com (indicate "GB Architecture Tour & Date" in the subject line). Sign up closes for the tour at 8 PM the night before the Walk

Meet at the engraved stone monument at the corner of Main and Castle Street, Great Barrington, MA. GPS 42.19378, -73.36382

6 – East Canaan, CT Anytime from 10 AM to 2 PM
1 HOUR TOURS OF THE BECKLEY BLAST FURNACE–CT'S DEDICATED IRON INDUSTRIAL MONUMENT

Learn about the historic iron industry of the Upper Housatonic Valley, by the Friends of Beckley Furnace. Built in 1847, the Beckley Furnace produced high quality iron until 1918, and is one of the last surviving examples of the 19th and early 20th century blast furnaces that were once commonplace sights in CT, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. There once were 21 furnaces in northwestern CT, as rich veins of iron ore were discovered in the hills near the town of Salisbury. During the American Revolution, CT-forged iron helped fuel the manufacture of American weaponry, most notably the cannons used by the Continental Army, Union weapons for the Civil War, and railroad car wheels. Tour begins when you arrive. 1 hour long tours–0.4 mile



Beckley Furnace

140 Lower Road, East Canaan, just off US Rts 44 & 7. If coming from the East, North, or West, take Route 44 to East Canaan, CT. At the Congregational church, turn south onto Lower Road, passing alongside the Church building, and continue for approximately 1/2 mile, turning to the right and down the hill. The former furnace office and the furnace stack are visible on your left. If coming from the south, take Rte 7 to Canaan, CT. Pass a railroad yard on your left, and just before you cross a bridge across the Blackberry River, turn right onto Lower Road, heading East. The Furnace is about 3 miles east of the intersection of Lower Road and East Canaan. GPS 42.0110 N, -73.2925 W



Campbell Falls State Park

7 – New Marlborough, MA 12 NOON to 2 PM
HIKE TO CAMPBELL FALLS – WATERFALLS, WATERSHEDS AND
NATURAL HISTORY OF THE BERKSHIRES

Join Erik Reardon, from the Housatonic Valley Association, for a visit to one of the most stunning scenic attractions in the Berkshires! Straddling the border between MA and CT, Campbell Falls is a 50-foot high waterfall on the Whiting River, which flows south to CT, where it meets the Blackberry River, a tributary of the Housatonic watershed. This hike will include a discussion of forest and land use history and connections to river and stream health in the Berkshires. The walk to the falls follows a switchback trail that is at times steep and then continues on the 1-mile trail to Campbell Falls State Park in CT. Bring hiking poles if needed. 2 hours–2 miles

To register, email— ereardon@hvatoday.org

Meet at the Campbell Falls Road trailhead in New Marlborough, MA (NOT the CT trailhead). From the center of New Marlborough, drive south on New Marlboro-Southfield Rd., which becomes Norfolk Road. After 6 miles, take a right onto Campbell Falls Road OR, From Norfolk, drive north on Rt 272-North St. *Pass the CT trailhead* and drive a bit further to the MA trailhead, to Campbell Falls Road on the left off of what is now Norfolk Road. GPS 42.045503, -73.232159

8 – Sharon, CT 2 PM to 3:30 PM
A BIOGRAPHICAL CEMETERY TOUR OF SHARON, CT

The Sharon Burial Grounds are rife with the stories of the ill-fated and the almost forgotten. On this walk, the Sharon Historical Society will cover the histories of a few of the less-known members of the community and try to bring their stories to the surface. 1.5 hours–1 mile

To register, email – curator@sharonhist.org

In Sharon, at the intersection of the clocktower and Veterans Memorial, head north on Main Street. Turn at Cemetery Road. We will meet at the Sharon Burial Grounds entrance. GPS 41.881654, -73.476641



Hillside Cemetery, Sharon CT by Sharon Historical Society

SUNDAY – SEPT. 7, 2025

9 – Lenox, MA 10 AM to 12 NOON
LEARN TREE IDENTIFICATION AT KENNEDY PARK

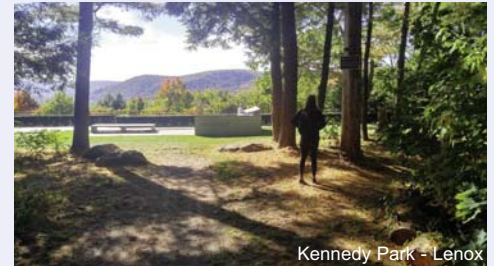
Join naturalist Chelsey Simmons of Berkshire Environmental Action Team (BEAT) for this informative and engaging slow walk, where we will learn key characteristics of commonly encountered trees in Western Massachusetts. The walk will include tips and tricks for recognizing tree species throughout the year, regardless of whether leaves are present. 2 hours–1.5 miles

Limited to 15 participants.

To register, email- chelsey@thebeatnews.org

The walk will start at the Kennedy Park Trailhead at the Lenox

Commons stores on Rt 7. The trailhead is located at the end of the “Evergreen Trail”, which is a paved road leading to private homes. Please do not drive down the Evergreen



Kennedy Park - Lenox

Trail road, as there is no parking. Upon entering the Lenox Commons from Rt 7, park in the main parking lot after passing Chocolate Springs Cafe on the right. Walk down Evergreen Trail Road to the end, to the trailhead.

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11 – Lenox, MA 10 AM to 11:30 AM BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR OF TANGLEWOOD–BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA'S SUMMER HOME

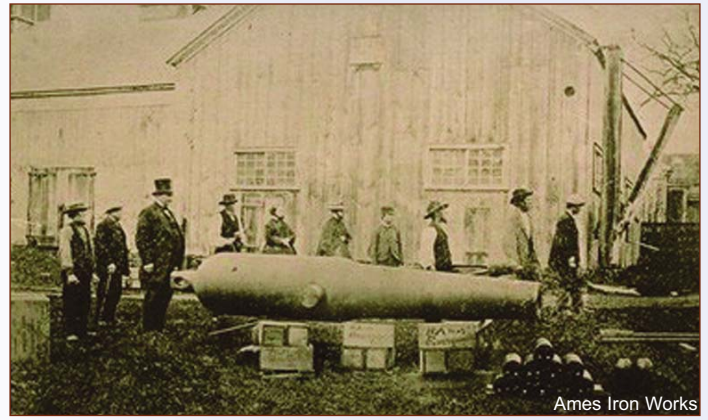
Enjoy a tour of the Boston Symphony Orchestra's summer Tanglewood campus, the Koussevitzky Music Shed, Ozawa Hall, and the Linde Center for Music and Learning. Learn of the interesting historic background of Tanglewood, the BSO and the Tanglewood Music Center. 1.5 hours – <1/2 mile

Starts at the Tanglewood Main Gate.

From the Rt 102 & Rt 183 flashing light intersection at the Berkshire Botanical Gardens, drive north on Rt 183 for 4 miles to the Main Gate. OR From Rt 41 in Richmond, across from the fire station, drive 4.5 miles east up Lenox Rd., and over then down Richmond Mt. Rd. Tanglewood is at the bottom of the mountain. Turn left and you will shortly see the Main Gate. OR From Lenox center, drive a couple of miles on West St./Rt 183 to the Main Gate. GPS 42.34924, -73.31084



Seiji Ozawa Hall at Tanglewood



Ames Iron Works

12 – Salisbury, CT 12 NOON to 1 PM CANNON AT 20 PACES! THE RISE AND FALL OF THE AMES IRON WORKS

Contrast a shaded walk along a flat trail beside the Housatonic River with the smoky history of the same land. Lou Bucceri, from the Salisbury Association Historical Society, will share the history about the factory and the people that produced the most powerful cannon of the Civil War. Learn how the cannon destroyed no Confederate targets, but only the man and company who created it. 1 hour–0.25 mile

From Rt 7 & Rt 112 junction in Falls Village– West on Rt 112 to Dugway Rd (opposite Outfield Entrance to Lime Rock Park), right and follow Dugway Rd. for 2 miles. At iron bridge, turn left, then immediately turn right onto Housatonic River Rd. Then 0.5 mile to parking lot for Falls Village Dam boat launch. OR from Rt 44 or Rt 41–Drive east on Rt 112 until you reach the Outfield Entrance to Lime Rock Park, then turn left onto Dugway Road and follow the above highlighted directions. GPS 41.96389, -73.37200

13 – Great Barrington, MA 1 PM to 2 PM & 2 PM to 3 PM ENCOUNTERING W.E.B. DU BOIS – NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK TOUR

W.E.B. Du Bois, the great African-American author and civil rights leader, was born and raised in Great Barrington and returned frequently. Join David Glassberg, UMASS History Professor, for an interpretive tour on a level woods trail leading to the foundation of Du Bois's boyhood home—a National Historic Landmark and the first destination in the U.S. to tell the story of his life and legacy. 1 hour–0.5 mile.



Du Bois Homesite, courtesy of the Du Bois National Historic Site

Meet at the Homesite (612 So. Egremont Rd), located 2 miles South of Gt. Barrington center. At junction where Rt 7 & Rt 23 split off, take Rt 23 and drive west for ~ 1 mile. GPS 42.17702, -73.39430



Chester and Becket Railroad -The Granite Line

14 – Chester/Becket, MA 1 PM to 3:30 PM
CHESTER AND BECKET RAILROAD – THE GRANITE LINE

Join the Western Mass Hilltown Hikers Group for a walk on mostly flat terrain on a section of the Chester and Becket Railroad. Built in 1896 as a 5.25-mile spur off the Boston & Albany Railroad to deliver granite from the Becket Quarries to the Chester finishing works. Both Chester and Becket issued bond stock in the quarry company to help in building this line because there was money to be made from the “Chester Blue Granite” for monuments and gravestones. See the remains of a wooden trestle still standing on the trail and learn how this route was used in Chester’s Emery and Granite industry. Optional continuation on the railbed to the Boston and Albany Connector. Donations for the newly conserved Chester Granite Company Finishing Works property are greatly appreciated. Maps and bottled water provided. Well behaved dogs allowed. Wear sturdy footwear. 2.5 hours–1.25 miles

To register per car load, on- <https://westernmasshilltownhikers.ticketleap.com> or on our website www.hilltownhikers.com

Meet on Hampden Street at the Chester and Becket Trailhead in Chester. From the junction of Rts 20 & 102 in Lee, take Rt. 20 East and drive 18 miles to the Chester/Becket town line, turn right onto Hampden Street to the trailhead. GPS 42.279567, -72.988070

15 – New Marlborough, MA 2 PM to 4 PM
EXPLORING AN ENCHANTED FOREST – THE NEW MARLBORO PRESERVE

Join Tes Reed, naturalist and New Marlborough Land Trust board member, on an interpretive loop through an enchanted forest. Part of the Land Trust’s larger 114-acre New Marlboro Preserve, the loop trail is primarily shaded in a mixed forest and follows Willow Creek and the Umpachenee River with all its twists and turns.

Views of the gorge are spectacular! We will share observations about the forest habitat and consider what natural forces have shaped the landscape. 2 hours–1.3 miles

To register, email - nmlandtrust@gmail.com



New Marlborough Land Trust

From the Old Inn on the Green in New Marlborough village, proceed 0.2 miles east on Route 57 and take the right fork onto Route 183, The parking area and trailhead for the preserve are to the right there 100 yards beyond the fork.

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16 – Stockbridge, MA 10 AM to 11:30 AM
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Photo courtesy of Warren Land Trust

17 – Warren, CT 10 AM to 11:30 AM
A WALK THROUGH THE WEST DISTRICT'S MOUNTAIN LAKE PRESERVE AREA

In addition to its historical significance, the Mountain Lake Preserve, also known as the Bible Camp, contains diverse and sensitive natural resources, and is part of a larger system of undeveloped and protected land. The Preserve, combined with the Wyantenock State Forest, Warren Land Trust's recently acquired Cunningham Nature Preserve, the Kent Land Trust's East Kent Hamlet Nature Preserve and other adjacent conservation easements, create a contiguous protected block of approximately 1200 acres with an extensive trail system. The property is also home to high quality water resources, including Straits Pond and Glacier Brook, that are vital to protecting the Lake Waramaug watershed and public water supply in the area. This hike with the Warren Land Trust and the Warren Historical Society folks will feature two trails. The Pond Hike (easy difficulty of 0.75 miles) meanders through a meadow to and along the Pond's edge and over a dam. Hikers may view beaver and waterfowl activity in the swamp, below the dam, and the serene Straits Pond above.

The Lookout Hike (moderate difficulty of 1.25 miles) heads into the woods and up to a high point on the property with an expansive western view of distant hills. From there, the trail travels down, through an outcropping of massive boulders to arrive at an extraordinary natural amphitheater where campers once gathered for both prayer and entertainment. 1.5 hours–2 miles

To register – www.WarrenCtHistoricalSociety.org/Events

Meet at 64 Mountain Lake Road, Bible Camps. From the center of Warren, drive south on Lake Road and eventually take a right turn onto Curtiss Road. Drive down Curtiss Road until reaching and making a left turn onto Mountain Lake Road, and drive to the end. OR From New Preston, drive north on East Shore Road, passing Lake Waramaug on the left. East Shore Road then becomes Lake Road. After a bit, take a left onto Curtiss Road. Drive down Curtiss Road until reaching and making a left turn onto Mountain Lake Road, and drive to the end.



Goodbody Preserve - by Sharon Land Trust

18 – Sharon, CT 10 AM to 12 NOON
GOODBODY PRESERVE–HIKE INDIAN MOUNTAIN

Join Tim Hunter and the Sharon Land Trust, for a hike on this 188-acre preserve, which offers spectacular views of the Sharon Valley and Indian Lake! Take a deep breath and enjoy the view, as the lands that are seen from this lookout are almost all preserved, either by the Sharon Land Trust or by other regional conservation organizations. Parts of this hike are steep, as the trail gains elevation of 600 feet. For intermediate to advanced hikers.

NOTE: Because of the group size, we are asking hikers not to bring their dogs along. 2 hours—2.5 miles

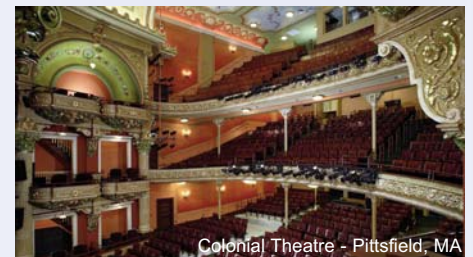
To register – visit our registration page online, email timhunter@sharonlandtrust.org or call (860) 499-0763

Meet at the trailhead, 140 Millerton Road (Rt 361), in Sharon (0.6 mile south of Dakin Road). Park at the top of a short, steep, drive up to a farm field parking area. GPS 41.904849, -73.491425

19 – Pittsfield, MA 11 AM to 12 NOON
HISTORY TOUR OF THE GILDED AGE COLONIAL THEATRE

Enjoy a journey through the history of the Colonial Theatre, owned by Berkshire Theatre Group, as you hear the story of the 1903 world-class theatre, movie house, National Historic Treasure appointment by Hillary Clinton, restoration, and 2006 grand re-opening. 1 hour

To register, email - volunteer@berkshiretheatre.org or 413-448-8084 ext 31



Colonial Theatre - Pittsfield, MA

Located at 111 South St., in the center of Pittsfield—just north of the junction of Rts 7 & 20 and Ben & Jerry's. GPS 42.44622, -73.25402



Great Barrington Monument by Nicholas Green

20 – Great Barrington, MA 11 AM to 1 PM
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21 – Stockbridge, MA 11 AM to 12:30 PM
HIKE TO HERMAN MELVILLE'S "ICE GLEN"

Join volunteers from the Berkshire County Historical Society for a leisurely hike to the Ice Glen glacial ravine in Stockbridge, where Melville and Nathaniel Hawthorne walked the same day as they hiked up Monument Mountain. We start at the Stockbridge Town Hall parking lot, walk through Laurel Park, cross the Housatonic River, and then head up into the hills in search of Ice Glen, walking through giant boulder fields and cool ravine scenery!

The more adventurous can venture into the boulders and crevices, while others can return for a leisurely walk along the river. Wear good hiking footwear. 1.5 hours–1.5 miles. Rain date Sept. 14 at 11 AM

Meet at the Stockbridge Town Hall parking lot on Main Street/Route 102 which is 0.25 mile to the east of the Red Lion Inn. GPS 42.28164, -73.30583



Ice Glen Trail by Diane Cote



22 – Monterey, MA 1 PM to 3 PM
KNOX'S NOBLE TRAIN OF ARTILLERY THROUGH MONTEREY

Join Rob Hoogs, from the Bidwell House Museum and Monterey Historical Society, on a walk in the footsteps of Col. Henry Knox's Noble Train of Artillery. Pulled by oxen and ice sledges, their winter caravan took 56 days to move 60 tons of artillery consisting of 43 cannons and 16 mortars captured from the British at Fort Ticonderoga and Crown Point on Lake Champlain. They passed through Monterey on Jan. 10, 1776, on their 300-mile trek to Boston to present the cannons to Gen. Washington. Walk a section of the old "Great Road" through Monterey, starting at the remains of Chadwick's Tavern then westerly along Brett Road. There are several sections of this old road that are relatively unchanged since the 1800s, making it easier to imagine the challenges faced by Col. Knox's group. NOTE–Does not include a tour of the museum interior. An inside tour, for a fee, can be arranged before or after the free Heritage Walk. Wear sturdy footwear, bring tick repellent & trekking poles if needed. 2 hours–1.5 miles

To register, email – bidwellhouse@gmail.com OR go to the Museum website – Bidwell House Museum

Meet at the Bidwell House Museum then carpool 2 miles to the start of Walk. From Monterey - Tyringham Rd. 1.5 miles, left onto Art School Rd. then 1 mile to the end; OR From the traffic light at Big Y in Lee– Tyringham Rd for 5.5 miles, right onto Monterey Rd for 2.3 miles, right on Art School Rd. then 1 mile to the end at the Bidwell House Museum. GPS 42.20888, -73.21830

23 – Pittsfield, MA 1 PM to 3 PM
REDISCOVERING THE LOST MILL VILLAGES OF WEST
PITTSFIELD – STEARNSVILLE, BARKERVILLE AND THE
TILLOTSON OSCEOLA MILL

In the 19th century, virtually the entire economic and social life of the west side of Pittsfield was centered around the Stearns, Barker and Tillotson Mill Villages on the Southwest branch of the Housatonic River. The villages provided employment for hundreds of men, women and children and had their own housing, stores, schools, and churches. By 1890, most of the mills were closed and



West Pittsfield - Tiltotson Manufacturing

today are little known in the Pittsfield community. Tour begins with a slide presentation at the Berkshire Environmental Action Team (BEAT) Center, followed by a level walk to the site of the former Barkerville Mill and a Shaker building. Participants will receive a copy of an illustrated history of the Mill Villages. 2 hours–1.5 miles

To register, email - gallagherfamily4@myfairpoint.net or call 603-562-5863

Meet at the Berkshire Environmental Action Team (BEAT) Center, 20 Chapel St. From Pittsfield, take West Housatonic St./Rt 20 to a left turn on Lebanon Ave., after one mile left turn on Melbourne Rd., crossing a bridge, immediate right on Chapel St. and the BEAT building. OR From Richmond, driving north on Swamp Rd/Barker Rd, just past the airport, at the curve right in the road, left turn on Melbourne Rd. Just before the bridge, turn left onto Chapel St., and the BEAT building.

24 – Lenox, MA 1 PM to 2:30 PM DISCOVERING SOME SECRETS OF KENNEDY PARK

Discover the glorious aspects of the Hotel Aspinwall located within Kennedy Park, and explore the ruins left behind. A quote from one of the early Berkshires brochures stated that “The Hotel Aspinwall is located in Lenox, Massachusetts, a resort renowned the world over as one of the most delightful spots in America. It is in the heart of the famous Berkshire Hills, frequently alluded to as the ‘Alps of America’ and richly deserving of the title. Nature here bestowed her gifts with lavish hands. Man has supplemented her works and turned the place into the most fashionable, exclusive and attractive resort in this country”. Rain will cancel this walk. 1.5 hours–1.5 miles



To Register, email- j4chague@gmail.com or 413.441.9971

Park at the Church On the Hill parking lot or at the entrance to Kennedy Park on Aspinwall Rd in Lenox. Both are on Rt 7A / Main St. in the center of Lenox.



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26 – Savoy/Windsor, MA 10 AM to 12:30 PM BOREAL SPRUCE-FIR FOREST & WATERFALL HIKE – PLANTS, TREES AND WILD EDIBLES AT THE TAMARACK HOLLOW NATURE & CULTURAL CENTER

Experience early fall in the Boreal Forest, led by Aimee Gelinas, naturalist and director of the Tamarack Hollow Nature and Cultural Center, this hike will feature the unique high elevation flora of the boreal forest, watershed and a waterfall, including tips for tree, plant and wild edible identification and signs of wildlife. Program is free (donations accepted for Tamarack Hollow). This walk has been supported by a grant from the Berkshire Environmental Endowment Fund, a fund of the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation. 2.5 hours – 2+ miles

Registration is Required, email - full_circle_o@yahoo.com



Photos courtesy Tamarack Hollow Nature & Cultural Center

Meet at Tamarack Hollow Nature & Cultural Center, 1515 & 1516 Savoy Hollow Rd, Windsor, MA. Directions at: www.tamarackhollow.org. *DO NOT USE a GPS to locate us on Savoy Hollow Road – Only enter Savoy Hollow Road via Griffin Hill Rd off Route 116 in Savoy, MA (you can use a GPS to find Griffin Hill Rd). From Rt 9, Windsor Ctr., take 8A north to Rt 116 in Savoy. At end of Rt 8A turn right onto Rt 116, towards Savoy Ctr. and Plainfield. Drive 1.1 miles through center of Savoy, take first right after the center of town onto River Rd (there is a small light brown house on corner, #4 River Road). After the small house, cross the bridge & immediately right up the hill on Griffin Hill Rd (there is a sign “Tamarack Hollow-1 mile”). Continue up Griffin Hill Road (becomes Savoy Hollow Rd) for about 1 mile to Tamarack Hollow.

27 – Pittsfield/Hancock, MA 10 AM to 11:30 AM SHAKERS, NATURE, AND THE CHANGING LANDSCAPE AT HANCOCK SHAKER VILLAGE

John Parker at the Hancock Shaker Village leads a leisurely walk on the accessible Farm and Forest Trail to explore the Shakers’ attitudes towards nature and their role in our ever-changing landscape. The walk will touch on geological & glacial history, native plants, birds and other wildlife, Shaker use of natural resources, invasive plants and other human impacts. Learn to interpret clues to “read” changes in the landscape.



Photo courtesy of Hancock Shaker Village

NOTE: This walk does not include general admission to the Village. For a fee, admission to the Village can be arranged before or after the free Heritage Walk. Wear sturdy footwear. 1.5 hours–1 mile

To register, 413-443-0188 x-213 or email: cdickinson@hancockshakervillage.org

Meet at the HSV Visitor Center/ticket desk, main entrance, on Rt 20 (34 Lebanon Mt. Road), Pittsfield/Hancock. From the junction of Rt 41 & Rt 20 junction- drive west on Rt 20 for 1/2 mile to the HSV entrance. GPS 42.43091, -73.34049



Photo courtesy of the Norman Rockwell Museum

28 – Stockbridge, MA 10 AM to 11:30 AM and 1 PM to 2:30 PM A GUIDED WALK OF THE NORMAN ROCKWELL MUSEUM CAMPUS

Join Rich Bradway for a guided walk of the campus of the Norman Rockwell Museum. Explore the culturally and ecologically rich landscape that is now home to the present-day Museum. Walk along the riverbank of the Housatonic and learn about the unique geology and topography of the river and the nearby Oxbow. The walk addresses the site’s beginnings as the ancestral homelands of the Stockbridge Munsee Community Band of Mohicans and will trace that history forward from the 18th century farmland era and the 19th century when the Butler family acquired the land and built a grand estate on the property, to the present day as the home of the Norman Rockwell Museum. Rich will also touch on the ongoing efforts of the Stockbridge-Munsee to maintain a connection to their eastern homelands by returning continuously ever since their removal to protect burial sites and other cultural areas and to preserve their connections and heritage. 1.5 hours–0.5 mile

Advance registration required-
<https://www.nrm.org/events/housatonic-heritage-walk/>

From the intersection of Rt 183 and Rt 102 in Stockbridge, South on Rt 183/Glendale Rd for 1 mile to the Norman Rockwell Museum. OR from Rt 183 from Great Barrington, the Museum is 1 mile before the intersection of Rt 183 and Rt 102 in Stockbridge.

29 – Lee, MA 10 AM to 1 PM NATURAL HISTORY HIKE ON DONATO’S TRAIL AT GOOSE POND RESERVATION

Bring your walking stick - Donato’s Trail, a Lee Land Trust property, climbs sharply up a north-facing hillside through a cool hemlock forest. At the top of the ridge, the trail splits into a loop allowing us to explore the ridgeline in Goose Pond Reservation, a parcel held by The Trustees of Reservations. This hike is a workout, rising 300 feet, but we’ll make frequent stops to explore this special place and allow for natural history interpretation. Suggest bringing lunch/snack/drink. Wear sturdy footwear. 3 hours–2.2 miles.



Donato's Trail - photo courtesy of AllTrails

Please pre-register, as we need to carpool due to limited parking.
email- tomnancycondon@gmail.com or phone: 413-454-2331

From Mass Turnpike/Rt 102/Rt 20 intersection in Lee, drive East on Route 20 (past Lee Outlets Mall) for 2.5 miles. Look for the sign. A 4 car parking lot is on the right, up a steep incline. Alternative parking instructions will be provided upon pre-registering.

29.b – Norfolk, CT 10 AM to 11:30 AM A WALKING TOUR OF BARBOUR WOODS

Join forester Star Childs on a walk through the Norfolk Land Trust's Barbour Woods. No ordinary walk in the woods, Star will talk about the natural surroundings and help identify what sort of activities occurred to shape the forest. 1.5 hours – 1.5 miles

From Rt 44 in Norfolk, take Maple Ave., continue straight until it turns into Lovers Lane / dirt road and trailhead. GPS 42.004724, -73.18853

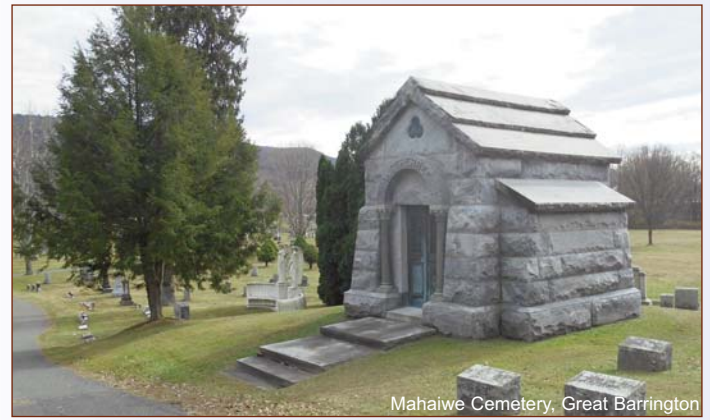


Barbour Woods - photo courtesy of The Courant

30 – Great Barrington, MA 1 PM to 2:30 PM THE SEVEN MAUSOLEUMS OF THE MAHAWE CEMETERY IN GREAT BARRINGTON

Guided tour features the history of Great Barrington's early burial ground and its transformation in the early 1900s into a park-like setting, through the efforts of landscape architect C.T. Barrett of Staten Island. Bernard Drew (Great Barrington Historical Society) highlights occupants of carefully placed stone mausoleums (several designed and built by Mathias Lux) and other graves, such as those of civil rights activist W.E.B. DuBois's family, inventor William Stanley's family, Civil War Medal of Honor recipient Frederick Deland and others. 1.5 hours–0.25 mile

Meet at the Mahaiwe Cemetery - Silver St. entrance, off of Rt 7, just south of Ward's Nursery. The roadway through the cemetery will accommodate autos.



Mahaiwe Cemetery, Great Barrington

31 – Lanesborough, MA 1 PM to 3 PM THE HISTORY AND NATURE OF MOUNT GREYLOCK'S SUMMIT – A HISTORIC MOUNTAINTOP WALK

Join Mike Whalen, from the Mass. Dept. of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), and Peter Dudek, from Bascom Lodge, atop Mount Greylock, the most scenic, highest elevation (3,491') and oldest wilderness state park in Massachusetts. Discover the 1930's period of great park building when government work programs like the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), created special places for recreation. The rustic, yet elegant, "parkitecture" of Bascom Lodge became a distinctive style that defined America's parks. This is an interpretive walk around the summit of Mount Greylock, with an emphasis on its unique ecology and historic structures as they comprise a fully realized historic landscape; and take an insider's tour of Bascom Lodge.



Bascom Lodge, courtesy of Bascom Lodge

NOTE–summit parking fee may apply. 2 hours–0.3 mile

To register-413-499-4262 OR email- michael.w.whalen@mass.gov

Meet at summit of Mt. Greylock in front of Bascom Lodge. Access to the reservation is from Rockwell Rd., off Rt 7 in Lanesborough or from Notch Rd. in No. Adams. GPS 42.636875, -73.16692

32 – Stockbridge, MA 1 PM to 2:30 PM A PLEASANT STROLL OVER LAUREL HILL PARK AND THE MARY FLYNN TRAIL

Join Patricia Flinn for a leisurely history walk of the Laurel Hill Association's signature property, and continuing on to the Mary Flynn Trail. The Association was founded in 1853, and is the oldest existing village improvement society in the U.S.

NOTE: Laurel Park is not handicap accessible. However, the second part of the walk on the Mary Flynn Trail is accessible.

To join only the handicap accessible Mary Flynn Trail section of this



Mary Flynn Trail by Diane Cote

walk, just wait for the group at the end of Park St., which is 2 streets south of the Red Lion Inn, off of Rt 7. 1.5 hours–1.5 miles

Park in the Stockbridge town offices parking lot at Rt 102/50 Main St., just east of The Red Lion Inn. GPS 42.28164, -73.30583

33 – Falls Village, CT 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM AMERICAN CHESTNUTS – LOST & FOUND

Join Woods Sinclair and friends for a walk and talk in a 2-acre planting American chestnut orchard. Learn of the dramatic sudden loss of this major tree and the ecological impact. Hear of The American Chestnut Foundation's efforts to restore this iconic tree to our landscapes. Rain cancels. 1 hour–<0.25 mile

To register–860-824-7454 or fayaway7@gmail.com

From Falls Village, drive north on Route 7. At intersection of Rts 7 and 63, take Barnes Road to its end. Turn right on Under Mountain Road. The orchard is approximately 3 miles on the left, across from 392 Under Mountain Rd. Park on road. GPS 41.94321, -73.28306



34 – Lanesborough, MA 5 PM to 6:30 PM BOREAL FOREST ECOLOGY SLIDESHOW & SUMMIT WALK AT BASCOM LODGE & MT. GREYLOCK SUMMIT

Learn the ecology and unique fauna and flora of high elevation boreal spruce-fir forests on a short and easy plant/tree ID summit walk at Mount Greylock, Massachusetts' highest mountain, and a narrated slideshow in Bascom Lodge with naturalist Aimee Gelinas, director of the Tamarack Hollow Nature & Cultural Center. Program is free (donations accepted). This project has been supported by a grant from the William J. and Margery S. Barrett Fund, a fund of the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation and supported in part by a grant from the Cultural Council of Northern Berkshire, which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council. For



Mount Greylock Summit

info about Bascom Lodge, visit www.bascomlodge.net. 1.25 hours–minimal walking

Registration is Required, email - full_circle_o@yahoo.com

Meet at Bascom Lodge on Mount Greylock – 3 Summit Road, Adams. GPS 42.636875, -73.16692

SATURDAY – SEPT. 20, 2025

35 – Stockbridge, MA 10 AM to 11:30 AM THE HISTORY OF INDIAN TOWN – STOCKBRIDGE

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For more information about the Stockbridge-Munsee Community, click here: <https://www.nativeamericantrail.org/stockbridge-walking-tour/>

To register with OLLI- <https://berkshireolli.org/event-6133152> or call 413-236-2190 or email- olli@berkshirecc.edu

Park in the Stockbridge town offices parking lot at Rt 102/50 Main St., just east of The Red Lion Inn.





Knox Trail Walk by Western Mass Hilltown Hikers

36 – Otis, MA GUIDED HIKE ON THE KNOX TRAIL IN OTIS

10 AM to 2 PM

The Western Mass Hilltown Hikers lead a journey on the original “Ye Trodden Path” to follow the footsteps of the men who saved our country from the British. Narrated by local historian Tom Ragusa, our journey will take us through a section in Otis, stopping at each historical location along the way to hear Tom’s amazing stories. During the winter of 1775-1776 General George Washington held the high ground around Boston while the British were firmly in control of the city. If Washington had artillery, he could dislodge the British and retake Boston. The nearest available artillery was 300 miles away where it had been captured at Fort Ticonderoga, in up-state NY under Continental Army control. General Henry Knox was then commissioned in December 1775, by Washington to secure these 59 cannon and artillery pieces and transport them by way of oxen and sled from NY, through Massachusetts to Dorchester Heights outside Boston.

Knox successfully crossed the Berkshire Mountains and rivers in winter. The artillery arrived in Boston 3 months later in March 1776, and General Howe realized the hopelessness of his position. The British evacuated the city. More details are on www.hilltownhikers.com 4 hours–3 miles moderate walk, rain or shine

Registration is required. To register per car load, go to <https://www.ticketleap.events/events/westernmasshilltownhikers>

Park on Norton Street Extension in Otis, near house #92. Take Route 23 to the Center of Otis, then take Norton Road, which is the second road west of the post office. Then bear right onto Norton Road Extension, to the end of the road.

37 – Sharon, CT HAMLIN PRESERVE – HIKE RED MOUNTAIN

10 AM to 12 NOON

Join Carolyn Klocker, from the Sharon Land Trust, Inc., for a moderate walk along the forest edge to the beautiful upper reaches of Red Mountain. The Hamlin Preserve, protected in 2002, is part of the Red Mountain Trail System, which connects Hamlin Preserve to the Mary Moore Preserve via the Wike Connector Trail. This



Hamlin Preserve, Sharon Land Trust - by Brooke Loening

walk will traverse along ledges and rock outcrops, over streams, and beside vernal pools. NOTE: Because of the group size, we ask hikers to keep their pets at home. 2 hours–2.5 miles

To register – visit our registration page online, or email carolyn@sharonlandtrust.org or call (860) 364-5137

Meet at the trailhead, at 19 Stonehouse Road, Sharon. Stone House Road intersects with Route 41 (Gay Street) approximately 3 miles north of the Town of Sharon. GPS 41.909854, -73.439770

38 – Pittsfield/Hancock, MA SHAKER MOUNTAIN HIKE AT HANCOCK SHAKER VILLAGE

10 AM to 1 PM

Hike the moderate to strenuous Shaker Trail, located across Rt 20 from Hancock Shaker Village, to the HSV North Family Site and to Mount Sinai, a spiritual “feast ground” for the Shaker community. HSV interpreter Bill Bernbeck will lead this hike, which will include stops at

remains of mill sites, the North Family dwelling site (active from 1821-1867), and the summit of



Shaker Trail by Western MA Hilltown Hikers

the mountain, where the Shakers held special celebratory services twice a year in the mid-19th century. NOTE: This walk does not include general admission to the Village. For a fee, admission to the Village can be arranged after the free Heritage Walk. 3 hours–2.5 mile

To register–413-443-0188 x-213 or email: cdickinson@hancockshakervillage.org

Meet at the HSV Visitor Center/ticket desk, main entrance, on Rt 20 (34 Lebanon Mt. Road), Pittsfield/Hancock. From the junction of Rt 41 & Rt 20 junction- drive west on Rt 20 for 1/2 mile to the HSV entrance. GPS 42.43091, -73.34049



Basin Pond - photo courtesy of Doug Bruce

39 – Becket, MA 11 AM to 1 PM
HIKE TO BASIN POND – A LOOK INTO THE PAST

Join Joe Durwin, from the Berkshire Natural Resources Council, on this hike through BNRC's beautiful Basin Pond reserve, where he will tell you the story of the natural, human, and social history of this site. Enjoy this hike that traverses streams, big boulders, beautiful wetlands, and a wildlife viewing deck overlooking the pond and former dam, all while learning a story of the folly of man vs. nature. 2 hours–2.5 miles

From Lee–Take Route 20 east past the Outlets Mall and drive 4 miles, then turn left onto Becket Road and drive 1/3 mile to parking area.

40 – Becket, MA 2 PM to 3 PM
93 SEASONS OF JACOB'S PILLOW DANCE FESTIVAL

The buildings and grounds of Jacob's Pillow have many interesting stories to tell, including Indigenous roots, history as a stop on the Underground Railroad, and championing men dancers in the 1930s. Now recognized as a National Historic Landmark, the site maintains its rustic character while serving as a home for dance artists from throughout the world since 1933. This tour offers an opportunity to gain a behind-the-scenes understanding of why Time Magazine called this secluded spot "the hub and mecca of dancing in North America." Walk on gravel walkways and dirt paths, rain or shine. 1 hour–0.25 mile



Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival

To register online at- jacobspillow.org

Jacob's Pillow is located at 358 George Carter Road. From Lee, follow Route 20 East for 9 miles into Becket, and then turn left onto George Carter Road. The main entrance to the parking lot will be on your right after 0.75 mile. Meet at the Welcome Center, adjacent to the Ted Shawn Theatre. GPS 42.264087,-73.117888



Hillside Cemetery, Sharon CT by Erik Andersen

41 – Sharon, CT 2 PM to 3:30 PM
A BIOGRAPHICAL CEMETERY TOUR OF SHARON

The Sharon Burial Grounds are rife with the stories of the ill-fated and the almost forgotten. On this walk, the Sharon Historical Society will cover the histories of a few of the less-known members of the community and try to bring their stories to the surface. 1.5 hours – 1 mile

To register, email – curator@sharonhist.org

In Sharon, intersection of the clocktower and Veterans Memorial, north on Main Street. Turn at Cemetery Road. We will meet at the Sharon Burial Grounds entrance. GPS 41.881654, -73.476641

42 – West Stockbridge, MA 2 PM to 3 PM
NEIGHBORHOODS OF WEST STOCKBRIDGE – WEST CENTER CHAPEL AND ORIGINAL TOWN CEMETERY

Join Bob Salerno and John Parker, from the West Stockbridge Historical Society, on a tour of the original settlement area of West Stockbridge – site of the first town meeting house and church, then visit the West Center Cemetery where many of our first settlers and Revolutionary war veterans reside. An open air reception will follow at the West Center Chapel. 1 hour–0.5 mile

To register–info@weststockbridgehistory.org

Meet at the West Center Chapel on West Center Road. From Rt 102 / State Line Road, heading west out of the center of West Stockbridge, just after passing Baker St. on the right, take a left turn onto West Center Road, driving around the next bend and continuing left and uphill. Pass Maple Hill Rd. on the left and then pass West Alford Rd on the right. GPS 42.30560, -73.40420



West Center Cemetery - West Stockbridge



October Mountain State Forest by Diane Cote

SUNDAY – SEPT. 21, 2025

43 – Washington, MA Tour any time from 10 AM thru 4 PM
REVISITING CAMP EAGLE (1946 TO 1969) – A BERKSHIRE BOY SCOUT CAMP

Take a walk down memory lane. Visit former Boy Scout Camp Eagle in October Mountain State Forest on Felton Pond, once part of the Berkshire's vibrant Scouting heritage from 1946 to 1969. Drop-in anytime and discover or reacquaint yourself with various former camp sites. Explore on your own or take a Scout / volunteer-guided tour. View displays on the Scout camp's history. Participate at an oral history station to record personal memories of camp. Former campers and family are encouraged to bring their own mementoes, photographs, patches, and other ephemera, to be scanned or photographed, to help build a historical archive of former Berkshire Council's Camp Eagle. Restrooms are not available on-site. Wear sturdy footwear, hiking poles, appropriate clothing for the weather, snack/drink. 1.5 hours–less than 1 mile.

Parking in October Mountain State Forest is located on Schermerhorn/Lower Tower Road, Washington, MA. FROM Washington: Washington Mtn Rd to West Branch Rd. Right on Lenox-Whitney Place Rd., left on Lower Tower Rd. From Lee - Route 20 East past Outlets Mall, in 4 miles, left onto Becket Rd., changes to Tyne Rd. then Yokun Pond Rd. Left on County Rd. then right on Lenox-Whitney Place Rd, left on Lower Tower Rd. GPS: 42°21'36.2"N 73°13'19.4"W

44 – Pittsfield/Dalton, MA 10 AM to 12 NOON
EXPLORE THE FAUNA AND FLORA OF THE BOULDERS PRESERVE

Learn about the plants, trees, wild edibles, tracks and signs of wildlife at The Boulders Preserve with naturalist Aimee Gelinas, director of the Tamarack Hollow Nature and Cultural Center. Program is free (donations accepted). This project is co-sponsored by the Berkshire Natural Resources Council (owners of this preserve) and has been supported in part by a grant from the Dalton Cultural Council, which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council. 2 hours–1 to 2 miles



The Boulders Trail by Berkshire Natural Resources Commission

Registration is Required, email- full_circle_o@yahoo.com
 Hike begins at The Boulders' Southern trailhead in Pittsfield. Parking area is at the intersection of Hubbard Ave. and Dalton Ave. (Rt 8/9) at the traffic lights. This is a busy intersection, so please take caution when entering the parking area. Dalton Ave. Trailhead Parking: GPS 42.4701, -73.1961

45 – Lenox, MA 10 AM to 11:30 AM
BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR OF TANGLEWOOD–BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA'S SUMMER HOME

Enjoy a tour of the Boston Symphony Orchestra's summer Tanglewood campus, the Koussevitzky Music Shed, Ozawa Hall, and the Linde Center for Music and Learning. Learn of the interesting historic background of Tanglewood, the BSO and the Tanglewood Music Center. 1.5 hours– <1/2 mile

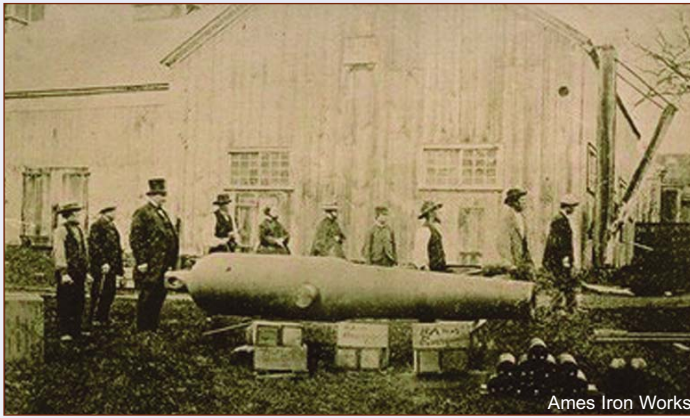
Starts at the Tanglewood Main Gate. From the Rt 102 & Rt 183 flashing light intersection at the Berkshire Botanical Gardens, drive on Rt 183 north for 4 miles to the Main Gate. OR FROM Rt 41 IN RICHMOND, across from the fire station, drive 4.5 miles east up Lenox Rd., and over then down Richmond Mt. Rd. Tanglewood is at the bottom of the mountain. Turn left and you will shortly see the Main Gate. OR FROM LENOX CENTER, drive a couple of miles on West St./Rt 183 to the Main Gate. GPS 42.34924, -73.31084



Koussevitzky Music Shed - by Boston Symphony Orchestra

46 – Salisbury, CT 12 Noon to 1 PM
CANNON AT 20 PACES! THE RISE AND FALL OF THE AMES IRON WORKS

Contrast a shaded walk along a flat trail beside the Housatonic River with the smoky history of the same land. Lou Bucceri, from the Salisbury Association Historical Society, shares the history of the factory and people that produced the most powerful cannon of the Civil War. Learn how the cannon destroyed no Confederate targets,



but only the man and company who created it. 1 hour–0.25 mile
From the Rt 7 & Rt 112 junction in Falls Village–Drive west on Rt 112 to Dugway Road (opposite the Outfield Entrance to Lime Rock Park), turn right and follow Dugway Rd. for 2 miles. At iron bridge, turn left, then immediately turn right onto Housatonic River Rd. Drive 0.5 mile to parking lot for Falls Village Dam boat launch. OR from Rt 44 or Rt 41–Drive east on Rt 112 until you reach the Outfield Entrance to Lime Rock Park, then turn left onto Dugway Road and follow the above directions. GPS 41.96389, -73.37200

47 – Stockbridge, MA 1 PM to 2:30 PM THE HISTORY OF INDIAN TOWN – STOCKBRIDGE

Indian Town was chartered in 1737 as a mission to the Mohican tribe to teach them English, about Christianity and about English agricultural practices. Recently, the Stockbridge-Munsee Community in Wisconsin worked with Housatonic Heritage and other local partners to create a tour of the most important Mohican sites along Main Street in Stockbridge. Trained by a creator of the walking tour, OLLI members will lead participants along to learn about the Mohicans, who lived in what is now Stockbridge for thousands of years, and aspects of their culture which are still present today. Stops include the Carriage Barn at the Mission House, the burial grounds and the site of the 2021 archeological dig for the Mohican meeting house. 1.5 hours–1.5 miles



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Park in the Stockbridge town offices parking lot at Rt 102/50 Main St., just east of The Red Lion Inn.



48 – Washington, CT 1 PM to 2 PM A STEP BACK IN TIME – TRADITIONAL INDIGENOUS LIFEWAYS IN THE LOWER HOUSATONIC RIVER VALLEY

Join an Institute for American Indian Studies educator as we walk along our museum's trails and end at our replicated 16th Century Algonkian Village. Get a glimpse into the history and culture of local Weantinock and Pootatuck Tribal people, learn about traditional plant uses, and hear of their community life. Wear sturdy footwear and meet at the front of the museum. NOTE–Does not include a tour of the museum interior. An inside tour, for a fee, can be arranged before or after the free Heritage Walk. 1 hour–0.25 mile

To register – email: events@iaismuseum.org or call (860) 868 0518, ext 453

Rt 67 North through Roxbury, right onto Rt 199. Follow Rt 199 North for 2 miles to Curtis Rd. on left and drive to the end. OR From Northwestern CT, take Rt 7 South to New Milford and Rt 67. Follow Rt 67 South to Roxbury then left onto Rt 199. Follow Rt 199 North for 2 miles to Curtis Rd. on left and drive to the end. From Torrington / Litchfield, Rt 202 West towards New Milford then left onto Rt 47. Follow Rt 47 through Washington Depot. Right onto Rt 199. Follow for 1-2 miles to Curtis Rd. on right and drive to the end. Meet at front of museum, the last building on right. GPS 41.61069, -73.32521

49 – Chester, MA 1 PM to 2:30 PM THE CHESTER GRANITE AND POLISHING WORKS

The Chester Granite Company was one of two granite finishing works in Chester for cutting and polishing stone brought down to the Historic Factory Village on the Chester and Becket Railroad which was built for this purpose in 1896. "Chester Blue Granite" was brought down the steep mountain railroad from the Hudson and Chester quarry, known today as the Becket Quarry in Becket. The finishing works burned down after many prosperous years in business making monuments and gravestones and has been private property since, until now. In September 2023, the Hilltown Hikers purchased this lot, including a ten-foot shot saw and all the



Chester Granite Saw

remains of its buildings and equipment. Join the Western Mass Hilltown Hikers Group to tour of the property on our newly created walking path and learn about the Granite Industry in Chester and Becket. Tours are offered throughout the afternoon. Donations for the Chester Granite and Polishing Works property are appreciated. Maps and bottled water provided. Well behaved dogs allowed. 1.5 hours–1 mile

To register per carload on <https://westernmasshilltownhikers.ticketleap.com> or under events on our website www.hilltownhikers.com

Meet at Granite Saw Parking Lot on Emery St., across from ballfield. From junction of Rts 20 & 102 in Lee, Rt. 20 East for 18 miles to Chester center, left onto Main St. bear right onto Prospect St. under the railroad, turn right to continue on Emery St. to the parking lot across from the ballfield. GPS 42.279570, -72.975155

50 – Lenox, MA 2 PM to 3:30 PM
EXPLORE THE FAUNA & FLORA OF PARSONS MARSH RESERVE

On this short, accessible walk, learn about the plants, trees, wild edibles, and signs of wildlife at the Parsons Marsh Reserve with naturalist Aimee Gelinas, director of the Tamarack Hollow Nature and Cultural Center. Program is free (donations accepted for the Cultural Center). This project is co-sponsored by the Berkshire Natural Resources Council, owners of this preserve and has been supported in part by a grant from the Lenox Cultural Council, which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council. 1.5 hours–1.2 miles

Registration is required, email - full_circle_o@yahoo.com

Parsons Marsh Reserve is at 170 Under Mountain Rd. From Lenox, South on Main St. Right at the monument onto Rt 183 South/West St. and follow for 1.4 miles. Right onto Under Mountain Rd. Trailhead is 0.9 mile down the road on the right. OR if coming from Stockbridge, from the Rt 102 & Rt 183 flashing light intersection at the Berkshire Botanical Garden, right on Rt 183 North for 4 miles to the Tanglewood Main Gate, then left onto Under Mountain Rd. Trailhead is 0.9 mile down the road on the right. GPS 42.3644, -73.3049



The Mount by John Seakwood

51 – Lenox, MA 3 PM to 4:30 PM
EXPLORE THE IMPRESSIVE GARDENS & LANDSCAPE OF THE MOUNT – HOME OF EDITH WHARTON

Anne Schuyler guides an exploration of the impressive gardens and woodland trails of The Mount-Edith Wharton's Estate, a 1902 home (a National Historic Landmark) of Pulitzer Prize-winning author Edith Wharton.

NOTE: Does not include an interior house tour, which, for a fee, can be arranged before the Heritage Walk. 1.5 hours – < 1 mile

From the traffic light junction of Rt 20 & Rt 7 in Lenox, South on Rt 7, for 1 mile, left onto Plunkett St. The Mount is right after making the turn. From Stockbridge, East St./Rt 7 North, past Fox Hollow on the right, turn right onto Plunkett St. The Mount is on right. Meet at ticket booth. www.EdithWharton.org GPS 42.33558, -73.2829

SATURDAY – SEPT. 27, 2025

52 – Stockbridge, MA 10 AM to 11 AM & 1 PM to 2 PM
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Stockbridge Meeting House
Dig by Dan Bolognani



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53 – Ashley Falls, MA 10 AM to 12 NOON
 A GUIDED WALK AROUND HISTORIC ASHLEY FALLS

Catherine Miller, Sheffield Historical Society, leads this tour around the Ashley Falls Village Green. Named for the Ashley family who were one of its first settlers, the village has played an important role in the history of Sheffield from its founding. It is the location where the Sheffield Resolves, the precursor to the Declaration of Independence, was written and where Mum Bett lived as a slave. 2 hours – 1 mile

To register - sheffieldhistoricalsociety@gmail.com or 413-229-2694

Meet at the Ashley Falls Post Office, 1180 Ashley Falls Rd./Rt. 7A . Take Rt. 7 to Rt. 7A/Ashley Falls Rd. Follow 7A until you reach the Post Office, (parking lot in back. GPS 42.0563, -73.33561

54 – Great Barrington, MA 11 AM to 1 PM
 GREAT BARRINGTON'S ARCHITECTURE & HISTORY –
 THE STORY OF GREAT BUILDINGS IN A GREAT TOWN

Walking tour with Nicholas Greene, from Clark, Green & BEK leads participants on a stroll through historic downtown Great Barrington to discover the rich history of the town's former and current inhabitants, their lives and the beautiful building architecture they called home.

2 hours–1 mile



To register - greenen23@gmail.com (indicate "GB Architecture Tour & Date" in the subject line). Sign up closes for the tour at 8 PM the night before the Walk.

Meet at the engraved stone monument at the corner of Main and Castle Street, Great Barrington, MA. GPS 42.19378, -73.36382

55 – Pittsfield, MA 1 PM to 2:30 PM
 PLAY BALL ! FIRST INNING – BUT NOT NEAR MY WINDOWS

Join Larry Moore, director of Baseball in the Berkshires and Jim McGrath, Pittsfield's Natural Resource Program Manager, as they start at "home" at the First Church of Christ on Park Square (23 East St.) where the famous Broken Window by-law was conceived. This tour will follow the "basepaths" around Pittsfield and its historic baseball lore. The walk will take our "players" by the Common – the site of many "All-Star" teams – the Old Elms, the Philadelphia and New York Bloomer Girls and the Brooklyn Royal Giants, then "stealing" up onto Maplewood Ave., where Amherst and Williams College "nines" made history. We will "wind-up" moving back down North St., enjoying some of the architecture of this historic city. 1.5 hours – 1.25 miles

To register – baseballinberkshires@gmail.com or 413-822-6738

Park Square is located at the intersection of North & South Streets and East & West Streets. Meet at The First Church of Christ on the northeast side of Park Square, at 23 East St. Don't worry about parking meters on Saturdays.

57 – Richmond, MA 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM
 TOUR THE NORTHEAST SCHOOLHOUSE AND PART OF THE NORTHEAST DISTRICT

Join Gloria Morse and Bill Edwards, from the Richmond Historical Commission, for an interior view of the historic one room Northeast Schoolhouse, 1791-1937. This is Richmond's last remaining one room schoolhouse not converted into a home. See the classroom, and photo display of Richmond from the 1930's. Outside, from the lawn, view part of the Northeast District, remains of the Branch Tavern, and the Cyprian Branch and Linius



Richmond MA Northeast Schoolhouse by Richmond Historical

Hall store and funeral parlor. 2 hours—minimal walking

To register, email- gloriamore1@gmail.com

Meet at 981 Summit Rd. at the corner of Summit and Swamp Rds. Park behind the school, off Osceola Ext. Rd. From Richmond – Rt. 41 to Summit Rd. OR From Pittsfield, take Barker Rd./ Swamp Rd., just past Bartlett's Orchard. OR From West Stockbridge, take Swamp Rd. North to Summit Rd.

58 – Pittsfield, MA 3 PM to 4 PM PLAY BALL! LAST INNING– A TOUR OF WAHCONAH BASEBALL PARK

Join Larry Moore, director of Baseball in the Berkshires and Jim McGrath, Pittsfield's Natural Resource Program Manager, for "peanuts, popcorn and Cracker Jacks" – a tour of Wahconah Park. Inning 1 participants are encouraged to meet at the Park, where a historic overview of the baseball park will be presented. 1 hour – minimal walking

To register – baseballinberkshires@gmail.com or 413-822-6738



Baseball - Wahconah Park, Pittsfield

Driving north on North St. from Park Square / center of Pittsfield, left at the Berkshire Medical Ctr., onto Wahconah St. then to the park, 0.25 mile on the left.

SUNDAY – SEPT. 28, 2025

59 – Stockbridge, MA 9:30 AM to 12 NOON BULLARD WOODS – A WALK AMONG THE ANCIENTS & SHADOWBROOK ESTATE RUINS AT KRIPALU

Enjoy a hike on a historic gilded age landscape formerly known as the Shadowbrook Estate. The mansion contained 100 rooms and was completed in 1893 for Anson Phelps Stokes, purchased by Andrew Carnegie in 1916, and presently owned by Kripalu Center. Kevin Foran, from the Stockbridge Bowl Association, will take you



Shadowbrook Estate remains by Diane Cote

on a walk through Bullard Woods, an old growth forest, traverse along the north shore of Lake Mahkeenac (Stockbridge Bowl) through Gould Meadows, and loop through the Kripalu/Shadowbrook estate landscape, visiting the remains of the former Shadowbrook/Carnegie home, viewing its outstanding stone foundation that is the only thing remaining of the estate. 2.5 hours—2.25 miles

To register, email – moose4an@verizon.net

Meet at the yellow/brown Bullard Woods trailhead sign at the northeast end of Stockbridge Bowl at the junction of West Hawthorne Road & Hawthorne Street. From Lenox center—from the tall marble monument junction, take Old Stockbridge Rd. and take a right onto Hawthorne Street and drive to the intersection with West Hawthorne Road. Or from Rts 102/183 junction in Stockbridge — drive north on Rt 183 for 4 miles to West Hawthorne Rd., take right and drive for 0.6 mile to intersection with Hawthorne St. GPS 42.34446, -73.30601

60 – Becket, MA 10 AM to 12 NOON EXPLORING THE HISTORIC BECKET QUARRY AND FOREST

Explore The Trustees of Reservations' historic Becket quarry, with Becket Land Trust founders, Ken and Ann Smith. See industrial archeological remains of this important industry in the area, and how the forest grew up around the site. Learn how the Becket Land Trust saved the property and very nice scenery for nature lovers and historians for generations to come. 2 hours—2.5 miles



Becket Quarry-by Patti Burnett

From junction of Rts 20 & 102 in Lee, take Rt 20 east and drive about 14 miles, to the junction where Rt 8 turns left off Rt 20—here, you will turn right on Bonny Rigg Hill Rd. Drive about 2 miles and turn left on Quarry Rd. and drive for 1 mile, parking is on the right. GPS 42.25116, -73.02014



Monument Mountain by The Trustees of Reservations

61 – Great Barrington, MA MONUMENT MOUNTAIN HIKE

10 AM to 1 PM

Tony Veilleux, a ranger with The Trustees of Reservations, guides a hike through Monument Mountain, exploring its rich history, diverse wildlife and unique ecological features. This guided hike offers a journey through Monument Mountain's striking pale quartzite formations and sweeping views of Mount Greylock and the Catskill Mountains.

You'll encounter remnants of ancient Native American trails, stone walls from former sheep pastures, historic woods roads, and cart paths once used to transport hemlock bark to tanneries. The Peeskawso Peak Trail, linking the Mohican Monument and Hickey trails, leads to breathtaking viewpoints in the Berkshires, where you may spot soaring red-tailed hawks or a nesting peregrine falcon.
*Note: Sections of the trail can be strenuous. Wear sturdy hiking footwear. 3 hours–2.5 miles

Pre-registration required, limited capacity.
Email - adurette@thetrustees.org

Meet at Monument Mountain parking lot located off Route 7 in Great Barrington, 3 miles South of the Red Lion Inn in Stockbridge or 3 miles north of the intersection of Rts 23 & 7 in Gt. Barrington.

62 – Monterey, MA 12 NOON to 2 PM NATIVE TREE AND SHRUB IDENTIFICATION AND ECOLOGICAL FORESTRY CONCEPTS WITH A LOCAL STATE FORESTER

Explore the woodland trails of the Bidwell House Museum with forester Tom Ryan, from the Mass. Dept. of Conservation & Recreation. Participants are encouraged to ask questions and will learn about tree and shrub identification and ecological forestry concepts such as, carbon sequestration, climate and wildlife habitat adaptive forestry. *NOTE–Does not include a tour of the museum interior, which, for a fee, can be arranged before or after the free Heritage Walk. 2 hours–1.5 miles

To register, email – bidwellhouse@gmail.com or go to website – Bidwell House Museum



Photo courtesy of The Bidwell House Museum

Meet at the Bidwell House Museum. From Monterey - Tyringham Rd. for 1.5 miles, left onto Art School Rd. then 1 mile to the end; OR From the traffic light at Big Y in Lee - Tyringham Rd for 5.5 miles, right onto Monterey Rd for 2.3 miles, right on Art School Rd. for 1 mile to the end at the Bidwell House Museum.
GPS 42.20888, -73.21830

63 – Sheffield, MA 1 PM to 3 PM SHEFFIELD AND THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR – A TOUR OF THE BARNARD CEMETERY AND IT'S REVOLUTIONARY WAR SOLDIERS

Listen to the stories of Sheffield's contribution to the Revolutionary War, as told by their spirits. Participants will engage with actors portraying several Revolutionary War soldiers who are buried in the historic Barnard cemetery. Rain or shine.

Pre-register by email -
Sheffieldhistoricalsociety@gmail.com

Meet at the Dan Raymond house at 159 Main St. After a short presentation, participants will journey to the cemetery on Rt 7 just south of the town.



Sheffield Cemetery
by Paul O'Brien

Please Remember -

- Wear sturdy footwear for those 'Walks' that include trail hikes and outdoor trekking.
- Bring a water bottle / beverage to stay hydrated.
- Bring insect repellent if you're hiking outside.
- Read the Heritage Walks description carefully - some require pre-registration!
- Enjoy!





Church on the Hill, Lenox by Diane Cote

SATURDAY – OCTOBER 4, 2025

64 – Lenox, MA 10 AM to 11 AM
NEW ENGLAND MEETING HOUSES, PAST AND PRESENT

Join Davis Dyer, (Friends of the Lenox Meetinghouse and Lenox Historical Society) for a tour of the iconic federalist style meetinghouse, also known as The Church on the Hill in Lenox. Dedicated in 1806, worshippers at the national register property have included early Lenox settlers and Revolutionary War veterans and famous preachers such as Henry Ward Beecher. 1 hour – limited walking.

Meet at the Church On the Hill parking lot. Additional parking at the entrance to Kennedy Park on Aspinwall Rd in Lenox. Both are on Rt 7A/Main St. in the center of Lenox.

65 – Stockbridge, MA 10 AM to 11:30 AM
THE HISTORY OF INDIAN TOWN – STOCKBRIDGE

Indian Town was chartered in 1737 as a mission to the Mohican tribe to teach them English, about Christianity and about English agricultural practices. Recently, the Stockbridge-Munsee Community in Wisconsin worked with Housatonic Heritage and other partners to create a tour of the most important Mohican sites along Main Street in Stockbridge. Trained by a creator of the walking tour, OLLI members will lead participants along to learn about the Mohicans, who lived in what is now Stockbridge for thousands of years, and aspects of their culture which are still present today. Stops include the Carriage Barn at the Mission House, the burial grounds and the site of the 2021 archeological dig for the Mohican meeting house. 1.5 hours–1.5 miles

For more information about the Stockbridge-Munsee Community, click here:

<https://www.nativeamericantrail.org/stockbridge-walking-tour/>

To register with OLLI- <https://berkshireolli.org/event-6133152> or call 413-236-2190 or email- olli@berkshirecc.edu

Park at Stockbridge town offices parking lot at Rt 102/50 Main St.



Muddy Pond by Adam Ostellino

66 – Washington, MA 10 AM to 12 NOON
THE SECRETS OF MUDDY POND & THE BUILDING OF THE 1ST U.S. RAILROAD MOUNTAIN CROSSING

Dave Pierce, from the Chester Railway Station Museum, offers this hike to Muddy Pond, on the watershed divide of the Berkshires. You will learn of it's interesting history, as this area presented unique challenges to Whistler's father as he engineered the world's first mountain railroad up and over the Berkshire plateau. Hinsdale, MA, is the highest point between Boston and Chicago along the rail line. This area is wonderfully scenic, has abundant wildlife and has an amazing history.

Learn why this 5-acre Housatonic River headwaters has earned the title of "most deceptive body of water in Massachusetts." and the challenges it posed to the first railroad builders over the Berkshires Plateau. This is a level walk on the traprock on the side of the railroad tracks. A tour of the Chester Railway Station Museum, designated a National Historic Landmark in 2021, can be arranged after the free Heritage Walk. Donations for the Railway Station Museum are welcome. Heavy rain will cancel. 2 hours–4 miles

To register–dpiercedlp@aol.com or 413-961-9166

Meet at Summit Hill Rd., and Upper Valley Rd. in Washington. From the junction of Rt 102 & Rt 20 in Lee–Drive 7 miles east on Rt 20 to West Becket, to the junction where Rt 8 splits. Turn left onto Rt 20-east/Rt 8-north. Drive for 5 miles, and at the bottom of a long hill, take a left turn onto Rt 8-north. Drive 10 miles to the Washington Town Hall and take a right turn onto Summit Hill Rd. Shortly, you will reach a narrow bridge over the railroad tracks–park along here.

OR FROM DALTON–follow Rt 8 south (approx. 9 miles) and turn left onto Summit Hill Rd. in Washington. Within a short distance, you will reach a narrow bridge over the railroad tracks–park along here. Please don't park past the bridge on Summit Hill Rd. GPS 42.37490, -73.11129



Colebrook River Dam

67 – Colebrook, CT 10 AM to 11:00 AM
THE US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND THE CT FLOOD OF 1955

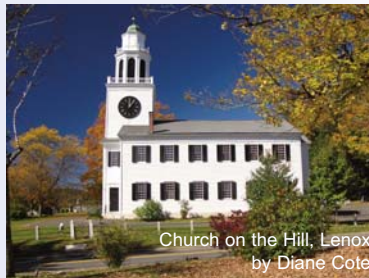
In August of 1955, the eastern US was hit by successive hurricanes. An incredible 25 inches of rain fell in parts of CT, where streams and rivers were unprepared for the deluge. During this tour of the Colebrook River Lake dam, with James Jylkka, we will discuss the worst flood in CT history and the ongoing role of the US Army Corps of Engineers in flood risk management. 1 hour – 1 mile

To register – james.jylkka@usace.army.mil
or phone # 860 379-8234

Driving northbound from Rt 44 in Winsted, take Rt 8 north. Approximately 4 miles north of the Shell station, look for the stone pillars on the right, and turn here. Driving southbound from Rt 57, take Rt 8 south. After crossing into CT, you will pass the boat launch. Proceed 1 mile south and look for the stone pillars on the left, and turn here. GPS 41°59'53.2"N 73°02'49.2"W

68 – Lenox, MA 11 AM to 12 NOON
FAMOUS FOREVER RESIDENTS AT THE LENOX HISTORIC CEMETERY

Join Lucy Kennedy, from the Friends of the Lenox Meetinghouse and the Lenox Historical Society for a tour of the Church on the Hill cemetery. The historic cemetery includes memorials to the town's first settlers, the Walker Judges, and Serge Koussevitsky. 1 hour–0.2 mile



Church on the Hill, Lenox
by Diane Cote

Meet at the Church On the Hill parking lot. Additional parking at the entrance to Kennedy Park on Aspinwall Rd in Lenox. Both are on Rt 7A/Main St. in the center of Lenox.



Great Barrington Monument by Nicholas Green

69 – Great Barrington, MA 11 AM to 1 PM
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70 – South Egremont, MA 11 AM to 12 NOON
THE WORKING LANDSCAPE – EXPLORING APRIL HILL FARM FROM A 1744 FARMSTEAD TO PRESENT DAY EDUCATIONAL FARM AND CONSERVATION CENTER

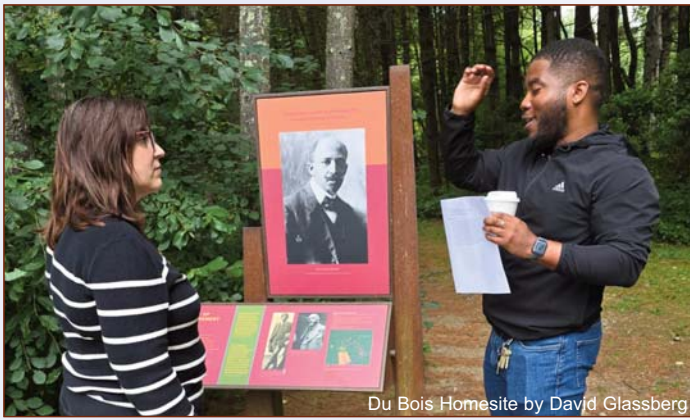
Greenagers' executive director, Will Conklin, tours the 18th and 19th c. house and farm buildings and a discussion of life and work on the farm from 1744-2025. Also on the tour, the Greenagers educational garden—a 1 acre, hand-scale garden that teaches growing and feeds our community, a community firewood bank, and connections to the Appalachian Trail. 1 hour–0.5 mile



April Hill Conservation & Educ.
Center-by Diane Cote

To register–director@greenagers.org or 413-644-9090

Meet at 62 Undermountain Rd., (Rt 41) So. Egremont, MA. From the north: while driving on Rt 23 through the center of So. Egremont, MA, at the junction of Rt 23 & 41, turn onto Rt 41 and drive 1 mile south. From the south from Salisbury, CT, drive 12 miles north on Rt 41. GPS 42.15456, -73.42070



Du Bois Homesite by David Glassberg

71 – Great Barrington, MA 1 PM to 3:30 PM
GREAT BARRINGTON AND W. E. B. DUBOIS BLACK HISTORY
BIKE RIDE

Join the Du Bois Legacy Committee, Multicultural BRIDGE and the Berkshire Bike Path Council as we explore some of the Black history of Great Barrington. We will start at Mason Library, by the newly installed Du Bois sculpture. This is a stop and go tour as we visit important sites downtown and further out, including Clinton A.M.E. Zion Church, Five Acres, the W.E.B. Du Bois National Historic Site and others. Please pre-register so that we can predict attendance and to receive a route map. Expect a slow-paced ride, with multiple stops for information and discussion. We will be on public roads. It is possible to follow in vehicles if cycling is not for you. Rain date will be Sunday, Oct. 5 at same time. 2.5 hours–11 miles

To register, email- marjorie.safran@gmail.com

Meet with your bike and helmet at the Mason Public Library, 231 Main St, in the center of Great Barrington.

72 – Falls Village, CT 1 PM to 2:30 PM
HISTORY WALK TO THE HOUSATONIC RIVER IN FALLS VILLAGE

Take a guided walk with Judy Jacobs and Bill Beebe, from the Falls Village center to the Falls Village hydro plant & canal system area where historical sites will be viewed and explained. NOTE–An inside tour of the Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society Museum, on Railroad St., is available, for a donation, before or after the free Heritage Walk. (Rain date will be on Sunday, Oct. 5 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM.) 1.5 hours–1.5 miles



Falls Village - Canaan Historical Society
 by Dave Jacobs

Meet at the Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society at 44 Railroad St. GPS 41.953487, -73.364268



Mission House by Dan Polognani

73 – Lee, MA 3 PM to 5 PM
WALKING TOUR OF HISTORIC LEE, “GATEWAY TO THE BERK-
SHIRES”

Join Tracie Etheredge, from the Lee Historical Society, for a walking tour of Main Street, including learning about the important buildings, people and historical events that occurred in town. In the 19th century, Lee was a small but prominent paper making and marble quarrying industrial town.

At its peak, the town had 25+ paper mills and several marble quarries, and the town's prosperity was reflected in its downtown area along Main Street. The town's first marble quarry opened in 1852 and Lee marble was initially used on a local level; but as demand for the stone in bigger markets grew, larger-scale commercial operations were established. Lee marble found its way into the fabric of major edifices throughout the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states, including the House and Senate wings of the U.S. Capital, the Boston Public Library, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Grant's Tomb, and Philadelphia's City Hall.



Lee Marble by Diane Cote

The quarries played a significant role in the region's economy until 1929, when the Great Depression brought the construction industry to a grinding halt, when orders for marble ceased overnight. Another economic backbone for Lee for 200+ years was its paper making industry. By the mid-1800's, Lee, located on the Housatonic River, was the largest paper making town in the U.S. with 25+ paper mills. 2 hours – 1 mile

To register, email – etheredge@gmail.com

Meet at the town picnic gazebo next to the post office on Frank Consolati Way. GPS 42.305441, -73.251334



Photo courtesy of the Dorothy Rice Sanctuary

SUNDAY – OCTOBER 5, 2025

74 – Peru, MA 10 AM to 1 PM
EXPLORE THE FAUNA AND FLORA OF THE DOROTHY RICE
SANCTUARY

Learn about the plants, trees, wild edibles, tracks and signs of wildlife with naturalist Aimee Gelinis, director of the Tamarack Hollow Nature and Cultural Center. Program is free (donations accepted for the cultural center). This project is co-sponsored by the New England Forestry Foundation and has been supported in part by a grant from the Hinsdale/Peru Cultural Council, which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council. 3 hours–2 to 3 miles

Registration is Required, email - full_circle_o@yahoo.com – Visit: <http://www.tamarackhollownatureandculturalcenter.org>

From Peru, South on South Rd. to meet at the corner of South Rd. and Rice Rd. (South Rd. takes a wide turn at this spot). Rice Rd. is a grassy lane that leads into the sanctuary. Park and meet at the corner of these two roads.

75 – Stockbridge, MA 10 AM to 12 NOON
SCULPTING THE LAND – DANIEL CHESTER FRENCH'S ARTIST-
DESIGNED LANDSCAPE AT CHESTERWOOD HISTORIC SITE

Join Historic Artists' Homes and Studios program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, for this walk with Valerie Balint through the various designed landscapes, including the house environs, formal gardens, and woodland walks at Chesterwood. This was the summer home, studio, and gardens of America's acclaimed sculptor of public monuments, Daniel Chester French, who created 100+ public sculptures. We'll go into the studio for a short introduction to this building and how both it and the house relate to the landscape. NOTE – this event does not include a formal tour of the studio or house interiors. An inside tour, for a fee, can be arranged for after the Heritage Walk. 2 hours–2 miles

Space is limited and pre-registration is required.
To register, email- vbalint@savingplaces.org



Chesterwood in Stockbridge, MA studio and garden
Courtesy National Trust for Historic Preservation

From Stockbridge - West on Rt 102, left on Rt 183, 1/4 mile past the Norman Rockwell Museum, right onto Mohawk Lake Rd., then left onto Willow St., which becomes Williamsville Rd., just before Chesterwood. Meet at the Barn Gallery. GPS 42.33915, -73.28927

76 – Lenox, MA 10 AM to 11:30 AM
BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR OF TANGLEWOOD – BOSTON
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA'S SUMMER HOME

An insider tour of the BSO's summer Tanglewood campus, the Koussevitzky Music Shed, Ozawa Hall, and the Linde Center for Music and Learning. Learn of the historic background of Tanglewood, the BSO and the Tanglewood Music Center. 1.5 hours – <1/2 mile



Seiji Ozawa Hall
at Tanglewood, Lenox, MA

Starts at the Tanglewood Main Gate. From the Rt 102 & Rt 183 flashing light, intersection at the Berkshire Botanical Gardens, drive on Rt 183 north for 4 miles to the Main Gate. OR FROM Rt 41 IN RICHMOND, across from the fire station, drive 4.5 miles east up Lenox Rd., and over then down Richmond Mt. Rd. Tanglewood is at the bottom of the mountain. Turn left and you will shortly see the Main Gate. OR FROM LENOX CENTER, drive a couple of miles on West St./Rt 183 to the Main Gate. GPS 42.34924, -73.31084

77 – Lee, MA 11 AM to 12:30 PM
A NATURE WALKING TOUR AT GOLDEN HILL TOWN FOREST

Join naturalist Linda Cysz (Lee Land Trust) for a walk through this town forest with huge boulders and colorful fall mushrooms to get a sense of the natural setting and learn some of Lee's town history. Golden Hill Town Forest's 70-acre property was once owned by George Westinghouse as part of his estate known as Erskine Park. His house was in Lenox near Laurel Lake and his farmland extended across the road to the Golden Hill area. In 1939 George Westinghouse, Jr. donated this parcel to the Town of Lee. Easy loop trails guide you through the boulders, ledges, outcrops,



Golden Hill Town Forest - courtesy of Western Mass Hilltown Hikers

wildflowers, mushrooms and old trees. In the early 1960's this was a vibrant picnic spot with pavilion, stone fireplace and even electricity. Today, that area is an open field. 1.5 hours – 1 mile

Heading north on Rt 20 from the center of Lee, after crossing the railroad tracks and the river, drive for 0.8 mile to Golden Hill Road (across from the Retro Pop Shop). Turn right onto Golden Hill Road and drive uphill for 0.3 mile to a parking site on the right side of road, at Lee Town Forest sign. GPS 42.322441, -73.255433

78 – Great Barrington, MA 1 PM to 4 PM
A GUIDED HIKE TO RESERVOIR ROCKS ON EAST MOUNTAIN
IN GREAT BARRINGTON

Join Western Mass Hilltown Hikers Group with special guest Christy Butler, author of Berkshire Destinations and Rockachusetts, for this moderate walking expedition to see an enormous field of boulders, some larger than buses and houses. Huge boulders are everywhere on East Mountain, with many propped up against each other. Footing will be uneven and there will be some elevation gain and walking in between boulders. Friendly dogs are welcome, but keep in mind porcupines love rocks too! We will hike rain or shine. Registration required. Please Register per car load on www.hilltownhikers.com Maps and bottled water provided. Wear sturdy footwear. 3 hours–3 miles

From Rt. 7 in Gt. Barrington, just East of the bridge over the Housatonic River, across the road from Berkshire Bike and Board, take East St., turns into Pine St. Where Pine St. and Quarry St. intersect, park on side of the road–please do not block driveways.

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Stockbridge Archaeology at the Chime Tower - by Medebah Ginnane

who lived in what is now Stockbridge for thousands of years, and aspects of their culture which are still present today. 1.5 hours–1.5 miles

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Park at Stockbridge town offices parking lot at Rt 102/50 Main St.

80 – Windsor, MA 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM
BOREAL SPRUCE FIR FOREST FULL “HUNTER’S MOON” HIKE
AT NOTCHVIEW

Experience an early evening hike in the boreal forest and the full moon rising over Sawmill Field at Notchview Reservation (owned by The Trustees of Reservations). Led by naturalist and director of Tamarack Hollow Nature & Cultural Center, Aimee Gelinas, this hike will feature the unique high elevation flora of the boreal forest, including tips for tree, plant and wild edible identification and signs of wildlife. Program is free (donations accepted). This project has been supported in part by a grant from the Windsor Cultural Council, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. 2 hours–2 miles



Notchview Farm - Wall 3rd gate
by Donna Drew

Registration is Required, email- full_circle_o@yahoo.com – Visit: <http://www.tamarackhollownatureandculturalcenter.org>

From Dalton, Rt. 9 East, go 1 mile past Rt. 8A intersection in Windsor, to large parking lot on left. OR From East (Northampton area), Rt. 9 West for 3.5 miles past the Windsor–Cummington town line. Large parking lot on right. Meet at the Budd Visitor Center. For directions visit: www.thetrustees.org.

A program of the
Upper Housatonic Valley
National Heritage Area



In partnership
with the
National Park Service



Heritage Walks 2025

Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area
invites you to explore the wonders of this region
during Heritage Walks 2025 - five weekends:

September 6 & 7
September 13 & 14
September 20 & 21
September 27 & 28
October 4 & 5

Please Note - registration for certain
Heritage Walks is required if indicated in the listing.

Otherwise - arrive and enjoy!

Historians, naturalists and environmentalists will be
your guide as you explore the Upper Housatonic
Valley and surrounding area.

- **Learn** about the history of the villages and towns
in the region as expressed in archaeological and
industrial sites, architecture, bridges and monuments.
- **Discover** both prominent and unsung geological,
ornithological and horticultural resources.
- **Enjoy** splendid autumn foliage and scenic vistas as
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