

Programs at the Park — 2010 Calendar

Mansion Tours offered daily, on the hour, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.
Reservations are recommended for Mansion Tours and Special Programs, call 802-457-3368 ext. 22.

July			September		
7/3	10:30 AM	Appalachian Trails & Tales	9/2	2:30 PM	Hidden Spaces
	2:30 PM	Hidden Spaces		2:30 PM	Junior Ranger Program
7/4	2:00 PM	Civil War	9/3	2:00 PM	Future of the Forest
	2:30 PM	Conservation Through the Artist's Eye	9/4	10:30 AM	Fallout
7/5	10:30 AM	Future of the Forest		2:30 PM	Conservation Through the Artist's Eye
7/10	10:30 AM	Useful & Beautiful	9/5	10:30 AM	Useful & Beautiful
	2:30 PM	Fallout		2:00 PM	Civil War
7/11	10:30 AM	Appalachian Trails & Tales	9/11	10:30 AM	Junior Ranger Program
	2:30 PM	Future of the Forest		10:30 AM	Conservation Through the Artist's Eye
7/17	2:00 PM	Civil War		2:30 PM	Conservation Through the Artist's Eye
7/18	10:30 AM	Hidden Spaces	9/12	10:30 AM	Conservation Through the Artist's Eye
	2:30 PM	Conservation Through the Artist's Eye		2:00 PM	Story of a Vermont Farm
7/22	2:30 PM	Junior Ranger Program		2:30 PM	Conservation Through the Artist's Eye
7/24	10:30 AM	Appalachian Trails & Tales	9/18	10:30 AM	Fallout
	2:30 PM	Fallout		10:30 AM	Junior Ranger Program
7/25	12-4:00 PM	OPEN HOUSE		2:30 PM	Green Ideas at Work
7/29	2:30 PM	Junior Ranger Program	9/19	10:30 AM	Appalachian Trails & Tales
7/31	10:30 AM	Useful & Beautiful		2:30 PM	Hidden Spaces
	2:30 PM	Conservation Through the Artist's Eye	9/25 & 9/26	FOREST FESTIVAL WEEKEND	
August			October		
8/1	10:30 AM	Appalachian Trails & Tales	10/2	10:30 AM	Foliage Walk
	2:00 PM	Story of a Vermont Farm	10/3	2:00 PM	Foliage Walk
8/7	10:30 AM	Junior Ranger Program: TREES		2:30 PM	Spirituality & the Environment
	2:00 PM	Civil War	10/6	2:00 PM	Foliage Walk
	2:30 PM	Spirituality & the Environment	10/9	2:00 PM	Foliage Walk
8/8	10:30 AM	Green Ideas at Work	10/10	10:30 AM	Foliage Walk
8/14	10:30 AM	Junior Ranger Program: ART	10/11	10:30 AM	Appalachian Trails & Tales
	2:30 PM	Hidden Spaces	10/16	2:30 PM	Spirituality & the Environment
8/15	10:30 AM	Spirituality & the Environment	10/23	10:30 AM	Fallout
	2:30 PM	Green Ideas at Work		2:30 PM	Conservation Through the Artist's Eye
8/17	10:30 AM	Appalachian Trails & Tales	10/24	2:30 PM	Hidden Spaces
8/19	2:30 PM	Junior Ranger Program			
8/21	10:30 AM	Junior Ranger Program: WILDLIFE			
	10:30 AM	Fallout			
	2:30 PM	Conservation Through the Artist's Eye			
8/22	10:30 AM	Useful & Beautiful			
	2:00 PM	Story of a Vermont Farm			
8/26	2:30 PM	Junior Ranger Program			
8/28	10:30 AM	Future of the Forest			
	2:00 PM	Civil War			
8/29	2:00 PM	Story of a Vermont Farm			
	2:30 PM	Spirituality & the Environment			

Also at the Visitor Center:

Walk Woodstock Map | Bird Checklist
Wildlife & Amphibian Checklist
Features of the Gardens & Grounds Map
Forest Communities Hike (2+ hours)



Experience Mount Tom Exhibit
in the Wood Barn



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Programs at the Park

JULY - OCTOBER 2010

"The commissioners see an America emerging in the 21st century that is home to healthy and sustainable communities, that harnesses the drive and cultural richness of its growing diversity, that places a premium on nurturing young people through opportunities for education and public service, and that cares for places that define our national character and purpose. We believe our national parks are uniquely positioned to help realize this vision."

The National Parks
Second Century Commission

Across the national park system we are building "ladders of youth engagement" providing service and learning opportunities for young people, so as they grow older their relationship with parks continues to evolve and strengthen.

At Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park, elementary and middle-school-age young people learn about ecology, history, art, and much more through hands-on field projects developed by the Forest for Every Classroom and Park Research Teachers programs. When students enter high school there is the new Sustainability and Leadership Institute, a partnership developed by the national park, Vermont Youth Conservation Corps and Woodstock Union High School. During this semester-long course, students work on projects to make park operations more sustainable while earning school credit. These students become our teachers, sharing what they learn with parents and community members in public presentations. Students approaching graduation can apply for a summer George Perkins Marsh Internship, which includes a broad

spectrum of park assignments, from museum curation to horticulture. Opportunities for working with summer trail crews and additional internships are offered by the Student Conservation Association and Vermont Youth Conservation Corps. Students can also apply to become seasonal national park rangers – and perhaps take a step closer to a career in conservation.

All program participants, in every stage of their education, benefit from this "ladder of engagement" as they learn useful life skills, build lasting friendships and memories, and become environmentally responsible citizens wherever they choose to make their home.

As you pass a crew working on a trail, stop by a visitor center desk or perhaps walk by the kiosk on the Woodstock Green, take a moment and say hello to some of the young people who are responsible for the stewardship of our national park.

Rolf Diamant
Rolf Diamant, Superintendent



7th Annual

Forest Festival Weekend / Vermont Fine Furniture & Woodworking Festival Saturday & Sunday 10 AM to 5 PM September 25-26, 2010

Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park and the Vermont Wood Manufacturers Association have come together to create a weekend of enjoyment for all ages.

Forest Festival Weekend
www.nps.gov/mabi

Visit Vermont's only National Park for a celebration of forest history, science and art. Ride a horse drawn wagon, see woodworking demonstrations, hike with an expert ecologist. Craft your own walking stick, see a portable sawmill in operation. Celebrate the legacy of Mount Tom and the richness of Vermont's forests. This event is free and open to the public.

Vermont Fine Furniture & Woodworking
Festival at the Union Arena
www.vermontwoodfestival.org

Visit with more than 50 furniture makers and wood artisans. See woodworking demonstrations and presentations. Shop for the best Vermont-made wood products—furniture, bowls, baskets, carvings, cabinetry and more. New exhibitors, prizes and activities every year! Local food and music. Free shuttle between the National Park and the Union Arena.

Mansion Tours

Take a ranger-guided tour of the Mansion and see its remarkable collection of landscape paintings that illustrate the multigenerational commitment of the Marsh, Billings, and Rockefeller families to American conservation. Offered daily, on the hour, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, May 29–October 31, 2010. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults (ages 16-61), \$4.00 for seniors (ages 62 and older), 15 and younger are free.



Is Your Time Limited?

If you have only an hour or two to spend in the park, and do not want to attend a formal program, stop by the Carriage Barn Visitor Center and pick up a map or brochure for the following self-guided activities:

Walk to the Pogue: 2 hours
"Know Your Trees" Walk: 1 hour
Northwoods Quest: 1 hour
Become a Junior Ranger: 1 hour





The Paths Less Traveled ...

Ranger-Led Walks & Tours

For information or to make reservations:
(802) 457-3368, ext. 22 / www.nps.gov/mabi



Conservation Through the Artist's Eye

American landscape paintings have inspired conservationists for over 100 years. See paintings by Hudson River School artists on this 90-minute walk through the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller Mansion, and discover how their landscape paintings profoundly influenced the development of a conservation ethic.

MEET AT: Carriage Barn Visitor Center
FEE: \$8 / **RESERVATIONS:** Program size is limited to 12 people and reservations are recommended.

Hidden Spaces Unique Places

Discover the park's distinctive historic buildings with their unusual architectural styles and interesting histories. Learn about the variety of strategies and techniques to preserve these landmark structures on this 90-minute walking tour through seldom-seen building interiors and exteriors.

MEET AT: Carriage Barn Visitor Center
FEE: \$8
RESERVATIONS: Program size is limited to 12 people and reservations are recommended.



Appalachian Trails & Tales

Join a national park ranger on the Appalachian Trail for a 3-hour hike along the nation's premier long-distance hiking trail. Learn about local history that shaped this landscape and how the trail came to be.

MEET AT: Billings Farm & Museum Visitor Center / **FEE:** Free
RESERVATIONS: Program is limited to 20 people and reservations are recommended.

Causes & Consequences: The Civil War Home Front in Woodstock, Vermont



This 2-hour ranger-guided tour includes some of the most significant historic sites in Woodstock. Included are places associated with the Underground Railroad, abolition meetings, the town's free African-American community, and Woodstock's pivotal role in the Union war effort in Vermont. Much of what will be seen along the tour is largely unchanged from the day the first shot was fired on Fort Sumter in April 1861. The tour also examines the birth of the national park concept and modern stewardship with the preservation of Yosemite in 1864 and the concurrent publication of George Perkins Marsh's *Man and Nature*.

MEET AT: Billings Farm & Museum Visitor Center
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Green Ideas at Work

Get a behind-the-scenes look at the park's "green" technologies and infrastructure on this 90-minute walking tour. Visit the new Platinum LEED Forest Center and "hybrid solar" greenhouse, and learn high- and low-tech solutions that lessen our impact on the environment.

MEET AT: Carriage Barn Visitor Center
FEE: \$8 / **RESERVATIONS:** Reservations are recommended.



Useful & Beautiful – The Gardens & Grounds

Explore the park's colorful gardens and grounds on this 90-minute walk. More than beautiful scenery, this landscape reflects layers of careful design that are linked to the conservation movement in the 19th century.

MEET AT: Carriage Barn Visitor Center / **FEE:** Free
RESERVATIONS: Program size is limited to 15 people and reservations are recommended.

Story of a Vermont Farm

As the concept of "eating locally" gains more understanding and acceptance with regards to its impact on local economies, human health, and climate, it is useful to take a look back at when "eating locally" and "going organic" was not an option, it was the only choice. The McKenzie family historically farmed over 100 acres of what is today the National Park. With help from old foundations, period trees, and a remnant apple orchard, this 2-hour walk explores the challenges faced by an early Vermont farm family, and the lessons they can still teach us today.

MEET AT: Prosper Road parking lot / **FEE:** Free

The Future of the Forest

Join us for a hike and discussion on the history and current conservation practices of the oldest professionally-managed forest in the United States. During this 2-hour hike, we will explore special places within the park's forest and visit sites with active forestry work.

MEET AT: Prosper Road parking lot / **FEE:** Free
RESERVATIONS: Program size is limited to 20 people and reservations are recommended.

Spirituality & the Environment

This 1.5 hour walking tour will discuss stewardship from the perspective of spirituality and religion. The tour will explore ways faith has informed conservation practices and the appreciation of nature. The tour includes a closer look at the original Hudson River School paintings inside the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller Mansion.

MEET AT: Carriage Barn Visitor Center
FEE: \$8 / **RESERVATIONS:** Program size is limited to 12 people and reservations are recommended.



Fallout: The Atomic Age & the Emergence of the Modern Environmental Movement

The period of US history known as the Cold War saw the proliferation of technologies with the power of almost unlimited destructiveness, as well as the awakening of a new environmental consciousness. This 90-minute multimedia presentation explores the actions, attitudes, and events of this period with historic photographs, news reels, and movie clips that helped influence the unprecedented outbreak of environmental legislation in the 1960s and 1970s. A highlight of the program is a tour of a 1960s-era fallout shelter.

MEET AT: Carriage Barn Visitor Center
FEE: \$8 / **RESERVATIONS:** Program size is limited to 15 people and reservations are recommended.



Climate as Modified By Human Action*

Man and Nature in the 21st Century

In 1847, George Perkins Marsh called attention to humankind's ability to unintentionally alter Earth's climate. Today, as his prediction is becoming reality, the enormous challenge of global climate confronts us all. This 1-hour presentation will break down the sometimes complicated science behind climate change and suggest some practical steps we all can take to reduce our personal contributions to global warming.

*Available by advance reservation

Conservation Chronicles*

From Native Americans to early European settlers, to land trusts, national parks, and wilderness areas, conservation thought and practice has taken many forms in North America over the past four centuries. Using words, images, and films of the past, explore the attitudes and actions that have shaped our relationship with the land we call the United States in this multimedia presentation.

*Available by advance reservation

Junior Ranger Program

Complete a variety of activities with a park ranger that will help you learn about this special national park. Earn a Junior Ranger badge and find out if you want to become one. Appropriate for youth ages 6 to 12. This program can also be self-guided and is available upon request.

NEW THIS SEASON! Join us in August for special Junior Ranger programs exploring the themes of art, trees, and wildlife.

MEET AT: Carriage Barn Visitor Center
FEE: Free / **RESERVATIONS:** Not required



Artist in Residence Program

American artists have long helped create public awareness and support for the stewardship of public lands by deepening connections to the landscape through art. Each year, the park has hosts an artist in residence program to continue the dialogue about art and conservation. This year's artist is Ethan Jackson, a visual artist working in photographic media and optical installation from Portland, Oregon. Through his work, Ethan explores aspects of landscape representation and the notion of "place."

The reflective, abstract paintings of last year's artists in residence, Susan Metzger, will be on display at the Carriage Barn Visitor Center.



Susan Metzger, 2009

Barbara Bosworth, 2008

