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# Programs at the Park

JUNE – OCTOBER 2012

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.

**June**

6/19	10:00 AM	Junior Ranger Program
6/26	10:00 AM	Junior Ranger Program

**July**

7/1	10:30 AM 2:00 PM	Appalachian Trails & Tales Civil War
7/3	10:00 AM	Junior Ranger Program
7/4	10:30 AM 2:30 PM	Hidden Spaces Conservation Through the Artist's Eye
7/7	10:30 AM 2:30 PM	Big Trees Fallout
7/8	10:30 AM 2:00 PM	Landscape History Civil War
7/10	10:00 AM	Junior Ranger Program
7/14	10:30 AM 2:30 PM	Appalachian Trails & Tales Spirituality & the Environment
7/15	10:30 AM 2:30 PM	Green Ideas at Work Big Trees
7/17	10:00 AM	Junior Ranger Program
7/21	10:30 AM 2:00 PM 2:30 PM	Hidden Spaces Civil War Conservation Through the Artist's Eye
7/22	12-4 PM	<b>MANSION OPEN HOUSE</b>
7/24	10:00 AM	Junior Ranger Program
7/28	10:30 AM	Appalachian Trails & Tales
7/29	10:30 AM 2:30 PM	Future of the Forest Conservation Through the Artist's Eye
7/31	10:00 AM	Junior Ranger Program

**August**

8/4	10:30 AM 2:30 PM	Fallout Landscape History
8/5	10:30 AM 2:30 PM	Appalachian Trails & Tales Big Trees
8/7	10:00 AM	Junior Ranger Program
8/9	2:30 PM	Junior Ranger Program
8/11	2:30 PM	Green Ideas at Work
8/12	10:30 AM 2:30 PM	Big Trees Conservation Through the Artist's Eye
8/16	10:30 AM	Junior Ranger Program
8/18	10:30 AM 2:00 PM 2:30 PM	Fallout Civil War Spirituality & the Environment
8/19	12-4 PM	<b>MANSION OPEN HOUSE</b>
8/23	2:30 PM	Junior Ranger Program
8/25	10:30 AM 2:30 PM	Future of the Forest Hidden Spaces
8/26	10:30 AM 2:00 PM	Green Ideas at Work Civil War

**September**

9/1	10:30 AM 2:30 PM	Fallout Green Ideas at Work
9/2	10:30 AM 2:00 PM	Big Trees Civil War
9/3	10:30 AM 2:30 PM	Future of the Forest Junior Ranger Program
9/8	10:30 AM 2:30 PM	Landscape History Hidden Spaces
9/9	10:30 AM 2:00 PM	Appalachian Trails & Tales Landscape History
9/15	10:30 AM 2:30 PM	Green Ideas at Work Conservation Through the Artist's Eye
9/16	2:00 PM 2:30 PM	Civil War Spirituality & the Environment
9/22	10:30 AM 2:00 PM	Fallout Civil War
9/29 & 9/30		<b>FOREST FESTIVAL WEEKEND</b>

**October**

10/5	2:00 PM	Autumn Foliage Walk
10/6	2:00 PM	Autumn Foliage Walk
10/7	2:00 PM	Autumn Foliage Walk
10/8	10:30 AM	Autumn Foliage Walk
10/10	10:30 AM	Appalachian Trails & Tales
10/13	10:30 AM	Fallout
10/14	10:30 AM 2:00 PM	Appalachian Trails & Tales Civil War
10/20	10:30 AM 2:30 PM	Hidden Spaces Conservation Through the Artist's Eye
10/21	2:00 PM 2:30 PM	Civil War Spirituality & the Environment



Follow Route 12 North from the Woodstock village for 1/2 mile.  
Park at the Billings Farm & Museum.  
Rangers are available at the Billings Farm & Museum  
Visitor Center to help you plan your visit.

9th Annual

Vermont Fine Woodworking & Forest Festival

September 29-30, 2012

Saturday, 9 AM - 6 PM & Sunday, 10 AM - 4 PM

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

- Celebrate forest history, science and art.
  - See woodworking demonstrations.
  - Hike with an expert ecologist.
  - Craft your own walking stick.
- See a portable sawmill in operation.

Vermont Fine Woodworking at the Union Arena  
www.vermontwoodfestival.org

More than 50 artisans display wood products—furniture, bowls, baskets, carvings, cabinetry, and more. Free shuttle to Union Arena from the Park.

Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park  
operates in partnership with

Billings Farm & Museum  
Gateway to Vermont's Rural Heritage

A first-class dairy farm and a thriving museum of Vermont's rural past. Discover our Jerseys and other livestock, the restored farmhouse, and farm life exhibits through family-centered activities, programs, and events. Daily 10-5. Combination ticket is available.

802-457-2355; www.billingsfarm.org

Mansion  
Open House

July 22 & August 19, 2012  
12:00-4:00 PM

Explore the Mansion at your own pace. Enjoy the gardens and landscape while listening to local musicians. Park staff will be available to answer questions.



Mansion Tours

Ranger-guided tours of the Mansion are offered daily throughout the season on the hour, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, May 26 - October 31, 2012. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for seniors (ages 62 and older), 15 and younger are free.

COVER PHOTO BY ED SHARRON

They say that “the creation of a National Park is an expression of faith in the future. It is a pact between generations – a promise from the past to the future.” Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park was established to inspire all of us to think about our future. It is a landscape that unveils a layered story of stewardship for the land and cultural traditions by the people who lived here as well as the stewards that continue these traditions today. The park is a celebration of these stories and as you can see from the calendar of events, there are many ways to experience the park.

In my first few months in Woodstock, I have been made to feel very welcome and have seen the pride that people have for this land and community. At the same time, I have been challenged to ensure that the good work that preceded me continues and progresses in a way that makes the National Historical Park a collaborative partner and an engaging place to visit – and be inspired!

Michael Creasey  
Superintendent







# The Paths Less Traveled ...

# Ranger-Led Walks & Tours

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## 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 Mansion, and discover how their landscape paintings profoundly influenced the development of a conservation ethic.

MEET AT: Carriage Barn Visitor Center / FEE: \$8

## 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.



## Appalachian Trails & Tales

Join a national park ranger on the Appalachian Trail for a 3-hour program. Learn about local history that shaped this landscape and how the trail came to be.

MEET AT: Billings Farm & Museum Visitor Center / FEE: Free

## Green Ideas at Work

Get a behind-the-scenes look at the park's "green" technologies and infrastructure on this 90-minute walking tour. Included on this easy walk are a high efficiency gasification wood boiler, hybrid cars, solar panels, a composting site, and our Platinum LEED certified Forest Center. Learn high- and low-tech solutions that you can use at home.

MEET AT: Carriage Barn Visitor Center  
FEE: Free



## The Lost Big Trees of Eastern America

Americans are fascinated by the big trees of the west. But here in the east we have our own big trees: white pines, elms, hemlocks, and the American chestnut. This 1.5-hour program explores the history, ecology, and future of the big eastern tree species. There will be a short presentation indoors and then a walk to some big tree specimens in the park.

MEET AT: Carriage Barn Visitor Center  
FEE: Free



## 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 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

## The Future of the Forest

Join us for a hike and discussion on the history and current stewardship 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



## 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

## 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

Each week throughout the summer, park rangers will guide 6- 12 year olds in an exciting, 1.5 hour hands-on exploration of a variety of topics, ranging from trees to art to outdoor safety. Kids can earn a Junior Ranger Badge and a stamped memory book. A self-guided Junior Ranger program is also available upon request.

Themed programs include:

- 6/19 - Art in Nature
- 6/26 - Nature Photography Workshop
- 7/3 - Become a Forester
- 7/10 - Wildlife Scavenger Hunt
- 7/17 - Life in a Log
- 7/24 - Wood Crafting and more
- 7/31 - Junior Ranger Safety in the Outdoors
- 8/7 - Wild Adventure Hike

MEET AT: Carriage Barn Visitor Center FEE: Free



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



"We look forward in the coming years to both painting an inclusive picture of the Civil War era and to drawing attention to the larger arc from Civil War to Civil Rights."

- Secretary of Interior Ken Salazar

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.

MEET AT: Billings Farm & Museum Visitor Center / FEE: \$8 / RESERVATIONS: Reservations are recommended.



## Artist in Residence Program

Andrea Polli is a digital media artist, whose work with science, technology, and media has been presented widely in over 100 presentations, exhibitions and performances internationally. She has been recognized by numerous grants, residencies, and awards including a NYFA Artist's Fellowship, the Fulbright Specialist Award, and the UNESCO Digital Arts Award. She currently works in collaboration with atmospheric scientists to develop systems

for understanding storm and climate through sound (called sonification).

This summer from June 1 through July 21, Andrea will be exploring the park's soundscape, working with environmental data such as forest and bird monitoring. She will be holding several public presentations including sound walking programs that use listening exercises for both the general public and teachers.

For program details please contact the park at (802) 457-3368 ext. 22.

## Landscape History: A Walk Through Time

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

