

Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller
National Historical Park



Programs

at the PARK

JUNE – OCTOBER 2013





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GETTING HERE

Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park is located in Woodstock, Vermont. Take I-89 to exit 1 (US 4). Follow US 4 west (13 miles) to Woodstock. Bear right onto VT 12 north (Pleasant St.). Continue on VT 12 by turning right onto Elm Street. Cross the iron bridge over the Ottauquechee River, bear right onto Old River Road, and take the first right into the parking lot at the Billings Farm & Museum. GPS address: 69 Old River Road.

WELCOME TO THE PARK

Begin at the Visitor Center at the Billings Farm & Museum. National Park staff are available to answer questions and help plan your visit. View the 30-minute award-winning film *A Place in the Land*. Follow the walking path across Elm Street to visit the Carriage Barn Visitor Center and all the offerings at the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park.



ACCESSIBILITY

Public parking for disabled persons is available at the Billings Farm & Museum parking area. Both facilities are wheelchair accessible. Please ask park staff for assistance. For further information, call 802-457-3368 ext 22. American Sign Language interpretation is available by request; please give us at least 14 days notice so we may make arrangements.

Cover Photo: Forest Festival Weekend wagon ride. Photo by Jon Gilbert Fox.

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WELCOME TO THE PARK

The Barn in the photograph above was built in 1895 by the Billings family as a stable for horses and carriages. Today it serves as a portal to the story of conservation — past, present and future. All across our country, you will find national parks that tell our stories and speak to our identity as a people and a nation. Here at Vermont’s only national park, it is our hope that you will find inspiration and a sense of peace from the beauty of the land and its history. The park and our partners at the Billings Farm & Museum offer many experiences for all ages and interests. From ranger-led tours, to walks in the forest, to special events and connections to the town of Woodstock. Welcome to Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park!

– Michael Creasey, Superintendent



Special Events



JUNE 1 | *Trek to Taste*

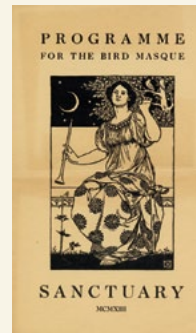
10 AM – 3 PM. A celebration of trails, local food, and healthy living. Join us for guided walks starting at 10:30 AM and noon or grab a map and venture out on your own—choose from four different options and along the way sample delicious, heart-healthy foods from local producers. Family games, crafts, demonstrations, ice cream social, music and more.

JUNE 22 | *Community Open House and Picnic*

10 AM – 2 PM. Special behind the scenes tours and demonstrations. Come see your National Park in action, meet park partners and staff, and get a sneak peak at special projects underway. Share your ideas about what makes this National Park special to you! Pack a lunch for a picnic at the park.

JULY 21 & AUGUST 18 | *Mansion Open House*

12 PM – 4 PM. Explore the Mansion at your own pace (with free admission!). Enjoy the gardens in full bloom while listening to musical performances by local artists. Family friendly nature-based art activities sponsored by ArtisTree.



AUGUST 24 & 25 | *Sanctuary: A Bird Masque*

August 24 at Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller NHP
August 25 at Saint Gaudens NHS.

Exhibits and demonstrations starting at 12 PM, play begins at 2 PM. This year marks the 100th anniversary of *Sanctuary: A Bird Masque*, a play about bird protection. Written by Cornish Colonist, Percy MacKaye, the play was a national hit and is credited with the creation of more than 100 bird sanctuaries throughout the country.

SEPTEMBER 28 & 29 | *Forest Festival Weekend*

Saturday 9 AM – 6 PM, Sunday 10 AM–4 PM

Enjoy the park in its fall glory while exploring forest history, science and art. Horse drawn wagon rides, woodworking and portable sawmill demonstrations, hikes with foresters, wood crafts for kids, and more! Visit the Vermont Fine Furniture & Woodworking Festival with more than 50 furniture makers and wood artisans at the Woodstock Union Arena (entrance fee).

OCTOBER 19 | *Peak to Peak*

10 AM – 2 PM. Join us for a hike of Mt. Tom or Mt. Peg—or take the Peak to Peak challenge—and enjoy spectacular views of Woodstock and the Ottauquechee River. Along the way try out kids trails games and learn about the history and ecology of these two iconic parks. Enjoy exhibits, activities, and heart-healthy picnic lunches provided by local restaurants and organizations.

**All events are free unless otherwise noted.*



Forest Festival Weekend, September 28 & 29

Meet the Artists



This year's Artist-in-Residence, Alastair Noble is an environmental/installation artist and printmaker from the UK who has lived and worked in New York City for over 30 years. His artistic practice is a response to architecture and the natural environment, and reflects on particular sites in the context of poetry and literature. He has exhibited extensively nationally and internationally including Peru, Chile, Bulgaria, and the UK. Mr. Noble will be in residency during September and October.

Open Studio: Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 1 PM – 4 PM

Cyanotype Printing Workshops:

Saturday, September 21 and Sunday, September 22, 11 AM and 2 PM each day. Reservations required.

Wendy Call, the 2011 Artist in Residence, has been traveling to parks throughout the United States exploring concepts of identity and place-meaning. Wendy will read selections from a series of essays written during her park residency. She will also discuss her “Four Corners” project, drawn from her experiences as a writer-in-residence at four national parks in four corners of the United States.

Reading: *Tilled Paths Through Wilds of Thought*: October 9, 7 PM

This Artist in Residence program is offered through generous support from the K2 Family Foundation.

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reaching further

Alastair Noble,
Island, wood
with ash fencing.



Civil War Home Front



See what life was like on the home front during the Civil War 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. This tour offers a deeper understanding of the far-reaching effects of the Civil War on the role of women, the meaning of citizenship, and the beginnings of land conservation.

Home Front Tour — This two-hour ranger-led walking tour is one of the park's most popular special programs and will be offered several times throughout the season (see calendar, page 15).

App — With maps, photos, videos, and sound clips, this free iPhone App can guide you along the walking tour, whether on foot or virtually. It is also packed with an array of supplemental resources.



*New App for
the iPhone*

New Birth of Freedom — Beautifully illustrated with photographs from the Woodstock History Center archive and hand-rendered maps, this booklet is an informative companion for enjoying the Civil War walking tour at your own pace.

Massachusetts 54th Regiment Commemoration at Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site



SAINT-GAUDENS NHS

The 54th was the first African American regiment recruited during the Civil War. On July 18, 1863 the regiment, led by Colonel Shaw, attacked Fort Wagner and suffered heavy losses. The Shaw Memorial is a masterpiece of sculptor, Augustus Saint-Gaudens, marking the event.

150th Commemoration Exhibition:
Picture Gallery, July 18 – September 9

Special 54th Regiment re-enactors program:
August 10th, 11 AM and 2 PM

Ranger-Led Programs

Tour size is limited and reservations are recommended. Tours that require a ticket are marked with "\$" (\$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for seniors, 15 and younger are free). All other tours are free. For schedule of programs see page 15.

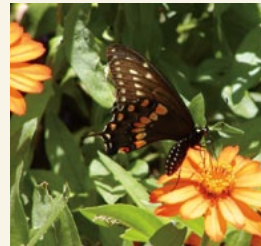
Conservation through the Artist's Eye — American landscape paintings have inspired conservationists for over 100 years. See paintings by Hudson River School artists on this 1½-hour mansion tour and discover how landscape painting profoundly influenced the development of a conservation ethic. \$

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 sneak-peak walking tour through seldom-seen building interiors and exteriors. \$

Green Energy Showcase — Get a behind-the-scenes look at the park's "green" technologies on this 1-hour walking tour. Included on this easy walk are a high efficiency 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.

Lost Big Trees — Americans are fascinated by the big trees of the west. But here in the east we have our own big trees: white pine, elms, hemlocks, and the American chestnut. This 1½-hour program explores the history, ecology, and future of the big eastern trees.

Gardens In Bloom — Explore the park's colorful gardens on this short 1-hour walk. More than beautiful scenery, this landscape reflects layers of careful design that are linked to the conservation movement in the 19th century.



Fallout — The Cold War spurred proliferation of technologies with the power of vast destructiveness, and in its shadow a new environmental consciousness emerged. Go back in time with dramatic historic news reels and movie clips to explore this pivotal time. A highlight of the program is a tour of a fully-stocked 1960s-era fallout shelter. \$

Spirituality & the Environment — This 1½-hour walking tour will explore ways faith has informed stewardship practice and the appreciation of nature. The tour includes a closer look at the original Hudson River School paintings inside the Mansion. \$

America's Best Idea — Join us on National Park Service Founders Day. Tell us about your favorite park and why parks are important to you. Explore some of the "untold stories" from the Ken Burns series, *The National Parks: America's Best Idea*.

Become an I-Naturalist — Flowers, trees, amphibians, butterflies, oh my! Step outside and start recording the fascinating world around you, and share your observations with a growing network of "citizen scientists." Curiosity required, no experience necessary. Meets at the Forest Center.

Horse-logging Demonstration — Visit a horse-logging site in action and learn about the 150-year legacy of forestry on Mount Tom. Explore the process from trees to boards — how trees are marked and harvested and the various ways wood is used in our daily lives.





Especially for Kids

Junior Ranger Programs

Thursdays, 2:30 PM

Throughout the summer, youth 6–12 years old can join a ranger for an exciting 1½ hour hands-on exploration, and earn a Junior Ranger Badge.

July 18 Junior Ranger Safety in the Outdoors

July 25 Art in Nature

August 1 Nature Photography Workshop

August 8 Become a Forester

August 15 Wildlife Scavenger Hunt

August 22 Life in a Log

Junior Ranger Activity Guide

Packed with great activities for children and their families to learn more about the park's history and its legacy of stewardship while earning a Junior Ranger Badge. Pick one up at the Carriage Barn Visitor Center or download from our website www.nps.gov/mabi.

Hiking and Writing in Vermont's National Park

Ages 10–16, Friday, July 26, 9 AM – 3 PM

Come tour, write, and draw throughout the park landscape while investigating its natural and historical wonders. Co-sponsored by the Green Mountain Writing Project. Pre-registration required.

School is Out, Camps are In!

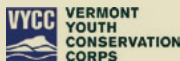
Ages 4–6, June 17–21 | Fun in the Forest

Explore the natural world through art, music, movement, and hands-on play in the forest. A partnership with Artistree/Purple Crayon Productions.



August 5–11 | Mountains & Rivers Forever

Spend a week hiking, farming, carving spoons, orienteering, making outdoor art and enjoying a few natural surprises. A partnership with the VYCC and local teachers.



Daily Tours

Weekly Noon-time Special Tours

Art, big trees, hidden spaces, garden history, and more! Throughout the week at noon, rangers will offer a special short-tour on one of the parks many unique stories and places. Enjoy these tours on their own or as a compliment to a Mansion tour. Topics and locations change throughout the week — check at the visitor desk or web for details. You never know what you might find!



Mansion Tours

Ranger-led tours of the Mansion are offered daily throughout the season. 10 AM to 4 PM, May 25–October 31. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for seniors (age 62 and older); 15 and younger are free. Please call for reservations and daily schedule.

Built in 1805, The Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller Mansion that graces a promontory overlooking Elm and River Streets was home to three generations of extraordinary conservationists.





Guided Rambles and Hikes



Appalachian Trails and Tales — Extending from Maine to Georgia, the Appalachian Trail is one of the greatest examples of citizen stewardship. Join a ranger on a 3-hour hike to explore a section of the AT and the history that shaped this landscape. Meet at the Billings Farm & Museum Visitor Center. Moderate to Difficult, 3 miles.

Warblers, Woods, and Watersheds — Keeping tabs on the ecological conditions of the park (along with 11 other regional parks) is the mission of the NPS Northeast Temperate Network. Join NETN staff for this 2-hour hike to try your hand at the basics of monitoring birds, salamanders, forest health, and water quality. Meet at Prosper parking lot. Moderate, 3 miles.

All of these guided hikes are FREE. Please bring appropriate footwear, water, and insect repellent. Group size is limited, and reservations are recommended.

The Future of the Forest — Join us for a hike exploring the history and stewardship of the oldest professionally-managed forest in the United States. During this 2-hour hike, see some of the most unique parts of the park and visits stands with active forestry. Meet at Prosper parking lot. Moderate, 3 miles.

Fall Foliage Walk — View vibrant autumn foliage in this 2-hour ranger-led walk along historic carriage roads while learning about the story of the Mount Tom Forest. Meet at the Carriage Barn Visitor Center. Easy, 2½ miles.



Discover Your National Park



Visit the exhibits and bookstore at the Carriage Barn Visitor Center.

Design your own park experience! The park offers an array of activities and guides that you can use to create a park experience that's uniquely tailored to your interests and time.

Carriage Barn Visitor Center — Explore our exhibits, bookstore, and the kid's corner that is stocked with games and crafts supplies.

Carriages and Woodbarn Exhibit — Home to a collection of carriages, from sporty sulkies to hard-working logging sleds. A must see before your first walk up Mount Tom.

Adventure Packs — Step outside into the park's gardens or take a day hike on Mount Tom with one of these adventure packs full of engaging activities for the whole family. Choose from Art, Trees, Wildlife, or Recreation.

Quests — Treasure Hunts, what could be more fun?! Grab a quest and discover the park through riddles and rhythms. Choose the Forest Quest or the Sustainability Quest, or one of many other adventures created by Valley Quest.

Guides — Three great guides offer new ways to "see" the park. *A Walk with the Giants* is all about the big trees. *North Woods Hike* gives you the lens of an ecologist as you explore the forest. *Gardens in Bloom* shares the history and highlights of our beautiful gardens.

Mount Tom Trails

Over 20 miles of carriage roads and trails crisscross through the historic forest of Mount Tom. Visit the Pogue, a pond at the heart of the park, and enjoy magnificent views of Woodstock and the surrounding hills. Grab a trail map and begin your adventure!



Our Partners

Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park operates in partnership with the Billings Farm & Museum and Saint-Gaudens National Historical Site.



Augustus Saint-Gaudens, *Diana*, 1892.

Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site

Discover the home, studios and gardens of Augustus Saint-Gaudens, one of America’s greatest sculptors. See over 100 of his artworks, from heroic public monuments to expressive portrait reliefs, and the coins that changed the look of the American coin. Enjoy summer concerts, explore nature trails, or indulge your hidden talents during a sculpture class.

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Billings Farm & Museum

Billings Farm is an operating dairy farm that continues a long-standing tradition of agricultural excellence. As Vermont’s premier gateway for interpreting its rural culture and agrarian heritage, Billings Farm offers diverse, interactive programs which focus on rural life, work, and land stewardship as reflected in the traditions and values of 19th century farm families and as revealed in Vermont’s rural history.

(802) 457-2355 | www.billingsfarm.org



Park Calendar

June

Sun 30 Appalachian Trails and Tales 10:30 AM

July

Sat 6 Hidden Spaces 10:30 AM
 Sun 7 Civil War Tour 2 PM
 Sat 13 Warblers, Woods, and Watersheds 1 PM
 Artist’s Eye Tour 2:30 PM
 Sun 14 Gardens in Bloom 2:30 PM
 Spirituality and the Environment 2:30 PM
 Thu 18 Jr. Ranger Program 10:30 AM
 Sat 20 Hidden Spaces 2:30 PM
 Become an I-Naturalist 2 PM, 4 PM, 8 PM
 Sun 21 Warblers, Woods, and Watersheds 10 AM
 Mansion Open House 12–4 PM
 Tue 23 Artist’s Eye Tour 2:30 PM
 Wed 24 Green Energy Showcase 2:30 PM
 Thu 25 Jr. Ranger Program 10:30 AM
 Sat 27 Bookstock—Robert Frost Walk 2 PM
 Sun 28 Bookstock—Big Trees 2 PM

August

Thu 1 Jr. Ranger Program 10:30 AM
 Sat 3 Fallout 10:30 AM
 Civil War Tour 2 PM
 Sun 4 Gardens in Bloom 10:30 AM
 Green Energy Showcase 2 PM
 Thu 8 Jr. Ranger Program 10:30 AM
 Sat 10 Woodstock Summer Fest
 Warblers, Woods, and Watersheds 1 PM
 Sun 11 Lost Big Trees 10:30 AM
 Artist’s Eye Tour 2:30 PM
 Thu 15 Jr. Ranger Program 10:30 AM
 Fri 16 Artist’s Eye Tour 2:30 PM
 Sat 17 Fallout 10:30 AM
 Horse-logging 1–3 PM
 Sun 18 Mansion Open House 12–4 PM
 Thu 22 Jr. Ranger Program 10:30 AM
 Sat 24 Hidden Spaces 10:30 AM
 Spirituality and the Environment 2:30 PM
 Sanctuary: A Bird Masque 2 PM
 at Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller NHP

August continued

Sun 25 Green Energy Showcase 10:30 AM
 Founder’s Day Program 10 AM
 Sanctuary: A Bird Masque 2 PM
 at St. Gaudens, NHS
 Fri 30 Hidden Spaces 2:30 PM
 Sat 31 Appalachian Trails and Tales 10:30 AM
 Sat 31 Warblers, Woods, and Watersheds 10 AM

September

Sun 1 Future of the Forest 10:30 AM
 Civil War Tour 2 PM
 Mon 2 Gardens in Bloom 10:30 AM
 Sat 7 Woodstock Art Festival
 Horse-logging 10 AM–12 PM
 Hidden Spaces 10:30 AM
 Artist’s Eye Tour 2:30 PM
 Sun 8 Woodstock Art Festival
 Fallout 10:30 AM
 Artist’s Eye Tour 2:30 PM
 Sat 14 Appalachian Trails and Tales 10:30 AM
 Sun 15 Lost Big Trees 10:30 AM
 Civil War Tour 2 PM
 Spirituality and the Environment 2:30 PM
 Sat 21 Fallout 10:30 AM
 Cyanotype Workshop 11 AM & 2 PM
 Future of the Forest 2 PM
 Sun 22 Cyanotype Workshop 11 AM & 2 PM
 Green Energy Showcase 2:30 PM
 Sat & Sun 28–29 Forest Festival

October

Sat 5 Artist’s Eye Tour 2:30 PM
 Fall Foliage Walk 2 PM
 Sun 6 Appalachian Trails and Tales 10:30 AM
 Fall Foliage Walk 2 PM
 Wed 9 Reading with Wendy Call 7 PM
 Thu 10 Fall Foliage Walk 2 PM
 Sat 12 Fall Foliage Walk 10:30 AM
 Mon 14 Fall Foliage Walk 10:30 AM
 Sat 19 Peak to Peak 10 AM–2 PM
 Spirituality and the Environment 2:30 PM
 Sun 20 Artist’s Eye Tour 2:30 PM
 Sat 26 Hidden Spaces 10:30 AM
 Sun 27 Civil War Tour 2 PM

Full Circle Trolley

The trolley operations on a 30 minute village loop on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, making connections to the park, village, and community attractions. This fully-electric vehicle is powered by Vermont's own cow power. Park and ride the trolley FREE. Map and route schedules available at www.nps.gov/mabi/full-circle-trolley.htm.

Tour the Town with a Ranger on the Trolley

*Saturdays in July and August, 11:15 am
Meet at the Billings Farm & Museum Visitor Center
Step on board the Trolley to learn about the history
and happenings of Woodstock.*



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