

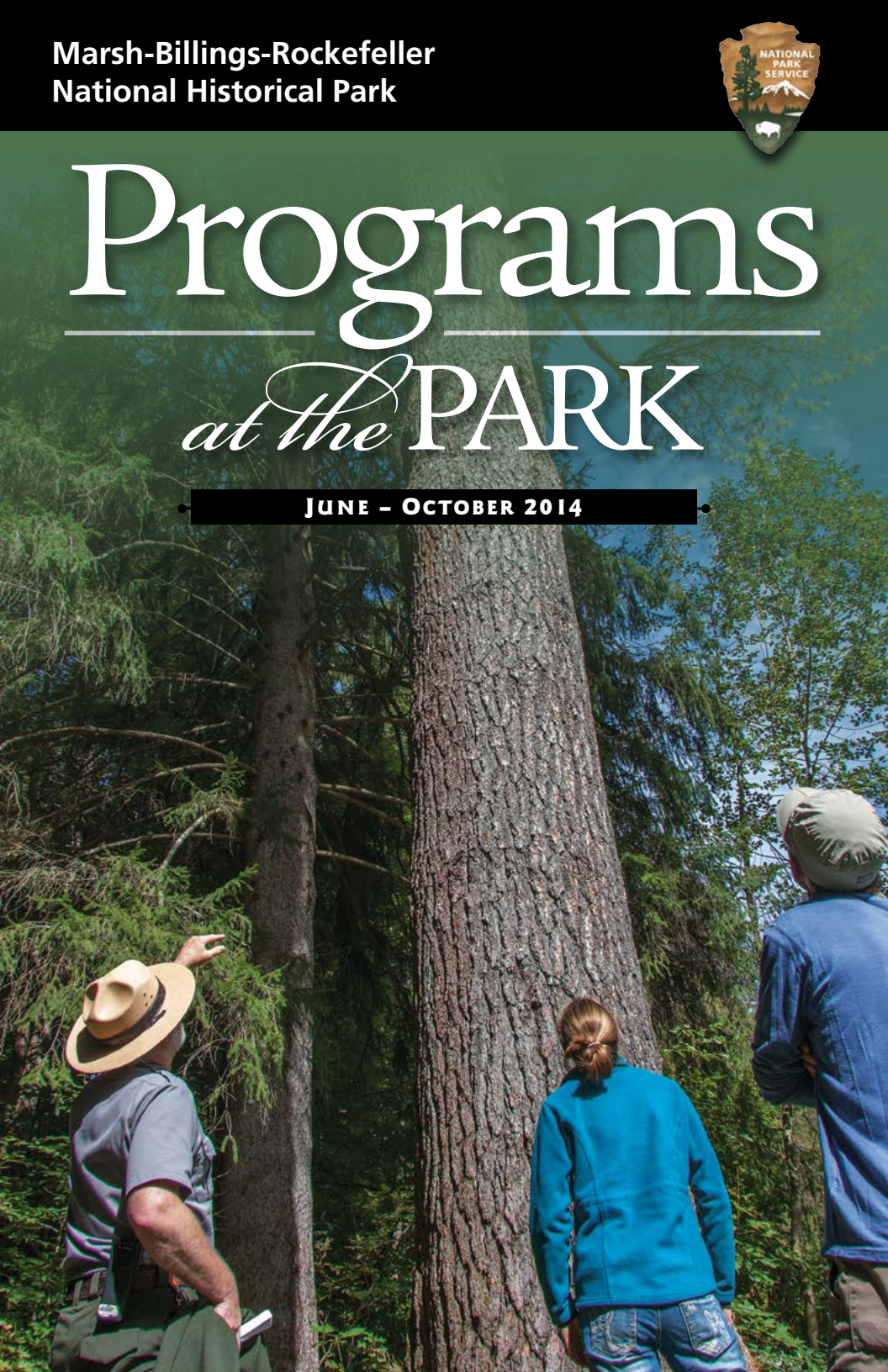
Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller
National Historical Park



Programs

at the PARK

JUNE - OCTOBER 2014





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GETTING HERE

Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park is located in Woodstock, Vermont, adjacent to the Billings Farm & Museum. Parking for the National Historical Park is at the Billings Farm & Museum. Admission to the park is free; fees are charged for some programs. 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: 5302 River Rd. Woodstock, VT 43.63152,-72.51588.

WELCOME TO THE PARK

Begin at the Visitor Center at the Billings Farm & Museum where National Park staff are available to answer questions and help plan your visit. Here you may view the 30-minute film Academy Award® nominee *A Place in the Land*. Follow the walking path across Elm Street (VT 12) to visit the Carriage Barn Visitor Center and explore all the offerings at Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park. For further information, call 802-457-3368 ext 22.



ACCESSIBILITY

The Mansion, Carriage Barn Visitor Center and some of the Carriage Roads at Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller NHP are wheelchair accessible. Accessible parking is available on site by request, or the Billing Farm & Museum. Please ask park staff for assistance on arrival. 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. For further information, call 802-457-3368 ext 22.

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This year marks the 150th anniversary of the publishing of *Man and Nature* written by George Perkins Marsh. *Man and Nature* is considered to be one of the most influential books that reshaped American attitudes toward human relations with the natural world. It was written in the midst of the United States Civil War and at a time when the country was rapidly industrializing and exploiting natural resources. Marsh witnessed environmental degradation in his home state of Vermont and later as a diplomat in Europe. His writings recognized the importance of forging a harmony between nature and humans. He spoke of the necessity of stewardship. “Social life requires communities, organisms that transcend the life span of individuals and attach us to the heritage of our forebears and to the legacy we leave for our descendants.” Marsh was able to look into the future and make a plea for mankind to become good stewards of the land in which we live. When this land was set aside as a National Park it was an expression of faith in the future. It was a pact between generations, a promise from the past to the future. It is our hope that as you experience this National Park, the adjacent Billings Farm & Museum and the working landscape surrounding Woodstock, you take time to reflect on the meaning of conservation and our responsibility for stewardship.



– Michael Creasey, Superintendent



Special Events

** Events are free unless otherwise noted.*



JUNE 7 | *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 hike options and along the way sample delicious, heart-healthy foods from local producers. Family games, crafts, demonstrations, ice cream social, music and more.



JULY 19 | *BioBlitz 2014*

7 AM – SUNSET. Part scientific endeavor, part festival, and part education, the BioBlitz will bring together leading scientists, naturalists and community members of all ages to find and document as many species as possible in one day at the park. Step outside with us and become part of a growing network of “citizen scientists.” Curiosity required, no experience necessary!



JULY 20 & AUGUST 31 *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 local arts organization ArtisTree.

JULY 25 – 27 | *Bookstock*

During this community festival of words celebrating writers and poets of the Green Mountain State, the park will offer special programs and ranger-led tours, including a writing workshop with author John Elder, a Robert Frost poetry walk, and a hiking and writing adventure for young authors.



AUGUST 23

Community Open House & Picnic

10 AM – 2 PM. Taking a cue from the Billings family who regularly hosted summer days of recreation and discovery, the park invites you to join us for family lawn games, art activities, and nature explorations. Special behind the scenes tours will surprise and amaze even our most regular park visitors. Pack a basket for a picnic on the lawn or share afternoon tea with us on the porch.



SEPTEMBER 27 & 28 *Forest Festival Weekend*

Saturday 9:30 AM – 5 PM

Sunday 10 AM – 4:30 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! (Park admis-

sion and activities free.) Visit the Vermont Fine Furniture & Woodworking Festival with more than 50 furniture makers and wood artisans at the Woodstock Union Arena (entrance fee).



OCTOBER 18 | *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’ trail games and learn about the history and ecology of these two iconic hills. Enjoy exhibits, activities, and heart-healthy picnic lunches provided by local restaurants and organizations.

Meet the Artists



Environmental artist and printmaker, Alastair Noble, will return to the park to complete the installation of his forest-inspired poetry log sculptures and ink-washed drawings begun last year. He will be in studio from mid-May to early June, with open studio hours Friday through Sunday. Visit with Alastair to learn more about his craft, or sign up to participate in a

Cyanotype workshop to create beautiful nature prints on light-sensitive paper. His final works for this residency will be on display throughout the park and at local art gallery ArtisTree during this year's Trek to Taste on June 7.

Open Studio: *Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 1 PM – 4 PM, May 16 through June 7*

Cyanotype Printing Workshops: *Sunday May 25 at 1 PM; Saturday, June 7 at 11 AM and 2 PM. Reservations required.*

Alastair Noble,
Poetry Log Sculptures,
September 2013.



Coming in 2014: *Of Land & Local*

Of Land & Local, an art-tourism project will be on display at the Pony Shed Studio this fall. This state-wide exhibition is a partnership with Burlington City Arts and the Vermont State Department of Tourism and Marketing and is designed to inspire dialogue about issues surrounding the Vermont landscape.

For additional details, visit: <http://www.burlingtoncityarts.org/>

Civil War Home Front



Discover what life was like on the home front during the Civil War and the pivotal role that Woodstock played in the Union war effort in Vermont.

Home Front Tour — This two-hour walking tour explores sites within the historic village while offering 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.

App — With photos, videos, and sound clips, this free iPhone App can guide you along the walking tour, whether on foot or virtually.

New Birth of Freedom — Illustrated with photographs from the Woodstock History Center archive and hand-rendered maps, this booklet is an informative companion to help you enjoy the Civil War walking tour at your own pace.

Behind the Scenes with the Park's Curator



Collections Curiosities: From a silver spike driven into the Northern Pacific Railroad to the rare woodblock prints from travels to Japan, the Mansion is full of objects that help to tell the story of the life and times of the Billings and Rockefeller families. Taking care of those artifacts is the work of the park's curator. This one-hour tour will explore the variety of challenges and unusual approaches related to preserving these national heirlooms.

Friday, September 5 and 19, 2 PM

Interested in learning more about the collections? Visit our website to explore online exhibits that highlight the extensive diversity of artifacts found throughout the park

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. \$

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

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.



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 era. 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 — What comes to mind when you think of National Parks: Grand Canyon, Yosemite, Yellowstone? Yes, but there are many more — over 400, actually! Every one of them tells an important part of the story of this country's history and heritage. Join us on Founder's Day to discover some of these hidden treasures and tell us about *your* favorite parks.

Forestry for the Birds — Audubon Vermont, Vermont Coverts and the National Park Service are teaming up to offer this guided walking tour of bird-friendly forestry work. Visit forest stands with recent cutting designed to improve growing conditions for trees and high-quality nesting habitat for bird species.

Horse-logging Demonstration — Visit a horse-logging site in action and learn about the 150-year legacy of forestry on Mt. 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, 6-12 year olds can join a ranger for an exciting 1½ hour hands-on exploration, and earn a Junior Ranger Badge.

July 17 Junior Ranger Safety in the Outdoors

July 24 Art in Nature

July 31 Nature Photography Workshop

August 7 Become a Forester

August 14 Wildlife Scavenger Hunt

August 21 Life in a Log

Self-Guided Junior Ranger Activity Book

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.



School is Out, Camps are In!

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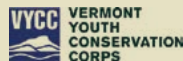
Fun in the Forest Day Camps



Become a "Nature Explorer" through art, music, movement and hands-on play in the forest. A partnership with Artistree/Purple Crayon Productions.

AGES 11-15: AUGUST 4 - 10

Mountains & Rivers Forever: Arts in the Wild Day Camps



Explore Earth, Wind, Fire, and Water through nature-based crafts and explorations on rivers and trails. A partnership with the Vermont Youth Conservation Corps and local teachers.



Daily Tours

Daily Noon-time Special Tours

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



Mansion Tours

One-hour long ranger-led tours of the Mansion are offered daily throughout the season. 10 AM to 4 PM, May 24–October 31. \$8 for adults, \$4 with America the Beautiful pass, \$4 for seniors (62 and older); 15 and younger are free. Please call for reservations and daily schedule: 802-457-3368 ext. 22.

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



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

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 three-hour hike to explore a section of the AT and the history that shaped this landscape. Meet at the Billings Farm & Museum Visitor Center. Co-led by the Green Mountain Club staff. Moderate, three 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 two-hour hike to try your hand at the basics of monitoring birds, salamanders, forest health, and water quality. Meet at Prosper parking lot. Easy, three miles.

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 two-hour hike, see some unique parts of the park and visits stands with active forestry. Meet at Prosper parking lot. Easy, three miles.

Fall Foliage Walk — View vibrant autumn foliage in this two-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 kids' corner 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 during your 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.



Walk for Wellness!

Adding a little physical activity to our day offers health benefits. It helps with weight control, builds stronger bones and muscles, and can even boost your mood and help you sleep better. And, it's fun! The park carriage roads and trails are well suited for recreational walking, health and reflection. Join park staff every Wednesday at 5 PM in June and July for a one-hour walk. For your heart, for your happiness!

Our Partners

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



Augustus Saint-Gaudens, *Diana*, 1892.

Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site

Cornish, New Hampshire

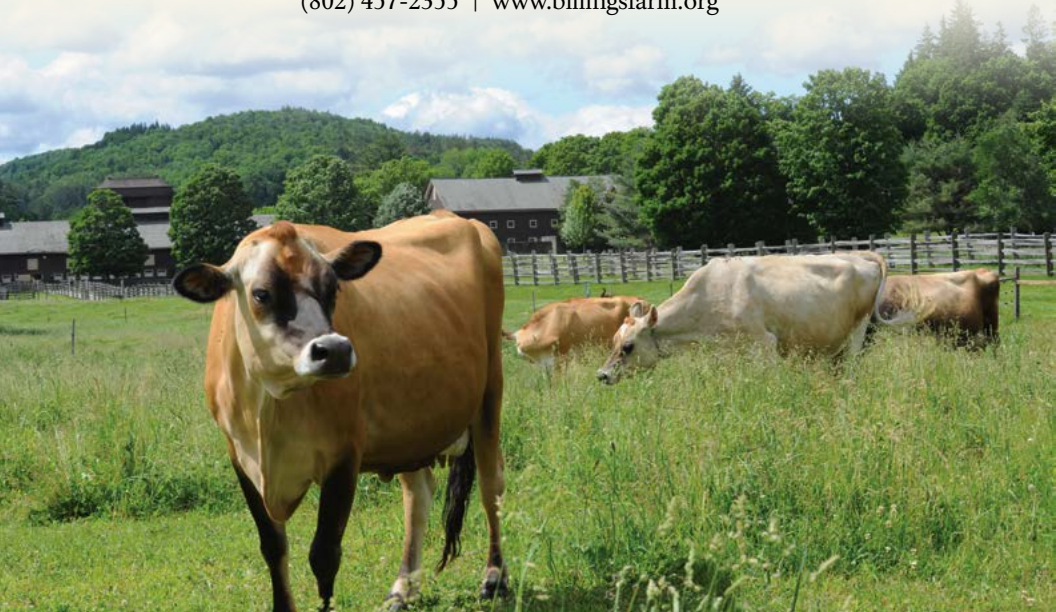
Discover the home, studios and gardens of Augustus Saint-Gaudens, one of America's greatest sculptors. See over 100 of his artworks, from heroic public monuments to expressive portrait reliefs, and the coins that changed the look of the American coin. Enjoy summer concerts, explore nature trails, or indulge your hidden talents during a sculpture class. Saint-Gaudens NHS lies 20 miles south-east of Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller NHP

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Billings Farm & Museum

Billings Farm & Museum 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

May

Sun 25 Cyanotype Workshop 1 PM

June

Sat 7 Trek to Taste 10 AM – 3 PM
Cyanotype Workshop 11 AM & 2 PM
Sat 14 Warblers, Woods, and Watersheds 10 AM
Sat 28 Forestry for the Birds 8:30 AM
Hidden Spaces 10:30 AM
Sun 29 Garden Tour 10:30 AM
Art Tour 2 PM

July

Sat 5 Future of the Forest 10:30 AM
Hidden Spaces 2 PM
Sun 6 Appalachian Trails and Tales 10 AM
Civil War Tour 2 PM
Sat 12 Warblers, Woods, and Watersheds 10 AM
Art Tour 2 PM
Sun 13 Garden Tour 10:30 AM
Spirituality and the Environment 2 PM
Sat 19 Hidden Spaces 10:30 AM
Bioblitz 7 AM – Sunset
Sun 20 Mansion Open House 12 PM – 4 PM
Thurs 24 Bookstock: Hiking and Writing Workshop for youth 9 AM – 3 PM
Fri 25 Bookstock: Writing Workshop featuring John Elder 9 AM – 4 PM
Sat 26 Bookstock: Robert Frost Walk 2 PM

August

Sat 2 Warblers, Woods, and Watersheds 10 AM
Fallout 2 PM
Sun 3 Appalachian Trails and Tales 10 AM
Art Tour 2 PM
Sat 9 Woodstock Summer Fest
Sun 10 Civil War Tour 10:30 AM
Lost Big Trees 2 PM
Sat 16 Hidden Spaces 10:30 AM
Future of the Forest 2 PM
Sun 17 Garden Tour 10:30 AM
Spirituality and the Environment 2 PM
Sat 23 Warblers, Woods, and Watersheds 10 AM
Community Day 10 AM – 2 PM
Mon 25 America's Best Idea 7 PM

August, continued

Sun 24 Garden Tour 10:30 AM
Art Tour 2 PM
Sat 30 Lost Big Trees 10:30 AM
Fallout 2 PM
Sun 31 Mansion Open House 12 PM – 4 PM

September

Mon 1 Hidden Spaces 10:30 AM
Civil War Tour 2 PM
Fri 5 Collections Curiosities 2 PM
Sat 6 Future of the Forest 10:30 AM
Art Festival: Art Tour 2 PM
Sun 7 Appalachian Trails and Tales 10 AM
Art Festival: Art Tour 2 PM
Sat 13 Lost Big Trees 10:30 AM
Garden Tour 2 PM
Sun 14 Hidden Spaces 10:30 AM
Spirituality & the Environment 2 PM
Fri 19 Collections Curiosities 2 PM
Sat 20 Fallout 10 AM
Civil War Tour 2 PM
Sat 27 Forest Festival
Sun 28 Forest Festival

October

Sat 4 Fall Foliage Walk 10:30 AM
Sun 5 Appalachian Trails and Tales 1 AM
Thu 9 Fall Foliage Walk 2 PM
Sat 11 Fall Foliage Walk 10:30 AM
Mon 13 Fall Foliage Walk 10:30 AM
Sat 18 Peak to Peak 10 AM – 2 PM
Sun 19 Hidden Spaces 10:30 AM
Sat 25 Art Tour 2 PM
Sun 26 Spirituality and the Environment 2 PM

Plus:

Artist in Residence Open Studio: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 1 PM – 4 PM, May 16 through June 7

Walk for Wellness: every Wednesday June and July, 5 PM

Junior Ranger Programs: every Thursday July 17 – August 21, 2:30 PM

Come Discover your National Park!



Visit us at: www.nps.gov/mabi

Vermont History Expo *June 21-22*

Bookstock *July 25-27*

Woodstock Summer Fest *August 9*

Woodstock Art Festival *Sept. 6-7*



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