Heritage Walks 2019

The Berkshires and Litchfield County

Appalachian Trail - Courtesy Diane Cote

In Partnership with National Park Service
From Rt 9, in Windsor center, take Rt 8A north to Rt 116 in Savoy, and turn right onto Route 116 heading towards Savoy Center. Drive 1.1 miles through the center of Savoy (you will pass the Savoy General Store, then Windsor Jams State Forest sign). Take your first right after the center of town, onto River Rd (mail boxes and two houses on each corner). Cross the bridge over the river and go immediately to your right, uphill - this is Griffin Hill Rd. If using a GPS, type in Griffin Hill Road, Savoy, to get to the beginning of this road (there is a small “Tamarack Hollow” sign on a post). Continue up this road (turns to dirt) for about 1 mile until it ends at a “road closed” sign (you are now on Savoy Hollow Road, Windsor). Turn around in the driveway of #1515 or #1516 and park along the road facing north (or in the driveway of #1516) - Tamarack Hollow Nature & Cultural Center.

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To register: rwendell@TNC.org or call 413-229-0232.
GPS 42.081399, -73.378350

From Rt 7 in Sheffield center, turn onto Berkshire School Rd. Take a left onto Salisbury Rd; and after 1 mile, turn left on Barnum St. and drive 1.3 miles.

2 - Windsor/Savoy, MA 9:30 AM - 12 NOON BOREAL SPRUCE-FIR FOREST PLANT, TREE & WILD EDIBLE HIKE AT THE TAMARACK HOLLOW NATURE CENTER

This hike, led by naturalist and Tamarack Hollow director, Aimee Gelinas, will feature the unique high elevation flora of the boreal forest, including tips for tree, plant and wild edible identification. Hike is free (donations are accepted for support of the nature center). Supported by the Windsor Cultural Council and the Central Berkshire Fund. 2.5 hours - 2 miles.
Registration required: email aimee@gaiaroots.com

3 & 30 - Pittsfield, MA 10 AM - 12:30 PM URBAN MILL HISTORY TRAIL OF PITTSFIELD IN THE 1800's

Join John Dickson, from the Berkshire County Historical Society, for a historic walk through north Pittsfield along the Housatonic River and its tributary, Onota Brook. We will pass the buildings and remnants of 7 “major and once thriving” mills to examine the connection between the flowing water and industrial activity in the 1800’s. Take a step back in time to find the buildings that are Pittsfield’s history and hear about their origins and our ancestors who worked in them. Most of the walk will be on sidewalks/paved areas. These were the factories that drove Pittsfield’s economy, and enticed thousands of workers and their families to come to Pittsfield in search of a better life. 2 hours - 4 miles.

Meet at the Pontoosuc Lake boat ramp on Hancock Road. Take Rt 7 to the southern edge of the lake, and turn onto Hancock Road. Boat Ramp parking lot is on the right just past the dam.
GPS 42.484521, -73.247158
4 - Lee, MA
TOUR OF HISTORIC HIGH LAWN FARM, OUR JERSEY COWS, ROBOTIC MILKING & MUSEUM

Nationally recognized High Lawn Farm has been in continuous operation since the late 1800’s. We are the last remaining, intact dairy farm in the Berkshires- producing, bottling and delivering our own milk- representing over 100 years in the same family. Certain families in the present herd of cows trace direct lineage across 15 generations to the original herd of 1918. Join Roberto Laurens on a walking tour of our dairy operation, the barns and museum. 1 hour - 1/4 mile.

535 Summer St., Lee, MA. From the center of Lee, where Rt 7 crosses the Housatonic River, turn onto Summer St. and drive 1.5 miles. GPS 42.3173, -73.4768

5 - Sharon, CT
HIKE TO THE SUMMIT OF THE MARY MOORE PRESERVE

Hike to the summit of the Mary Moore Preserve, with the Sharon Land Trust, to take in a 30 mile view, including Bear Mountain, Mount Everett, and Mount Greylock. This is a moderate hike with some up’s and down’s. 2 hours - 2 miles.

Meet at Williams Road Parking Area - at the corner of Route 41 and Williams Road - just a bit north of the Sharon Town Green. GPS 41.8793, -73.3058

6 - Lenox, MA
HISTORIC LENOX VILLAGE WALKING TOUR VISUALIZING 250 YEARS OF HISTORY

Join Lucy Kennedy, from the Lenox Historical Society, for a tour of the village of Lenox, where we will view buildings from the Revolutionary War to the Gilded Age resort era on Main and Church Streets. 1 hour - 0.5 mile.

Meet at the Lenox Historical Society, 65 Main Street, Lenox GPS 42.3565, -73.2848

7 - Stockbridge, MA
CHESTERWOOD: AN ARTIST’S LANDSCAPE

Explore the landscape of the home, studio and gardens of famous public sculptor, Daniel Chester French, who designed and sculpted the gardens and walkways after European estates. Learn about the mechanics that went into building a "Berkshire cottage" on this tour with Gerard Blache. NOTE: Does not include an interior tour. 1 hour - 0.5 mile.

From Stockbridge, drive west on Rt 102, turn left on Rt 183. At 0.25 mile past the Norman Rockwell Museum, turn right onto Mohawk Lake Road, then left onto Willow St., which becomes Williamsville Rd., just before reaching Chesterwood.

Meet at the Barn Gallery. GPS 42.284896, -73.352277

8 - Stockbridge, MA
A LEISURELY, PLEASANT STROLL OVER LAUREL HILL 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, which is handicap accessible. Wear sensible walking shoes. 1.5 hours - 1.5 miles.

Meet at the Stockbridge Town Offices building at 50 Main St., at the 'Town Offices' sign. GPS 42.281649, -73.305837

9 - Monterey, MA
A WOODLAND HIKE FROM GOULD FARM TO THE BERKSHIRE NATIONAL FISH HATCHERY

In the early 1900’s, life wasn’t easy for William and Agnes Gould and their guests living and working on their new farm in Monterey. Today, 105 years later, Gould Farm is a thriving psychiatric rehabilitation program, thanks to their original vision and perseverance. Lisa Lewis and Bob Rausch will talk about Gould Farm's history, mission, and connection to the land as you begin
your walk along the forested trails behind the Harvest Barn Bakery.

The second half of the walk will be led by Tom Mendelsohn, Berkshire Fish Hatchery Board Member. He will take you on a tour of the historic property, where, for over a century, hundreds of thousands of fish have been cultured in a pristine aquifer that supplies a system of beautiful, natural pools with 200 gallons of water per minute. Van service back to Gould Farm will be provided. Rain or shine. Bring drink, snack, sunscreen, bug repellant. 2 hours - 3 miles.

From Rt 102 in Lee, at the traffic light at Big Y, take Tyringham Rd and drive 5.5 miles south, then turn right on to Monterey Rd and drive 4 miles to Rt 23 in Monterey center. At Rt 23, turn right, and drive 2 miles, then turn left onto Curtis Rd and drive 0.5 mile to Gould Rd. Turn left and continue to the 2nd driveway, to the Harvest Barn OR From the traffic light junction of Rts 7 & 23 in Gt. Barrington- Take Rt 23 east and drive 6.2 miles and turn right onto Curtis Rd and drive 0.5 mile to Gould Rd, then turn left and continue to the 2nd driveway, to the Harvest Barn.

GPS 42.174770, -73.241113

10 - Mount Washington, MA 2 PM - 4 PM rain date 9/8
THE VIEW FROM "THE DOME"
HIKE AT MOUNT EVERETT STATE RESERVATION

The Dome, also known as Mount Everett, has figured prominently both in the landscape and history of the southern Berkshires. Notable scientists and luminaries have chronicled their impressions of this place. Follow in their footsteps as we ascend to the top of The Dome for a sweeping view of the Housatonic River Valley and into New York State.

Join Alec Gillman of the Department of Conservation and Recreation for a rigorous hike up the Appalachian Trail to the summit of Mount Everett (a 500 foot elevation gain over 0.7 mile). Along the way we will dip into the past, recounting some of these colorful stories, and allow for the opportunity to create your own impressions of The Dome. Wear comfortable, sturdy walking boots/shoes, hiking poles, appropriate clothing for weather, insect repellent, plenty of drink/snack. 2 hours - 1.4 miles round-trip.

Mount Everett State Reservation - approximately 123 East Street, Mount Washington, MA, is 7.5 miles from the intersection of MA Routes 23 and 41 in South Egremont; or 5.4 miles from NY Route 22 in Copake, NY, via NY route 344. Look for the State Reservation sign. Then follow the dirt Mount Everett Road for 2 miles uphill, past Guilder Pond, to the Appalachian Trail parking lot.

GPS: 42.106535, -73.4365745

11, 32, 49, 66 - Gt. Barrington, MA 10 AM - 11 AM
AN INTERPRETIVE STROLL ON THE HOUSATONIC RIVER WALK - BERKSHIRES' NATIONAL RECREATION TRAIL

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GPS 42.193751, -73.359233

12 - Lenox, MA 10 AM - 12 PM
WALK BACK IN TIME TO THE BERKSHIRES GILDED AGE HISTORY AT KENNEDY PARK

Enjoy a hike through Kennedy Park to discover who some of the first inhabitants were and imagine going back in time to the Golden Age Era. Lenox truly has a unique treasure right in the middle of town with magnificent views of Mount Greylock to the north, and
Berkshire Natural Resources Council). Hike leaders, Highlands Footpath volunteer Meredyth Babcock, Mariah Auman from BNRC, and Alec Gillman from the Mass Dept. of Conservation & Recreation, will take you for a hiking sampler of the start of the newly proposed 40-mile "Highlands Footpath", on the scenic Gorge Trail uphill to Felton Pond, to an overlook of the scenic valley below.

We will discover forgotten rustic features built by the CCC some 80 years ago and hear stories about October Mountain State Forest. The CCC, a "New Deal program" during the 1930s Great Depression, improved public parks and forests. The program inspired a recreational heritage that we still enjoy today and one that we are expanding on through the development of this new long distance footpath from Lee, through Becket, Chester, Worthington, Chesterfield and Cummington to the DAR State Forest in Goshen.

Learn about the Highlands Footpath, a joint effort of the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, The Trustees of Reservations, The Nature Conservancy, the Westfield Wild & Scenic River Committee and local trail groups. An uphill hike with a 700' elevation gain. Wear sturdy footwear, appropriate clothing for weather, bring lunch and drink. 4 hours - 3 miles.

To Register: jg_chague@hotmail.com OR 413-637-1818. Meet in the parking lot at the Arcadian Shop on Route 7/20, Lenox, MA (north of Lenox Ctr). GPS 42.382866, -73.278640

13 - Becket, MA 10 AM - 12 PM EXPLORING THE BECKET LAND TRUST'S HISTORIC QUARRY & FOREST

Enjoy a leisurely hike to explore the historic quarry with Becket Land Trust founders, Ken and Ann Smith. Learn about granite quarrying from 1850-1950's. Witness the quarry, now filled with water, surrounded by stands of beautiful white birch trees and the standing wooden derrick and winches. Hear how the Trust saved this property for recreation and developed miles of hiking trails. Wear sturdy footwear & bring drink/snack. 2 hours - 2 to 3 miles.

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 42.251165, -73.020148

14 - Lee, MA 10 AM - 2 PM HIKE THE FIRST SECTION OF THE PROPOSED "HIGHLANDS FOOTPATH" & CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS (CCC) IN OCTOBER MT. STATE FOREST

Join us for a hike on the proposed new-trail partnership between the "Highlands Footpath" & "The High Road" (an initiative of the Catskills to the west.

The late Hotel Aspinwall was built in 1902 on the ledges at an altitude of 1,460 feet. This leviathan was touted as “Hotel Beautiful” with many famous people sojourning to its splendor. After the fire of 1931, all that is left are some cellar holes and skeletal remains of what had been a glorious era. Jan Chague, of the Lenox Historical Society, invites you to join her on this moderate hike as we meander back into history at this lovely, colorful time of the year. Wear sturdy foot and bring snack/drink. Rain will cancel. 2 hours - 3 miles.

To Register: jg_chague@hotmail.com OR 413-637-1818. Meet in the parking lot at the Arcadian Shop on Route 7/20, Lenox, MA (north of Lenox Ctr). GPS 42.382866, -73.278640
15 - Dalton, MA 1 PM - 3 PM
NATURAL AND CULTURAL HISTORY OF WAHCONAH FALLS

This hike, led by Naturalist and Tamarack Hollow Nature and Cultural Center Director Aimee Gelinas, will weave through hemlock groves and glacial erratics and along a cascading brook and falls. Learn to identify trees and plants along the way and visit the remnants of the Booth Talc Mill that once utilized the brook for power and learn about its fascinating history. Hike is free (donations accepted to support the Nature and Cultural Center). Supported by the Dalton Cultural Council & the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation - Berkshire Environmental Endowment Fund. www.tamarackhollownatureanculturalcenter.org
2 hours - 2 miles.

Registration required: aimee@gaiaroots.com. For directions to Wahconah Falls, visit: https://www.mass.gov/locations/wahconah-falls-state-park GPS 42.489304, -73.11492

16 - Gt. Barrington, MA 1 PM - 3 PM
THE 1890's GREAT BARRINGTON OF BLACK ENTREPRENEURS JASON & ALMIRA COOLEY

Join Bernard Drew, from the Gt. Barrington Historical Society for this walking tour. The Cooleys were in domestic service to the Bigelow family on Main Street in the 1870s. They were popular cooks at the annual Housatonic Agricultural Society fair and came to own a succession of restaurants on Main Street in the 1880s and ‘90s.

They had the first Black bed-and-breakfast in South Berkshire. They built one of the first homes in the Brooklyn section of town; and they knew W.E.B. Du Bois. Jason was a founding trustee of Clinton A.M.E. Zion Church. Two of their homes and several business locations still survive today. Note: Does not include a tour of the church interior, which is currently under reconstruction.
2 hours - 1.5 miles.

Start at the Clinton A.M.E. Zion Church, Elm Court, off of Main St. in the center of Gt. Barrington. From Main St., turn onto Elm St. (located between Berkshire Bank and Carr Hardware). Drive just a bit on Elm St. and then to Elm Court on the right.
GPS 42.1960679, -73.3624538

17, 54 - Sheffield, MA 1:30 PM - 4 PM
A GENTLE WALK ON THE SHAYS REBELLION SECTION OF THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL

Join Appalachian Mountain Club leader, Bess Dillman, for a walk starting at the monument commemorating the last battle of Shay’s Rebellion in 1787, then walk through fields, hardwood forests and across a swampy area on a boardwalk to the railroad tracks and Rt 7. The trail is uneven with roots and rocks; however, this section is one of the flattest sections on the AT and is a lovely walk through a variety of habitats. Wear sturdy footwear.
4 miles - 2.5 hours.

From Rt 7 in Sheffield - Driving south on Rt 7, drive 2.2 miles from the Big Y store in Gt. Barrington and take a right onto Lime Kiln Road and drive 1 mile and turn right. You will immediately see the monument on the right and AT parking area on the left. From Rt 23/41 in Egremont - take Sheffield Road and drive for 1.7 miles to the AT parking area on the right and the Shay's Rebellion marker on the left. GPS 42.146643, -73.386013

18 - Lenox, MA 2 PM - 3 PM
WALKING TOUR OF THE CHURCH ON THE HILL CEMETERY-GENERALS, JUDGES, WRITERS & ORDINARY HEROES

Join Lucy Kennedy, from the Lenox Historical Commission, for a tour of the Lenox Church on the Hill Cemetery; which dates back to 1771 and includes town founders, Revolutionary War heroes and others with interesting histories to tell. 1 hour - <0.5 mile.
To register: lenoxhistory@gmail.com

Meet at 169 Main St., Lenox Church on the Hill parking lot (corner of Greenwood & Main St.). GPS 42.3565, -73.2848
19 - Washington, CT 2 PM - 3 PM
STEP BACK IN TIME: NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE WALK AT THE INSTITUTE FOR AMERICAN INDIAN STUDIES

Archaeologist, Dr. Lucianne Lavin will lead a walk along the museum’s trails and end at a replicated 16th century Algonkian village. Glimpse into the history and culture of the local Pootatuck tribal peoples, learn about their medicinal plants, and hear of their community life and spirituality. Wear sturdy footwear. NOTE: Does not include a tour of the museum interior, which, for a fee, can be arranged before or after the free Heritage Walk. 1 hour - <1 mile.

To register: 860-868-0518 or email general@iaismuseum.org
Drive on Rt 67 towards Roxbury. Turn onto Rt 199 and follow for 2 miles, then turn onto Curtis Road and drive to the end.
IAIS is the last driveway on the right. Meet inside the gift shop.
GPS 41.610699, -73.325217

20 - Pittsfield, MA 2 PM - 3:30 PM
GEOLOGY OF HANCOCK SHAKER VILLAGE

Spend an afternoon, with John Parker, walking around historic Hancock Shaker Village, exploring the rocks, stones, landforms, evidence of glaciation and out on the Farm & Forest Trail, where you’ll look for evidence of glaciation, quarries, and other secrets of the earth. 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 - approx. 2 miles.

To register: 413-443-0188 x-0 or info@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 42.430911, -73.340498

21 - Becket/Chester, MA 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM
HISTORY HIKE TO THE KEYSTONE ARCHES RAILROAD BRIDGES A MOST MAGNIFICENT ENGINEERING FEAT BUILT IN THE 1840’s!

Join David Pierce, from the Friends of the Keystone Arches, for a hike to the keystone arch railway bridges. On the drive to the start of hike, experience the historic, unspoiled, naturally beautiful drive over Jacob’s Ladder Trail Scenic Byway. Built in 1800, this road was the first mountain road crossing built for automobiles through the rugged countryside, eventually helping open “the West” for settlement.

The hike is on moderate terrain to see the awe-inspiring historic keystone arch railroad bridges, the first ever built in America, in 1840. They are impressive, breath-taking structures! 70 feet high, brilliantly revealing their ancestry in the great cathedrals of ancient Rome. Wear sturdy footwear. Bring drink/lunch.
3.5 hours - 5 miles.

To register: dpiercedlp@aol.com or 413-354-7752.
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 42.430547, -72.978600

22 - Pittsfield, MA 10 AM - 11 AM
TOUR OF THE HISTORIC COLONIAL THEATRE

Bill Munn will take you on a journey through the history of the gilded age Colonial Theatre, as he shares with you 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 tour. Located at 111 South St., just north of the junction of Rts 7 & 20 in the center of Pittsfield. Wear sensible walking shoes for walking through 3 floor levels. We do have elevator access.
GPS 42.446224, -73.254028
23 - Hinsdale, MA 10 AM - 11 AM
FROM MOUNTAIN TOP TO THE HEADWATERS OF THE HOUSATONIC RIVER - A POWERPOINT PRESENTATION ON THE HISTORY OF HINSDALE

Enjoy an indoor PowerPoint presentation with Peter White, as he shows the history of Hinsdale’s migrating town centers, the mills and dams, the eventual use of the Housatonic River, and the development of the town center after the railroad came through town. 1 hour. To register: email - PepaWhite@aol.com

Hinsdale Town Hall, 39 South Street Hinsdale, MA
GPS 42.4376711, -73.12283579

24 - Cornwall, CT 10 AM - 11:30 AM
WALK THE CORNWALL TRINITY RIVERSIDE TRAIL

Walk with Johan Winsser, from the Cornwall Conservation Trust, on a quiet, level, shady trail through varying woodlands, along the Housatonic River, and with old stone works at the end. The old river road used to connect the villages of West Cornwall and Cornwall Bridge, until the railroad was built in 1842 and it fell into diminished use. 1.5 hours - 2.8 miles.

From Rt 7 in West Cornwall, drive through the West Cornwall covered bridge, and take the first right onto Lower River Road and drive through the Trinity Retreat Center, and park at the little parking lot at the END of the road.

From the South - follow Route 7 North to Cornwall Bridge, then bear RIGHT on to Route 4 EAST. In about 3.5 miles, turn LEFT on to Route 125 (Grange Hall Road). In 1.3 miles, continue straight on to Route 128 WEST to West Cornwall. At the Covered Bridge, turn LEFT on to Lower River Road, drive through the Trinity Retreat Center, and park at the little parking lot at the END of the road. GPS 41.866844, -73.366267

25 - Gt. Barrington, MA 10 AM - 11:30 AM
SKETCH LIKE AN ARCHITECT - DRAWING GT. BARRINGTON

Join Nick Greene for a crash course in observing and drawing some of Great Barrington’s favorite landmarks as an architect does. Nick will show participants how much better they can understand and appreciate architecture when they draw their surrounding built environment. He’ll even throw in some exciting historical facts and stories along the way! Participants should wear walking shoes and bring along a sketchbook and drawing utensil of choice (pen or pencil are fine).

Meet at the stone monument in front of the Gt. Barrington Town Hall, 334 Main St. GPS 42.1937862, -73.3638237

26 - So. Egremont, MA 10 AM - 12 NOON
TOUR OF APRIL HILL CONSERVATION AND EDUCATION CENTER - A 1744 FARMSTEAD

Join Greenagers director, Will Conklin, for a tour of the historic house and the 100-acre property of April Hill Conservation and Education Center (the former Kellogg Conservation Center that was owned by the Appalachian Trail Conservancy). Easy level walking/hiking. 2 hours - < 1 mile.

To register: office@greenagers.org
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. From the south: from Salisbury, CT, drive 12 miles on Rt 41. GPS 42.154564, -73.420702

27 - Falls Village, CT 11 AM - 12 NOON
WALKING TOUR OF HISTORIC FALLS VILLAGE

The Falls Village-Canaan Historical Society will host a walking history tour of Falls Village that will begin at the Depot, 44 Railroad Street. Arrive early to browse the Museum at the Depot. The walk will be an easy walk around town. Also, don’t miss the Great Falls when you are in town. Meet at the Falls Village Depot at 44 Railroad Street, Falls Village. GPS 41.953487, -73.364268
28 - Gt. Barrington, MA 1 PM - 2 PM & 2 PM - 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, from the Friends of the W.E.B. Du Bois National Historic Site, for an interpretive tour on a level woods trail, leading to the foundation of Du Bois' boyhood home, the first destination in the U.S. to tell the story of his life and legacy. 1 hour - <0.5 mile. Recommend insect repellant. website -www.duboisnhs.org

Meet at the DuBois Homesite (at 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 42.177022, -73.394301

29 - Pittsfield/Hancock, MA 1 PM - 4 PM
HISTORY WALK ON THE HANCOCK SHAKER VILLAGE "SHAKER TRAIL"

Hike the Shaker Trail from Hancock Shaker Village, to the Hancock North Family Site and to Mount Sinai, a spiritual “feast ground” for the Shaker community. Hike will include stops at remains of mill sites, of the North Family dwelling site (active from 1821-1867), and the summit of the mountain, where the Shakers held special celebratory services twice a year in the mid-19th century. Moderate to strenuous hike. NOTE: This walk does not include general admission to the Village.

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31 - Stockbridge, MA 10 AM - 11 AM
SCULPTING THE LAND: DANIEL CHESTER FRENCH'S ARTIST-DESIGNED LANDSCAPE AT CHESTERWOOD

This easy walk will lead through the various designed landscape at Chesterwood including the house environs, formal gardens and woodland walks. Ms. Balint will point out design features created by French while living at Chesterwood and place his efforts in the greater context of artists-designed landscapes throughout the country.

Each participant will leave with a list of other grounds available for walking that are part of preserved artists’ sites. Participants will go into the historic house and studio with the walk leader, for a short intro to these buildings and how they related to the landscape. 1.5 hours - 2 miles.
34 - Stockbridge, MA 11 AM - 12 NOON
A GUIDED TOUR OF THE MISSION HOUSE

In the mid-1730s, the Mohicans living in western Massachusetts gave permission for a young minister to live among them. The Rev. John Sergeant lived in a simple cabin until he built the Mission House c.1742. Now located on Main Street in Stockbridge, this National Historic Landmark, the story of the Mission House holds a multi-layered history: the Stockbridge Experiment, when the Stockbridge Mohicans lived side-by-side with English colonists, and the Colonial Revival restoration by Mable Choate and Fletcher Steele in the late 1920's.

The Mission House also showcases an outstanding collection of 18th-century American furniture and decorative arts.

Meet at the Barn Gallery. GPS 42.339157, -73.28927

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33 - Hancock, MA 10 AM - 12 NOON
HIKE ON THE TACONIC CREST TRAIL - FROM LEBANON MT. ROAD/RT 20 TO TWIN PONDS, PITTSFIELD STATE FOREST

Hike from the southern terminus of the 37-mile long Taconic Crest Trail to Twin Pond (in Pittsfield State Forest), one of the many reservoirs built by the Shakers. This is an out and back ridge walk through a hemlock and hardwood forest with some short steeper sections. Learn about the Taconic Hiking Club and why the Taconic region and this trail are so important to efforts to preserve larger intact forested areas. Bring snack/drink. 2 hours - 3 miles.

To register: kcoyross@aol.com OR 518-794-7474. From Pittsfield take Rt. 20 west beyond Hancock Shaker Village and continue 0.5 mile to the top of Lebanon Mountain. Before the descent begins and at the height of land, pull into the large pullover parking area on the right. The trailhead begins in the break in the fence.

35 - Lanesborough, MA 1 PM - 2 PM
BALANCE ROCK AND ITS PREHISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE ON HERMAN MELVILLE'S WRITING

Join Peter Bergman, from the Berkshire County Historical Society at Herman Melville's Arrowhead Museum, for this walk at Balance Rock State Park. In 1851, Melville and his neighbor Sarah Morewood went to the already famous Balance Rock in Lanesborough to experience the rock's influence. What emerged was a historic event for him which he used in his next novel. See and experience both the modern and ice-age sense of place, then wander the wondrous woods to your heart's content. 1 hour - < 1 mile.

To register: email - pbergman89@aol.com or 413-442-1793, ext. 14. Drive north on Wahconah St., Pittsfield, to the traffic light at Peck's Road and follow it past the lake until you come to the sign for Balance Rock State Park. Turn left and park in the lot.

GPS 42.508451837, -73.2651389
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 - 0.5 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, turn onto Housatonic River Road. GPS 41.963895, -73.372007

37 - Great Barrington, MA 1 PM - 3:00 PM AN EXPLORATION OF POLLINATOR PLANTS & OTHER BENEFICIAL PLANTS AT THE McALLISTER WILDLIFE PRESERVE

Join Devan Arnold of Sassafras Land Care and the Great Barrington Agricultural Commission on a guided plant walk at the McAllister Wildlife Refuge in Great Barrington. He will be leading participants on a botanical meet-and-greet through high open meadows, low-lying vegetated wetlands, mixed woodlands and ultimately to the banks of the Green River.

The exploration will focus on plant and pollinator relationships as well as the ecological role played by so-called ‘weed species’. The walk will take the main trail from the Parking area on Haley Rd. covering 0.85 miles each way and is estimated to take 2 hours. The trail is of a moderate incline, descending a total of 247 vertical feet from parking area to river. From Main St., in the center of Gt. Barrington, take Castle St. and drive uphill for 0.9 mile. Then take a left onto Haley Road and drive 0.5 mile to the Park. Park along the side of the road. GPS 42.1959, -73.3621

Saturdays - September 21, 2019

36, 68 - Salisbury, CT 1 PM - 2 PM CANNON AT 20 PACES! THE RISE AND FALL OF THE AMES IRON WORKS

38 - Great Barrington, MA 9 AM - 2 PM CANOE PADDLING TRIP ON THE HOUSATONIC RIVER FROM GREAT BARRINGTON TO SHEFFIELD

Join Alison Dixon from the Housatonic Valley Association, for this paddling trip on the Housatonic River through farms and forest, with an eye to the sky for migrating raptors as you paddle. Enjoy a day of river exploration. We’ll paddle from Bridge Street, Great Barrington to the Covered Bridge in Sheffield, stopping for lunch on a sandbar where the Green River joins the Housatonic. This meandering stretch of the Housatonic River is mostly calm with occasional quick water and downed trees to negotiate around.

This trip is suitable for families with children 10+ years. Participants will need to bring lunch/drinks. Canoes, paddles and pfd’s are provided. You can register to bring your own canoe / kayak. HVA will coordinate shuttling of participants’ cars to ensure everyone gets back to their vehicle at the end of the trip. 5 hours - 7 miles of paddling.

Registration is Required - 413-394-9796 or email - adixon@hvatoday.org Directions and additional trip information will be provided upon the completion of registration.

39 - Stockbridge, MA 10 AM -11 AM TOUR HISTORIC NEW ENGLAND’S MERWIN HOUSE AND HEAR THE STORY OF ITS PAST AND PRESENT

Get to know the Merwin House - a guided tour of the house and learn the history of the owners, past and present. 1 hour.

Meet at 14 Main Street (0.25 mile west from The Red Lion Inn). Parking along the side of the road. GPS 42.2831277, -73.3170488
you interpret the natural history of the Berkshires or any other region. 2 hours -1 mile. Pre-registration is required.

To register: 413-637-0320.

From Rt 7/20 in Lenox, take West Dugway Road (which is located a very short distance north of the Arcadian Shop). Drive to West Mountain Rd and take a left and drive 1.5 miles to Pleasant Valley Sanctuary. Pre-registration is required (register on their website) - https://www.massaudubon.org/get-outdoors/program-catalog#program:sanctuary=15:program_code=61779. GPS 42.382612, -73.298812

43 - Monterey, MA 10 AM - 12:30 PM
RETRACING NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORIES ON THE LANDSCAPE AT THE BIDWELL HOUSE

Retrace the steps of the Native Americans, specifically the local Stockbridge Band of the Mohican Tribe, who lived and hunted in this area for thousands of years. Join Rob Hoogs and the Bidwell House for an exploration of the 16th century Native American landscape on a new interpretive trail highlighting the Native Americans’ use and management of the woodlands; with displays and re-creations of a hunting village, medicinal herbs, the “Three Sisters,” maple sugaring and archaeology.

To register: email - bidwellhouse@gmail.com or call 413-528-6888. Wear sturdy footwear, and bring snack/drink. 2.5 hours - 2 miles. NOTE: Does not include a tour of the museum interior, which, for a fee, can be arranged after the free Heritage Walk.

From Monterey center, take Tyringham Rd. for 1.5 miles, and take a left onto Art School Rd. and drive 1 mile to the end; OR From the traffic light at Big Y in Lee, take Tyringham Rd and drive 5.5 miles, take a right onto Monterey Rd and drive for 2.3 miles, then take a right on Art School Rd. and drive 1 mile to the end. GPS 42.208681, -73.218325
To register: email - mauman@bnrc.org OR call 413-499-0596.
Meet at the trailhead parking area on Gulf Road, Dalton. Take Rt 8/9 east from the center of Pittsfield. Take a left onto Park Avenue, passing Craneville School. Take a left onto Gulf Road. Park at the pull-off on the left, opposite the parking for the Appalachian Trail.

GPS: 42.4816, -73.1783

46 - West Stockbridge, MA 10:30 AM - 12 NOON
NEIGHBORHOODS OF WEST STOCKBRIDGE - 19TH CENTURY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

West Stockbridge was at its peak in the late 1800’s with the quarries, mines, and kilns in full production. Join Robert Salerno and Barbara Dowling, from the West Stockbridge Historical Society, for a walking tour of our downtown commercial district, where many of the buildings are the same as they were back then - but the businesses are all different. Reception at the Old Town Hall to follow.
1.5 hours - 0.5 mile.

To register: info@weststockbridgehistory.org OR call 413-232-5055.
Meet at the Old Town Hall, 9 Main Street, West Stockbridge. GPS 42.3341559, -73.3667459

47 - Richmond, MA 1 PM - 2:30 PM
HIKE TO THE UNIQUE GEOLOGIC FEATURE KNOWN AS "THE RICHMOND BOULDER TRAIN"

Join Bill Edwards, from the Richmond Historical Society, for a walk to see and learn about The Richmond Boulder Train - a unique, famous geologic feature that was identified by Dr. Stephen Reed. In 1842, he identified a line of large, erratic boulders stretching through the Richmond landscape, recognizing that they did not fit in with their surrounding geology, and theorizing that the movement of these large boulders could only have occurred by some great force and that the boulders extended from the source point just over the border in NY state.
Presenting his findings at a national conference, he triggered a trans-Atlantic debate on the boulders origin. Reed proposed glacial transport while other geologists argued icebergs and tsunamis. In the 1870’s, Reed’s “theory of continental glaciation” was finally accepted by the scientific community. He and the Richmond countryside were instrumental toward understanding the process of continental glaciation. Wear sturdy footwear and insect repellent. 1 mile - 1.5 hours.

To register: email - wedwards44@hotmail.com or 413-698-3458. Meet at BNRC's Hollow Fields property, located off Rt 41 in Richmond, 1 mile north of the junction of Rts 295 & 41. From Pittsfield, take Rt 20 to the junction of Rt 41 (at the Hancock Shaker Village). Drive south on Rt 41 for 2.4 miles to Perry's Peak Rd/Greenmeads Farm sign on the right and drive up Perry's Peak Rd for 0.3 miles to Hollow Fields parking on the left. OR, from West Stockbridge, drive north on Rt 41 for 5.8 miles to Perry's Peak Rd /Greenmeads Farm sign on the right and drive up Perry's Peak Rd for 0.3 miles to Hollow Fields parking on the left. GPS 42.4068, -73.3654

48 - Falls Village, CT 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM
AMERICAN CHESTNUTS: LOST & FOUND

Join Ellery Sinclair and friends for a walk in a 300-planting American chestnut orchard at Great Mountain Forest. 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 landscape. Wear sturdy footwear. 1 hour - 1/4 mile.

To register: 860-824-7454 or WML61@comcast.net.

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. GPS 41.943218, -73.283060

49 - Gt. Barrington, MA 10 AM - 11 AM
AN INTERPRETIVE STROLL ON THE HOUSATONIC RIVER WALK - BERKSHIRES' NATIONAL RECREATION TRAIL

Join the Greenagers on a tour of this designated National Recreation Trail that follows the Housatonic River as it flows behind Main St. Incredible volunteer efforts removed 400 tons of debris from the river and developed a trail that respects nature and reveals the river's beauty. Learn of the historic, cultural and ecological significance of the river. 1 hour - 0.5 mile.

Meet at the Du Bois River Garden Park at Church St. and River St. The River Walk is located in the heart of Great Barrington. Parking is located off of Rt 7, on Bridge St., behind the Searles Bryant building (across the street from Memorial Field). GPS 42.193751, -73.359233

50 - Stockbridge, MA 10:00 AM - 11:30 PM
A LEISURELY 17-MILE COMMUNITY BIKE RIDE IN STOCKBRIDGE & HOUSATONIC

Join Marie Raftery and Buck Smith, from the Stockbridge Bike Group, for a supported, loop bike ride from the Town Offices in Stockbridge. Ride on scenic roads, by the Berkshire Botanical Garden and along the Housatonic River, through the Town of Housatonic and on to Taft Farm, a family farm with an acclaimed bakery. We will make a short stop there. This is a ride for intermediate cyclists on public roads with traffic. A shorter 8-mile alternative ride on mostly back roads (no stop at the bakery) will also be available. Helmets are required. 1.5 hours for the 17 mile ride.

To register: kraftery@roadrunner.com or 413-298-4910. Meet at the Town Offices building at 50 Main Street, Stockbridge. GPS 42.281537, -73.309118
51 - Sheffield, MA

THE HISTORIC CHURCHES ON THE SHEFFIELD GREEN

Join Jennifer Owens, from the Sheffield Historical Society on a stroll around the Sheffield Green. Learn the history and stories behind the buildings in the center of the town while looking at photos of them over the years. Many of the buildings date to the 18th & early 19th centuries.

The tour will end at the Sheffield Historical Society campus and tour goers will have the chance to see the inside of the 18th century Dan Raymond House, 19th century Parker Hall Law Office and visit the tool exhibit museum in the barn, as well as the current exhibit at the Old Stone Store. Rain Date is Sunday 9/30.
1.5 hours - 1.5 miles.

To register: email - sheffieldhistoricalsociety@gmail.com or call 413-229-2694. Meet at the Sheffield Historical Society Old Stone Store, 137 Main St. ( Rt. 7), Sheffield 01257. From points north and south take Rt. 7. The Old Stone Store is next to the Mobil Station. Please park in the town parking lot behind the gas station.

GPS 42.1108376, -73.3535306

52 - Lanesborough, MA

THE HISTORY AND NATURE OF MT. GREYLOCK’S SUMMIT: A MOUNTAINTOP WALK

Join Mike Whalen, from the Mass. Dept. of Conservation and Recreation, and Peter Dudek, from Bascom Lodge, atop 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 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. NOTE: Summit Parking Fee is $5 for Mass. plates, $10 for non-Mass. plates. 1 hour - 0.25 mile.

To register: email - pdudek11211@yahoo.com
Meet on the 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

53 - Hinsdale, MA

WALK THE OLD MILL TRAIL ALONG THE EAST BRANCH OF THE HOUSATONIC RIVER

Join a pleasant walk with Alison Dixon, from the Housatonic Valley Assoc., and Mariah Auman, from the Berkshire Natural Resources Council, along the Housatonic River on the Old Mill Trail, that follows the remnants of an early mill operation that once powered a thriving woolen mill. Wear sturdy footwear and bring drink/snack. 3 hours - 3 miles.

To register: email - adixon@hvatoday.org or call 413-394-9796.
Meet at the Old Mill Trail along the Housatonic River at the junction of Old Dalton Rd. and Rt 8 in Hinsdale, 3.5 miles from junction of Main St, High St and Rt 9/8A in Dalton.

GPS 42.4480, -73.1305

54 - Sheffield, MA

WALK THE SHAYS REBELLION SECTION OF THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL

REFER TO WALK # 17

55 - Kent, CT

EXPLORE POND MOUNTAIN TRUST’S NATURE PRESERVE

Join the Pond Mountain Trust on a guided hike exploring the land and trail network of the nature preserve. Established in 1966, the preserve incorporates nearly 800 acres, highlighted by Fuller Pond, a spring-fed glacial lake, and Pond Mountain, with views of the Catskill Mountains. 1.5 hours - 2 miles.
56 - Lenox, MA  
3 PM - 4:30 PM
EXPLORE THE IMPRESSIVE GARDENS & LANDSCAPE OF THE MOUNT - HOME OF EDITH WHARTON

Join Anne Schuyler to explore the impressive gardens and woodland trails of the 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 free Heritage Walk.  
1.5 hours - <1 mile.

From the junction of Rt 20 & Rt 7 in Lenox, head south on Rt 7, and drive 1 mile to Plunkett St. on the left. Meet at the ticket booth. www.EdithWharton.org  
GPS 42.335589, -73.282937.

57 - New Marlborough / Mill River, MA  
9 AM - 11 AM
HIKE AT THE GOODNOW PRESERVE

Enjoy a leisurely walk with Martha Bryan and Ron Brecher, from the New Marlborough Land Trust, through hay fields, along old logging roads and down to the Konkapot River and the site of the Lower Carroll Mill. We will explore the landscape of the mill site, the magnificent stone ruins of the old paper mill and the associated river habitat and the upland mixed hardwood forest. Moderate mixed terrain for all ages.  
2 hours - 2 miles.

58 - Kent, CT  
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
HIKE AT COBBLE BROOK VISTA PRESERVE & KENT MOUNTAIN PRESERVE

Join us on a hike through Cobble Brook Vista Preserve and Kent Mountain Preserve, with Carrie Davis, from the Weantinoge Heritage Land Trust and Mike Benjamin, from the Kent Land Trust. The trails pass through various natural habitats, including meadows, streams, upland forest and a ridgeline. Along the hike you’ll discover charcoal mounds from the iron industry age and scenic views of the Housatonic River Valley. The trail that connects the two land trust properties passes over steep and rocky terrain and would be considered difficult/strenuous. Wear sturdy footwear and bring drinks/lunch.  
2 hours - 3 miles.

To register: email - nmlandtrust@gmail.com or call 413-854-8509.  
Meet at the Preserve entrance: From the Mill River Store heading south, turn left at the stop sign onto Mill River/Southfield Road. Passing the New Marlborough Town on your right, go one mile to the entrance of the Preserve, which will be on your right.  
GPS 42.1229, -73.2287

59 - Lenox, MA  
10 AM - 11 AM
BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR AT TANGLEWOOD

Join a Boston Symphony guide for a tour of the Tanglewood campus, the Koussevitzky Music Shed, Ozawa Hall, and the just-built Linde Center for Music and Learning. Learn of the historic background of Tanglewood, the Boston Symphony Orchestra and the Tanglewood Music Center.  
1 hour - <1/2 mile.

From the Rt 102 & Rt 183 flashing light, intersection at the Berkshire Botanical Gardens, drive on Rt 183 north for 4 miles to the Tanglewood Main Gate. OR FROM Rt 41 IN RICHMOND, across from the fire station, drive 4.5 miles east up Lenox Rd., and
Nancy and Tom Condon from The Naturalists' Club for a leisurely paddle (in your own boat) around the lake, watching for birds, beaver, turtles, and other wildlife. We will identify aquatic plants growing up between the submerged stumps of this drowned forest. Colorful foliage will be twice as beautiful reflected in the still water. Bring your canoe/kayak and gear, lunch/drink, sunscreen, hat and raincoat, if there is slight drizzle. Heavy rain cancels. 4 hours.

To register: email - nancy@paddleforwater.net OR call 413-297-0778. Meet at the Buckley Dunton Lake put-in. From Route 20, turn onto Becket Road. Keep left on Yokum Pond Road. Watch for signs directing you left again, onto Buckley Dunton Road, to boat ramp. GPS 42.307835, -73.125596

60 - Monterey, MA 10 AM - 1 PM
HISTORY HIKE ON THE BIDWELL HOUSE ROYAL HEMLOCK TRAIL IN THE STEPS OF THE EARLY SETTLERS

Enjoy a guided walk on Bidwell House lands, as well as the BNRC’s Hudson-Howard property, tracing the route of the early settlers of Township No. 1 to their first meeting house on the hill near the Bidwell House Museum. Richard Greene will lead the group on the old roadways, past foundations and stone walls of long-ago homesteads, and explore flora and fauna along the way. Please dress for the weather and wear hiking boots. Terrain is steep and rocky in a few places. Bring water/snack. 2.5 hours - 4 miles. NOTE: Does not include a tour of the museum interior, which for a fee, can be arranged after the free Heritage Walk.

To register: email - bidwellhouse@gmail.com or call 413-528-6888. From Monterey center, take Tyringham Rd. for 1.5 miles, then take a left onto Art School Rd. and drive 1 mile to the end; OR From the traffic light at Big Y in Lee, take Tyringham Rd and drive 5.5 miles, take a right onto Monterey Rd and drive for 2.3 miles, then take a right on Art School Rd. and drive 1 mile to the end. GPS 42.208887, -73.218303

61 - Becket, MA 10 AM - 2 PM
CANOE/KAYAK PADDLING EXPLORATION AT BUCKLEY DUNTON LAKE

Buckley Dunton Lake is a reservoir that lies within October Mountain State Forest. This 161-acre lake is truly a gem in the Berkshires, since there is little development along its shores. Join Nancy and Tom Condon from The Naturalists' Club for a leisurely paddle (in your own boat) around the lake, watching for birds, beaver, turtles, and other wildlife. We will identify aquatic plants growing up between the submerged stumps of this drowned forest. Colorful foliage will be twice as beautiful reflected in the still water. Bring your canoe/kayak and gear, lunch/drink, sunscreen, hat and raincoat, if there is slight drizzle. Heavy rain cancels. 4 hours.

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62 - Becket, MA 10 AM - 2 PM
DISCOVERING THE FOOTPRINTS OF JACOB’S PILLOW DANCE

Jacob’s Pillow Dance Festival, located in the Berkshire Hills, is the “hub and mecca of dancing” (TIME Magazine). This treasured 220-acre National Historic Landmark was once a farm and a station on the Underground Railroad. Join the staff for a historical, behind-the-scenes tour of “one of America’s most precious cultural assets”. We will walk the recently restored Wetlands Trail, explore the transformation of a family farmhouse into “the dance center of the nation” (The NY Times), and discover the diverse footprints of our past and present. Wear sturdy footwear, as walking will be on outdoors pathways. 2 hours - 0.5 mile.

To register: email - jlopez@jacobspillow.org. Meet at the Hunter House at Jacob’s Pillow, located at 358 George Carter Road, Becket. From the Big Y in Lee, follow Rt 20 East for 8 miles to Becket, and then turn left for ½ mile on George Carter Road to the parking lot on your right. GPS 42.264087, -73.117888
To register: email - dpiercedlp@aol.com or call 413-354-7752.
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. and drive to the 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 and drive to the narrow bridge over the railroad tracks-park along here.

GPS 42.374905, -73.111290
65 - Gt. Barrington, MA 10 AM - 1 PM
BEARTOWN STATE FOREST: AROUND-THE-LAKE HIKE, LOOKING FOR RED EFTS, PLUS HIKE TO A VERY SCENIC VISTA

Join Nicole Dewberry, from the Appalachian Mountain Club, for this 3-mile walk around Benedict Pond on a flat trail, on the lookout for red efts and salamanders. We will also pace ourselves during a challenging climb on the Appalachian Trail to a ledge with a very scenic vista!

Hikers will then have the option to return to their car at this point. If you hunger for more hiking, those that wish, can join us for an additional 3-4 mile hike to a second scenic vista. AMC’s Young Members and anyone who is "young-at-heart" is welcome to join this hike.

3 hours - 3 miles.

To register: email - Dewberry@tutanota.com
Directions to meeting place will be provided to those who register.

GPS 42.374905, -73.111290
67 - New Milford, CT 10 AM - 11:30 AM
TOUR HUNT HILL FARM AND ENJOY THE STORY OF ITS HISTORY & LEARN ABOUT THE EXPERIENCES WE OFFER ACROSS FOOD, ART AND MUSIC

Enjoy a guided tour of Hunt Hill Farm and hear about its roots as a dairy farm including how Ruth and Skitch Henderson created this non-profit cultural organization. Learn about Hunt Hill’s holistic healthy living experiences across food, art and music to nurture physical, mental, social, and spiritual well-being. Complete the tour with music and a BBQ prepared by our resident Culinary Director, Mary Kravec. 1.5 hours - 1 mile.

To register: email - vculbertson@hunthillfarm.org or call 860-355-0300. From Route 202 in New Milford, turn right on Upland Rd., across from the Upper Crust Restaurant. OR From Route 202 driving from Litchfield, turn left on Upland Rd., across from the Upper Crust Restaurant. Continue to 44 Upland Road, at top of hill, on the right side of the road. GPS 41.638333, -73.3825

68 - Salisbury, CT 1 PM - 2 PM
CANNON AT 20 PACES! THE RISE AND FALL OF THE AMES IRON WORKS

REFER TO WALK # 36

69 - Washington, CT 1 PM - 2 PM & 3 PM - 4 PM
WASHINGTON, CT - AN "AMERICAN STORY" EXHIBIT TOUR

Gunn Historical Museum Curator, Stephen Bartkus, will lead a guided tour of the new exhibit "Washington, Connecticut - An American Story". Participants will learn about the unique people, places, and events that comprise Washington’s history through the many artifacts, images and narratives on display.

Note: The Museum is located in a 1781 colonial home and is not currently handicap accessible. 1 hour.

To register: email - info@gunnhistoricalmuseum.org OR call 860-868-7756. Located at the corner of Route 47 and Wykeham Road, just off Washington Green and opposite the Congregational church. GPS 41.6306, 73.3111

70 - Becket, MA 2 PM - 4 PM
EXPLORING THE BECKET LAND TRUST’S HISTORIC QUARRY & FOREST

REFER TO WALK # 13

71 - Lenox, MA 2 PM - 3 PM
BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR AT TANGLEWOOD

Join a Boston Symphony guide for a tour of the Tanglewood campus, the Koussevitzky Music Shed, Ozawa Hall, and the just-built Linde Center for Music and Learning. Learn of the historic background of Tanglewood, the Boston Symphony Orchestra and the Tanglewood Music Center. 1 hour - <1/2 mile.

From the Rt 102 & Rt 183 flashing light, intersection at the Berkshire Botanical Gardens, drive on Rt 183 north for 4 miles to the Tanglewood 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 at Tanglewood. GPS 42.349247, -73.310844
Heritage Walks 2019

Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area invites you to explore the wonders of this region during Heritage Walks 2019 - four weekends:

- **September 7 & 8**
- **September 14 & 15**
- **September 21 & 22**
- **September 28 & 29**

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 you explore the rich historical, cultural and natural heritage of the Upper Housatonic Valley.

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- **Interlaken Resort & Conference Center**
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- **The Berkshire Eagle**

For updates and detailed descriptions:
www.HousatonicHeritage.org/Heritage-Walks