

March

Spring Equinox: 10 am Saturday, March 22

The earth moves; look for changes with Park Interpreter Hatti Langsford. Hike along the Beacon Hill trail, meet at the upper parking area. Please register by March 20 (845) 255-2011.

Rainbow Falls Hike: 9 am, Saturday, March 29

A difficult six-mile hike to the ethereal valley under the rainbow. Meet SCA Educator Jeremy Labbe at the Awosting Parking Area. Please register by March 27 (845) 255-2011.

April

Glaciers & other Geological Phenomena: 10 am, Sat., April 5

Trace the path of glaciers along the panoramic Beacon Hill footpath. The Shawangunks in geologic context with other Hudson Valley mountains. About two miles of moderate hiking. Bring water and snacks, wear hiking boots. Register 255-2011.

Babes in the Woods Hike: 3 pm, Tuesday, April 8

Ages 0-5, backpack or all-terrain stroller.
Please register with Hatti: (845) 255-2011.

High Peter's Kill Hike: 9 am, Saturday, April 12

Awosting Falls and the Peter's Kill stream; about 5 miles, some difficult hiking. Please register: (845) 255-2011.

Babes in the Woods Hike: 3 pm, Tuesday, April 15

Ages 0-5, backpack or all-terrain stroller.
Please register with Hatti: (845) 255-2011.

Spring Pools: Saturday, April 19, 2 pm

Explore the temporary ponds upon which the amphibian life-cycle depends, with Hatti Langsford. Easy walk to search for wood frogs and early salamanders. Suitable for all ages, about two hours. Please register: (845) 255-2011.

Babes in the Woods Hike: 3 pm, Tuesday, April 22

Ages 0-5, backpack or all-terrain stroller.
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Shawangunk Earth Day Nature Hike: Sat., April 26, 9 am

Strenuous 8-mile hike on Gertrude's Nose for experienced hikers of all ages. Bring binoculars and field guides and wear hiking boots. Time and meeting place provided to registrants. Group size may be limited. Contact hike leader Don Pachner (914) 234-6618 before 10 PM, or email donp@bestweb.net (preferred).

Babes in the Woods Hike: 3 pm, Tuesday, April 29

Ages 0-5, backpack or all-terrain stroller.
Please register with Hatti: (845) 255-2011.

May

Early Birds: 8 am, Saturday, May 3

Birding with veteran birder Phil Meisner. Bring binoculars, water and wear sturdy walking shoes. Meet at the Peter's Kill Area. Please register: (845) 255-2011.

Babes in the Woods Hike: 3 pm, Tuesday, May 6

Ages 0-5, backpack or all-terrain stroller.
Please register with Hatti: (845) 255-2011.

Mother's Day Native Plant Sale: 1-4 pm, Sunday, May 10

With Horticulturist and native plant expert Francis Groeters of the Catskill Native Nursery. Want to save the ridge? Plant natives! At the kiosk near the upper parking area.

Babes in the Woods Hike: 3 pm, Tuesday, May 13

Ages 0-5, backpack or all-terrain stroller.
Please register with Hatti: (845) 255-2011.

Millbrook Mountain Hike: 9 am, Saturday, May 17,

Hike the rugged Millbrook footpath to a spectacular Wallkill River Valley view and then meander back along the Palmaghett ravine. Five-mile hike; bring water and lunch, wear hiking boots. Please register by May 17: (845) 255-2011.

Babes in the Woods Hike: 3 pm, Tuesday, May 20

Ages 0-5, backpack or all-terrain stroller.
Please register with Hatti: (845) 255-2011.

Memorial Day Weekend May 24-26

Opening Weekend at the Minnewaska Nature Center
11 am daily nature walks, games, crafts, adventures.

Babes in the Woods Hike: 3 pm, Tuesday, May 27

Ages 0-5, backpack or all-terrain stroller.
Please register with Hatti: (845) 255-2011.

Songbirds and Bird Songs: Wednesday, May 28, 4 pm

Minnewaska Nature Center Feature of the Week:
Meet at the nature center near the upper parking area by the lake.
Walk through the fields for all ages.

Minnewaska Nature Walk: 11 am, Saturday, May 31

Meet at the kiosk by the upper parking area. Short and easy.

June

Hike to Echo Rock: 9 am, Sunday, June 1

Four-mile hike to look for signs of birds and other wildlife.
Please register: (845) 255-2011.

Minnewaska Nature Walk: 11 am, Sunday, June 1

Meet at the kiosk by the upper parking area. Short and easy.

Babes in the Woods Hike: 3 pm, Tuesday, June 3

Ages 0-5, backpack or all-terrain stroller.
Please register with Hatti: (845) 255-2011.

Nature Babies: 4 pm, Wednesday, June 4

Introduce your child to nature, for parents or caregivers and their children ages 0-4. Minnewaska Nature Center Feature of the Week: Meet at the nature center near the upper parking area by the lake.

Minnewaska Nature Walk: 11 am, Saturday, June 7

Meet at the kiosk by the upper parking area. Short and easy.

Babes in the Woods Hike: 10 am, Sunday, June 8

Ages 0-5, backpack or all-terrain stroller.
Please register: (845) 255-2011.

Minnewaska Nature Walk: 11 am, Sunday, June 8

Meet at the kiosk by the upper parking area. Short and easy.

Babes in the Woods Hike: 3 pm, Tuesday, June 10

Ages 0-5, backpack or all-terrain stroller.
Please register: (845) 255-2011.

Wildflower Walk: 4 pm, Wednesday, June 11

With bodacious botanist Frank Knight. Nature Center Feature of the Week. Meet at the nature center near the upper parking area by the lake.

Laurel Hike to Lake Awosting: 10 am, Saturday, June 14

Eight-mile hike amidst the blooming mountain laurel. Bring water, lunch, and wear hiking boots. Register: (845) 255-2011.

Minnewaska Nature Walk: 11 am, Saturday, June 14

Meet at the kiosk by the upper parking area. Short and easy.

Minnewaska Nature Walk: 11 am, Sunday, June 15

Meet at the kiosk by the upper parking area. Short and easy.

Babes in the Woods Hike: 3 pm, Tuesday, June 17

Ages 0-5, backpack or all-terrain stroller.
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A Celestial Event: 4 pm, Wednesday, June 18

The equinox proceeds according to precedent. Planetary questions to prepare for the summer solstice. Minnewaska Nature Center Feature of the Week: Meet at the nature center near the upper parking area by the lake

First Day of Summer Hike: 9 am, Saturday, June 21

What better place to view the sun in all its glory than out on the slab near mud pond? About 13 miles of moderate hiking. Bring water, snacks and lunch, wear hiking boots. Register: (845) 255-2011.

Minnewaska Nature Walk: 11 am, Saturday, June 21

Meet at the kiosk by the upper parking area. Short and easy.

Minnewaska Nature Walk: 11 am, Sunday, June 22

Meet at the kiosk by the upper parking area. Short and easy.

Nature Stories, 3 pm, Tuesday, June 24

In the Minnewaska Nature Center. Fun nature stories for all ages, especially your young child.

Tree Spirits: 4 pm, Wednesday, June 25

Tree lore and science. Minnewaska Nature Center Feature of the Week: Meet at the nature center near the upper parking area by the lake.

Minnewaska Nature Walk: 11 am, Saturday, June 28

Meet at the kiosk by the upper parking area. Short and easy.

Know Your Trees Hike: 11 am, Sunday, June 29

Identify trees on the Beacon Hill Carriageway. Easy two-mile walk. Please register: (845) 255-2011.

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Meet at the kiosk by the upper parking area. Short and easy.

Welcome to Minnewaska State Park Preserve.

Managed by the Palisades Interstate Park Commission, Minnewaska is approximately 12,000 acres of wild and scenic landscape. Help protect this fragile mountain ecosystem by following these rules and regulations:

♻️ Carry In / Carry Out ♻️

WE HAVE NO GARBAGE CANS. TAKE OUT WHAT YOU BRING IN.
ALL PLANTS AND ANIMALS ARE PROTECTED. DO NOT HARASS WILDLIFE.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES NOT PERMITTED
NO CAMPING

SWIM ONLY IN DESIGNATED AREAS WHEN LIFEGUARD IS ON DUTY

PETS MUST BE LEASHED AT ALL TIMES

BICYCLISTS MUST WEAR HELMETS. BICYCLISTS MUST STAY ON CARRIAGEWAYS. NO BIKES ARE ALLOWED ON FOOTPATHS
CLIFF EDGES ARE DANGEROUS, SO PLEASE WATCH YOUR STEP.

STAY ON ESTABLISHED TRAILS

Directions to Meeting Places:

Upper parking area: through main gate, up main road to the end (one mile).

Peter's Kill Area: one mile east of main entrance, north side Rt.44/55.

Awosting Parking Area: located near main entrance, south side of Rt. 44/55.

Nature Center: near diver's cove on the Minnewaska Carriageway (the red loop) by the lake.

Shawangunk Biodiversity Partnership Lecture Series

March Lectures: Held at Ellenville Public Library & Museum, 40 Center Street, (Parking on Route 52 [Canal Street], just west of Route 209.)

Fire on the Mountain

7 pm, Thursday, March 20

Fire has played a key role in the establishment of the pitch pine barrens and oaks. Marc Mullenix, the Division Chief and Type II Incident Commander for the Rocky Mountain Region, has implemented a policy of mitigation over suppression.

About The Plants That Got Away

7 pm, Thursday, March 27

Judy Sullivan, a reformed garden landscaper also known as "the maven of muck," oversees the Native Plant Program at the Institute of Ecosystem Studies. Learn about the impact of non-native plants (the plants that got away) on biodiversity.

Re-scheduled!

Where Mastodons Roamed

7 pm, Thursday, April 3

Dr. John Chiment, Director of the Mastodon Project at the Cornell Institute for Biology, will talk about the ancient ecology of this area while sharing research findings.



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State Park Preserve



Spring Events 2003

**"You must always be careful with something that is greater than you are."
Shoshone Proverb**



Minnewaska is located on Route 44/55, five miles west of the intersection of Route 44/55 and 299, near New Paltz, New York.

Park Preserve Main Office: (845) 255-0752

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Sign up for programs requiring registration *must* take place by 3 p.m. the Friday before. Please leave a working phone number.

Parking Fee: \$6 per vehicle

Park Hours:

9 am-6 pm: March 3 until April 5

9 am-7 pm: April 6 until May 11

9 am-8 pm: May 12 until June 13

9 am-9 pm: June 14 until August 10

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