

D & R CANAL WATCH 2019 Programs

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All Saturday Canal Walks begin at **10 AM**, unless noted. Meeting Places are designated with “(MP)” in the walk description. Contact information for Program Leaders is below. If emailing, use “**D&R Canal**” in subject header.

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Saturday, January 12 - 10:00 a.m. 6.5-mile Walk - Trenton Battle Monument to Port Mercer (MP), off Quakerbridge Rd. Includes loop off the canal to the Historic Brearley House grounds and Great Meadow. Discover the link between Grant's Tomb and the Trenton Battle Monument! **Short walk is 3.5 miles** to Carnegie Road. Leader: Pamela V'Combe.

January 19 – 10:00 a.m. Towpath clean-up. MP at Lock 11 in South Bound Brook, across from the post office on Canal Road. Join members of the Canal Watch in their effort to keep the state park a beauty spot in central New Jersey. Leader: Bob Barth

Sunday, January 27 – 2:00 p.m. Two-Canal Walk. Meet outside of the Lambertville Station restaurant, near the caboose. We will begin on the D&R Feeder on the New Jersey side and then cross the Delaware River to walk along the Delaware Canal in New Hope. Cookies and hot chocolate await at the locktender's home. Free, but donations are welcome and appreciated. Leader: Bob Barth and Susan Taylor (Friends of the Delaware Canal).

Saturday, February 9 - 10:00 a.m. 6.4-mile Walk – Port Mercer to Kingston (MP). Visit the Turning Basin, Millstone Aqueduct and Kingston Lock along this historical corridor. **Short walk is 2.6 miles** to Alexander Road. Leader: Pamela V'Combe

Saturday, March 9 - 10:00 a.m. 5m Walk – Kingston to Griggstown Causeway (MP). Discover the area's mining resources, canal villages, and a lock; we'll pass by the woods behind General Washington's final headquarters. **Short walk is 1.9 miles** to Rocky Hill. Leader: Pamela V'Combe

Saturday, May 11 - 10:00 a.m. 6-mile Walk - Griggstown to Colonial Park (MP) @ 156 Mettlers Road, Somerset, NJ 08873. Many blooms along the trail in May, including a bridgetender's garden, abundant flora trail and the nationally acclaimed Rudolf W. van der Goot Rose Garden. **Short walk is 3.5 miles** to Blackwell's Mills. Leader: Pamela V'Combe

Saturday, May 18 - 10:00 a.m. History Bike Tour on the D&R Canal towpath from Kingston to Griggstown and back, 10 miles round trip. Explore the structures along the D&R Canal with Canal Watch trustee Bob Barth. Meet at the locktender's home in Kingston. Bring water; helmet required. Allow three hours. Leader: Bob Barth

Sunday, June 2 – 8:00 a.m. Birdwatching walk. Meet at the historic Van Wickle House off Easton Avenue at the foot of DeMott Lane, Somerset section of Franklin. See and hear Baltimore and Orchard orioles and other nesting songbirds as we walk along the Delaware & Raritan Canal. (GPS: 1289 Easton Avenue, Somerset NJ 08873.) Leaders: Barbara & George Dawson, 732-249-2670; email --barbaradawsonwriter@yahoo.com.

*Sunday, June 2– 2:00 p.m. **D&R Canal Watch Annual Meeting** at the Griggstown Muletenders Barracks.*

Add 2019 30th Anniversary Annual Meeting's Program notes.

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Griggstown Causeway, Princeton (Building is in the Griggstown section of Franklin Township, not in Princeton).

Saturday, June 8 - 10:00 a.m. 5.8-mile Walk – East Millstone to Lock 11 (MP) in South Bound Brook, across from the post office on Canal Road at Madison Street. Short walk is 2.7 miles to Zarephath. East Millstone may be small today, but it was once a booming factory and transportation hub. The Pillar of Fire site at Zarephath, and S. Bound Brook's GAF factory redesign along the canal is a model of adaptive reuse. Leader: Pamela V'Combe

Saturday, August 10 - 10:00 a.m. Walk - 6.2-mile Walk- Washington Crossing to Ellarslie, the Trenton City Museum in Cadwalader Park (MP). We will pass by old quarries near Wilburtha and Upper Ferry Road, several historic canal structures, stop gates, a spillway, an aqueduct, and other historic features. **Short walk is 3.6 miles** to Scudder's Falls.

Saturday, September 14 - 10:00 a.m. Walk – 5.7-mile walk from Bulls Island to Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead Museum (MP). Starting at the D&R Feeder Canal origins, we will pass an early 18th milling village on the confluence of the Delaware River and Wickecheoke Creek, pass through Stockton, and conclude at a historical farm site. **Short walk is 3 miles** to Prallsville Mills. Leader: Pamela V'Combe

Saturday, September 14: 11:00-5:00, Spirit of the Jerseys State History Fair, Monmouth Battlefield State Park. Experience five centuries of New Jersey's history all in one place—a historical festival for all ages. This free, award-winning event, held rain or shine, annually draws more than 5,000 visitors. The fair is a fun-filled adventure into New Jersey's past with living history demonstrations, military reenactors, tours, exhibits, period music and dance, and historical organizations and museums from around the state. There are plenty of hands-on activities for kids and adults, from learning the art of paper marbling to participating in historical games; to plowing a furrow or participating in a military drill. This is a chance to see the new visitor center at Monmouth Battlefield, 16 Highway 33 Business, Manalapan Township, NJ 07726; 732-462-9616.

Saturday, October 12 - 10:00 a.m. 5.4-mile Walk on the D&R Canal towpath from Fireman's Eddy to Prallsville Mill (MP). The tour will include the historic remnants of the feeder canal outlet lock to the river, other historic canal structures, and expansive views across river. **Short walk is 2.6 miles** to the Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead Museum. Leader: Pamela V'Combe

Friday, November 1 - 7:00-11:00 p.m. Star-gazing along the canal. Join us at the Griggstown Grassland Preserve for an evening of stargazing. Saturn with its magnificent rings will be visible in the southwest at sunset. Craters and mountains on the Moon will be clearly visible. The Andromeda Galaxy, the farthest object that can be seen with the unaided eye, will be high in the sky. We will be looking at star clusters, open clusters and planetary nebulae in the Milky Way. The Grassland Preserve is located at 1091 Canal Road in Griggstown. Space is limited. Please register by contacting Wayne Petko (wpetko02@gmail.com).

Saturday, November 9 - 10:00 a.m. 5.3-mile Walk from Fireman's Eddy to Washington Crossing (MP @ Nelson House). See the emerging grassland/meadows restoration project, riparian and edge habitats supporting a large variety wildlife. Along the way, a stroll through the picturesque and historic Titusville, ending at the site of Washington's famous Christmas Night Crossing. **Short walk option is the 4.1-mile walk** to Church Road in Titusville. Leader: Pamela V'Combe