




PALISADES INTERSTATE PARK COMMISSION
CALENDAR OF EVENTS for MARCH through DECEMBER 2002
(as of 2/27/02 but subject to change at any time)



- MARCH 2 NATURE PROGRAM: "WINTER ANIMALS" with a short walk (easy)** **10 AM**
(Sat.) NY: Minnewaska State Park Preserve
\$6.00 per adult \$5.00 per junior Registration required by 2/28: 845-255-2011
- MARCH 2 HISTORY HIKE: "RUCKMAN POINT" with Eric Nelsen (moderate)** **10 AM**
(Sat.) NJ: State Line Lookout (between northbound Exits 3 and 4 of PIParkway)
Free admission! Free parking! Info: 201-768-1360 ext. 208 **to**
1 PM
- MARCH 7 STERLING SPEAKER SERIES: "BEAUTIFUL BUTTERFLIES" with Fabrice de Lacour** **7 PM**
(Thur.) NY: Sterling Forest® State Park (Information Center on Old Forge Road in Tuxedo)
Free admission! Free parking! Registration required: 845-351-5907
- MARCH 9 CLINIC: "BASIC CROSS-COUNTRY SKI SKILLS" with McCoy's Ski Shop pros** **10 AM**
(Sat.) NY: Minnewaska State Park Preserve (weather permitting, meet at Ski Lodge/Nature Center)
\$6.00 per adult \$5.00 per junior Info: 845-564-5858
- MARCH 16 NATURE PROGRAM: "WINTER SURVIVAL SKILLS" with Ed Bonham** **10 AM**
(Sat.) NY: Minnewaska State Park Preserve
\$6.00 per adult \$5.00 per junior Registration required by 3/14: 845-255-2011 **to**
1 PM
- MARCH 16 HIKE OF THE MONTH: "GOOSEPOND SPECTACULAR" (moderate)** **11 AM**
(Sat.) NY: Sterling Forest® State Park (meet at Information Center on Old Forge Road in Tuxedo)
Free admission! Free parking! Registration required: 845-351-5907
- MAR. 23 NATURE WALK: "THIS BUD'S FOR YOU" featuring tree and shrub ID (easy)** **1 PM**
(Sat.) NY: Sterling Forest® State Park (meet at Information Center on Old Forge Road in Tuxedo)
Free admission! Free parking! Registration required: 845-351-5907
- MARCH 24 CLINIC: "BASIC CROSS-COUNTRY SKI SKILLS" with McCoy's Ski Shop pros** **10 AM**
(Sun.) NY: Minnewaska State Park Preserve (weather permitting, meet at Ski Lodge/Nature Center)
\$6.00 per adult \$5.00 per junior Info: 845-564-5858
- MARCH 30 NATURE PROGRAM: "WINTER FUN" with Anna Niedzielski** **10 AM**
(Sat.) NY: Minnewaska State Park Preserve
\$6.00 per adult \$5.00 per junior Registration required by 3/28: 845-255-2011 **to**
2 PM
- MARCH 30 NATURE PROGRAM: "SPRINGFEST FOR THE BEARS"** **11 AM**
(Sat.) NY: Trailside Museums in Bear Mountain State Park (PIParkway, Exit 19 or Route 9W)
\$1.00 per adult 50¢ per child \$5.00 parking per car Info: 845-786-2701
- MARCH 31 FAMILY FUN WALK for ages 6 through 10 (must be with an adult) (easy)** **1 PM**
(Sun.) NY: Sterling Forest® State Park (meet at Information Center on Old Forge Road, Tuxedo)
Free admission! Free parking! Registration required: 845-351-5907
- APRIL 1 NATURE HIKE: "IT'S A SECRET" (moderate two miles)** **2 PM**
(Mon.) NY: Minnewaska State Park Preserve (call for meeting place)
Free admission! \$5.00 parking per car Registration required by 3/28: 845-255-2011
- APRIL 4 NATURE WALK: "TAKE A BREAK" (moderate)** **10 AM**
(Sun.) NY: Minnewaska State Park Preserve (call for meeting place)
Free admission! \$5.00 parking per car Registration required by 4/02: 845-255-2011
- APRIL 4 STORY HOUR with readings and hands-on activities for ages 5 to 7 (must be with an adult)** **1 PM**
(Thur.) NY: Sterling Forest® State Park (Information Center on Old Forge Road in Tuxedo)
Free admission! Free parking! Registration required: 845-351-5907
- APRIL 5 FAMILY FUN WALK: "SIGNS OF SPRING" for ages 6 through 10 (must be with an adult)** **1 PM**
(Fri.) NY: Sterling Forest® State Park (meet at Information Center on Old Forge Road, Tuxedo)
Free admission! Free parking! Registration required: 845-351-5907

- APRIL 6 NATURE PROGRAM: "SPRING POOLS" (easy) 2 PM**
 (Sat.) NY: Minnewaska State Park Preserve to
 Free admission! \$5.00 parking per car Registration required by 4/04: 845-255-2011 4 PM
- APRIL 11 BABES IN THE WOODS SERIES #1: "BECOMING A MAMA KANGAROO" (easy) 10 AM**
- APRIL 18 BABES IN THE WOODS SERIES #2: "BABY MEETS WORLD" (easy) 10 AM**
- APRIL 25 BABES IN THE WOODS SERIES #3: "A FURTHER TREK" (easy) 10 AM**
 (Thur.) NY: Minnewaska State Park Preserve
 Free admission! \$6.00 parking per car Registration required at least two days before: 845-255-2011
 NOTE: For ages 0 to 2; bring a baby backpack, front carrier, or sling.
- APRIL 13 LIVING HISTORY ENCAMPMENT with the Brigade of the American Revolution Sat. 10 AM to 4:30 PM**
& APRIL 14 NY: New Windsor Cantonment (on Route 300 in Vails Gate) Sun. 1 PM to 3:30 PM
 (weekend) Free parking! \$3.00 per adult \$2.00 per NY senior citizen \$1.00 per child Info: 845-561-1765
- APRIL 14 NATURE HIKE: "RAINBOW FALLS" with Ranger Samantha Stytzer (moderate+) 9 AM**
 (Sun.) NY: Minnewaska State Park Preserve (meet at Jenny Lane) to
 Free admission! \$6.00 parking per car Registration required by 4/11: 845-255-2011 2 PM
- APRIL 17 WEDNESDAY NIGHT ANTIQUE & CUSTOM CAR CRUISE 6 PM**
 through NY: Bear Mountain State Park (PIParkway, Exit 19 or Route 9W) to
SEPT. 11 Free admission! Free parking! Info: 845-786-3711 9 PM
- APRIL 20 HISTORY HIKE: "JOURNEY THRU JOHNSONTOWN" with Perk Stalter, author of Doodletown 9:30 AM**
 (Sat.) NY: Harriman State Park (meet at Kanawauke Picnic Area, ¼ mile west of Kanawauke Circle on Rt. 106) to
 Free admission! Free parking! Info: 845-786-2701 ext. 265
- APRIL 20 HISTORY HIKE: "UNDERCLIFF" with Eric Nelsen (moderate) 10 AM**
 (Sat.) NJ: Englewood Area (PIParkway Exit 1 to bottom of hill, meet in north parking lot, beyond boat basin)
 Free admission! \$4.00 parking per car Info: 201-768-1360, ext. 208
- APRIL 20 TRAILSIDE MUSEUMS' EARTH DAY featuring exhibits, games, vendors, and more! 11 AM**
 (Sat.) NY: Bear Mountain State Park (PIParkway, Exit 19 or Route 9W) to
 \$1.00 per adult 50¢ per child \$5.00 parking per car Info: 845-786-2701 ext. 265 3 PM
- APRIL 20 STERLING SPEAKER: "NATIVE AMERICANS" featuring stories, crafts, and dancing with Pat Mann 7 PM**
 (Sat.) NY: Sterling Forest® State Park (Information Center on Old Forge Road in Tuxedo)
 Free admission! Free parking! Registration required: 845-351-5907
- APRIL 20 ASTRONOMY PROGRAM: "JOY OF THE UNIVERSE" with Rockland Astronomy Club 7 PM**
 (Sat.) NY: Anthony Wayne Recreation Area (PIParkway Exit 17, North Picnic Grove) to
 Free admission! Free parking! Info: 201-768-6575 Midnight
ALSO ON SATURDAYS 5/18, 6/15, 7/13, 8/17, 9/14, 10/12
- APRIL 21 NATURE HIKE: "EARTH DAY ON GERTRUDE'S NOSE" with Don Pachner (strenuous) call for details**
 (Sun.) NY: Minnewaska State Park Preserve (bring binoculars and field guides, hiking boots a must)
 Free admission! \$6.00 parking per car Registration required by 4/19: 914-234-6618 or donp@bestweb.net
- APRIL 21 EARTH DAY 2002 HIKE: "TO THE FIRE TOWER" (moderate+) 11 AM**
 (Sun.) NY: Sterling Forest® State Park (meet at Information Center on Old Forge Road in Tuxedo)
 Free admission! Free parking! Registration required: 845-351-5907
- APRIL 27 "HOOKED ON THE HUDSON" with fishing contests, shad fishing demos, 8 AM**
 (Sat.) shad tastings, music, crafts, displays, food, vendors, and more! to
 NJ: Ross Dock Recreation Area (PIParkway Exit 1 to bottom of hill, south on Henry Hudson Drive) 3 PM
 Free admission! \$4.00 parking per car Info: 201-768-0379
- APRIL 27 NATURE HIKE: "HIGH PETER'S KILL" (moderate+) 10 AM**
 (Sat.) NY: Minnewaska State Park Preserve
 Free admission! \$6.00 parking per car Registration required by 4/25: 845-255-2011

- MAY 4** **NATURE HIKE: "EARLY BIRDS" with Phil Meisner (moderate)** **8 AM**
(Sat.) NY: Minnewaska State Park Preserve (meet at Peter's Kill Area)
Free admission! \$6.00 parking per car Bring binoculars and bird guides. Register by 5/02: 845-255-2011
- MAY 5** **FUND RAISER: "BARK IN THE PARK" dog walk-a-thon for American Cancer Society** **8 AM**
(Sun.) NY: Bear Mountain State Park (PIParkway, Exit 19 or Route 9W)
For information: 845-368-1251 or www.cancer.org.
- MAY 7** **BABES IN THE WOODS SERIES #1: "BECOMING A MAMA KANGAROO" (easy)** **10 AM**
MAY 14 **BABES IN THE WOODS SERIES #2: "BABY MEETS WORLD" (easy)** **10 AM**
MAY 21 **BABES IN THE WOODS SERIES #3: "A FURTHER TREK" (easy)** **10 AM**
MAY 28 **BABES IN THE WOODS SERIES #4: "A FAR OFF PLACE" (moderate)** **10 AM to 3 PM**
(Thur.) NY: Minnewaska State Park Preserve
Free admission! \$6.00 parking per car Registration required at least two days before: 845-255-2011
NOTE: For ages 0 to 2; bring a baby backpack, front carrier, or sling.
- MAY 11** **NATURE HIKE: "GLACIERS AND OTHER GEOLOGICAL PHENOMENA" (moderate)** **11 AM**
(Sat.) NY: Minnewaska State Park Preserve (meet at the Upper Parking Area)
Free admission! \$5.00 parking per car Registration required by 5/09: 845-255-2011
- MAY 12** **HISTORY HIKE: "WOMEN'S FEDERATION" with Eric Nelsen (moderate)** **9:30 AM**
(Sat.) NJ: Park Headquarters (PIParkway Exit 2 or Route 9W to Alpine Approach Road)
Free admission! Free parking! Info: 201-768-1360 ext. 208
- MAY 18** **NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL with dancing, crafts, food, vendors, and more** **11 AM**
& **MAY 19** NY: Anthony Wayne Recreation Area (PIParkway Exit 17, North Picnic Grove) **to**
(weekend) Free parking! \$7.00 per adult \$3.00 per senior or child **CALL TO CONFIRM: 718-686-9297**  **7 PM**
- MAY 19** **NATURE HIKE: "MILLBROOK MOUNTAIN" (moderate)** **9 AM**
(Sun.) NY: Minnewaska State Park Preserve
Free admission! \$6.00 parking per car Registration required by 5/17: 845-255-2011
- MEMORIAL "OPENING WEEKEND" with nature walks, games, crafts, and adventures** **11 AM**
DAY NY: Minnewaska State Park Preserve (meet at Nature Center) **to**
WEEKEND Free admission! \$5.00 parking per car Info: 845-255-2011 **5 PM**
- MAY 29** **FEATURE OF THE WEEK: "SONGBIRDS AND BIRD SONGS"** **4 PM**
JUNE 5 **FEATURE OF THE WEEK: "SHARING NATURE WITH YOUR CHILD" for parents and ages 0 to 4** **4 PM**
JUNE 12 **FEATURE OF THE WEEK: "LOOKING AT LAUREL" with Frank Knight** **4 PM**
JUNE 19 **FEATURE OF THE WEEK: "A CELESTIAL EVENT"** **4 PM**
JUNE 26 **FEATURE OF THE WEEK: "TREES"** **4 PM**
(Wed.) NY: Minnewaska State Park Preserve (meet at Nature Center)
Free admission! \$6.00 parking per car Info: 845-255-2011
- JUNE** **NATURE WALKS** **11 AM**
SATS. & NY: Minnewaska State Park Preserve (meet at the kiosk in the Upper Parking Area)
SUNS. Free admission! \$6.00 parking per car Info: 845-255-2011
- JUNE 1** **BABES IN THE WOODS SERIES #1: "BECOMING A MAMA KANGAROO" (easy)** **9 AM to 12 Noon**
JUNE 8 **BABES IN THE WOODS SERIES #2: "BABY MEETS WORLD" (easy)** **10 AM to 12 Noon**
(Sat.) NY: Minnewaska State Park Preserve
Free admission! \$6.00 parking per car Registration required at least two days before: 845-255-2011
NOTE: For ages 0 to 2; bring a baby backpack, front carrier, or sling.
- JUNE 9** **"THE GENERAL'S LADY: MARTHA WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY" with all kinds of stuff!** **2 PM**
(Sun.) NY: Washington's Headquarters (on Liberty Street in Newburgh) **to**
Free admission! Free parking! Info: 845-562-1195 **4 PM**
- JUNE 15** **NATURE HIKE: "LOOKING AT LAUREL" (moderate)** **10 AM**
(Sat.) NY: Minnewaska State Park Preserve (meet at kiosk in Upper Parking Area)
Free admission! \$6.00 parking per car Registration required by 6/13: 845-255-2011

- JUNE 16 HISTORY HIKE: "MILLIONAIRE'S ROW" with Eric Nelsen (*moderate*) 10 AM**
(Sun.) NJ: meet at Blackledge-Kearney House in Alpine Area (PIParkway Exit 2 to bottom of hill)
Free admission! \$4.00 parking per car Info: 201-768-1360, ext. 208
- JUNE 19 FUND RAISER: "NEW YORK TO BOSTON AIDSride" sponsored by Tanqueray**
JUNE 20 NY: begins at Bear Mountain State Park (PIParkway, Exit 19 or Route 9W)
For information: 1-800-825-1000 or www.aidsride.org.
- JUNE 21 HISTORY HIKE: "SUMMER SOLSTICE ON THE HUDSON" with Eric Nelsen (*easy+*) 7 PM**
(Fri.) NJ: meet at Blackledge-Kearney House in Alpine Area (PIParkway Exit 2 to bottom of hill)
Free admission! Free parking! Bring a flashlight. Info: 201-768-1360, ext. 208
- JUNE 22 NATURE HIKE: "SUMMER SOLSTICE" (*moderate, 13 miles*) 9 AM**
(Sat.) NY: Minnewaska State Park Preserve
Free admission! \$6.00 parking per car Registration required by 6/20: 845-255-2011
- JUNE 28 PRE-FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION with music, food, and fireworks! begins**
(Fri.) NY: Bear Mountain State Park (PIParkway Exit 19 or Route 9W) at
Free admission! \$5.00 parking per car NO RAINDATE! Info: 845-786-2701 6 PM
- JUNE 30 NATURE HIKE: "KNOW YOUR TREES" (*easy*) 11 AM**
(Sun.) NY: Minnewaska State Park Preserve
Free admission! \$6.00 parking per car Registration required by 6/28: 845-255-2011
- JULY 18 FUND RAISER: "NATIONAL AIDS VACCINE THREE-DAY WALK"**
JULY 19 NY: begins at Bear Mountain State Park (PIParkway, Exit 19 or Route 9W)
For information: 1-800-825-1000.
- JULY 21 IRISH FEIS with music, dancing, food, vendors, gaelic games, and more 9 AM**
(Sun.) NY: Anthony Wayne Recreation Area (PIParkway Exit 17) to
Admission charged. \$5.00 parking per car Info: 845-942-2358 or 845-634-4374 8 PM
- AUG. 12 ASTRONOMY PROGRAM: "PERSEID METEORS" with Rockland Astronomy Club 7 PM**
(Mon.) NY: Harriman State Park (Silvermine Area on Seven Lakes Drive) to
Free admission! Free parking! Info: 201-768-6575 Midnight
- AUG. 24 "25th ANNUAL KITES OVER THE HUDSON" with prizes, refreshments, and family fun! 2 PM**
(Sat.) NY: Washington's Headquarters (on Liberty Street in Newburgh) to
Free admission! Rain date: Sunday, 8/25 Info: 845-562-1195 4 PM
- SEPT. 8 BEAR MOUNTAIN CAR SHOW**
(Sun.) NY: Bear Mountain State Park (PIParkway Exit 19 or Route 9W)
Times and details to be announced.
- SEPT. 21 & 22 OKTOBERFEST 2002 with music, dancing, food, vendors, and more! 12 Noon**
SEPT. 28 & 29 NY: Bear Mountain State Park (PIParkway, Exit 19 or Route 9W) to
(weekend) Free admission! \$5.00 parking per car Info: 845-786-2731 6 PM
- OCT. 5 & 6 OKTOBERFEST 2002 with music, dancing, food, vendors, and more! 12 Noon**
OCT. 12 to 14 NY: Bear Mountain State Park (PIParkway, Exit 19 or Route 9W) to
OCT. 19 & 20 Free admission! \$5.00 parking per car Info: 845-786-2731 6 PM
- OCT. 10 FUND RAISER: "THREE DAY WALK FOR BREAST CANCER" sponsored by Avon**
OCT. 11 NY: starts at Bear Mountain State Park (PIParkway Exit 19 or Route 9W)
For information, call 1-888-332-9286.
- DEC. 6 HOLIDAY FESTIVAL 2002 OPENING with tree lighting, Santa's arrival, and fireworks starts**
(Fri.) NY: Bear Mountain State Park (PIParkway Exit 19 or Route 9W) at
Free admission! \$5.00 parking per car Info: 845-786-2701 4 PM
- DEC. 7 HOLIDAY FESTIVAL 2002 with exhibits, entertainment, vendors, and more! 10 AM**
through NY: Bear Mountain State Park (PIParkway Exit 19 or Route 9W) to
JAN. 1 Free admission! \$5.00 parking per car on weekends Info: 845-786-2731 8 PM

DEC. 13 ASTRONOMY PROGRAM: "GERMINID METEORS" with Rockland Astronomy Club

(Sat.) NY: Harriman State Park (Silvermine Area on Seven Lakes Drive)
Free admission! Free parking! Info: 201-768-6575

7 PM
to
Midnight

➤➤➤ Call the listed phone numbers for details and/or special access needs, to confirm the event, or to inquire about unlisted events. TDD users can call 1-800-662-1220. For future calendars, send stamped, self-addressed, legal-sized envelopes to Special Events, c/o PIPC, Bear Mountain, NY 10911 **OR** pick up one at the Park Visitor Center, the Bear Mountain Administration Building, State Line Lookout, or NJ Headquarters (off PIParkway Exit 2). ☺

☎ To learn about the **NEW JERSEY SECTION** including seasonal jobs, volunteer opportunities, a newsletter, and more, call 201-768-1360 ext. 208 or visit their website at www.njpalisades.org. For information about **NEW YORK's** state parks and historic sites, visit their website at www.nysparks.com.

PLEASE NOTE: 1) Alcohol is not permitted in any park under jurisdiction of the PIPC.
2) For all hikes, wear hiking boots or sturdy, low-heeled shoes, and dress for the weather. Bring food and water. Other items suggested to bring include a pack with a trail map, rain gear, first aid kit, bug spray, flashlight, pencil, matches, an extra pair of socks, and an extra layer of clothing.
3) Poison ivy, ticks, and poisonous snakes are common in our parks. Follow recommended procedures for avoiding contact with them. Do not feed or touch any wildlife. Do not remove or introduce any plants, animals, birds, fish, etc.

The Merry-Go-Round at Bear Mountain State Park features hand-painted scenes of the Park and 42 hand-carved seats of native animals including black bear, wild turkey, deer, raccoon, skunk, canada goose, fox, swan, bobcat, rabbit, and more. From June 16 through Labor Day, hours are daily from 11 AM to 5 PM. After Labor Day, hours are weekends and holidays from 11 AM to 5 PM. Fees are \$1.00 per person per ride. For more information or to book a birthday party, call 1-845-786-2701, ext. 242.

☎ Going our way? Located between Exits 16 and 17 on the center island of the Palisades Interstate Parkway, the **Park Visitor Center** sells trail and road maps, hiking and travel guides, local history and nature books, puppets, posters, film, coffee, snacks, NY fishing licenses, Empire Passports, and all things Hudson Valley. We're open daily from 8 AM to 5 PM (EST) and 8 AM to 6 PM (Daylight Savings Time). Our number is 845-786-5003. ☎

☎ ☺ ☎ Hot and cold refreshments, maps, books, and more are available at **State Line Lookout** on the Palisades Interstate Parkway northbound between Exits 2 and 4. Winter weekend/holiday hours are 9 AM to 5 PM and winter weekday hours are 11 AM to 4 PM. We can be reached at 201-750-0465. ☎ ☺ ☎

☎ The **Museum Store** in Fort Lee Historic Park has 18th C. repro items, books, and more. Hours are 10 AM to 5 PM, Wednesdays through Sundays, March 1 to December 31. Phone us at 201-461-1776. ☎

MINNEWASKA DIRECTIONS

Main Gate - on Route 44/55, 5 miles west of the Rtes. 44/55 and 299 intersection in New Paltz (NY Thruway/I-87, Exit 18)
Upper Parking - through Main Gate, up main road about one mile **Awosting** - 300 yards west of Main Gate
Jenny Lane - one mile west of Main Gate **Peter's Kill** - one mile east of Main Gate
Nature Center - near Diver's Cove on the Minnewaska Carriageway (red loop) by the lake

BEAR MOUNTAIN'S OUTDOOR ICE RINK will operate (weather permitting) from **Saturday, October 20 through Sunday, March 17**. Public sessions of 1½ hours are on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays at 10 AM and 12 Noon; Thursdays at 6 PM; Fridays at 8 PM; Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays at 10 AM, 12 Noon, 2 PM, 4 PM, 6 PM, and 8 PM. The rink is uncovered so dress appropriately. Fees are \$3.00 per adult/spectator and \$2.00 per child/spectator aged 5 to 12. Children aged 4 or under are free. Skate rentals are \$5.00 per pair which includes a refundable \$2.00 deposit. Lockers can be rented. Hot and cold refreshments are available. Parking on weekends and holidays is \$5.00 per car. Private sessions may be reserved in advance (except on holidays) by calling the Bear Mt. Office at 845-786-2701. Bus groups must call in advance for permits.

From JANUARY 3 through MARCH 31, the BEAR MOUNTAIN INN will be open WEDNESDAYS through SUNDAYS. It will be closed on MONDAYS and TUESDAYS.

Don't wait until March 31 when you'll have to stand in line for your fishing license! Don't spend any more on parking fees than you have to! NY fishing licenses for the October 1, 2001 to September 30, 2002 season and Empire Passports for the April 1, 2002 to March 31, 2003 season are available RIGHT NOW at the Park Visitor Center. Save yourself time and money—come see us when you're in our neck of the woods.

FISHING/BOATING REMINDER: Island Pond keys will go on sale Friday, March 15 through Monday, April 1. Boat permits for the Palisades Region, boat permits for Sterling Forest, and gate keys for Lakes Tiorati/Welch/Stahahe will be available Monday, April 1 through Saturday, November 30. Remember to bring your boat, life jackets, and current NY fishing license for the Island Pond key and your boat and life jackets for all else. For more information, call 845-351-2568.