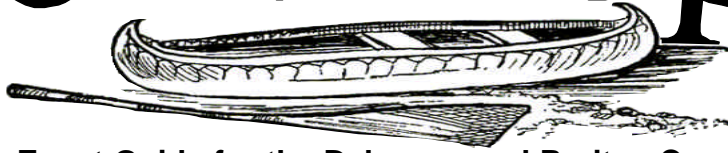


The Milepost



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FREE FALL 2011 PROGRAMS AT THE D&R CANAL STATE PARK



Programs are subject to cancellation due to inclement weather, low registration or illness. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL PROGRAMS unless otherwise noted.** Call the Park Office at 609-924-5705 (*Kingston Office*) to register or do so online. Visit www.dandrcanal.com/programs.html for further details and check back often for program updates, cancellation notifications and/or additions.

All programs are FREE unless otherwise specified!

SEPTEMBER 2011

Sept 3:
Saturday

Walk the Path in Lawrence Township: Enjoy a morning walk along the canal with the D&R's historian and visit two historic homes along the way - *The Port Mercer Canal House* and the *18th-Century Brearley House*. The group will meet at the Port Mercer Canal House in Lawrence Township (4278 Quakerbridge Rd.) at **9:30 a.m.** for a brief talk about the history of the D&R Canal. We'll then walk along the historic towpath to the Brearley House where the group will be treated to a tour of this restored 18th century home. Come join us for this 2.5-mile round trip walk back in time. Registration IS required. **INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELS.**



Sept. 5:
Monday

Walk the Canal ~ Kingston to Alexander Road: Join the D&R Canal Watch as they continue an end-to-end hiking challenge along the length of the canal path. **This 3.8 mile walk is the fifth leg of this challenge** that will continue throughout the year. Plan to join just one or all of the walks in the series. Each program will provide information about both canal and local history. For this leg, participants are asked to meet at the Kingston Canal House off RT 27 in Kingston across from the Eno Terra Restaurant at 10 am. For further details contact Bob and Linda Barth at (201) 401-3121 (or email: barths@att.net).

Sept. 10:
Saturday

Paper Mania Show at the Blackwells Mills Canal House: This popular event returns to the historic canal house on the **corner of Blackwells Mills and Canal Road in Franklin Township.** Historic local photographs, memorabilia, prints, old books, postcards, posters, sheet music and more will be on sale. **This event will be held from 1 - 4 pm.** Registration is **NOT** required and admission is **FREE!**



Sept. 17:
Saturday

Walk From Nursery to Canal: Enjoy a late summer walk with the D&R's historian from the main office at Kingston to the canal towpath, the Kingston Canal House and Carnegie Lake. Participants will meet at the Kingston office located at 145 Mapleton Road at 10:00 am for a leisurely 3-mile round trip walk. The group will proceed from the office through a portion of the Mapleton Preserve toward the canal towpath, the Kingston Canal House and beyond before turning back. Dress for the weather and enjoy the fall colors while learning a bit about the historic and natural resources of the park! **INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELS.**

Sept. 24:
Saturday

Project Learning Tree Workshop For Teachers, Home Schoolers & Scout Leaders: Come take part in a full-day PLT workshop at the D&R Canal State Park office in Kingston located at 145 Mapleton Road from 9:30 am - 3:30 pm. PLT is an award-winning, professional development workshop using forestry and the outdoors as a tool for teaching a variety of subjects including science, art and English. The goal is to help students from PreK-grade 8 learn HOW to think, not WHAT to think about the environment. PLT materials bring the environment into the classroom and students into the environment. The program covers topics ranging from forests, wildlife and water, to community planning, waste management and energy. This workshop is geared toward formal and non-formal educators including scout leaders, teachers, naturalists and all environmental educators. Teachers will receive 5 CEUs upon completion of the workshop. Please contact Stephanie Fox to register and/or receive further information (609-924-5705). Participants are responsible for lunch. Please come prepared to spend time outdoors.



Sept. 24:
Saturday

Friends of Princeton Nursery Lands Clean-up at the Preserve: FPNL will hold its 3rd annual **National Public Lands Day** event at the Mapleton Preserve (145 Mapleton Rd. in Kingston) **from 2:00 to 4:00.** Come contribute to the restoration of this significant site in Central New Jersey. FPNL president says, "Last year twenty-two volunteers helped us plant trees, mulch, water, clear vines and brush, weed the butterfly garden, and collect litter." Come spend an hour or two and help with volunteer efforts, then take a self-guided walk in the preserve, or simply bring a picnic and enjoy it at this beautiful site. Light refreshments will be provided. **Call 609-683-0483 or see www.fpnl.org for more information.**



Sept. 25:
Sunday

Canoe/Kayak the D&R Canal: Join the Sierra Club for a Sunday morning paddle from Bulls Island to Lambertville (Hunterdon/Mercer Co) at **10 am.** This is the first of 5 fall paddles along the D&R Canal. This first 8-mile leg will start at Bulls Island and end at Firemen's Eddy. There are 2 portages so bring portage wheels if you have them. Bring your own boat, equipment, snack and/or lunch and beverages. **Rentals are not available.** Contact George & Leona Fluck at **609-259-3734** or leona@pineypaddlers.com to confirm trip participation and meeting location. **INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELS**



~ MORE FREE FALL 2011 PROGRAMS ~

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2011

Oct. 2:
(Sunday)



Birds of Prey: Come welcome the fall season at the Bulls Island Recreation Area with **licensed falconer Jennifer Pena** who will share her knowledge of, and experience working with, such magnificent birds of prey as hawks, owls and falcons. Her exciting *Flight of the Raptor* presentation will not only give attendees the opportunity to see these birds up close, but also allow them to witness amazing in-flight demonstrations. **This program will be held at Bulls Island (located 7 miles north of Lambertville directly off Route 29) from 1 - 4 pm.** So mark your calendars now - you will not want to miss this one!

Oct. 8-9:
(Sat/Sun)



Open House at the Blackwells Mills Canal House: As part of the **Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission's "Weekend Journey to the Past"** tour, the Blackwells Mills Canal House will open its doors to all visitors on **both Saturday and Sunday from 10-5 pm**; So take this opportunity to see this historic canal house located at the intersection of Canal and Blackwells Mills Roads in Franklin Township. **Registration is NOT required and admission is FREE!**

Oct. 9:
(Sunday)

Walk the Canal ~ Alexander Road to Carnegie Road: Join the **D&R Canal Watch** as they continue an end-to-end hiking challenge along the length of the canal path. **This 5.5 mile walk is the sixth leg of this challenge** that will continue through November. Plan to join just one or all of the walks in the series. Each program will provide information about both canal and local history. **For this leg, participants are asked to meet at the Alexander Road parking lot across from the Princeton Canoe Rental (483 Alexander Rd, Princeton).** For further details contact Bob and Linda Barth at (201) 401-3121 (or email: barths@att.net).



Oct. 15:
(Saturday)

Fall Foliage Walk: Join the **Kingston Greenways Association** for its annual fall foliage walk, which will be held at **Mapleton Preserve on Saturday at 2:00 (rain or shine).** Co-leading the walk will be **Henry and Elizabeth Horn**; Henry Horn is Professor Emeritus of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at Princeton University and Elizabeth Horn, also at Princeton University is a botanist. Both Horns are experienced and knowledgeable leaders of nature walks. Meet at the Main Office for the D&R Canal State Park, 145 Mapleton Road in Kingston for this 2 hour afternoon walk. **Call 609-683-0483 for more information. Registration IS NOT required.**

Oct. 22:
(Saturday)

Canoe/Kayak Trip on the D&R Canal: Join the Sierra Club for a **10-mile paddle that begins at Firemen's Eddy and ends at Lower Ferry Rd (Ewing Township).** The group will break for lunch at Washington Crossing - bring a lunch and beverage. There are 2 portages so bring portage wheels if you have them. Bring your own boat - rentals are not available. **Contact George & Leona Fluck at 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com to confirm trip participation and meeting location.** **INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELS.**



Oct. 22:
(Saturday)



Walk the Path to Landing Lane: Enjoy a fall walk along the canal towpath in Franklin Township with the park naturalist and historian. **Participants will meet at the Demott Lane parking area (off Easton Avenue in Franklin Township) at 1:00 pm.** We will head downstream toward Landing Lane for a 4-mile round trip tour along the historic towpath. Come enjoy the beautiful fall foliage along the canal and views of the Raritan River all while burning a few calories and learning a bit about the park's historic and natural resources! Dress for the weather! **Registration IS required.**

Oct. 30:
(Sunday)

Halloween Canoe/Kayak the D&R Canal: Wear your finest Halloween outfit and join the Sierra Club for their third D&R Canal trip. This Lawrence Township paddle will start at **9 am.** The group will meet at **Cherry Tree Lane and travel 12 miles to Kingston - no portages on this trip!** Bring your own boat, equipment, snack and/or lunch and beverages. **Rentals are not available.** Contact George & Leona Fluck at **609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com** to confirm trip participation and meeting location. **INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELS.**

Nov. 5:
(Saturday)

Canoe/Kayak the D&R Canal: Join the Sierra Club for an **11-mile paddle from Kingston to Amwell Road that begins at 9 am** - this is the 4th Sierra Club fall paddle this season. There is one canal lock portage so bring portage wheels if you have them. **The group will meet in Kingston directly off Route 27.** Bring your own boat, equipment, snack and/or lunch and beverages. **Rentals are not available.** Contact George & Leona Fluck at **609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com** to confirm trip participation and meeting location. **INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELS.**



Nov. 12:
(Saturday)

Canoe/Kayak the D&R Canal: Join the Sierra Club for an **9-mile paddle from Amwell Road to Demott Lane that begins at 10 am** - this is the 5th (and last) Sierra Club fall paddle this season. There are 3 canal lock portages so bring portage wheels if you have them. **The group will meet at the Amwell Road lot.** Bring your own boat, equipment, snack and beverages. **Rentals are not available.** Dinner option at Pooja's (Indian cuisine) in Somerset. **Contact George & Leona Fluck at 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com** to confirm trip participation and meeting location. **INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELS.**

Nov. 12 & 13:
(Sat/Sun)



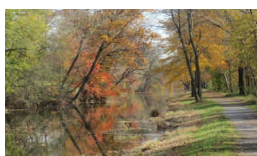
Art Exhibit & Sale at the Blackwells Mills Canal House: Landmarks and scenery of the area will be displayed at the historic canal house on the corner of Blackwells Mills and Canal Road in Franklin Township. Paintings by artist Barbara Della Peruta and artwork from the collection of Biff Heins. **Saturday/Sunday, 11 am - 4 pm. Registration is NOT required and admission is FREE!**

Nov. 19:
(Saturday)

What's Your Story?: Kids, bring your parents and be prepared to explore your own history by creating a family tree with the park historian. Together we will learn about family trees and begin the process of growing our own! **This 10 am program will be held at the D&R Canal State Park's Kingston Office located at 145 Mapleton Road.** Space is limited so register early! **Suitable for children 8 - 12 years old.** Registration IS required.



Nov. 20:
(Sunday)



Walk the Canal in Trenton: Join the **D&R Canal Watch** as they continue an end-to-end hiking challenge along the canal path. **This Trenton walk from Ellarslie Mansion in Cadwalader Park to Old Rose Street is the seventh leg of this challenge.** This walk will offer information about both canal and local Trenton history. **For this leg, participants are asked to meet at Ellarslie Mansion in Cadwalader Park, Trenton.** For further details contact Bob and Linda Barth at (201) 401-3121 (or email: barths@att.net).