

2018 GREENWAY EVENTS

Genesee Valley Greenway State Park (GVGSP) hikes, sponsored by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation, will be included here. A complete list of their hikes and related events may be found at the following link: <http://nysparks.com/events/event-results.aspx?ft=50<=1&pk=189>

GVGSP is again offering the two-year Historic Interpretive Hike Series. Each hike will incorporate the history of the town in which it is located. The guide will also point out historic canal and railroad features and interesting natural features along the way. Hikes will be held on the second Saturday of each month, April through October, will begin at 10 am and will last approximately 2 hours, depending on the length of the hike. In general, the GVG is an easy flat trail with a mixed surface of grass, cinders and stone dust. Sections near Rochester and Cuba have paved surfaces.

The individual hikes are listed below and are part of the 14 hikes in the *Wegmans Passport to Wellness Program*. Completion of hikes in this series makes the trail user eligible for Wegmans grocery coupons and/or a NYS Parks Empire Passport. See details at http://www.fogvg.org/trail_user/passport_program.php

Watch for additions to this schedule on www.fogvg.org

Saturday, March 31, 11:00 am – Greenway Egg Hunt (as part of Town of Wheatland Recreation and American Legion Smith-Warren Post Children’s Easter Party): Meet at the Veteran’s Park behind the American Legion, 61 Main St., Scottsville, NY. Some eggs result in special prizes for the children who find them. Adults are encouraged to guess the number of jelly beans in our jar to win a 2018 Empire Passport for free entrance to any NYS Park or Historic Site. Activities planned for after the Egg Hunt, include “The Magic Guy” Show, Plush Animal Raffle, and Free Refreshments for lunch.

Saturday, April 14, 10 AM, Historic Interpretive Hike Series – Wegmans Hike #8:

Mt. Morris to the Genesee River. Park and meet in the Greenway parking lot located on the south side of Route 408 just east of the Rt. 36 / Rt. 408 intersection. Easy, gently rolling trail with a mixed surface. 2.2 miles round trip. See description at beginning of this Events List. Leader: Doug Bassett Sponsored by NYS Parks (42.726340, -77.872477) Questions: fogvg@frontier.com or (585) 493-3600

Saturday, April 28, 10 AM, Greenway Meeting at Humphrey Nature Center - Please join us

Saturday, May 5, 10 AM – 1 PM, I Love My Park Day – The GVG is a NYS Park and volunteers will gather to do trail work on the Greenway at Little Black Creek Park, 1503 Scottsville Rd. (Rt. 383), Chili, NY - just north of 84 Lumber. Projects: Trim brush and rake area, remove tires and other trash, control invasive species along trail by spreading carpeting, and perhaps plant trees. Building a kiosk will depend upon funding being available and there are volunteers with carpentry skills. Bring water, gloves loppers, rakes, shovels, handsaws, and perhaps carpentry tools. Wheel barrows also helpful. Snacks will be provided. **In order to avoid on site paperwork, we encourage participants to Register** by using the special I Love My Park site at <http://www.ptny.org/ilovemypark/> Registrations or questions contact: fogvg@frontiernet.net; or call 585-658-2569

Mondays, 5 PM Southern Tier Hiking begins in late May (no hike on May 28th)_ Some hikes will be on the Greenway, but other hikes will be in other locations around the southern tier. Consult the Friends of the Genesee Valley Greenway Facebook page and www.fogvg.org for details

Thursday, May 10, 10 AM -1PM – United Way of Greater Rochester – Day of Caring – Cleaning Oakland Canal Locks: We hope to have a team volunteer to trim brush from around the locks and clear growth from lock walls. Parks staff will help remove the resulting debris. Bring hand tools (pruners, loppers, grass whips, small handsaws), work gloves, and water. Snacks and lunch will be provided. This event requires from 10 to 25 volunteers. Registration is through the UWGR website at <http://www.uwrochester.org>

Saturday, May 12, 10 AM Historic Interpretive Hike Series – Wegmans Hike #9:

Pentagass Road to the Village of Nunda This hike is located in Livingston County in the town of Nunda. Take Route 408 south from Mt. Morris and turn east on Pentagass Road. There are two trailheads along the south side of this road. Park and meet at the spur trail location furthest east, approximately .55 mile from Route 408. See description at beginning of this Events List. (3 miles round trip) (42.603290, -77.925136) Sponsored by NYS Parks Leader: Leader: Michael Landowski Questions: fogvg@frontier.com or (585) 493-3600

Sunday, May 20, 1 PM, Bike the Greenway from Brookdale Preserve to Wadsworth Junction –

Meet at the Greenway Parking Area north of Brook Road, adjacent to Brookdale Preserve and about 1000 ft. west of Rt. 383. (N43 04.577 W77 42.550). Ride south to Lehigh Trail intersection and back – (15 miles roundtrip) Folks wanting to ride less can turn around anytime. Pit stop options can be found in Scottsville. Mountain bike or hybrid bike recommended, helmets required. Bring water. Ride Leader: Will Haines Questions: fogvg@frontiernet.net or (585)658-2569

Wednesday, May 30, 10 AM, Bike Along Erie Canal to Downtown Rochester Meet at the Edgewood

Ave Lock parking lot to bike to downtown Rochester and back, 13 - 15 miles round trip with flat terrain. Bike helmet required. Bring water bottle, snack and dress appropriately for the weather. If the weather is inclement [rain or thunderstorms] the bike ride will be cancelled. Questions: Contact Ride Leader Coleridge Gill at 585-442-8634

Saturday, June 2, National Trails Day Celebration – Closing a Greenway Gap Ribbon Cutting -

A long awaited new route now exists on the property of the Abbey of the Genesee to close a trail gap south of York Landing in Livingston County. Meet at 11:00 am for refreshments and celebration of the new route at a location to be announced on the FOGVG website and Facebook Page. Watch for additional details

Saturday, June 9, Historic Interpretive Hike Series – Wegmans Hike #10: Oakland Road to

Short Tract Road - This hike is in Livingston County and starts in the Hamlet of Oakland. Park and meet at the parking area on the west side of Oakland Rd just north of Route 436. See description at beginning of this Events List. Wooded walk offers views of Locks #54 – #59 and is also the beginning of the “Deep Cut.” 2 miles round trip (42.578161, -77.971220). Sponsored by NYS Parks Leader: Karen Lufkin Russell Questions: fogvg@frontier.com or (585) 493-3600

Saturday, June 23, Bike the Greenway from Avon Area North – Save the date and watch for starting

place, time, and route. Total distance will be at least 16 miles. Mountain or hybrid bikes recommended, helmets required. Bring water. Leader: Shelly Jackson. Questions: fogvg@frontier.com or (585) 493-3600

Saturday, April 28, 10 AM, Greenway Meeting at Humphrey Nature Center - Please join us

Saturday, July 14, 10 AM - Historic Interpretive Hike Series – Wegmans Hike #11 River Rd to

Route 19A - This hike is in Wyoming County, just south of the Village of Portageville. Park and meet at the trailhead on the east side of Route 19A at the intersection of River Rd, about .33 mile south of Bailey Rd (aka Whiskey Bridge). See description at beginning of this Events List. Traverses under a forest canopy, alongside farms and ends near a picturesque bend in the Genesee River. 2.4 miles round trip (42.554845, -78.053066)

Saturday, July 28, 9:00 AM – Greenway Bicycle Ride – Meet south of Scottsville at the Canawaugus

Park Parking Area for a ride on the Greenway and the new Erie-Attica Trail into the Village of Avon. After a late breakfast at the Village Restaurant on the circle, we will return on the same route to Canawaugus Park for a total of 16 miles. Ride leader: Ron Abraham. Questions: 585-658-2569 or fogvg@frontiernet.net

Dates for the remaining 2018 Historic Interpretive Hike Series are: Aug. 11, Sept. 8, and Oct. 13 – Details will be added closer to these dates.

Remaining 2018 Greenway Meeting Dates are: Aug. 25, Oct. 27, and Dec. 8

Sunday, Nov. 4, FOGVG Annual Meeting & Trail Event. Save the Date and Watch for Details