

# Hopewell Valley Come Outside and Play!

## June 8-10, 2017



This Hopewell Valley community-wide event was established to increase awareness of nature and an appreciation of time spent outdoors. Families and community members are welcome to attend any of these activities.

**Registration is required for some activities.**

*All activities are at no cost and open to all ages unless otherwise noted.*

## Outdoor Activities Abound!

**SPECIAL PREVIEW!** Mount Rose Preserve Grand Opening, Dedication & Nature Hike

**Date:** Saturday, June 3 **Time:** 10AM-1PM

Join Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space and its partners as they dedicate the new Mount Rose Preserve. Events include ribbon cutting, remarks from partner groups, unveiling of an information kiosk and a hike on the new 2.5-mile Forest Trail. Registration is required: [kathleen@njconservation.org](mailto:kathleen@njconservation.org) **Location:** 350 Carter Road, Hopewell Township. Park across the street from the office building. **Sponsor:** Hopewell Valley Open Space

**Birds and Bagels** **[Updated date]**

**Date:** Thursday, June 8 **Time:** 7:15AM-8:15AM

Experience some sunrise science with Mercer County Naturalist, Jenn Rogers, and Andrea Bonette of the Sourland Conservancy. We'll greet the day counting breeding songbirds in Hopewell Borough Park. Kids and adults are invited to experience field work, learn how to identify birds and help with the count. The data collected during this survey will be used in the American Woodcock Habitat Restoration Project in the park. Binoculars and bagels will be provided. Event limited to 15 participants - registration is required at <https://tinyurl.com/birds-bagles>. **Location:** Hopewell Borough Park Gazebo **Sponsors:** Mercer County Park Commission and Sourland Conservancy

**Get to Know Plants in a New Way!**

**Date:** Thursday, June 8 **Time:** 3:00-7:00PM

We welcome you to join us as we get to know plants in a new way! Enjoy their taste as we make and enjoy tea with delicious herbs. Experience the energy of plants and find out how they can help us to feel our best. Get your hands in the soil as you plant a seedling to take home. Learn a simple way to support your body's energy to be more grounded. Registration preferred: [hopewellholistichealth@gmail.com](mailto:hopewellholistichealth@gmail.com) **Location:** 11 Railroad Place Hopewell **Sponsor:** Hopewell Holistic Health

**Stream Stomp**

**Date:** Thursday, June 8 **Time:** 4:15PM-5:30 PM

Take a wet hike in a state park stream in search of a variety of interesting stream organisms. Come prepared to get wet at least, up to the knees! **Advanced registration please** by calling the Nature Center at 737-0609. Open to all (children must be accompanied by an adult). **Location:** Meet at the Washington Crossing Park Nature Center, Titusville. Enter the park and follow signs to the Nature Center **Sponsor:** Washington Crossing State Park Nature Center

**Outdoor Art Room**

**Date:** Thursday, June 8 **Time:** 4:30PM-5:30PM

Join *Art Sparks* at Kunkel Park in Pennington for a chance to be part of a long, worldwide tradition of celebrating the beauty in nature reflected through the visual arts. Be inspired by the textures, colors and shapes in the natural world, and create a work of art combining traditional art materials with small objects found in nature. Open to all ages - children must be accompanied by an adult. **Registration required!** Space is limited. Email child's first name and age to [info@artsparksstudio.com](mailto:info@artsparksstudio.com) **Location:** Kunkel Park, King George Road, Pennington **Sponsors:** Art Sparks and Pennington Borough Parks & Recreation

**Adventure Guides Family Camp**

**Dates:** Friday, June 9 - Sunday, June 11

Join the Hopewell Valley community for a fun weekend at Camp Mason in Hardwick, NJ. You can expect boating, outdoor climbing tower, archery, climbing tower, hiking, rifle range, apple cider making, apple baking, pretzel making, camp fire with smores, meals and more! For more information on fees and to register visit [www.hvymca.org](http://www.hvymca.org) **Location:** Camp Mason, Hardwick, NJ **Sponsor:** Hopewell Valley YMCA

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## 2017 Partners

Amateur Astronomers  
Association of Princeton

Art Sparks

Friends of Hopewell Valley Open  
Space

Hopewell Holistic Health

Hopewell Township

Hopewell Valley  
Arts Council

Hopewell Valley Regional  
School District

Hopewell Valley YMCA

Mercer County  
Park Commission

New Jersey Conservation  
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Pennington Public Library

Sourland Conservancy

Stony Brook-Millstone  
Watershed Association

Washington Crossing  
Audubon Society

Washington Crossing State Park  
Nature Center



Hopewell Valley's  
Backyard

For more information contact:  
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### Astronomy Outside with Telescopes

**Date:** Friday, June 9 **Time:** 8:45PM-11:00PM

Get outside under the stars and observe our night sky! Travel light-years through the eyepieces of professional-grade telescopes and see the wonders of the night sky up close and personal. Expert astronomers will guide you and answer all your astronomy questions. Program will happen only if twilight skies are clear or partly clear. Questions about evening skies, call the observatory on Friday at 8:30PM (737-2575). **Location:** Washington Crossing State Park (enter off Bear Tavern Road) visit [www.princetonastronomy.org](http://www.princetonastronomy.org) for directions and map. **Sponsor:** Amateur Astronomers Association of Princeton.

### Farm Tour at Cherry Valley Cooperative

**Date:** Friday, June 9 **Time:** 5:00PM-6:00PM

Join us for a tour of the new farm in Princeton, Cherry Valley Cooperative! Cherry Valley Cooperative is a permaculture and regenerative agriculture farm producing high diversity vegetables, berries, mushrooms, and eggs, as well as hosting many educational and community events. We will tour the farm and discuss our permaculture and regenerative methods so come see what we've been up to! **Location:** Cherry Valley Cooperative Farm, 619 Cherry Valley Road, Princeton **Sponsor:** Cherry Valley Cooperative Farm

### Game Day. Party Time!

**Date:** Saturday, June 10 **Time:** 11:00AM-12:00PM

Exercise can be fun, especially if you are moving around while playing party games! Interact with other kids. Team up and work together. Compete against other kids and/or teams. Possible party games include Freeze Dance, Twister, Copy Cat, Clean Your Room, Toilet Paper Mummy and more. This event is intended for ages 6 through 10. **Registration:** [kha@penningtonlibrary.org](mailto:kha@penningtonlibrary.org) **Location:** Pennington Public Library, 30 N. Main Street **Sponsor:** Pennington Public Library

### Secret Lives of Birds

**Date:** Saturday, June 10 **Time:** 8:30AM-10:30AM

Perfect for seasoned bird watchers and newcomers alike, this morning walk offers an up close and personal look at birds. Watch foraging behavior, observe avian family life, and learn about mist-netting and bird banding techniques. Binoculars will be available for use in this program. Appropriate for families with children 6 and older. **Location:** Watershed Center, 31 Titus Mill Road, Pennington **Sponsors:** Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association and Washington Crossing Audubon Society

### Wacky Wire Lawn Sculptures

**Date:** Saturday, June 10 **Time:** 10:00AM-12noon

Use a treasure trove of found objects to create a 3-dimensional sculpture made out to wire cages usually used for growing tomatoes. You can "shop" from a wide range of upcycled objects to create a wacky lawn sculpture that is sure to be the envy of your neighborhood. Materials will be provided, but please bring along any special trinkets, small toys or unwanted jewelry or beads to personalize your creation and make it meaningful to you. The workshop is appropriate for ages 6 to thru adults. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Limited to 15 sculptures, with only one sculpture per family. Registration is required! Email: [hvartsCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:hvartsCouncil@gmail.com) **Location:** Hopewell Valley YMCA, 62 South Main Street, Pennington **Sponsor:** Hopewell Valley Arts Council

### Parkour In Nature!

**Date:** Saturday, June 10 **Time:** 1:00PM-2:30PM

Join Chris Moran of Our Playful Nature for a fun movement experience in nature! Parkour is about learning how to move in your environment and exploring what your body can do. Nature provides a wondrous playground of fallen trees, rocks and streams, hills and fields and more! This class will accommodate all people as parkour is about "finding your own path" and creating your own unique movement. Come join us at the beautiful Cherry Valley Cooperative farm and let's play! **Location:** Cherry Valley Cooperative Farm, 619 Cherry Valley Road, Princeton **Sponsor:** Our Playful Nature

Hopewell Valley Come Outside & Play! is being brought to you by the Hopewell Valley Municipal Alliance in partnership with over a dozen community organizations. *Thank you for participating!*

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