

# Hopewell Valley Come Outside and Play!

## June 7-9, 2018



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 most activities.**

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

## Outdoor Activities Abound!

### SPECIAL PREVIEW! National Trail Day Activities on June 2 & June 3

#### Sensory Hike for Families

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

Come explore your local trails! Stop by the New Historic Hunt Barn, next to the Historic Hunt House for a map to a self-guided family-friendly sensory hike. **Location:** Historic Hunt House Barn at Mercer Meadows, Blackwell Road, Pennington. **Sponsor:** Mercer County Park Commission

#### Give Back to the Trails!

**Date:** Saturday, June 2 **Time:** 10:00AM-12:30PM

Give back by providing the trails at Baldpate Mountain with some rejuvenation. Wear durable footwear, thorn-resistant clothes, and bring plenty of water. Hand tools and gloves provided. Open to ages 12+, under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. **Registration required:** natureprograms@mercercounty.org. Space is limited. **Location:** Baldpate Mountain - Pleasant Valley Road, lower parking lot, Titusville. **Sponsor:** Mercer County Park Commission

#### Yoga in the Meadow

**Date:** Sunday, June 3 **Time:** 1:00PM-3:00PM

Join one in a series of "Women's Force of Nature Hikes" for women and girls hosted by RomYoga. Slow down and become immersed in the natural environment. Tune into the smells, textures, tastes and sights of the forest. This 1.6 loop yoga hike takes you along organic farm fields, forest and restored wildflower meadows. This event is rain or shine.

**Registration required:** Visit <http://bit.ly/YogaInMeadow> **Location:** Thompson Preserve, Pennington-Hopewell Road (CR 654), 0.6 miles from Route 31, Hopewell Township. **Sponsor:** Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space & RomYoga

#### Meet Our Wildlife Residents

**Dates:** Thursday, June 7 - Saturday, June 9 **Time:** 12:00PM-5:00PM

The Outdoor Educational Environment (OEE) is located at the Mercer County Wildlife Center. At this new facility, open to the public, you will see the homes of 15 permanent wildlife residents who are no longer able to exist in the wild due to their prior injuries. Visit these residents on your own in enclosures that provide a safe environment for birds and mammals to exist. **Location:** Mercer County Wildlife Center, 1748 River Road, Titusville **Sponsor:** Mercer County Wildlife Center

#### Birds and Bagels

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

Experience some sunrise science with Mercer County Naturalist, Jenn Rogers, and Surland Conservancy Executive Director, Caroline Katman. You'll greet the day counting breeding songbirds in Hopewell Borough Park before school and work! 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, bagels, coffee and juice will be provided. Event limited to 15 participants. This event will be cancelled in case of rain. **Registration required:** visit <http://tiny.cc/BirdsBagels>. **Location:** Hopewell Borough Park, 1 S. Greenwood Ave, Hopewell **Sponsors:** Mercer County Park Commission and Surland Conservancy

#### Pond Study

**Date:** Thursday, June 7 **Time:** 4:15PM-5:30PM

Ponds are an interesting habitat! Participants will use nets to collect and examine the various organisms that inhabit the Washington Crossing State Park pond. Come prepared to get wet at least, up to the knees! Open to all (children must be accompanied by an adult). This event will be cancelled in case of rain. **Location:** Meet at Niederers Pond by the park service entrance of off Brickyard and Church Roads, Titusville. Call for directions, 609-737-0609 **Sponsor:** Washington Crossing State Park Nature Center

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Hopewell Valley's  
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### Outdoor Art Room

**Date:** Thursday, June 7 **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 but children must be accompanied by an adult. Contact in case of inclement weather. **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 Cabin Camp

**Dates:** Friday, June 8 - Sunday, June 10

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, riffle 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). This event is rain or shine! **Location:** Camp Mason, Hardwick, NJ **Sponsor:** *Hopewell Valley YMCA*

### A Slice of Nature

**Date:** Saturday, June 9 **Time:** 10:00AM-12:00PM

Find the colors that inspire the modern artist in you! Be inspired by Kandinsky's famous concentric circles. As part of the HV Arts Council's new "Out of the Ashes" program, artist Sarah Bernotas will help you create abstract designs from ash tree "slices" to make original wall art and fun necklaces, while learning about the Emerald Ash Borer Beetle that is taking a toll on our native ash trees. Open to ages 6 thru adult. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Limited to 20 participants. This is a rain or shine event! **Registration required:** [info@HVArtsCouncil.org](mailto:info@HVArtsCouncil.org) **Location:** Hopewell Train Station, 2 Railroad Place, Hopewell **Sponsor:** *Hopewell Valley Arts Council*

### Meet the Fish: Bamboo Pole Fishing!

**Date:** Saturday, June 9 **Time:** 10:00AM-12:00PM

Ever want to meet some of the finned denizens of a pond? Bluegills, pumpkinseeds, largemouth bass? Join in on Free Fishing Day, when no license is needed! Use handcrafted bamboo poles to discover the joy of fishing as a family. You will discover a diversity of life at the pond, using a sieve to catch some smaller organisms before trying your hand at fishing. Appropriate for families of all ages. **Registration required:** [thewatershed.org/events](http://thewatershed.org/events). Contact in case of inclement weather. **Location:** Wargo Pond, 261 Wargo Road, Pennington **Sponsor:** *The Watershed Institute previously Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association*

### Old Time Baseball

**Date:** Saturday, June 9 **Time:** 11:00AM-3:00PM

Two New Jersey "farm teams" will take to the field at Howell Living History Farm. From 11AM-1PM watch a professional vintage baseball game which will feature the use of reproduction 19th century equipment and uniforms. From 1-3PM, members of the public are welcome to participate or watch in an old-time baseball game played with early rules. This event will be cancelled in case of rain. **Location:** Howell Living History Farm, 70 Wooden's Lane, Lambertville **Sponsor:** *Howell Living History Farm-Mercer County Park Commission*

### Lego Outdoor Free Play

**Date:** Saturday, June 9 **Time:** 11:00AM-12:00PM

Love Legos? Join us for an outdoor Lego building session and have fun while developing teamwork and social skills. Legos will be provided. Just bring your imagination! This event is for ages 5+. Contact in case of inclement weather. **Registration required:** [kha@penningtonlibrary.org](mailto:kha@penningtonlibrary.org) **Location:** Pennington Public Library, 30 N. Main Street, Pennington **Sponsor:** *Pennington Public Library*

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!*