

# Hopewell Valley Come Outside and Play!

June 10-12, 2021

## Outdoor Activities Abound!



Join the Hopewell Valley Municipal Alliance and its partners for this 3-day community-wide event, now in its 11<sup>th</sup> year, which 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 FREE activities. Some activities require advance registration. Activities are open to all ages and will be cancelled in case of inclement weather unless otherwise noted.

### Meadow Meander

**Date:** Thursday, June 10 **Time:** 9:30AM-11:30AM

Come enjoy the sights and sounds of spring in Mercer Meadows on this naturalist led walk. Explore the diversity of wildflowers, butterflies and songbirds that rely on this unique habitat. Appropriate for middle and high school students and Senior Citizens. **Registration required:** <http://bit.ly/MeadowMeander> **Location:** Reed Bryan entrance to Mercer Meadows on Federal City Road, Pennington. Map: <https://bit.ly/3pbGFNA> **Sponsor:** Mercer County Park Commission

### Outdoor Nature Explorer Story time

**Date:** Thursday, June 10 **Time:** 11:00AM-11:30AM

Be a nature explorer with books, finger plays and songs about animals living in your backyard. Open to children ages 5 and under, accompanied by an adult. Children will receive a take-home craft after story time. Space is limited.

**Registration is required!** Please visit <http://bit.ly/MCLOutdoorStorytime> to register. Please bring folding chairs or blanket for your family. Upon arrival, your group will be assigned a space for the duration of the program. **Location:** Hopewell Branch Library, 245 Pennington Titusville Road, Pennington **Sponsor:** Mercer County Library System, Hopewell Branch Library

### Shelter Building & Wilderness Survival

**Date:** Thursday, June 10 **Time:** 4:15PM-5:30PM

Kids! Come outside and build a weatherproof survival shelter completely of native materials in the forest! **Advanced registration required** by calling the Nature Center at 609-737-0609. 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 10 **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. Recommended for age 5 and up. An adult must accompany all children. **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

### Fun at Woolsey Park

**Date:** Thursday, June 10 **Time:** 6:00PM-8:00PM

Come out and play at Woolsey Park! The night will be chock-full of festivity and fun for children of all ages! All participants will receive a Township Passport to travel through the park and experience activities like: Whacky Relay Races & Carnival Games, "Touch a Truck" featuring the Hopewell Township Dump Truck, a Track Loader, and a Rotary Mower, A special "Junkyard" art project will be happening through the HV Arts Council. Conclude this special evening with a family friendly field game! The newest member of the Hopewell Recreation Department will make their debut and special appearance at 6:30PM. Do not be left out, join in on the fun and COME OUT AND PLAY! **Location:** Woolsey Park, 221 Washington Crossing-Pennington Road, Titusville **Sponsors:** Hopewell Township Parks & Recreation, Hopewell Township Public Works, Hopewell Valley Arts Council



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## 2021 Partners

Amateur Astronomers  
Association of Princeton

Art Sparks

Friends of Hopewell Valley  
Open Space

Hopewell Township  
Parks & Recreation

Hopewell Township  
Public Works

Hopewell Valley  
Arts Council

Hopewell Valley Regional  
School District

Mercer County Library  
Hopewell Branch

Mercer County  
Park Commission

Pennington Borough  
Parks & Recreation

Pennington Farmers Market

Pennington Public Library

Sourland Conservancy

Twirl Toy Store

Washington Crossing State Park  
Nature Center



For questions contact:  
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Hopewell Valley's Backyard

### Astronomy Outside with Telescopes

**Date:** Friday, June 11 **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. **Must check AAAP website for COVID opening clearance.** [www.princetonastronomy.org/public\\_nights](http://www.princetonastronomy.org/public_nights) Program will happen only if twilight skies are clear or partly clear. Questions about evening skies, call the observatory on Friday at 8:30PM (609-737-2575). **Location:** Washington Crossing State Park (enter off Bear Tavern Road) visit AAAP website for directions and map. **Sponsor:** Amateur Astronomers Association of Princeton.

### Upcycle Firefly!

**Date:** Saturday, June 12 **Time:** 10:00AM-11:30AM

Create a glowing firefly out of discarded plastic bottles. Make 2 fireflies, one to take home and one to hang as a decoration at The Junkyard, an upcycle art exhibition coming to Hopewell Valley this July. This activity is open to all ages, but young children must be accompanied by an adult. **Registration required:** [hello@hvartsCouncil.org](mailto:hello@hvartsCouncil.org) **Location:** Hopewell Train Station grounds, 2 Railroad Place, Hopewell. **Sponsor:** Hopewell Valley Arts Council

### Pennington Farmers Market Bingo

**Date:** Saturday, June 12 **Time:** 9:00AM-1:00PM

Pick up a Pennington Farmers Market Bingo card and crayon from the Welcome Tent, then search the market to find the items on the card. Exchange your completed Bingo card for a prize! Appropriate for pre-school, kindergarten, elementary students and families. *Rain or shine!* **Location:** Rosedale Mills, Route 31, Pennington **Sponsor:** Pennington Farmers Market

### Sidewalk Chalk Contest

**Dates:** Thursday, June 10 - Saturday, June 12 **Times:** 11:00AM-6:00PM (June 10 & June 11) & 11:00AM-5:00PM (June 12)

Stop by your favorite neighborhood toy shop for some sidewalk chalk fun! Draw a picture on our front sidewalk for a chance to win a Twirl Gift Card and other fun prizes. All ages welcome! **Location:** Twirl Toy Shop, 10 N. Main Street, Pennington **Sponsor:** Toy Twirl Shop

### Outdoor Scavenger Hunt

**Dates:** Thursday, June 10 - Sunday, June 12 **Time:** Anytime!

The Pennington Public Library has put together great clues for a scavenger hunt to liven up your next outdoor adventure. Lace up your walking shoes and head outside to explore. When children learn to enjoy nature, they are more likely to grow into adults who value and protect our environment. Submit your finished form to us online to win prize stickers mailed to your home! **Register** to receive your printable scavenger hunt at [www.penningtonlibrary.org/Outside/](http://www.penningtonlibrary.org/Outside/) *Rain or shine!* **Location:** Anywhere outdoors! **Sponsor:** Pennington Public Library

### Self-Guided Hikes!

**Dates:** Thursday, June 10 - Sunday, June 12 **Time:** Daylight hours

Choose a different trail in the Hopewell Valley for each day of Hopewell Valley Come Outside & Play! Visit a trail you have never tried before! Go to the Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space website at [www.fohvos.info/explore-hopewell/trail-guide/](http://www.fohvos.info/explore-hopewell/trail-guide/) and either download the Trail Guide or use the GPS maps for your smartphone to stay on the trail! **Location:** Throughout Hopewell Valley **Sponsor:** Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space

### Mystery Trail Hikes at Baldpate Mountain

**Dates:** Thursday, June 10 - Sunday, June 12 **Time:** Daylight hours

Calling Young Detectives: Tully the Turtle needs your help! Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to go on a self-guided hike with your family on our Mystery Trail at Baldpate Mountain and find the missing 'treasure.' Download the map from here: <https://bit.ly/MysteryTrailAtBaldpate> and let us know how you do! **Location:** Fiddler's Creek parking lot at Baldpate Mountain **Sponsor:** Mercer County Park Commission

### Be A Sourland Explorer

**Dates:** Thursday, June 10 - Saturday, June 12, 2021 **Time:** Daylight hours

Kids! Pack up your water bottle, a snack, and your favorite adult and head out on the trail! Together, you can explore any one of the 25 public hiking trails in the Sourlands, enjoy an adventure, complete your challenges, and earn a cool patch! Use the patch to decorate your backpack, extend the life of your hiking gear, or whatever you like! Download the packet and find maps of the Sourland Region trails, visit <https://sourland.org/sourland-scavenger-hunt/> Mail your answers to [info@sourland.org](mailto:info@sourland.org) to receive your free patch. *This program was created by a Hopewell Valley teen volunteer!* **Location:** Sourland Mountain Preserve, 235 Rileyville Road, Hopewell **Sponsor:** Sourland Conservancy