

Hopewell Valley Come Outside and Play!

June 9-11, 2022

Outdoor Activities Abound!



Join the Hopewell Valley Municipal Alliance and its partners for this 3-day community-wide event, now in its 12th year, 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.*

Outdoor Themed Story time

Date: Thursday, June 9 **Time:** 10:30AM-11:00AM

Learn about nature with books, finger plays and songs about the great outdoors! 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: bit.ly/HopewellOutdoorStorytime Small chairs will be provided but feel free to bring your own chairs or a blanket for your family. **Location:** Hopewell Branch Library, 245 Pennington Titusville Road, Pennington **Sponsor:** Mercer County Library System, Hopewell Branch Library

A Fast-Paced Hike in Nature

Date: Thursday, June 9 **Time:** 1:00PM-3:00PM

Meet at the Washington Crossing Park Nature Center for a fast-paced hike on the park's trails. Please dress in layers with proper footwear for walking on wet, muddy trails. The group sets the pace and distance, so you will likely be able to keep up comfortably. Please bring a water bottle and trekking poles (if you have them). Leave a message at the Nature Center to confirm your attendance at (609) 737-0609. **Location:** Washington Crossing Nature Center, 355 Washington Crossing Pennington Rd, Titusville **Sponsor:** Washington Crossing State Park Nature Center

Outdoor Art Room

Date: Thursday, June 9 **Time:** 4:00PM-5:00PM

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 5-10. An adult must accompany all children. **Registration required!** Space is limited to 10 students. Email child's first name and age to 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 9 **Time:** 6:00PM-8:00PM

Come outside 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. The Department of Public works will also be on hand for everyone to experience "Touch a Truck" and a special "Junkyard" art project will be happening through the HV Arts Council. The newest member of the Hopewell Recreation Department, "FOXY", will be making a special appearance between 7-7:30pm. Do not be left out, join in on the fun and COME OUTSIDE AND PLAY! **Location:** Woolsey Park, 221 Washington Crossing-Pennington Road, Titusville **Sponsors:** Hopewell Township Parks & Recreation, Hopewell Township Public Works, Hopewell Valley Arts Council

Campfire Tales: Outdoor Story Time

Dates: Friday, June 10 **Time:** 11:00AM-11:30AM

Gather around the "campfire" for stories, songs and fun! Open to children 5 and under, accompanied by an adult. Siblings welcome! Children will receive a take-home craft. Crafts will also be available for pickup inside the library throughout the month of June. Please bring chairs or a blanket for your family. Registration recommended- please email kfriedlich@penningtonlibrary.org. **Location:** Pennington Public Library, 30 N. Main Street, Pennington **Sponsor:** Pennington Public Library

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2022 Partners

Amateur Astronomers
Association of Princeton

Art Sparks

Complete Health Yoga

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

Washington Crossing State Park
Nature Center

Wildflower Farm



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Hopewell Valley's Backyard

Yoga with Nature

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

Connect with nature - One hour yoga class will be offered to students out in the beauty of nature. This helps to purify and harmonize the body and mind. This may help us to feel more connected and at peace with the world around us. One of the Yamas or vows of Yoga is non-violence (ahimsa) towards ourselves and others. It recognizes our intimate connection to everything on the Earth and in the Universe. Please bring your yoga props if needed and yoga mat or a towel. Registration preferred: bit.ly/CHYYogaInNature **Location:** Woolsey Park, 221 Washington Crossing-Pennington Rd, Titusville **Sponsor:** Complete Health Yoga

Astronomy Outside with Telescopes

Date: Friday, June 10 **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. Please check AAAP website www.princetonastronomy.org/public_nights Program will happen only if twilight skies are clear or partly clear. **Location:** Washington Crossing State Park (enter off Bear Tavern Road) visit AAAP website for directions and map. **Sponsor:** Amateur Astronomers Association of Princeton.

Pennington Farmers Market Scavenger Hunt

Date: Saturday, June 11 **Time:** 9:00AM-1:00PM

Pick up a Pennington Farmers Market scavenger hunt sheet 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

Meadow Walk

Date: Saturday, June 11 **Time:** 9:30AM-11:00AM

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. Spaces are limited, open to all ages! Registration required: bit.ly/MCPCMeadowWalk **Location:** Reed Bryan entrance to Mercer Meadows on Federal City Road, Pennington. Map: bit.ly/3pbGFNA **Sponsor:** Mercer County Park Commission

Vegetable Harvesting and Farm Tour

Date: Saturday, June 11 **Time:** 11:00AM-1:00PM

Join us at Wildflower Farm. Come and help harvest seasonal vegetables while learning about growing your own food. Stay for a tour and see our farm animals. Registration required: bit.ly/FoHVOSWildflowerFarm **Location:** 321 Pennington Harbourton Road (make sure your GPS doesn't take you to Woosomonsa) **Sponsors:** Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space and Wildflower Farm

Self-Guided Mystery Trail Hikes at Baldpate Mountain

Dates: Thursday, June 9 - Saturday, June 11 **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: bit.ly/MysteryTrailAtBaldpate and let us know how you do! **Location:** Fiddler's Creek parking lot at Baldpate Mountain **Sponsor:** Mercer County Park Commission

Photo Scavenger Hunt

Dates: Thursday, June 9 - Saturday, June 11 **Time:** Anytime!

Grab your phone, download the free app i-Naturalist, and head outside with friends or family for a "photo scavenger hunt." For directions to play and a list of items to hunt, visit www.fohvos.org/2022-scavenge. Search around your yard, or head out to one of our great preserves! Snap pictures of each item you find and share your findings by 6pm on June 11. Win cool prizes! **Location:** Throughout Hopewell Valley **Sponsor:** Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space

Be A Sourland Explorer

Dates: Thursday, June 9 - Saturday, June 11 **Time:** Daylight hours

Would you like to become an official protector of the Sourland Mountain, home to thousands of extraordinary species? Visit <https://sourland.org/sourland-explorer> to find out what you need to do in order to earn the Sourland Explorer patch. *This program was created by a Hopewell Valley teen volunteer!* **Location:** Sourland Mountain Preserve, 235 Rileyville Road, Hopewell **Sponsor:** Sourland Conservancy