



Friends of the Old Croton Aqueduct, Inc.

Keeper's House, 15 Walnut Street, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522-2109

Watch our website for future events: aqueduct.org

WALKS & TOURS & MORE: July - September 2017 (as of 6/26/17)

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: *Walks & Tours & More are free and do not require prior registration (unless otherwise noted). They will be organized/lled by the Friends of the Old Croton Aqueduct. Call event contact for the event for any updates on schedule, weather, etc. and bring water and snacks. General questions about Walks & Tours: Co-chairs Tom Tarnowsky, 914-862-4207, tom.tarnowsky@gmail.com, or Sara Kelsey, 646-303-1448, saraakelsey@gmail.com. General questions about the Friends: President Mavis Cain, 914-693-0529, mavisbird500.verizon.net. **GO THE EXTRA MILE!** The Friends will recognize walkers/runners who complete the Westchester portion or the entire Old Croton Aqueduct with a 26- or 41-mile certificate and patch (free to members). Details and recognition forms are available on the website and at walks and tours. Walks/runs can be completed in segments or all at once and can be done in any sequence, direction, speed, or length of time. Use the Friends' Old Croton Aqueduct State Historic Park Map & Guide and the Old Croton Aqueduct in New York City map as the reference points for location (or a work-around, where necessary). Questions? Contact: Sara Kelsey, saraakelsey@gmail.com or call 646-303-1448.*

July 8, Saturday at 10 am – Weir Tour -- Meet at the Joseph Caputo Community Center & view a short film about the Aqueduct. The Weir is nearby on the Double Arch Bridge. There you will descend into the original 1842 brick water tunnel and learn its history. There is an optional walk along the Sing Sing Kill Greenway, located below the Double Arch Bridge, after the Weir Tour. Address: 95 Broadway, Ossining, NY 10562, just west of Rte. 9/Highland Ave. at the junction of Croton Ave. (Rte. 133) (from Metro-North Ossining Train Station by taxi or 15-minute uphill walk). Inquiries: Sara Kelsey, saraakelsey@gmail.com or 646-303-1448.

July 15, Saturday, at 10:30 am – High Bridge Tour – Meet near the entrance to the Morris-Jumel Mansion, 65 Jumel Terrace, NYC. Directions to the Mansion, with transportation/parking suggestions, can be found at: www.morrisjumel.org. We will approach the bridge via the Aqueduct pathway, which leads from W. 158th x Edgecombe Avenue to the High Bridge. On the bridge we will enjoy the views and marvel at the engineering feat completed in 1848. A side trip up the stairs on the Manhattan side of the bridge to view the tower and the former site of the reservoir is optional, as is a self-led tour of the Morris-Jumel Mansion (Manhattan's oldest house – admission \$10/\$8) at the conclusion of the walk. Without optional side trips, the walk from the Mansion to the High Bridge and back is on flat terrain and is approximately 3 miles (3 hours). **Reservations required.** Inquiries: Sara Kelsey, saraakeley@gmail.com or 646-303-1448.

*The Friends of the Old Croton Aqueduct is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization.
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July 22, Saturday at 10 am – Croton Reservoir & Dam Hike. Easy 1-mile hike north along the Aqueduct and atop the beautiful Croton Dam. Meet near the restrooms at the parking lot at Croton Gorge Park, Rte. 129, Cortlandt, NY 10567. The leader of the hike will discuss the history and construction of the Old Croton Aqueduct and the features of the Croton Dam, the trailhead of the Aqueduct Trail. The Aqueduct was completed in 1842 to supply water to New York City. Inquiries: Peter Dispensa, solarconstant@msn.com or 914-522-5000.

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August 20, Sunday at 10 am – Hastings Rowley’s Bridge Trail — Aqueduct Trail Walk – Joint walk with WTA — Easy to Moderate. Walk the Aqueduct Trail and explore Rowley’s Bridge Trail and the Quarry (approx. 4 mile, 3-hour walk (some uneven terrain, steep steps). Optional picnic lunch following walk (bring a lunch, if you wish to join this) at MacEachron Park, close to the Hastings-on-Hudson Metro-North Train Station. Meet at 10 am at the stairway to the Rowley’s Bridge Trail adjacent to the house at 331 Warburton Avenue (at intersection of Pinecrest Drive and Warburton). On-street parking available. Easy 17 minute, 0.8 mile walk from Hastings-on-Hudson Train Station. Contact: Sara Kelsey, saraakelsey@gmail.com or 646-303-1448. WTA Leader: Ellie Carren.

August 26, Saturday at 10 am – Weir Tour -- Meet at the Joseph Caputo Community Center & view a short film about the Aqueduct. The Weir is nearby on the Double Arch Bridge. There you will descend into the original 1842 brick water tunnel and learn its history. There is an optional walk along the Sing Sing Kill Greenway, located below the Double Arch Bridge, after the Weir Tour. Address: 95 Broadway, Ossining, NY 10562, just west of Rte. 9/Highland Ave. at the junction of Croton Ave. (Rte. 133) (from Metro-North Ossining Train Station by taxi or 15-minute uphill walk). Inquiries: Peter Dispensa, solarconstant@msn.com or 914-522-5000.

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September 16, Saturday at 10 am – Meandering among the Mansions of the Historic Millionaires. A Hudson River Valley Ramble Event. Meet at Irvington’s Town Hall at 85 Main Street, less than ½ mile east up Main Street from the Irvington Metro-North train station (free parking). Walk north on the Old Croton

Aqueduct Trail (which intersects with Main Street) to Lyndhurst and back and admire architectural landmarks, including the skeletal remains of a Lord & Burnham conservatory, and Hudson River views, while learning the history of the Old Croton Aqueduct. Along the way, we will discuss the history of the mansions lining that portion of the Trail. On the return trip, you might stop to tour Jay Gould's Lyndhurst or Washington Irving's Sunnyside mansion (paid guided tours are available at both). When you return to Main Street, if you would like to see more, you may choose to continue your walk south (and back) on the Aqueduct to view more historic mansions. Sara Kelsey, Inquiries: Sara Kelsey, saraakeley@gmail.com or 646-303-1448.

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