

# Hopewell Valley Come Outside and Play!

## June 9-11, 2016



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!

### Geocache Washington Crossing State Park

**Date:** Thursday, June 9 **Time:** 4:15-5:30 PM

Geocaching is an update of the old-fashioned scavenger hunt. The state park contains numerous geocaches which are found using GPS technology. Take a guided hike in search of some of these treasures. **Advanced registration please** by calling the Nature Center at 737-0609. Open to elementary ages and up (children must be accompanied by an adult). **Location:** Meet at the Washington Crossing Park Nature Center, Titusville. **Sponsor:** Washington Crossing State Park Nature Center

### Outdoor Art Room

**Date:** Thursday, June 9 **Time:** 4:30-5:30PM

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

### Birds and Bagels

**Date:** Friday, June 10 **Time:** 7:15-8:15AM

Experience some sunrise science with Mercer County Naturalist Jenn Rogers and Laurie Cleveland 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. **Registration required!** Email [lcleveland@sourland.org](mailto:lcleveland@sourland.org). **Location:** Hopewell Borough Park Gazebo **Sponsors:** Mercer County Park Commission and Sourland Conservancy

### 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. 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.

### Lawrence Hopewell Trail "Ride-In" from 4-Points on the Trail to Hunt House

**Date:** Saturday, June 11 **Times:** 9:30AM & 10:00AM-12:00PM

Ride leaders will organize groups of cyclists from 4 different points on the trail to all meet at the Hunt House at Rosedale Park. **Locations:** 1) 10:00AM from Bristol-Myers Squibb Hopewell on Pennington-Rocky Hill Road construction entrance across from Elm Ridge Road 2) 10:00AM from Twin Pines Athletic Complex paved parking lot on Federal City Road 3) 10:00AM from Village Park (park at the end of Gordon Avenue) 4) 9:30AM from Brearley House at the end of Meadow Road, off Princeton Pike. For maps visit [www.lhtrail.org](http://www.lhtrail.org). **Please arrive 20 minutes prior to your start time** to allow ample time for parking/bike set-up. Riders will receive LHT maps at the Hunt House and encouraged to explore the new trails in beautiful Mercer Meadows. Open to elementary age and up. **Sponsor:** Lawrence Hopewell Trail

### Hike at Thompson Preserve

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

Hike the trail through the forest and beautiful restored meadow. See birds, butterflies and blooming flowers along the way. Roll some logs to look for insects and spiders. This 1.5 mile easy hike is appropriate for everyone! **Location:** Thompson Preserve, Route 654, Hopewell - a half mile from Route 31 on the left next to the Marshalls Corner Schoolhouse (Old School Guitar). **Sponsor:** Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space

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Hopewell Valley's  
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For more information  
contact: Hopewell Valley  
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737-0120 x642



### The Life of Bees

**Date:** Saturday, June 11 **Time:** 11:00AM-2:00PM

Discover from presenter Samantha Schmel, licensed beekeeper, how these little creatures impact our world in a big way. Learn about the life of a bee, the role of a beekeeper, what is hohey and learn how some bees can save our world. After, come outside to taste several variations of honey, learn about beekeeping equipment and make your own bee craft.

**Registration required!** Email: [kha@penningtonlibrary.org](mailto:kha@penningtonlibrary.org) Open to all ages and families.

**Location:** Pennington Public Library - Borough Hall and Library patio **Sponsor:** Pennington Public Library

### Play in an Old Time Baseball Game

**Date:** Saturday, June 11 **Times:** 11:00AM & 1:00PM

Two New Jersey "farm teams" will take to the field at Howell Living History Farm. Members of the public are welcome to join or watch the Howell Farm Hogs vs. the Jersey Bulls at 1:00PM. Rules will be presented to prospective players prior to the game. At 11:00AM, a similar game played by two vintage baseball league teams, the Flemington Neshanocks and the Elkton Eclipse, will feature the use of reproduction 19th century equipment and uniforms. Prior to this game, Brad Brooklyn Shaw, of the Neshanocks, will narrate "Casey at the Bat", and give a history of the 1864 game. **Location:** Howell Living History Farm, 70 Wooden's Lane, Lambertville **Sponsor:** Howell Living History Farm-Mercer County Park Commission

### Exploring Birds and Nature as a Treasure

**Date:** Saturday, June 11 **Time:** 1:00-3:00PM

Rain or shine, Kim Kurki, Author and Illustrator of "National Wildlife Federation's World of Birds," will present an interactive program at the barn and on the trails at St. Michael's Farm Preserve where 85 species of birds have been counted on its almost 400 acres of preserved land. Kim will describe how nature is full of treasure to be discovered, especially birds, which can be seen AND heard! Using images from her book as a reference, she'll discuss "birds as treasure," and share her collection of natural artifacts, especially birds' nests, eggs, feathers, and some other surprises. Kim will talk about what birds you might see in your backyard and also on the Preserve. There will be a fun craft activity and a hike on the property. Come and learn fascinating facts about our feathered friends and get outside to find them around the farm! Books will be available for purchase. Light refreshments. **To register,** email: [rsvp@drgreenway.org](mailto:rsvp@drgreenway.org) Appropriate for elementary and middle school families. **Location:** Barn on St. Michaels Farm Preserve. Look for the large sign on Princeton Avenue **Sponsor:** D&R Greenway Land Trust

### Build a Gnome or Fairy House

**Date:** Saturday, June 11 **Time:** 3:00-4:30PM

Take a walk on the wild side with naturalist and artist Margareta Warlick to discover the hidden shelters of the spirits that live among us. Gathered natural building materials will be used to create a home sure to entice fairies and gnomes to visit your special dwelling. All materials will be supplied, but feel free to bring along any unique items you might like to use....like a favorite shell or special stone. Workshop is intended for ages 8 through adults. Children must be accompanied by an adult to help use a hot glue gun. **Each person making a house must register at [www.hvartsouncil.org](http://www.hvartsouncil.org) under "Events and Programs" or call 609-429-0909. Limited to 20 participants. Location:** Grounds of the Hopewell Borough Train Station, Railroad Place, Hopewell **Sponsor:** Hopewell Valley Arts Council

### Picnic at the Pond

**Date:** Saturday, June 11 **Time:** 3:00-4:30PM

Meet at the Watershed Association pond for a hike around the pond and campfire with roasted hotdogs and s'mores! Open to all ages and families! **Registration required!** Call 737-7592 **Location:** Wargo Pond, 261 Wargo Road, Pennington **Sponsor:** Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association

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!*

In case of inclement weather call the  
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