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WELCOME



Welcome to Martin Van Buren National Historic Site. "Lindenwald" was the home and farm of the nation's eighth president. Van Buren, who organized the Democratic Party, resided here for the last 21 years of his life. This bulletin lists both regular and special programs occurring throughout the season.

The visitor center is open seven days-a-week from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm May 20 to October 31. An entrance fee of \$5.00 for those 16 and older to tour the house is collected at the visitor center across the Old Post Road from the parking lot. Please see the park ranger there for additional information on fees, tours and sales items. Holders of America the Beautiful - National Park passes are admitted free. There is no charge to walk the grounds which are available year round from 7:00 am to sunset. Pick up a brochure and site bulletin in the parking lot and follow the three quarter-mile wayside loop to learn more about the founder of the Democratic Party.

TOURS & TRAILS



Daily Tours

Ranger-led tours of Lindenwald are scheduled throughout the day. See the centerpiece of President Van Buren's Lindenwald farm. The mansion is also where Van Buren managed two presidential campaigns and entertained politicians and celebrities during the turbulent 1840's and 1850's. **Tours begin at the top of every hour from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.**

Park Trails

Get out and stretch your legs! You can get another look at the land Martin Van Buren loved by enjoying one of the number of trails that are within, pass through or are adjacent to the park. The Lindenwald Wayside Trail is a three-quarter mile loop trail around the grounds. The mile-and-a-half Kinderhook Dutch Farming Heritage Trail links Lindenwald and the Luykas Van Alen House operated by the Columbia County Historical Society. Across route 9H you'll find many trails of different lengths in the Martin Van Buren Nature Area. This beautiful 70 acre park is operated by the Friends of Lindenwald.

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May

19- Lindenwald Visitor Season Begins! Martin Van Buren's home reopens for tours. The tour season runs until October 31. Tours are offered at the top of the hour throughout the day. Sign-up for tours at the visitor center. **Tours are offered every hour from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.**

25 - Saratoga Driving Association. The annual Pleasure Driving Show of the Saratoga Driving Association. Coaches, carriages and horses of all variety will participate in the competition which continues throughout the day. **11:00 am** until **4:00 pm**.

June

14 - Nineteenth Century Games. How did President Van Buren's grandchildren entertain themselves while spending their summers visiting Lindenwald? Find out from Rangers at the **Kinderhook Village Farmer's Market** what kids did in 19th century Kinderhook without TV. **Beginning at 10:00 am.**

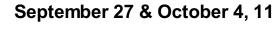
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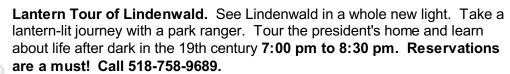


- **4 People's Parade.** The People's Parade on Independence Day is a Kinderhook Village tradition. Join the Ranger color guard and other local citizens in recognizing our country's independence on its birthday. Parade begins at Rothermel Park at **11:00 am**.
- **19 Forty and Fabulous!** Guess who's turning 40 years old this year? Martin Van Buren National Historic Site was established by Congress October 26, 1974. Bring something to show at the park's **Pop Up Museum** at the Kinderhook Farmer's Market. Share objects, converse and reminisce about the 1970's. Enjoy music, food and cake. **10:00 am to 2:00 pm.**

August

- **2 Ice Cream Churning.** Ice cream churning returns! Join rangers at **Kinderhook Village Farmer's Market** to enjoy a frozen treat at the end of the program. **Beginning at 10:00 am.**
- **27 Columbia County Fair.** Beginning Wednesday **August 28 through September 2**, enjoy the 173rd annual Columbia County Fair in Chatham. Visit us in the historic fair house and see the display created by the combined efforts of nine of the county's historic sites and tourism groups which form the **Landmarks Visitor's Collaborative**.





December

- **5 Kinderhook Village Ceremony.** Observe the 232nd anniversary of Martin Van Buren's birth in his home town. The annual community-sponsored event is conducted in the Village of Kinderhook. **The time is to be determined. Please call the site for more information.**
- **6 Winter Celebration.** This year Lindenwald will be "fitted out" for the season by the Kinderhook Garden Club who are basing their creations around the theme of President Van Buren's grandchildren. **Saturday 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm.** A great afternoon event. Reservations required!

ADVISORIES

Parking is sometimes limited, please follow signs and the directions of park rangers so that we may maximize spaces.

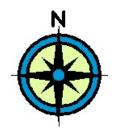
Picnic lunches on the lawn are encouraged, however, fires of any type are prohibited.

Poison ivy is plentiful throughout the site. Also, be aware of stinging insects and ticks. Please contact a park ranger if you need **first aid** or if you have a safety concern.

You may wish to bring **lawn chairs** for special events held at the park. Some seating is provided, but it is limited.

Although the house is closed during the winter and early spring, the **park grounds are open** and may be enjoyed **seven days a week from 7:00 am until sunset, year round**.

DIRECTIONS



Martin Van Buren NHS is located on route 9H, two miles south of the Village of Kinderhook, New York. The telephone number is 518-758-9689 or email the park at **MAVA_info@nps.gov**. Our web site is found at www.nps.gov/mava.

