



Visitor Services Expand at Fairsted



Left: NPS Ranger Alan Banks describes the functions of the Olmsted firm's Planting Department to a tour group of visiting landscape architecture students from Shanghai University in China this past summer. Below: NPS Ranger Mark Swartz leads visitors through the Fairsted landscape, also this past summer. Photos by SCA intern Matt Griffing, courtesy of NPS/Olmsted NHS.

On September 11, 2011, Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site resumed regular Sunday visitor services, with tours now offered at 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, and 3:00 pm. Advance reservations are required. This expansion of this past summer's Monday-Wednesday-Friday tours schedule allows visitors more opportunities to experience the site as the preservation construction project continues with its final phase, with expected completion by summer 2012.

Ranger-guided tours of the site include the grounds originally designed by Frederick Law Olmsted and his stepson John Charles Olmsted as well as the Olmsted firm's design office. The grounds were meticulously restored by the National Park Service in the 1990s and allow visitors the chance to experience first-hand Olmstedian design styles and their intended impact on people's emotions and interactions. The historic design office presents the design process as developed and practiced by the firm during the early 20th Century. Visitors

can also learn about the technology that supported the firm's work and see examples of plans and photographs produced by the firm's staff.

Frederick Law Olmsted National Historic Site anticipates the resumption of full on-site visitor services, including self-guided exhibits, a reopened bookstore, and an expanded weekend tour schedule by summer 2012. Please check this website periodically for updates on the construction project and announcements of special programs connected with the site's formal reopening .

For further information or to reserve a weekday or Sunday tour, please contact Supervisory Park Ranger Alan Banks weekdays at 617-566-1689, extension 221 or email him at Alan_Banks@nps.gov.



Frederick Law Olmsted NHS Tours Schedule as of September 11, 2011

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays – 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 2:00 pm

Sundays – 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm

Advance reservations required