

## Programs at the Park — 2011 Calendar

Mansion Tours offered daily, on the hour, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM.  
Reservations are recommended for Mansion Tours and Special Programs, call 802-457-3368 ext. 22.

July			September		
7/2	10:30 AM	Appalachian Trails & Tales	9/1	2:30 PM	Junior Ranger Program
	2:30 PM	Hidden Spaces	9/3	2:30 PM	Junior Ranger Program
7/3	2:00 PM	Civil War		2:30 PM	Hidden Spaces
	2:30 PM	Conservation Through the Artist's Eye	9/4	2:00 PM	Future of the Forest
7/4	10:30 AM	Junior Ranger Program		2:00 PM	Civil War
	2:30 PM	Fallout	9/5	10:30 AM	Landscape History
7/9	10:30 AM	Landscape History	9/9	2:30 PM	Conservation Through the Artist's Eye
	2:30 PM	Fallout	9/10	10:30 AM	Big Trees
7/10	10:30 AM	Appalachian Trails & Tales		2:30 PM	Spirituality & the Environment
	2:00 PM	Civil War	9/11	10:30 AM	Appalachian Trails & Tales
	2:30 PM	Future of the Forest		2:30 PM	Conservation Through the Artist's Eye
7/16	10:30 AM	Green Ideas at Work	9/17	2:30 PM	Junior Ranger Program
	2:00 PM	Civil War		2:30 PM	Green Ideas at Work
	2:30 PM	Spirituality & the Environment	9/18	10:30 AM	Big Trees
7/17	10:30 AM	Hidden Spaces		2:00 PM	Civil War
	2:30 PM	Conservation Through the Artist's Eye	9/24 & 9/25	<b>FOREST FESTIVAL WEEKEND</b>	
7/23	10:30 AM	Future of the Forest	October		
	2:00 PM	Civil War	10/1	10:30 AM	Autumn Foliage Walk
7/24	12:00-4:00 PM	<b>MANSION OPEN HOUSE</b>	10/2	2:00 PM	Autumn Foliage Walk
7/28	2:30 PM	Junior Ranger Program	10/5	2:00 PM	Autumn Foliage Walk
7/30	10:30 AM	Landscape History	10/8	2:00 PM	Autumn Foliage Walk
7/31	10:30 AM	Appalachian Trails & Tales	10/9	10:30 AM	Autumn Foliage Walk
	2:30 PM	Conservation Through the Artist's Eye	10/10	10:30 AM	Appalachian Trails & Tales
August			10/15	2:00 PM	Civil War
8/6	10:30 AM	Big Trees	10/16	2:30 PM	Spirituality & the Environment
	2:30 PM	Landscape History	10/22	10:30 AM	Fallout
8/7	10:30 AM	Appalachian Trails & Tales		2:30 PM	Conservation Through the Artist's Eye
	2:30 PM	Green Ideas at Work	10/23	2:00 PM	Civil War
	2:30 PM	Hidden Spaces		2:30 PM	Hidden Spaces
8/11	2:30 PM	Junior Ranger Program			
8/13	10:30 AM	Junior Ranger Program			
	2:30 PM	Spirituality & the Environment			
8/14	2:00 PM	Civil War			
	2:30 PM	Conservation Through the Artist's Eye			
8/18	2:30 PM	Junior Ranger Program			
8/20	10:30 AM	Junior Ranger Program			
	2:30 PM	Fallout			
	2:30 PM	Landscape History			
8/21	2:30 PM	Conservation Through the Artist's Eye			
8/25	2:30 PM	Junior Ranger Program			
8/27	10:30 AM	Big Trees			
	2:00 PM	Civil War			
8/28	10:30 AM	Appalachian Trails & Tales			
	2:00 PM	Fallout			
	2:30 PM	Hidden Spaces			

**Also at the Visitor Center:**  
Walk Woodstock Map | Bird Checklist  
Wildlife & Amphibian Checklist  
Features of the Gardens & Grounds Map  
Forest Communities Hike (2+ hours)



## Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park

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# Programs at the Park

JULY - OCTOBER 2011

Welcome to the national park! There are many changes; some you can clearly see and some that are not easily visible. Our Carriage Barn Visitor Center Exhibit, *Stewardship: People Taking Care of Places*, is being refreshed and updated with a new section on park and community sustainability and profiles of young people in conservation. In their own words, they speak of their work, their vision of responsible stewardship and their hope for the future.

As part of the exhibit, we have created a new film "*From the Hills of Vermont*." The film takes the story of this national park up to the present through the eyes of the larger community. This community-oriented perspective is rarely, if ever, expressed in a park film and illustrates how the principles of *respect* and *reciprocity* are guiding the key relationships that are shaping the park today.

What cannot be easily seen are several major advances this year in park renewable energy projects and long term sustainability. Insulated underground pipes connect an innovative wood fired boiler that heats the 28 room Mansion and the Carriage Barn Visitor Center. Using cord wood harvested from the park's managed historic forest, we can heat these facilities through the long Vermont winter—displacing the need for thousands of gallons of purchased fuel oil each year. We are

also installing a 6 kWh micro-hydro generator in the historic water-line running down Mount Tom that was built in the 1890's to irrigate the Billings Farm fields. Along with the Forest Center's photo-voltaic array and the park's purchase of "Cow Power" (electricity produced by methane digesters on Vermont dairy farms), this micro-hydro installation further expands the national park's portfolio of alternative energy.

All of these locally-based technologies are designed for public education as well energy cost savings, and can be easily scaled for residential use. Similarly, the updated exhibit and new film speak of community cooperation, innovation and stewardship close to home and the critical role of young people. Laurance S. Rockefeller intuitively understood this when he said,

*"We cannot rest on the achievements of the past. Rather, each generation must not only be stewards, but activists, innovators and enrichers. As this exciting new unit of the National Park System comes into being, we look forward to the day when the message and vision of conservation stewardship and its importance for the future will, once again, go out across the nation from the hills of Vermont."*

*Rolf Diamant*  
Rolf Diamant, Superintendent



### 8th Annual Vermont Fine Woodworking & Forest Festival

**Saturday & Sunday, September 24-25, 2011**  
**Saturday: 9 AM to 6 PM - Sunday: 10 AM to 4 PM**

Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park and the Vermont Wood Manufacturers Association have come together to create a weekend of enjoyment for all ages.

**Forest Festival Weekend**  
[www.nps.gov/mabi](http://www.nps.gov/mabi)

Visit Vermont's only National Park for a celebration of forest history, science and art. Ride a horse drawn wagon, see woodworking demonstrations, hike with an expert ecologist. Craft your own walking stick, see a portable sawmill in operation. Celebrate the legacy of Mount Tom and the richness of Vermont's forests. This event is free and open to the public.

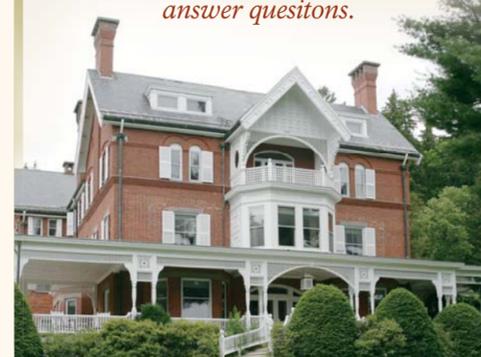
**Vermont Fine Woodworking at the Union Arena**  
[www.vermontwoodfestival.org](http://www.vermontwoodfestival.org)

Visit with more than 50 furniture makers and wood artisans. See woodworking demonstrations and presentations. Shop for the best Vermont-made wood products—furniture, bowls, baskets, carvings, cabinetry and more. New exhibitors, prizes and activities every year! Local food and music. Free shuttle between the National Park and the Union Arena.

## Mansion Open House

July 24, 2011  
12:00-4:00 PM

*Explore the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller Mansion and gardens at your own pace. Enjoy the gardens and landscape while listening to local musicians. Park staff will be available to answer quesitons.*



## Mansion Tours

Ranger-guided tours of the Mansion are offered daily throughout the season on the hour, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM, May 28–October 31, 2011. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults, \$4.00 for seniors (ages 62 and older), 15 and younger are free.





# The Paths Less Traveled ...

# Ranger-Led Walks & Tours

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## Conservation Through the Artist's Eye

American landscape paintings have inspired conservationists for over 100 years. See paintings by Hudson River School artists on this 90-minute walk through the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller Mansion, and discover how their landscape paintings profoundly influenced the development of a conservation ethic.

MEET AT: Carriage Barn Visitor Center / FEE: \$8

## Hidden Spaces Unique Places

Discover the park's distinctive historic buildings with their unusual architectural styles and interesting histories. Learn about the variety of strategies and techniques to preserve these landmark structures on this 90-minute walking tour through seldom-seen building interiors and exteriors.

MEET AT: Carriage Barn Visitor Center  
FEE: \$8.



## Appalachian Trails & Tales

Join a national park ranger on the Appalachian Trail for a 3-hour program. Learn about local history that shaped this landscape and how the trail came to be.

MEET AT: Billings Farm & Museum Visitor Center / FEE: Free

## Green Ideas at Work

Get a behind-the-scenes look at the park's "green" technologies and infrastructure on this 90-minute walking tour. Visit the new Platinum LEED Forest Center and "hybrid solar" greenhouse, and learn high- and low-tech solutions that you can use at home.

MEET AT: Carriage Barn Visitor Center  
FEE: Free



Forest Center



## The Future of the Forest

Join us for a hike and discussion on the history and current stewardship practices of the oldest professionally-managed forest in the United States. During this 2-hour hike, we will explore special places within the park's forest and visit sites with active forestry work.

MEET AT: Prosper Road parking lot / FEE: Free

## Spirituality & the Environment

This 1.5 hour walking tour will discuss stewardship from the perspective of spirituality and religion. The tour will explore ways faith has informed conservation practices and the appreciation of nature. The tour includes a closer look at the original Hudson River School paintings inside the Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller Mansion.

MEET AT: Carriage Barn Visitor Center / FEE: \$8

## Conservation Chronicles\*

From Native Americans to early European settlers, to land trusts, national parks, and wilderness areas, conservation thought and practice has taken many forms in North America over the past four centuries. Using words, images, and films of the past, explore the attitudes and actions that have shaped our relationship with the land we call the United States in this multimedia presentation.

\*Available by advance reservation

## The Lost Big Trees of Eastern America

Americans are fascinated by the big trees of the west. But here in the east we have our own big trees: white pines, elms, hemlocks, and the American chestnut. This 1.5-hour program explores the history, ecology and future of the big eastern tree species. There will be a short presentation indoors and then a walk to some big tree specimens in the park.

MEET AT: Carriage Barn Visitor Center  
FEE: Free



## Fallout: The Atomic Age & the Emergence of the Modern Environmental Movement

The period of US history known as the Cold War saw the proliferation of technologies with the power of almost unlimited destructiveness, as well as the awakening of a new environmental consciousness. This multimedia presentation explores the actions, attitudes, and events of this period with historic photographs, news reels, and movie clips that helped influence the unprecedented outbreak of environmental legislation in the 1960s and 1970s. A highlight of the program is a tour of a 1960s-era fallout shelter.

MEET AT: Carriage Barn Visitor Center / FEE: \$8

## Landscape History: A Walk Through Time

Explore the park's colorful gardens and grounds on this 90-minute walk. More than beautiful scenery, this landscape reflects layers of careful design that are linked to the conservation movement in the 19th century.

MEET AT: Carriage Barn Visitor Center FEE: Free



## Causes & Consequences: The Civil War Home Front in Woodstock, Vermont



"We look forward in the coming years to both painting an inclusive picture of the Civil War era and to drawing attention to the larger arc from Civil War to Civil Rights."

- Secretary of Interior Ken Salazar

To play its "full duty" in the 150 year sesquicentennial remembrance of the great American Civil War, Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller has updated and expanded its landmark tour "Causes & Consequences: The Civil War Home Front in Woodstock." This award winning guided walking tour through the village streets, a first of its kind in the national park system, recreates the personal stories of people whose lives were forever changed on the battle-front and home-front and looks at the war's enduring legacy on this community and the nation as a whole. The tour recounts the seismic impact of Lincoln's emancipation proclamation on Woodstock's free community of African-Americans including their subsequent service to their country as soldiers and their experiences as citizens and veterans after the war. The tour concludes with the seldom told story of the birth of national parks and modern stewardship with the preservation of Yosemite in 1864 and the concurrent publication of Marsh's *Man and Nature*.

MEET AT: Billings Farm & Museum Visitor Center / FEE: \$8

## Junior Ranger Program

Earn a Junior Ranger badge by completing a variety of activities with a park ranger and learn about this special national park. Join us for special Junior Ranger programs exploring a variety of themes including art, trees and wildlife.

Appropriate for youth ages 6 to 12. This program can also be self-guided and is available upon request.

MEET AT: Carriage Barn Visitor Center  
FEE: Free

