



# John Boyd Thacher State Park May 2023 Programs

## **Daisy Trail Adventure and girl scouts Brownie Hiker Badges**

Sunday, May 7th, 10:00-11:30am

Meet at Hop Field parking area

Spring is here - time to get outside! Learn how to pack for a day hike and read a map, then head out on the trail to see waterfalls, rock crevices and maybe even wildlife! Daisies will earn their Trail Adventure Badge and Brownies will earn their Hiker Badge. Bring a backpack, water, snack, and comfortable shoes.

**Registration required. Call 518-872-0800.**

## **Sunset Hike**

Saturday, May 13th, 7:00-9:00pm

Meet at the Old Stage Road Trailhead

Take in the sunset at High Point and learn about how the natural world prepares for nightfall on this 2-mile round-trip hike through forests and fields. Lanterns will be provided. May not be appropriate for young children.

**Registration required. Call 518-872-0800.**



## **Native Plant Sale**

Saturday, May 20th, 10:00am-3:00 pm

Thacher Overlook

SATURDAY ONLY. Native perennials, shrubs, and trees with beautiful flowers are for sale! Native plants can fill difficult areas and bring gorgeous color throughout the year. Knowledgeable staff will be on hand to assist and answer questions.

**No registration required.**



## **A Walk Through the Paleozoic**

Saturday, May 27th, 9:30-11:30 am

Weather permitting, meet at the Thacher Park Overlook, where on a clear day at least four different landscape regions are visible. Learn how and when they formed and about the many different rock types of which they are made.

**No registration is required.**

## **Eagle Walk**

Saturday May 27th, 1-2pm

Meet at the Nature Center

Join us for a guided walk to see our eagles' nest and learn about the history of bald eagles in America. All ages.

**Registration Required. Call 518-872-0800.**

## **Nature Bus**



This free bus service brings you to popular outdoor locations where you can enjoy free programming on most weekends. Take a guided walk, try out bird identification, or simply get to know nature... there's so much to do!

**Nature Bus 2023 service begins in Albany on Saturday, May 27.**

<https://www.mohawkhudson.org/nature-bus>



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## June 2023 Programs

### Hike to High Point

Saturday June 3rd, 1:00-3:00pm

Meet at Old Stage Road Trailhead

Celebrate National Trails Day with a Nature Center educator as we hike to High Point, where we will enjoy panoramic views of the Mohawk-Hudson Valley. The hike is 2 miles roundtrip with mostly level terrain.

**Registration required. Call 518-872-0800.**

### Geology of Waterfalls Hike

Sunday, June 4th, 1:30pm-3:00pm

Meet at the Thacher Visitor Center

Visit four waterfalls and learn about the geological processes that shape them on this 1.3-mile hike over moderate terrain. Appropriate for all ages.

**Registration required. Call 518-872-0800.**

### Walk the Rainbow

Saturday, June 17th, 10:00-11:00am

Meet at the Nature Center

Celebrate Pride Month on a walk around the Nature Center to search out wildflowers in every color! There will be a 1 hour break between this walk and the Watercolor Wildflowers program; participants attending both programs are invited to bring their own lunch.

**Registration required. Call 518-872-0800.**

### Watercolor Wildflowers Accessible Program

Saturday, June 17th, 12:00-2:00pm

Practice watercolor techniques as you paint wildflowers with professional artist Diane Steele (Yankee Floral)! Good for individuals of all skill levels over the age of eighteen.

**\$20 per person for watercolor supplies.**

**Registration required. Call 518-872-0800.**

### Kalkberg Fossil Hunting

Sunday, June 18th, 10:30-11:30am

Meet at the Thacher Visitor Center

Join us as we look for fossils near the Thacher Visitor Center and learn about the ancient animals that used to call Thacher home. Appropriate for all ages. Individuals will not be able to keep any fossils they may find.

**Registration required. Call 518-872-0800.**

### Eagle Walk

Saturday June 24th, 1-2pm

Meet at the Nature Center

Join us for a guided walk to see our eagles' nest and learn about the history of bald eagles in America. Appropriate for all ages.

**Registration required. Call 518-872-0800.**

### Overlooking the Geology Accessible Program

Saturday, June 24th, 1:30-2:30 pm

Weather permitting, meet at the Thacher Park Overlook, where on a clear day at least four different landscape regions are visible. Learn how and when they formed and about the many different rock types of which they are made.

**No registration required.**

### girl scouts Junior Geocacher Badge

Sunday, June 25th, 10:00-11:30am

Meet at the Visitor Center.

Learn to Geocache! Part game, part community, part outdoor adventure, we'll navigate on- and off-trail with maps and GPS to find treasures hidden in the forest. Juniors will complete the steps to earn their Geocacher Badge. Bring water and comfortable shoes - your own phone or your adult's phone would be helpful but not required.

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