

Riverwalk Hike | Saturday, May 30, 2015 | 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

The Riverwalk Hike will take place in New Milford, CT, beginning at the Nostrand Preserve and completing at the Kahn Preserve. This hike will feature the West Aspetuck River. Attendees will be led by naturalist, Kyle Turoczi on a two-mile hike along the banks of the river to explore its vibrant ecosystem. The West Aspetuck River is an exceptionally clean and unique waterbody. It has been designated by the State as a Class AA waterbody—the highest ranking available. Additionally, the West Aspetuck River Corridor is listed as one of twelve special places under the Federal Highlands Conservation Act. The quality of the river ecosystem is made evident by the diverse species that call it home. It provides breeding grounds for mink, otter, amphibians, wood ducks, and black ducks. Recent studies by both the State and Trout Unlimited identify the West Aspetuck as one of the best habitats remaining in the State for native brook trout. **

Raindate is Sunday, May 31, 2015

This hike will be a wonderful educational opportunity for individuals and families. Light refreshments will be served. For more information or to register please contact info@weantinoge.org

Cultural and Archeological History of Bear Hill | Saturday, June 20, 2015 | 10 AM – 1:00 PM

This event will feature the cultural and archeological history of Bear Hill region. Participants will learn about local American Indian and pre-21st century settlement and land use history by participating in a tour of the Preserve and visiting an American Indian stone cairn that is believed to have been used for astronomical purposes. Participants will be guided by a representative from The Institute for American Indian Studies and Weantinoge's Assistant Director of Land Conservation, Rebecca Steinberg. Participants will identify the signs of human impact on the landscape from pre-colonial days to the present through discussions of disturbance patterns, fire, logging, and agricultural use. The event, based in part on Tom Wessel's teachings in Reading the Forested Landscape, will be an eye-opening, close look at the local environment.

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Extreme Hikers Day | Saturday, October 24, 2015 | 10 AM – 2:00 PM

This event will start at Nostrand Preserve and loop around to Weantinoge's Kahn Preserve, which all totals about 3 miles of steep up and downhill terrain. The invigorating walk will take hikers from the pristine West Aspetuck River lowlands to the top of Bear Hill, the highest point in the Town of New Milford. Along the way there will be ample opportunity to enjoy the many colors of fall and seasonal views of New York state.

The hike will be led by Field Botanist, Bill Moorhead, and Weantinoge's Assistant Director of Land Conservation, Rebecca Steinberg, and Director of Land Conservation, Paul Elconin. Light refreshments will be served.

****Raindate is Sunday, October 25, 2015**

For more information or to register please email info@weantinoge.org