

# Hopewell Valley Come Outside and Play!

June 8-10, 2023

## Outdoor Activities Abound!



Join the Hopewell Valley Municipal Alliance and community partners for this 3-day community-wide event, now in its 13<sup>th</sup> year. Established to increase awareness of nature and an appreciation of time spent outdoors, families and community members are welcome to attend any of these activities.

Some activities require advance registration. Activities are free, open to all ages and will be cancelled in case of inclement weather *unless otherwise noted*.

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### Outdoor Themed Story Time

**Date:** Thursday, June 8 **Time:** 10:30AM-11:00AM

Learn about nature with books, finger plays and songs about the great outdoors! Open to children ages 5 and under, accompanied by an adult. Children will receive a take-home craft after story time. Space is limited. Registration is required: [bit.ly/MCLOutdoorStorytime2023](https://bit.ly/MCLOutdoorStorytime2023) Small chairs will be provided but feel free to bring your own chairs or a blanket for your family. *Rain or shine event!* **Location:** Hopewell Branch Library, 245 Pennington Titusville Road, Pennington **Sponsor:** Mercer County Library System, Hopewell Branch Library

### Outdoor Art Room

**Date:** Thursday, June 8 **Time:** 4:00PM-5:00PM

Join *Art Sparks* at Kunkel Park in Pennington for a chance to be part of a long, worldwide tradition of celebrating the beauty in nature reflected through the visual arts. Be inspired by the textures, colors and shapes in the natural world, and create a work of art combining traditional art materials with small objects found in nature. Recommended for age 5-10. An adult must accompany all children. **Registration required!** Space is limited to 10 students. Email child's first name and age to [info@artsparksstudio.com](mailto:info@artsparksstudio.com) **Location:** Kunkel Park, King George Road, Pennington **Sponsors:** *Art Sparks and Pennington Borough Parks & Recreation*

### Fun at Woolsey Park

**Date:** Thursday, June 8 **Time:** 6:00PM-8:00PM

Come outside and play at Woolsey Park! The night will be chock-full of festivity and fun for children of all ages! All participants will receive a Township Passport to travel through the park and experience activities like: whacky relay races and carnival games. The Hopewell Township Public Works department and Hopewell Township Police Department will also be on hand for everyone to experience "touch a truck" and see inside police vehicles. Do not be left out, join in the fun and COME OUTSIDE AND PLAY! **Location:** Woolsey Park, 221 Washington Crossing-Pennington Road, Titusville **Sponsors:** *Hopewell Township Parks & Recreation, Hopewell Township Public Works & Hopewell Township Police Department*

### Kids Swim Free at Hopewell Quarry

**Date:** Friday, June 9 **Time:** 4:00PM-7:00PM

Come enjoy a swim at this hidden gem! Free late-day kids pass with the purchase of a late day adult pass. Although bathing suit styles may have changed over the years, much of the Quarry has remained the same. Purchased by Friends of Hopewell Quarry in August 2021, the Hopewell Quarry is now protected open space and will serve the public as a swimming hole and events space for decades to come. Register online or at the gate, [www.hopewellquarry.org/buy-passes](https://www.hopewellquarry.org/buy-passes) **Location:** 180 Crusher Road, Hopewell **Sponsor:** *Hopewell Quarry*

### Astronomy Outside with Telescopes

**Date:** Friday, June 9 **Time:** 8:45PM-11:00PM

Get outside under the stars and observe our night sky! Travel light-years through the eyepieces of professional-grade telescopes and see the wonders of the night sky up close and personal. Expert astronomers will guide you and answer all your astronomy questions. Program will happen only if twilight skies are clear or partly clear. Please check AAAP website [www.princetonastronomy.org/public\\_nights](https://www.princetonastronomy.org/public_nights). **Location:** Washington Crossing State Park (enter off Bear Tavern Road) visit AAAP website for directions and map. **Sponsor:** *Amateur Astronomers Association of Princeton*.

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## 2023 Partners

Amateur Astronomers  
Association of Princeton

Art Sparks

Friends of Hopewell Valley  
Open Space

Hopewell Township  
Parks & Recreation

Hopewell Township  
Public Works

Hopewell Township  
Police Department

Hopewell Valley Regional  
School District

Mercer County Library  
Hopewell Branch

Mercer County  
Park Commission

Mercer County Park  
Wildlife Center

Pennington Borough  
Parks & Recreation

Pennington Farmers Market

Pennington Public Library

Sourland Conservancy

Washington Crossing Park  
Association



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Hopewell Valley's Backyard

### Pennington Farmers Market Scavenger Hunt & Food Drive

**Date:** Saturday, June 10 **Time:** 9:00AM-1:00PM

Pick up a Pennington Farmers Market scavenger hunt sheet and marker from the Information Tent, then search the market to find the items on the sheet. Exchange your completed sheet for a prize! Please bring a non-perishable item as they will also be holding a food drive for Chubby's Food Pantry and the Hopewell Valley Mobile Food Pantry. Appropriate for pre-school, kindergarten, elementary students and families. **Rain or shine!** **Location:** Rosedale Mills, Route 31, Pennington **Sponsor:** Pennington Farmers Market

### Lawrence Hopewell Trail Saturday Morning Walk!

**Date:** Saturday, June 10 **Time:** 9:30AM

Come enjoy the sights and sounds of late spring during LHT's monthly walk as you explore a section of the trail! Grab your family and friends for a great way to get outside and see all this local trail system has to offer. Open to all ages! **Location:** Visit [lhttrail.org/walkingclub/](http://lhttrail.org/walkingclub/) for details. **Sponsor:** Lawrence Hopewell Trail

### Tai Chi by the Delaware

**Date:** Saturday, June 10 **Time:** 9:30AM-10:30AM

Tai Chi with steadfast volunteers and beloved teachers Lisa and Robert! They will be leading classes by the river for all levels. Wear comfortable clothes, no mat required. This class is free, however donations are deeply appreciated! Meet in the lower park by the Delaware River, in front of the main parking lot near the Nelson House **Location:** Washington Crossing State Park, River Drive, Titusville **Sponsor:** Washington Crossing Park Association

### Outdoor Education Environment at the Wildlife Center

**Dates:** Thursday, June 8 - Saturday June 10 **Time:** 10:00AM-4:00PM

The Outdoor Education Environment located at Mercer County Park Wildlife Center is home to 15 permanent residents. These animals were either severely injured or because of human imprint, were not able to exist out in the wild. The enclosures you will see provide a safe environment for our birds and mammals to exist. Surrounding the enclosures is a wildflower pollinator meadow. All tours are self-guided. **Location:** 1748 River Road, Titusville **Sponsor:** Mercer County Park Wildlife Center

### Sailboats and Story Stroll

**Dates:** Thursday, June 8 - Saturday, June 10 **Time:** 10:00 AM-8:00PM

Stop by the Maker Station at Pennington Public Library to create a Popsicle stick sailboat, complete with your very own sail and crewmember! Then, take your boat with you on a Story Stroll, a fun outdoor reading experience where a trail of story pages leads you to your final destination - the Kunkel Park stream! Appropriate for pre-school, kindergarten, elementary students and families. No registration necessary. For more information, visit [www.PenningtonLibrary.org/ComeOutside2023](http://www.PenningtonLibrary.org/ComeOutside2023). **Location:** Pennington Public Library, 30 N. Main Street, Pennington **Sponsor:** Pennington Public Library

### Detective Tully's Mystery Trail

**Dates:** Thursday, June 8 - Saturday, June 10 **Time:** Daylight hours

Calling Young Detectives: Tully the Turtle needs your help! Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to go on a self-guided hike with your family on our Mystery Trail at Baldpate Mountain and find the missing 'treasure.' Download the Mystery Trail Mission assignment and map: [Mystery Tour Baldpate Mtn - English](#) or [Mystery Tour Baldpate Mtn - Spanish](#) **Location:** Fiddler's Creek parking lot at Baldpate Mountain [bit.ly/FiddlersCreekParkingLot](http://bit.ly/FiddlersCreekParkingLot) **Sponsor:** Mercer County Park Commission

### Photo Scavenger Hunt

**Dates:** Thursday, June 8 - Saturday, June 10 **Time:** Anytime!

Grab your phone, download the free app i-Naturalist, and head outside with friends or family for a "photo scavenger hunt." For directions to play and a list of items to hunt, visit: [www.fohvos.info/](http://www.fohvos.info/) Search around your yard, or head out to one of FoHVOS's great preserves! Snap pictures of each item you find and share your findings by 6pm on June 10. Win cool prizes! **Location:** Throughout Hopewell Valley **Sponsor:** Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space

### Be A Sourland Explorer

**Dates:** Thursday, June 8 - Saturday, June 10 **Time:** Daylight hours

Would you like to become an official protector of the Sourland Mountain, home to thousands of extraordinary species? Visit [sourland.org/sourland-explorer/](http://sourland.org/sourland-explorer/) to find out what you need to do in order to earn the Sourland Explorer patch. *This program was created by a Hopewell Valley teen volunteer!* **Location:** Sourland Mountain Preserve, 235 Rileyville Road, Hopewell **Sponsor:** Sourland Conservancy