



Save These Dates

Upcoming Events

Dates, times, and registration information may update or change.
Please check back or call (908) 537-7060 with questions.

Saturday, June 19 *Summer Kick-Off Hike.* 9:00 am – Meet on Dennis Road, Holland Township, NJ. Join MWA for a hike of Musconetcong Gorge Preserve where you can take in the beautiful vistas of this 523 acre preserve in Holland Township. The trails range from moderate to slightly difficult, so plan accordingly. We encourage all participants to dress appropriately and bring water. Please note that this preserve is carry in/carry out. Space is limited, so reach out to ryan@musconetcong.org to sign up.



Tuesday, July 13 *River Talk: Waterloo Village & the Morris Canal.* 6:00-7:30 pm. Join MWA for an outdoor River Talk, led by Chuck Gullage as we walk through Waterloo Village. Chuck will discuss the relationship between the Musconetcong River and the Morris Canal and the importance of the Musconetcong River as a source of hydropower in the 19th century, as well as the history of Waterloo Village as a transportation center. Chuck is longtime associate of the MWA, having been a volunteer River Watcher, trustee, and manager for the Asbury Mill restoration project. He served in the US Coast Guard where he received training in marine environmental protection, which later helped him to investigate hazardous spills in the Musconetcong River Watershed. Chuck also spent time working for AT&T and Lucent Technologies, but since retiring, uses his FAA drone pilot license to provide aerial photography services for the New Jersey Highlands Coalition and The Nature Conservancy. He volunteers at the Twin Lights in Highlands, NJ and is also a long time member of the Canal Society of New Jersey. This River Talk will take place at Waterloo Village, which is located on Waterloo Road in Byram Township, just northeast of the Interstate 80 overpass. (Location in Google Maps: <https://g.page/waterloo-village-historic-site?share>). [Click here](#) to sign up for free.



CAMP MUSKY

July 5-9 Explorers | Ages 5-7 (Session FULL)

Campers will explore nature through storytelling, cooperative play, and creative art and crafting projects designed to deepen their connection with nature. Each morning, we will depart on an exciting journey exploring the river and its surroundings while collecting and recording treasures found along the way. We will use their collections along with other artistic mediums, paints, beads and clay to create and express the different aspects of life on the river. While encountering all of the things that can be seen, and even some things that cannot, campers will develop a nature journal and discover ways of creating a record of what their senses experience.



July 12-16 Stream Team | Ages 7-9 (Session OPEN, 1 spot left!)

Stream Team will explore the connections between the Earth's ecosystems, and the microorganisms within those ecosystems. They will be exposed to practices of sustainability and environmental ethics as well as practices in classification of insects, birds, flowers and trees. Explorations of the river and our path to developing deep, lasting connections with our bio-region will be documented in a nature journal.



July 19-23 Trailblazers | Ages 7-9 (Session OPEN, 2 spots left)

Campers will explore the connection between humans and nature. Understanding the plants and animals in our local ecosystem, and safe ways to interact with them, will create opportunities for children to explore nature in a creative, uninhibited way. They will develop an appreciation for the basic components necessary for sustainability including use of water, shelter and food. Learning how each habitat explored provides these necessities for the creatures it supports.



July 26-30 River Rangers | Ages 10-12+ (Session FULL)

Older campers will learn that for humans to live sustainably we need to use the Earth's resources at a rate at which they can be replenished. River Rangers will develop an appreciation for the basic components necessary for sustainability, including use of water, shelter and food. River Rangers will learn how each habitat explored provides the necessities for the creatures it supports. Each day, there will be an exploration of the Musconetcong River and an in-depth investigation of stream and field life in the Musconetcong Watershed.



August 2-6 STEM Camp | Ages 8-12+ (Session FULL)

Science, Technology, Engineering, and yes even some Math! STEM Camp will use hands-on learning to foster creativity, problem-solving, life skills, resourcefulness, patience and curiosity. Using core STEM principles, we will work together to solve real world problems to help us monitor the mighty Musky's health. We will, of course, make time to explore the river and play some games!



TBD Wine Tasting on the Musky. Join us for a scenic afternoon and sample fine wines, craft beers, and local ciders, while enjoying live music provided by local band, the Caren Kennedy Duo. Attendees will also have a chance to enter our annual rubber duck race on the Musky! A complimentary wine glass will be given to the first 100 attendees registered. Location information and a ticket link will be provided later this summer.



Tuesday, November 9 & Friday, November 10 *3rd Annual Northwest New Jersey Rivers Conference.* This year MWA and our Delaware River Watershed Initiative partners are hosting our third annual Rivers Conference virtually over two sessions. The [Conference Website](#) will be updated later this year with a finalized date, full agenda, workshop descriptions, and registration link.



Saturday, November 27 *Point Mountain Hike.* Meet at 10 am. Join MWA as we hike the Ridge Trail of Point Mountain Reserve. This is a good hike for beginners and expert hikers. The trail is diverse and challenging at times and includes a steep and rocky incline. Bring a snack and water to the gravel parking lot on Point Mountain Road, 0.3 miles from Route 57. Check back later this year for a registration link.



This calendar will be updated periodically throughout the year. Please check back for updates!

Festival Events

Visit MWA as we support our local community!

Saturday, October 2 (tentatively) The [Lake Hopatcong Block Party](#) celebrates all facets of Lake Hopatcong life by bringing visitors together with businesses, non-profit organizations, community groups, crafters, and food vendors for a community day like no other featuring activities, raffles, giveaways, a children's scavenger hunt, and more.

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