Volunteering

Nationwide, the National Park Service relies on the time and talent provided by our volunteers. At Hopewell Furnace, we rely upon volunteers to present programs, orient visitors, and keep the cultural and natural resources preserved. We are looking for individuals with an interest in a wide variety of tasks – gardening, grounds care, interaction with visitors, planning and leading tours and programs, and much more.

Would you like to join our team as a volunteer? If so, please submit an application at www.volunteer.gov.

Visiting Hopewell Furnace

Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site is open seven days a week from Memorial Day to Labor Day, and Wednesday through Sunday the remainder of the year. Site hours are always 9 am to 5 pm. When open, the Village Store hours are 10 am to 4 pm.

Admission is free of charge.

Events are free and do not require reservations. Event information is also posted on the website. For further information, contact the park.

Nearby Parks and Preserves

French Creek State Park
843 Park Road, Elverson, PA 19520; 610.582.9680
www.dcnr.state.pa.us/stateparks/findapark/frenchcreek/index.htm

Crow’s Nest Preserve
201 Piersol Road, Elverson, PA 19520; 610.286.7955
www.natlands.org/preserves/preserve.asp?idPreserveId=42

Schuylkill River National and State Heritage Area
140 College Drive, Pottstown, PA 19464; 484.945.0200
www.schuylkillriver.org/

Hopewell Big Woods
C/o Natural Lands Trust
1031 Palmers Hill Road, Media PA 19063; 610.353.5587
www.hopewellbigwoods.org/

Joanna Furnace (Hay Creek Valley Historical Association)
P.O. Box 36, 1250 Furnace Road, Geigertown PA 19523
610.286.0388
www.haycreek.org

Valley Forge National Historical Park
1400 North Outer Line Drive, King of Prussia, PA 19406; 610.783.1000
www.nps.gov/vafo

Programs, Activities and Special Events at Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site

Download the NPS Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site app at iTunes for Apple and Google Play for Android. Find us on Instagram and Facebook.

2 Mark Bird Lane
Elverson, PA 19520
610.582.8773
https://www.nps.gov/hofu

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May 12-19, 9 am-5 pm  Lighting the Pile and Charcoal-Making Demonstration

May 20 at 2 pm  Friends of Hopewell Furnace Lecture: Visitor Center – Who They Are and What They Do

June 1-6 from 9 am-5 pm  Molding and Casting Demonstration

June 24, noon-4 pm  Fleece Cleaning Demonstration

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August 4-11 from 9 am-5 pm  Lighting the Pile and Charcoal-Making Demonstration

Saturday August 11, 6-11:30 pm  (rain date August 12)  StarFest: Join us and the Chestmont Astronomical Society for an evening of exploring the night sky.

Sunday August 12 at 2 pm  Friends of Hopewell Furnace Lecture: Mid-Atlantic Aerospace Museum

Saturday September 15 from 9 am-6 pm  Life on the Civil War Homestead Hopewell was alive with activity during the Civil War. Join us as we welcome the Atlantic Guard Soldiers’ Aid Society and explore life on the home front.

September 29, noon-4 pm  Friends of Hopewell Furnace Lecture: Fort Monroe: Its Impact on our Nation’s African-American History

Sunday December 9 at 2 pm  Friends of Hopewell Furnace Lecture: Model Railroads, A Family Affair