



Highlands Historic Preservation

A Non-Profit Organization Dedicated to Preserving the Highlands' Hidden Historic Resources

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After this long cruel winter everyone is suffering from cabin fever! Well, the calendar now tells us that it is finally spring time, and the remaining snow is gradually melting. So that means it's time to head out into the woods for the 2014 edition of our "Magical History Tours and Nature Hikes"!

Please join us on Sunday, April 13th, at 11:00am for our free "Magical History Tour and Nature Hike." We'll be hiking through beautiful Whang Hollow to the 1700s Brown/Barrett farm site, with its impressive stone chambers and barn site. Then we'll be hiking down the valley to the glacial erratic known as "Hawk Rock," which was a spiritual center for the local Native Americans prior to the arrival of the European settlers in the 1700s. Our 4.25 mile roundtrip walk will take us through beautiful forestland, through scenic hills and valleys, with lots of interesting rock formations and streams. This hike is physically demanding, up and down hills on rocky, uneven ground, so please wear comfortable and sturdy hiking shoes, bring water and a lunch or snack, and bug repellent. We'll return to the parking area at about 2:30pm. Get the kids off their I-Pads and smartphones for a few hours! Well behaved leashed dogs are welcome too! Heavy rain or snow postpones the hike until the following Sunday, April 20th, same time, same location.

We'll meet at the end of Whangtown Road, which is located off of Farmer's Mills Road (County Road 42), in Kent NY. Farmer's Mills Road is located across from the Kent Center Shopping Center (Dunkin' Donuts) on Route 52. Take Farmer's Mills Road approximately 1 mile, and make the left on to Whangtown Road. Then follow Whangtown Road all the way to the end, approximately .75 mile. For a map, click [here](#). Registration is not required, but you may want to email us with your intention to join us on the hike so we can provide updates to you (weather postponement, etc.) (thomasmaxson@highlandspreservation.org). If you don't have your free NYC DEP access [permit](#), we'll have application forms and temporary passes on hand for you. Make sure to bring plenty of water, good hiking shoes, lunch or a snack, and your camera.

Highlands Historic Preservation is a local non-profit organization dedicated to protecting and preserving these historic and prehistoric treasures. Our associate sponsor is the ROCKS group, the organization formerly known as the Putnam County Historic Preservation Advisory Commission. For further information, please visit our website at www.HighlandsPreservation.org, our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Highlands-Preservation/357070209198>, via email at thomasmaxson@highlandspreservation.org, or by phone at (845) 249-8880.

Hike Facts:

Roundtrip Distance: Approximately 4.25 miles

Terrain: Up and down hills, uneven and rocky ground, crossing at least 2 streams, step over downed trees and through stone walls.

When: 11:00 am on Sunday, April 13, 2014. Heavy rain, snow or thunderstorm threats will postpone this hike until Sunday, May 4th, same time.

Where: End of Whangtown Road in Kent. Since this is a NYC DEP property, permits are required to hike this property. Click [here](#) to obtain a free permit from the DEP. We will have a limited number of temporary permits on hand.

Directions: From Route 52 and the Kent Center Shopping Center, take Farmers Mills Road (County Road 42) approximately 1 mile, and turn left on Whangtown Road. Take Whangtown Road to the end, approximately .75 mile. For a map, click [here](#).

What to Bring: Wear comfortable and sturdy hiking shoes, bring enough water given the distance you're walking and the temperature that day, lunch or snack, and bug repellent. Thoroughly check yourself/family/dog for ticks when you return.

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