

Sam's Point Hiking Schedule

Call *Sam's Point Preserve* at (845) 647-7989 to register.

Orienteering Program

Saturday, June 4th; 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Concerned about finding yourself lost in the woods? Learn map and compass skills with NY State Forest Ranger Rob Mecus. The day will begin in the classroom and then it's out to the field to put your new skills to the test! Bring lunch and water. Meet at the **Sam's Point Conservation Center**. Moderate. 4.2 miles.

Ellenville Ice Caves/Shingle Gully

Sunday, June 12th; Saturday, June 18th;

Sunday, July 10th; 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Visit the unique terrain and natural communities of **Shingle Gully** with Appalachian Mountain Club's leaders Rick Levine and Franz Rucker. Begin the hike as a slow steady climb before scrambling up 1000 feet to explore the **Grand Canyon** and the **Labyrinth**. Snowballs guaranteed! Pack a flashlight, gloves and warm clothing for a serious temperature drop. Wear long pants and bring along a lunch. Due to the ecological sensitivity of this area we are limited to a group of 12, so sign up early. Meet at **Berme Road Park** in Ellenville. Difficult. 5-6 miles. Experienced hikers only.

Secrets of the Night Sky with Bob Berman

Saturday, June 11th; Cloud date: June 12th; 8:30 PM

Nationally-known astronomer Bob Berman starts the night with a 40-minute illustrated lecture about the amazing physical secrets revealed by a simple look into the spring sky. Why is the night sky dark? (Answer: Because the universe is young). Why are all the bright stars concentrated in one area? Why are there stars of every color – except for green? Then we'll hike up to the **Sam's Point** overlook with telescopes at the ready, for a hands-on, up-close exploration of planets and galaxies. Bob is the monthly astronomy columnist in *Discover* magazine. He is an editor of both *Astronomy* magazine and the *Old Farmers Almanac*, and has a weekly radio show on Public Radio. The author of four books, Berman has appeared frequently on national TV, including a guest appearance on *Late Night with David Letterman*. Bring a flashlight and extra layers of clothing. Meet at the **Sam's Point Conservation Center**. Easy. 1.2 miles.

The Creative Eye with Steve Jordan


Saturday, June 25th; Rain date: June 26th;
9:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Steve will present a one-day workshop on photography. Before the camera can be utilized effectively, there must be an understanding and appreciation of how one recognizes grace and beauty. Then it is a matter of how to make one's imagery communicate that vision. Part of the class time will be spent on this first "conceptualizing" step. The program

will consist of a brief class session and discussion, followed by a photo exploration of the *Sam's Point Preserve* for hands-on experience. After lunch (please bring your own) we will return to the **Conservation Center** for a slide presentation while the film is developed. After we receive the processed film and prints we will review our results and provide feedback to each participant. Meet at the **Sam's Point Conservation Center**. Moderate.

Canine Patrol

Saturday, July 2nd; 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Calling all dogs! Join Preserve Manager (and animal lover) Heidi Wagner on a romp to **Verkeerder Kill Falls**. Owners are invited to join in the fun – but must be accompanied by a leash. Please be sure to bring along enough water for yourself *and* your master, because there may not be enough to lap up along the way. Pack a lunch and your favorite treats. Meet at **Sam's Point** parking lot. Moderately difficult. 5.5 miles. 



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