D & R CANAL WATCH 2024 ACTIVITIES Version 3

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Celebrating 50 Years!
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Delaware & Raritan Canal State Park
Delaware & Raritan Canal Commission

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Sunday, February 4: 10:00 a.m. Towpath Walk, Demott Lane to Landing Lane. 4.2 miles roundtrip. Meet at Demott Lane off Easton Avenue, Franklin Township. **(GPS 1289 Easton Avenue, Somerset NJ 08873).** View work on the Landing Lane bridge. Leader: Bob Barth, 201-401-3121, bbarth321@aol.com.

Saturday, March 9: 10:00 a.m. until about 1 p.m. Geology walk and talk along the D&R Feeder Canal near Scudder Falls. Meet at the Scudder Falls parking lot just off Route 29 (River Road), near the intersection of River Road and Bernard Drive, Ewing. Much of the walk will be along the tow path, however, walk will include short hikes up and down steep hills to view rock outcrops. Walk led by Pierre Lacombe, retired USGS geologist, pjlacombe25@gmail.com

Saturday, March 23: 10:00 a.m. History Bike Ride, Griggstown Causeway to Kingston, 10 miles roundtrip on the D&R Canal towpath. Explore the structures along the D&R Canal with Canal Watch trustee Bob Barth. Meet in the causeway parking lot in Griggstown. Bring water; helmet required. Allow three hours. Leader: Bob Barth, 201-401-3121, bbarth321@aol.com.

Sunday, April 7: 10:00 a.m. Towpath Walk, Weston Canal lot to East Millstone, 4.2 miles roundtrip. See the spillway at Somerset County's Colonial Park and the newly restored bridgetender's station in East Millstone. Leader: Bob Barth, 201-401-3121, bbarth321@aol.com.

Saturday, April 13: 2:00 p.m. Nature Walk: **Meet at the historic Van Wickle House off Easton Avenue at the foot of DeMott Lane (GPS 1289 Easton Avenue, Somerset NJ 08873).** See and hear Baltimore and Orchard Orioles and other nesting songbirds as we walk along the D&R Canal and identify the nature around us. Leaders: Herve and Anne Barrier, hb9955@gmail.com, 908-670-5743.

Sunday, June 16: 2:00 p.m. Canal Watch Annual Meeting. Capt. Bill McKelvey will present a slide program on the D&R Canal. **Fellowship Hall behind the Griggstown Reformed Church.** Use the GPS address of 1065 Canal Road, Princeton (even though it is nowhere near Princeton). For information, call Linda Barth, 908-240-0488; barthlinda123@aol.com.

Sunday, July 28: Canal Road Walk and Roll. 10:00-4:00. Canal Road closed from East Millstone to Butler Road. Enjoy a day with friends and family along the scenic D&R Canal with no cars! For more information, please call 732-873-1991, option 4.

Sunday, August 25: Canal Road Walk and Roll. 10:00-4:00. Canal Road closed from Griggstown Causeway to Route 518 in Rocky Hill. Meet Gen. Washington as he prepares to

march with the army to Yorktown, VA. Enjoy a day with friends and family along the scenic D&R Canal with no cars! For more information, please call 732-873-1991, option 4.

Saturday-Sunday, October 12-13: **10;00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday; noon to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. Somerset County's Journey Through the Past.** Canal Watch members will open the East Millstone bridgetender's home and station (and the historic outhouse, for observation only). Linda Barth, 908-240-0488, barthlinda123@aol.com.

Saturday, October 19: **Final Program marking the 50th Anniversary of the D&R Canal State Park and the D&R Canal Commission.** Prallsville Mills. Jim Amon will speak on the history of the D&R Canal State Park and the D&R Canal Commission.

Sunday, November 10: **10:00 a.m. Towpath Walk, Demott Lane to Landing Lane, 4.2 miles. Meet at the historic Van Wickle House off Easton Avenue at the foot of DeMott Lane (GPS 1289 Easton Avenue, Somerset NJ 08873).** Leader: Bob Barth, 201-401-3121, bbarth321@aol.com.

In addition to the above activities sponsored by the D&R Canal Watch, you can see the D&R Canal State Park programs at this link: https://www.dandrcanal.com/programs.