

Hidden Walls, Hidden Mills: Exploring the Plainfield Landscape

Join the Plainfield Historical Society for five walks and talks exploring and interpreting our forested historical landscape this spring and summer! We start on April 25 with the *Plainfield Aquaduct Company* (see elsewhere in *Post*).

Sinking deeply into spring mud reminds us of the abundance of water in our town, water that once made us a center of industrial farming, a boomtown of sorts in which land speculation went hand in hand with Yankee simplicity. In five guided talks/walks, learn about mills, springs, and wells, see old Plainfield in the landscape, “read” stone foundations and walls like so many tablets, interpret trees and plants to find cellar holes, and enrich your understanding of our beautiful town.

All tours meet behind the Shaw Memorial Library. There will first be a “show and tell” of the historical research involved in creating the walk, followed by a walk or hike. Other dates: Sunday June 7, Sunday July 12, Sunday August 16, and Saturday October 10th.

Some of these are moderate to strenuous hikes, some are walks, but all are adventures -- be sure to dress appropriately. Details for each event will be announced separately.

Look for announcements in the Plainfield Post and on the PHS website, plainfieldmahistory.org (brochures for all the walks are also available for downloading and printing there).

See elsewhere in the *Post* for more about our first walk on April 25. For more information, contact Pleun Bouricius (bouric@post.harvard.edu – 634-2250)

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