












MIANUS RIVER GORGE
2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS
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DATE	EVENT	DETAILS	
<p>Saturday Mar 28</p> <p>10:00am - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Season Opening Volunteer Day</p> <p>Meet at the Gorge parking area, across the road from 167 Mianus River Rd, Bedford, NY</p>	<p>Trails open April 1! We'll get a head start with clearing sticks and branches from the trails to ensure they are in tip-top shape for the season. We've been waiting all winter to welcome you back to the Preserve!</p> <p>Bring your own lunch and work gloves if you have them.</p> <p>RSVP to info@mianus.org.</p>	
<p>Saturday Apr 11</p> <p>1:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Deploying Wildlife Cameras</p> <p>Meet at the Gorge parking area, across the road from 167 Mianus River Rd, Bedford, NY</p>	<p>MRG's Director of Research & Education Chris Nagy, Ph.D., deploys wildlife cameras to study coyotes, bears, deer, and other wildlife throughout the region. Learn how we capture these images and why it's important for ecology research studies. Chris will show you how to use wildlife cameras in your own backyard so you can see who's visiting. He'll tell you about the use of various lures and his favorite brand of cameras for your backyard.</p> <p>RSVP to info@mianus.org.</p>	
<p>Saturday May 2</p> <p>1:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Spring in the Old-Growth Forest</p> <p>Park on the southeast side, across from 5 Mianus River Rd, Bedford, NY</p>	<p>Join Executive Director Rod Christie on a guided walk through the old-growth forest and learn about its history, threats, and what Mianus River Gorge is doing to safeguard this living museum for generations to come. Representatives of the Old-Growth Forest Network will be on hand to acknowledge the rareness of this treasure in our midst. MRG "... is a perfect forest representative ... because of its age, its wild beauty, its accessibility and because of the organizational and community stewardship it inspires."</p> <p>RSVP to info@mianus.org.</p>	

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<p>Thursday May 7</p> <p>5:30pm - 6:30pm</p>	<p>Bedford Field Notes: Forest</p> <p>Bedford Historical Hall, Bedford, NY</p>	<p>Bedford Field Notes will feature noted forester and author Ethan Tapper and MRG Executive Director Rod Christie in a discussion moderated by CBS Morning host David Pogue. (Please note this is one in a series of Bedford Field Notes, with other topics and speakers to be finalized.)</p> <p>Visit www.bedfordfieldnotes.org for tickets and updates.</p>	
<p>Thursday May 7</p> <p>7:00pm – 9:30pm</p>	<p>Rod Christie Celebration on the Village Green</p> <p>The Village Green, Bedford, NY</p>	<p>You're invited to a retirement party to celebrate the unparalleled tenure of MRG Executive Director Rod Christie. Long-time friends, colleagues, and the community will raise a glass in Rod's honor and wish him well as he starts a new chapter in his life. (We'll be back with the Spring Wingding next year on Thursday, May 6, 2027.)</p> <p>For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit our website, www.mianus.org.</p>	
<p>Saturday May 9</p> <p>7:00am - 10:00am</p>	<p>Bird Walk</p> <p>Park on the southeast side, across from 5 Mianus River Rd, Bedford, NY</p>	<p>Join MRG's own bird expert, Director of Conservation & Stewardship Budd Veverka, for an early-morning bird walk in the Gorge. With an early start, we will have a great chance at seeing the array of warblers and other songbirds that both inhabit--or just pass through--the Mianus River Gorge Preserve. Remember to bring your binoculars!</p> <p>RSVP to info@mianus.org.</p>	

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<p>Saturday June 27</p> <p>10:00am - 12:00pm</p>	<p>Back Country Hike</p> <p>Parking details upon registration.</p>	<p>Join Budd Veverka for an off-trail hike in a large “Management Unit”, part of the Preserve that is open to the public via guided tour only. This 85-acre parcel features tributaries to the Mianus River, rocky outcrops, steep slopes, and lovely mountain laurel groves. Learn about how Mianus River Gorge monitors the ecological threats to the land it conserves.</p> <p>For experienced hikers. RSVP to info@mianus.org.</p>	
<p>Saturday July 18</p> <p>9:30am - 11:00am</p>	<p>Invasive Species ID</p> <p>Meet at the Gorge parking area, across the road from 167 Mianus River Rd, Bedford, NY</p>	<p>Mugwort, Mile-a-Minute, Phragmites, Garlic Mustard, Ailanthus, Bishops Weed, Winged Euonymus, Japanese Barberry, Oriental Bittersweet, Knotweed, Japanese Stiltgrass ... learn to identify what’s invasive and what’s not. Which species pose a threat and which may just become naturalized over time? Join Preserve Steward Jean-Luc Plante on a walk to identify invasives and get tips on how to tackle them in your own backyard.</p> <p>RSVP to info@mianus.org.</p>	
<p>Friday Aug 14</p> <p>7:30pm- 9:00pm</p>	<p>Family Nighttime Exploration</p> <p>Park on the southeast side, across from 5 Mianus River Rd, Bedford, NY</p>	<p>Discover the cool insects, bats, and other creatures that come alive as the sun goes down. We’ll keep an eye out for skunks, watch for bats overhead, and listen for owls. We will set up night lights to attract iridescent beetles, the fierce-looking Praying Mantis, and an array of moths. Remember to bring a flashlight!</p> <p>RSVP to info@mianus.org.</p>	
<p>Saturday Oct 3</p> <p>6:00pm- 8:00pm</p>	<p>Owl Walk</p> <p>Meet at the Gorge parking area, across the road from 167 Mianus River Rd, Bedford, NY</p>	<p>Join owl expert and enthusiast, Chris Nagy on an evening walk in the Gorge. We’ll look for the Eastern Screech Owl, Great Horned Owl and Barred Owl, three year-round residents of the Preserve. You’ll learn the mnemonic devices to remember their calls to know who’s who. We may spot bats, flying squirrels, and other nocturnal creatures, too. Bring a flashlight!</p> <p>RSVP to info@mianus.org.</p>	

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<p>Saturday Oct 17</p> <p>1:00pm - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Fall Walk at Taylor Preserve</p> <p>Parking lot is located on June Rd., just west of the intersection with Riverbank Rd., Stamford, CT</p>	<p>Acquired in 2017, Taylor Preserve of the Mianus River Gorge is 21 acres of hemlock / oak woodland surrounded on three sides by the Mianus River. This is a relatively short up-and-down hike on a trail built by MRG that showcases the River and views from the top of the ridge. Please wear good footwear.</p> <p>RSVP to info@mianus.org.</p>	
<p>Saturday Nov 21</p> <p>10:00am - 3:00pm</p>	<p>Volunteer Day</p> <p>Meet at the Gorge parking area, across the road from 167 Mianus River Rd, Bedford, NY</p>	<p>Please join us to prepare the trails for their winter rest. After a busy season, your help is needed to repair steps and trail edging and remove any lingering invasive species. Trails close November 30.</p> <p>All volunteers welcome! (Counts toward conservation service hours for scouts!)</p> <p>Bring your own lunch and work gloves if you have them.</p> <p>RSVP to info@mianus.org.</p>	
<p>Sunday Nov 22</p> <p>1:00pm- 3:00pm</p>	<p>Winter Tree ID</p> <p>Meet at the Gorge parking area, across the road from 167 Mianus River Rd, Bedford, NY</p>	<p>Is it easier or more difficult to tell which tree is which when its leaves have fallen? Budd Veverka is up for the challenge and will help you identify trees by examining unique buds, opposite or alternate branches, and, of course, the bark. You'll see trees side by side to compare and contrast the features that determine the tree. You'll also learn which creatures depend on winter trees for food and shelter.</p> <p>RSVP to info@mianus.org.</p>	
<p>Friday Jan 1</p> <p>8:00am- 10:00am</p>	<p>First Day Hike</p>	<p>Please keep an eye out for details on our website: mianus.org</p>	

Additional programs may be scheduled as the year proceeds. We will announce new events as they are scheduled.