

# TRENDING

## NOW TRENDING... TOP 10 EVENTS FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2018

- Jan. 1**      **First Day Hikes**, various New York State Parks in Ulster County
- Jan. 6**      **Woodstock Chamber Orchestra: "Transcendent Masterworks,"** Woodstock
- Jan. 13**     **Hudson Valley Rail Trail Winterfest**, Highland
- Jan. 14**     **21<sup>st</sup> Annual Shandaken Primitive Biathlon**, Oliveria
- Jan. 26-29** **20<sup>th</sup> Annual Catskill Ice Festival**, various locations in Ulster County and Catskills
- Feb. 2-4**    **Sixth Annual Winter Hoot**, Olivebridge
- Feb. 3-4**    **USA Luge Challenge at Belleayre Mountain**, Highmount
- Feb. 17**     **George Lopez at Ulster Performing Arts Center**, Kingston
- Feb. 24**     **21<sup>st</sup> Annual Chili Bowl Fiesta**, Stone Ridge
- Feb. 25**     **Ulster Chamber Music Series Presents Chiara String Quartet**, Kingston

DATE		January and February 2018 Calendar of Events
JANUARY 2018		
<b>Please Note</b>	<b>Calendar listings are based on information received prior to publication. Changes sometimes occur after printing and distribution. You may want to contact the event sponsors in advance.</b>	
1	<b>First Day Hike at Minnewaska State Park Preserve: Mossy Glen:</b> Approximately 3.5-mile snowshoe outing. Limited number of snowshoes available to borrow from the education department, located at Peter's Kill area (5080 Route 44/55, Gardiner), arrive early. If there is insufficient snow cover, it will be a hike. Call to preregister. 1 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Meet at Awosting Parking Area, 5281 Route 44/55, Kerhonkson. 845-255-0752; nysparks.com/events	
1	<b>First Day Hike at Minnewaska State Park Preserve: Sam's Point:</b> This will be an approximately three-mile trek through the scenic park. Snowshoe rentals may be reserved for \$5 per person for this program, arrive early. If there is insufficient snow cover, it will be a hike. Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian over the age of 18. Call to preregister. 9:30 a.m.-noon; 2 p.m.-4:30 p.m. 400 Sam's Point Road, Cragmoor. 845-647-7989; nysparks.com/events	
1	<b>First Day Hike at Walkway Over the Hudson:</b> Enjoy fresh air, a fun raffle and a little donkey therapy with the Little Brays of Sunshine. 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Walkway Over the Hudson, 87 Haviland Road, Highland. 845-454-9649; walkway.org	
4-31	<b>Hudson River Maritime Museum:</b> Explore historical artifacts related to the maritime heritage of the Hudson River, check out classes and workshops offered at the Riverport Wooden Boat School and visit the gift shop. Winter hours Thursday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Check website for holiday and snow closures. 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston. 845-338-0071; hrm.org	
5	<b>Saugerties First Friday:</b> Every month in the village of Saugerties, businesses stay open late and offer special activities and discounts to visitors. 5 p.m.-9 p.m. Partition, Market and Main Streets, Saugerties; facebook.com/saugertiesscene	
6	<b>First Saturday Arts:</b> Vibrant First Saturday gallery receptions offer a glimpse of what Kingston has to offer. Events throughout the year include live music, open studio tours, theatrical performances, historical reenactments, arts and culture activities and more. 5 p.m.- 8 p.m. 845-338-0331; artsalongthehudson.com/kingston; askforarts.org	
6	<b>English Dance in Port Ewen:</b> Melanie Axel-Lute calling with Tiddely Pom. Admission \$10, full-time students \$5. English country dance lesson 7 p.m. required for new dancers, experienced dancers come also. Dance until 10:30 p.m. The Reformed Church of Port Ewen, 160 Salem St., Port Ewen. 845-452-2483; hudsonvalleydance.org	
6	<b>Swing Dance in Hurley:</b> No partner or experience needed to attend. This monthly dance series is always a fun, social event for all. Beginner lesson 7:30 p.m.-8 p.m. Dancing with the Swing Shift Orchestra until 10:30 p.m. Admission \$15, includes lesson. Schadewald Hall at Hurley Reformed Church, 11 Main St., Hurley. 845-236-3939; got2lindy.com	
6	<b>Woodstock Chamber Orchestra: "Transcendent Masterworks":</b> Join Woodstock Chamber Orchestra; Maestro, Jonathan Handman, and guitar soloist, Gregory Dinger, as they present their second concert of the season with a program including the music of Rossini, Rodrigo and Beethoven. Adults \$25, seniors \$20 and students \$5. 7:30 p.m. Snow date Sunday, Jan. 7, 3 p.m. Woodstock Playhouse, 103 Mill Hill Road, Woodstock. 845-679-6900; woodstockplayhouse.org	
6	<b>All-Day Winter Bird Count:</b> Record the winter bird community inhabiting the 160-acre preserve to help provide future guidance for land management/stewardship decisions. Meet at the Shady Lane entrance parking lot at 5:30 a.m. for pre-dawn owling or at 7 a.m. for the diurnal part of the survey. Esopus Bend Nature Preserve, 4 Shady Lane, Saugerties. 845-247-0664; esopuscreekconservancy.org	

7	<b>Belleayre Scout Day:</b> For scouts and immediate family. Bring valid scout ID. Discounted lift tickets \$38, lessons \$15 and \$26 rentals. Jan. 7, March 11, 24 and 24. Belleayre Mountain, 181 Galli Curci Road, Highmount. 845-254-5600; belleayre.com
8	<b>Steamers Along The Hudson:</b> Presented by a Hudson River Maritime speaker as part of the Town of Lloyd Historical Preservation Program. Free. 7 p.m. Vineyard Common Theater Building, #6, 300 Vineyard Ave., Highland. 845-255-7742; tolhps.org
8, 15, 22	<b>Mid-Hudson Women's Chorus Open Rehearsals:</b> Free. No auditions required. 7:15 p.m. St. James United Methodist Church, 35 Pearl St., Kingston. 914-388-4630; midhudsonwomenschorus.org
8, 15, 22, 29	<b>Beginner Cross-Country Ski Lessons:</b> Occurs every Monday in January. The first two lessons will take place on flat Bonticou Road, so park at Mohonk Mountain Gatehouse, 1000 Mountain Rest Road, New Paltz. The next two lessons will take place on Cedar Drive, so park at Mohonk Preserve Spring Farm parking lot, off Upper 27 Knolls Road, High Falls. Meet at 10:30 a.m. Confirm with leader Marty Carp martymcarp@gmail.com; 845-255-0531 (home); (845) 303-3764 (cell); mhadk.org
12	<b>Cajun Dance with Bunkhouse Boys:</b> This is the new hot Cajun band in the Northeast. Beginners welcome. No partner needed. Dance lesson 7 p.m., dance 8 p.m.-11 p.m. Admission \$15, full-time students with ID \$10. White Eagle Benevolent Society Inc., 487 Delaware Ave., Kingston. 914-388-7048; hudsonvalleydance.org
12-15	<b>Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Weekend:</b> Enjoy our cross-country ski and snowshoe trails, ice skating rink on Lake Cole, ice fishing and snow tube run. Warm up indoors at our indoor floor hockey arena, climbing gym, archery range and arts and crafts studio. Frost Valley YMCA, 2000 Frost Valley Road, Claryville. 845-985-2291; frostvalley.org
13	<b>Dar Williams:</b> Named "one of America's very best singer-songwriters" by The New Yorker. Tickets: seating \$45, standing \$30. Gates 6:30 p.m., doors 7:30 p.m., show 8 p.m. Levon Helm Studios, 160 Plochmann Lane, Woodstock. 845-679-2744; levonhelm.com
13	<b>Jim Pepler's Civil Rights Photographs:</b> Renowned civil rights photographer, Jim Pepler, will be showing and discussing a series of photos from 1967-1968 that he has donated to the library. 5 p.m.-7 p.m. A.J. Williams-Myers African Roots Center, 43 Gill St., Kingston. 914-388-3092; africanrootslibrary.org
13	<b>Rosendale Winter Farmers' Market:</b> Many fine vendors, children's activities and live music by local musicians. Every second Sunday. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Rosendale Recreation Center, 1055 Route 32, Rosendale. 845-658-8348; rosendalefarmersmarketny.com
13	<b>Hudson Valley Rail Trail Winterfest:</b> Come out and enjoy the day. Chili cook-off, bonfire, roasted chestnuts, hayrides, games and more. Admission \$2, children eight and under free. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Hudson Valley Rail Trail Depot, 101 New Paltz Road, Highland. 845-691-6313; hudsonvalleyrailtrail.net
13, 17	<b>Volunteer Fireman's Hall &amp; Museum:</b> Known locally as "a little gem of a museum." Open 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Weather permitting. 265 Fair St., Kingston. 845-331-0866; kingstonvolunteerfiremensmuseum.weebly.com
13, 27	<b>Kingston Winter Farmers' Market:</b> Occurs every other Saturday, December through April. Eighteen vendors offering locally-grown and crafted products including vegetables and fruits, meats, dairy, wine and spirits, body care products and more. Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall St., Kingston; kingstonfarmersmarket.org
14	<b>21<sup>st</sup> Annual Shandaken Primitive Biathlon:</b> Annual winter sporting event with competition in four age groups. Prizes. 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Upper Esopus Fish & Game Club, Little Peck Hollow Road (off County Route 47), Oliverea. For more information or to register, contact Paul 845-246-3954, Vince 845-688-5560 or Ed 845-339-3440; shandakenprimitivebiathlon.net
14	<b>Sixth Annual 99 Bottles of Wine Grand Tasting:</b> Biggest wine event at Aroma Thyme Bistro. Grand wine tasting with 99 bottles of wine lined up on the bar. New VIP admission noon-4 p.m. General admission 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Aroma Thyme Bistro, 156 Canal St., Ellenville. 845-647-3000; aromathymbistro.com
20	<b>Family Activity: Ice Harvesting:</b> Part of the monthly Museum Mates program, this program provides learning about a historical topic, story time with snacks and a fun interactive activity. This session will explore ice harvesting history and techniques, where participants will conduct their own ice experiment. Call to register. Free for HRMM members, \$5 general public. 1 p.m.-3 p.m., Hudson River Maritime Museum, 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston. 845-338-0071; hrmm.org
20	<b>"Lion (2016):"</b> Five-year old Saroo gets lost on a train, which takes him thousands of miles across India, away from home, to Kolkata, where he must learn to survive alone, before being adopted by an Australian family. Twenty-five years later, he sets out to find his lost family. Presented by Movies With Spirit. 7 p.m., New Progressive Baptist Church, 8 Hone St., Kingston. 845-389-9201; gerryharrington@mindspring.com; movieswithspirit.com
21	<b>Strawberry Hill Fiddlers:</b> Singing, dancing and great string music. Adults \$15, seniors \$12, students free. 3 p.m., Saugerties United Methodist Church, corner Washington Avenue and Post Street, Saugerties. 845-679-5733, 845-246-5021; saugertiespromusica.org
25-Jan. 1	<b>Holiday Rates at Belleayre Mountain:</b> Holiday rates in effect these days. Visit website for details. From beginner to expert at Belleayre Mountain, 181 Galli Curci Road, Highmount. 1-800-942-6904; belleayre.com
24-April 15	<b>"Abstract Minded: Works by Six Contemporary African Artists:"</b> The artists, all born and/or raised in Africa, produce work connected to Africa by using abstraction as a way of engaging in a broader conversation about art. Museum hours: Wednesday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art, SUNY New Paltz, 1 Hawk Drive, New Paltz. 845-257-3844; newpaltz.edu/dorskymuseum

26-29	<b>20<sup>th</sup> Annual Catskill Ice Festival:</b> Choose from multiple clinics on the skills and techniques needed out on ice. Slide show at Rock & Snow on Saturday, Jan. 27 at 8 p.m. Demo gear also at Rock & Snow. Cost: \$150/person per event. Slide shows are free. Includes excursions to locations near Mount Tremper and Phoenicia. Alpine Endeavors is an AMGA-accredited guide service based in the Shawangunk and Catskill Mountains. Alpine Endeavors at Rock & Snow, 44 Main St., New Paltz. 877-486-5769; alpineendeavors.com
28	<b>National Theatre Presents "Follies:"</b> Stephen Sondheim's legendary musical about a Broadway reunion. With the theater marked for demolition, the stars and chorines of the pre-war era revisit their old haunt. 2 p.m. Tickets \$12, members \$10. Rosendale Theatre, 408 Main St., Rosendale. 845-658-8989; rosendaletheatre.org
<b>FEBRUARY 2018</b>	
2-4	<b>Sixth Annual Winter Hoot:</b> Three-day benefit for The Ashokan Center featuring local food, beer, wine, music, dancing, blacksmithing, film, art and nature activities for all ages. Suggested donation at the door (if space allows); \$175 ticket holders are invited to an intimate VIP reception with locally-crafted fresh and hard cider and music by Jay Ungar and Molly Mason on Friday, Feb. 2 at 5 p.m. in the Pewter shop. Lodging available. Ashokan Center, 477 Beaverkill Road, Olivebridge. 845-657-8333; homeofthehoot.com
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3-4	<b>USA Luge Challenge:</b> Using easy-to-manuever plastic sleds, patrons get a chance to experience this exciting Olympic sport through the USA Luge Challenge. Families and winter sports enthusiasts who attend this weekend event can experience the "Fastest Sport on Ice" in a safe slope-side setting with help from USA Luge Olympians. Participation is free and no experience or lift tickets are required. Registration begins at 9 a.m. each day. Belleayre Mountain, 181 Galli Curci Road, Highmount. 845-254-5600; belleayre.com
10	<b>Opening Reception at WAAM:</b> New exhibitions through March 11 include Agnes Hart (1912-1979); Active Members Show; Wilson McLean Solo Exhibition; Small Works and Youth Exhibition Space. Reception 4 p.m.-6 p.m., Woodstock Artists Association & Museum, 28 Tinker St., Woodstock. 845-679-2940; woodstockart.org
10, 11, 17, 18	<b>Sweet &amp; Sinful Revenge Wine &amp; Cupcake Pairing:</b> Celebrate Valentine's day and come discover the romance of pairing wine with some of life's greatest pleasures. Indulge yourself with cupcakes and wine in sinful combinations. Featuring Moxie Cupcakes. Tickets are \$20 per person and include three mini cupcakes paired with three wines and a tasting of three additional wines after the pairing. Seating is limited and this event sells out fast. Ticket sales end four days before the event. Seatings at 11:30 a.m., 12:45 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 3:15 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Robibero Family Vineyards, 714 Albany Post Road, New Paltz. 845-255-9563; rnywine@yahoo.com; robiberofamilyvineyards.com
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10-March 3	<b>Student Exhibition 1:</b> Works by students of a selection of school instructors. Reception: Saturday, Feb. 10, 3 p.m.-5 p.m. Gallery hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m., Woodstock School of Art, 2470 Route 212, Woodstock. 845-679-2388; woodstockschoolorfart.org
10-July 15	<b>"Marking Time: Andy Warhol's Vision of Celebrations, Commemorations, and Anniversaries:"</b> An exhibition that takes a fresh approach to Warhol by focusing on his insights into the social and personal significances of special occasions. Opening reception, Feb. 10, 5 p.m.-7 p.m. Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art, SUNY New Paltz, 1 Hawk Drive, New Paltz. 845-257-3844; newpaltz.edu/dorskymuseum
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16-19	<b>President's Day Family Weekend:</b> Cross-country ski trails, ice skating rink, snow tube run, snowshoe trails, ice fishing on Lake Cole, broomball on Reflection Pond and guided nature hikes. Try the climbing gym, archery range and arts and crafts programs. Frost Valley YMCA, 2000 Frost Valley Road, Claryville. 845-985-2291; frostvalley.org
17	<b>George Lopez at Ulster Performing Arts Center:</b> Get ready to laugh along with one of comedy's most prolific talents as you've seen him on TV, Late Night and now in person. Tickets \$46-69. 7 p.m., UPAC, 601 Broadway, Kingston. 845-339-6088; upac.org; Ticketmaster. 1-800-745-3000; ticketmaster.com

17	<b>President's Style Torchlight Bash:</b> An evening of family fun on the mountain. Food and beverages will continue after the lifts stop spinning in Groomers Pub & Lounge. Live music will be playing from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the great room, the torchlight parade will begin at dark with a night-time jam. Belleayre Mountain, 181 Galli Curci Road, Highmount. 845-254-5600; belleayre.com
17	<b>"Liberal Arts (2012):"</b> Comedy drama about a New York college advisor who becomes involved with a student when he returns to his alma mater in Ohio for a favorite professor's retirement party. 7 p.m., New Paltz United Methodist Church, 1 Grove St., New Paltz. -389-9201; gerryharrington@mindspring.com; movieswithspirit.com
17-25	<b>President's Day Holiday Rates:</b> Ski or snowboard at Belleayre Mountain, 181 Galli Curci Road, Highmount. See website for holiday rates. 845-254-5600; belleayre.com
18	<b>Thomas Leighton - Tenor:</b> Saugerties-born tenor, graduate of the Eastman School of Music and performer on national opera stages, Tom Leighton returns to offer a wide array of Operatic arias and art songs. Adults \$12, seniors \$10, students free. 3 p.m., Saugerties United Methodist Church, corner Washington Avenue and Post Street, Saugerties. 845-679-5733; saugertiespromusica.org
24	<b>Lewis Black: "The Joke's on Us Tour:"</b> Known as the king of the rant, Lewis Black, uses his comedic brilliance to make people laugh at the absurdities of life, with topics that include current events, social media, politics and anything else that exposes the hypocrisy and madness he sees in the world. Tickets \$58, \$78. 8 p.m. UPAC, 601 Broadway, Kingston. 845-339-6088; upac.org; Ticketmaster: 1-800-745-3000; ticketmaster.com
24	<b>21<sup>st</sup> Annual Chili Bowl Fiesta:</b> Nearly 1,000 bowls and tumblers handmade in the Women's Studio Workshop's ceramic studio on sale. Fill with chili donated by favorite local chefs. Early admission 2 p.m.-4 p.m. \$5. Free admission 4 p.m.-6 p.m., Ulster County Community College, 491 Cottekill Road, Stone Ridge. 845-658-9133; wsworkshop.org
25	<b>Ulster Chamber Music Series Presents Chiara String Quartet:</b> The Chiara String Quartet has established itself as among America's most respected ensembles, lauded for its "highly bituosic, edge-of-the-seat playing." Come and enjoy the intimate setting, vibrant acoustics and easily-accessible location. 3 p.m. Adults \$30, seniors \$20, 18 and under free. Church of the Holy Cross, 30 Pine Grove Ave., Kingston. 845-340-9434; ulsterchambermusicseries.org

**CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING****Belleayre Mountain**

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mohonk.com

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