A Walk In The Park Historic Tour

Event Date Sun, May 25 2025, 9 - 10:30am



John Simko shares the history of the Vreeland house dating to the 1700s.

"A Walk in the Park" is an annual historic tour traditionally held on Memorial Day Weekend sponsored by the Nutley Historical Society, will be held on Sunday, May 25.

The tour, led by Nutley Museum director John Simko, the tour begins at 9 a.m. at the Mud Hole (near the intersection of Passaic and Vreeland Avenues) and travels along the Third River.

Simko will talk about the Yantacaw River's role in Nutley history as a source for early industry, as inspiration for worldclass artists, as a symbol of civic pride, as an important boundary marker, and as a fitting memorial to our war veterans.

Visit the sites of three former mills, see the pre-Revolutionary War Van Giesen homestead, find out why the Yantacaw, or Third, River splits in two, learn about the beginnings of our hundred-year-old Carnegie Library and even older Town Hall, and walk through one of Nutley's oldest cemeteries.

"A Walk in the Park" ends at approximately 10:30 a.m., inside Nutley's first brick schoolhouse (now the Nutley Historical Society and Museum).

The tour is free but is limited to a dozen people and requires registration.

Register for the tour by emailing johnsimko1014@gmail.com or by calling 973-752-8984 and leaving a message and your phone number or e-mail address. You will receive confirmation via e-mail or a phone call.

The Nutley Historical Society hopes you'll join us for this fascinating walk through a beautiful setting while learning about Nutley history.