

FORT HUNTER

Winter activities at Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site

The Visitor Center and Museum may be closed for the winter season, but the grounds at Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site are open every day of the year from sunrise to sunset.

Schoharie Crossing offers over two and a half miles of level towpath trail and dozens of acres of open spaces for cross-country skiing, snow shoeing, and winter hiking.

Several historic Erie Canal structures, dating from both the original canal of the 1820s and the Enlarged Canal of the 1840s, can be seen despite snow, including the impressive remnants of the Schoharie Creek Aqueduct.

Access to our towpath trails can be found from the parking lots at our Visitor Center, 129 Schoharie Street, Fort Hunter, or from Yankee Hill Lock, 550

Queen Anne Road, Amsterdam when weather conditions allow.

Please note that Snowmobiles are prohibited on state park land at Schoharie Crossing, though the Town of Florida Snowmobile Club does maintain the C7P and C7B sections of Montgomery County trail that runs adjacent to the site. The site's boat launch parking lot of Hartley Lane will be available for riders who wish

to trailer in for use along that approved trail when conditions allow.

This winter, Schoharie Crossing will be providing on-site as well as online programming. Follow us on Facebook or visit our NYS Parks website for event dates and details. We also offer outreach programs for a wide variety of groups such as scout troops, senior citizen organizations, histori-

cal society groups and grade school classes.

These programs can include a slide show, and some hands-on activities.

There is a small charge for these programs and for more information, please call the Visitor Center at (518) 829-7516 or email SchoharieCrossing@parks.ny.gov.

Schoharie Crossing State Historic Site is a part of The

New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation that oversees more than 250 individual state parks, historic sites, golf courses, boat launches and recreational trails, which are visited by 78 million people annually. For more information on any of these recreation areas, call 518-474-0456 or visit www.nysparks.com, connect on Facebook, or follow on Twitter.

AMSTERDAM

Liberty ARC awarded over \$25,000 in grants from NYSARC Trust Services

Liberty ARC, the Montgomery County Chapter of The Arc New York, has been awarded \$25,421 in grants from the Trustee Management Board of NYSARC Trust Services to support the agency's recreation programs and guardianship program.

NYSARC Trust Services administers supplemental needs trusts (SNT) and pooled trusts that can make dramatic improvements to the lives of people with disabilities by enabling individuals to maintain eligibility for Medicaid and other means-tested government benefit programs. For 2023, NYSARC Trust Services is proud to fulfill its commitment to enhancing the lives of people with disabilities by awarding a total of \$2,697,980 to The Arc New York Chapters statewide.

This year, Liberty ARC received \$13,671 to provide new recreational opportunities and enrich the lives of people supported by the agency.

Liberty ARC has used these funds to purchase a variety of fun activities including dances, camping trips, baseball game tickets, game nights, movie tickets, wrestling tickets, concert tickets, and fitness activities. The agency also purchased arts and crafts supplies and admissions to places such as the Fun Spot, fairs, Legoland, and the Utica Zoo.

Liberty ARC also received \$11,750 in grant funding to pro-

vide guardianship services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities who would not otherwise have a legal guardian or advocate. Supported by Chapter staff and community volunteers, Liberty ARC's Guardianship Program currently provides guardianship supports and services to people and support as a standby or alternate standby guardian.

ABOUT LIBERTY ARC

Liberty ARC, the Montgomery County Chapter of The Arc New York, is a not-for-profit agency that provides top-quality supports and services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We are proud of our six decades of bringing these innovative and valuable programs to those most vulnerable in our community.

While staying committed to our framework the agency has grown our employment, residential, day supports, family support and health-related programming throughout the years.

Our mission- Together we support people with disabilities to achieve a quality of life each person values - together with our Values make up the foundation on which our culture is framed. We are extremely proud to be a pioneering agency, which coupled with a dynamic workforce and our person-centered mission makes Liberty ARC a stand-out in our field.



Pictured is a group who receives services at Liberty ARC attending an Amsterdam Mohawks game over the summer through grant funds received through Trustee Management Board of NYSARC Trust Services to support agency recreation programs.

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