



PROTECT WHAT YOU LOVE

When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect. (Aldo Leopold, The Land Ethic)

For Steep Rock, protecting Nature is not just our responsibility, it is also our privilege. When we love the land and care deeply for its plants and animals, rivers and streams, forests and fields, it becomes our duty to steward its health and longevity. The beauty, wonder, and awe of Nature are features that we cherish, admire, and value. Whether it is a majestic cathedral of towering hemlocks, the grace of a leaping green frog, or the tranquil flow of the Shepaug river, these natural treasures and experiences are worth protecting. SRA is passionate about protecting what you love. As we celebrate **Earth Month**, let us cherish and protect the things we love in nature, for they are irreplaceable and invaluable. By doing so, we can ensure that our community and planet remain a beautiful and inspiring place for generations to come. Join us, help us, and learn more about our work at the Earth Month and volunteer events listed below. See you on our trails!

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Executive Director

Celebrate Earth Month



Steep Rock Earth Day Roadside Clean-Up

April 21, 10:00am-12:00pm, 116 Christian St.

Help us take care of our local environment by contributing to the [Washington Environmental Council's](#) Roadside Clean-Up from April 19-24. Join SRA staff to clean up the roads around Macricostas Preserve on Friday, April 21. Meet at 10 am at the Steep Rock office.



Washington Earth Day

April 22, 11:00am-1:00pm, Judy Black Park and Memorial Gardens

Steep Rock will be tabling at Washington's premier Earth Day event. Stop by and help us celebrate!



Washington Montessori Earth Day

April 24, 2023, 10:00am-1:00pm

Join us at [Washington Montessori School](#) to celebrate Earth Day!



Woodbury Earth Day

April 29, 2023, 11:00am-4:00pm

[Woodbury Earth Day](#) is presented by the [Pomperaug River Watershed Coalition](#) (PRWC). The Festival will be held at Hollow Park in Woodbury and is a family-friendly celebration featuring earth-friendly activities, programs and demonstrations, vendors and exhibitors (including SRA), and some of the best food trucks in Connecticut.

Featured Highlights



Camping Season at Steep Rock Preserve

Our camping season opens April 14th! We offer primitive tent camping located right along the Shepaug River. We invite you to come experience Steep Rock in a new way. Due to the closure of Tunnel Road Bridge, campsites SR1 and SR2 are closed for the season, but SR3 is open for reservations. For more information and to reserve online now [>more](#)



Give Local April 25-26

Mark your calendar! Steep Rock will once again be participating in [Give Local](#), the 36 hour online fundraiser sponsored by [CCF](#) to bolster local nonprofits. Every acre of land we save together will protect our native forests and rivers, provide continuous corridors of habitat for wildlife, create vital connections that increase local climate resilience, and expand our nature trails. We can't wait to see how much we can accomplish together!



Steep Rock Preserve: Tunnel Road Bridge Closed in 2023

The Town of Washington is replacing the Tunnel Road Bridge over the Shepaug River. The bridge will be closed until November. There will be **no parking or access to Steep Rock preserve on the west side of the bridge coming from River Road or Lower Church Hill Road**. The only access to Steep Rock will be Spring Hill Road off Route 199/Roxbury Road. **All horse trailer access and SR1 and SR2 campsites will be closed for the 2023 season**. We apologize for the inconvenience and welcome you to [visit our other preserves](#) open to the public. Please [contact](#) SRA at info@steeprockassoc.org if you have questions.

Upcoming Events



Judea Garden Spring Cleaning

April 8, 2023, 1:00pm

Judea Garden, The Giving Garden, grows and distributes organically grown produce to our neighbors in need. Help us launch our **15th season** by getting the Garden ready for the upcoming season and maybe even getting some seeds in the ground. Info and registration [>more](#)



April Monthly Trail Work Party

April 15, 2023, 10:00am-12:30pm

Put your hands (and not just your boots) on the trails this hiking season by joining our monthly trail work party. The work party meets at 10:00 a.m. the third Saturday of every month from April through November. Come help us break ground on a new trail at [Hillside Farm](#) at our first Trail Work Party of 2023. Info and registration [>more](#)



Early Planting Day at Judea Garden

April 16, 2023, 1:00pm-4:00pm

Judea Garden, The Giving Garden, grows and distributes organically grown produce to our neighbors in need. Help us plant those cool weather plants and get a jump start on the season and harvesting. Info and registration [>more](#)



Photo by Peary Stafford

Spring Wildflower Walk

May 6, 2023, 10:00am

Come explore the thawed trails in Hidden Valley Preserve with SRA Naturalists Peary and BK Stafford and discover the magnificently rich community of spring ephemerals adorning the forest floor. **Please note, this program is limited to 12 participants.** Info and registration [>more](#)

Did you know that in addition to cash gifts, you can also make a conservation impact using gifts of stock, cryptocurrency, QCDs, and Donor Advised Funds?

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