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Summer Bucket List

While Steep Rock's preserves offer year-round opportunities to rest, relax, and enjoy the beauty that each season brings, summer is definitely fun time! What's on your summer of fun bucket list this year? Have you caught a glimpse of beavers in Meeker Swamp, bagged any of our three peaks, waded in the Shepaug River under the cool umbrella of sycamores in Hidden Valley Preserve, chased butterflies in the Bronson Field Pollinator Meadow, picnicked at the Pinnacle, discovered the quartz mine, harvested tomatoes at Judea Garden, yelled at the top of your lungs in the Steep Rock tunnel, helped build one of our trails at Johnson Farm, or spent a weekend camping under the stars at one of our three primitive campsites? In addition to preserving our ecological and historical lands, Steep Rock offers numerous passive recreation opportunities for our visitors. Check out our preserves and check off your bucket list! See you on our trails,



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Featured Highlights



Steep Rock Trivia Challenge

Quiz Time! The average score on our most recent **Trivia Challenge** is 7 out of 12. See if you can do better with this "Blast from the Past" quiz that resounds with the illustrative pages of Carol Bergren Santoleri's recently published book, "The History of Steep Rock Association: The Jewel in the Crown." Test your knowledge, learn about our story, or [buy the book](#) for a full historical account. Submit responses by 8/2 to be eligible to win the Steep Rock Trail Map Set (3 maps). [>more](#)



Observations from Judea Garden

Have you smelled the fragrance of milkweed, listened for the emperors of sounds, and observed Judea Garden's jewels of July? This month we offer you a glimpse of a day in the life at Judea Garden and the natural world that surrounds us while gardening. We hope to see you soon as we enter our busy season providing fresh vegetables to residents in need. [>more](#)

Upcoming Events!



Spring Hill Arts Gathering

Steep Rock is excited to partner with Spring Hill Arts Gathering (SHAG) on the Washington Town Party, Sunday, August 8. This FREE event is open from 12PM - 10PM and features a tribute to Washington's town heroes, family activities, food vendors, the SHAG Market, and performances. SHAG runs over two weekends starting July 29, presenting unique world-class performances. Friends of Steep Rock are eligible for a discount on all ticket purchases. Use code **Community5** at checkout. Full schedule available [>here](#)



Weed & Wine Wednesdays

Enjoy an evening with fellow gardeners weeding the vegetables in Judea Garden, then enjoy a glass of wine on us! Judea Garden, The Giving Garden, grows and distributes organically grown produce to our neighbors in need. [>more](#)

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