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*“To preserve, enhance and protect the natural and historic resources of Upton State Forest.”*

## **Fall 2016 Upcoming Events**

### **GET YOUR ORANGE ON!**

**Always BE SAFE, BE SEEN whether on the trails or traveling along the road.**

Here is a link to the various Massachusetts hunting season dates.

<http://www.eregulations.com/massachusetts/huntingandfishing/hunting-season-dates/>

### **Board of Directors Meetings**

The Board of Directors meet at the Upton Police Station Training Room at 7:00 PM.

October 17, November 21, December 19

### **September 24      Travel Through Time      Registration 12:30, Hike at 1:00**

Join Friends of Upton State Forest and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) as we travel through time exploring remnants of early homes and other early settlement features. The landscape at Upton is rich in history with cellar holes, old roads, and water crossings, as well as other evidence of early settlement and industry. There are many layers of history at Upton State Forest and we will discuss that as we view evidence of an earlier time.

Meet at the CCC Camp near the intersection of Westborough and Southborough Roads. GPS address is 205 Westboro Rd. Upton. Please dress for the weather and the trail. Children are welcome, when accompanied by an adult. A liability waiver is required. Please leave pets at home, since some are fearful of dogs. This is a moderate hike with some hills and uneven footing. It should last two to three hours. Don't forget water, sunscreen and insect repellent. For notice of a cancellation, send an email to [news@friendsofuptonstateforest.org](mailto:news@friendsofuptonstateforest.org). There is no charge. Cosponsored by FUSF, the DCR and Blackstone Heritage Corridor.

### **October 1      Upton Heritage Festival**

Friends of Upton State Forest will participate in this annual event with a booth at the Vendor Fair on the Upton Town Common, from 9 AM to 2 PM. Jerry will have our merchandise restocked and ready for you to purchase for yourself or a gift. This includes our orange sweatshirts and hoodies in time for the various hunting seasons to **“Be Safe, Be Seen.”**

We will also have the latest edition of **Easy Walks in Massachusetts** by Marjorie Turner Hollman. This **all-new edition of Easy Walks** includes several Upton trails. Marjorie is donating a portion of the sales to FUSF. This would make a great gift for those on your list who like to get into the great outdoors!

There will be music, face painting, the United Parish annual yard sale and grill, the library book sale, open house at the Fire Station, VFW Run to Remember, Cave tours at Heritage Park, pony rides, and more.

**The Old Connecticut Path: Stories of the People and Places of the Path**  
**Presented by Jason Newton**  
**October 21, at Upton VFW, 15 Milford St, 7:00 PM**  
**Cosponsored by Upton Historical Society and Friends of Upton State Forest**

The Old Connecticut Path followed by the founders of Connecticut is an important but little known part of the history of our American story. It was a centuries old Native American trail used to travel from the coast to the Connecticut valley that later became known as the Old Connecticut Path. The years 1635-1636 saw groups of pioneers follow it from Massachusetts Bay through the unsettled wilderness to build new lives in the valley. In 1636, Reverend Thomas Hooker led his congregation across the wilderness from Cambridge, Massachusetts to Hartford, Connecticut. The presentation connects the story of the Path and the people who followed it to the Connecticut valley with our nation's heritage and Upton's history.

Jason Newton is a descendant of the Rev. Thomas Hooker who led his congregation from Cambridge to Hartford in 1636 along the Old Connecticut Path. Jason's other ancestors were among the founders of Windsor, Hartford, and Wethersfield in Connecticut and Springfield, Massachusetts. Mr. Newton is a retired psychologist and educator whose family history project led him to rediscover the Old Connecticut Path followed by his ancestors.

**Massachusetts Forest and Park Friends Network 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering**

**October 29, Upton VFW, 15 Milford St,**  
Registration and morning refreshments 9:15 AM  
Program and awards 10 AM to 3 PM  
Registration \$5.00, Optional Pizza Lunch \$5.00

**Strengthening Partnerships:** A Roundtable discussion between volunteers and Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) officials.  
For more info contact [friend@networkingfriends.net](mailto:friend@networkingfriends.net) or follow the group on Facebook.

**\*\*\*\*\*Save the Date\*\*\*\*\***

**Friends of Upton State Forest Annual Meeting and Election of Officers**  
**February 3, 2017, Upton VFW, 15 Milford St, 7:00 PM**

**The Penguins of Antarctica**  
**By Mark Blazis**

**News**

Due to personal commitments of the editor and several other board members, this calendar of events is in lieu of our quarterly newsletter. You can watch our website for updates and like our Facebook page to follow our activities. We will resume regular newsletters in January.

We are pleased to note that work has begun on the clapboards of the Headquarters Building at the CCC Camp! This is a result of the Matching Partnership Funds we were awarded last year. The work is being done by students from Blackstone Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School.