

WPS Members Field trip to
Old Sturbridge Village “and Beyond”
September 15-18, 2017

Weekend overview:

Friday evening – arrival
Saturday – Old Sturbridge Village
Sunday – Rapscaillon Brewery and Orchard
Monday – Shaker Village

Hotel: **Southbridge Hotel & Conference Center**
14 Mechanics St.
Southbridge, MA
<http://www.southbridgehotel.com/>

Check-in: 3pm *Several of us will be going after competition 1a.*

15 Rooms are reserved for Friday, Saturday and 10 for Sunday night at \$107 + tax = **\$119.52** per night. King or Double rooms are available, same price for either.

*The hotel needs a count by **Monday, Aug. 21** of the total number of rooms needed per night so let Deborah know ASAP if you are interested.*

*She needs to know if you want a King or Double room.
The sooner you respond, the sooner we can get more rooms, if necessary.*

Please let Deborah know whether you wish to have a roommate. She will get you in touch with each other.

Directions: Put 14 Mechanic Street Southbridge, MA into your GPS. The fastest route, approximately 2½ hrs from WCC, is CT 15N (Merritt Pkwy) to I84N.

Car Pooling: *Please let Deborah know if you want to carpool. As members sign up, a note will go to everyone attending with your request so you can then make your own arrangements.*

Photographic equipment to bring:

- *check the notes below for each place as to what is allowed*
- tripod and cable release
- various lenses from zoom, wide to macro, and fisheye
- you may want to bring your flash
- **don't forget batteries, charger, extra cards, lens cleaners, etc.**

Sunrise/sunset times for the area

We will do our best to capture at least one of each.

The times listed are for Saturday, September 16...they're close enough for Sunday also.

Body	Dawn Breaks	Rises	Sets	Dark Descends	Day Length
Sun	4:55 A.M.	6:30 A.M.	6:54 P.M.	8:29 P.M.	12:24
Moon		2:20 A.M.	4:59 P.M.		
Mercury		5:01 A.M.	6:22 P.M.		
Venus		4:04 A.M.	5:52 P.M.		
Mars		5:03 A.M.	6:21 P.M.		
Jupiter		9:08 A.M.	8:09 P.M.		
Saturn		1:51 P.M.	11:04 P.M.		
Uranus		8:07 P.M.	9:30 A.M.		
Neptune		6:26 P.M.	5:38 A.M.		
Pluto		3:38 P.M.	12:59 A.M.		

All times are Eastern Daylight Time at sea level.

"Dawn Breaks" and "Darkness Descends" values are based on astronomical twilight (not civil twilight).

Saturday, September 16, 2017 Shaker Village

<https://www.osv.org/visit>

Meeting time: 9:15am

Meeting place: Old Sturbridge Village entrance gate
1 Old Sturbridge Village Road
Sturbridge, MA 01566
508-347-0290 visitor's center

Group price: We have a reservation for 15 people at \$19 per person. This is a substantial discount so we hope we can 15 people.

Photography rules: No tripods allowed.

Lunch: 12:30pm
Bullard Tavern Cafeteria serves light foods
Located within the Village on the ground floor of the Bullard Tavern
No reservations are being made, we'll gather at that time.

Dinner: 5:30pm
Rovezzi's Ristorante
<http://www.rovezzis.com/>
2 School St
Fiskdale, MA
508-347-0100
separate checks okay

Sunset: 6:57pm We'd have to be there by 6:30
for anyone interested and if we finish dinner in time.

http://www.stateparks.com/wells_state_park_in_massachusetts.html

<http://thelastgreenvalley.org/explore-the-last-green-valley/visitors-guide-old/12394/wells-state-parkcarpenters-rock-trail/>

Wells State Park

Carpenter's Peak highest peak in park

Rte 49

Sturbridge, MA 01566

Sunday, September 17, 2017 RapsCALLION Brewery

19 Arnold Road
Sturbridge, MA

<http://drinkrapsCALLION.com>

We will send them photos as our thank you for letting us shoot on their property.

Either sunrise or sunset: <http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/East-Brimfield-Lake/>

24 Riverview Avenue
Fiskdale, MA 01518-1243

Meeting time: 9:30am depending on sunrise – details coming

Layout of RapsCALLION Brewery and Orchard:

We are welcome to roam throughout the grounds and the brewery.

Upon entry: disc golf on left, brewery on right, then pavilion at the bottom of a sloping hill that leads up to the orchard. Although there is no beer production on the weekends, all of the equipment is in full view.

Lunch: noon

RapsCALLION Brewery

<http://drinkrapsCALLION.com/lunch/>

Dinner: 6pm reservation

Cedar Street Grille

12 Cedar Street

Sturbridge MA

(508) 347-5800

<http://www.cedarstreetgrille.com>

Sunset: Sunrise/sunset: East Brimfield Lake (and Dam)

<http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/East-Brimfield-Lake/>

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According to the Project Manager: it's beautiful!

- there's a beautiful canoe trail—especially beautiful
- can cross yellow gates but nothing more substantial like mesh or chains
- can NOT shoot the dam itself
- pretty to shoot upstream from the dam
- park at the end of Riverview Ave in the small lot

Monday, September 18, 2017 Shaker Village

<https://hancockshakervillage.org>

hours: 10am-5pm

Meeting time: 10:00am

Meeting place: Shaker Village entrance

Admission fees \$20 (\$18 for Seniors, AAA members, MTA cardholders, and active and retired U.S. Military)
Admission includes entry into all buildings.
We will not have enough people for a group rate.

Tours: None will be organized. Individuals can sign up when we enter.

Lunch: 12:30pm Mustard Seed Cafe: on site.

Payments due:

Payments are due ASAP

We don't meet on 9/1 (Labor Day Weekend) so be sure Deborah knows you are coming and will send her a check in time.

Charts for calculating fees due by September 1:

Hotel rooms

Saturday only	\$119.52
Friday and Saturday	\$239.04
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Fri, Sat, Sun.	\$358.56.

Entrance/tours

Sturbridge- per person (if we get 15 people)	\$19.00
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Shaker tour – per person (if we get 8 people)	\$10.00
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**Totals—Add your total hotel, entrance and tour fees.
For example**

1 person	1 night+ Sturbridge	\$138.52
couple	1 night+ Sturbridge	\$157.52
1 person	2 nights + Sturbridge	\$258.04
couple	2 nights + Sturbridge	\$277.04
1 person	3 nights + Sturbridge, Shaker	\$387.56
couple	3 nights + Sturbridge, Shaker	\$416.56

*We're looking forward to another delightful overnight trip! Hope you can join us!
Deborah is waiting to hear from you—reservations and/or questions.*