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Rediscover Weir Farm National Historic Site on National Park Weekend

Make it a National Park Weekend on April 18 and 19, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm with your neighbors at Weir Farm National Historic Site. Whether you're looking for family fun, a unique glimpse into the past, or just a relaxing weekend outing, Weir Farm National Historic Site is the place to be.



American Impressionist Julian Alden Weir not only left the world a treasure-trove of beautiful paintings, his story clues us into the power of light and color in everyday life. "National Park Weekend is the first of many

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opportunities to “Find Your Park” – a national movement to connect all Americans with their public lands before the National Park Service Centennial anniversary in 2016. As the only national park dedicated to American painting, Weir Farm National Historic Site is a fabulous reminder of how varied national parks can be. We can be your first stop as you plan to get outside and see them all, in-person or online!

April 18 and 19 marks the start of the park’s 2015 season, with two full days of special access to the Weir House, Weir Studio, and Young Studio, followed by regularly scheduled tours beginning in May. Each nationally acclaimed building features one-of-a-kind furniture, décor, and art from generations of influential and inspiring artists. To celebrate the park’s 25th anniversary, the visitor center will feature a new exhibition of 25 paintings by Artists-in-Residence.



Weir Studio – Xiomaro

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Get out of the house, stretch your legs and experience the place that prompted Connecticut residents to save Weir Farm 25 years ago. Take your time as you enjoy a stroll through the spring landscape that inspired Julian Alden Weir and other famous American artists. Help the National Park Service inspire a new generation of park enthusiasts when you earn your Junior Ranger Badge on Junior Ranger Day, April 18! Stay a while and plan a picnic or help yourself to free-to-use art supplies and laid back instruction from local professional artists.

Be sure to bring you web-enabled devices and share your unique experience using #findyourpark.

Please note, there will be no parking available at the park during National Park Weekend. All parking will be at nearby Branchville Elementary School, 40 Florida Road in Ridgefield, CT 06877. Free park and ride service will run continuously between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm each day.

For more information www.nps.gov/wefa For area information www.visitfairfieldcountycyct.com