

FOOTNOTES NEWSLETTER



FM# 542 (3 Hatchery Rd, Constantia, NY 13044)

July 2026

Folksmarch is a non-competitive walking event conducted monthly for people of all ages and abilities in Central New York.

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July 2026 Folksmarch

Date: Saturday, July 11th,
9 am - 12 pm and Sunday, July
12th, 1 pm - 3 pm.

Annual Membership Pass: \$40
Includes Yearly Passport card
and 12 monthly walks.

Yearly Passport card: \$10
prorated semi-annually

Monthly Walking Rates:

First Time Walkers FREE!

Adults	\$4.00
Youth 6-18	\$1.00
5 and under	FREE
Family	\$9.00 (max)

CNY Folksmarch Inc. - 2026

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An Easy Drive to the July Folksmarch

CNY Folksmarch is heading back to a village on the north shore of Oneida Lake in July. It will be an easy drive to the Oneida Fish Cultural Station in Constantia, NY. The hatchery is located just off State Route 49 at 3 Hatchery Road, Constantia, NY 13044.

We offer both days of the weekend to explore this location. Walkers may register any time between 9 a.m. and Noon on Saturday, July 11 or between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Sunday, July 12. While this hatchery is smaller than that visited at Salmon River, it still contains very nice displays and information about their yearly activities. The building is located on the bank of Scriba Creek. Scriba Creek begins several miles north of the village and flows south to empty into Oneida Lake. Along its route, it travels through forest areas and wetlands.

The hatchery is located in the Village of Constantia in Oswego County, on the north shore of Oneida Lake. The hatchery was reconstructed in 1992. The rearing program is focused on walleye and includes egg collections from Oneida Lake (200-300 million eggs/year) and stocking of millions of walleye fry. The hatchery also rears the statewide supply of tiger muskellunge. Culturing of rare or threatened fishes, such as cisco, also occurs here. Annual fish production is about 6,000 pounds.

The Folksmarch walking route will include a segment on country roads. It will also take walkers along the Oswego Rail Trail behind the village with the return walk along several village streets. Walkers will be able to see Buckingham Market as well as several churches still active in the community.

Directions: Drive north on Interstate 81 to the Central Square exit. Turn RIGHT onto State Route 49 and continue approximately 7 miles to Constantia. Turn LEFT onto Hatchery Road right after crossing the Scriba Creek Bridge. The hatchery will be immediately on your left. Parking is available in three spots:

1. Immediately before the hatchery building on the left
2. Immediately after the hatchery building on the left
3. Slightly past the hatchery building across Hatchery Road on the right.

We look forward to exploring this small community during the summer season.



A Little Background on Constantia

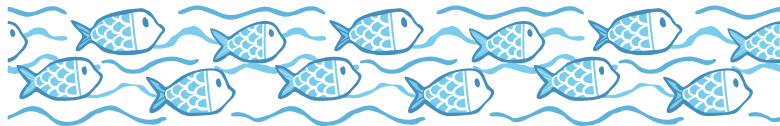
Constantia is a township in Oswego County, New York, United States. Besides being a township, Constantia is also the name of a hamlet within the town and is a census - designated place. The town is in the southeastern part of the county.

History

The town was first settled circa 1793 and was known then as "Rotterdam". Francis Adrian Vanderkemp and Marc Isambard Brunel were two of its citizens. The Town of Constantia was created from part of the Town of Mexico in 1808. In 1825, the town was reduced by the formation of the Town of Hastings and was reduced again in 1839 to form the Town of West Monroe.

Geography

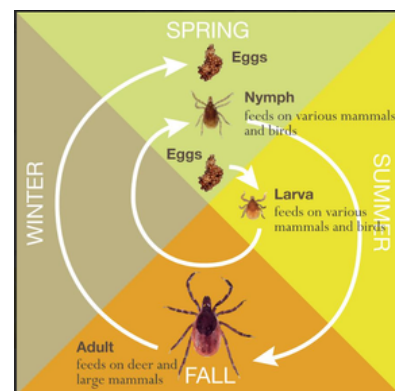
The southern town line is the south shore of Oneida Lake, which is the border of Madison County. The eastern town line is the border of Oneida County. The north boundary is marked by the south edge of the Tug Hill Plateau. The Erie Canal runs through the town, using Oneida Lake as a waterway.



Tic-Toc. Tick Season is Here



Tick season in Central New York began in March, regardless of the chilly weather. We still have handouts provided by the Central New York Lyme Alliance during our May walk at Chittenango. Please feel free to take a handout to read and share with your friends. Tick season will run through Autumn with Summer months being prime time for their presence.



Remember to consider wearing long pants, and not shorts, depending on where you walk during the Summer. Stay on any paths at nature centers and parks and consider wearing long socks that come partially up your calves. You may want to invest in treated socks that have insect/tic repellent characteristics if you will be doing a lot of walking this Summer.

A PERFECT WEEKEND AT THE MONTEZUMA AUDUBON CENTER

Mother Nature provided the perfect weekend for CNY Folksmarch walkers to visit a new location. Saturday, June 13, offered perfect weather: no hot temperatures, no humidity, and no swarms of mosquitoes to deal with.

Offering this location to our walkers presented a quandary to the CNY Folksmarch Board. Because the Montezuma Audubon Center is not open on Sunday, and with no convenient restroom facilities nearby, we decided to offer the walk ONLY on Saturday but with extended hours. We know several “Sunday walkers” were able to attend and hope that those whose schedule did not fit to a Saturday walk understand the decision. However, remember, if you want to walk at the Audubon Center at another time this summer, just keep the small route map the Center offers, write the date of your visit on it, and CNY Folksmarch will provide you with the pin at the next walk you attend.

The forest walk offered some uphill and downhill walking. The marsh trails were primarily level and nicely mowed. Our walkers could hear and possibly saw a variety of birds throughout the trails. Many reported seeing a turtle near the banks of one of the marsh ponds. The displays inside the center are very informative and Olivia, the intern staffing the center the day of our walk provided plenty of information on the trails and center.

Thanks to our excellent volunteers for our Saturday adventure. Donna S., Cindy T., Lori A., Barbara C., and Adria R. Besides manning the table, they were able to help walkers find the route starting points and gave out window decals designed to prevent birds from striking windows.



What, Exactly, is CNY Folksmarch

As our regular walkers, and hopefully new walkers know, CNY Folksmarch is a non-competitive walking group. The goal is to encourage people of all ages and abilities to get out and walk by meeting at a variety of locations in Central New York. For 40+ years, we have walked monthly on the second weekend of each month. Walks are usually 5k in length, but participants may walk as far as their abilities and interest allow.

The walks are the visible part of the organization. However, you may not know how we are structured. In 2016, when support by the Greater Syracuse YMCA was no longer available, a handful of long-time participants decided to continue the Folksmarch by forming a not-for-profit organization. Today, CNY Folksmarch is a 501(c)(3) organization that has a board of directors, officers, and bylaws.



2026 Walk Schedule

January - Destiny USA	July - DEC Oneida Fish Hatchery
February - Beaver Lake	August - Marcellus Park & Village
March - Onondaga Lake West	September - Great Swamp Conservancy
April - Burnet Park	October - Dewitt Town Hall & Canal Paths
May - Chittenango Falls State Park	November - Rice Creek Field Station, Oswego
June - Montezuma Audubon Center	December - Onondaga Lake Park, Liverpool