

I-Park Foundation, Inc.

Artists-in-Residence Program

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I-PARK OFFERS HIKES, MUSIC AND ART FOR CONNECTICUT TRAILS DAY

East Haddam, CT (May 22, 2018) — I-Park artists-in-residence program will open its scenic 30-acre campus to lovers of nature, art and music in observance of Connecticut Trails Day, Saturday, June 2. The grounds will be open from 2 to 6 p.m. for this family-friendly community event, which coincides with some 250 other events statewide. Rain date will be Sunday, June 3.

Normally closed to the public to ensure the privacy of its resident artists, I-Park's campus and select trails will be open for self-guided strolling, hiking and exploring that day, offering visitors the pleasure of discovering the property's confluence of woods, fields, waterways and stone walls — as well as the abundance of site-responsive artworks that have been installed on the property since I-Park's founding in 2001.

Plein air painters from throughout the region will be stationed around the grounds, capturing the beauty of the setting with paint and canvas, and representing the merger of art and nature that has been a hallmark of I-Park's residency program.

The Eight Mile River Band will be playing in I-Park's Outdoor Performance Area from 2 to 4 p.m. Guests are welcome to bring a blanket and a picnic while they listen to the band's classic and contemporary interpretations of bluegrass music.

The event is free, but visitors must register in advance at i-park.org in order to walk the trails or enjoy the concert. Due to the fragile nature of the artworks, pets are not permitted on the I-Park grounds.

About I-Park: I-Park is an artists-in-residence program offering fully funded residencies in visual arts, creative writing, music composition/sound art, moving image, and architecture and landscape design. Since its founding in 2001, I-Park has sponsored more than 850 residencies, and has developed cross-disciplinary projects of cultural significance and brought them into the public domain. Set within a 450-acre nature preserve, I-Park encourages dialogue between the natural and built environments, and has been the setting for exhibitions, performances, symposia, and programs that facilitate artistic collaboration.

CALENDAR LISTING

WHAT: Connecticut Trails Day

WHEN: Saturday, June 2, 2–6 p.m. (Rain date Sunday, June 3, 2–6 p.m.)

WHERE: I-Park, 428 Hopyard Road, East Haddam, CT

HOW MUCH: Free, but registration required at i-park.org

FURTHER INFORMATION: Visit i-park.org, write events@i-park.org or call 860-873-2468. To learn about Connecticut Trails Day, visit ctwoodlands.org/ct-trails-weekend.