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Walktober! At the Nathan Hale Homestead



Coventry, CT – Connecticut Landmarks’ Nathan Hale Homestead will offer three walking tours this October, as part of The Last Green Valley’s 20th Anniversary of Walktober, which invites participants to experience the beauty of the The Last Green Valley with more than 100 free guided walks, strolls, paddles and bike rides and a multitude of special events.

On Saturday, October 9th, Connecticut Landmarks’ staff member Linda Pagliuco will lead the *Secrets in Stone* walking tour, an easy walk through the Nathan Hale Cemetery from its oldest grave (1716) to its most famous, the Nathan Hale Monument. Partakers will meet at the Nathan Hale Cemetery on Lake Street in Coventry. On Monday, October 11th, walk the property and forest with veteran guides Kay and Larry O’Crowley to learn about the Hale patriots and the stories made possible by the famous benefactor George Dudley Seymour with *Oh Bring Back Yesterday*. The *I Spy History* walking tour, on Saturday, October 23rd, will take children on an adventure to follow clues and discover secrets about life on the farm and Patriot spy Nathan Hale

at the Nathan Hale Homestead. For more information, please contact the Nathan Hale Homestead at (860) 742-6917.

The Nathan Hale Homestead is located at 2299 South Street in Coventry, CT 06238. The Homestead is open for regular tours from Memorial Day Weekend through October 31st. Hours are: September-October: Friday, Saturday 12 pm – 4 pm & Sunday 11 am – 4 pm. Open on Monday Holidays – Labor Day and Columbus Day. Admission is \$7 for adults; \$6 for students, teachers and seniors; \$4 for children age 6-18; children under 6 and CTL members are free. Families - 2 adults with children - are \$15; groups of 10 or more are \$5 per person. For school groups and special curriculum-based programming, please call Beverly York, Site Administrator, at (860) 742-6917 or email, hale@ctlandmarks.org.

About the Nathan Hale Homestead

The Hale Homestead is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is the birthplace of Connecticut's State Hero, Nathan Hale. The house, built in 1776, belonged to Nathan Hale's parents and family, and is located on the only site he ever called home. Nathan was one of twelve children born to Richard and Elizabeth Hale.

Nathan Hale was a Yale-educated school teacher and was commissioned as a first lieutenant in the Continental Army in 1775. A year later he volunteered to go behind British lines on Long Island to gather military intelligence desperately needed by General George Washington, but the British captured Hale and, when they discovered he was a spy, hanged him. He was only 21. He is famous for his alleged last words, "*I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country.*"

In 1776 Hale's father, Deacon Richard Hale built the new home on the family homestead which has changed little since. It's situated on 17 acres, adjoining the 1500-acre Nathan Hale State Forest. Its furnishings include several Hale family possessions and other collections amassed by pioneer Connecticut antiquarian George Dudley Seymour, who purchased the homestead in 1914 and began a program of restoration and furnishing that is largely preserved today.

About Connecticut Landmarks

Founded in 1936 as the Antiquarian & Landmarks Society, Connecticut Landmarks is the largest statewide heritage museum organization in Connecticut. The historic landmark properties span four centuries of Connecticut history and include: the Amasa Day House, Moodus; the Amos Bull House, Hartford; the Bellamy-Ferriday House & Garden, Bethlehem; the Butler-McCook House & Garden and Main Street History Center, Hartford; the Buttolph-Williams House, Wethersfield; the Hempsted Houses, New London; the Isham-Terry House, Hartford; the Nathan Hale Homestead, Coventry; the Phelps-Hatheway House & Garden, Suffield.

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