

Instructor Welcome Letter, 4 May 2018

Welcome to "George Perkins Marsh: History, Legacy and the Meaning of Environmentalism", I am your instructor, Dr. Vikke Jas.

I look forward to meeting you, walking and talking about Mr. Perkins life and the profound influence that he had and continues to have on the concepts we now call "environmentalism", "stewardship" and "sustainability".

Some details:

Parking: If you aren't familiar with the National park, please park at the Billings Farm Visitor's Center in Woodstock, then walk toward the Rockefeller mansion. The Forest Center cannot be seen from the road, but watch for signs for a right hand turn once you have crossed the street and stand facing the Mansion. Leave yourself a few extra minutes on the first day to find the Forest Center. Parking is free.

Forest Center: This LEED certified building has a classroom and rest rooms. Internet access is iffy here. We also have a small kitchen for refreshments and coffee/tea making. We have acquired a special permit from the National Park Service to partner with them and OSHER to operate this class, we hope to be able to do this again in the future for similar subjects.

Walking: We will be walking at a slow pace 1-2 miles on carriage roads, rain or shine. Classroom time first, followed by a walk. Please bring appropriate footwear.

In addition to the posted articles, I have added one, published recently in Yankee Magazine (March/April 2018). It is entirely optional.

To reach me: If you are unable to attend, please let me know the day before if possible. Once I get near the park, my cell phone (802-457-5175) won't work reliably, so I will most likely miss your morning call.

Please welcome Caroline Sim who has volunteered to be your Class Representative.

Any questions, please contact me at vikkejas@gmail.com.