

The Friends of Peach Hill

When Peach Hill was offered for sale, a small group set out to save this beautiful hill from development and open it to the public. This group has become the Friends of Peach Hill.

"The Friends" have worked with all levels of government and not-for-profit groups to secure, develop and manage the park.

We are looking for volunteers to help with trail construction, fundraising, park cleanup, gate stewardship and community awareness. If you would like to get involved, please email the Friends at volunteer@peachhill.org.

Why are there no peach trees on Peach Hill ?

At one time, the hill had a peach orchard owned by the Van Kueren family. It was purchased in 1948 by Charles Beck who grew peach, pear and apple trees. In 1967, William Paladino bought it and grew apples exclusively. There were about 10,000 trees when Bill Paladino, Jr. stopped actively farming the orchard in 1998.

Warning

This park was formerly an apple orchard where agricultural pesticides were used. These pesticides may remain in the soil and could pose a health risk if ingested.

Poison ivy and black legged ticks are present in the park. Risk may be minimized by staying on the mowed trails, washing with soap after visiting and doing a daily "tick check".

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Park Rules

- **No motor vehicles** (including **ATVs, motorcycles and snowmobiles**)
- **No hunting**, trapping or carrying firearms.
- **Gate locked at dusk.** Park hours are sunrise to sunset.
- **No alcoholic beverages.**
- **Dogs must be kept leashed** and cleaned up after.
- **No fires.**

Chapter 148-Town of Poughkeepsie Town Code

Find out more online:

www.PeachHill.org

www.PoughkeepsieTownRec.com

Or on Facebook:

"Peach Hill Park"

**The Park Entrance located at
34 Edgewood Dr.
Poughkeepsie, New York**

*Edgewood Drive is off Salt Point Turnpike
(NYS Route 114) 1 mile northeast of St. Peter's
Cemetery. It is across from the Dutchess Racquet Club.*



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**The Friends of Peach Hill and
The Town of Poughkeepsie
Recreation Department**

For information call (845) 485-3628.

