

Part One: An Overview

Friday, October 25, at 6:00 PM,
at The History Center in Tompkins County
Tompkins Center for History and Culture, 110 N. Tioga Street, Ithaca

Part Two: A Field Trip Through Time

Saturday, October 26, from 9:00 AM to 1:30/2:30? PM

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Ithaca -- Join us for a two-day program on the natural and cultural history of Six Mile Creek Watershed. *Part One: An Overview* presentation will take place at The History Center Friday, October 25th, at 6:00 PM. Light refreshments will be provided. No need to register.

Part Two: A Field Trip Through Time will be a place-based educational tour of sites in the Six Mile Creek Watershed. *Part Two* is limited to 25 guests. [Registration required](#). This will be of interest to teachers and educators as well as the general public.

Part One: An Overview will include an evening presentation exploring and celebrating the natural and cultural history of the Six Mile Creek Watershed. Using a combination of maps, diagrams, historic photographs, and aerial imagery, we'll interpret the history of how the landscape of the watershed we see today has unfolded through time - from its geologic origins to the impacts of European settlement and modern-day land-use. We'll feature stories from fascinating places throughout the watershed, highlighting ways in which human culture has both shaped the landscape - and been shaped by it. *Presenters: Karen Edelstein and Walter Poleman.*

Part Two: A Field Trip Through Time to experience place-based education in action as we visit three sites in the Six Mile Creek watershed that have been shaped by the interplay of both human and natural history. Time-travel in place as we explore and interpret how the story of a location has been impacted by its bedrock geology, glacial history, surface topography, and the people who have lived and worked there. We'll start at the Ithaca Water Treatment facility on Giles Street, and then travel upstream to see the influences of water and time on land and community in Brooktondale, and finally arrive near the headwaters of the creek at Hammond Hill and the Roy H. Park

Preserve. *Tour guides: Karen Edelstein and Walter Poleman with invited presenters at each stop. Lunch break (BYO) in Brooktondale.*

Registration required for *Part Two: A Field Trip Through Time*. This tour is limited to 25 people. Schedule details will be shared with registrants. Register here: <https://goo.gl/UwrUwd>. Those who register for the field trip are strongly encouraged to attend the October 25th presentation. This is a drive-on-your-own tour (car-pooling recommended), but we are making arrangements for a van for those who may not have transportation. ***Sponsored by TST BOCES.***

About the Presenters:

Karen Edelstein is an environmental cartographer, educator, and natural history enthusiast. She's lived in Tompkins County for forty years, and delights in forever increasing her understanding of landscape and cultural history of the Finger Lakes Region.

Walter Poleman, an ecologist and senior lecturer at University of Vermont and director of the PLACE (Place-based Landscape Analysis & Community Engagement) Program with the Burlington Geographic Initiative.