


Valley Forge National Historical Park



Free Plein Air Painting & Drawing at Valley Forge Park

This is a great experience for beginners and veterans alike. Painters can enjoy nature's glory at Valley Forge with supportive guidance by instructor Randall Graham (for those who need/want it). Everyone is free to paint whatever they wish. Randall walks around to everyone and helps with any questions. He also gives tips on basic plein air concepts – advice on good locations, composition, how light will change and, if painting, good color recipes for a given landscape. At the start of each session, park rangers will give a brief description of the history of that day's location. Please feel free to email Randall with any questions at randy@grahamartanddesign.com.

Meet at the following locations:

- **March 21st** at the Washington Memorial Chapel (2000 Valley Forge Park Rd): 8am - 10am
- **April 18th** at River Trail - Betzwood Picnic Area (220 Sullivan Lane Norristown, PA): 10am - 12noon
- **April 25th** at Dogwood Grove (Artillery Park, E Inner Line Dr, Stop #7): 10am - 12noon
- **May 16th** at Hopewell Furnace Historical Site (2 Mark Bird Lane, Elverson, PA 19520): 9am - 11am
- **June 6th** at Valley Creek Trail (1709 Wilson Rd., Malvern, PA, Yellow Springs parking lot): 10am - 12noon

**Any time the weather is a little sketchy, participants can move to the Train Station for more shelter.*

Visit the Valley Forge Facebook page for weather changes/updates: <https://m.facebook.com/LandscapesStructuresVAFO/>

SUPPLY LISTS:

For beginners or if you want a light load:

- 1) Something to sketch with - pencil, charcoal, pen & ink or pastel
- 2) Something to sketch on - paper or sketchbook
- 3) Water for drinking
- 4) Sunscreen, hat, comfortable clothes and smart shoes for walking
- 5) Camera or camera phone if you want to snap some pictures
- 6) A portable chair or blanket if you want to sit

For anyone who wants to paint:

- 1) Something to paint with - brushes
- 2) Something to paint on - canvas, panel or watercolor paper
- 3) Something to support a painting - plein air easel or your lap
- 4) Paints - oil, acrylic, gouache or water color - whatever colors you like
- 5) Something to clean brushes - mineral spirits, water plus rags
- 6) Water to drink
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