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North Gatehouse: 791 Mt. Hope Avenue  
Opposite Robinson Drive  
South Gate: 1133 Mt. Hope Avenue  
Opposite the Distillery Restaurant

Riverside Cemetery, 2650 Lake Avenue



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#### TOUR PRICING

General and Theme Tours:  
**\$12; FOMH members free**

All-Day Geography Tour, Sept 11:  
**\$40; \$30 for members**

**Advance tickets required** via FOMH website

Children under 18 are free when  
accompanied by a paying adult

Tours are not always kept to paved paths. We  
recommend comfortable walking shoes, not  
open sandals.

Tour fees and memberships directly fund the  
restoration and preservation projects of the  
Friends of Mt. Hope Cemetery – Thank you!

#### COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES

- **ADVANCE TICKETS ARE REQUIRED**
- **Social distancing will be in effect throughout the tour**
- **Masks are required per current local guidelines**
- **Restrooms will be closed**



## 2021 Guided Walking Tours

### 2021 GENERAL TOURS

*Most tours are offered more than once (an "encore")  
due to current crowd restrictions, so please check dates.  
Pricing details on the back of brochure.*

#### Public Tours: North Section Sundays, 2 pm, May 2 – Oct 24

*Meet: North Gatehouse opposite Robinson Dr.*  
This foundational tour is a two-hour walk of  
approximately a mile on both paved roads and uneven  
terrain. This includes the graves of Susan B. Anthony  
and Frederick Douglass, topics of local history,  
horticulture, geology, architecture, monument  
symbolism, and more.

#### Twilight Tours

##### Thursdays, 7 pm, May 6 – Sep 23

*Meet: North Gatehouse opposite Robinson Dr.*  
These 75-minute tours include some topics covered on  
Sunday North Section tours as well as new material, on  
an alternative route in the North section.

### HOLIDAY TOURS

*Meet: North Gatehouse opposite Robinson Dr.*

#### Memorial Day, Mon, May 31, 11 am

*Tour Guide: Tom Rudy*

#### Independence Day, Sun, July 4, 11 am

*Tour Guide: Tom Rudy*

#### Labor Day, Mon, Sep 6, 11 am

*Tour Guide: Tony Filer*

Ponder the meaning of these patriotic holidays at  
the gravesites of our MHC residents whom we  
commemorate on these days.

### What is a Pop Up Tour?

Pop Up tours are free -- our gifts to the community.  
Visitors are invited to stop in any time between 10  
am and 2 pm to a designated part of the cemetery  
and hear fascinating stories at the gravesites of  
Mount Hope residents. Our Pop Up historians bring  
history alive!

**Two Pop Up Tours will be presented in 2021**

**June 19<sup>th</sup> and October 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**Mark your calendars!**

### 2021 THEME TOURS

#### Tree Walk Along the Fence Line

##### Saturday, April 24, 11 am and 1 pm

*Meet: South Entrance, across from Distillery Rest.*

*Tour Guide: Tom Jones*

Take a walk with our own tree lover Tom Jones looking  
for signs of Spring -- the fresh burst of leaf and flower  
buds.

#### Connections: The U of R and Mount Hope

##### Saturday, May 1, 11 am; encore Oct 16, 11 am

*Meet: North Gatehouse opposite Robinson Dr.*

*Tour Guide: Dennis Carr*

Neighbors on the Genesee-- the University of Rochester  
and Mount Hope Cemetery --share many connections  
over their 170+ -year histories.

#### Olmstead and the Origins of the Parks Movement

##### Saturday, May 8, 11 am and 2 pm

*Meet: North Gatehouse opposite Robinson Dr.*

*Tour Guide: Dennis Carr*

Explore Olmstead's evolution from the idea of rural  
cemeteries to the public parks movement, and  
landscape architecture as a profession.

#### The Ice Cream Tour

##### Saturday, May 15, 11 am; encore Oct 2, 11 am

*Meet: South Entrance, opposite the Distillery restaurant*

*Tour Guide: Tony Filer*

A "novelty" tour about one of Rochester's earliest  
businesses - the making and selling of ice cream and  
other sundries we still enjoy!

#### Erie Canal I: Basins and Builders

##### Saturday, May 15, 11 am

*Meet: North Gatehouse opposite Robinson Dr.*

*Tour Guide: Nancy Uffindell*

The Erie Canal made Rochester a boom town and had  
national impact. Meet famous and less-famous people  
and their connections to this legendary waterway.

#### The Bird Watcher Tour

##### Sunday, May 16, 8 am

*Meet: North Gatehouse opposite Robinson Dr.*

*Tour Guide: Joanne Mitchell & June Summers*

The early bird catches the worm - Yes, 8 am! Join our  
Genesee Valley Audubon Society members as they seek  
out migratory birds.

**A Nation of Joiners: Ritual, Regalia and the History of Fraternalism in America**

**Saturday, May 22, 11 am and 2 pm**

*Meet: South Entrance, across from Distillery Rest.  
Tour Guide: Dennis Carr*

From the early nineteenth through the twentieth century the symbols and emblems of secret societies and benefit organizations appear on monuments in Mount Hope Cemetery.

**Erie Canal II: Boatyards and Businessmen**

**Saturday, May 22, 11 am**

*Meet: North Gatehouse opposite Robinson Dr.  
Tour Guide: Nancy Uffindell*

This tour is Part II of the Erie Canal story (Part I is May 15), and continues the stories of the impact of the Erie Canal on life in Rochester.

**Temples on the Lawn – North End**

**Saturday, May 29, 11 am and 2 pm**

*Meet: North Gatehouse, across from Robinson Dr.  
Tour Guide: Chris Grooms*

Explore the various architectural styles of the mausoleums in the North section of the cemetery and the stories of those entombed within.

**Temples on the Lawn – South End**

**Saturday, June 5, 11 am and 2 pm**

*Meet: South Entrance, opposite the Distillery restaurant  
Tour Guide: Chris Grooms*

Explore the various architectural styles of the mausoleums in the North section of the cemetery and the stories of those entombed within.

**Women First: Women's Suffrage and Equality**

**Saturday, June 12, 11 am; encore Aug 14, 11 am**

*Meet: North Gatehouse, across from Robinson Dr. Tour Guide: Sally Millick*

Follow the steps of Susan B. Anthony and other trailblazing women that led to the 19th Amendment, and meet some others that came "first."

**Jewish Roots in Rochester**

**Sunday, June 13, 11 am**

*Meet: South Entrance, opposite the Distillery restaurant  
Tour Guides: Joel Elliott, Earl Gurell, Monica Gurell*

Explores the history and enormous contributions of Rochester's Jewish community.

**Home to the Prosperous and Penniless**

**Saturday, June 19, 11 am**

*Meet: South Entrance, opposite the Distillery restaurant  
Tour Guide: Cam Tran*

Stroll the paved, flat-surfaced Grove Avenue. Learn about residents of great wealth and status, and those who had little in life, but left a mark nonetheless.

**Witnesses to History: Revelations of Section L**

**Saturday, June 19, 10 am – 2 pm**

*Meet: North Gatehouse opposite Robinson Dr.  
FREE Pop-up Tour in Section L!*

**Underground Railroad Tracks**

**Saturday, June 26, 11 am; encore Sep 4, 11 am**

*Meet: South Entrance, across from Distillery Rest.  
Tour Guide: Sally Millick*

Frederick Douglass and many other Rochester citizens kept the Freedom Seekers moving northward through their secret network, through their city and homes.

**The Artistic Legacy of Mount Hope**

**Saturday, July 3, 11 am**

*Meet: South Entrance, across from Distillery Rest.  
Tour Guide: Chris Conway*

Highlighting a section of artistically significant monuments, meet a number of Mount Hope residents who contributed to artistic and cultural life in Rochester.

**Architecture & Architects: History in Plain Sight**

**Saturday, July 10, 11 am and 2 pm**

*Meet: North Gatehouse opposite Robinson Dr.  
Tour Guide: Dennis Carr*

This tour of Mount Hope Cemetery is a walk through the past 200 years of our region's architectural history. You will leave with a new appreciation for the buildings you see throughout your own community!

**Undertakers, Wakes, & Tears: Mourning Rituals in 19th Century America**

**Saturday, July 17, 11 am and 2 pm**

*Meet: North Gatehouse opposite Robinson Dr.  
Tour Guide: Deb Coffey*

This tour explores the Victorians' view of death and their expressions of grief through socially expected rituals and customs.

**The Arrest and Trial of Susan B. Anthony**

**Saturday, July 24, 11 am and 2 pm**

*Meet: North Gatehouse opposite Robinson Dr.  
Tour Guide: Dennis Carr*

SBA decided to test the Constitution by registering and voting in 1872 election with 15 other women. This real-life drama gave Anthony her deserved reputation as the most effective advocate for women's suffrage.

**Glorious Section G --Pioneers, Reformers & Heroes**

**Saturday, July 31, 11 am, 11:15, 11:30 (repeated)**

*Meet: North Entrance opposite Robinson Drive  
Tour Guides: FOMH Ensemble*

Rochester was home to many major contributors to the shaping of early New York, many of whom rest in this prestigious area.

**Section A: The Joy of Restoration: A Gift from our Donors**

**Saturday, Aug 7, 11 am and 2 pm**

*Meet: North Entrance opposite Robinson Drive  
Tour Guides: FOMH Ensemble*

Rejoice at the work done in this area thanks to the generosity of FOMH donors! Meet the amazing Rochesterians interred in this old section.

**Mayors of Rochester and Their Legacies**

**Saturday, Aug 21, 11 am and 2 pm**

*Meet: North Gatehouse opposite Robinson Dr.  
Tour Guide: Chris Grooms*

This tour highlights several of the mayors interred in Mount Hope in order to examine their political legacies and impact on Rochester as a growing city.

**Civil War Stories: The Tragedy of War**

**Saturday, Aug 28, 11 am and 2 pm**

*Meet: South Entrance, across from Distillery Rest.  
Tour guides: FOMH Ensemble*

This tour explores the life altering changes in the lives of Rochesterians resulting from the Civil War.

**The Geography of Mt. Hope Cemetery**  
**Saturday, Sept 11, 10 am – 3 pm**

*Meet: North Gatehouse opposite Robinson Dr.*

*Tour Guide: MCC Professor Michael Boester*

This extensive, all-day tour explores the physical and cultural geography of the cemetery, explaining its evolution from America's first municipally-owned Victorian cemetery, to fulfilling today's trends in natural burials and cremations.

**\$40; \$30 for members. Space is limited.**

Half-hour break for lunch (bring your own)

**Riverside Ramble: More History, Scenery, Stories**

**Sunday, Sep 12, 1 pm**

*Meet: Riverside Cemetery Gate, 2650 Lake Ave.  
Tour Guide: Joanne Mitchell*

Continuing our exploration of the city's historic Riverside Cemetery, established in 1892. We'll explore its social, cultural and landscape history.

**Roads Less Traveled By**

**Saturday, Sep 18, 11 am**

*Meet: North Gatehouse opposite Robinson Dr.  
Tour Guide: Joanne Mitchell*

Meet 19<sup>th</sup> century Rochesterians, pivotal leaders, entrepreneurs and heroes in sections not often visited on other Mt. Hope tours.

**Geology of Mount Hope Cemetery**

**Saturday, Sep 25, 11 am, 1pm**

*Meet: North Gatehouse opposite Robinson Dr.  
Tour Guide: U of R Professor Rory Cottrell*

A geologist leads this fascinating tour revealing how the glaciers formed the dramatic landscape of Mt Hope.

**From Beyond: Tales of Melancholy, Grief, & Tragedy**

**Saturday, Oct 2, 10 am – 2 pm**

*Meet: North Gatehouse opposite Robinson Dr.  
FREE Pop-up Tour, Stories you won't forget!*

**Carved in Stone**

**Saturday, Oct 9, 11 am and 2 pm**

*Meet: North Gatehouse opposite Robinson Dr.  
Tour Guide: Deb Coffey*

Explore the meaning of the symbols, epitaphs, and funerary art that expressed the views of life, death, & rebirth in the past and present.

**Fall Foliage at Mt. Hope**

**Saturday, October 23, 11 am and 1 pm**

*Meet: North Gatehouse opposite Robinson Dr.  
Tour Guide: Tom Jones*

Enjoy the beauty and color of Mt. Hope's trees as they prepare for the winter season.

**Mischief, Murder and Mayhem**

**Saturday, October 30, 11 am;**

**Encore: Sunday, Oct 31, 11 am** (Halloween)

*Meet: North Gatehouse opposite Robinson Dr.  
Tour Guide: Dennis Carr*

Meet some permanent residents who bent, broke, or enforced the law, or whose lives met an unfortunate or grisly end.