



The Friends of
**MOUNT HOPE
CEMETERY**

P.O. Box 18713
Rochester, NY 14618-0713
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MEETING PLACES FOR TOURS:

North Gatehouse: 791 Mt. Hope Avenue
Opposite Robinson Drive

South Gate: 1133 Mt. Hope Avenue
Opposite the Distillery Restaurant

Riverside Cemetery, 2650 Lake Avenue



“Like” the Friends of Mount Hope!

TOUR PRICING

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

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

Advance tickets available via FOMH website.
Walk-ins welcome, Cash or credit card.

Children under 18 free when accompanied by
a paying adult.

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

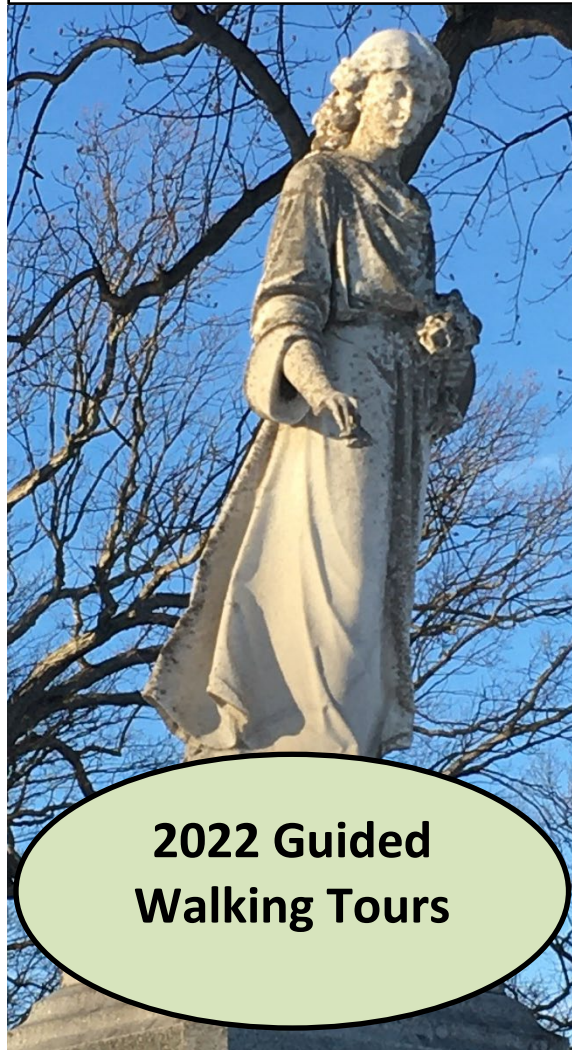
Degree of physical difficulty: Tours are not
always kept to paved paths. We recommend
comfortable walking shoes, not open sandals.

The Degree of Difficulty rating is provided for
each tour, on a scale of 1-5, with 1 being
flat/paved/easy, and 5 most strenuous due to
hills/stairs/unpaved paths.

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**2022 Guided
Walking Tours**

2022 GENERAL TOURS

Pricing and Meeting Points on the back of brochure.

**Public Tours: North Section
Sundays, 2 pm, May 1- October 23, 2022**

Meet: North Gatehouse opposite Robinson Dr.
This foundational tour includes the graves of Susan B.
Anthony and Frederick Douglass, topics of local history,
horticulture, geology, architecture, monument
symbolism, and more. Two-hour mile walk on both
paved roads and uneven terrain. Difficulty 3.

**Twilight Tours
Thursdays, 7 pm, May 12-August 11, 2022**

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. Difficulty 3.

2022 THEME TOURS

**Tree Walk Along the Fence Line
Saturday, April 30, 11 am**

Walk with our own tree lover Tom Jones looking for
signs of Spring—the fresh burst of leaf and flower buds.
Guide: Tom Jones South Entrance/ Difficulty 2

**Mount Hope and the Rural Cemetery Movement
Saturday, May 7, 11 am**

Mount Hope Cemetery is an expression of the Rural
Cemetery Movement, a reform so successful that few
people realize how its form, function, and aesthetic
were determined by the social, religious, economic, and
intellectual movements of the 19th century; truly a
comprehensive “textbook” of 19th century America.
Guide: Dennis Carr North Entrance/Difficulty 2

**Home to the Prosperous and Penniless
Saturday, May 14, 11 am**

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.
Guide: Cam Tran South Entrance/Difficulty 1

2022 THEME TOURS

**Bird Watcher Tour
Sunday, May 15, 8 am**

The early bird catches the worm—Yes, 8 am!
Join our Genesee Valley Audubon Society members as
they seek out migratory birds.
Guides: Joanne Mitchell & June Summers
North Entrance/ Difficulty 3

**Erie Canal I: Basins and Builders
Saturday, May 21, 11 am**

The Erie Canal made Rochester a boomtown and had
national impact. Meet famous and less-famous people
and their connections to this legendary waterway.
Guide: Nancy Uffindell North Entrance/Difficulty 2

**Olmsted and the Origins of the Parks Movement
Saturday, May 28, 11 am**

Celebrate Frederick Law Olmsted’s 200th Birthday!
Explore Olmsted’s evolution from the idea of rural
cemeteries to the public parks’ movement, and the
development of landscape architecture as a profession.
Guide: Dennis Carr North Entrance/Difficulty 3

**Decoration Day
Monday, May 30, 11 am**

First celebrated to honor the country’s Civil War dead.
Learn about the origins of Memorial Day and hear the
stories of those who made the ultimate sacrifice.
Guide: Deb Coffey North Entrance/Difficulty 3

**Erie Canal II: Boatyards and Businessmen
Saturday, June 4, 11 am**

This is Part II of the Erie Canal story (Part I is May 21)
and continues the stories of the impact of the Erie Canal
on life in Rochester.
Guide: Nancy Uffindell North Entrance/Difficulty 3

**Jewish Roots in Rochester
Sunday, June 5, 11 am**

Explores the history and enormous contributions
of Rochester’s Jewish community.
Guides: Joel Elliott & Dennis Carr
South Entrance/Difficulty 3

2022 THEME TOURS, continued

Crypts, Vaults, and Temples

Saturday, June 11, 11 am

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

Guide: Chris Grooms North Entrance/Difficulty 2

Cranks, Catalysts & Collisions with History

Saturday, June 18, 11 am

A collection of people you may have never heard of, that influenced major events in American and global history.

Guide: Dennis Carr North Entrance/Difficulty 3

Carved in Stone

Saturday, June 25, 11 am

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

Guide: Deb Coffey North Entrance/Difficulty 3

Riverside Ramble: History, Scenery & Stories

Sunday, June 26, 1 pm

Explore historic **Riverside Cemetery**, established in 1892. Learn about its social, cultural, and landscape history.

Guide: Joanne Mitchell
Riverside Cemetery Gate, 2650 Lake Ave/Difficulty 1

Mayors of Rochester and Their Legacies

Saturday, July 2, 11 am

This tour highlights several of the former mayors who are interred in Mount Hope and explores their political legacies and impact on Rochester as a growing city.

Guide: Chris Grooms North Entrance/Difficulty 3

The Arrest and Trial of Susan B. Anthony

Saturday, July 9, 11 am

Susan B. Anthony decided to test the Constitution by registering and voting in the 1872 election. This real-life drama gave Anthony her deserved reputation as one of the most effective advocates for women's suffrage.

Guide: Dennis Carr North/Difficulty 2

The Man Behind the Camera: George Eastman

Connections

Saturday, July 16, 11 am

Discover the friends, colleagues, and confidants that made an impact on George Eastman's life and career.

Guide: FOMH Ensemble South Entrance/Difficulty 3

Temples on the Lawn

Saturday, July 23, 11 am

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

Guide: Chris Grooms South Entrance/Difficulty 1

Seeking the Cure: The Medical Heritage of Mount Hope Cemetery

Saturday, July 30, 11 am

From the early 19th century to the present, Rochester has been on the leading edge of health care, and Mount Hope is the final home of many of these innovators and national leaders in medicine and public health.

Guide: Dennis Carr South Entrance/Difficulty 3

Entrepreneurs, Innovators, and Inventors: Early Rochester's Movers and Shakers

Saturday, August 6, 11 am

Rochester's reputation as a boomtown was fueled by residents who invented products, created new markets, and built thriving businesses. Meet some early business innovators that you may know, as well as those forgotten by time.

Guide: Sarah Johnson South Entrance/Difficulty 2

Architecture & Architects: History and Art in Plain Sight

Saturday, August 13, 11 am

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!

Guide: Dennis Carr North Entrance/Difficulty 4

Women First: Women's Suffrage and Equality

Saturday, August 20, 11 am

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

Guide: Sally Millick North Entrance/Difficulty 1

Civil War: Stories from the Fields of Glory

Saturday, Aug 27, 11 am

Learn about those who answered their country's call to duty in 19th century America.

Guide: FOMH Ensemble South Entrance/Difficulty 3

Roads Less Traveled By

Saturday, September 3, 11 am

Guide: Joanne Mitchell

Meet 19th century Rochesterians, pivotal leaders, entrepreneurs and heroes in sections not often visited on other Mount Hope Cemetery tours.

Guide: Joanne Mitchell North Entrance/Difficulty 4

Underground Railroad Tracks

Saturday, September 10, 11 am

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

Guide: Sally Millick South Entrance/Difficulty 3

SPECIAL ALL DAY TOUR

The Geography of Mount Hope Cemetery **Saturday, September 17, 10 am – 3 pm**

This 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.

Guide: Professor Michael Boester, MCC
Meet: North Entrance/Difficulty 1

\$40; \$30 for members. Space is limited.
Half-hour break for lunch (bring your own)

Geology of Mount Hope Cemetery

Saturday, September 24, 11 am

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

Guide: Professor Rory Cottrell, U of R
North Entrance/Difficulty 3

Mischief, Murder, and Mayhem

Saturday, October 1, 11 am

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

Guide: Dennis Carr North Entrance/Difficulty 3

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

Saturday, October 8, 11 am

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

Guide: Deb Coffey North Entrance/Difficulty 3

NEW THIS YEAR!!

From the Beyond: Tales of Melancholy, Grief, and Tragedy

Saturday, October 15, Noon-1:45 pm

Unimaginable circumstances! Unexplained phenomena! Unfortunate events! Unbelievable superstitions! Just some of what affected Mount Hope Cemetery "residents" during their time among the living.

Guides: FOMH Ensemble
North Entrance/Difficulty 3

\$15. Space is limited.

Escorted tour groups go out every 15 minutes.

Fall Foliage at Mount Hope Cemetery

Saturday, October 22, 11 am

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

Guide: Tom Jones North Entrance/Difficulty 3

Mischief, Murder, and Mayhem

Encore presentation!

Saturday, October 29, 11 am

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

Guide: Dennis Carr North Entrance/Difficulty 3