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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

Follow Friends of Mount Hope  

TOUR PRICING

General and Theme Tours:
\$15; FOMH members free!

From The Beyond special event: **\$20** for both
members and non-members

Advance tickets available via www.fomh.org
Walk-ins welcome
Cash and credit cards accepted

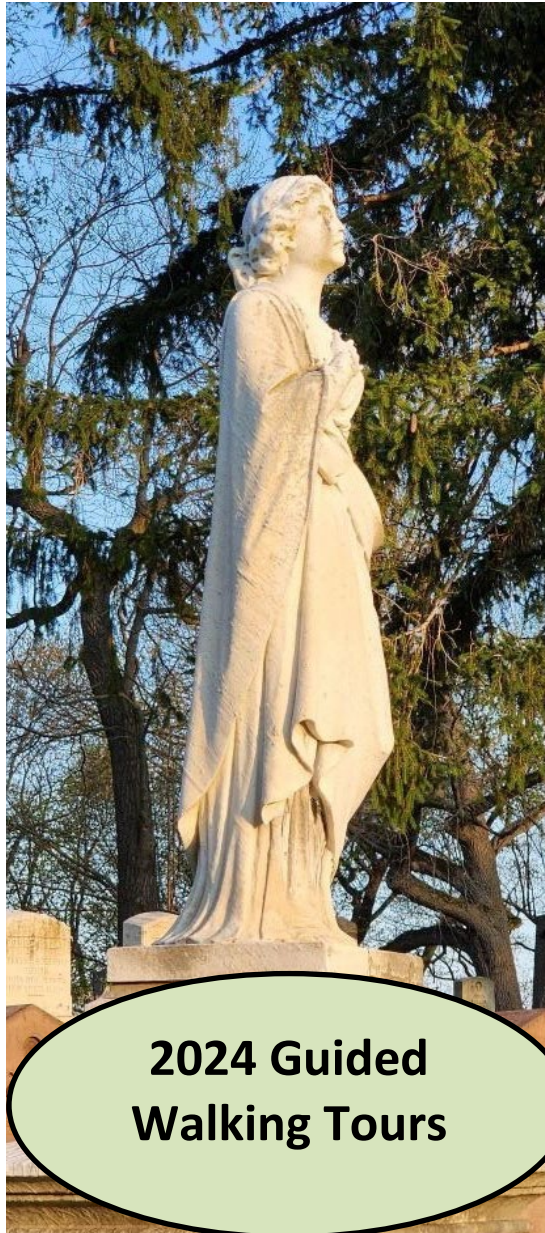
Children under 18 free when accompanied
by an adult.

Tour fees and memberships directly fund the
restoration and preservation projects of the
Friends of Mt. 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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**2024 Guided
Walking Tours**

2024 GENERAL TOURS

Pricing and Meeting Points on back of brochure.

Public Tours: North Section

Sundays, 1 pm, May 5 - October 20, 2024

Meet: North Gatehouse opposite Robinson Dr.

This foundational tour includes the graves of Susan B. Anthony and Frederick Douglass, topics of local history, geology, architecture, monument symbolism, and more. Ninety-minute, one mile walk on both paved roads and uneven terrain. Difficulty 3.

ASL-Interpreted Sunday General Tours, including stops related to Deaf History in the Rochester area, are offered **July 7 and October 6**.

Twilight Tours

Thursdays, 6:30 pm, May 9 - August 15, 2024

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.

2024 THEME TOURS

Tree Walk Along the Fence Line

Walk with tree lover Tom Jones looking for signs of Spring—the fresh burst of leaf and flower buds.

Guide: Tom Jones

Saturday, May 4, 11 am South/Difficulty 3

Riverside Ramble: History, Scenery & Stories

Explore the WEST side of historic **Riverside Cemetery**, established 1892. Learn about its social, cultural, and landscape history, and many famous residents.

Guides: Joanne Mitchell, Cynthia Howk

Meet: Riverside Cemetery Gate, 2650 Lake Avenue

Sunday, May 5, 1 pm Difficulty 1

Speaking with the Dead

Discover the beliefs, practices and people that drove the spread of Spiritualism and seances from Rochester across America and Europe in the 19th c.

Guide: Sally Millick

Saturday, May 11, 11 am South/ Difficulty 2

2024 THEME TOURS

Seeking the Cure: The Medical Heritage of Mount Hope Cemetery

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

Guide: Dennis Carr

Saturday, May 18, 11 am South/Difficulty 3

Early Morning Bird Watcher Tour

The early bird will catch the worm during this early morning tour. Join Genesee Valley Audubon Society members as they seek out migratory birds and other unique species.

Guide: Joanne Mitchell

Sunday, May 19, 8 am North/Difficulty 3

Decoration Day: NEW STORIES!

First celebrated to honor the Civil War dead, learn about the origins of Memorial Day and hear the stories of those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Guide: Deb Coffey

Saturday, May 25, 11 am North/Difficulty 3

Mischief, Murder, and Mayhem I

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

Guide: Dennis Carr

Saturday, June 1, 11 am South/Difficulty 2

Utopia or Cult?

The religious fervor resulting from the Second Great Awakening sparked the creation of many Utopian communities. Some succeeded for decades, but others blurred boundaries between Utopia and cult.

Guides: Liz Call, Sarah Johnson

Saturday, June 8, 11 am South/Difficulty 2

2024 THEME TOURS, continued

Ales from the Crypt, I: Brewers, Breweries, and the History of Beer in Rochester

Rochester was home to more than two dozen breweries prior to Prohibition. This tour celebrates "liquid bread" and the men that brewed it. Join us later to lift a glass of local beer to history.

Guides: Sarah Johnson, Chris Grooms

Saturday, June 15, 4 pm North/Difficulty 3

We Fight in a Glorious Cause: Stories of Courage, Honor, and Fate

Learn about those who faced the horrors and challenges of the American Civil War.

Guide: FOMH Ensemble

Saturday, June 22, 11 am South/Difficulty 3

The Artistic Legacy of Mount Hope Cemetery

Explore Rochester's rich artistic history through the stories of those who lived it: Painters, actors, poets, sculptors, landscape designers and benefactors.

Guide: Chris Grooms

Saturday, June 29, 11 am North/Difficulty 2

Jewish Roots

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

Guide: FOMH Ensemble

Sunday, June 30, 11 am South/Difficulty 1

The Revolutionary War

The American Revolution told through the lives of veterans buried in Mount Hope Cemetery.

Guide: FOMH Ensemble

Saturday, July 6, 11 am North/Difficulty 5

Underground Railroad Tracks

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

Guide: Sally Millick

Saturday, July 13, 11 am South/Difficulty 3

Nevertheless, She Persisted

Discover the women who challenged the status quo, broke rules, and shattered norms in the quest for equality, progress, and change.

Guide: Deb Coffey

Saturday, July 20, 11 am South/Difficulty 3

Off the Beaten Path

Traverse sections of Mount Hope that are not often covered on tours to meet 19th century Rochesterians, pivotal leaders, entrepreneurs, and heroes.

Guide: Joanne Mitchell

Saturday, July 27, 11 am North/Difficulty 4

The Ice Cream Tour!

We all scream for ice cream! Meet the confectioners and ice cream makers who satisfied Rochesterians' sweet tooth. Join us for a sweet treat after the tour.

Guide: Sarah Johnson

Saturday, August 3, 11 am South/Difficulty 2

Murdered by Men

Step into the shadows and learn about the forgotten women who lost their lives at the hands of husbands, boyfriends, and strangers.

Guide: Liz Call

Saturday, August 10, 11 am South/Difficulty 4

What? Wait a Minute! ...Really?

Mysteries and unanswered questions abound in the cemetery. Join us for an eclectic assortment of head-scratching conundrums and curious unknowns. Are you good with puzzles?

Guide: Chris Grooms

Saturday, August 17, 11 am North/Difficulty 5

We Fight in a Glorious Cause: Stories of Courage, Honor, and Fate **ENCORE from June 22**

Guide: FOMH Ensemble

Saturday, August 24, 11 am South/Difficulty 3

Architects and Architecture

A walk through 200 years of our architectural history with a local Preservation Architect.

Guide: Christopher Brandt

Saturday, August 31, 11 am North/Difficulty 3

The Meaning Behind: Deciphering the Hidden Messages of Cemetery Symbolism

Explore the meaning of symbols, epitaphs, and funerary art that tell a story about the person buried there, and what they tell us about the Victorians' view of life, death, and rebirth.

Guide: Deb Coffey

Saturday, September 7, 11 am North/Difficulty 3

The Evolving Cemetery

This tour focuses on the geographic evolution of Mount Hope as a cultural landscape, from its founding as a rural cemetery to meeting today's trends in cremation and natural burial.

Guide: Professor Michael Boester, MCC

Saturday, September 14, 11 am North/Difficulty 3

Geology of Mount Hope Cemetery

A University of Rochester Geology professor leads this fascinating tour revealing how glaciers formed the dramatic landscape of Mount Hope.

Guide: Professor Rory Cottrell, UR

Saturday, September 21, 11 am North/Difficulty 4

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Saturday, September 28, 4 pm North/Difficulty 3

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

Learn about Victorians' complex relationship with death, and the curious rituals and customs used to express their grief. Includes a visual display.

Guide: Deb Coffey

Saturday, October 12, 11 am North/Difficulty 3

SPECIAL EVENT

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

Saturday, October 5, 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/Difficulty 3

\$20 for members and non-members. Advance tickets recommended as space is limited.

Escorted tour groups go out every 15 minutes. First tour departs at 12 noon. Last tour 1:45pm.

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Fall Foliage at Mount Hope Cemetery

Enjoy the beauty and color of Mount Hope Cemetery's trees preparing for the winter season.

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Saturday, October 26, 11 am North/Difficulty 4

Sunday, October 27, 11 am