2024 GENERAL TOURS

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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

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

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.

Cover photo: Sally Millick
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 18, 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.
Guides: 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.
Guides: Chris Grooms
Saturday, June 29, 11 am North/Difficulty 2

**Jewish Roots**
Explore the history and enormous contributions of Rochester’s Jewish community.
Guides: 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.
Guides: 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.
Guides: 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 equal opportunities, 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 historians.
Guides: 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.
Guides: 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**
Guides: 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.
Guides: 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.
Guides: Professor Rory Cottrell, UR
Saturday, September 21, 11 am North/Difficulty 4

**Ales from the Crypt, II: Brewers, Breweries, and the History of Beer in Rochester NEW STORIES!**
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, 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! Unforeseen 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. Escort 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.
Guide: Tom Jones
Saturday, October 19, 11 am North/Difficulty 3

**Mischief, Murder, and Mayhem II NEW STORIES!**
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, October 26, 11 am Sunday, October 27, 11 am North/Difficulty 4