Goats Coming to Prospect Park this Spring!

Prospect Park Alliance Brings Goats to Restore Woodlands Damaged by Hurricane Sandy

Prospect Park Alliance will Celebrate Goats’ Arrival on May 19 + 22
at “Fun on the Farm” and Wine and Cheese events at Lefferts Historic House

Brooklyn, May 2, 2016 – Prospect Park is the home to Brooklyn's last remaining woodlands, which are about to get a little wilder! The Prospect Park Alliance is bringing goats to the Park to assist with woodland restoration after damage caused by Hurricane Sandy and other recent storms, through funding from the National Parks Service, administered through the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. These storms fell and damaged over 500 trees in the Park, leaving the woodlands vulnerable to invasive plants and weeds.

While these goats do their work eating invasive plants and weeds so that the Alliance can then enhance the woodlands with new native plants and trees, visitors can join Alliance educators for goat-centric fun! Visit Lefferts Historic House to celebrate their arrival at “Fun on the Farm,” an event on Sunday, May 22, where families can enjoy tours to visit the goats, make goat milk ice cream and learn about the animals from their herder. At An Evening on the Farm on Thursday, May 19, adults can hear about the Alliance's woodland restoration work while sampling fine wines and goat cheeses. Details on the two events at Lefferts Historic House below:

**An Evening on the Farm: Goats, Wine and Cheese**
Thursday, May 19, 6–8 pm
Lefferts Historic House, $25 per person, cash only
Advance reservations are required
Join the Prospect Park Alliance at the Lefferts Historic House for a discussion with Larry and Ann Cihanek, the owners and shepherds of Green Goats, and Alliance Chief Landscape Architect Christian Zimmerman. Enjoy wine and goat cheese generously provided by Castello di Borghese and Stinky BKLYN and learn about the ecological role that goats will be playing in the Alliance’s restoration of Prospect Park’s woodlands, followed by a chance to meet a kid goat. This event is open to adults 21 and over. Advance reservations are required.

**Fun on the Farm**
Sunday, May 22, 1–4 pm
Lefferts Historic House, Free
Celebrate the arrival of goats to the Park as part of the Prospect Park Alliance’s woodland restoration! Learn how to make yarn using wool and make goat’s milk ice cream. Enjoy special tours to visit the goats, and join us on a parade to the Prospect Park Zoo to see sheep-shearing demonstrations and collect fleece to bring back to Lefferts and make felt balls.

- **Wool Carding and Drop Spindle, 1–4 pm:** Learn how to card wool using special tools and how to spin with a drop spindle.
- **Spinning Demonstrations, 1–4 pm:** Come and meet our resident spinner Catherine Conrad and see how she spins wool fibers into thread.
• **Bleat and Greet Goat Tour, every 30 min:** Take a short walk and meet the Park’s resident goats and talk with Larry and Ann Cihanek of Green Goats about the valuable work of the goats in the Park.

• **Parade to Zoo, 1:30 pm, Sunday only:** Join Lefferts staff on a parade to the Zoo to see their sheep shearing demonstration.

• **Goat Milk Ice Cream Making, 1 + 3 pm, Sunday only:** Help make delicious ice cream with a hand cranked ice cream maker.

• **Felt Balls, 2–4 pm:** After the wool is washed and carded, you can try your hand at making a felt ball. Use the wood fibers to shape a ball and see if you can make it bounce!

• **Wool Washing, 2–4 pm:** After the fleece is shorn from the sheep, the next step is washing it! Help staff clean the fleece and get it ready for felt balls and spinning!

The Prospect Park Alliance is a non-profit organization that sustains, restores and advances Prospect Park, Brooklyn’s flagship park, in partnership with the City of New York. The Alliance cares for the natural environment, restores historic design, and provides public programs and amenities for the Park, which receives more than 10 million visits each year. Learn more at [www.prospectpark.org](http://www.prospectpark.org).

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