



Option 3: Trees for Tribs Tree Planting & Reservoir Trip

# Cross River Reservoir/Hilltop Hanover Farm

**Programming:**

WAC educators lead the tree planting as well as customized forestry, water quality and watershed activities that highlight the role trees and people can play in protecting water quality.

Your only expense for a Trees for Tribs field trip is the cost of transportation to the Cross River Reservoir Dam and tree planting site at Hilltop Hanover Farm or other sites in the Croton Watershed region.

**Bus Rates:**

Bus costs will vary depending on the type of bus (yellow school bus or coach), distance traveled and time of year.\*

- For high school groups traveling less than 2 hours, consider hiring a yellow school bus: \$500-1000/bus.
- For elementary and middle school groups traveling 1.5 hours or more, consider hiring a coach bus: \$1,100-1,600/bus.

Contact Tyler Van Fleet at [education@nycwatershed.org](mailto:education@nycwatershed.org) or 207-939-7674 to discuss your trip.

**Sample Itinerary**

| TIME                 | ACTIVITY   | ADDRESS/NOTES  |
|----------------------|--|--|
| 7:00am               | Depart school: On-time departure is critical for trip success!       | ***text WAC with departure time and final head count   |
| 9:00am               | Arrive at Cross River Reservoir Dam                                  | Reservoir Road, Katonah, NY 10536 (no street number, drive 0.5 miles up the dirt road until see reservoir on left)   |
| 9:00-9:30am          | Cross River Reservoir Dam tour                                       | Walk across the 840ft long dam to an observation deck overlooking the spillway and 10 billion gallon reservoir. Learn about the construction and function of the reservoir and the importance of the surrounding watershed forests.  |
| 9:30-10:00am         | Drive to Hilltop Hanover Farm  | 1275 Hanover St., Yorktown Heights, NY 10598   |
| 10:00-10:15am        | Unload, bathrooms  |  |
| 10:15-10:45am        | Intro to NYC Watershed/Trees for Tribs                               | Tour farm and observe topography, farm features & activities. Discuss types of water pollution generated on farm and discover how trees help trap and absorb these pollutants keeping them out of streams and drinking water reservoirs.   |
| 10:45-12:15pm        | Conduct tree planting  | Walk past farm fields to tree planting site. See trees other groups have planted over last 10 yrs. Watch tree planting demonstration then work in small groups to plant several trees.   |
| <b>12:15-12:45pm</b> | <b>LUNCH</b>   |  |
| 12:45-2:45pm         | Finish tree planting/ forest hike with watershed forestry activities | Return to tree planting site to install tree tubes that protect baby trees from deer eating them. Water trees if necessary. Then hike nearby forest trails to discover plants, animals, fungus, etc. of the NYC Watershed. Will customize activities to fit your interests (e.g. sensory games, succession, tree ID, etc.) |
| 2:45-3:00pm          | Wash up, bathrooms, load buses                                       |  |
| 3:00-5:00pm          | Depart & drive back to school  |  |

\*Bus rates shown here are approximate and are for guidance only.

