

A Walk Through Oxford's Huguenot History

The Oxford Historical Commission and the Huguenot Memorial Society of Oxford are hosting A Walk Through Oxford's Huguenot History at the Huguenot Fort, 87 Fort Hill Road, Oxford, MA on Sunday, September 30, 2018 beginning at 1:30pm, rain or shine. Everyone is invited to this easy walk. A Walk Through Oxford's Huguenot History is Walk # 50 in the Walktober program describing the 200 walks which celebrate the beauty all around us in the 35 towns which make up the Last Green Valley. This is the 28th year that Walks have been organized at this time of year in this National Heritage Corridor.

Costumed interpreters will give short presentations about life in the "Settlement of New Oxford" for the French Huguenots who came here to live in 1686. The Walk will then be narrated by Joyce Clements and Jean O'Reilly. People will be invited to walk through the remains of the Fort itself as well as to also walk around the 8 1/2 acres of open space surrounding the Fort. This historic site is unique in Huguenot history, and marks the first established settlement of Europeans on this English Grant.

Flyers which depict the Fort as it was originally built will be distributed. The Fort is located in a flat, park-like setting with mowed fields in the back. Parking is available on two side streets near the Fort, and about eight handicapped parking places are designated along Fort Hill Road directly in front of the site.

Schedules for all Walktober events in the National Heritage Corridor are available on line at www.thelastgreenvalley.org. Individual copies of Walktober 2018 events are available at Memorial Hall in Oxford as well as at various local businesses. Information about the Huguenots and the Huguenot Memorial Society can be found at www.thehuguenotmemorialsocietyofoxford.org.