



# ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATIVE NEWS

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## Legislators Announce A Quadricentennial Celebration Event To Be Launched On National Trails Day On June 6<sup>th</sup>

Ulster County Legislators Robert Parete (D-Olive) and Roy Hochberg (D-Hurley) announce Ulster County's first countywide Geocaching Challenge, commencing on National Trails Day as part of the Quadricentennial Celebration.

On June 6th, National Trails Day, the official launch of the Quadricentennial Geocaching Challenge will take place at the Hurley Trail Mixer on Route 209 from 9 am to 1 pm on Russell Road, in Hurley. Open to the public - no registration is required.

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Geocaching is an increasingly popular outdoor activity in which people use maps or GPS devices (portable hand held satellite receivers) to find special hidden containers, called geocaches, containing small tokens and treasures. Ulster County Legislator Robert Parete, who was instrumental in the formation of the Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee, states, "By exploring our wonderful natural settings with friends and family; this exciting event improves health and well-being, and is a great way to celebrate the Quadricentennial." Geocaches used in the Challenge contain specially minted commemorative geocoins, bearing the ExploreNY400 logo.

Supported by Ulster County and the Hudson River Valley Greenway, the Challenge is part of the Quadricentennial Celebration and is designed to encourage people to become more active as they explore Ulster County's trails and parks.

The Hurley Trail Mixer, now an annual event, provides a great opportunity to experience the social aspects of trail activities. "The Hurley Trail has helped to create a community that encourages a healthier lifestyle and daily exercise through its friendliness and by example," says Roy Hochberg, an Ulster County Legislator and resident of Hurley. Legislator Hochberg urges residents not only to appreciate the Hurley Rail Trail as they drive along Route 209 but to attend the mixer and meet those who built it, use it, and maintain it. Youth groups throughout Ulster County are invited to stop by and learn how to design their own Quadricentennial geocaches and to participate in the adventure. The mixer also features a bike ride organized by Fats in the Cats and a Scavenger Hunt for children.

For more information or to partner in creating a Quadricentennial geocache, please contact Paul Rubin or Kathy Nolan at Catskills Live! ([ny400@catskillslive.org](mailto:ny400@catskillslive.org) or 657-8111).