

# Group Hike

Chester  
Middlefield  
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## The Keystone Arch Bridges Over and Under October 19th at 10:00 am

Parking: 325 Middlefield Road Chester 01011 carpool from Parking at Chester Elementary School 42.29793, -72.98323

Hike Rating: Moderate 5 miles in and back, ups and downs, rocks, roots and dirt

Construction of the 150 mile railroad was completed by 3,000 laborers in an incredible two and a half years, opening in 1841. Join us for a Historic narrative by Dave Pierce. Enjoy the incredible narration as Dave tells of the history of the Arch's creation, the first cluster of stone arch railroad bridges built in America, located on the West Branch of the Westfield River. Learn how the stone bridges were built, visit a quarry, and the massive "cut". We will take you up close to all of the stone bridges on the trail including the footpaths over and under the dry laid arches. An optional hike to the Gator Arch will follow. The Chester Railway Station Museum will be open after the hike located at 10 Prospect Street in Chester, a national historic landmark along with the 65 and 70 foot bridges.

Registration required. Maps and bottled water provided. Be prepared for rocks, roots and some uneven ground. We will hike rain or shine. Well behaved dogs welcome. Suggested donation \$10. More information on [www.hilltownhikers.com](http://www.hilltownhikers.com) under events including link to register.



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