

# 71<sup>st</sup> Franklin Trek

July 26 – August 1, 2025

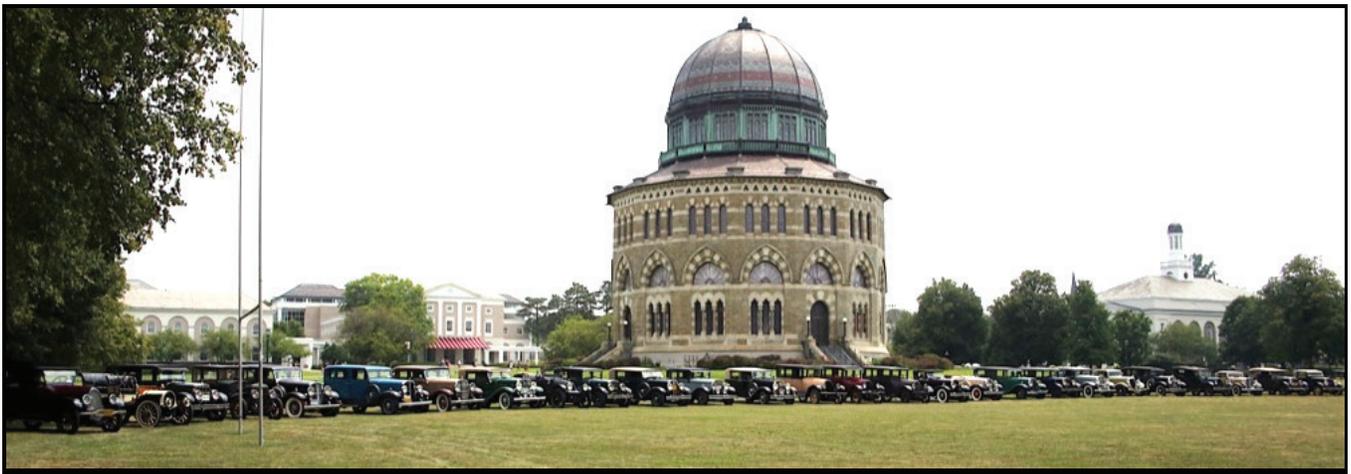
Union College – 450 Nott Street, Schenectady, New York

The Franklin Trek will be returning to Union College. The college staff went above and beyond to make our last two Trek in Schenectady go smoothly, and the attendees in those years were quite comfortable and happy with the accommodations.

- This year all Trek accommodations will be in one building. All Trekkers staying on-campus will be housed in College Park Hall (CPH).
- College Park Hall is a seven story building that was originally a Hotel. It was purchased by Union College and converted into a residence hall for students. Every room is air conditioned and has a private bathroom. The building is ADA compliant.
- This year our meals have been upgraded with more choices and a variety of options for every dietary need. It will be served in the main dining hall in Reamer Campus Center (Student Union)—a short 6 minute walk from College Park Hall. A shuttle service will be available for those who choose not to walk.
- Union College Security is top-notch and will keep everything safe and secure, especially our Franklins.
- The pool and fitness center will be available to us during certain times.

We have prepared an exciting week of touring and activities. There is a long tour on Monday, and shorter tours throughout the week. Please join us at the Franklin Trek this year. It will be fantastic!

*- Dick and Connie Roth and John Mishanec*



*Celebrating 71 Years of Trekking!*

If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact the Trek Co-Chairman, Dick Roth at [DickRoth19@gmail.com](mailto:DickRoth19@gmail.com) or 515-537-0252.

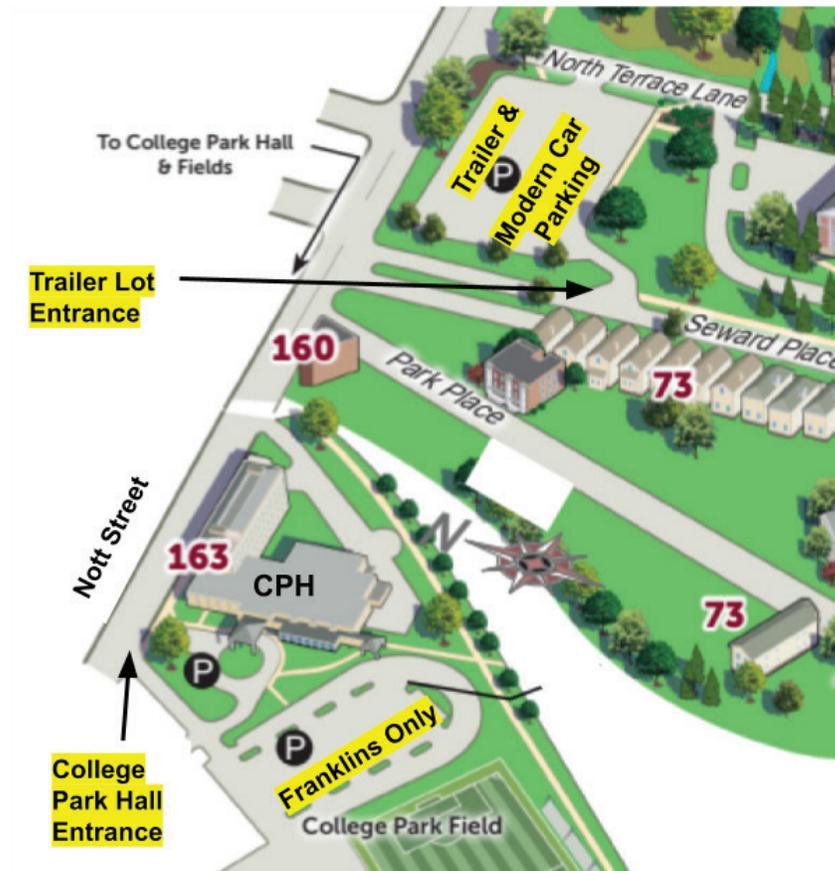
For registration questions contact the Franklin Trek Registrar, Susan Roberts at [trekregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:trekregistrar@gmail.com) or 781-526-5591.

### Notice:

Schenectady is a small city. While there are several routes you can take to arrive at Union College, this one will be the easiest to follow, and be the most pleasant to drive.

Directions to Union College from the NYS Thruway:

- Take I-90 to exit 25
- Take I-890 west toward Schenectady for 4.7 miles
- Take Exit 4B toward GE Plant/Erie Blvd.
- Follow signs for Erie Blvd. through downtown Schenectady.
- At the traffic circle, take the first exit onto Nott Street.
- The first right turn is the entrance to College Park Hall, 450 Nott St.



Trailer and modern car parking is in the Nott-Seward parking lot.

**USE THE SEWARD PLACE ENTRANCE. The entrance on Nott Street is very tight for a trailer, and therefore, not recommended.**

The entrance to College Park Hall is on Nott Street.

# WELCOME TO THE TREK!!

## Saturday, July 26

The staff at the Registration Desk will be ready for you starting at 1:00 PM. After getting settled in, please join us at 4:30 for a cocktail hour reception in College Park Hall. Beer, wine, soft drinks, and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Following the reception, dinner will be in the CPH Ballroom. After dinner, catch up with old friends and new in the Ballroom, which will be open for evening hospitality with a cash bar and snacks.

## Sunday, July 27



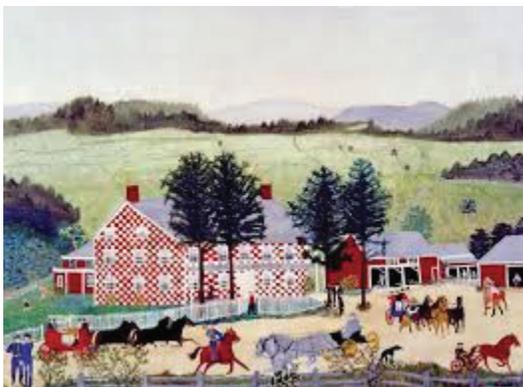
Breakfast will be in the Reamer Student Center. Late in the morning we will head to the Schenectady Green Market just blocks from Union College on Jay Street around City Hall. In your packet you will receive a token to use for lunch at one of the many food vendors at the market. "From farmers to distillers and brewers to artisans to restaurants...our vendors are talented local producers." Sunday afternoon is free to take some optional driving tours to one of the many locks on the Erie Canal or check out our Schenectady local, John Mishanec's car and motorcycle collection. Or take a walking tour of Schenectady's

Historic Stockade District. Check out the cute shops on Jay Street. Did someone say candy or ice cream?

After dinner, the evening entertainment will be Andy's photos from past Treks with a cash bar and snacks.

## Monday, July 28

This will be our longest drive of the Trek. We're off to Bennington, Vermont, where we will start with the Bennington Museum. Here you will see a very rare Martin Wasp, built in Bennington and the only car built in the State of Vermont. The museum holds the largest collection of Grandma Moses paintings



among many other interesting exhibits. We have a tour of Hemmings Automotive Museum



planned. Hemmings has been closed since the pandemic. This is a rare opportunity. Later we'll meet at Willow Park to enjoy box lunches provided by Elm Street Market. There are options to visit the beautiful White Church, a typical New England church. In the cemetery you will find Robert Frost's grave. His home is up the road a few miles from Bennington as part of Bennington College. Drive your Franklin over to the Bennington Battle Monument and ride to the top! At your

leisure return to Union College for dinner and hospitality. Tonight's movie will be an "F" movie. Not for Franklin but "Ford vs Ferrari".

## Tuesday, July 29

Tuesday's activities will keep us in Schenectady. There will be a tech session hosted by Jeff Hasslen. Jeryl Schriever will tell all about her new book, "Driving the Vote for Women: An American Journey for Suffrage" chronicling two womens' drive across the country in 1916 in a Saxon automobile advocating for women's suffrage.



For lunch we'll grab a box lunch and head to City Hall. The Mayor of Schenectady has declared this day "Franklin Day". The streets around City Hall will be reserved for Franklin parking. A great photo op for sure! Enjoy your lunch and chat with the locals while enjoying music provided by a local combo.



Later in the afternoon we'll walk one block to Proctor Theater, home to Broadway shows, for a tour and a vintage movie. Then back to Union College for dinner and Hospitality with a cash bar and snacks. Tonight's activity will be trivia with Megan Metro, the Master of Trivia!

## Wednesday, July 30

On Wednesday we head north to Saratoga National Battlefield where you will drive your Franklin at sites along one of the most influential battles of the Revolutionary War. In 1777 "After two intense battles, an eight-mile retreat, and a three-day siege, British General John Burgoyne surrendered his entire force. This first ever surrender of a British Army is one of the pivotal moments in determining the outcome of the Revolutionary War, forever changing the future of the world." General Burgoyne was defeated by Benedict Arnold when he still fought for the Good Guys. It is the site of the Schuyler Estate, home of Elizabeth Shuyler, the wife of Alexander Hamilton. For lunch we head to The Mill on Round Lake.

After lunch we head to Bob and Darla Metro's beautiful new pole barn to see his collection of fascinating Franklins. Then back to Union College for dinner and hospitality with a cash bar and snacks. Lisa Christensen will MC the annual fashion show. Bring out your vintage duds!



## Thursday, July 31

Thursday morning we'll plan on having the Board meeting followed by the Annual meeting. Then we head out for this year's Road Rally hosted by our President Mike and Katie McCarthy followed by lunch (back by popular demand) at Jumpin Jack's for fast food and ice cream. For the afternoon there will be a presentation by Professor Robert Hislope in Nott Memorial, car games and the annual auction. The evening concludes our fun week with a wine and beer reception at 4:30 followed by the formal banquet and presentations.



## Friday, August 1

Friday we enjoy our last breakfast together as another Trek comes to a close. Safe travels and we look forward to seeing everyone back in 2026.

*Register and pay for the Trek online.  
Go to the "Members Only" section at [www.franklinarc.org](http://www.franklinarc.org)*

**WE WILL NOT BE SUPPLYING A PILLOW. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN.**

**ON-CAMPUS** includes room accommodations with bedding, all meals, and tour activities. Bedding includes 1 set of twin XL sheets, 1 pillow case, and 1 blanket, 1 washcloth, 1 hand towel, and 1 bath towel. Extra blankets will **not** be available, please plan to bring your own.

**OFF-CAMPUS** includes lunches, dinners, tours and activities, and evening entertainment.

**Please register by July 1. Room availability is on a first-come, first-served basis, so register early.**

**Trek Registration Fees**

**Primary Trek Participant - \$65.00 (\$115 After July 1)**

**Each additional Trekker - \$30.00 (\$80 After July 1)**

**Trek Package Prices Per Person**

	<b><u>On-Campus</u></b>	<b><u>Off-Campus</u></b>
6 Days	\$990.00	\$585.00
5 Days	\$830.00	\$495.00
4 Days	\$670.00	\$395.00
3 Days	\$510.00	\$295.00
2 Days	\$350.00	\$195.00

**Trek Package Prices for Children Under 12 (Children under 3 are FREE)**

	<b><u>On-Campus</u></b>	<b><u>Off-Campus</u></b>
6 Days	\$740.00	\$330.00
5 Days	\$620.00	\$280.00
4 Days	\$500.00	\$230.00
3 Days	\$380.00	\$170.00
2 Days	\$250.00	\$110.00

**TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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Cancellations made before July 1 may be refunded minus 20%. NO REFUNDS AFTER JULY 1.

Online registration is preferred. If using USPS return 2025 Franklin Trek: pages with full payment to:

**Susan Roberts, 52 Butler Avenue, Wakefield, MA 01880**

Credit/Debit payments are accepted. Please make checks payable to the order of: The Franklin Trek

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Total amount of all packages and registration fees from previous page \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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I plan to arrive at the Franklin Trek on (date) \_\_\_\_\_.

I plan to leave the Franklin Trek on (date) \_\_\_\_\_.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you bringing a car?

Year/Series/Model/Color: \_\_\_\_\_

License Plate# & State: \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME TAGS - Please fill in as you would like your name and town/city to appear to your fellow Trekkers**

First Name	Last Name	Town/City	State	Child ages under 16

**Elm Street Market Box Lunch Monday—includes cookie, chips, pickle spear and bottle of water**

Deluxe Italian (sundried tomatoes, ham, salami, cappy ham, spinach, red onions, picante provolone cheese and italian dressing on a sub roll)

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Mayor Mark (Oven roasted turkey, bacon, iceberg lettuce, tomatoes, avocado, mayo on toasted white bread)

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The ESM RB (London Broil, Caramelized Vidalia Onions, Horseradish Cheddar cheese with honey mustard on a pretzel roll)

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The Wrestler (Portobello mushroom, artichoke hearts, cucumbers, red onions, hummus and pesto in a wrap)

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**Box Lunch Union College Tuesday–includes chips, chef choice dessert, Greek pasta salad or pasta salad with vegan mayo and iced water.**

Grilled chicken with sage pesto and apples with lettuce on wheat ciabatta \_\_\_\_\_

Roast beef with pepper jack cheese, field greens, tomatoes, and chili mayonnaise on multigrain ciabatta \_\_\_\_\_

Sesame hummus wrap: carrots, cucumbers, roasted eggplant, shredded kale, balsamic glaze, spinach wrap (vg) \_\_\_\_\_

Please let us know if you have any dietary or mobility concerns.

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Indicate desired involvements by listing FIRST names on the appropriate lines below.

I plan to bring Parts for Sale \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to bring items to Auction \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to be a model in the Fashion Show \_\_\_\_\_

**WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

In consideration of our participation in the 2025 Franklin Trek, I hereby release The H. H. Franklin Club, Inc., their officers and representatives, Union College, and the organizers of the 2025 Franklin Trek from any liability arising from the attendance and participation of myself and my family and invited guests at the Franklin Trek, or any liability for negligence on anyone's part at the Trek. I certify that I have public liability insurance on my vehicle(s), that they are/it is roadworthy, are appropriately registered, inspected, and licensed per my state regulations, and an operable fire extinguisher will be in an accessible location in each vehicle at all times. Furthermore, I will abide by all current State of New York COVID-19 Health Protocols/Directives and Mandates as well as the COVID-19 Mandates and Protocols of Union College and the Trek.

**SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

Questions about filling out your registration form?

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