



150 YEAR COMMEMORATION

The sudden collapse of the Williamsburg dam in western Massachusetts let loose a flood that swept away parts of Williamsburg, Skinnerville, Haydenville, and Leeds. It killed 139 people, all within an hour.

EVENT SCHEDULE 2024

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

CASCADE OF BELLS

May 16, starting at 12:10 p.m.
Various Valley Churches

FLOODS PAST AND PRESENT

May 16, 5:00-6:30 p.m.
Register here: growfoodnorthampton.org/events/

THE 1874 MILL RIVER FLOOD

Talk by Eric Weber
May 16 at 7:00 p.m.
Meekins Library, Williamsburg

COMMEMORATION OF THE MILL RIVER FLOOD

May 18 at 2:00
Williamsburg Congregational Church

LEEDS COMMEMORATION GATHERING

May 19 at 1:00 p.m.
Leeds Chapel, Main St., Leeds

WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MILL RIVER DISASTER?

May 31 at 7:00,
June 1 at 1:00 and 4:00
Register here: historicnorthampton.org

PAINTINGS BY FRANCES KIDDER MILL RIVER DISASTER OF 1874

May 1 - May 31
Talk by Frances Kidder, May 11 at 1:00 p.m.
Meekins Library, Williamsburg

ARTWORK AND POETRY EXHIBIT BY DUNPHY SCHOOL 3RD GRADERS

Curated by Nancy Meagher
May 1 - May 31
Meekins Library, Williamsburg

GUIDED WALKS TO THE DAM RUINS

May, June, and September
Register here: historicnorthampton.org

VIDEOS ABOUT THE FLOOD

May and June
Historic Northampton, during open hours

FLOOD MEMORIAL TREE PROJECT

May 2024 - 2029
For more information: info@millrivergreenway.org

FOLLOW THE FLOOD: INTERACTIVE STORY-MAP & SELF GUIDED TOURS

May and June
Use the QR code to link to 76 Commemorative historical markers in Williamsburg, Haydenville, Leeds, Florence, and Northampton.



EVENTS DESIGNED BY THESE LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

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