

HISTORICAL PRESENTATION

THE HISTORY OF THE CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS

With a focus on the work of the Westerly and Hope Valley Camps.

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Saturday, September 16th, 2 PM to 4 PM
Quonnie Grange, 5662 Post Rd, Charlestown, RI 02813



The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) began in 1933 under President Roosevelt's "New Deal" to relieve the poverty and unemployment of the Depression. CCC workers spent eight years building trails, roads, campsites, and dams while also stocking fish, building fire towers, fighting forest fires, and planting millions of trees. In Rhode Island, seven CCC camps were established including Camp Westerly which was actually located at Burlingame in Charlestown and Camp Hope Valley which was actually located at Arcadia in Richmond.

Marty is a retired teacher and the author of eleven books including *The Rhode Island Civilian Conservation Corps Camps: Their History, Memories and Legacy* which describes the history of the seven CCC camps that operated in Rhode Island.

The 8 ½ by 11 hard cover book with 168 pages and over 300 photos, maps and charts will be available for purchase and signing by the author at the event.

The event is free and open to the public.

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