

BRONX RIVER RAMBLE

Tales of the Mighty Kensico

SUNDAY, August 20th, 11:30AM

At the **Valhalla Metro North Station**
Northbound Platform



For August we'll take it right to the top – the headwaters of the Bronx River and the top of the Kensico Dam! Along the way we'll:

☞ Stand at the present-day headwaters of the Bronx River, at Davis Brook in downtown Valhalla

☞ Take in the spectacular view of the Kensico Reservoir, and listen for the church bells of the lost village of Kensico

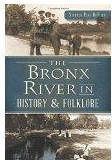
☞ Hear about the epic of the dam's construction and the vanished worker's village known as "the Bowery"

☞ See where the original sources of the Bronx River were, and how they're still flowing

☞ Enjoy the music of the annual Jewish Cultural Heritage Celebration taking place at the Kensico Dam Plaza

This free tour requires no reservations. We'll meet at **11:30AM on the northbound platform of the Metro-North Valhalla Station** (we'll wait for the northbound train arriving at 11:34) at Broadway and Cleveland Street in Valhalla. To get there from the Bronx, take the Metro North Harlem Line train (10:24 or 10:51 train from Grand Central, 10:44 from Fordham) to Valhalla. There is also parking available at the Valhalla station.

The walk will end up back at the Valhalla station, and will take about two hours, so wear comfortable shoes, and bring water and sunscreen. *The trip will involve a long climb up a flight of stairs*, but the walk down will be a lot easier, down the curious "Red Brick Road." For information or directions call Stephen DeVillo at 646-271-8223.



Stephen Paul DeVillo is the author of *The Bronx River in History and Folklore*, and the forthcoming *The Bowery: The Strange History of New York's Oldest Street*.