

**March For Science
April 14, 2018**

**ON APRIL 14, 2018, WE WALK OUT OF THE LAB AND
INTO
THE STREETS.**

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/marchforsciencehartford/>

What is the mission of the March for Science?

The March for Science champions robustly funded and publicly communicated science as a pillar of human freedom and prosperity. We unite as a diverse, nonpartisan group to call for science that upholds the common good and for political leaders and policymakers to enact evidence-based policies in the public interest.

Where are we gathering?

Minuteman Park next to the Hartford Legislative Office building
Hartford, CT 06106

General FYI:

The Connecticut Citizens Defense League is holding a pro-gun rally at the Capitol the same date as the March for Science. The Legislative Office building provides a large physical barrier between the two events, and both Capitol and Hartford police will be present at the CCDL rally. We do not anticipate any problems, but please be aware that this is occurring.

What time does it start and end?

The Hartford, CT March for Science rally will take place on April 14, 2018 from 12:00PM to 3:00PM at Minuteman Park. There will be exhibitors and speakers from the scientific community. We will NOT be formally marching, but rather rallying at the Park. Nonetheless, your signs, chants, gear, and enthusiasm are entirely encouraged! The press will be covering our event, so your passion will go a long way.

Where can we park?

The State Executive parking lot, adjacent to the Law Office building, is free on weekends and will be open. It can be accessed from Broad Street or Flower Street. If you are using a GPS to locate the parking lot, the address is 334-370 Capitol Ave Parking. The lot is also marked on the Hartford March for Science map (see below).

Is there a rain date?

The event is rain or shine! There will be a tent covering speakers, but we recommend you dress appropriately if it looks like rain.

Where can we get dropped off?

You can drop off friends or family at Minuteman Park, located at the intersection of Broad Street and Capitol Ave.

Can we use public transportation?

Yes! We strongly encourage it!!

There is a fastrak on Broad Street and Oak Street: <http://ctfastrak.com/>

Bus information is here: <https://www.cttransit.com/>

Skedaddle is an app you can download to carpool to the event and/or to the D.C. March as well: <https://www.letskedaddle.com>

Is this kid friendly?

Yes, we welcome the whole family!

Will there be food?

We will not have food at the event proper, but there are a number of restaurants within walking distance of Minuteman Park.

What about bathrooms?

No, there will not be portapottie availability.

Will it be ADA accessible?

Yes. There will be handicap accessible parking spots reserved at the front of the lot, designated on the Hartford March for Science map. Staff will be available to keep the area open for accessibility. There is a sidewalk leading from the street (across from the parking lot) to a designated accessibility area near the speakers' stage. There will be a sign language interpreter as well.

Where can I get a t-shirt?

<https://www.bonfire.com/march-for-science-ct-2018/>

If you order through bonfire, you will not get your tee in time for the rally. We will have a limited number of shirts for purchase on the day of the rally, cash only.

Is there an official color/hat/etc?

No. Lab coats are welcome, as are brain hats. And, of course, your newly purchased Hartford, CT March for Science T-shirt!

How do I stay up to date?

Follow us on social media here:

<https://www.facebook.com/marchforsciencehartford/>

Do you have a list of speakers?

Yes, information about each of the speakers is posted on our Facebook page.

Do you have a list of exhibitors?

We do! They will be announced along with our speakers in the upcoming days.

Is the national March for Science embracing diversity?

Inclusion, diversity, equity, and accessibility are integral to our mission and to our overall goals and principles. We cannot ignore issues of racism, sexism, homophobia, ableism, xenophobia, or any other form of discrimination in the discussion and implementation of science. Nor can we ignore the ways in which science has been misused to harm marginalized communities. The lack of inclusivity and diversity in STEM thwarts scientific advancements not only by limiting who conducts the research, but also by influencing what topics are studied, who participates in the research, and who will benefit from or be harmed by it. We are actively working with partner organizations and experts on these issues and march organizers come from and stand in solidarity with historically underrepresented scientists, science advocates, and communities impacted by attacks on science.

Can we bring signs or banners?

Yes, please do! Keep in mind that you may be carrying it for a couple hours, so nothing too heavy. Sheets or fabric work great, or foam core, or just poster board or cardboard. Be sure to put holes in them as it may be windy. Large poles or sticks that could accidentally hit people are not a great idea. You can use cardboard tubes like you find in wrapping paper or fabric stores. Sandwich boards also work, although in large crowds they can be hard to see. Please remember to take out what you bring into the park as we are all responsible for keeping it clean.

What organizations have endorsed the March for Science?

Too many to list here! But it includes AAAS, NSTA and many more! The whole list is here: <https://www.marchforscience.com/partners/>

How does the national march define being political?

To an extent, the march is inherently political, as one of our goals is to hold leaders in politics and science accountable. When institutions of any affiliation skew, ignore, misuse or interfere with science, we have to speak out. Science should inform political decision-making. At the same time, political decisions deeply influence the type of science we are able to do and the type of people who are allowed to conduct science and benefit from scientific advancements.

What does the national march mean when it says it's non-partisan?

We take strong stands on policy issues based on the best available scientific evidence, but we will not let our movement be defined by any one politician or party, nor do we try to advance the prospects of any party or individual. Science affects people everywhere and we want to build a movement that can advance science's ability to serve communities for a very long time—long after today's politicians have left office and however political parties evolve.

Will I be arrested?

No. It is very, very unlikely. The appropriate authorities are aware of our event. Our goal is to mount a peaceful and effective gathering. We do not plan to risk arrest and do not plan any civil disobedience activities that would lead to arrest. In the event that a police officer threatens you, you can ask to speak to their supervisor and remind them that you are protected by the First Amendment. However, we strongly recommend that you do not disobey any order that a police officer gives you.

More information on your rights is here:

https://www.aclu.org/sites/default/files/field_pdf_file/kyr_protests.pdf

<https://www.aclu.org/know-your-rights/what-do-if-your-rights-are-violated-demonstration-or-protest>

If you are deaf and stopped by police:

<https://www.aclu.org/know-your-rights/deaf-rights-what-do-when-dealing-police>

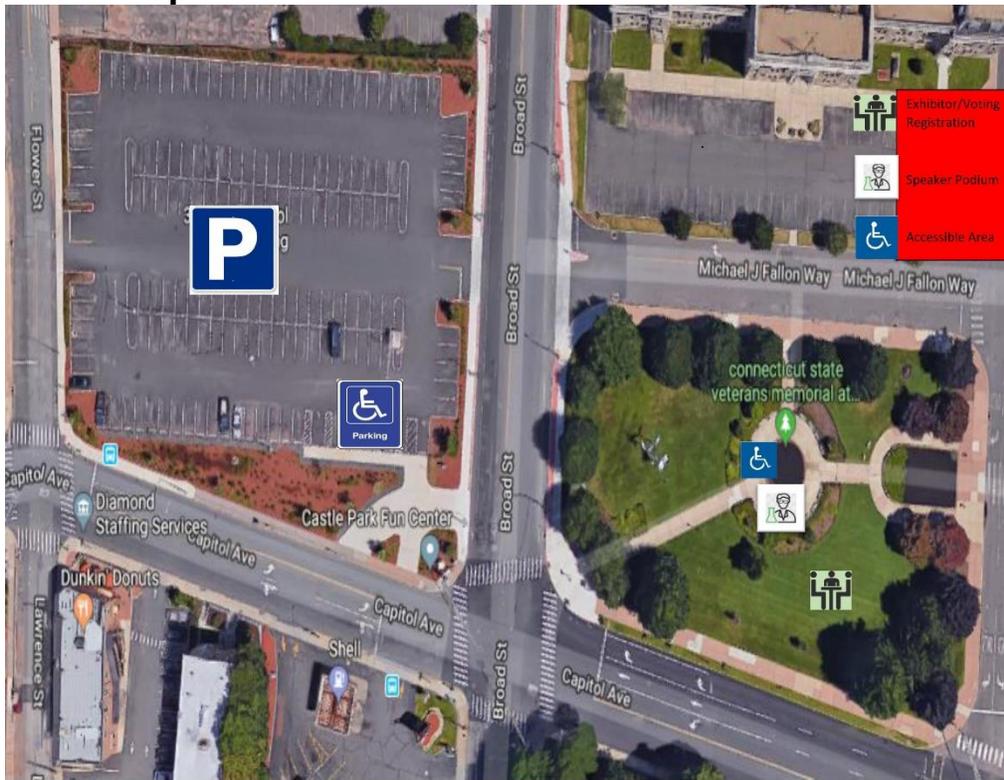
In the very unlikely event that you are arrested, you will not likely be charged as you are exercising your First Amendment rights. Please call a friend or march organizer.

If you see someone near you being arrested, get that person's name and contact information. Get the police officer's name if you can. You have the right to videotape the encounter, but stay out of the way and do not interfere.

Refer to this article from the Atlantic for more information:

<http://www.theatlantic.com/technology/archive/2015/04/what-to-say-when-the-police-tellyou-to-stop-filming-them/391610/>

Event Map:



Location Map:

