



OUTDOOR CLUB of SOUTH JERSEY

Fall 2013 Trekker



◆◆◆ ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Election of 2014 Officers

Thursday, October 10 - 7:30 p.m.

◆◆◆ ANNUAL CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY AT CLUB 25

60 EAST RUDDEROW AVENUE, MAPLE SHADE

Saturday, December 7 - 6 to 10 p.m.

◆◆◆ SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER - VALERIE BROWN

Membership Meeting

Thursday, December 12 - 7:30 p.m.

◆◆◆ GIVE THANKS TRAIL WORK DAY

Let's help Mother Nature . . . give 2 hours of your time
cleaning up the trail!

Saturday, November 16 - 10:00 a.m.



Celebrating 47 Years of Outdoor Experiences!

CHECK THE OCSJ WEBSITE ON YOUR COMPUTER AT WWW.OCSJ.ORG
FOR LATEST TRIP INFORMATION.
CYCLISTS JOIN THE GOOGLE GROUPS FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION.

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Outdoor Club of South Jersey

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The Outdoor Club of South Jersey, Inc., is an organization dedicated to providing opportunities for extending the individual's knowledge, appreciation and enjoyment of his or her environment through experiences in outdoor activities.

The Club offers a twelve month program of activities designed for all ages and levels of ability and interest, and as is feasible with available leadership. The Club is open to all persons regardless of age or place of residence.

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The officers and members of the Board of Trustees actively seek and welcome your comments, suggestions or recommendations towards the fulfillment of our aims and objectives. Our progress and success are dependent upon the quality and effectiveness of our leadership. Your participation in activities, committees, or in programs and projects is solicited.

When you have questions, need further clarification, or require additional details, you are welcome to call the pertinent committee chairman.

MEETINGS

Club members are invited to attend the monthly meetings. The Board of Trustees meets each month. See schedule for locations. After the business session, some meetings will feature a program presented by the various activities. Everyone is welcome! Come out and support your representatives.

A Message From The President

October 10 is the club's annual general membership meeting, including election of 2014 officers. All club members who have paid their dues are eligible to vote. Come out and share your ideas how to improve the club. Maybe you have an idea for a new activity. We want to hear from you.



December 7 is our annual holiday party at Club 25 in Maple Shade. It's a very nice event, one I look forward to every year. I might add that I was a member for more than ten years before I attended my first one, and I wish I had not waited so long. At the time, I did not know many members, which is why I shied away. Now I wouldn't miss it. If you would like to come but don't know many other members, drop me an email and I will save a place for you at my table and make you feel welcome. If you helped at the club picnic in April you are especially welcome to join me as a token of my appreciation. Hope to see you there!

We have a great list of cross-country ski trips schedule for this winter. They are listed later in this Trekker. Many of them are already filled to capacity, so check them up and reserve now to avoid disappointment.

Fall is great camping and backpacking weather. Our leaders have provided many choices of both this fall. I know I will be out there as often as I can.

Kathy Billman and Paula Pappas have joined the club's board as trustees. I thank both of them for their dedication to the club.

Bruce Steidel

President@ocsj.org

Coming Events

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OCTOBER 10 ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT 7:30 PM. The meeting will also include election of 2014 officers and an open member's forum. Come out and share your ideas how to improve the club or to ask questions. New Cherry Hill Library, 1100 Kings Highway (Rt. 41), North off Route 70 in Cherry Hill.

OCTOBER 12 HIKE/BIKE/PADDLE/ PICNIC. Join us at Historic Smithville Park for a club picnic. There will be a hike, a bike ride and a paddle the morning of the picnic. The picnic will be at Pavilion #3 in Smith Woods entrance off E. Railroad Ave. Hikers, bikers, and paddlers are all invited. Or just come out for the picnic. If you can, please bring a side dish or dessert and let the club president know. Or if you would like to help, please let me know that, too. Meet at Historic Smithville Park - Smith Woods Coordinator: Bruce Steidel, 609-915-0956, president@ocsj.org. See website for details.

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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HIKE. See December 21 entry for details.

NEW YEARS DAY HIKE. See January 1 entry for details.

NEWS AND NOTES

CHECK THE OCSJ WEBSITE FOR THE LATEST TRIP INFORMATION INCLUDING ADDITIONS AND CANCELLATIONS.

Bicycling has become the third activity to utilize meetup. You will notice that when you click on the Hiking and Canoeing Schedule pages, you are now re-directed to our corresponding meetup sites. Meetup allows leaders to directly manage their activities.

Hiking Meetup site:

<http://meetup.com/Outdoor-Club-of-South-Jersey-Hiking/>

Bicycling Meetup site:

<http://www.meetup.com/Outdoor-Club-of-South-Jersey>

Canoeing Meetup site:

<http://www.meetup.com/Outdoor-Club-of-South-Jersey-Canoeing/>

Carpooling, ride sharing or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among the participants and not part of the official Club Activity. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel. The choice to participate is yours.

PARTICIPATION NOTICE

The Outdoor Club, its officers and leaders, shall not be liable for any injuries, illness, loss or damage to any person or property, as a result of participation in any Club outing. Each participant assumes all risk and liability connecte therewith. All persons, MEMBERS ALIKE, are to sign with the leader at each activity.

TRAIL MAINTENANCE

The hiking trails our club enjoys are available primarily due the efforts of volunteers, just ordinary people. Among other things, our club helps to maintain the BATONA Trail. If you can help, contact Jack Dalton or Rosemarie Mason for what needs to be done. You can contact Jack at w2hds@comcast.net. or Rosemarie at 609-404-9587, email: romason@comcast.net



Leaders be aware that the Club is now a participating member in the New Jersey Parks VIP (Volunteers In Parks) program. This means that trail maintenance we organize in State Parks is to be run through the VIP Program This requires notifying the park before the activity, and sending a copy of our sign-in sheet to the park. We are not permitted to use power tools of any type.

Trail maintenance done on trails not on NJ State Park property must be reviewed by the board for coverage.



CANOEING/KAYAKING

A Message from the Canoeing/Kayaking Chair



Thank you to all our leaders for another great year.

Consider taking the same step and become a leader..We can offer any help you need. Remember the trips you enjoy are only made possible by those that volunteer as leaders. I want to thank them. When you are on a trip take the time to thank them and consider becoming a leader.

Always check the website for current information

Hope to see you on the water,

Frank Pearce

Hornet71@verizon.net 856-767-2780.

Guidelines:

- 1- All participants must sign-in
- 2- PFD'S must be worn. (83% of canoeing fatalities were not wearing a PFD)
- 3- Stay between leader and sweep.
- 4- Wear appropriate clothes (Avoid Cotton) dress for water temperatures.
- 5- Have at least one change of clothing in a water- protected bag with you
- 6- Flip flops are not appropriate footwear. (No bare feet - 90 % of paddling injuries)
- 7- Flashlight required for evening trips.
- 8- Whistle is required for Delaware River trips and recommended for all trips.
- 9- A helmet for whitewater may also be a good investment.
- 10- Carpooling, ride sharing or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among the participants and not part of the official Club Activity. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel. The choice to participate is yours.
- 11- You must assess the suitability and condition of your equipment and if a trip is within your abilities.
- 12- Please leave sufficient driving time to safely arrive.
- 13- If you have questions, especially if a trip is right for you, call the leader.
- 14- Check the Website –ocsj.org - for the latest information.
- 15- Minors (under 18) should be listed on sign-in sheets and parent or guardian sign for them.
- 16- Leaders have final say on trip participation involving safety concerns.
- 17- Leaders- if a trip is cancelled please notify the Chair.
- 18- Leaders -carry a copy of the incident report form. (can be obtained from website)
- 19- Leaders –send sign-in sheets and any incident reports to Canoe Chair.
- 20- Leaders must submit (mail/fax) sign-in sheets to the Canoeing/Kayaking Chair in a timely manner.

(Guideline- No later than 2 weeks after quarterly schedule ends.)

HIKE DESCRIPTIONS

- **EASY** - pace defined as slower walking with more frequent rest breaks (e.g. for viewing surroundings, nature calls, equipment adjustments, and allowing walkers to catch up). For the slower walker.
- **MODERATE** - pace defined as as comfortable walking with occasional rest breaks. For the average walker.
- **BRISK** - pace defined as faster walking with occasional rest breaks. For the average, better conditioned walker.
- **FAST** - pace defined as fitness walking with few rest breaks for any reason. For seasoned, in fit condition walkers.

HIKING GUIDE

Hike distances are in miles, and may optionally be followed by hike duration in hours. The following codes are used to show unusual features of a hike:

BW - Bushwhacking

WF - Wet feet possible

NS - No stops

NP - No pets

NC - No children

FS - Few stops

LP - Leashed Pet

Refer to the page listing Standard Meeting Places for directions to hikes.

Grand Mile Hiking Club for 2013

The Grand Mile Club begins anew on January 1. This will be its eleventh year. Are you goal oriented? Looking for an interesting challenge? You should consider joining our Grand Mile Club. Our goal is to walk, jog, hike 1000 miles each calendar year. Get all the details from Bill Poulson at wpoul42@gmail.com or 856-983-7609.

BACKPACK TRIP RATING SYSTEM

1. **NOVICE:** 5 or less trips - mild weather, relatively flat terrain.
2. **INTERMEDIATE:** 5 or more trips - mild weather, moderate climbs - up to 8 mile trips.
3. **ADVANCED:** 10 or more trips - three season, except winter.
4. **EXPERT:** Leadership experience or comprable ability - all seasons - good physical condition - completely equipped for all terrain and weather.

STANDARD MEETING PLACES

If the meeting place is one of the standard meeting places shown below, no directions will appear in the hike listing.

Atsion - Meet in field on east side of Rt. 206 just north of Wharton State Forest Office.

Batsto - Meet at Batsto village parking, off Rt. 542, between Hammonton and Green Bank.

Bullock - Meet on north side of road in Bullock. Turn east from Rt. 72 at railroad bridge 6.5 miles southeast of Rt. 70/72 intersection. Continue 3.3 miles to the intersection. Turn right, then immediately left, and park.

Byrne Campsites - Meet at Byrne (Lebanon) campsite. Turn off Rt. 72, 1 mile southeast of Rt. 70/72 intersection. After 0.4 miles, turn right. Campsite parking is 3.5 miles beyond the Forest Office.

Byrne Office - Meet at Byrne (Lebanon) forest office. Turn east off Rt. 72, 1 mile southeast of Rt. 70/72 intersection. After 0.4 miles, turn right. Forest office is on the left.

Carranza - Meet at Carranza Memorial parking, 6.7 miles SE of Tabernacle on Carranza Road.

Cemetery - Meet at cemetery on Rt. 563, 0.6 miles south of Rt. 532 in Chatsworth.

D & R Parking - a mile N of Lambertville on Rt. 29, just before the Rt. 202 Bridge. Turn left and drive to the parking.

Evans - Meet just to the north of Evans Bridge (on east side of Rt. 563), 0.7 miles south of the Rt. 563/Rt. 679 split (about 10 miles south of Chatsworth).

Friendship - Meet at Friendship ruins on Carranza Road, 10 miles SE of Tabernacle.

Harrisville - Meet at Harrisville Pond, on Rt. 679, 1.5 miles south of Rt. 563, between Chatsworth and New Gretna.

Henry Avenue & Walnut Lane parking area, Philadelphia – Take Rt. 76 (Schuylkill Expressway) West to Lincoln Drive, exit #340A. Turn right at bottom of ramp, cross short bridge and take Ridge Avenue West exit. Proceed to 2nd traffic light and bear right. Go two more lights and bear left. At the next light, turn right onto Walnut Ln. Go to 2nd light and turn left onto Magdalena and a quick left into parking area. Approximately 9 miles from Ben Franklin Bridge.

Jackson - Meet just north of small bridge on Rt. 534 (Jackson Road), 1.7 miles northeast of Atco Raceway.

Lake Absegami - Meet at Lake Absegami parking, Bass River State Forest. Entrance is on Stage Road, 3.4 miles E of Rt. 679 (from the N & W); or 6 miles W of Tuckerton (from the N & E); or 3 miles N of New Gretna (from the S).

Oswego - Meet at Oswego Lake parking, 3.1 miles northeast of Rt. 563 from Jenkins. (Turnoff is 8.4 miles south of Rt. 532 in Chatsworth, between Pine Barrens Canoes and Mick's Canoes).

Pakim Pond - Meet at Pakim Pond parking, Byrne S.F. Turn off Rt. 72, 1 mile southeast of Rt. 70/72 intersection. After 0.4 miles, turn right. Pakim Pond is 2.7 miles beyond the Forest Office.

Skit - Meet at the Skit Branch bridge, 5.2 miles SE of Tabernacle on Carranza Road.

Tyler Park - Take 1-95 and get off at exit 49, (Newtown/Yardley) and travel toward Newtown. Continue on the Newtown bypass and turn left into the park at the intersection of Swamp Road. Meet the at the Boat House parking lot.

Wells Mills - Meet at Wells Mills Park, off Rt. 532 (which is 16 miles southeast of the Rt. 70/72 intersection), 3.6 miles northeast of Rt. 72.

Whitesbog - Meet at Whitesbog village parking. Go east on Rt. 70 6.9 miles from Rt. 70/72 intersection. Make a sharp left on Lakehurst Road, go 1.3 miles, turn right for the village.

A MESSAGE FROM THE X/C Skiing & Snowshoeing Chair

New & exciting trips are being planned again for the 2013-2014 ski and snowshoe season. Check the trekker and online often for additional trips and updates. Dan McAuliffe will be holding ski clinics this fall at REI in Marlton and Conshohocken. Come out to REI on the dates listed for tips on how to become an expert cross country skier and also find out about equipment and upcoming OCSJ ski trips. If you missed the Après' Ski Party there are still openings for some great trips this winter. Hope to see you come out for some winter fun.

Dennis McKane
Dennisfran1@verizon.net
609-707-5695

OCTOBER 30

Wednesday
7:00 -9:00 pm

OCSJ SKI MEETING AND SKI CLINIC AT REI MARLTON, NJ.

Learn about 2014 trips. Meet other OCSJ members. Register REI website - www.REI.com Contact: Dan McAuliffe, DNMLogistics@msn.com ; Dennis McKane , dennisfran1@verizon.net

NOVEMBER 26

Tuesday
7:00 -9:00 pm

OCSJ SKI MEETING AND SKI CLINIC AT REI

CONSHOHOCKEN, PA. Learn about 2014 trips. Meet other OCSJ members. Register REI website - www.REI.com Contact: Dan McAuliffe, DNMLogistics@msn.com ; Dennis McKane dennisfran1@verizon.net

DEC. 27-JAN. 1

Fri.-Wed.

CRAFTSBURY, VT- \$950per room, 2 people; \$550 single room includes 5 nights, all meals (vegetarian available), trail passes for skiing and snowshoeing are included. Deposit \$200 to reserve by 11/1/13 call for details. Fran Horn, 856-786-0048. franhorn@aol.com

DEC. 29-JAN. 1

Sun.-Tues.

PULASKI/TUG HILL, NY - The Tug Hill region is New York's Snowbelt due to lake effect weather. Approximately \$250 pp for 3 nights (Sunday-Tuesday), option to stay Saturday night. Hearty breakfast and soup each day, gourmet dinner NY's Eve, all taxes & gratuities. Eileen Greve, 609-204-6451, egrave212@gmail.com

JAN. 10-12

Fri.-Sun.

PROSPECT MTNXC CENTER, BENNINGTON, VT - 5 hour drive. Learn to ski! Hills (flat and hills) Prospect is highest point in VT, snow guaranteed. Great flats and challenging hills. Lodge is full service with a restaurant, cozy lounge, rentals, snow shoeing, waxing room. 40 km trails. Tour Bennington, VT. Shops, museums! Price Includes: Two nights lodging (Friday, Saturday) at Best Western (double occupancy), 2 breakfasts at hotel, Dinner, Trail fee Saturday only. Saturday: Free ski lessons. Cost/Person: king: \$140, 2 queens: \$150, single: \$225, child \$50. Deposit: \$90.00. Full payment by 12/10/13. (If NO Snow, Trip will be cancelled 7-10 days in advance with full refund. Individual cancellation 14 days in advance for full refund minus \$5.00 processing fee - Prorated after depending on deposit policy of resort - Trips are designed for all levels of skiing ability. Rates based on Double occupancy (d/o) per room. Leaders Dan and Charie McAuliffe, 215 630-7478, DNMLogistics@msn.com.

JANUARY 13-16

Mon.-Thurs.

NEW : ROCKY POINT CONDOS, INLET, NY IN THE

CENTRAL ADIRONDACKS. Includes lodging in 3 bedroom, 3 bath condos with 3 breakfasts and 2 dinners. Participants will share meal preparation for breakfast and dinner. Lunch and trail passes not included. Groomed, skate and backcountry ski as well as snow shoe. Approximate cost is \$275. (View condos at

rockypointproperties.com). Deposit \$50 refundable until November 30, 2013. Balance due by November 30. Contact Ann & John Palaitis at palaitis@verizon.net

JAN. 16-19
Thurs.-Sun.

LAKE PLACID TOWN TRIP. Stay at Wildwood on the Lake Motel, www.wildwoodmotel.com Cost: \$164.00 pp. based on double occ., includes tax; tips extra. Rooms have two queen size beds, micro, fridge, coffeemaker. Amenities: indoor pool, hot tub, sauna, wax room, Wi-Fi. All meals on own. Dep. \$50 pp due ASAP. Balance due 12/1/13. Leaders Dennis & Franny McKane, 609-707-3025 dennisfran1@verizon.net

JAN. 17-20
Fri.-Mon.

MLK WEEKEND KEENE VALLEY, NY - Stay at Trail's End B & B in Adirondack High Peaks Region near Lake Placid. Approximately \$300 pp includes 3 nights (Friday, Saturday, Sunday), 3 breakfasts, 1 dinners, 1 après ski parties, and taxes. Saturday night vol fm spght. dinner and 2 trail lunches available at additional cost. This long standing trip is jointly sponsored with the AMC and always fills quickly. Contact Evan Ernest, 215-208-7480 evn192@yahoo.com

JAN. 19-JAN. 26
Sun-Sun.

STONEHURST MANOR CONDOS, NORTH CONWAY, NH. Located in a lovely town in the heart of the White Mountains Includes 7 nights lodging, 7 breakfasts, 5 dinners Participants will share meal prep for breakfast & dinners. Lunch and trail passes are not included. Approx Cost \$350 pp double occupancy. Deposit \$100. Balance by December 15. No refund after 12/15 unless replacement is found. Contact: Barbara Brandt or bbrandt46@gmail.com or Jim & Virginia Magee mageejv@verizon.net

JAN. 24-26
Fri.-Sun.

MOHONK SCOTTISH XC WEEKEND, NEW PALTZ, NY. 4 hour drive. Two nights lodging at AAA rated motel & 2 breakfasts. Spend Sat. at last of the Great Mountain Houses (Mohonk) Enjoy Scottish festivities, dancing, gourmet lunch, high tea, valet parking, New Adirondack Skating Rink, new XC Ski trails, rentals available on site for snow shoeing, skiing, skating. Onsite historical museum. New state of the Art Full service Health SPA -massage, facial, extra. Saturday dinner on own at Golden Otter Brew Pub.. Ski Minnewaska State Park on Sunday (Entrance fee not included). \$149/person Deposit: \$100.00. Full payment by 1/17 (If NO Snow, Trip will be cancelled 7-10 days in advance with full refund. Individual cancellation 14 days in advance for full refund minus \$5.00 processing fee - Prorated after depending on deposit policy of resort -Trips are designed for all levels of skiing ability. Rates based on Double occupancy (d/o) per room. Leaders Dan and Charie McAuliffe, 215-630-7478, DNMLogistics@msn.com.

JAN.26-JAN. 31
Sun.-Fri.

COMMODORE INN, STOWE VT. For skiers of all abilities. \$380 pp dbl occ. for 5 nights (Sun.-Thurs.), 5 dinners and breakfasts, taxes and tips. Deposit \$100 Eileen Greve, 609-204-6451 egreve212@gmail.com

JAN. 31-FEB. 2
Fri.-Sun.

WAITSFIELD INN, VT. Lovely B & B with private baths, cozy nooks. Several XC ski options nearby. Cost approximately \$170 pp double occupancy, including tax, 3rd & 4th person option. Includes 2 nights, breakfast daily, Dinner on own \$50.00 pp dep. by 12/1/13 Franny & Dennis McKane, 609-707-3025, dennisfran1@verizon.net

FEB. 7-11
Fri.-Tues.

WINTER CARNIVAL - QUEBEC CITY, CANADA (3 hours from Newport, VT). The Québec Winter Carnival www.carnaval.qc.ca

promotes itself as the largest snow festival in the world. The character of "Bonhomme" the snowman acts as the figurehead of the carnival and Quebec goes snow crazy. Snow sculpture competitions fill the city with madcap scenery, a "snow bath" is created for the truly intrepid, attend an all day carnival with your pass, the frozen Saint-Laurent river acts as the venue for ice canoeing and dogsled races. Enjoy a winter carnival parade on Saturday at 7pm, dance with the fur trappers under the winter moon drinking Caribou at an Ice bar. See the Ice Castle - XC Ski Mt Sainte-Anne on Monday. Price includes: 4 nights lodging D/O, one dinner on Sunday 5:30 pm at Ancient Canadian restaurant, Carnival pass. LODGING: The rooms are all 2 Queen beds, private bath, non-smoking. PARKING: On site valet indoor parking is available for an extra \$20 CDN/day. Ski racks will Not fit in the garage. HOTEL: HOTEL MANOIR VICTORIA, newly renovated 2012 old world European hotel in heart of Old Quebec. Indoor pool (10 am - 9pm, Free), sauna, fitness center (hours vary), boutique, SPA. Two restaurants onsite, lodging and taxes included. Convenient location inside city walls of Old Quebec, easy access via car, www.manoir-victoria.com MEALS: Full American breakfast available each day 7 am - 11 am for 18 CAD extra. Friday & Saturday dinner on own at Resto-Bistro "Le Saint-James". Lunch on your own each day. XC ski pass at Mont Sainte Anne Extra. **PASS-PORTS ARE REQUIRED---**(If NO Snow, trip will be cancelled 7-10 days in advance with full refund. Individual cancellation 14 days in advance for full refund minus \$5.00 processing fee - prorated after depending on deposit policy of resort. Trips are designed for all levels of skiing ability. Rates \$379/ USD. Based on Double occupancy (d/o) per room. Deposit: \$150, full payment by December 15th.

Optional TRIPS: Thursday night February 6th in ICE HOTEL. 425 CAD/couple (one night lodging, breakfast, gratuities, Welcome cocktail, access to Nordic hot tubs & Saunas). 10 minutes north of Quebec City on Four Points Sheraton resort. www.hoteldeglace-canada.com

FEB. 14-7
Fri.-Mon.

PULASKI/TUG HILL, NY. Friday to Monday (President's Day) Approximately \$250 pp for 3 nights w hearty breakfast, 1 opulent dinner, all taxes and tips. Deposit \$100. Eileen Greve, 609-204-6451, egreve212@gmail.com

FEB. 20-23
Thur.-Sun.

MORNINGSTAR CHALET, LONDONDERRY VT. 3 nights (Thur, Friday-Saturday) at private chalet with 3 breakfast and 2 dinners. Approx \$105 pp dbl occ., if we get 10 sign-ups. Deposit \$90. Eileen Greve, 609-204-6451, Egreve212@gmail.com

MARCH 7-9
Fri.-Sun.

X/C SKI AT LAPLAND LAKES, NORTHVILLE, NY. (6 hour drive). Fantastic! Enjoy Finnish splendor in the Adirondacks. 50km trails, onsite restaurant, rentals, waxing room, Finnish reindeer onsite, Snow shoeing, XC skiing. king or 2 queens: \$145, single only: \$225, child: \$65. Price Includes: 2 nights lodging at Super 8 motel in Amsterdam, NY - 2 breakfasts, dinner at Raindancer, Trail Fee Saturday only, tip, tax. Deposit: \$90. Full payment by February 1st. If NO snow, trip will be cancelled 7-10 days in advance with full refund. Individual cancellation 14 days in advance for full refund minus \$5.00 processing fee - Prorated after depending on deposit policy of resort –Trips are designed for all levels of skiing ability. Rates based on Double occupancy (d/o) per room. Leaders Dan and Charie McAuliffe, 215-630-7478, DNMLogistics@msn.com.



OCTOBER

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RESERVATIONS AND DEADLINE

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RESERVATION BEING ACCEPED FOR SKI TRIPS.

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OCTOBER 2

Wednesday
10:30 am

FRESH AIR AND SEA BREEZES. Note Start time. 6.5 miles easy. Hurricane Sandy has blown away nearly all the boardwalk over which we hike, and the pavilions with them. As of the writing of this notice (April 2013), there is nothing but desolation where once there was a boardwalk, but all the towns have promised to rebuild. Already, piles of supplies are building up along Ocean Avenue and heavy equipment is moving. We can count on there being a boardwalk by OCTOBER, the time of this hike. We will meet in Spring Lake and hike to Ocean Grove and

survey all of the fixes and changes. In Ocean Grove, we will stop for ice cream. As the Ludlow Avenue Pavilion (our former meeting place) is gone, we will now meet at the twin brick arches that separate Spring Lake from Belmar on Ocean Avenue. From 195 or Garden State go to Belmar and to Ocean Avenue. Go south to Arches. Steady rain cancels. Manny Robbins, 856-428-4841.

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OCTOBER 5

Saturday
9:00 am



WALK TO WEBB'S MILL. Back and forth to the 18th century settlement site of the Webb's family mill. We'll walk about 10 miles of sand road and old trails get there and return. 3 mph pace or what is suitable for the participants. Lunch along the trail. Meet at the Bullock RR crossing. Leader: Jay Schoss, 609-283-0252 or walkinginmud@aol.com.

OCTOBER 6

Sunday
9:00 am

PERAMBULATE SOUTH LEBANON. Join me for the first autumnal, we survived the heat of summer, 8-10 mile walk. A 3 mile per hour or more pace is expected as we zig and zag our curious route along sand roads and fire cuts south and east of the campgrounds of Brendan Byrne SF. Hoping for sub 80's temperatures. Bring a snack to eat along the trail. We should be back by 12:30 so you'll have plenty of time for lunch après le walk. Meet at the Brendan Byrne SF campground. Leader: Jay Schoss walkinginmud@aol.com or 609-283-0252

OCTOBER 6

Sunday
10:00 am

O'WE GO PADDLE THE OSWEGO. We meet at Oswego Lake Put-In. Volunteer shuttle. Pack lunch. Call or email to confirm. Leader: Vicki S., 856-341-3901 or ravingwriter@gmail.com

OCTOBER 7

Monday
10:00 am

WHITES BOGS WANDER. Walk the roads and dikes of the old Whites Bogs village cranberry and blueberry farm. We will walk at a pace comfortable for the participants, so come one, come all. Approximately six miles to get back about noon. There is a picnic table at the village and a number of lunch opportunities in Browns Mills. RSVP not required, but appreciated. We go under nearly all conditions, so if you like the rain, join us at the village. Leaders Meet at Whitesbog Village Parking (Opposite General Store): Faye Bray and Jay Schoss at bearberrygirl@aol.com or walkinginmud@aol.com (908) 692-5765

OCTOBER 8

Tuesday
10:00 am

ATLANTIC CITY HIKE ON THE BOARDWALK WITH JAN AND TONI. OCTOBER is the best. The crowds are gone and the weather should be great. Hike 8 miles at a moderate pace on the Atlantic City's Famous Boardwalk. We will stay on the boards or hit the beach depending on the tides. You can either

bring lunch or buy. Meet at On the boardwalk in front of Showboat Casino. Leaders Toni, 609-652-0112 and Jan, 609-404-4990.

OCTOBER 9

Wednesday
9:00 am



CANOE / KAYAK THE TOMS RIVER. New for 2013. We'll start further up river and take out before the open water. Meet at the end of Edgemere Drive, off of Route 527. Go to the end of Edgemere and turn right on the dirt road to the parking area. It will be a seven mile trip. No quarters required, but wheels still come in handy. Call or e-mail Joe Logan to confirm attendance. 609-634-1542, or mayandpops@aol.com Note: trip may vary depending on water level or mood of the trip leader.

OCTOBER 9

Wednesday
10:00 am

PENNYPACK-LORIMER PARKS LOOP HIKE. 10-11 miles, moderate pace. Come enjoy these lovely parks at a beautiful time of the year. Meet at Bustleton Avenue & Benton St. park entrance. Cross Tacony-Palmyra bridge into Philadelphia; take Levick Street to Roosevelt Blvd. (Rt. 1). Turn right onto Rt. 1-N. center lanes; go about 2.5 miles (past Rhawn St.) to Strahle St. and turn left. Take Strahle to Bustleton Avenue and turn right. Go about 1/2 mile to Benton St. on the left at bottom of the hill. Turn L. into Benton & park on either side of the street. Check with leader if really bad weather is forecast. Please RSVP only if you ARE COMING. We will eat our lunch at the beautiful picnic grove in Lorimer Park (picnic tables, rest rooms & water fountain). Leashed pets OK, except in the picnic grove. Meet at Pennypack Park, Philadelphia, PA 19152. Call leader for details about this. Leader: Jerry Goldstein, 609-859-8133. jerryhyker@yahoo.com

OCTOBER 10

Thursday-Monday

FALL FOLIAGE HIKING & CAMPING - NORTH SOUTH LAKE. Hike and camp at North-South Lake State campground at Haines Falls, NY in the Catskill Mts. This is a great time to hike and see the spectacular fall foliage in the mountains. Several hikes are planned for the weekend as well as camping in spectacular fall settings. We will visit Sunset Rock, Alligator Rock, and Kaaterskill Falls. The campground is 2.5 hour drive from SJ. We are camping in Loop 6. If you can not campout, join us for the hikes either day. Meet at North-South Lake Campground. Contact leader to reserve a space, additional information and directions. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve. or pis1@cccnj.net

OCTOBER 10

Thursday
7:30 pm



ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING. The meeting will also include election of 2014 officers and an open member's forum. Come out and share your ideas how to improve the club or to ask questions. New Cherry Hill Library, 1100 Kings Highway (Rt. 41), North off Route 70 in Cherry Hill.

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OCTOBER 12-13

Saturday
9:00 am

BACKPACK THE APPALACHIAN TRAI SWATARA GAP TO PA 645. Come join us as we hike the AT. We'll start at Swatara Gap, hike across the Waterville Bridge and up Blue Mountain, before 'running the ridge' to the William Penn Shelter (Water, privy) a total of 8.7 miles. The next morning, we'll wake up, and hike 2.4 miles out over level ground to PA 645. We should have everyone out by the middle of the morning, plenty of time to hit a diner on the way home! Moderate hike, though there is a significant climb at the beginning of the day Saturday. Limited to 16 backpackers. Hike Leader Kevin Drevik, 856-630-2485 or kdrevik@aol.com

OCTOBER 12

Saturday
10:00 am

GOSHEN POND HIKE. 9 miles, moderate pace. Goshen Pond Loop Hike. Round about route to the far side for lunch at Goshen Pond. Bring lunch. Meet at Jackson Road. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

OCTOBER 12

Saturday
10:00 am

A SHORT RUN ON THE RANCOCAS. We are running a short Paddle from Bermingham to Smithville and at the end we all take out and head over to Smithville Woods for a picnic with the Hikers and all the rest of the Club that shows up. Meet at the ball field on Birmingham rd. Bridge over Rancocas in Pemberton.

OCTOBER 12

Saturday
10:00 am



SMITHVILLE HISTORIC PARK HIKE. Five (5) miles. Walk grounds of Village, wooded areas and over lake. After the hike there will be a club picnic with free food and drink at the Smith Woods parking lot, pavilion #3 from noon until 2:00 pm. See picnic write up below for more info. Meet at Historic Smithville Park - Smith Woods. Leaders Michael and Lise Castagner. Tel 215-356 8435, 609-251-2362.

OCTOBER 12

Saturday
12:00 pm

POST HIKE/BIKE/PADDLE PICNIC. Join us at Historic Smithville Park for a club picnic. There will be a hike, a bike ride and a paddle the morning of the picnic. The picnic will be at Pavilion #3 in Smith Woods entrance off E. Railroad Avenue. Hikers, bikers, and paddlers are all invited. Or just come out for the picnic. If you can, please bring a side dish or dessert and let the club president know. Or if you would like to help, please let me know that, too. Meet at Historic Smithville Park-Smith Woods Coordinator: Bruce Steidel, 609-915-0956, president@ocsj.org.

OCTOBER 13

Sunday
9:00 am



CANOE/KAYAK THE NORTH BRANCH RANCOCAS CREEK.

Ten mile trip from Burlington County College to Smithville. Meet at canoe launch on Rancocas Road, BCC, off Route 530 in Pemberton. Bring lunch. Be ready to shuttle at 9 AM, please arrive early. Contact Joe Logan, 609-634-1542 or e-mail mayandpops@aol.com to sign up.

OCTOBER 13

Sunday
11:00 am

JIM THORPE / GLEN ONOKO HIKE by Rich Kranz. We will meet in downtown Jim Thorpe, the "Switzerland of the East" and follow a rail trail to an abandoned rail tunnel and then to our lunch spot high above the scenic Lehigh River. After lunch we will take a mile long grind up to the breathtaking Glen Onoko Falls. The hike up the falls is a steep technical climb and should

only be attempted by hikers in a reasonably healthy condition. Its no stroll in the park but the sights you will encounter along the way, including a 75 foot waterfall and several other cascades, will make it more than worth the effort. The slowest hiker (probably me) will determine the speed of the group. After our descent, we will return to Jim Thorpe and you're on your own to have dinner, explore, or stay over for Columbus Day. Sturdy boots and long pants are a must. Bring lunch, drink, a cheap flashlight and rain hat for the tunnel. Jim Thorpe is approximately a two hour drive time from Philadelphia area bridges. Meet at Carbon County Parking Lot. Leader: Rich Kranz, 856-316-6292, kranzdhr@verizon.net.

OCTOBER 14

Monday
10:00 am

WALK TO REEVES BOGS. A moderate to easy paced 6 mile walk to Reeves cranberry bogs. We will follow trails and roads through the area where Cooper's and McDonald's Branches have been impounded to produce cranberries. We might see some of the harvest activities. Meet the leaders at Pakim Pond parking in Brendan Byrne SF at 10 am. Leaders: Jay Schoss and Faye Bray walkinginmud@aol.com or bearberrygirl@aol.com phone: 609-283-0252.

OCTOBER 16

Wednesday
10:00 am



HIKE BASS RIVER SF; 7-8 MILE, MODERATE PACE. We will hike old roads and trails in NJ's 1st State Forest. Suitable for all abilities. Bring lunch and beverage, insect repellent. Meet in The Bass River SF, entrance on Stage Road. Follow signs to Lake Absegami. Meet in the parking lot by the kiosk. Leader Christine Denneler, 609-351-2789 e-mail cdenneler157@yahoo.com. Pat Burton, 856-767-8064. e-mail camperpat123@aol.com. Check meetup and ocsj.org for changes due to weather.

OCTOBER 17-20

Thurs.-Sun.
5:00 pm

POCOMOKE RIVER FALL KAYAK TRIP. Pocomoke State Park Md. Kayak the beautiful Pocomoke River which was recently rated one of the top rivers to paddle by Paddler's Mag. "Pocomoke" is thought to be the Native American word for "black water." This area is also famous for its stands of loblolly pine and for its cypress swamps which border the Pocomoke River. Paddling opportunities include trips up or downstream on the Pocomoke River and creeks feeding into the Pocomoke such as the Nassawango Creek, Dividing Creek, and Corkers Creek which are nearby, Plus a moonlight paddle. Bring binoculars to view the many varied birds and waterfowl. We are camping at Milburn Landing Park, enjoy the NEW bathhouse and showers, days will be warm and evenings cool. Cabins are available. Minimum of 13 'kayak. We will be using the local outfitter to transport our kayaks ,very easy! Contact leader for registration and camping location. Leader: Paul Serdiuk 609-462-3593 eve. or pis9 @yahoo.com

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OCTOBER 19

Saturday
10:00 am

MOORESTOWN LIBRARY TO POMPESTON CREEK HIKE.

5 miles, easy to moderate pace. Wet feet as we ford the creek. We start at the Moorestown Library, and track the Pompeston Creek through Moorestown. We will go through Maple Dawson Park, Pompeston Park, to the Pompeston Easement. Meet at Moorestown Library. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

OCTOBER 19-20

Saturday
10:00 am

APPALACHIAN TRAIL IN NJ BACKPACK: BLAIRSTOWN ROAD TO DELAWARE WATER GAP.

16 miles. Enjoy fall foliage along this beautiful section. Saturday we will pass the Catfish Fire Tower, a sixty-foot high tower with 360-degree views of the Kittatinny range. Then on to the Yards Creek overlook for lunch. After lunch we will hike along the edge of Sunfish Pond and reach the backpacker site where we will camp Saturday night. Weather permitting, we will hike out Sunday morning via Mount Tammany with a magnificent view of the Delaware Water gap, one of the best views anywhere in NJ. The trip is mostly level or downhill walking. Meeting time, location and other details will be sent to participants about ten days before the trip. Leader: Bruce Steidel, 609-915-0956 bsteidel@yahoo.com

OCTOBER 19-20

Sunday
10:00 am

BATSTO FALL FESTIVAL HIKE.

9 miles, moderate pace. Walk the nature trail up the Batsto River to Goodwater Bridge and then return to Batsto Village to visit the festival. Meet in the woods opposite Pleasant Mills Church off Rt. 542, just before the Batsto entrance. Bring lunch, LP. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, Phone: 856-235-8792.

OCTOBER 20

Sunday
9:00 am



FRAN'S BAGEL RIDE - CLASS C. 30 miles. 12-14 mph cruising pace. Fran's back for bagels! Meet at Moorestown HS. Leader: Fran H., 856-786-0048.

OCTOBER 20

Sunday
11:00 am

ATSION SOUTH OF RIVER HIKE.

6.5 miles. Moderate pace, enjoy the scenery. NC, NP. Bad weather cancels. Enjoy the other side of the Mullica river down to Beaver Pond on the in and out trails along the river. Bring food and share-ables for lunch On the Hike. Meet at Atsion Park parking lot. On Route 206 between Rt. 70 and Hammonton. Tom Neigel, 609-206-3389, tomncenter-ocsj@yahoo.com

OCTOBER 23

Wednesday
9:00 am

HIKE HUBER PRAIRIE WARBLER PRESERVE.

This is the 10 mile large loop at Huber. We will walk a figure eight using parts of the green, white, red, and yellow trails and maybe a little more. Pace will be moderate to brisk, depending on the abilities of the participants. Lunch along the way. In wet years, there may be a chance to enjoy wet feet. A stick is recommended for balance in at least one area. Meet at the Michael Huber Prairie Warbler Preserve sign on Sooy Place Road, about 4 miles in from either Rt. 70 or Rt. 563 north of Chatsworth. Look for my Green Outback, I should be there at least 15 minutes early. Leader: Jay Schoss walkinginmud@aol.com or 609-283-0252.

OCTOBER 25-26

Fri.-Sat. Nites
4:00 pm

HALLOWEEN CAMP-OUT. 2 Nights. Friday, October 25 and Saturday October 26. This is an old favorite. Come out and

enjoy a fall weekend along the Wading River. This is a primitive camp. Participants must sign in with the leader. You must make your own reservations. Check Wharton State Forest for camping at Bodine Field. We'll have a Kayak-Canoe trip on Saturday. Time to be determined. Campfire and Halloween party Saturday night. Costumes welcome. Bring something to share around the fire. Hope 3 is a charm. (Snow- Hurricane Sandy). Meet at Bodine Field Campground, off Rt. 679. Leader; Christine Denneker, 609-351-2789, e-mail cdenneker157@yahoo.com . Check Meetup and ocsj.org for changes due to weather.

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OCTOBER 26

Saturday
9:00 am

WALK TO RED OAK GROVE. A 12 mile walk back in time to what is left of the 19th century settlement of Red Oak Grove. Other points of interest are Old Half Way and the drive-in. Some of the ways followed will be somewhat overgrown, but passable. Lunch in the woods, so bring something to eat. Meet at the RR crossing at Bullock. Leader: Jay Schoss, 609-283-0252 or walkinginmud@aol.com

OCTOBER 27

Sunday
10:30 am

SOUTHWEST WISSAHICKON HIKE by Rich Kranz. 4 or 8 miles, moderate pace. We'll start out at a new meeting place, the Philadelphia Canoe Club and then hike up through the Wissahickon Gorge and have lunch on the rocks under the shadow of the "Toleration" aka Billy Penn Statue. I wonder what stories he can tell us? We'll also visit Climbers Rock and the Hermits Cave. Rugged terrain, sturdy shoes required. Bring lunch, beverage, NP at all times. Meet 10:00 a.m. at the Crate & Barrel Store, Cherry Hill Mall, or by 10:30 a.m. at the Philadelphia Canoe Club. NP. Leader: Rich Kranz, 856-316-6292, kranzdnr@verizon.net

OCTOBER 30

Wednesday
9:30 am



HIKE PARKER PRESERVE. We'll choose the route, starting from the SOUTH gate of Franklin Parker Preserve on Rt. 563, based on the weather that day; severe weather such as thunderstorm, heavy rain, deep snow cancels. About 8 miles at a moderate pace whichever way we go; may be some hills if we take the red trail, some wet spots. Bring snack/light lunch and water. Leaders: Vera C. Stek.verastek@verizon.net and Bill Schaefer, 908-337-7040.

OCTOBER 30

Wednesday
10:00 am

MARTIAN INVASION REMEMBRANCE DAY HIKE. 7 miles. Easy. On this day 75 years ago, the Martians came to take over the Earth. The radio broadcast by Orson Welles 75 years ago caused panic in the nation. We will hike along beautiful Lake Carnegie, starting near the astronomical observatory which first detected the launch from Mars, and within a few miles of

Grover's Mill where the Martians landed. We will listen to a tape of part of the original radio broadcast. Meet at Broadmead Street In Princeton, NJ, go along Washington Road. Take Faculty Road (near the water) NE to Broadmeade Street. Park on Broadmeade. (Washington Road can be reached from S. Jersey by going N. on Rt. 206 into Princeton. Rt. 206 then becomes Rt. 27 and crosses Washington. Go left onto Washington). Rain cancels. Bring lunch. Manny Robbins, 856-428-4841.

OCTOBER 30

Wednesday
7:00 pm



HALLOWEEN LIGHTS OF MOORESTOWN. 5 miles, easy pace. Meet at Moorestown Library. We start at the Moorestown Library and search the streets of Moorestown for the most ghoulish holiday displays. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

OCTOBER 31

Thursday
10:00 am

ALL TREATS/NO TRICKS HIKE. 5 mile moderate double loop hike utilizing the Batona and several other trails in the Batso area. Maybe we'll see the Jersey Devil preparing for his favorite holiday. Wear a costume and get into the Halloween spirit. Bring lunch and a beverage for after the hike at the picnic tables. Leaders will provide treats for all well behaved hikers. Bad weather cancels. Meet at Batsto Village. Leaders: Jack Dalton/ Ro Mason romason@comcast.net



NOVEMBER

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when you hit bottom."*



RESERVATIONS AND DEADLINE

Act Now! Make your reservations as soon as possible. Spaces usually are limited. Don't miss out by waiting too long.

SOCIAL MOONLIGHT HIKE, CAMPFIRE and CAMPOUT. See November 15-16 entry for details.

BACKPACK THE AT STATE PARKS & BLACKSMITH SHOPS THE AT FROM SHIPPENSBURG ROAD TO CALEDONIA STATE PARK. See November 16-17 entry for details.

DECEMBER 7 ANNUAL CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY AT CLUB 25, 60 EAST RUDDEROW AVENUE MAPLE SHADE. Always a fun event. Food, friendship, music and dancing, not the mention the great dinner buffet. See details elsewhere in this newsletter. For more info, email president@ocsj.org

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NOVEMBER 2

Saturday

9:00 am

WALK PLAINS BRANCH. We will walk a 10-12 mile loop around the headwaters of the Plains Branch, a stream that flows through a section of the pygmy pines. In some years, the route is dry, in some, not so much. We will follow some old sand roads, fire cuts and survey roads through one of the least visited sections of the pines. This is an upland walk but water seem to be just below the surface even in a dry year. Pace will be determined by the ability of the participants, but please note that this will be a difficult walk under any conditions. Figure 4-5 hours, so bring lunch and plenty of fluids. Meet at Lucille's County Cooking in Warren Grove on Rt. 539. Leader: Jay Schoss walkinginmud@aol.com or 609-283-0252.

NOVEMBER 2

Saturday

10:00 am

MOORESTOWN LIBRARY TO SOUTH VALLEY WOODS. 5 miles, easy to moderate pace. We start at the Moorestown Library and follow the Mt. Holly Branch railroad tracks to reach the South Valley woods. Wet feet likely. Meet at Moorestown Library Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

NOVEMBER 3

Sunday

8:30 am



SOCIAL WISSAHICKON GORGE HIKE. 7 miles moderate pace over hills and small creeks. Hike the Gorge in early fall with it's spectacular views and fall colors. Backpacker Magazine labeled the Wissahickon Gorge as the "secret jewel" of the east. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after hike. NP/NC. Meet in rear parking lot of Crown Plaza Hotel, on Rt. 70 Cherry Hill to carpool/caravan to site. Or meet at 9:30 am at Valley Green parking lot in Wissahickon Park. Leader Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve. or pis9@yahoo.com .Remember to set your clocks ahead 1 hour!

NOVEMBER 3

Sunday

11:00 am

2 x 6 MILE BATSTO DROP-OUT HIKE. 2, or 6 miles. Moderate pace. NC/NP. You can drop out at 2 miles. Good way to try out a hike. Tailgate at the Picnic Tables: Bring food and snacks for tailgate after the hike. Meet at Batsto Village Parking Lot. NC, NP. Leader: Tom Neigel, 609-206-3389. tomncenter-ocsj@yahoo.com

NOVEMBER 4

Monday

10:00 am

WALK TO THE FLOODED ROAD. Walk with us about 6 miles to the beaver pond on Glassworks road that has flooded out the road. This dry footed hike should take about 2 1/2 hours. The pace will be determined by the abilities of the walkers. Meet the leaders at the Brendan Byrne SF campground at 10:00 am. Leaders: Jay Schoss and Faye Bray walkinginmud@aol.com bearberrygirl@aol.com phone 609-283-0252.

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NOVEMBER 6

Wednesday

10:00 am

MOUNT MISERY HIKE. 9-10 miles moderate pace (3mph). Hike from Pakim Pond to Mt. Misery on the White Trail through the forest and returning around the bogs. Bring lunch. Meet at the Pakim Pond parking lot. Heavy rain, snow or ice cancels. Leaders: Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817; and Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609.

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NOVEMBER 8-10

MOUNT WASHINGTON VIA TUCKERMAN TRAIL. THIS IS NOT A BEGINNERS TRIP. The weather can be extreme. All gear must be pre-approved by leader. Limited to 4 or 5 people. This is a three day trip consisting of long drives 8+ hours on Friday and Sunday. Some must have equipment are a winter stove, microspikes, goggles, very good boots, gaiters, good winter sleeping pad and sleeping bag. I will provide a sample list to folks that are interested. No tent is needed. If interested in past years photos head over to: <http://erickpanger.com/photos.html> Contact leader for complete details. Leader: Eric Panger erickpanger@erickpanger.com

NOVEMBER 10

Sunday

10:00 am



ATSION WANDER. 8-10 miles. Moderate pace. Meet at Atsion Recreation Area. Hike to some areas that we have been to before and some areas that are not so familiar. Bring lunch. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

NOVEMBER 10

Sunday

10:45 am

SOUTH WISSAHICKON VALLEY HIKE. 5 or 7 miles, moderate pace. Come explore historic Rittenhousetown and the Hermits Cave and say hi to 'Billy Penn'. Rugged terrain. Sturdy shoes required. Wimp out at 5 miles. Lunch at Lovers Leap. No leaping please! Bring lunch, beverage. No Pets. Meet at 10:00 a.m. Crate & Barrel Cherry Hill Mall, or by 10:45 a.m. at Henry Avenue and Walnut Lane parking area. Leader: Rich Kranz, 856-316-6292 kranzdnr@verizon.net.

NOVEMBER 11

Monday

10:00 am

WALK HUBER PRARIE WARBLER PRESERVE. Join us for a nice 6 mile loop hike along trails and roads through this unusual preserve. This preserve is an upland source of some of the springs that feed the Rancocas Creek. We are still to sight a

Prairie Warbler, but we always have hope. Walking sticks are recommended as there are two places we may encounter some hopping, skipping and jumping to cross some wet sites. Almost everyone has managed to complete the walk without getting wet feet. Meet the leaders on the Sooy Place Road entrance of the Preserve (half way between Rt. 70 and Rt. 563). Leaders: Faye Bray bearberrygirl@aol.com and Jay Schoss walkinginmud@aol.com Phone: 609-283-0252.

NOVEMBER 12

Tuesday
9:45 am



BASS RIVER - RAINBOW HIKE. We will do about 8 miles at a moderate pace, using various trails. Bring snacks and something to drink. We have lunch near the end of the hike at the picnic tables far end of the lake. Meet at Bass River State Forest. Leaders Toni and Jan, 609-652-0112 or 404-4990.

NOVEMBER 13

Wednesday
9:30 am

HIKE BATSTO. About 8 miles at a moderate pace on several of Batsto's many scenic trails. Bring snack/light lunch and water. Meet in the back of the Batsto Village visitor's center parking lot; we leave on time. Leaders: Vera C. Stek verastek@verizon.net and Bill Schaefer, 908-337-7040.

NOVEMBER 15

Friday
7:00 pm



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NOVEMBER 16

Saturday
10:00 am

GIVE THANKS-GIVE BACK TRAIL WORK DAY-Part of State VIP Program. Let's thank Mother Nature for giving us this beautiful area called the Pinelands to hike in by keeping her trails trimmed. We will spend 2 hours doing light clipping on the Batona Trail in the Batso area. Bring clippers/loppers/work gloves and lunch for afterwards at the picnic tables. Meet at Batsto Visitors Center. The leaders will provide dessert. Bad weather cancels. Leaders: Jack Dalton/Ro Mason. romason@comcast.net

NOVEMBER 16-17

Sat.-Sun.



HIKE THE AT STATE PARKS AND BLACKSMITH SHOPS: Moderate hike: Come join us as we hike the AT from Shippensburg Road to Caledonia State Park (North to South) a total of 11.2 miles. We'll start out on Shippensburg road and 'run the ridge' to the picturesque Milesburn Cabin, where we will stop for lunch. From there, we'll continue on the ridge, with great views of the surrounding farmlands, until we finally arrive at Quarry Gap Shelter (water, privy). The first day's hike is a total of 8.7 miles. The next day, we'll wake up and hike down the ridge 2.2 miles to the Caledonia State Park and the Thadeus Stevens Iron Furnace and Blacksmith Shop. Limited to 16 backpackers. Hike Leader Kevin Drevik, 856-630-2485 or kdrevik@aol.com.

NOVEMBER 16

Saturday

7:00 pm

SOCIAL MOONLIGHT HIKE, CAMPFIRE AND CAMPOUT.

6-7 miles. Moderate pace. Hike over flat roads and trails lit by the Beaver moon with a roaring campfire at end. Bring picnic type food to share at our tailgate social after hike. Overnite camping is available Fri. & Sat., call leader to reserve space. NP/NC. Meet Brendan Byrne Park at parking area opposite Group campsite area, Bryne State Forest, enter forest off Rt. 72, 1 mile E. of jct. Rts. 70&72. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve. or pis9@yahoo.com

NOVEMBER 16

Saturday

7:30 pm

**FULL MOON HIKE. 7-8 MILES, mod. pace.** Meet at Atsion.

NOVEMBER skies offer the year's best views of the Milky Way. Meet at Atsion Recreation Area. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792, cell 609-332-9262.

NOVEMBER 17

Sunday

9:00 am

**FRAN'S BAGEL RIDE - CLASS.** 30 miles. 12-14 mph cruising

pace. Fran's back for bagels! Meet at Moorestown HS. Leader: Fran H., 856-786-0048.

NOVEMBER 17

Sunday

11:00 am

CARRANZA LOST LOOP HIKE. 6 miles at a moderate pace.

NC/NP. Bad weather cancels. Bring lunch and share-ables for munching on the hike. Meet at Carranza Memorial parking lot. Leader: Tom Neigel, 609-206-3389, tomncenter-ocsj@yahoo.com

NOVEMBER 20

Wednesday

10:00 am

HIKE WHITSEBOG. 7-8 miles moderate pace. We will hike the

beautiful bogs of this village in the hope of seeing Tundra Swans and a Bald Eagle. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet at Historic Whitesbog Village Parking on Whites Bog Road, off Rt. 530. Leaders Christine Denneker, 609-351-2789, e-mail cdenneker157@yahoo.com Pat Burton, 856-767-8064, e-mail camperpat123@aol.com. Check Meetup and ocsj.org for changes due to weather.

NOVEMBER 22

Friday

7:00 pm

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NOVEMBER 23

Saturday

11:00 am

BASS RIVER STROLL. We'll hike approximately 4 miles on the

Pink and Joe's trails in beautiful Bass River Forest. Bring a lunch/beverage for the break at the picnic pavilion on the lake. Bad weather cancels. Meet at the Bass River State Forest Visitor Center parking lot. Note 11 a.m. start time for this 4 mile hike. Leaders: Jack Dalton and Ro Mason. romason@comcast.net

NOVEMBER 24

Sunday

9:00am

**SOCIAL HISTORIC WALKING TOUR OF OLD CITY**

PHILADELPHIA. Enjoy a fall guided tour of Old City Philadelphia led by renowned guide and author Ed Major. We will visit many historic sites and learn about the first Capital of America. An added bonus of an additional tour guide will join us to tour South Philly, South Street, Society Hill, and the waterfront. We will lunch in one of the many eateries on South Street.

Tour guide fee is \$10, cash only please. Meet at the Patco Woodcrest Station, exit 31 off Rt. 295, at 9:00 a.m. sharp. Or meet at the visitor's center 6th & Market Philadelphia at 9:30 a.m. Wear comfortable shoes and appropriate clothing for the weather. Contact leader to reserve space and additional information. Limited number permitted in tour. NC/NP. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, pis9@yahoo.com or 609-462-3593 evenings only.

NOVEMBER 24

Sunday
10:45 am

MID WISSAHICKON VALLEY HIKE. 5 or 7 miles, moderate pace. We'll check out Devils Pool, traverse the Fingerspan Bridge, pause by "The Falls" and climb our way to the Indian Statue. Rugged terrain. Sturdy shoes required. Wimp out at 5 miles. Bring or buy lunch at the Valley Green Inn. NP. Meet 10:00 a.m. at Crate & Barrel, Cherry Hill Mall, or by 10:45 a.m. at Henry Ave. and Walnut Lane parking area. Leader: Rich Kranz, 856-316-6292, kranzdhr@verizon.net

NOVEMBER 27

Wednesday
10:00 am

WALK TO MT MISERY. About 10-12 miles of trails, fire cuts, roads and sand roads out and around to Mt. Misery and back. A steady moderate pace is planned. Meet at the Park Office parking lot at Brendan Byrne State Forest. Leader: Jay Schoss, 609-283-0252 walkinginmud@aol.com

NOVEMBER 29

Friday
10:00 am

WELLS MILLS PUFFER HIKE. 5 .5 or 10 miles, moderate pace. This is our usual after Turkey Day Hike, with a huffer puffer, up and down walk at Wells Mills Park. Meet in the parking lot at Wells Mills Park. Bring lunch. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

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NOVEMBER 30

Saturday
8:45 am

LEFTOVER TURKEY SLACK PACK-WEEKEND. Carry your pack or leave it in your car. We'll do approximately 10-12 miles of the Batona trail back to our cars, which will be near our group campsite for the night. Bring fire wood, stoves, soup, whatever you want. People not wanting to hike or backpack can join us at the camp for the evening. Need to get the permit. Contact Pat Burton at camperpat@hotmail.com 856-767 8064. Cold weather gear needed, last year it went to freezing.





Annual Holiday Party!



Make reservations now.

This event is a perennial sellout!



SATURDAY
December 7, 2013
6:00-10:00 p.m.
\$15.00 per person
MAPLE SHADE
CLUB "25"

Deadline November 22!

E-mail
Kathleen Pearce a
bakerkp1@verizon.net
(preferably)

or call 856-767-2780
as soon as possible to
let her know what dish
you are bringing or to
find out what is needed.

FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS: Bring your favorite "covered dish" to serve 8-10 people or if you prefer, \$10 extra per person will cover your food contribution.

BYOB: Soft drinks and set-ups will be provided.

DRESS UP OR BE CASUAL. DJ music will be provided for your dining and dancing pleasure.

Mail check and form below by November 22 to:

Nora Kolano

47 Patty Bowker Road, Tabernacle, NJ 08088

Any questions contact Nora Kolano, Phone: 609-268-2154

E-mail: norakolano@gmail.com

Include Self Addressed Stamped Envelope to receive your tickets
Check Payable to OCSJ

Number of reservations _____ X \$15.00 = _____

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail _____



DECEMBER

*"The most beautiful thing we can experience
is the mysterious."*



RESERVATIONS AND DEADLINE

Act Now! Make your reservations as soon as possible. Spaces usually are limited. Don't miss out by waiting too long.

**CHECK THE OCSJ WEBSITE ON YOUR COMPUTER AT
(WWW.OCSJ.ORG) FOR LATEST TRIP INFORMATION.**

**CYCLISTS JOIN THE GOOGLE GROUPS FOR THE LATEST TRIP
INFORMATION. FOR DETAILS GO TO BICYCLING HOMEPAGE.**

**DECEMBER 7 ANNUAL CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY AT CLUB 25, 60 EAST
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and dancing, not the mention the great dinner buffet. See details elsewhere in this
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**BACKPACK THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL FROM PINE GROVE FURNACE STATE
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ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HIKE. See December 21 entry for details.

RESERVATION BEING ACCEPED FOR SKI TRIPS.

Check the Schedule for trip listings.

NOTE VARIOUS OTHER TRIPS REQUIRE PARTICIPANTS TO CONTACT LEADER.

Hiking Meetup site: <http://meetup.com/Outdoor-Club-of-South-Jersey-Hiking/>

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Canoeing Meetup site: <http://www.meetup.com/Outdoor-Club-of-South-Jersey-Canoeing/>

DECEMBER 2

Monday
10:00 am

WALK TO MARTHA. We'll walk a section of the Batona trail
and sand roads to the site of the historic iron furnace of Martha.
A 6 mile moderate paced walk back in time. Meet the leaders
at Harrisville Pond on Rte. 679 about a mile from the intersec-
tion with Rt. 563 south of Chatsworth. Leaders: Jay Schoss
walkinginmud@aol.com and Faye Bray bearberrygirl@aol.com
phone 609-283-0252.

DECEMBER 3

Tuesday
7:30 pm

MOORESTOWN WALKS BY DAVID BICKING. Moorestown
Walks approximaely 3 miles. Moderate pace. Different routes
through Moorestown's historic streets. This isn't an endurance
hike or a nature walk. This is a walk on suburban streets and
sidewalks to stretch the legs after work on a mid-week night with
good company and conversation. Meet at Moorestown Library.
Meet across 2nd St in the Municipal Parking Lot. Leader: David
Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

DECEMBER 4

Wednesday
9:00 am

WHITE, RED, BLUE AND PINK WALK. This is the only walk
that I lead that follows marked trails. And the only one that I can
accurately know the length (about 14 miles.) We will follow the
Mt Misery, Cranberry, link and Batona trails, making a large loop
from Pakim Pond. There is 10 mile optional out if you don't want
to do the whole thing. I expect to walk about 3 miles per hour,
so be sure that you are up for it. Lunch along the way. Meet the
leader at Pakim Pond parking on Coopers Road in Brendan
Byrne SF. Leader: Jay Schoss walkinginmud@aol.com or
609-283-0252.

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DECEMBER 7-8

Saturday
7:00 pm

BACKPACK THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL. Moderate hike, total of 11 miles. We will start out at Pine Grove Furnace State Park and hike up Piney Mountain to the midpoint of the AT trail - halfway between Georgia and Maine! We'll continue on for a total of 7.5 miles to the Tagg Run Shelter (water, privy). We will wake up the next day and hike out 3.5 miles, going up Trent's Hill, before exiting at Hwy 94. Limited to 16 backpackers. Hike Leader Kevin Drevik, 856-630-2485 or kdrevik@aol.com.

DECEMBER 8

Sunday
11:00 am

CHESTNUT HILL HIKE by Rich Kranz. 4 or 8 miles, moderate pace. Hiking and then lunch in the Wissahickon Gorge. After lunch, its your choice of an easy 4 mile walk back to the cars or 8 miles with the leader up the Cresheim Creek and into Chestnut Hill, all decorated in its Christmas finery. Browse, stay for dinner. Rugged terrain and city sidewalks. Bring or buy lunch at Valley Green Inn, NP. Meet 10:00 a.m. at Crate and Barrel, Cherry Hill Mall, or by 11:00 a.m. in front of Bruno's at Northwestern and Germantown Aves in Chestnut Hill. (Your GPS may show this as "Lafayette Hill, PA"). Park in front of stables on N.W. Avenue. Leader: Rich Kranz, 856-316-6292, kranzdhr@verizon.net.

DECEMBER 8

Sunday
11:00 am

THE PIRATE HIKE FOR LOST SILVER! We will search for a more silver treasure previously unknown in the bitter cold. There's a new location where the last British Ship was scuttled. Rumored to have been full of bullion. 6 miles Moderate pace, enjoy the scenery. NC/NP. Bad weather cancels. Arrrr. Can ya do it Matey! Can ya stand the cold and frozen seas for gold! Bring picnic type and warm food for a tailgate social after the hike. Meet at Batsto Historic Village. Leader: Tom Neigel, 609-206-3389, tomncenter-ocsj@yahoo.com

DECEMBER 9

Monday
10:00 am



WALK TO THE PITS. Join us on a walk to the historic clay pits at the top of the pine barrens in Woodland Township. Abandoned a century ago, the pits are above the headwaters of the Cedar Creek, Wading River and Rancocas watersheds. No water flows into them, but I've never seen them dry. These pits have been party spots for locals and others for generations, with no legal motor vehicle access. Depending on conditions,

we will walk between 5 and 7 miles at a moderate pace. We might have to cross small wet spot if the stream is not frozen. I've done it with one wet foot. With really wet conditions we will take a drier and longer route. Meet the leaders at Bullock RR crossing at the border of Woodland and Manchester townships. At the junction of Pasadena Road, Mt. Misery Road and Savoy Boulevard. Access by Mt Misery Road not recommended for those who are not familiar with the road. Leaders: Jay Schoss walkinginmud@aol.com and Faye Bray bearberrygirl@aol.com phone: 609-283-0252.

DECEMBER 11

Wednesday
10:00 am



HIKE TO BUCK RUN. 8-9 miles, moderate pace. We take old roads and trails to this scenic stream. Views of a beautiful cedar swamp along the way. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet at Harrisville Pond parking off Rt. 679, a spur of Rt. 563. A chance to also view the ruins of the Harrisville paper mill which are visible in winter. Leaders Christine Denneker, 609-351-2789, e-mail cdenneker157@yahoo.com, Pat Burton, 856-767-8064, e-mail, camperpat123@aol.com. Check Meetup and ocsj.org for changes due to weather. Meet at Harrisville Lake

DECEMBER 11

Wednesday
10:00 am

HIKE TO APPLE HILL. 8-9 miles, moderate pace. Hike the Batona Trail to/from Carranza. Bring lunch. Because of the normal school holiday children are welcome if they can handle the distance but will require a responsible adult member to maintain control. Meet at Carranza Memorial. Leashed pets ok. Leaders; Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817

DECEMBER 12

Thursday
7:30 pm



MEMBERSHIP MEETING WITH SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER.

Cherry Hill Library, 1100 Kings Highway (Rt. 41), North of Route 70 in Cherry Hill. Our guest speaker will be Valerie Brown, who has hiked throughout the world. Her latest book is "The Road that Teaches – Lessons in Transformation through Travel". It was reviewed in the spring edition of Footnotes, the quarterly publication of the Delaware Valley AMC. Valerie carries you effortlessly in her backpack through Spain, Scotland, Japan, New Zealand and India, using the road to answer every hikers question: Why do we do it?

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DECEMBER 14

Saturday
10:00 am

NEW HOPE CHRISTMAS HIKE. 7 or 10 miles. Moderate pace. Up the canal to visit the scenic village on the Delaware. View the decorations, maybe find a Christmas gift. For the 10 mile hike, meet across from the Golden Nugget Antique and Flea Market on Rt. 29, one mile before Lambertville. Park over the wooden bridge. If you prefer a shorter hike you can opt for

the 7 mile hike. Meet at 10:45 a.m. at the D&R Canal, Park at the Jimison Farm, turn off Rt. 29 just before the 202 overpass. The 10:00 a.m. hike will pass by for a pickup. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792 or on the day of hike call our cell 609-332-9262.

DECEMBER 14

Saturday
11:00 am

EVERYBODY LOVES MARTHA. Who was Martha and why was a town named after her? These questions will be answered when we hike a 4 mile loop to Martha via the Batona and Lake trails. Bring lunch/beverage for the break on the Oswego River. Note 11am start time for this 4 mile hike. Bad weather cancels. Meet at Harrisville Lake. Leaders: Jack Dalton/Ro Mason romason@comcast.net

DECEMBER 14

Saturday
7:00 pm



SOCIAL MOONLIGHT HIKE and CAMPFIRE. 7 miles moderate pace. Hike the Pines under the Full Cold Moon on a new route and return to a roaring campfire. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after hike. NC/NP. Meet at Atsion Lake, Burl. Co., From Rt. 206 take Atsion Road west 1 miles, go to Goshen Pond Group site sign turn left go to camping area. Leader, Paul Serdiuk, 609-463-3593 eve. or pis9@yahoo.com Inclement weather cancels. Contact leader to confirm hike.

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DECEMBER 15

Sunday
10:30 am



CATTUS ISLAND COUNTY PARK HIKE. About 6 miles, moderate pace. This park is a jewel of the Jersey shore with great views of the bay and surrounding wetlands. Bring lunch. Meet at Cattus Island County Park. Directions: Rt. 37 East. Three miles east of Parkway, turn left onto Rt. 627 (Vaughn Avenue). Then right on Bay Avenue, left on Fischer Blvd. and right on Cattus Island Boulevard. Then turn left into park. Drive in 0.5 mil and park in third lot. Meet by large Cattus Island Park map. Leader: Bruce Steidel, 609-915-0956 president@ocsj.org

DECEMBER 17

Tuesday
9:30 am

HIKE THE YELLOW TRAIL. We will hike for 10 miles on the yellow trail from Batsto to Atsion this time. Meet in the Atsion Parking lot so we can shuttle as few cars as possible to Batsto to begin our hike. Bring lunch and drinks. Dress for the weather, whatever it is that day. It's the holiday season and this is a great way to work off the extra cookies and stress. Maybe pick up a few stocking-stuffers at the Batsto Store. Perhaps the Jersey Devil will be out looking to for some holiday cheer himself! Leaders Toni, 609-652-0112 and Jan, 609-404-4990.

DECEMBER 18

Wednesday
9:00 am

THE THREE MISERIES HIKE. Here is a long one and an old one. I don't think I've inflicted as much in the way of sore feet as this large circular route will, in many years. We start out on South Branch of Mt. Misery, loop out to Goose Pond and then the beach on North Branch. Our return will be a mighty leap over the Middle Branch, as we follow Broken Arm Road 3-15 miles depending on the actual route taken. Meet at Bullock RR Crossing. Leader: Jay Schoss, 609-283-0252 or walkinginmud@aol.com

DECEMBER 20

Friday

7:00 pm

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS OF MOORESTOWN. 5 miles, easy pace. We start at the Moorestown Library and search the streets of Moorestown for the cheeriest holiday displays. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

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DECEMBER 21

Saturday

10:00 am

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HIKE. 6-7 miles moderate pace. The tradition started long ago continues. Wish old and new friends Holiday Cheer over a cup of hot soup after the hike. Many yummy things to eat at the tailgate. Meet at the Pakim Pond parking lot in the Brendan Byrne State Forest. Entrance off Rt. 72, one mile SE of jct. Rt. 70/72. Follow signs to pond. Leaders Christine Danneler, 609-351-2789, e-mail cdanneler157@yahoo.com. Jack Dalton, 609-296-1805, e-mail w2hds@comcast.net. Pat & Bob Burton, 856-767-8064, e-mail camperpat123@aol.com. Check this Meetup and ocsj.org for changes due to weather.

DECEMBER 21

Saturday

7:00 pm



SHORTEST DAY AND LONGEST NIGHT HIKE. Come out and Relieve some of the holiday shopping stress at our Campfire. 7 miles moderate pace. Enjoy a winter hike in the Pines on the shortest day of the year and return to a roaring campfire. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after hike. NC/NP. Meet at Goshen Pond Camping Area. From Rt. 206 take Atsion Road west 1 miles, go to Goshen Pond Group site sign turn left go to camping area. Leader, Paul Serdiuk, 609-463-3593 evenings or pis9@yahoo.com Inclement weather cancels.

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Sunday

9:00 am

BATSTO WALK. Twelve miles or more of steady walking at a 3 mph or greater pace. We will walk various trails, fire cuts and sand roads up the Batsto River from the village and back. Lunch about mid-way. Be prepared for the weather. I go except in the case of forest fires or undrivable roads. Meet at the Batsto Village parking lot and be on time. I leave at 9:00. Leader: Jay Schoss, 609-283-0252or walkinginmud@aol.com

DECEMBER 22

Sunday

10:00 am

THREE TRESTLE HIKE. 9-10 miles, moderate pace. Meet at Atsion Park Office. Hike across three railroad bridges to a nice spot for lunch on the Batsto River. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

DECEMBER 27

Friday

7:00 pm

FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles. Fast Pace! The ongoing, every Friday night, all year 'round, Friday nite fitness hike, where we try to work up a sweat exploring the sand roads and trails of Brendan Byrne State Forest. Be prepared to walk at an average of 4 mph, 15 minutes per mile pace with few

breaks. Bring water and wear well broken in boots, sneakers, or shoes (sneakers are adequate for dry conditions). Socks are also important foot gear; synthetics and wool being better at preventing blisters (avoid cotton socks). Leaders: Mike Baker 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com; Bob Hodges, RLHHLR@aol.com; Alison Baker, 609-468-1950, alison@mikebaker.com

DECEMBER 28

Saturday
10:00 am

CHRISTMAS TIME AT SMITHVILLE. 5 miles, easy pace. A leisurely stroll along the Rancocas creek to Smithville lake and around the mansion. There will be optional tours of the Mansion available after the hike. Meet at Smith's Wood parking lot along Railroad Avenue. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

DECEMBER 29

Sunday
9:00 am

WHITE, RED, BLUE AND PINK WALK. This is the only walk that I lead that follows marked trails. And the only one that I can accurately know the length (about 14 miles.) We will follow the Mt Misery, Cranberry, link and Batona trails, making a large loop from Pakim Pond. There is 10 mile optional out if you don't want to do the whole thing. I expect to walk about 3 miles per hour, so be sure that you are up for it. Lunch along the way. Meet the leader at Pakim Pond parking on Coopers Rd in Brendan Byrne SF. Leader: Jay Schoss walkinginmud@aol.com or 609-283-0252.

JANUARY 1

Wednesday
10:00 am



NEW YEARS DAY HIKE. 7-8 miles moderate pace. Start the New Year with a hike!! We are a part of "America's State Parks First Day Hikes" All across America people will be hiking. So come and join us and start the New year with a day in our beautiful Pine Barrens. Meet in field next to the Atsion Pak Office. Off Rt. 206 Leaders; Christine Denneler, 609-351-2789, e-mail cdenneler157@yahoo.com. Pat Burton, 856-767-8064, e-mail. camperpat123@aol.com. Check Meetup and Ocsj.org. if Changes due to weather.

TRAIL SAFETY

When you go out on the trail, no matter what your interest, always be prepared for an emergency. Here are some common tips.

- Before you leave on a trip, always check your equipment to make sure everything is in working order.
- Bring sufficient water to maintain energy and prevent dehydration.
- Wear proper fitting clothing and footwear. To prevent Lyme disease, wear long sleeved shirt tucked into your pants and tuck your pant legs into your socks.
- Sunscreen and insect repellent are also advisable.
- Wear a helmet for mountain biking and cycling.
- Canoeists must wear floatation devices.
- Do not wander off marked trails, it's easy to get lost that way.
- Go with a friend. If you get injured and you are by yourself in the woods or in a canoe, you may not see other people to help you and every minute is critical to getting help for survival.

* * * MEMBERSHIP & RENEWAL INFORMATION * * *

1. If you elect to receive your Trekker via E-mail, a notice of expiring membership will be mailed to you.
2. If you elected to receive your Trekker via postal mail, check your address label. It's easy to renew. Check the membership desired, include a check for the proper amount, and **return this page** with your label intact on the reverse. We'll take it from there.
3. If your address has changed, please indicate new address. If you move, please file a change of address card with us.
4. Keep your membership current. Memberships must be renewed one month prior to March, June, September, and December. A current paid up membership card must be presented at each outing for free participation, except for fees for campsites, canoe or kayak rentals, transportation and the like.
5. Membership forms may be downloaded from the OCSJ website (www.ocsj.org)

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