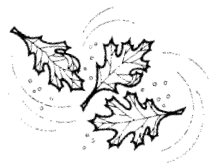


OUTDOOR CLUB of SOUTH JERSEY

FALL TREKKER 2016



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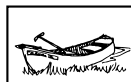


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Celebrating 49 Years of Outdoor Experiences!



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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.

Coming Events

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NEWS AND NOTES

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We are in the process of switching our membership management to an automatic on-line program called Wild Apricot. It is already functional for people wishing to join or renew membership. Please be patient if we hit a few glitches in this process.

Our website at ocsj.org is still fully operational. It has a link that will transfer you to our new ocsj.wildapricot.org site if you want to renew or join. We also have a fledgling new website at ocsj.wildapricot.org. It is a work in progress and will hopefully look better and be more inclusive in the future.

The Club will no longer send membership cards for new or renewed memberships.

We will notify you of expiring memberships by e-mail. We would encourage everyone to check our websites for updates. Since trips are posted months in advance changes may occur including additions. Some activities may require limits on participation due to safety concerns and potential participants should RSVP.

You will notice that when you click on the Biking, Hiking and Canoeing Schedule pages, you are 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 -X/C Skiing Meetup site: <http://www.meetup.com/Outdoor-Club-of-South-Jersey>
Canoeing Meetup site: <http://www.meetup.com/Outdoor-Club-of-South-Jersey-Canoeing/>

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FOR LEADERS

Leaders should review items under "For Leaders" on OCSJ Website. They should also review the "Policy and Budget Page" Listed below & under "About Us" on the OCSJ Webpage.

In particular, the Revised Group Activities Policy and the OCSJ Sign-in Waiver Policy.

Sign-in Sheets should be sent to appropriate Activity Chair or individuals designated by them—or Activities coordinator if Event involves more than 1 activity **NO LATER THAN EACH CALENDAR QUARTER** with few exceptions which are listed on website under "For Leaders".

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 for a morning or afternoon at another time, contact Jack Dalton for what needs to be done. You can contact Jack at

609-287-3105 or w2hds@comcast.net.

WALKING PACE DEFINITIONS

WALKING PACE

These are averages only; actual results may vary due to factors such as surfaces (e.g., trails, vs roads), terrain (e.g., bushwhacking vs clear), elevation changes, (e.g., hilly vs flat), and weather.

PACE:	EASY	MODERATE	BRISK	FAST
	less than 2.5 mph	2.5-3.0 mph	3.0 – 3.5 mph	over 3.5 mph
Avg. time	25 or more	20-25	17-20	17 or less
per mile	minutes	minutes	minutes	minutes

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.

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 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.



CANOEING/KAYAKING

A Message from the Canoeing/Kayaking Chair



Consider 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 for another great year.. 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 & parent/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.)

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 connected therewith. All persons, MEMBERS ALIKE, are to sign with the leader at each activity.

X/C SKIING AND SNOWSHOEING

A MESSAGE FROM THE X/C SKIING & SNOWSHOEING CHAIR

New and exciting trips are being planned again for the 2016-2017 ski and snowshoe season. Check the Trekker and online often for additional trips and updates. 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

JANUARY 15-22
Sun.-Sun.

STONEHURST MANOR CONDOS, NORTH CONWAY NH. Located in a scenic town in the heart of the White Mountains. 4 groomed XC venues, plus opportunity for downhill and hiking nearby. Participants will share prep for breakfast & approx. 1 dinner each. Lunch and trail passes are not included. Cost \$350 each. Deposit: \$100 to reserve a place. Balance by December 1. **No refunds unless replacement is found.** Contact leaders: **Barbara Brandt bbrandt46@gmail.com or Jim and Virginia Mageevirginiammagee@gmail.com**

JANUARY 22-27
Sun.-Fri.

COMMODORES INN, STOWE VT. Ski at several top notch resorts including Stowe Mountain and Trapp Family Lodge. Trip is for strong beginners to expert skiers. Cost \$400 pp double occupancy includes 5 nights, 5 buffet breakfasts and dinners, taxes and tips. **Option to stay 3 or 4 nights.** Full service hotel with restaurant and bar, indoor pool and Jacuzzi. **Deposit \$100. Eileen Greve, 609-204-6451 or egreve212@gmail.com**

FEBRUARY 17-20
Fri.-Mon.

1880 HOUSE, PULASKI NY. This area of upstate NY averages 300+ inches of snow per season. The 1880 House B & B is comfortable and homey. Our stay over presidents weekend is 3 nights. Cost \$233 pp includes 3 nights accommodations, 3 breakfasts, hearty soup and bread each afternoon, and one full dinner at the 1880 house. **Deposit \$100. Eileen Greve, 609-204-6451 egreve212@gmail.com**

MARCH 5-11
Sun.-Sat.

YMCA OF THE ROCKIES, SNOW MOUNTAIN RANCH, GRANBY, CO-Back by request. Ski on 60 km of groomed trails right out of the lodge. Includes 6 nights at Indian Peaks lodge, taxes, all meals, ski passes, activities, daily Après Ski. Value price is per person: single-\$747, double-\$493, triple-\$409, quad-\$366. Deposit due now to insure this trip will go. Balance by December 1. Cancellation fee \$50 up til January 1, 2017. **No refund after February 5, unless spot is filled.** Contact Franny and Dennis McKane dennisfran1@verizon.net 609-707-3025.





October



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OCTOBER 1

Saturday

10:00 am



ORANGE IS THE OLD PINK. Approximately 4 mile moderate hike on the old Pink trail renamed the Orange Trail so it would not be confused with the nearby Batona Trail. Meet at the Bass River State Forest visitor center parking lot and bring a snack for the break at the picnic pavilion on Lake Absegami. We'll visit the remains of the CCC camp, a grave site and a boundary marker from the 1700's. Bring water and a snack. Check meet-up 2 hours prior for possible bad weather cancellation. Leader: Ro Mason, romason@comcast.net

OCTOBER 2

Sunday

10:00 am



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

OCTOBER 4

Tuesday

6:15 pm

AFTER WORK COOPER RIVER PARK WALK. Join us for a fun hour (and a bit) of walking and conversation. 3.7 miles at a brisk pace (3mph or better). Meet at the Cooper River Yacht Club parking lot on South Park Drive across from the Marina Park Apartments. This is a paved walking and bike path. Flashlight or headlamp recommended. T-storms, ice, or other unsafe condition cancels. Check the web site for any updates. GPS Parking lot: N39.55.449 W075.04.027 Leader: Valerie Danzey, 856-397-9519, vdanzey1@verizon.net

OCTOBER 4

Tuesday

7:30 pm



MOORESTOWN WALKS. Approximately 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 entrance. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

OCTOBER 5

Wednesday
10:00 am

WALK THE ATLANTIC CITY BOARDWALK. 8 miles at a moderate pace. We will hike down to the Ventnor fishing pier, where we will stop for a snack and a look at the ocean. Lunch can be brought/bought we usually eat near the end of the hike back near the Showboat. If the tide permits we will walk on the beach. Meet at Showboat in Atlantic City. Leaders Toni, 609-652-0112 and Jan, 609-404-4990.

OCTOBER 5

Wednesday
6:30 pm

COOPER RIVER PARK WALK. Join us on a 3.7 mile walk at a 3.0 mph pace. Meet at the Copper River Yacht Club parking lot on South Park Drive across from the Marina Park Apartments. This is a paved walking and bike path. Bad weather cancels. Check the web site for any updates. GPS Parking lot: N39.55.449 W075.04.027. Leader: Paul Baumhauer, 609-706-3676, baumhapa@aol.com

OCTOBER 7

Friday
7:00 pm



FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. Brisk pace, 8-10 miles. 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 3.5 mph, 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). Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds. Leader: Bob Hodges, RLHHLR@aol.com

OCTOBER 8

Saturday
9:00 am



PADDLE THE TOMS RIVER. Contact leader for directions and the section of the river that we will cover. I have four sections of the Toms that we paddle. The upper section from Route 547 by Lakehurst NAS to Riverwood Park. The middle section, from Riverwood Park to Winding River Park. The lower section from Toms River, Huddy Park, up river and return, and the Toms River Bay from Huddy Park out and around. The section that I will run will depend on water level and river blockage. Joe Logan, 609-634-1542 or mayandpops@aol.com.

OCTOBER 8-9

Sat.-Sun.
10:00 am



BACKPACK THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL IN CONNECTICUT. Moderate hike, total of 11.1 miles. (7 miles on Sat, 4.1 miles on Sunday). We will meet near Kent, CT, stage half the cars, then drive to the starting place, where the AT crosses CT 341. From there we'll hike north, Climbing Caleb peak, crossing St. John's Ledges and the North Kent Bridge, before stopping for the night at the Stewart Hollow Brook Center. The next morning, we'll get up and hike out, hopefully in time to catch some good food at a local diner. Unlimited # of hikers. Hike Leader, Kevin Drevik, 856-630-2485 or kdrevik@aol.com

OCTOBER 8

Saturday
10:30 am



PHILADELPHIA MURAL HIKE. We will be walking in center city following the path of some of the early murals painted by the Philadelphia Mural Arts program. Meet either at the Patco Hi-Speed line, Westmont Station at 9:00 am or the Philadelphia Visitors Center (6th and Market) at 10:30 am. Leader: Janet Horton, 609-706-5691, janeth1@comcast.net

OCTOBER 8

Saturday
10:30 am

NEW YORK CITY CENTRAL PARK. We'll snake our way through the park exploring all the nooks and crannies as well as all the popular sights. We'll eat lunch on the Great Lawn. We'll end the park tour on the south east corner on 5th street and

head on over to Ellen's Stardust Diner, home of the singing waiters and waitresses. I may or may not be grabbing the train from Hamilton to NY Penn Station. From Penn Station it's a 1.4 mile walk to the meeting point. The 8:03 am train puts you in NY at 9:30 am, plenty of time to walk to Central Park. Meet in front of the USS Marine Monument at the southwest corner of Central Park (59th and Central Park West). Look for me in a bright florescent shirt. Leader: Doug Hillebrecht, 856-309-8817, M-F 9-5 or 856-816-8824. Cell till 9 pm.

OCTOBER 10

Monday
9:00 am

WALK FROM THE BRENDAN BYRNE CAMPGROUNDS.

A 6-8 mile moderate paced walk on the roads, trails and fire-cuts around the camp grounds. There are dozens of possibilities suitable to almost all conditions. I'll select a different one each time to keep it interesting. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds. Leader: Jay Schoss, 609-283-0252 or walkinginmud@aol.com at least a day prior for more info.

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Tuesday
6:15 pm



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OCTOBER 12

Wednesday
10:00 am

HIKE TO APPLE PIE HILL. 9-10 miles, moderate pace. We will climb the Hill from a different direction and have lunch. Great views of the Pine Barrens. We'll return via the Batona Trail. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet at Carranza Memorial Parking off Carranza Rd SE of Tabernacle. Leader Christine Dennele; 609-351-2789, e-mail cdennele157@yahoo.com.

OCTOBER 13

Thursday
7:30 pm



MONTHLY CLUB MEETING. Board of Trustees. Activity Committees Leaders. Meet at New Cherry Hill Library, 1100 Kings Hwy. (Rt. 41) North of Route 70 in Cherry Hill. All are welcome.

OCTOBER 14

Friday, 7:00 pm

FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. See October 7 listing.

OCTOBER 15

Saturday
9:00 am

WALK UP THE OSWEGO. We'll walk 8-10 miles up the Oswego River from Harrisville Pond at roughly a 3 mph pace. Trails and sand roads will be followed (note that one or two of the roads are overgrown). Lunch will be had on a bluff above the river about midway. Meet at Harrisville Pond. Be on time, we leave promptly at 9:00 am. Leader: Jay Schoss, walkinginmud@aol.com phone 908-692-5765.

OCTOBER 15

Saturday
9:30 am

BRISTOL PA RIVER WALK. We'll be walking about 5 miles through the lovely little town on its finest day: Historic Bristol Day. Stay after and purchase a house tour ticket, tea ticket or dine at the delightful King George Inn. Street entertainment is free. Bristol Day is a Fifty Year Tradition. <http://bristolhistory.org/> Brisk pace, at least 3 miles per hour, no pets, no small children please. Rain cancels. Meet at the Bristol Ferry Warf, behind

Mill and Radcliffe Street ramp behind the King George. Leader: Jane, 856-264-4411.

OCTOBER 16

Sunday
10:00 am



PADDLE CEDAR CREEK. Meet at Ore Pond, Preferred dates, in order: Wild and scenic. No Rentals. Must wear PFD. Leader Harry Barok, 856-985-6172 or harrykaraoke7@verizon.net

OCTOBER 18-19

Tuesday
10:00 am

BACKPACK WITH BENEFITS. Midweek backpack on the Batona Trail with an overnight stop at the Buttonwood campsite. Total mileage approx. 11 miles at a moderate pace. You must provide your own equipment and food. There is an outhouse and I'll provide water and a campfire. The bathrooms across the street at Crowleys Landing may be open also. Meet at Batsto Visitors Center Parking. Email the leader for more details in September and to reserve a spot. Leader: Ro Mason. romason@comcast.net

OCTOBER 19

Wednesday
9:00 am



WALK TO REEVE'S BOGS. Join me as I walk along sand roads and trails from the office to the cranberry bogs. Expect about 10 miles at a 3 mph pace. We should be back around noon, so we will only have a brief snack stop along the way. For those new to my walks, they are quicker than most of the club hikes with fewer breaks. Meet at Brendan Byrne Office. Be prompt as I leave on time, Leader: Jay Schoss, phone, 908-692-5765 or e-mail at walkinginmud@aol.com

OCTOBER 21

Friday, 7:00 pm

FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. See October 7 listing.

OCTOBER 22

Saturday
9:00 am

Batona trail

HIKE THE BATONA TRAIL IN 4 WEEKS: NO. 1, BASS RIVER-STRAIGHT ROAD. We will walk the entire Batona Trail, which now measures about 52.7 miles, starting at Bass River State Forest, in 4 sections on successive Saturdays, October 22 and 29 and November 5 and 12. The Back To Nature passes through forested uplands and lowlands, near bogs, swamps, rivers and streams, providing a premier look at the varied geology and geography of the Pine Barrens. Section 1: Bass River to intersection of Bulltown and Straight Roads. Distance: 14.75 miles. We end where the Batona meets the intersection of Bulltown and Straight Roads, about 14.75 miles. **You MUST pre-register** for this hike because of the shuttling requirements. No negative responses please, but if you register and can't make it, do let us know. All hikes meet at 9:00 a.m. The first at Batsto Village followed by a short ride down Bulltown Road to the hike's end and then the shuttle to Bass River. We will hike at about 3 miles per hour with a lunch break. Bring plenty of water. Please do not attempt any of these hikes if you haven't already done this kind of distance. There are no bail-outs or shortcuts. For more information, contact leaders: Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817. Joe Hummel, nofluke18@yahoo.com and Vera Stek, verastek@verizon.net

OCTOBER 23

Sunday
10:00 am

ATSION EXTENDED HIKE. 8 miles, moderate pace. A nice hike with good views of Atsion Lake and the Mullica River. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet in field next to the Atsion Rec. Area Office. Off Rt. 206. Check Meetup and ocsj.org for changes and cancellations. Leaders: Christine Denneler, 609-351-2789, e-mail cdenneler157@yahoo.com and Pat Burton, 856-767-8064, e-mail camperpat123@aol.com.

OCTOBER 23

Sunday
10:30 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. Bring lunch, beverage. No Pets. Meet at Henry Avenue and Walnut Lane parking area. Inclement weather may cancel. Check Meetup for updates. Leader: Rich Kranz, 856-316-6292 streetpilot58@gmail.com

OCTOBER 25

Tuesday
6:15 pm

AFTER WORK COOPER RIVER PARK WALK. Join us for a fun hour (and a bit) of walking and conversation. 3.7 miles at a brisk pace (3mph or better). Meet at the Cooper River Yacht Club parking lot on South Park Drive across from the Marina Park Apartments. This is a paved walking and bike path. Flashlight or headlamp recommended. T-storms, ice, or other unsafe condition cancels. Check the web site for any updates. GPS Parking lot: N39.55.449 W075.04.027 Leader: Valerie Danzey, 856-397-9519, vdanzey1@verizon.net

OCTOBER 26

Wednesday
10:00 am

STOCKTON NEW HOPE CANAL HIKE. 10 miles. Moderate pace (3mph). Bring lunch. Meet across from the Golden Nugget and Flea Market on Rt. 29 North of Trenton and approximately one mile south of Lambertville. Turn left to parking area over the canal on a wooden bridge. Will try to have someone to guide you. Leaders: Joe Hummel, 856-235 8817 and Bill Poulson, 856-983 7609.

OCTOBER 28

Friday, 7:00 pm

FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. See October 7 listing.

OCTOBER 29

Saturday
9:00 am

CARRANZA MEMORIAL. This is the second part of our 4-section Batona expedition. We start at the intersection of Bulltown and Straight Roads (near Batsto) and end at the Carranza Memorial, distance about 16.25 miles. We will meet at the Carranza Memorial for the shuttle back to Batsto at 9:00 am. We hike at about 3 miles per hour with a lunch break. Bring plenty of water. Do not attempt any of these hikes if you haven't already done this kind of distance. There are no bail-outs or shortcuts. **YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR THIS HIKE** because of the shuttling requirements. No negative responses please but if you register and can't make it, do let us know. All hikes meet at 9:00 am. For more information, contact leaders. Leaders: Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817 Joe Hummel, nofluke18@ yahoo.com and Vera Stek, verastek@verizon.net

OCTOBER 29

Saturday
10:00 am



ALL TREATS /NO TRICKS HIKE. 5 mile moderate hike utilizing several trails including the Batona. Maybe we'll see the Jersey Devil preparing for his favorite holiday, Halloween which is in a few days. Bring lunch for after the hike at the picnic tables and the leader will provide candy treats for all well behaved hikers. Check meetup 2 hours prior for possible bad weather cancellation. Meet at Batsto Village Leader: Ro Mason, romason@comcast.net

OCTOBER 30

Sunday
10:30 am

SOUTHWEST WISSAHICKON HIKE. 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

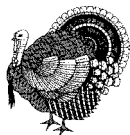
can tell us? We'll also visit the Hermit's Cave and descend "1000 steps". Rugged terrain, sturdy shoes required. Bring lunch, beverage, NP at all times. Parking is limited at PCC so carpooling is encouraged. Meet 10:00 a.m. at the Crate and Barrel Store, Cherry Hill Mall, or by 10:30 a.m. at the Philadelphia Canoe Club. Leader: Rich Kranz, 856-316-6292, streetpilot58@gmail.com

OCTOBER 31

Monday
7:00 pm



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



November

"What would you attempt to do if you
knew you could not fail?"



RESERVATIONS AND DEADLINE

HIKE THE BATONA TRAIL IN 4 WEEKS: NO. 1, BASS RIVER-STRAIGHT ROAD. YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER. See October 22 listing for details.

NOVEMBER 12-13 BACKPACK THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL IN VIRGINIA. See listing for details.

DECEMBER 7 HISTORIC FAIRMOUNT PARK WALKING TOUR. MEMBERS ONLY HIKE.

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

NOVEMBER 1

Tuesday
6:15 pm



AFTER WORK COOPER RIVER PARK WALK. Join us for a fun hour (and a bit) of walking and conversation. 3.7 miles at a brisk pace (3mph or better). Meet at the Cooper River Yacht Club parking lot on South Park Drive across from the Marina Park Apartments. This is a paved walking and bike path. Flashlight or headlamp recommended. T-storms, ice, or other unsafe condition cancels. Check the web site for any updates. GPS Parking lot: N39.55.449 W075.04.027. Leader: Valerie Danzey, 856-397-9519, vdanzey1@verizon.net

NOVEMBER 1

Tuesday
7:30 pm

MOORESTOWN WALKS. Approximately 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 entrance. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

NOVEMBER 2

Wednesday
10:00 am

YELLOW PURPLE GREEN TRAIL HIKE. 10 miles, moderate pace (3mph). We'll hike all or part of trails. Should return about 3:00 pm. Meet at Atsion Office field (Rt. 206). Bring lunch. Leader: Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817.

NOVEMBER 2

Wednesday
6:30 pm

COOPER RIVER PARK WALK. Join us on a 3.7 mile walk at a 3.0 mph pace. Meet at the Copper River Yacht Club parking lot on South Park Drive across from the Marina Park Apartments. This is a paved walking and bike path. Bad weather cancels. Check the web site for any updates. GPS Parking lot: N39.55.449 W075.04.027. Leader: Paul Baumhauer, 609-706-3676, baumhapa@aol.com

NOVEMBER 4

Friday
7:00 pm



FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. Brisk pace, 8-10 miles. 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 3.5 mph, 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). Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds. Leader: Bob Hodges, RLHHLR@aol.com

NOVEMBER 5

Saturday
9:00 am

HIKE THE BATONA TRAIL: SECTION 3, CARRANZA MEMORIAL TO ROUTE 72.

This is the third of our weekly section hikes of the beautiful Batona Trail, which totals 52.7 miles and traverses through piney forests, uplands, lowlands, past bogs, rivers and streams on deserted sand roads through ghost villages and on trails. Distance of this section is about 12.3 miles. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Route 72, about a mile north of junction with Route 563, for shuttle to Carranza Memorial. Brisk but comfortable pace of about 3 mph or better, with one break for lunch. Bring plenty of water. Please do not attempt this hike unless you have done this distance previously. **YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR THIS HIKE BECAUSE OF THE SHUTTLING REQUIREMENTS.** No negative responses please but if you register and can't make it, do let us know. Meet at Pakim Pond. For more information, contact leaders: Leaders Hummel, 856-235-8817.

Joe Hummel, nofluke18@yahoo.com and Vera Stek, verastek@verizon.net

NOVEMBER 5

Saturday
9:30 am



CONOWINGO DAM AND SUSQUEHANNA STATE PARK (MARYLAND).

If you like Eagles, you won't want to miss this hike. The Bald Eagles at Conowingo Dam are world famous. We'll meet at the dam at said time. (unless carpooling...see below for car pool details). We'll hang out here for a bit before heading to Susquehanna park. The first 2 miles and last 2 miles are nice flat ground. We walk along the Susquehanna River on the Heritage Greenway Trail. That will take us into the Susquehanna State park and into the park trails. Lots diverse trails here. We'll be crossing streams and doing some rock hopping. Please know your limits. All total we'll hike around 10 total miles and be on the trails for about 4.5 - 5 hours. Bring lunch and plenty of water. It may/will be cold, so dress accordingly. On the way back we can stop and grab some dinner in the nearby town of Port Deposit. For those that want to

carpool. Meet in the parking lot in front of Sam's Club where Clements Bridge rd. meets route 42. Meet at 7:00 am. (7:15 we roll). About an 1½ ride from here with no traffic. This will give us time at the dam to watch and take pictures. Meet at Conowingo Dam. Leader: Doug Hillebrecht, work #, 9-5 Monday-Friday - 856-309-8817, cell 856-816-8824 (till 9:30 pm).

NOVEMBER 5

Saturday
10:00 am

ALLAIRE STATE PARK. 5 miles, easy to moderate pace. We meet at Allaire State Park at the Hospital Rd Parking lot along the hilly terrain of the Multi-use trails. Leader: David Bicking, 609- 332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

NOVEMBER 8

Tuesday
6:15 pm



AFTER WORK COOPER RIVER PARK WALK. Join us for a fun hour (and a bit) of walking and conversation. 3.7 miles at a brisk pace (3mph or better). Meet at the Cooper River Yacht Club parking lot on South Park Drive across from the Marina Park Apartments. This is a paved walking and bike path. Flashlight or headlamp recommended. T-storms, ice, or other unsafe condition cancels. Check the web site for any updates. GPS Parking lot: N39.55.449 W075.04.027. Leader: Valerie Danzey, 856-397-9519, vdanzey1@verizon.net

NOVEMBER 9

Wednesday
10:00 am

2 HIKES/ BEYOND MARTHA & NASH'S CABIN. A scenic spot for an early lunch on the Oswego River, for the 7 mile hike. Lunch at Nash's Cabin for the 10 mile hike. These hikes start out together, then group splits into 2 separate hikes. Both meet at Harrisville Pond on Rt. 679 a spur of Rt. 563. Check Meetup or ocsj.org for changes or cancellations. Leaders: Chris Denneler, 609-351-2789, e-mail cdenneler157@yahoo.com and Pat Burton, 856-767-8064, e-mail camperpat123@aol.com.

NOVEMBER 10

Thursday
7:30 pm



MONTHLY CLUB MEETING. Board of Trustees. Activity Committees Leaders. Meet at New Cherry Hill Library, 1100 Kings Hwy. (Rt. 41) North of Route 70 in Cherry Hill. All welcome.

NOVEMBER 11

Friday, 7:00 pm

FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. See November 4 listing.

NOVEMBER 12

Saturday
9:00 am



HIKE THE BATONA: SECTION 4, ROUTE 72 TO ONGS HAT.

This is the final section of our tour of the entire 52.7-mile length of the Batona Trail. The premier hiking trail through the Pine Barrens, the Batona traverses on sand roads and trails through upland pine forests, lowlands, past bogs, streams, rivers and ghost towns. Distance is about 9.9 miles. We will meet at Onga's Hat for the shuttle to Route 72. Brisk but comfortable pace of about 3 mph or better, one break for lunch. **You must pre-register for this hike because of the shuttling requirement.** No negative responses but if you register and can't make it, let us know. Check Meetup prior to the hike for any updates/changes due to inclement weather. For more information, contact leaders: Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, Joe Hummel, nofluke18@yahoo.com and Vera Stek, verastek@verizon.net Meet at Onga's Hat Trailhead.

NOVEMBER 12

Saturday, 10 am

HIKE TO MARTHA. We'll meet at Harrisville Pond and from there hike to Martha Furnace. 5 miles easy pace, bring water.

We'll lunch at the Pond after the hike. From Brendan Byrne Rt. 72 take Rt. 563 towards Chatsworth. Stay on Rt. 563 pass Mick's Canoes and Wading River Campground. The road splits Rt. 563 goes to the right and Rt. 679 to the left. Stay left on Rt. 679 about 5 minutes to the lake Leader: Janet Horton, 609-706-5691.

NOVEMBER 12-13

Saturday
11:30 am



BACKPACK THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL IN VIRGINIA. Come hike the last of the "Roller Coaster" of Virginia. Moderate hike, total of 7.3 miles. (3.7 miles on Sat, 3.6 miles on Sunday). This is the last of the famous section of the AT we hiked earlier in the year, with lots of ups & downs on Saturday. We will meet near Ashby Gap, VA, stage half the cars, then drive to the starting place, VA605. From there we'll hike south, stopping to see sites from the Blue Ridge, before stopping for the night at the Rod Hollow Shelter (nice shelter, spring, privy). The next morning, we'll get up, hike out more level ground 3.7 miles to the cars, hopefully in time to catch some food before heading back. Unlimited # of backpackers. Hike Leader Kevin Drevik, 856-630-2485 or kdrevik@yahoo.com

NOVEMBER 13

Sunday
10:45 am

WISSAHICKON EXPLORER. 5 or 8 miles. Moderate pace. Following the Orange Trail, we'll traverse the Fingerspan Bridge and pass Shakespeare Rock and Devils Pool on our way to our eventual lunch spot at Valley Green Inn. Afterwards, we will head upland along the scenic Cresheim Creek and wander through a stand of majestic pine trees with the sound of pine needles crunching underfoot before returning to the rocks, sand and mud. Rugged terrain. Sturdy shoes required. Wimp out at 5 miles. Bring or buy lunch at the Valley Green Snack Bar. No Pets. Inclement weather may cancel so check Meetup for updates. Meet at 10:45 am at Henry Avenue and Walnut Lane parking area. Leader: Rich Kranz, 856-316-6292, streetpilot58@gmail.com

NOVEMBER 14

Monday
9:00 am

WALK FROM THE BRENDAN BYRNE CAMPGROUNDS. A 6-8 mile moderate paced walk on the roads, trails and fire-cuts around the camp grounds. There are dozens of possibilities suitable to almost all conditions. I'll select a different one each time to keep it interesting. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds. Leader: Jay Schoss, 609-283 0252 or walkinginmud@aol.com at least a day prior for more info.

NOVEMBER 15

Tuesday
6:15 pm



AFTER WORK COOPER RIVER PARK WALK. Join us for a fun hour (and a bit) of walking and conversation. 3.7 miles at a brisk pace (3mph or better). Meet at the Cooper River Yacht Club parking lot on South Park Drive across from the Marina Park Apartments. This is a paved walking and bike path. Flashlight or headlamp recommended. T-storms, ice, or other unsafe condition cancels. Check the web site for any updates. GPS Parking lot: N39.55.449 W075.04.027. Leader: Valerie Danzey, 856-397-9519, vdanzey1@verizon.net

NOVEMBER 16

Wednesday
10:00 am

THE RAINBOW OF TRAILS. 8 miles at a moderate pace. Using trails of different colors we will circle around the park. Restroom is up at the office, please use before coming to lake to sign in. Lunch will be along the trail this time, so bring your and liquid with you on the trail. Meet at Bass River State Forest. Leaders Toni, 609-652-0112 and Jan, 609-404-4990.

NOVEMBER 18
Friday, 7:00 pm

FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. See November 4 listing.

NOVEMBER 19
Saturday
9:00 am

WALK TO WEBB'S MILL. Walk with me on a 10-12 mile trip to the 18th century location of this colonial mill town. Sand roads and trails will be followed at a 3 mph pace. Meet at RR Crossing in Bullock where Savoy Boulevard and Pasadena Road. Meet on the border of Woodland and Manchester Township. Leader: Jay Schoss, 908-692-5765 or walkinginmud@aol.com for more info.

NOVEMBER 20
Sunday
10:00 am

HIKE THE PARKER PRESERVE. 7 miles, moderate pace. A scenic hike in this beautiful area. We will use the White and Yellow trails. Meet at the Franklin Parker Preserve South Gate. Off Rt. 563. Bring lunch and beverage. Check Meetup and ocsj.org for changes or cancellations. Leaders, Christine Denneler, 609-351-2789, e-mail cdenneler157@yahoo.com or Pat Burton, 856-767-8064, e-mail camperpat123@aol.com.

NOVEMBER 22
Tuesday
6:15 pm



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NOVEMBER 23
Wednesday
9:00 am

WALK TO JEMIMA MOUNT. This will be a longer walk (in excess of 12 miles) along sand roads. A pace of 3mph will be maintained. Jemima is one of the rare elevations found in the pines. Soon it will have been ground down to a pit by the 4 wheelers, so let's see if we can get there before it's gone. Other possible points of interest will be Mount and Washington. Meet at Evans Bridge. Leader: Jay Schoss, Phone for details at 908-692-5765 or email walkinginmud@aol.com

NOVEMBER 25
Friday
10:00 am

THE TRADITIONL WELLS MILLS HUFFER AND PUFFER. 5 miles lunch and another 5 miles. A long time OCSJ tradition. We will climb and sweat up some of the few hills in South Jersey before having lunch on the porch by the lake. After lunch those who need to work off more Turkey can do another five miles. Always a lot of fun and a time when you see people you don't see other times of the year. Bring a friend and your holiday spirit. Meet at Wells Mill County Park. Leader: Toni, 609-652-0112.

NOVEMBER 25
Friday, 7:00 pm

FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. See November 4 listing.

NOVEMBER 26
Saturday
10:00 am

GIVE THANKS/GIVE BACK TRAIL WORK. Light clipping of brush on the Batona Trail to keep the trail clear for the hikers. Bring clippers/loppers/work gloves and water. We'll work about 2 hours then lunch at the village picnic area next to the parking lot. Meet at Batsto Village. Leaders will provide dessert. Leaders: Ro Mason, romason@comcast.net Jack Dalton.

NOVEMBER 27

Sunday
11:00 am

NORTH WISSAHICKON VALLEY HIKE. 5 or 8 miles, moderate pace. Come explore one of the most awesome urban wilderness areas in the country! We'll start out at Andorra and work our way down to Valley Green for lunch. We'll also be checking out the Falls, Indian Statue and a covered bridge along the way. Rugged terrain. Sturdy shoes required. Wimp-out at 5 miles. Bring or buy lunch at Valley Green. NP. Inclement weather may cancel. Check Meetup for any updates. Meet at 11:00 a.m. at Andorra Nature Center, Ridge and Northwestern Avenues, Philadelphia. Leader: Rich Kranz, 856-316-6292.

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NOVEMBER 30

Wednesday
10:00 am

WASHINGTON CROSSING STATE PARK (NJ) HIKE. 6-7 miles. Moderate pace through Titusville and the State Park. Bring lunch. NP. Meet at Washington. Crossing, NJ side, off of Rt. 29 approx. 8 miles north of Trenton. At the Washington. Crossing red light turn left & make an immediate right, before crossing the river, into the parking lot. One potential option, if available, at hike end will be to view a 27 minute movie "Ten Crucial Days", an historical epic of Washington Crossing the Delaware on 12/25/1776 at the Visitor Center Museum. This option would be at an cost of \$1.00 each and will be discussed. Leaders: Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609 and Joe H., 856-235-8817.

Volunteer Opportunities

The Club offers all members an opportunity to be a part of, or to create their own outdoor experience or activity. All activities are led by volunteer members. NO volunteers, NO activities. It's that simple! You can make a difference. Your volunteer involvement in Club activities is unique and special contributions that play a valuable role in *YOUR* Club.

PLAN AND LEAD AN ACTIVITY.

HELP TO MAINTAIN THE TRAIL.

PLAN AND LEAD A "LITTER" CLEAN-UP DAY.

HELP THE TRAIL COORDINATOR BUILD A FOOT BRIDGE.

WRITE YOUR LEGISLATORS. A SIMPLE NOTE IN SUPPORT OF TRAILS, BIKE PATHS AND GREENWAYS IS ALL IT TAKES.

CHAIR A COMMITTEE. (See Christmas Party, Officer Nominations, etc.)

PLAN AND LEAD A TOUR TRIP.

Talk to your Activity Committee Chair about what you can volunteer to do to improve *YOUR* Club.



December



"We make a living by what we get, we make
a life by what we give."

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DECEMBER 3

Saturday

10:00 am

HIKE HISTORIC SMITHVILLE PARK. Hike 4 miles at an easy pace. Meet at Smith's Woods parking lot at Historic Smithville Park (2nd parking lot) off of East Railroad Avenue. Take Rt. 38 to Smithville Road. Bring lunch and water. If in doubt, contact the leader: Janet Horton, (cell) 609-706-5691
janeth1@comcast.net

DECEMBER 4

Sunday

9:00 am

WALK TO QUAKER BRIDGE AND BACK. A walk of probably more than 13 miles, north of the village along the east side of the Batsto River, across Quaker Bridge and a return along the east side of the Mullica River. Expect a 3+ mph pace with few stops. This is a fitness walk for strong walkers. Trails and sand roads will be followed. Meet at Batsto Visitors Center Parking. Leader: Jay Schoss, phone for details, 908-692-5765 or email walkinginmud@aol.com

DECEMBER 4

Sunday

11:00 am

CHESTNUT HILL HIKE. 4 or 8 miles, moderate pace. Hiking and then lunch in the Wissahickon Gorge. After lunch, it's 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. Nasty weather may cancel. Check Meetup for updates. Meet at 11:00 a.m. in front of Bruno's at Northwestern and Germantown Avenues 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, streetpilot58@gmail.com

DECEMBER 6

Tuesday

6:15 pm



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DECEMBER 7

Wednesday

9:45 am

HISTORIC FAIRMOUNT PARK WALKING TOUR. About 8 miles or so at an easy pace (2.0 mph +/-). See the historic mansions of east Fairmount Park (Mount Pleasant, Rockland, Ormiston, Laurel Hill, Woodford, Strawberry). We will take a guided tour inside Strawberry Mansion. Tickets prices to be determined later-possibly \$6.00 to \$8.00 pay at the door. Restrooms available at Lloyd Hall, during the tour and one or two porta-pots along the way. Lunch stop will be at the picnic tables behind the mansion. Group size is limited to 20. Sign up early to avoid disappointment. I will limit my remarks at each stop so that we can arrive at Strawberry Mansion in time for our 12:00 noon guided tour. Meet at Lloyd Hall. Cross Ben Franklin Bridge into Philadelphia. Take Vine Street expressway (I-676 West) to 22nd Street. (Art Museum) exit. Turn right and go short distance, then Left onto Ben Franklin Parkway. Take Parkway past Art Museum onto Kelly Drive. When you see boat house row & the new Lloyd Hall public building on your left, turn right into the street directly across Kelly drive from these buildings (Sedgely Drive). Park on either side of this street and walk back to Lloyd Hall across Kelly Drive. Heavy rain or snow (or forecast of same) will postpone to Wednesday, December 14th. Check the meetup message board on Tuesday, December 6th between 7:00 pm and 8:00 pm for my FINAL decision on this. No pets. Bring lunch, beverages and raingear. Please take notice of the 9:45 am hike start time and allow adequate travel time. I need to start the walk promptly at 9:45 am. Traffic on I-676 West can be slow during morning rush hour. If the ramp to I-676 West seems to be at a standstill, local Vine Street may be a better alternative. I must start the hike on time so that we can enjoy the morning and arrive at Strawberry Mansion for the noon tour. Because of the popularity of this walk in the past. I must limit it to Outdoor Club of South Jersey members. Leader and Tour Guide: Jerry Goldstein, jerryhyker@yahoo.com.

DECEMBER 7

Wednesday

6:30 pm



COOPER RIVER PARK WALK. Join us on a 3.7 mile walk at a 3.0 mph pace. Meet at the Copper River Yacht Club parking lot on South Park Drive across from the Marina Park Apartments. This is a paved walking and bike path. Bad weather cancels. Check the website for any updates. GPS Parking lot: N39.55.449 W075.04.027. Leader: Paul Baumhauer, 609-706-3676, baumhapa@aol.com

DECEMBER 8

Thursday
07:30 pm



MONTHLY CLUB MEETING. Board of Trustees. Activity Committees Leaders. Meet at New Cherry Hill Library, 1100 Kings Hwy. (Rt. 41) North of Route 70 in Cherry Hill. All welcome.

DECEMBER 9

Friday, 7:00 pm

FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. See December 2 listing.

DECEMBER 10

Saturday
9:00 am



WALK THE WHITE, RED AND PINK TRAILS IN BRENDAN BYRNE SF. This will be a long and brisk walk averaging over 3mph for about 14.5 miles along sections of the Mt. Misery, Cranberry and Batona Trails. Not for the novice walker. Meet at Pakim Pond Brendan Byrne State Forest, Woodland Township. We leave promptly at 9am so be prompt. Leader: Jay Schoss, 908-692-5765 or email at walkinginmud@aol.com

DECEMBER 11

Sunday
12:00 pm

THE SONG BIRD TRAIL. 5 miles at a easy pace. We will go out in search of Santa and the Elves! Or whomever you want to help boost your holiday spirit. After the hike take a drive and look for the tundra swans and snow geese. This is a easy hike with a few hills and good views of the Atlantic City skyline. After the hike you can head to the Other Smithville and shop or just look at the decorations. Snack stops on hike no lunch. 2 dollar fee for using the park, or senior pass free. Meet at Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge. Leaders Toni, 609-652-0112 Jan, 609-404-4990.

DECEMBER 12

Monday
9:00 am



WALK FROM THE BRENDAN BYRNE CAMPGROUNDS. A 6-8 mile moderate paced walk on the roads, trails and fire-cuts around the camp grounds. There are dozens of possibilities suitable to almost all conditions. I'll select a different one each time to keep it interesting. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds. Leader: Jay Schoss, 609-283-0252 or walkinginmud@aol.com at least a day prior for more info.

DECEMBER 13

Tuesday, 6:15 pm

AFTER WORK COOPER RIVER PARK WALK. See December 6 listing.

DECEMBER 14

Wednesday
10:00 am

BASS RIVER EXPLORATORY. I want to replicate an old hike of Joe Trujillo's that took us thru Bass River State Forest to a former campground called Ed's Place along Oswego Road. Approx. 8 miles at a moderate pace. Bring lunch and a beverage. Check meetup 2 hours prior for possible bad weather cancellation. Meet at Batona Trail Stage Road. Leader: Ro Mason, romason@comcast.net

DECEMBER 16

Friday, 7:00 pm

FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. See December 2 listing.

DECEMBER 17

Saturday
10:00 am

HOLIDAY HIKES and TAILGATE. 2 hikes moderate and easy pace. 1st Hike meet 10:00 am, 6-7 miles moderate pace, Bob and Pat Burton, 856-767-8064, e-mail camperpat123@aol.com. 2nd hike meets at 10:30, 3-4 miles easy to moderate pace. Leader: Janet Horton, 609-706-5691, e-mail janeth1@comcast.net. **TAILGATE:** An OCSJ Holiday tradition. Soup is on!! Lots of holiday goodies to go with it. Bring something to share. Food will be served when all hikers have returned. Meet at Pakim Pond in the Brendan Byrne SF, entrance off Rt. 72, 1 mile SE of the 4 mile circle. Check

Meetup and ocsj.org for changes and cancellations. Co-coordinator, Christine Denneler 609-351-2789, e-mail cdenneler157@yahoo.com.

DECEMBER 18

Sunday
4:30 pm

MEDFORD CHRISTMAS LIGHTS. 4 miles. Easy Pace. Let's find the festive lights of Medford. Meet in the parking light of the Shop Rite on Rt. 70, just east of Rt. 541. Leader: David Bicking, dbickin@yahoo.com, 609-332-2109.

DECEMBER 20

Tuesday
6:15 pm



AFTER WORK COOPER RIVER PARK WALK. Join us for a fun hour (and a bit) of walking and conversation. 3.7 miles at a brisk pace (3mph or better). Meet at the Cooper River Yacht Club parking lot on South Park Drive across from the Marina Park Apartments. This is a paved walking and bike path. Flashlight or headlamp recommended. T-storms, ice, or other unsafe condition cancels. Check the web site for any updates. GPS Parking lot: N39.55.449 W075.04.027. Leader: Valerie Danzey, 856-397-9519, vdanzey1@verizon.net

DECEMBER 23

Friday
7:00 pm

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS OF MOORESTOWN. 4 miles, easy pace. We start at the Moorestown Library and search the streets of Moorestown for the cheeriest holiday displays. Meet in the municipal lot on Second Street across from the Moorestown Library Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

DECEMBER 23

Friday, 7:00 pm

FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. See December 2 listing.

DECEMBER 27

Tuesday
10:00 am

EASY TRAIL WORK ON THE LAKE TRAIL. Tuesdays are for Trail work; we plan to clip the lake trail which connects to the Batona trail up to Martha. Easy day, probably 4 miles at most. Bring preferably long handle clippers and we will clip up to Martha Bridge for lunch and return and clip on the way back to our cars. Bring lunch and beverage. Rain cancels. Meet at Harrisville Pond. Contact: Pat Burton, camperpat@hotmail for additional information.

DECEMBER 27

Tuesday, 6:15 pm

AFTER WORK COOPER RIVER PARK WALK. See December 6 listing.

DECEMBER 28

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. Leader; Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817.

DECEMBER 30

Friday, 7:00 pm

FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. See December 2 listing.

JANUARY 1

Sunday
10:00 am

ANNOUNCING NEW YEARS DAY HIKE. January 1, 2017. 6 miles moderate pace. Start the New Year by hiking with OCSJ on the start of it's 50th year as a club. We will also be participating in "AMERICA'S STATE PARKS FIRST DAY HIKES". Our hike is in the Wharton SF in our beautiful Pine Barrens. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet in field next to the Atsion Recreation Area office, off Rt. 206 in Shamong Township. Check Meetup and ocsj.org for changes and cancellations. Co-Leader; Christine Denneler, 609-351-2789 e-mail cdenneler157@yahoo.com and Bob Burton, 856-767-8064.



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1. A notice of expiring membership will be E-Mailed to you.
 2. If your address has changed, please indicate new E-Mail address. If you move, please file a change of address card with us.
 3. Keep your membership current. Memberships must be renewed one month prior to March, June, September, and December. **Membership Cards are no longer being issued. You will receive renewal information by e-mail.**
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The OCSJ Board just voted to use the Wild Apricot System to manage our website and membership. Wild Apricot brings us into Cloud processing which will allow us to manage all of our membership and communication functions online and eliminate the manual data entry process.

Starting January 1, 2017 all payments will go thru the Wild Apricot System. We will not be accepting checks or cash sent directly to OCSJ.

To join or renew your membership, Please go to OCSJ.org or OCSJ.wildapricot.org/join-us and follow the links to establish your connection to Wild Apricot.

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