



OUTDOOR CLUB of SOUTH JERSEY

TREKKER

Fall 2015

OCTOBER 9-12

FALL FOLIAGE HIKING & CAMPING WEEKEND

NORTH-SOUTH LAKE

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OCTOBER 10-11

BACKPACK THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL IN CONNECTICUT

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GIRLS MIDWEEK CAMPOUT AT
WORTHINGTON STATE PARK

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DECEMBER 19

TWO CHRISTMAS HIKES AND TAILGATE

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NEW YEARS DAY HIKE

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Celebrating 48 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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OCSJ MEETUP SITES**

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HISTORIC FAIRMOUNT PARK LOOP HIKE. See October 14 listing.

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NEWS AND NOTES

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

*** THE FINAL PRINTED TREKKER WILL BE THE SPRING 2017 ISSUE. ***

The Club will no longer send membership cards for new or renewed memberships. We will notify you of expiring memberships by E-mail or postcard.

To ensure prompt notification, please send changes to Diane Ewell, Membership Secretary membership@ocsj.org or OCSJ P.O.Box 5040 Woodbury, NJ 08096-0040

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 now re-directed to our corresponding meetup sites. Meetup allows leaders to directly manage their activities.

Hiking Meetup site: [meetup.com/Outdoor-Club-of-South-Jersey-Hiking/](https://www.meetup.com/Outdoor-Club-of-South-Jersey-Hiking/)

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

Canoeing Meetup site: 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.

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.



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.

WALKING PACE DEFINITIONS

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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. 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.

A MESSAGE FROM THE X/C Skiing & Snowshoeing Chair

New & exciting trips are planned again for the 2015-2016 ski and snowshoe season. Check the Trekker and online often for updates.. Hope to see you come out for some winter fun.

Dennis McKane

Dennisfran1@verizon.net 609-707-5695

DEC. 28 – JAN. 2
Mon.-Sat.

CRAFTSBURY, VT – Includes 5 nights, all meals (vegetarian available), trail passes for skiing and snowshoeing College style dorm with Women's and men's bathrooms. \$970 per room, 2 people per room, \$600 for single room. Deposit \$200 to reserve by 11/1/15, balance by 12/1/15. Call for details. Leader: Fran Horn, 856-786-0048 franhorn@aol.com

DEC. 31 – JAN. 3
Thurs.-Sun.

PULASKI/TUG HILL, NY - The Tug Hill region is New York's Snowbelt due to lake effect weather. Approximately \$234 pp for 3 nights (Thursday-Sunday). Includes bed, breakfast and soup each day, one gourmet dinner, all taxes & gratuities. New co-leaders: Suzanne Towey sgtp414@verizon.net, 609-390-1361 (home) and Carol Sost csost18@gmail.com 609-822-7334 (cell).

JAN. 7-10
Thurs.-Sun.

LAKE PLACID Town Trip. Stay at Wildwood on the Lake Motel, www.wildwoodmotel.com Cost: \$305.00 per room, based on two per room includes tax; tips extra. Rooms have two queen beds, micro, fridge, and coffeemaker. Amenities: indoor pool, hot tub, sauna, wax room, Wi-Fi. Daily Après ski. All meals on own. Deposit \$100 due ASAP. Balance due 12/1/15. Leaders: Dennis & Franny McKane, 609-707-3025. dennisfran1@verizon.net

JAN. 15-18
Fri.-Sun.

(MLK wknd) KEENE VALLEY, NY – Stay at Trail's End B&B in Adirondack High Peaks Region near Lake Placid. \$300.00 pp 3 nights (Friday, Saturday, Sunday), 3 breakfasts, 1 dinner, 1 après ski party, taxes and gratuities. Saturday night vol fire co spaghetti dinner and 2 trail lunches avail at additional cost. This long standing trip always fills quickly. Contact Leader: Evan Ernest 215-208-7480 evn192@yahoo.com

JAN. 17-24
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. Cost \$350 pp. Deposit \$100. Balance by December 1. No refund after 12/15/15 unless replacement is found. Contact Leaders: Jim & Virginia Magee mageejv@verizon.net or Barbara Brandt bbrandt46@gmail.com

JAN. 25-29
Sun.-Fri.

COMMODORE INN, STOWE VT. For skiers of all abilities. Cost \$400 pp dbl occ for 5 nights (Sun.-Thurs.), 5 buffet dinners and breakfasts, taxes and tips. Deposit \$100. Eileen Greve, 609-204-6451, egrave212@gmail.com

JAN. 29-JAN. 31
Fri.-Sun.

BENNINGTON, VT. Stay at the Best Western, ski at Prospect Mtn XC Center, explore this lovely and historic town. Cost \$111 pp dbl occ for 2 nights with Full breakfast, tax included. Deposit \$100.00. Eileen Greve, 609-204-5451 egrave212@gmail.com

FEB. 12-15
Fri.-Mon.

PULASKI/TUG HILL, NY. Friday-Monday (President's Day). Approximate cost \$233 pp for 3 nights w hearty breakfast, all taxes and tips. Option for dinner at nearby restaurant at own cost. Deposit \$100. Eileen Greve, 609-204-6451 egrave212@gmail.com

FEB. 17-21
Wed.-Sun.

MORNINGSTAR CHALET, LONDONDERRY VT. 4 nights (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday) at private chalet with 3 breakfast and 2 dinners. Approximately \$150 pp dbl occ. If we get 10 sign-ups, may cost more, if less than 10. Deposit \$100. Eileen Greve, 609-204-6451 egrave212@gmail.com

Membership
Extension



***Have you considered becoming an
OCSJ trip leader?
Do you like people, do you enjoy nature?***

Our club offers many great activities –biking, hiking, canoeing, kayaking, backpacking, X/c skiing, and more, but without leaders these events wouldn't be possible.

Occasionally, we have to limit the number of participants, mostly for safety reasons. Safety is our number one concern.

In order not to disappoint anyone, we need to offer more activities. Again the only way this can happen is if we have more leaders.

The Board has recognized this issue and has tried to come up with a solution. First, we want to make members aware.

Secondly, we would like to offer some incentives to those considering becoming leaders.

The Board has recently authorized free membership extensions to members who become leaders and meet certain criteria.

Here is the criteria to qualify.

- * Hike leaders must lead 6 hikes per year.
- * Canoe/Kayak leaders must lead 3 paddles per year.
- * Bicycling leaders must lead 5 rides per year.
- * Backpacking leaders must lead 2 trips per year.
- * X/C Ski leaders must lead 1 trip per year.
- &* Contact any Activity Chair or the Activities Coordinator,
actchair@ocsj.org, for details.





OCTOBER



"You learn something everyday if you pay attention."

RESERVATIONS AND DEADLINES

SEE SKI SCHEDULE FOR RESERVATIONS.

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OCTOBER 2

Friday

9:00 am

BASS RIVER STATE FOREST BATONA TERMINUS TO EVANS BRIDGE, RT. 563 WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP. This is the first of our 5 weekly section hikes of the complete Batona Trail. Distance of this section is about 9.5 miles. We will meet at Evans Bridge and shuttle to the start of the trail in Bass River State Forest. Brisk but comfortable pace, one break for lunch. For more information, contact leaders: Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, nofluke18@yahoo.com; and Vera Stek, verastek@verizon.net

OCTOBER 2

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 3

Saturday

9:00 am

BRISK WALK FROM BATSTO. Join me for a brisk walk (more than 3 mph) north of the village. I expect to cover around 12 miles, but could go a mile or two longer. This walk is not for the inexperienced. I expect to travel sand roads, marked trails, and fire cuts. We'll have a self-catered lunch along the way with one or two short breaks. Hoping for cool weather on the day. Meet at the Batsto Village parking lot before 9:00 a.m. We leave on time. Leader: Jay Schoss. Contact me with questions by the day prior at walkinginmud@aol.com or 609-283-0252.

OCTOBER 3

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 in the municipal parking lot on Second street across from the library. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

OCTOBER 4

Sunday

10:00 am

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

OCTOBER 4

Sunday

10:00 am

HIKE TO MARTHA. We will hike from Harrisville Pond to Martha Furnace on the newly blazed Batona Trail. 5 miles easy pace bring water. We will lunch by the lake after the hike. Meet at Harrisville Pond. Leader: Janet Horton, 609-706-5691, janeth1@comcast.net

OCTOBER 4

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. NP. Meet at 10:30 a.m. 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 5

Monday

9:00 am

WALK WHITES BOGS. Join us for an easy paced 5 mile hike among the bogs to the two beautiful beaches. Bring your camera and trail gorp. You can have your lunch at the picnic tables at the general store when we return. We leave promptly at 9 a.m. Meet at Whites bogs Village. Leaders: Faye H., 609-283 0252, C 912 433-8257, batonawalk@aol.com; Jay H., 609-283 0252 walkinginmud@aol.com

OCTOBER 6

Tuesday

6:00 pm



TUESDAY EVENING FITNESS HIKE. This is a brisk paced 6 mile hike up and back to Pakim Pond. We will be going faster than 3 miles an hour with no stops and no flashlights. Meet at Brendan Byrne office in the parking area, be on time as we leave promptly at 6. Leader: Faye H., 609-283 0252, cell 912-433-8257, batonawalk@aol.com

OCTOBER 6

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 across 2nd Street in the Municipal

Parking Lot. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

OCTOBER 7
Wednesday
10:00 am

HIKE SKIT BRANCH. 8 miles moderate pace. We will hike along the Skit and Batsto rivers. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet just past the Skit Bridge on Carranza Road. SE of Tabernacle. Leaders: Christine Denneler, 609-351-2789, cdenneler157@yahoo.com; Pat Burton 856-767-8064, camperpat@hotmail.com. Check Meetup and ocsj.org for changes due to weather.

OCTOBER 7
Wednesday
10:30 am

FRESH AIR AND SEA BREEZES. Note start time. 7.5 miles, moderate pace. On the boardwalk from Spring Lake to Ocean Grove. We will search again for the elusive ice cream cone. Bring lunch and drink. Meet at the Ludlow Avenue boardwalk pavilion in Spring Lake. Take Garden State to Belmar exit, OR, take Rt. 195 to Belmar. Drive east to the Belmar boardwalk. Then drive south to Spring Lake pavilion. Steady rain cancels. Leader: Manny Robbins, 856-428-4841.

OCTOBER 7
Wednesday
6:30 pm

COOPER RIVER PARK WALK. Join us on a 3.7 mile walk at a moderate pace. 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. 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 8
Thursday
7:30 pm



ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING. The meeting will also include election of 2016 officers and a one member's forum. Come out and share your ideas to improve the club or to ask questions. New Cherry Hill Library, 1100 Kings Highway (Rt. 41), North of Rt. 70 in Cherry Hill.

OCTOBER 9
Friday
9:00 am

HIKE THE BATONA TRAIL: SECTION 2, EVANS BRIDGE TO BATSTO. This is the second of our 5 weekly section hikes of the entire Batona Trail. Distance is about 9.1 miles. We will meet at Batsto Village and shuttle to Evans Bridge. Brisk but comfortable pace, one break for lunch. There can be some puddles in this section. Be prepared. The Batona Trail passes through pine forests on sand roads and trails, past bogs, swamps, rivers and streams, the best way to observe the flora and fauna of the Pine Barrens. You must be a dues paid member of OCSJ to participate and you must pre-register for this hike because of the shuttling required. Check Meetup for changes prior to the date. No negative responses please. For more information contact leaders: Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817 Joe Hummel, nofluke18@yahoo.com; and Vera Stek, verastek@verizon.net

OCTOBER 9-12
Friday-Monday
3:30 pm

FALL FOLIAGE HIKING & CAMPING WEEKEND - 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 (contact leader for info). If you cannot campout, join us for the hikes either day. Contact leader for additional information, loop site and directions. Meet at North-South Lake Campground. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609- 462-3593 eve. Or pis9 yahoo.com

Reserve your campsite NOW, this is a popular area in the fall and fills up quickly.

OCTOBER 9

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 10

Saturday
8:00 am

SHENANDOAH OLD RAG MOUNTAIN HIKE. Join us for a fantastic hike in beautiful Shenandoah National Park. Old Rag mountain is the most challenging of hikes in the park. THIS IS NOT AN EASY HIKE...KNOW YOUR LIMITS AND CAPABILITIES! The hike is about 11 miles long and we'll be on the trail about 8-9 hours. The elevation gain on this is over 2500 feet. This occurs in the first 4 miles (all uphill) of the hike. We start at the parking lot and head up to the trail head. The rock scramble can be challenging, being both steep, and requiring climbing through cracks in the rock. We'll meet at the parking lot at 8:00 am to allow for the hike. Bring lunch, snacks, and lots of water. We'll eat at the summit. Good hiking shoes required. Hiking poles are recommended. For this hike you will be in the National Park and fees apply. Lennie & I will be camping at Big Meadows campground in the park and right off Skyline drive. We'll be in loop D, site 148. If anyone wants to camp there, we can do a group dinner/campfire on Saturday night. Reservations are made through Recreation.gov. This should be peak fall foliage time too. Visit OCSJ.org website or contact Doug for more information. Leader: Doug Hillebrecht, 856-816-8824, cell (till 9:30 p.m.) 856-309-8817 - Work M-F 8 a.m. till 5 p.m.

OCTOBER 10

Saturday
9:00 am

MICHAEL HUBER PRAIRIE WARBLER PRESERVE. Join us for a moderate paced walk for 6 miles at Michael Huber Prairie Warbler Preserve. We will meet on Sooy Place Road in Tabernacle halfway between Rt. 70 and Rt. 563 across from Johnson Place. There will be one water crossing where we will use hummocks and trees to get across so you may want to bring a hiking stick. Bring trail food because we will not stop and be on time since we leave promptly at 9 am. Leader: Faye H., 609-283-0252, cell 912-433- 8257, bearberrygirl@aol.com

OCTOBER 10-11

Saturday
9:00 am

BACKPACK THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL IN CONNECTICUT. Moderate Hike, total of 11.5 miles (8.7 miles on Sat, 2.8 miles on Sun): We'll meet near the CT/NY border, stage the cars, and then hike from North to South. We will see the Schaghticoke Mountain with some great views, cross the covered 'Bulls Bridge', and the Ned Anderson Memorial bridge. We will spend the night at the Ten Mile River Shelter (water, privy). The next day, we'll get up, and walk the short distance out before heading home. Limited to 16 backpackers. Hike Leader: Kevin Drevik, 856- 630-2485 or kdrevik@aol.com.

OCTOBER 11

Sunday
10:00 am

BEGINNERS HIKE. 5 miles moderate pace. We will hike to Bear Swamp Hill. over trails and sand roads. Bring lunch or snack and beverage. Meet at the Lake Oswego parking on Oswego Rd. Off Rt 563. Leader: Christine Denmeler,

609-351-2789, cdenneler157@yahoo.com. Check Meetup and ocsj.org for changes due to weather.

OCTOBER 11

Sunday
10:00 am



PADDLE CEDAR CREEK. 6.4 miles to Dudley park. Meeting at Ore Pond. Scenic River, especially with fall foliage, Short shuttle, done by 3:30. Must wear life jacket! No rentals. Leader: Harry Barok, 856-985-6172 or harrykaraoke7@verizon.net

OCTOBER 12

Monday
9:00 am

WALK FROM THE BRENDAN BYRNE CAMPGROUNDS. 8-10 mile moderate paced walk on the roads, trails and fire-cuts around the campgrounds. 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.

OCTOBER 13

Tuesday
6:00 pm



TUESDAY EVENING FITNESS HIKE. This is a brisk paced 6 mile hike up and back to Pakim Pond. We will be going faster than 3 miles an hour with no stops and no flashlights. Meet at Brendan Byrne office in the parking area, be on time as we leave promptly at 6. Leader: Faye H., 609-283 0257, cell 912-433-8257, batonawalk@aol.com

OCTOBER 14

Wednesday
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, upriver 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 14

Wednesday
10:00 am

HISTORIC FAIRMOUNT PARK LOOP HIKE. For those who were unable to do this hike on April 1st, and for those who would like to do it again and enjoy possible fall colors. About 11 miles at an easy to moderate pace (2.0 mph +/-). See the historic mansions of east Fairmount Park (Lemon Hill, Hatfield House, Smith House, Mount Pleasant, Rockland, Ormiston, Laurel Hill, Woodford, Strawberry and Chamounix). We pause at each mansion to admire its beauty and learn a little of its history. Cross Ben Franklin Bridge into Phila., Take Vine St. expressway (I-676 West) to 22nd St. (Art Museum) exit. Turn R. & go short distance, then Left onto Ben Franklin Parkway. Take Parkway (right hand lanes) 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. Heavy rain (or forecast of same) may cancel or postpone, check this meetup message board or call leader if in doubt. NP. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet at Lloyd Hall. Leader and Tour Guide: Jerry Goldstein, jerryhyker@yahoo.com. Please RSVP only if you ARE coming.

OCTOBER 16

Friday
9:00 am

HIKE THE BATONA: SECTION 3, BATSTO TO CARRANZA MEMORIAL. This is the third of our section hikes of the entire Batona Trail. Distance is about 12.4 miles. We will meet at Carranza Memorial and shuttle to Batsto for this section. Brisk but comfortable pace of about 3 mph or better, one break for lunch. Traverse the beautiful Pine Barrens on sand roads

through ghost towns, past bogs, swamps, rivers and streams. You MUST be a member of OCSJ to participate. You MUST pre-register to participate in this hike because of the shuttling requirement. No negative responses please. Check Meetup for any changes a day or two before the hike. For more information, contact leaders: Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817
nofluke18@ yahoo.com or Vera Stek, verastek@verizon.net

OCTOBER 16

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 17

Saturday
9:00 am

WALK TO THE BEACH. We will walk sand roads and fire cuts through less visited sections of Brendan Byrne State Forest (no blazed trails here). Lunch will be at the beach of the reservoir of the North Branch of Mt Misery Brook. I expect we'll cover about 10-12 miles at a 3 mph pace. Leader: Jay Schoss, home phone: 609-2830252, walkinginmud@aol.com. Be parked and ready to go at 9:00 am at the starting point RR Crossing in Bullock between the tracks and Pasadena Road where it meets Savoy Boulevard in Manchester Township.

OCTOBER 17

Saturday
9:30 am

BASS RIVER RAINBOW TRAIL HIKE. Meet in the parking lot at lake. Use the restroom before coming to parking lot. Bring snacks for the hike and lunch will be the lake near the end of the hike. It is a nice hike with a variety of scenery. Leaders: Toni, 609- 652-0112 and Jan, 609- 404-4990

OCTOBER 18

Sunday
9:00 am

UP THE OSWEGO. We will follow a route upstream along this beautiful and historic river. Sites along the way are a few beaches and overlooks of the river and the remains of Martha and the old furnace site. The walk should total between 10 and 12 miles depending on the exact route followed. Moderate pace, probably less than 3mph, but not by much. Meet at Harrisville Pond off 679 before 9:00 a.m. as we leave on time. Leader: Jay Schoss, Home phone 609-283-0252, walkinginmud@aol.com

OCTOBER 18

Sunday
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, upriver 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 18

Sunday
10:00 am

"SOME PEOPLE CALL ME MAURICE" RIVER PADDLE. But it's pronounced like "Morris," the cat. Meet at Garden Road, south side, we paddle to Sherman Avenue, a 5 hour trip. Pack lunch and hydration; also bug and sun protection. Leader: Vicki S., 856-341-3901 or ravingwriter@gmail.com

OCTOBER 18

Sunday, 10:30 am

MID WISSAHICKON HIKE, (VERSION 2.0) BY RICH KRANZ. 5 or 8 miles. Version 2.0 will change things up a bit and follow

the yellow trail to Valley Green for lunch. Afterwards, we will skip the trek to the Indian Statue and instead explore the scenic Creshiem Creek and look for a hidden trail to the Toleration Statue before returning to the cars. Along the way we will also check out Devils Pool and traverse the Fingerspan Bridge. Rugged terrain. Sturdy shoes required. Wimp out at 5 miles. Bring or buy lunch at the Valley Green Inn snack bar. NP. Inclement weather may cancel. Check Meetup for updates. Meet at 10:30 a.m. at Henry Avenue and Walnut Lane parking area. Leader: Rich Kranz, 856-316-6292, streetpilot58@gmail.com

OCTOBER 19

Monday
9:00 am

WALK TO REEVES BOGS. Join me for an 8-10 mile walk to and around Reeves cranberry bogs. I expect to follow trails and sand roads for the bulk of the route and try to keep the pace below 3 mph. Meet at the Brendan Byrne SF office parking area on Shinns Road in Woodland Township. We leave promptly at 9:00 a.m. so get there early. Leader: Jay Schoss, walkinginmud@aol.com , home phone 609-283 0252

OCTOBER 20-21

Tues.-Wed.
12:00 pm

ALL GIRLS MIDWEEK CAMPOUT AT WORTHINGTON STATE PARK. This is a 3 day midweek campout for girls. I have a group campsite for a limited number of people, for tent camping only. This is a low key trip to enjoy Fall colors and enjoy camping. Plans call for a short kayak trip on the Delaware river and hiking on the Mc Dade Trail in PA, which is almost flat in areas. I can provide maps for people who want to climb the AT etc in the area. Come prepared for cold weather camping. Meet at Worthington State Park. More information contact Leader: Pat at camperpat@hotmail.com

OCTOBER 20

Tuesday
6:00 pm

TUESDAY EVENING FITNESS HIKE. This is a brisk paced 6 mile hike up and back to Pakim Pond. We will be going faster than 3 miles an hour with no stops and no flashlights. Meet at Brendan Byrne office in the parking area, be on time as we leave promptly at 6. Leader: Faye H., 609-283 0252, cell 912-433-8257 batonawalk@aol.com

OCTOBER 21

Wednesday
9:00 am

WALK FROM BATSTO. We will walk 10-12 miles of trails and roads either east or north of the village. Expect an average pace of about 3 mph with only a few stops. Lunch along the way. The walk will likely be more difficult than most club hikes of similar length due to the pace, Meet at the north end of the Batsto Village Visitors parking lot and be early as we leave the lot at 9:00 am. Leader: Jay Schoss, home phone 609-283-0252, walkinginmud@aol.com

OCTOBER 21

Wednesday
10:00 am

3 B HIKE IN OCEAN CITY. 7 miles. Walk on boardwalk, then thru the Gardens, over Longport bridge, lunch at fishing pier (or later on the boardwalk), then back on the beach (tides permitting) or back on boardwalk to starting point. Meet at 12th street pavilion on boardwalk at 10:00 a.m. Leader: Noel Wirth, 609-938-0418, ocncw101@comcast.net

OCTOBER 23

Friday
9:00 am

HIKE THE BATONA TRAIL: SECTION 4, CARRANZA MEMORIAL TO ROUTE 72.

This is the fourth of our weekly section hikes of the beautiful Batona Trail, which traverses through piney forests, uplands, lowlands, past bogs, rivers and streams on deserted sand roads through ghost villages and on trails. Distance is about 12.3 miles. We will meet 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, one break for lunch. You MUST be a member of OCSJ

to participate. 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, please do let us know. For more information, contact leaders: Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817 Joe Hummel, nofluke18@ yahoo.com; and Vera Stek, verastek@ verizon.net

OCTOBER 23

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 sock). Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds). Leader: Bob Hodges, RLHHLR @ aol.com

OCTOBER 24

Saturday
9:00 am

REEVES RAMBLE. Easy pace 5 mile hike around the bogs. We will meet at the clearing that faces the bogs on Forest Road which is at the traffic light on Rt. 70, about a mile in on the right. The road is very bumpy so proceed with care. We leave promptly at 9:00 a.m. Bogs can be windy so dress appropriately and bring trail food. Leader: Faye H., 609-293-0852, cell 912-433-8257, batonawalk@aol.com

OCTOBER 24

Saturday
9:30 am

WENONAH TRAIL SYSTEM. Come on out and hike over 6 miles of trails in Wenonah. Last time we did this was in the snow covered winter. Now's the chance to see this without the snow. Get out and get the legs warmed up. This little gem of a park/trail system that offers plenty in the 6 miles we'll be hiking. Hills, marshes, swamps, bridges, stream crossings, train bridges, gazebos in the woods, lakes, river. You won't be disappointed. Meet at 9:30 am at the lake parking lot at Wenonah Lake. From there we'll go around the lake and into the trails. This is about a 3 hour hike. It has hills so bring sturdy hiking shoes. Bring lunch and we'll tailgate after the hike. Dogs on leashes are welcome. Leader: Doug Hillebrecht, M-F 8-5 pm - 856-309-8817 or 856-816-8824 cell before 10 pm please.

OCTOBER 25

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 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 & 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 26

Monday
9:00am

HIKE TO GOOSE POND. Join me as I visit this pretty pinelands pond. Situated as it is off trail in the upper reaches of the North Branch of Mt Misery Brook, it is not frequently seen. The final approach can be wet and is certainly overgrown, but in my view worth the effort. We'll walk about 10 miles at a

moderate pace following sand roads, property survey lines and a short possibly wet bush whack. Meet along the tracks along Pasadena Road at Bullock, the western edge of Manchester, where it kisses Woodland Township. Access Bullock from 72 by travelling east on Savoy Boulevard (the intersection is not signed), or 539 in Whiting traveling west on Pasadena Road. The two roads meet at the Bullock RR crossing. Be prepared for possible wet feet and arrive early as we leave as usual, promptly at 9 a.m. Leader: Jay Schoss, home phone 609-283-0252 or walkinginmud@aol.com

OCTOBER 27

Tuesday
6:00 pm

TUESDAY EVENING FITNESS HIKE. This is a brisk paced 6 mile hike up and back to Pakim Pond. We will be going faster than 3 miles an hour with no stops and no flashlights. Meet at Brendan Byrne office in the parking area, be on time as we leave promptly at 6. Leader: Faye H., 609-283 0252, cell 912-433-8257, batonawalk@aol.com

OCTOBER 28

Wednesday
10:00 am

MID WEEK BATONA BACKPACK. We'll do an easy hike from Evans Bridge to the Buttonwood camping site (approx. 6.5 miles) then on to Batsto Village the next morning (approx 4.5 miles). Must preregister as we need to set up a car shuttle and arrange for the campsite. Leader: Rosemarie Mason email: romason@comcast.net

OCTOBER 28

Wednesday
10:00 am

MID-WISSAHICKON CREEK GORGE HIKE. About 8 miles, easy to moderate pace (leader likes to stop and share his knowledge of interesting places along the way). We'll see Walnut Lane Bridge, Bluestone Bridge, Historic Rittenhouse Towne, Rinker's Rock & 'Toleration' Statue, eat our lunch near Livezy House and take our afternoon break at Valley Green Inn. One small stream crossing before we get to Valley Green. (All of this is subject to some changes if the Friend's of The Wissahickon work crews are in the process of re-routing some portions of the yellow and/or orange trails). Bring lunch and beverages. A hiking stick and a light rain jacket or poncho are good ideas. NC/NP. Bad weather or forecast of same may postpone or cancel. Keep an eye on the meetup listing for possible updates. Meet at Henry Avenue & Walnut Lane parking, Philadelphia. Leader: Jerry Goldstein, jerryhyker@yahoo.com

OCTOBER 30

Friday
9:00 am

HIKE THE BATONA: SECTION 5, ROUTE 72 TO ONGS HAT.

This is the final section of our tour of the entire 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 Rt. 72. Brisk but comfortable pace of about 3 mph or better, one break for lunch. You **MUST** be a member of OCSJ to participate. You **MUST** pre-register for this hike because of the shuttling requirement. No negative responses please. If you register and can't make it, please do 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 or, nofluke18@yahoo.com; and Vera Stek, verastek@verizon.net

OCTOBER 30

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 31

Saturday

10:00 am

ALL TREATS/NO TRICKS HIKE. 5 mile moderate hike utilizing several trails in Wharton State Forest. Wear a costume and get into the Halloween spirit. Maybe we'll see the Jersey Devil preparing for his favorite holiday. Bring lunch and a beverage for after the hike. The leader will provide treats for all well behaved hikers. Check meetup 2 hours prior for possible cancellation for bad weather. Meet at Batsto Visitors Center Parking. Leader: Rosemarie Mason romason@comcast.net

OCTOBER 31

Saturday

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. Leader: David Bicking, 609 332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com. Meet at Moorestown Library in the municipal parking lot on Second Street across from the library.



NOVEMBER



"Nothing takes the past away like the future."

RESERVATIONS AND DEADLINE

SEE SKI SCHEDULE FOR RESERVATIONS.

BACKPACK THE AT IN VIRGINIA, FROM HARPER'S FERRY TO THE BLACK BURN TRAIL CENTER. See November 14-15 listing.

2 CHRISTMAS HIKES AND TAILGATE. See December 19 listing.

NEW YEARS DAY HIKE. See January 1 listing.

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

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

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

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

NOVEMBER 1

Sunday

9:00 am



LEADER'S BIRTHDAY HIKE. Join me as I celebrate another successful circumnavigation of the sun, with another circumambulation of Penn State Forest. I expect to walk about 10 miles at a 3 mile an hour pace mostly along sand roads but with a possible trail or two thrown in. Meet at Oswego Lake Parking. Leader: Jay Schoss Contact: walkinginmud@aol.com or home phone 609-283-0252 by the day prior.

NOVEMBER 2

Monday

9:00 am

A DIFFERENT REEVES BOGS WALK. 8-10 mile moderate paced walk in the woods and bogs. We will follow trails and sand roads and even some lightly used paved roads in a loop over to Mt. Misery Brook. Access the walk by entering the forest from 70 on Forest Road (the traffic light east of 4 mile circle). Follow Forest Road carefully avoiding the pot holes

for about 1.5 miles and park in the opening between the road and the bogs on your right. We leave promptly at 9:00 a.m, so give yourself plenty of time. Leader: Jay Schoss, home phone 609-283-0252 or walkinginmud@ aol.com

NOVEMBER 3

Tuesday
6:00 pm



TUESDAY EVENING FITNESS HIKE. This is a brisk paced 6 mile hike up and back to Pakim Pond. We will be going faster than 3 miles an hour with no stops and no flashlights. Meet at Brendan Byrne office in the parking area, be on time as we leave promptly at 6. Leader: Faye H., 609-283-0252, cell 912-433-8257, batonawalk@aol.com

NOVEMBER 3

Tuesday
7:30 pm

MOORESTOWN WALKS. Approx 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 across 2nd Street in the Municipal Parking Lot. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

NOVEMBER 4

Wednesday
10:00 am

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

NOVEMBER 4

Wednesday
6:30 pm

COOPER RIVER PARK WALK. Join us on a 3.7 mile walk at a moderate pace. 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. 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 6

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 sock Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds). Leader: Bob Hodges, RLHHLR @ aol.com

NOVEMBER 7

Saturday
10:00 am

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

NOVEMBER 7

Saturday
10:00 am

EVERYBODY LOVES MARTHA HIKE. 5 mile moderate hike to the ghost town of Martha via sand roads and the Batona and Lake Trails. Bring lunch and a beverage for the break on the Oswego River. Check meetup 2 hours prior for any possible bad weather cancellation. Meet at Harrisville Pond. Leader: Rosemarie Mason romason@comcast.net

NOVEMBER 8

Sunday
10:00 am

INDIAN SUMMER PADDLE ON THE OSWEGO RIVER. We meet at Oswego Lake Put-In. Volunteer shuttle. Pack Lunch & dry bag. Call or email to confirm. Leader: Vicki S., 856-341-3901 or ravingwriter@gmail.com

NOVEMBER 8

Sunday
10:00 am

HIKE TO DEEP HOLLOW POND. Hike from the Ranger Station to Deep Hollow Pond. About 4/5 miles easy pace along the Batona Trail. Bring water. We will eat lunch after the hike. Meet at Brendan Byrne Office. Leader: Janet Horton, 609-706-5691 or janeth1@comcast.net

NOVEMBER 8

Sunday
10:30 am

**MID WISSAHICKON HIKE, (VERSION 3.0) BY RICH KRANZ.**

5 or 8 miles. We will follow the scenic Orange trail to Valley Green for lunch. Afterwards, we will change things up a bit and skip the trek to the Indian Statue. Instead we will explore the scenic Creshiem Creek and look for a hidden trail to the Toleration Statue before returning to the cars. Along the way we will also check out Devils Pool and traverse the Fingerspan Bridge. Rugged terrain. Sturdy shoes required. Wimp out at 5 miles. Bring or buy lunch at the Valley Green Inn snack bar. NP. Inclement weather may cancel. Check Meetup for updates. Meet at 10:30 a.m. at Henry Avenue and Walnut Lane parking area. Leader: Rich Kranz, 856-316-6292, streetpilot58@gmail.com

NOVEMBER 9

Monday
9:00 am

WALK FROM THE BRENDAN BYRNE CAMPGROUNDS.

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NOVEMBER 10

Tuesday
6:00 pm

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NOVEMBER 11

Wednesday
10:00 am

HIKE BATSTO VILLAGE. 7 miles moderate pace. We will hike the Batona Trail and the White trail in the Wharton SF. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet at Batsto Village parking, off Rt 532. Leaders: Christine Denneler 609-351-2789.

cdenneler157@yahoo.com; Pat Burton 856-767-8064 camperpat@hotmail.com. Check Meetup and ocsj.org for changes due to weather.

NOVEMBER 12

Thursday
7:30 pm



CLUB MEETING. Board of Trustees, Activity Committees, Leaders. New Cherry Hill Library, 1100 Kings Highway (Rt. 41) North of Rt. 70 in Cherry Hill.

NOVEMBER 13

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 14

Saturday

9:30 am

CONOWINGO DAM & 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). Bring a camera and binoculars. We'll hang out here for a bit before heading to Susquehanna park. The hike begins at the dam. 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. There is some elevation climbs on this hike. All total we'll hike around 10 total miles and be on the trails for about 4.5 - 5 hours. The hike ends back at the dam where we parked. We can hang out some more and take more pictures. 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 Road meets route 42. Meet at 7:00 a.m. (7:15 we roll). About an 1 1/2 ride from here with no traffic. Visit ocsj.org for more details. Leader: Doug Hillebrecht, Work #, 9-5 Monday-Friday - 856-309-8817 or cell 856-816-8824 (till 9:30 pm).

NOVEMBER 14-15

Saturday

9:15 pm

BACKPACK THE AT IN VIRGINIA, FROM HARPER'S FERRY TO THE BLACKBURN TRAIL CENTER.

Strenuous to moderate hike, Total of 9.3 miles on Sat, and 3.2 miles on Sunday. We'll start in Harper's Ferry, hike down the bridge into Virginia, and then hike up most of Saturday as we climb to the ridges of the AT in Virginia. Excellent views, sites of civil war before stopping at the David Lesser Shelter (water, privy). We'll wake up the next day, and hike out relatively level ground to the Blackburn Trail Center (a big stop point for thru-hikers during the season). Limited to 16 backpackers. Hike Leader Kevin Drevik, 856-630-2485 or kdrevik@aol.com.

NOVEMBER 15

Sunday

9:00 am

FIND MICHAEL HUBER'S SPUNG.

This moderate paced walk will cover about 10 miles in the Michael Huber Preserve. We'll follow marked trails some along sand roads, others not as well cleared in this interesting upland area near the top of the Rancocas Watershed. Bring a lunch and a sense of humor for our mid hike break at the bleachers. Arrive early at the trailhead on Sooy Place Road about halfway between 70 and 563. We leave promptly at 9:00 am. Leader: Jay Schoss, home phone 609-283-0252 or walkinginmud@aol.com

NOVEMBER 16

Monday

9:00 am

FUN IN THE PYGMIES.

This 5 mile walk is not easy. Between the pygmy pines, narrow overgrown trails in some rolling terrain, and sections of sugar sand, you'll get more of a workout then you'd expect for so short a distance in the pines. We will twice traverse sections of pygmy pines and see one of the two natural ponds in the pines (Watering Place Pond). Be prepared to leave at 9:00 a.m. Meet in the small clearing along 539 about 2 miles south of Warren Grove. Leader: Jay Schoss, Home phone: 609-283-0252 or walkinginmud@aol.com.

NOVEMBER 17

Tuesday

6:00 pm

TUESDAY EVENING FITNESS HIKE.

This is a brisk paced 6 mile hike up and back to Pakim Pond. We will be going faster than 3 miles an hour with no stops and no flashlights. Meet at

Brendan Byrne office in the parking area, be on time as we leave promptly at 6. Leader: Faye H., 609-283 0252, cell 912-433-8257, batonawalk@aol.com

NOVEMBER 18

Wednesday
9:00 am

CROSSING THE BATSTO HIKE. We will walk 12 or more miles of trails and roads north of the village. Expect an average pace of about 3 mph with only a few stops. Lunch along the way. The walk will likely be more difficult than most club hikes of similar length due to the pace. Meet at the north end of the Batsto Village Visitors parking lot and be early as we leave the lot at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Jay Schoss, home phone 609-283-0252 or walkinginmud@aol.com

NOVEMBER 18

Wednesday
10:00 am

HISTORIC HAMMONTON HIKE. 5-7 miles easy walk thru historic district of Hammonton, then down to Hammonton Lake State Park for lunch. Back to Hammonton to finish the tour. Stop for yogurt or coffee after the hike. Meet at the historic Hammonton train station on Bellevue Avenue (Rt. 54) and Railroad Avenue. Rain cancels. Leader: Noel Wirth, 609-938-0418 or ocnw101@comcast.net

NOVEMBER 20

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 21

Saturday
9:00 am

MISERY LOVES COMPANY HIKE. We will explore a 5 or 6 mile area at a moderate pace along fire cuts, forest roads and sand roads. We make no stops so bring trail gorp. I leave on time promptly at 9:00 a.m. We will meet on the corner of Mt. Misery Road and Rt. 70 in the sandy area. Leader: Faye H., 609-283-0252, cell 912-433-825 or batonawalk@aol.com

NOVEMBER 21

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 in the municipal lot on Second Street across from the library. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

NOVEMBER 22

Sunday
9:00 am

WALK THE BATONA THROUGH THE PARKER PRESERVE.

This walk will follow the Batona Trail through one of the newer and prettiest sections of this 52 mile trail. We will meet at Pakim Pond parking and shuttle to Carranza Memorial to begin the walk. We should cover about 12 miles, but don't hold me to that as I haven't really measured it. Pace should be about 3 mph, but could be quicker if the group is fit for it. Leader: Jay Schoss, home phone 609-283-0252 or walkinginmud@aol.com. Be sure to be on time as the shuttle leaves at 9:00 a.m.

NOVEMBER 22

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 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.

NOVEMBER 24

Tuesday
6:00 pm

TUESDAY EVENING FITNESS HIKE. This is a brisk paced 6 mile hike up and back to Pakim Pond. We will be going faster than 3 miles an hour with no stops and no flashlights. Meet at Brendan Byrne office in the parking area, be on time as we leave promptly at 6. Leader: Faye H., 609-283-0252, cell 912-433-8257, batonawalk@aol.com

NOVEMBER 25

Wednesday
9:00 am

WALK TO WEBBS MILLS. Join me for a walk to Webb's Mill Natural Area on the Lacey Manchester border. We'll walk about 10-12 miles and might even find a hill or two along the way. The meeting point is about 6 miles East of Rt. 72 along Savoy Boulevard. If coming from 539 in Manchester, follow Pasadena Road until it turn sharply right to cross the RR tracks. Park on the grass along the tracks before the turn if coming from 539. Be early, we leave promptly at 9:00 am. Leader: Jay Schoss, home phone 609-283-0252 walkinginmud@aol.com.

NOVEMBER 27

Friday
7:00 pm



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NOVEMBER 28

Saturday
9:00 am

FRIENDSHIP LOOP WALK. This one is a long one and will include long stretches along some sand roads which get some vehicular traffic. I haven't measured it in quite a while but think it could be about 14 miles. I'll try to get a more accurate read before the hike, but if not expect some inaccuracy in the distance. The route will include a short stop at Friendship Village, a stop at one of the smallest cemeteries in NJ, and both Apple Pie and Tea Time hills. If you have never walked the Batona Trail from Apple Pie to Carranza, we will do that to finish up the loop. Meet at Carranza Memorial parking area behind the monument just before the pavement runs out on Carranza Road, south of Tabernacle. Be on time, we leave promptly at 9:00 am. Leader: Jay Schoss, home phone 609-283-0252 or walkinginmud@aol.com.

NOVEMBER 29

Sunday
10:00 am

HIKE IN HISTORIC SMITHVILLE PARK. We will hike the trails through this beautiful park. 4/5 miles at an easy pace. Bring water. Bring lunch we will eat after the hike. Meet at Historic Smithville Park - Smith Woods. Leader: Janet Horton, 609-706-5691 or janeth1@comcast.net NC LP

NOVEMBER 30

Monday
9:00 am

THAT'S A SPUNG, THAT'S A SPUNG, THAT'S A SPUNG.

Moderate paced walk of approximately 10 miles along the southern edge of Brendan Byrne State Forest. We will follow some old sand roads and new and even some fire cuts and trails as we visit numerous spungs (odd pinelands seasonal ponds). We'll also see what else of interest we may find along the way. Meet along the tracks where Savoy Boulevard meets Pasadena Road at the border of Woodland and Manchester Townships. Savoy is accessed from 72 and Pasadena from 539. Be on time, we leave promptly at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Jay Schoss, home phone 609-283 0252 or walkinginmud@aol.com



DECEMBER



"A goal without a plan is a wish."

RESERVATIONS AND DEADLINE

SEE SKI SCHEDULE FOR RESERVATIONS.

2 CHRISTMAS HIKES AND TAILGATE. See December 19 listing.

NEW YEARS DAY HIKE. See January 1 listing.

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

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

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

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

DECEMBER 1

Tuesday
6:00 pm



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DECEMBER 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 in the municipal lot on Second Street across from the library. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

DECEMBER 2

Wednesday
10:00 am

HIKE TO APPLE PIE HILL. 10 miles moderate pace. We will approach the hill in a round about way and then use the Batona Trail to return to Carranza Memorial. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet at Carranza Memorial parking off Carranza Road, SE of Tabernacle. Leaders: Christine Dennele 609-351-2789 cdenneler157@yahoo.com.; Pat Burton, 856-767-8064, camperpat@hotmail.com. Check Meetup and ocsj.org for changes due to weather.

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Friday
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DECEMBER 5

Saturday

10:00 am

ORANGE IS THE OLD PINK. 5 mile moderate hike in Bass River State Forest. We'll walk the Orange Trail which used to be the Pink Trail but was changed so not to be confused with the nearby pink blazed Batona Trail. Bring lunch and a beverage for the break at the picnic pavilion on the lake. After lunch, we'll take Joe's Trail which follows the Lake Absegami shoreline. Check meetup 2 hours prior for any possible bad weather cancellation. Meet at Bass River State Forest . Leader: Rosemarie Mason romason@comcast.net

DECEMBER 6

Sunday

9:00 am

WHITE, RED AND PINK HIKE. Walk parts of the three main blazed trails of Brendan Byrne SF. We will cover about 15 miles of marked trails. I expect to cover the route in about 5 hours or so with two sit down breaks. Meet at Pakim Pond Brendan Byrne State Forest, Woodland Township. Be sure to arrive on time at the Pakim Pond parking area because I leave promptly at 9:00 a.m. This is the warm up for some long walks in 2016. Leader: Jay Schoss, walkinginmud@aol.com or 609-283-0252.

DECEMBER 6

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 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, streetpilot58@gmail.com

DECEMBER 8

Tuesday

6:00 pm

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DECEMBER 9

Wed., 9:00 am

WALK TO JEMIMA MOUNT. A walk of 12 miles or more at an average pace of 3 mph or more. We will follow sand roads and trails and fire cuts, plus some bush-whacking as well. The aim of the hike is to find and climb this unusual pinelands hillock before the trail bikers wear it down to the nubs. Bring your sense of humor and reckless abandon as they will both likely be necessary before we get back. Get to the parking area at Carranza Memorial early as I leave at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Jay Schoss. Home phone 609-283-0252 or walkinginmud@aol.com.

DECEMBER 10

Thursday

7:30 pm



CLUB MEETING. Board of Trustees, Activity Committees, Leaders. New Cherry Hill Library, 1100 Kings Highway (Rt. 41) North of Rt. 70 in Cherry Hill.

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DECEMBER 12

Saturday
9:00 am

EXPEDITION TO THE FORKED RIVER MOUNTAINS. There is no planned route for this walk. I'd describe it as an adventurous exploration to find a possible route to the Forked River Mountains. The access we will attempt is from the west. I've done it before, but it is challenging. The trails are rarely used except by hunters. There could be wet areas blocking the way. This is not for the novice walker and may involve bush-whacking and heavy brush. This walk could take most of the day and we may not reach the famous hills. Meet in the large gravel parking area on the west side of 539 between highway 72 and Whiting. If coming from Whiting and you see the fire tower on your left, you've gone too far. Go back across the small stream and park on the left. If you are coming from highway 72, turn north onto 539 and continue past the fire tower and park on the left. Give yourself plenty of time, we leave promptly at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Jay Schoss. Home phone 609-283-0252 or walkinginmud@aol.com

DECEMBER 13

Sunday
10:30 am

CATTUS ISLAND COUNTY PARK HIKE. About 7 miles, moderate pace. This park is a jewel of the Jersey shore with great views of the bay and surrounding wetlands. Bring lunch. Directions: Rt. 37 East. Three miles east of Parkway, turn left onto Rt. 627 (Vaughn Avenue). Then right on Bay Avenue, left on Fischer Boulevard. and right on Cattus Island Boulevard. Then turn left into park. Drive in 0.5 mile and park in third lot. Meet by large Cattus Island Park map. Leader: Bruce Steidel, 609-915-0956 or bsteidel@yahoo.com

DECEMBER 13

Sunday
1:00 pm

COOPER RIVER PARK WALK. Join us on a 3.7 mile walk at a moderate pace. 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. Bad weather cancels. Check the web site for any updates. GPS Parking lot: N39.55.449 W075.04.02. Leader: Paul Baumhauer, 609-706-3676, baumhapa@aol.com

DECEMBER 14

Monday
9:00 am

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DECEMBER 15

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DECEMBER 16

Wednesday
9:00 am



WALK TO RED OAK GROVE. We'll follow a route of sand roads and trails in this loop hike to the old settlement of Red Oak Grove. Some of these sand roads are more than 100 years old dating from the time of active clay mining in the area. While the area is mostly heavily wooded today, most of the mature trees we see are regrowth and new growth from the mining era. This walk will cover between 10 and 12 miles at a 3 mph pace. Meet at RR Crossing in Bullock. We leave from the meeting point promptly at 9:00 a.m., so be sure you give yourself time to reach Bullock. Bullock is an old stopping point along the Central RR line and can be accessed from either route 72 via Savoy Boulevard from the west or from Rt. 539 via Pasadena Road from Whiting in the east. Leader: Jay Schoss, walkinginmud@aol.com, or home phone 609-283-0252.

DECEMBER 16

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 Wash. Crossing, NJ side, off of Rt. 29 approx. 8 miles north of Trenton. At the Wash. 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.

DECEMBER 18

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 library. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

DECEMBER 18

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, RLHLR@aol.com

DECEMBER 19

Saturday
10:00 am

2 CHRISTMAS HIKES AND TAILGATE. 1st hike 10 a.m. 2nd hike 10:30 a.m. 1st hike is 6-7 miles moderate pace and will meet at 10 a.m. 2nd hike 3-4 miles easy to moderate pace will start at 10:30 a.m. We continue the tradition started 30+ years ago. SOUP is ON!! Lots of holiday goodies to go with it. Share the Holiday Spirit with old and new friends. Meet at Pakim Pond parking in the Brendan Bryne SF, entrance off Rt. 72, 1 mile SE of the 4 Mile Circle, jct 70/72. Leaders; Christine Denneler, 609-351-2789, e-mail cdenneler157@yahoo.com; Pat & Bob Burton, 856-767-8064, e-mail camperpat123@aol.com. Janet

Horton, 609-706-5691, e-mail jane1@comcast.net. Check the Hike Meetup and ocsj.org for changes due to weather.

DECEMBER 20

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, or 609-332-2109.

DECEMBER 21

Monday
7:00 pm

LENOLA CHRISTMAS LIGHTS. 3 miles. Easy Pace. Let's find the festive lights of the Lenola Section of Moorestown. Meet in the Family Dollar parking lot on Camden Avenue near the traffic light. Leader: David Bicking, dbickin@yahoo.com or 609-332-2109.

DECEMBER 22

Tuesday
6:00 pm

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DECEMBER 23

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 23

Wednesday
7:00 pm

MAPLE SHADE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS. 3 miles. Easy pace. Let's find the festive lights of Maple Shade. Meet in parking lot across Fork Landing Road from the gazebo.
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DECEMBER 25

Friday
7:00 pm



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DECEMBER 26

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. Meet at Smith's Wood parking lot along Railroad Avenue. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

DECEMBER 27

Sunday
9:00 am

WALK TO RED OAK GROVE. Follow me and the sand roads as we walk to this old nearly forgotten settlement. I expect to cover about 10 miles at a steady 3 mph pace on this walk. Meet at the old RR stop of Bullock on the Central Line at the border of Manchester and Woodland Townships where Ocean and Burlington meet. Bullock can be accessed from the west on Savoy Boulevard. Turn east on Savoy from 72 about 6.5 miles from Four Mile Circle on 72. If coming from the east turn west onto Pasadena Road from highway 539 south of Whiting.

Follow Pasadena until it ends at a sharp right turn to cross the railroad tracks. Park on the grass along the tracks just before the sharp turn. Arrive early we leave promptly at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Jay Schoss, home phone 609-283-0252 or walkinginmud@aol.com

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Tuesday
6:00 pm

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DECEMBER 30

Wednesday
9:00 am

WALK TO THE NORTH. This walk will cover about 10 miles at about as relaxed a pace as I can walk. I'll try to keep it under 3 mph, but it may be tough. Yell at me if I'm going too fast. I'd like to explore this area along the west bank of the river. Expect some back tracking to access the Wading as we move north. After reaching Godfrey's Bridge Camping Area, we will break away from the water to complete a loop. Meet at the Evans Bridge. Canoe put in on the Wading River adjacent to the 563 highway bridge close to where the Batona Trail crosses the road. Arrive early as we will depart promptly at 9:00 a.m. Don't let me go too fast as I must save my strength for the New Year's festivities. Leader: Jay Schoss, home phone 609-283-0252 walkinginmud@aol.com

JANUARY 1

Friday
10:00 am



NEW YEARS DAY HIKE. 6-7 miles moderate pace. We are participating in the "AMERICA'S STATE PARKS FIRST DAY HIKES. Start the New Year with a hike in our beautiful Pine Barrens, in a pretty section of the Wharton SF. Meet in the field next to the Atsion office. off Rt. 206. Bring lunch and beverage. Leaders Christine Denneler, 609-351-2789, cdenneler157@yahoo.com. Pat Burton, 856-767-8064, camperpat@hotmail.com. Check Hiking Meetup and ocsj.org for changes due to weather.

JANUARY 1

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



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