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Winter 2010



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Outdoor Club of South Jersey

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

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

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

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

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

MEETINGS

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

A Message From The President

The Winter 2010 schedule signifies the start of a new year full of trips, events, and activities; many familiar and some new. The Leaders and the Activity Chairs are volunteers that work hard to plan and organize these trips in a quarterly cycle, which are delivered via the club website and the Trekker brochure.

This is my first message as the President and I will keep you informed of what's going on with the club. It is an honor to help and hold office, and a challenge to keep up with all the hard working volunteers that run the club and lead events.

Did you know that with your dues, you not only have access to all the trips and events, but that you are a 'real member' of the club and can participate in the club in a variety of additional ways?

The monthly board meetings are open to the general membership. We encourage you to attend and see how the club is run and organized. And perhaps to volunteer and get more involved. We are looking for people to help with club events such as booth displays, special events, and hold offices, especially those with computer skills. While we have full schedules, we are always looking to cultivate new leaders. If you have any interest, let your trip leader or that Activity Chair know.

Our mission is still the same as stated on the previous page in "Aims and Objectives." In addition, we want to keep the club active, current with the needs of the time, and growing. We will be examining membership, the Trekker and web trip listings, and bylaws.

We especially wish to thank our former president, Kathleen Pearce, for 3 years of excellent work in helping to keep the club thriving and in good shape.

Tom Neigel, *OCSJ President*

president@ocsj.org

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

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

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR ALL SKIING/SNOWSHOEING TRIPS.

MAY 1. WASHINGTON DC BUS TRIP & SELF-GUIDED TOUR. Hold the date. Packed with famous sights, celebrated symbols of patriotism, free attractions, the sights and sounds of the nation's capital offer inspiring experiences. Watch for details coming in the Spring Trekker and on the website. Leader: Fran Katella, 856-234-1611.

NEW! MAY 14-24. CELEBRITY CRUISE TOUR TO ALASKA. 7 Nights Northbound Alaska Cruise. 3 Nights Post-Cruise Escorted Alaska Land Tour. Ports: Ketchikan, Icy Strait Point, Juneau, Skagway, and Hubbard Glacier. Land: Talkeetna/ Denali, Anchorage, Alaska Railway Adventure. Departing: Vancouver. Trip sign up is open until March 1 st 2010 based on availability of cabins. Prices (call leader) include all port charges and taxes. Roundtrip airfare and airport transfers are not included. Pre-night Vancouver stay is available and recommended. Leader: Fran Katella, (856) 234-1611 ftk111@yahoo.com

NEW YEAR'S DAY HIKE. See January 1 entry.

NEW YEAR'S DAY ON THE OSWEGO RIVER. See January 1 entry.

Coming Events (continued from page 3)

NEW! JANUARY 15-17 2010 OCEAN CITY, MD GETAWAY- *Deadline for signing up is January 1.* Stay at the luxurious Dunes Manor Hotel 2800 Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City, MD 21842 located 1 block from the boardwalk. All rooms have private balcony (most Ocean View) and offer a refrigerator, microwave and coffee maker. Hike, bike, explore, or just relax by the pool. Check website for details. Leader: Dave Robinson, ohrodchester@comcast.net

THE 'APRIL APEX 26-MILER' IS COMING IN THE SPRING TREKKER. For those of you that want to get in shape, warm-up hikes are offered on March 6 BALDPATE MOUNTAIN HIKE (7-8 miles). March 14 WASHINGTON CROSSING HIKE NJ. (15.5 miles.). March 27 PENNYPACK PARK, NE PHILA. (18 to 20 miles). Individual Registration Required. *See these trip listings for details.*

APPALACHIAN TRAIL IN PENNSYLVANIA BACKPACK TRIP. See March 20-21 entry.

BATONA TRAIL MAINTENANCE. See March 21 entry.

TRAIL MAINTENANCE AT UNEXPECTED WILDLIFE REFUGE. See March 31 entry.

APRIL 9-11 THE ANNUAL RICHARD GREVE MEMORIAL VOLUNTEER WORK TRIP TO HARPER'S FERRY. Give something back! On this work trip we do whatever they need at the Trail HQ - yard work, wash windows, light carpentry, stuffing envelopes, etc. Work on Saturday. Sunday is free for hiking or exploring the historic area. Free accommodations at Bear's Den Hostel. Limited to 15 people. Leader: Eileen Greve, 609-204-6451 egreve212@gmail.com

MAY 15 ANNUAL APRÈS SKI PARTY. Mark the date!! Dennis and Fran McKane have graciously consented to host this year's Party at their house in North Wildwood with a twist! - a pre-party activity. Watch website for details, or contact Eileen Greve, 609 204-6451.

BICYCLING ROAD COURSE - IN JUNE – Call presenter for details. Learn about bicycle handling and safety, and emergency maneuvers. Presenter Fran Horn, 856-786-0048.

CANOE/KAYAK SOJOURNS. They are events in the Spring sponsored by various organizations to showcase a particular river. Participants pay a modest fee that covers camping sites, meals, programs, support and most shuttles. Last year members paddled the Delaware and Schuylkill Rivers. You determine the length of stay. For details contact Frank Pearce, hornet71@verizon.net or 856-767-2780.

VOLUNTEER VACATIONS. Enjoy an inspiring and unforgettable week vacationing in America's national parks, forests, state parks, and other public lands, while repairing and restoring trails – and rejuvenating your mind, body, and spirit! Volunteer Vacations are a series of trail building projects on America's public lands. Experience the camaraderie and sense of accomplishment after building a bridge or restoring a neglected trail. For more information, contact Shirley Hearn, Volunteer Programs Manager, at 800-972-8608, ext. 206, or by email at Volunteer@AmericanHiking.org

SEPTEMBER IN WESTERN MAINE. Location: Bald Mountain Camps, Oquossoc, ME (www.baldmountaincamps.com). Historic sporting camp located on pristine Mooselookmeguntic Lake. Activities: several hiking options (mountaintops, water falls, backwoods roads, a piece of the A.T.), kayaking/canoeing, biking, golfing, tennis, photography, wildlife viewing, geocaching, sunsets, moonrises, starlight, loon calls to appreciate, or slip into Rangeley if civilization required. Trip includes: guided kayaking or canoeing pristine lakes and rivers with our host and Registered Maine Guide, Steve Philbrick, log cabins with fireplace, wood, bath, linens, porch, meals in the lodge dining room for first class breakfasts and dinners, sack lunches for the trail. Two dates proposed: September. 5-10 and September 12-17. Happy to answer questions. Contact: Judy Norcross (856)-235-8735, e-mail: jsnorcross@aol.com

NEWS AND NOTES

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

The method that OCSJ communicates to members about additions, deletes or changes to our activities as printed in the quarterly Trekker is through the club website at www.ocsj.org. The OCSJ Club website is accessed over 6,000 times per month.

The full OCSJ website is designed for best viewing using a 1024 by 768 pixel screen resolution.

BACKPACKING/CAMPING

A Message from the Backpacking/Camping Activity Chair

All backpacking and camping trips begin with a club sign in and waiver sheet. Everyone must sign for liability reasons. Members are welcome to bring a non-member friend as a guest. Non-members are welcome for an initial trip, but need to join thereafter.

For backpacking trips, see the trip rating system elsewhere in this issue. Distances listed in trip descriptions are approximate. They can vary due to conditions and other factors. If you have questions about a hike, feel free to call the leader.

Be sure to check the backpacking and camping sections of the club's web site for updates, new trips and cancellation notices.

The backpacking section is in need of new leaders. If you have backpacked with the club, this is your chance to give back.

Bruce Steidel

Backpacking@ocsj.org



BICYCLING

A Message From the Bicycling Activity Chair



Oh well, another season is in the books. I hope you rode as much as you wanted; I know I didn't!! The weather is changing, but there's still plenty of great riding left. Most of the other leaders will continue to lead throughout the cold New Jersey winter months.

Thanks to everyone who stepped to lead a ride this year. We're starting to see a few new faces leading – if they can do it, so can you. We are still looking for more people to step up and lead, especially B riders. If you are thinking about leading but are unsure, contact the appropriate ride coordinator or myself. We can help you with routes, advice – anything you need to know to lead your first ride.

Finally, thanks to everyone who rode in this year's MS 150 City to Shore Bike Tour. Overall, almost 8,000 riders participated and as of this writing have raised around \$4.9 million; even in these tough economic times, the ride should raise over \$5.0 million, securing us as the second largest MS Bike Ride in the country. Team OCSJ is looking for a captain to take over the reigns from Nancy Pomilio, who has done a fantastic job over the last few years getting the team up and running again. If you think you can help, please let me know.

Thanks again and happy cycling!

Tony Marchionne

tonymarch@iwon.com

609-828-0268



CANOEING/KAYAKING

A Message from the Canoeing/Kayak Activity Chair



Winter weather presents many challenges to paddling but can be pursued safely if you and your equipment are prepared. Only 1 trip is scheduled but if conditions permit trips will be added. Always check the website for current information. None of these activities would have been possible without the leaders who volunteer their talent and time. I want to thank them. When you are on a trip take the time to thank them and consider becoming a leader.

Frank Pearce

E-mail: 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-Don't wish to participate in organized shuttle - make your own arrangements.
- 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-Leaders have final say on trip participation involving safety concerns.
- 16-Leaders - if a trip is cancelled please notify the Chair.
- 17-Leaders -carry a copy of the incident report form (can be obtained from website)

*Leaders must submit (mail/fax) sign-in sheets to the
Canoeing/Kayaking Chair in a timely manner.*



HIKING

A Message from the Hiking Chair



Hiking with the club is good exercise and a great way to make new friends. Our fine leaders offer a broad range of hikes in terms of distance, pace, days and times. Hike descriptions include distance, pace and abbreviations such as WF (wet feet possible). Explanations of them and standard hike meeting places are elsewhere in this Trekker. Distances listed in hike descriptions are approximate. They can vary due to conditions and other factors. If you have questions about a hike, feel free to call the leader.

Hikes usually start promptly at the stated time. Please leave sufficient driving time to safely arrive about 15 minutes early. All hikes begin with a club sign in and waiver sheet. Everyone must sign for liability reasons. Members are welcome to bring a non-member friend as a guest. Non-members are welcome for an initial trip, but need to join thereafter.

Be sure to check the hiking section of the club's web site for updates, new trips and cancellation notices, including last minute ones. On rare occasions hikes have to be canceled at the last minute without notice due to freak weather, illness, etc. If the leader is not at the designated meeting place 15 minutes after the starting time, you can assume the hike is canceled.

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Our leaders are all volunteers. Please thank them for their efforts while hiking with them. Speaking of that, we are always in need of new leaders. If you are interested, talk to a current leader and/or send an email to hiking@ocsj.org.

Hike leaders – please check the club web site for leader info. And remember sign in sheets must be turned in to the hiking chair.

Bruce Steidel
Hiking@ocsj.org

500,750 and Grand Mile Hiking Clubs for 2010

Coordinators for the 500, 750 and Grand Mile hiking clubs for 2010 are:

500 Mile Club: Jean Stelmaszyk (babcia84@verizon.net) 856-429-9089

750 Mile Club: Toni Novak (bkgplus@snip.net) 856-662-3740

Grand (1000) Mile Club: Bill Poulson (wpoul@comcast.net) 856-983-7609

The goal of each club is to achieve the designated miles in the year 2010. If you like a challenge, want to get in better shape, or simply enjoy walking, join us. You can accumulate mileage on hikes, walking, running, cross-country skiing, or a treadmill. Minimum of 1 mile per outing/segment. No limit to how many segments you can do in a day. Membership fee is very competitively priced --- ZERO! Contact the coordinator of the club of your choice to sign up or get more information.

How to dress and what to bring on a winter hike:

- * Sturdy hiking shoes, ideally waterproof
- * Good thick wool or synthetic socks with a lightweight silk or synthetic inner sock
- * Dress in layers and bring a warm hat and gloves
- * Sunglasses if bright out
- * Lip balm (Chapstick, Blistex)
- * Rain gear if chance of rain
- * Day pack or fanny pack
- * Water and/or other fluids
- * Snacks and possibly lunch. (Hike description will indicate whether to bring lunch.)
- * Optional – Hiking poles and something to sit on (plastic bag, small piece of foam or stool)

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.

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 tee intersection. Turn right, then immediately left, and park.

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.

Moorestown Mall – Meet at big flagpole, front of Macy's, off Rt. 38. See May 10 entry.

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.

Kingston - Meet at Kingston Lock parking, off Rt. 27. Take I-295N / 95S to Exit 8 (Princeton Pike, Rt. 583) to Rt. 27 in Princeton. Follow Rt. 27, 3.3 miles to Kingston Lock parking on right.

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).

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.

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.

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.

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).

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

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

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

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

WALKING PACE DEFINITIONS

WALKING PACE

These are averages only; actual results may vary due to factors such 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 per mile	25 or more minutes	20-25 minutes	17-20 minutes	17 or less 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.

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.

BACKPACK TRIP RATING SYSTEM

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

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

The excitement of X/C skiing and snowshoeing is here, now! Don't be left behind. There is still room available on some trips. Please call the leader to be sure the trip is appropriate for you; and if you find that these winter sports thrill you, start thinking about the next season. Many of these trips are annual events, but for some of them the leader needs to arrange accommodations well in advance. In fact, it is not unusual that at the conclusion of a trip, the leader is asked to book the rooms for the following year and to place a deposit. So you will understand why some leaders ask you about next year even before this ski season ends.

Speaking of our leaders, we owe them debt of gratitude for their hard work. It's always nice at the end of a trip to hear people say to you "Thank you for putting the trip together. I had a good time".

A short list of our trips for this season follows here, but for more details and the latest updates go to our website www.ocsj.org and click on X/C skiing. Also, there are now a series of articles on the website aimed at information for the beginner. Why not take a look?

See you on the snow!

Eileen Greve, Chair for X/C ski and snowshoe
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skiing@ocsj.org

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| DEC. 27 TO JAN.1 | CRAFTSBURY, NORTHERN VERMONT. Refer to website. |
| DEC. 30 TO JAN.3 | PULASKI, NY NORTH OF SYRACUSE. Refer to website. |
| JAN. 8 TO 10 | PROSPECT MTN, BENNINGTON, VT. 2 nights. Free ski lessons. Dan McAuliffe, 215-630-7478. DNMLogistics@msn.com |
| JAN. 15 TO 18 | KEENE VALLEY, NY NEAR LAKE PLACID. MLK Weekend 3 nights. Ski or snowshoe. Leaders: Steve Bailey, 609-737-7138 sbailey@pds.org and Charlie Phy, 609-567-0221. chalphy@comcast.net . Can link to Stowe trip. |
| JAN. 16 TO 19 | MT. ORFORD, EASTERN CANADA. Ski report with 80 km trails, hotel with spa, indoor pool, etc. 3 nights includes, most meals. Can be linked to Stowe trip. Leader: Dan McAuliffe, 215-630-7478. DNMLogistics@msn.com |
| JAN. 17 TO 22 | STOWE, VT. 5 nights (option 4 or 3). My favorite place to ski! Leader: Eileen Greve, 609-267-3598. Egreve212@gmail.com |
| JAN. 22 TO 26 | LONDONDERRY, VT SOUTHERN VT. 4 nights economical. Currently filled. Leader: Eileen Greve, 609-267-3598 Egreve212@gmail.com . Can link to Stowe trip above. |
| JAN. 22 TO 24 | MOHONK SCOTTISH X/C WEEKEND. Enjoy the festivities of Scottish days at Mohonk Mtn. House. 2 nights lodging, some meals, X/C lessons. Leader: Dan McAuliffe, 215-630-7478. DNMLogistics@msn.com |
| JAN. 31 TO FEB. 3 | BLACKWATER FALLS LODGE, DAVIS, WV. 3 nights with most meals. Pool & hot tub. Ann & John Palaitis, 856-810-2487 palaitis@verizon.net |
| FEB. 5 TO 8 | COLONIAL HOUSE INN, WESTON, VT. New England charm in snowbelt area. <i>NEW PROCEDURE</i> - Call the inn directly to reserve, 1-800-639-5033. Leader: Phil Molodow, 856-428-7668. pmolodow@verizon.net |
| FEB. 12 to 15 | PULASKI, NY NORTH OF SYRACUSE. 2 or 3 nights. Presidents Day weekend. Great skiing in Snowbelt. Eileen Greve, 609-267-3598. Egreve21@verizon.net |
| FEB. 19 TO 21 | BOONVILLE, ON THE TUG HILL PLATEAU north of Rome, NY. Ski on BREIA trails, lessons. Dogsled race on Sunday. Dan McAuliffe, 215-630-7478 DNMLogistics@msn.com |
| MAR. 12 TO 14 | LAPLAND LAKES IN THE SOUTHERN ADIRONDACK MOUNTAINS, NEW YORK. 2 nights. Dan McAuliffe, 215-630-7478. DNMLogistics@msn.com |



JANUARY

"A cloudy day is no match for
a sunny disposition."



RESERVATIONS AND DEADLINES

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

WASHINGTON DC BUS TRIP & SELF-GUIDED TOUR. Hold the date May 1. Check website and Spring Trekker for details.

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR ALL X/CSKIING/SNOWSHOEING TRIPS.

BICYCLING ROAD COURSE - IN JUNE. See website for details.

NEW YEAR'S DAY HIKE. See January 1 entry.

NEW YEAR'S DAY ON THE OSWEGO RIVER. See January 1 entry.

PRINCETON MOUNTAIN LAKES. See January 9 entry.

MILLSTONE AQUEDUCT/ CARNEGIE LAKE, PRINCETON, NJ. See January 17 entry.

MERCER COUNTY CENTRAL PARK HIKE. See January 23 entry.

MOONLIGHT HIKE, CAMPFIRE AND CAMPOUT. See January 29 entry.

STONY BROOK – MILLSTONE WATERSHED NATURE PRESERVE HIKE. See February 6 entry.

ROSEDALE PARK HIKE. See February 13 entry.

SOCIAL GETAWAY WEEKEND AT AMC'S MOHICAN CTR, BLAIRSTOWN, NJ. See February 19-21 entry.

SOCIAL MOONLIGHT HIKE, CAMPFIRE AND CAMPOUT. See February 27 entry.

PENNYPACK AND LORIMER PARKS HIKE. See February 28 entry.

BALDPATE MOUNTAIN HIKE. See March 6 entry.

SOCIAL HIKE AND BIRTHDAY BRUNCH. See March 7 entry.

WASHINGTON CROSSING HIKE NJ. See March 14 entry.

APPALACHIAN TRAIL IN PENNSYLVANIA BACKPACK TRIP. See March 20-21 entry.

PENNYPACK PARK, NE PHILA. See March 27 entry.

MOONLIGHT HIKE, CAMPFIRE AND CAMPOUT. See March 27 entry.

Note various other trips require participants to contact leader to confirm participation.

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JANUARY 1

Friday

10:00 a.m.



NEW YEARS DAY HIKE. 8-9 miles, moderate pace. Start the New Year hiking! We'll hike around some familiar bogs. Bring lunch. Meet at Atsion. Leaders: Christine Denneler, 856-461-5379 and Pat Burton, 856-767-8064. Bad weather cancels/check ocsj.org.

JANUARY 1

Friday

10:00 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S DAY ON THE OSWEGO RIVER. Begin the New Year with the Outdoor Club of South Jersey. Meet at Lake Oswego and paddle one of the most beautiful Pineland rivers. Tailgate picnic after the paddle – bring something to share! Please contact leaders to confirm trip and your participation. Leaders: George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com

JANUARY 1

Friday

7:00 p.m.

***Recurring Every
Friday Night with
the Bakers***

FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. The ongoing, every Friday night, all year round, Friday night fitness hike; where we try to work up a sweat exploring the sand roads and trails of Brendan Byrne State Forest. Be prepared to walk at an average of 4 MPH, 15 minutes per mile pace with few breaks. Bring water and wear well broken in boots, shoes, or sneakers (sneakers are adequate in dry conditions). Socks are also important footwear with synthetics and wool being better at preventing blisters (avoid cotton socks). The first Friday of each month there is a dessert/dinner stop after the hike at a local restaurant. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com alison@mikebaker.com.

JANUARY 2

Saturday

9:00 a.m.

TYLER STATE PARK, PA. Approximately 10-12 miles, brisk pace. Hike on paved roads. This hike will be a challenge due to the hills and pace. New meeting place: Fisherman's parking lot. Rt. 332 to Newtown-Richboro Road. The parking lot is across the street from the Spring Garden Mill Playhouse. Bring snack and water. Leader: Beth Compagnucci, bcompagnucci@comcast.net or 973-879-0055.

JANUARY 3

Sunday

9:00 a.m.

SOCIAL HIKE APPLE PIE HILL. 7-8 miles. All are welcomed. Moderate pace. Hike the highest point in SJ for a great panoramic view of the pines. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after hike. NP/NC. Meet at Carranza Memorial parking lot, 6.7 miles SE of Tabernacle, Burl. Co., on Carranza Road. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 (evenings) pis1@cccnj.net. Inclement weather cancels.

JANUARY 3

Sunday

10:00 a.m.

***Individual
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PRINCETON BATTLEFIELD STATE PARK. A loop hike that includes the Institute Woods, and the D&R Canal. Moderate pace. 12 miles with a drop off point after 5 miles for those that wish to do less. The park is located on Mercer Road (Princeton Pike) 3.8 miles north from exit 8B of Rt. 95. Bring lunch to eat on the trail. Meet in the parking lot of the Battlefield. NP, FS, NC. Leaders: Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com & Beth Compagnucci, 973-879-0055 bcompagnucci@comcast.net.

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BARB'S CHERRY HILL MALL WALK. 3 or 4 miles or drop out anytime. Medium to brisk pace. Meet in front of Subway shop at the food court. Good exercise in a controlled environment with no cold, ice or snow and if you park on the second floor of the Parkade Building you will not be exposed to the weather coming or going. Leader Barb Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRay@aol.com

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JANUARY 7

Thursday
6:00 p.m.
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JANUARY 8

Friday
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JANUARY 9

Saturday
10:00 a.m.
*Individual
Registration
Required*

PRINCETON MOUNTAIN LAKES. 7-8 miles, moderate pace. This hike includes the Princeton Day School, and John Witherspoon Woods. We are very pleased to have Steve Bailey who teaches at Princeton Day to be our host/guide for this hike. From the turnpike exit 7B (route 206 north). Drive approximately five miles north on Route 206 to Elm Road. Turn left on Elm Road which becomes The Great Road. Proceed 1.6 miles and then turn left into the Princeton day School campus. Bring lunch or a snack to eat at the midway point. NP, NC, FS. Leaders: Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com.

JANUARY 9

Saturday
10:00 a.m.



LAND'S END HIKE. 8 miles, moderate pace. We'll be looking for a new way to Land's End, as we walk out that sometimes puddly road to our lunch stop, a pleasant place on the Mullica River. Bring lunch. From Atsion Lake go South on Rt. 206, two miles, turn left onto a wide dirt road at the break in the steel guard rail. Then go two miles on the dirt road to Boot Hill, White DEER club trailer for parking. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

JANUARY 10

Sunday
8:30 a.m.

HIKE WISSAHICKON GORGE. 8 miles moderate pace over hills and valleys. Hike the Gorge in late winter with its spectacular views. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after

hike. Proper hiking shoes required. Meet at 8:30 am in the rear parking lot of Crown Plaza Hotel (formerly Hilton Hotel) on Rt. 70, to carpool/caravan to site or meet 9:30am at Valley Green parking lot in park. NP/NC. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve or pis1@cccnj.net. Inclement weather cancels.

JANUARY 10

Sunday
10:30 a.m.

BATSTO-SLEEPER BRANCH. About 10 miles. Easy to moderate pace. Meet at Batsto Village parking for start of hike at 10:30 a.m. Depending on how the weather has been we will either splash or skate (or both) our way along the Sleeper Branch and its swamp. If we can make it all the way, we will cut south and head back along the Nescochague Creek forming a loop. If we are thwarted by the Sleeper, we will retreat and finish the hike around the Batsto area. Waterproof hiking boots, gators and hiking sticks are strongly recommended for this hike. Leader: Milt Cannan, 856-983-9076.

JANUARY 11

Monday
9:00 a.m.



WHITESBOG VILLAGE HIKE. 5-6 miles, moderate paced walk among the working cranberry bogs and along woodland roads and paths. Four legged hikers will be provided trail eats. We will have a short trailside snack break and be back in time for lunch near the General Store. Meet at the parking area across from the store. Leader: Faye, 732-363-9242, batonawalk@aol.com

JANUARY 13

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

YELLOW/PURPLE/GREEN TRAIL HIKE. 11 miles. Moderate pace (3mph). Meet Wednesday at Atsion. Bring lunch. Will hike the three trails mentioned in the title. 10 a.m. Meeting time. Should return about 3 p.m. Heavy rain or snow cancels. Leaders: Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817 and Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609.

JANUARY 13

Wednesday
4:00 p.m. (*Call*)
***Recurring Every
Wednesday Night***

LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE. 3 miles, moderate pace with several opportunities to opt out early. Meet at Washington Lake Park, 626 Hurffville Cross Keys Road, Sewell, NJ (Washington Township). Enter the park from either Greentree Road or Hurffville Cross Keys Road. Meet at the ranger station in the middle of the park. Restrooms may not be opened. Leader: Rick Galster, H: 856-256-0379, C: 856-449-6636 or retslager55@hotmail.com. Call prior to hike.

JANUARY 14

Thursday
6:00 p.m.
***Recurring Every
Thursday Night***

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Stop on the way home for a turn around The Cooper River Park. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, S. Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Boulevard cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill, 856-772-6465 or Geofneil@aol.com.

JANUARY 14

Thursday
7:30 p.m.



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

JANUARY 15

Friday
7:00 p.m.
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JANUARY 16

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

BELLEPLAIN STATE FOREST HIKE. 8-9 miles, moderate to brisk pace. Rich variety of habitats: Atlantic White Cedar and mixed hardwood swamps, oak-hickory forest, old fields, and freshwater lakes. Possible view of Bald Eagles. Meet at Belleplain Main Office. Just south of Route 550, near Woodbine (DMS 39° 14' 36.85" N 74° 50' 58.29" W) (www.nj.gov/dep/park-sandforests/parks/belle.html). NC/NP. Bring lunch and water. Bad weather cancels, call day of hike or check website (www.ocsj.org) to confirm. Leader: Scott eves, 609-805-1463, e-mail: cscotteves@gmail.com.

JANUARY 16

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

**MOORESTOWN LIBRARY TO STRAWBRIDGE LAKE HIKE.**

5 miles, easy to moderate pace. We start at the Moorestown Library and head to Strawbridge Lake and Waterwork woods. Bad weather or icy conditions cancels. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com.

JANUARY 17

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

**Individual
Registration
Required**

MILLSTONE AQUEDUCT/ CARNEGIE LAKE, PRINCETON, N.J. 12 miles or less drop out at any time. Moderate to brisk pace. We will walk north on the D&R towpath to Rocky Hill and then return to the parking site for brunch/ snacks. Then south on the towpath to Alexander Street and return. Take Route # 295 north toward Princeton/Trenton it will become Route #95. Take Exit 67A which will put you on Route #1 north. Continue on Route # 1 and after passing Harrison Street, after crossing the Millstone River, and after passing Scudder Mills Road exit, take the first U turn and head back south on Route #1. Turn right at the first street which is Mapleton Road. The entrance to the parking lot is on the left side of Mapleton Road, NP, FS, NC. Leaders: Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com and Beth Compagnucci, 973-879-0055, bcompagnucci@comcast.net.

JANUARY 17

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

BEAR SWAMP HILL HIKE. 9 miles, moderate pace. Hike to Bear Swamp Hill to find a second piece of the downed F-105 Thunderchief supersonic jet that struck a fire tower in 1971. Bring lunch. Meet at Oswego parking Lot. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792

JANUARY 17

Sunday
9:00 a.m.



CLASS C. FAMOUS BAGEL RIDE. 30 miles. Great ride in Burlington County with a bagel stop. Meet at Moorestown High School, Bridgeboro Road, Moorestown. Call in case of inclement weather. Leader: Fran H., 856-786-0048, e-Mail: franhorn@aol.com

JANUARY 18

Monday
10:00 a.m.

ATSION LOOP. 5 to 7 miles. Easy to moderate pace. Bring water & snack. Meet at Atsion for start of hike at 10:00 a.m. SHARP. This will be a loop hike incorporating the scenic Yellow Trail along the Mullica River. Leader: Milt Cannan, 856-983-9076.

JANUARY 20

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.



WILLINGBORO NATURE CENTER. 6 -7 miles, moderate pace, a loop hike that Includes Olympia Lakes, Crystal Lake and Mill Creek Park. Bring lunch to eat on the trail. Take route #130 north from route #73. The entrance is slightly less than 1 mile on the right after you cross Rancocos Creek. It is just beyond the intersection of Route 130 and Beverly Bridgeboro road and directly across from Willingboro RV sales. Look for

the sign and park in front of the iron fence. NP, NC, FS. Those wishing to do a couple of pre hike miles in the adjacent Pennington Park should be at the meeting place noted above at 9:00am Leaders: Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012. BarbnRayHikers@aol.com and Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, smallfluke@yahoo.com.

JANUARY 20

Wednesday
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JANUARY 23

Saturday
10:00 a.m.
***Individual
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MERCER COUNTY CENTRAL PARK HIKE. 12 miles or drop off after 5, moderate pace. Hiking boots recommended. A figure eight hike around Lake Mercer. Bring lunch to eat at the 5 mile stop. Take the N.J. Turnpike to Route 195 (exit 7A). Take Route 195 West about two miles to Route 130 (exit 5). Follow Route 130 North about 1 mile past a large shopping center to intersection with Routes 33/526 in Robbinsville. Turn left at intersection (traffic light) then right at next light (Rt. 526 Robbinsville-Edinburgh Road). From this point travel 3 miles to dead end at Route 535 (Edinburgh Road). Turn left on Route 535 and go just a bit to entrance of park on right. Enter and continue straight ahead slightly over one mile. The Marina driveway is on the right, across from Park Ranger headquarters. NP, NC, FS. Leaders: Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com.

JANUARY 24

Sunday
10:00 a.m.



SHANE BRANCH HIKE. 6 -miles at a MODERATE pace. Easy hike in the deep woods to visit a small pond and beautiful cedar swamp. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet at FRIENDSHIP. Leaders: Pat Burton, camperpat@hotmail, 856-767-8064 or Chris Dennele, 856 461 5379.

JANUARY 27

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

HIKE TO APPLE PIE HILL. 8-9 miles, moderate pace. A different approach to this South Jersey high point. We'll hike over sand roads and trails. Bring lunch. Meet at Carranza Memorial parking on Carranza Rd. Leaders: Christine Dennele, 856-461-5379 and Pat Burton, 857-767-8064. Bad weather cancels. Check www.ocsj.org

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JANUARY 29

Friday
7:00 p.m.

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JANUARY 29

Friday
7:00 p.m.

MOONLIGHT HIKE, CAMPFIRE AND CAMPOUT. 7 miles moderate pace. Hike the Pines under the Wolf Moon on a new route and return to a roaring campfire. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after hike. NC/NP. Meet at Atsion Lake, Burl. Co. From Rt. 206 take Atsion Road west 1 miles, go to Goshen Pond Group site sign turn left go to camping area. Camping is available, call to reserve space. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-463-3593 eve, or pis1@cccnj.net. Inclement weather cancels. Contact leader to confirm hike.

JANUARY 30

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

FRIENDSHIP. 10 miles, give or take at a moderate pace. Friendship, in life as well as hikes, can be unpredictable. You may be cruising along and suddenly, Trouble! Beavers and their dams, beautiful but wild bogs, make for a scenic, but dicey, jaunt. As always when hiking here, bring dry clothing just in case. If we're lucky, a frigid January will have made it all academic. Could be wet, Normal stops, Well-behaved pets OK. NC. Normal stops. Meeting place: Friendship. @ 3miles past the Carranza Memorial on Carranza Road. Leader: George Galcik, 856-783-8329, georgegalcik@comcast.net.

JANUARY 30

Saturday
7:30 p.m.



MOONLIGHT JAUNT. 7-8 miles, moderate pace. First full moon of 2010. Come out and enjoy the Wolf Moon. Dress in appropriate warm clothing. Meet at Atsion. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

JANUARY 31

Sunday
8:00 a.m.

COOPER RIVER AND ADJOINING PARKS HIKE. 6-7 miles, moderate/brisk pace. A "get-it-over-early" loop hike. There is the option to have brunch with us afterwards at a nearby Old Country Buffet. Meet at the National Guard Armory parking lot at Park Avenue and Grove St. in Cherry Hill. This meeting place is one block from the intersection of Rt. 70 and Haddonfield Road/Grove St. This intersection is at the corner of the old Garden State Racetrack and has a Chili's Bar and Grill. NP, NC, FS. Leaders: Barb & Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012,

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JANUARY 31

Sunday
9:00 a.m.

OVER HILL AND DALE TO WEBBS MILLS. 11-13 miles, moderate pace. Walk along some nearly forgotten trails and routes between Wheatland and Webbs Mills. Meet at the railroad crossing at Bullock (intersection of Pasadena, Savoy and Mt Misery Roads in Woodland Township) on the southern fringe of Brendan Byrne SF. Leader: Jay Schoss, 908 692-5765 email: walkinginmud@aol.com.



FEBRUARY

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RESERVATIONS AND DEADLINES

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

WASHINGTON DC BUS TRIP & SELF-GUIDED TOUR. Hold the date May 1. Check website and Spring Trekker for details.

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR ALL X/CSKIING/SNOWSHOEING TRIPS.

BICYCLING ROAD COURSE - IN JUNE. See website for details.

STONY BROOK - MILLSTONE WATERSHED NATURE PRESERVE HIKE. See February 6 entry.

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BALDPATE MOUNTAIN HIKE. See March 6 entry.

SOCIAL HIKE AND BIRTHDAY BRUNCH. See March 7 entry.

WASHINGTON CROSSING HIKE NJ. See March 14 entry.

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FEBRUARY 7

Sunday
10:00 a.m.



BELLEPLAIN STATE FOREST HIKE. 8-9 miles, moderate to brisk pace. Rich variety of habitats: Atlantic White Cedar and mixed hardwood swamps, oak-hickory forest, old fields, and freshwater lakes. Possible view of Bald Eagles. Meet at Belleplain Main Office, just south of Route 550, near Woodbine (DMS 39° 14' 36.85" N 74° 50' 58.29" W) (www.nj.gov/dep/park-sandforests/parks/belle.html). NC/NP. Bring lunch and water. Bad weather cancels, call day of hike or check website (www.ocsj.org) to confirm. Leader: Scott eves, 609-805-1463, e-mail: cscotteves@gmail.com.

FEBRUARY 7

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

SOCIAL TUNDRA SWAN HIKE. 6 miles, moderate pace. All are welcomed. Hike the wintry beauty among ponds filled with Tundra Swans. Bring binoculars. Dress for the cold weather. NP/NC. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after hike. Meet at Whitesbog Village parking lot. Take Rt. 70 east to Rt. 530 north (Browns Mills/Ft Dix) go 1 mile, turn right onto Whitesbog Road go to parking lot. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve, pis1@cccnj.net. Inclement weather cancels.

FEBRUARY 10

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

HIKE TO BUCK RUN. 7-8 miles, moderate pace. We'll hike to this pretty little pine barren stream, with views of the Oswego river on the way back. Bring lunch. Meet at Harrisville Pond. Rt. 679. Leaders: Christine Denneker, 856-461-5379 and Pat Burton 856-767-8064. Bad weather cancels / check <http://ocsj.org/>.

FEBRUARY 10

Wednesday
4:00 p.m. (*Call*)
***Recurring Every
Wednesday***

LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE. 3 miles, moderate pace with several opportunities to opt out early. Meet at Washington Lake Park, 626 Hurffville Cross Keys Road, Sewell, NJ (Washington Township). Enter the park from either Greentree Rd. or Hurffville Cross Keys Road. Meet at the ranger station in the middle of the park. Restrooms may not be opened. Leader: Rick Galster, H: 856-256-0379, C: 856-449-6636 or retslager55@hotmail.com. Call prior to hike.

FEBRUARY 11

Thursday
6:00 p.m.
***Recurring Every
Thursday Night***

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Stop on the way home for a turn around The Cooper River Park. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, S. Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Boulevardcancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neil, 856-772-6465 or Geofneil@aol.com.

FEBRUARY 11

Thursday
7:30 p.m.



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

FEBRUARY 12

Friday
7:00 p.m.
***Recurring Every
Friday Night with
the Bakers***

FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See JANUARY 1 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com.

FEBRUARY 13

Saturday, 10 a.m.

ROSEDALE PARK HIKE. 5 or 12 miles, moderate pace. A Pennington, NJ figure eight loop hike that includes Rosedale

***Individual
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Required***

Park, the Mercer County Equestrian Center, and the Pole Farm. This 1300 acre area includes three streams, a lake, two ponds and lots of wildlife. This can be a challenging hike depending on the conditions of the terrain. There will be some off-trail walking, so hiking boots are recommended. Bring lunch to eat at the half way point. Meet at the main parking lot by the lake near the children's playground. Use Mapquest – 420 Federal City Road, Pennington, NJ or the following directions: Take Rt. 95 to Rt. 31 N (exit 4) and proceed for 1.3 miles to Rt. 546, which comes in from the right. There is a large gas station and a sign "to Lawrenceville" on the corner. Turn right and go straight ahead for 1.8 miles. (This road is Rt. 546 for a block, and then turns into Blackwell Road). The road dead ends into Federal City Road. Turn left and go 3/10 of a mile to the park entrance on the right (sharp curve). There is a large sign at the entrance to the park. NP, NC, FS. Leaders: Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com and Beth Compagnucci, 973-879 0055. bcompagnucci@comcast.net.

FEBRUARY 14

Sunday
9:00 a.m.



HIKE TO NORTH BRANCH. 12-13 miles, moderate to brisk. Walk sand roads, trails and paths to the abandoned cranberry bogs on North Branch through less hiked portions of this State Forest. Meet at the railroad crossing at Bullock (intersection of Pasadena, Savoy and Mt. Misery Roads in Woodland Township) on the southern fringe of Brendan Byrne SF. Leader: Jay Schoss, 908 692-5765, walkinginmud@aol.com.

FEBRUARY 15

Monday
10:00 a.m.

THE OTHER SIDE OF FRIENDSHIP. 5 to 7 miles. Bring water & snack. Meet at Friendship ruins for start of hike at 10:00 a.m. SHARP. We'll explore in the less visited areas to the north and east of the ruins. For the more adventurous Monday hiker. There may be some bushwhacking and wet areas. Leader: Milt Cannan, 856-983-9076.

FEBRUARY 17

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

WILLINGBORO NATURE CENTER. 6-7 miles, moderate pace, a loop hike that Includes Olympia Lakes, Crystal Lake and Mill Creek Park. Bring lunch to eat on the trail. Take route #130 north from route #73. The entrance is slightly less than 1 mile on the right after you cross Rancocos Creek. It is just beyond the intersection of Route 130 and Beverly Bridgeboro road and directly across from Willingboro RV sales. Look for the sign and park in front of the iron fence. NP, NC, FS. Those wishing to do a couple of pre hike miles in the adjacent Pennington Park should be at the meeting place noted above at 9:00 a.m. Leaders: Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com and Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, smallfluke@yahoo.com.

FEBRUARY 17

Wednesday
4:00 p.m. (*Call*)
***Recurring Every
Wednesday Night***

LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE. 3 miles, moderate pace with several opportunities to opt out early. Meet at Washington Lake Park, 626 Hurffville Cross Keys Road, Sewell, NJ (Washington Township). Enter the park from either Greentree Rd. or Hurffville Cross Keys Road. Meet at the ranger station in the middle of the park. Restrooms may not be opened. Leader: Rick Galster, H: 856-256-0379, C: 856-449-6636 or retslager55@hotmail.com. Call prior to hike.

FEBRUARY 18

Thursday

6:00 p.m.

***Recurring Every
Thursday Night***

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Stop on the way home for a turn around The Cooper River Park. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, S. Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Boulevard cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill, 856-772-6465 or Geofneil@aol.com.

FEBRUARY 19

Friday

7:00 p.m.

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FEBRUARY 19-21

Friday-Sunday

A SOCIAL GETAWAY WEEKEND AT AMC'S MOHICAN CENTER, BLAIRSTOWN, NJ. Enjoy an all inclusive weekend in a rustic lodge, with modern amenities, situated in the mountains of Northern Jersey. We will do a hike along the Appalachian Trail on the Coppermine and Rattlesnake trails with their great vistas into the valley. We will do a short hike the next day to explore old mining caves. Cost will be dependent on number of participants and will cover food and lodging. Snow is a possibility, bring snowshoes and cc skies. Limited openings, contact leader now! Payment due by December 31. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 evenings or pis1@cccnj.net

FEBRUARY 20

Saturday

10:00 a.m.

HARRISVILLE POND. 10 miles, moderate pace. This hike will take place around Harrisville Pond, a bog, and along a river, with perhaps a lunch stop at a hidden grave site (if the occupant hasn't moved.) We will hike on a short portion on the Batona Trail. The rest a mix of sand road and forest trails. The trail will be probably dry with normal stops. Well-behaved pets OK. NC. No planned bushwhacking. Meet at Harrisville. Leader: George Galcik, 856-783-8329, georgegalcik@comcast.net.

FEBRUARY 20

Saturday

10:00 a.m.



BATONA AND HIGH CROSSING. 5 miles, moderate pace. Meandering walking by the Batona campground and High Crossing. Meet at Carranza. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com.

FEBRUARY 21

Sunday

10:00 a.m.

TWO BRIDGES HIKE. 8-10 miles. A little bushwhacking possible to find that long narrow, shaky but exciting bridge. Bring lunch. Meet at Atsion. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

FEBRUARY 21

Sunday

10:45 a.m.

ESTELL MANOR HIKE. About 10 miles. Easy to moderate pace. Meet at Atlantic County Parks – Estell Manor Nature Center on NJ Rt. 50 (about 4 miles south of May's Landing) for start of hike at 10:45 a.m. We'll explore this 1700 acre park bordered on the east by the South and Great Egg Harbor Rivers and on the west by Rt. 50. This Atlantic County Park has an extensive trail network with a couple miles of boardwalk through the real swampy areas. The nature center has a lot of information on the area. Possible wet areas. Leader: Milt Cannan, 856-983-9076.

FEBRUARY 21

Sunday
9:00 A.M.



CLASS C. FAMOUS BAGEL RIDE. 30 miles. Great ride in Burlington County with a bagel stop. Meet at Moorestown High School, Bridgeboro Road, Moorestown. Call incase of inclement weather. Leader: Fran H., 856-786-0048, e-Mail: franhorn@aol.com

FEBRUARY 24

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

THREE PARK HIKE. 7 miles, moderate/brisk pace. A Pennsauken, NJ loop hike that includes Cooper River Park, Neuton Lake Park, and Knight's Park. Bring lunch to eat on the trail. Meet in the parking lot of the Lobster Trap restaurant on North Cuthbert Blvd. Take Rt. 130 to Cuthbert Boulevard. Go south on Cuthbert to the first light, which is North Park Drive. Turn right and go to the restaurant parking lot, about half a mile on the left. NP, FS, NC. Leaders: Barb&Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com& Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, smallfluke@yahoo.com.

FEBRUARY 24

Wednesday
4:00 p.m. (Call)
*Recurring Every
Wednesday*

LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE. 3 miles, moderate pace with several opportunities to opt out early. Meet at Washington Lake Park, 626 Hurffville Cross Keys Road, Sewell, NJ (Washington Township). Enter the park from either Greentree Road or Hurffville Cross Keys Road. Meet at the ranger station in the middle of the park. Restrooms may not be opened. Leader: Rick Galster, H: 856-256-0379, C: 856-449-6636 or retslager55@hotmail.com. Call prior to hike.

FEBRUARY 25

Thursday
6:00 p.m.
*Recurring Every
Thursday Night*

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Stop on the way home for a turn around The Cooper River Park. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, S. Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Boulevard cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill, 856-772-6465 or Geofneil@aol.com.

FEBRUARY 26

Friday
7:00 p.m.
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FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See JANUARY 1 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com.

FEBRUARY 27

Saturday
9:00 a.m.

PINK, WHITE AND RED HIKE. 14-15 miles, more than moderate pace. Using only blazed trails, we will walk the large loop following portions of the Batona, Cranberry and Mount Misery trails. Bring food, plenty of fluids and a fit walking body. Meet at Pakim Pond at Brendan Byrne SF. Leader: Jay Schoss, 908-692-5765, walkinginmud@aol.com.

FEBRUARY 27

Saturday
7:00 p.m.



SOCIAL MOONLIGHT HIKE, CAMPFIRE AND CAMPOUT. 6-7 miles. Moderate pace. Hike over roads and trails lit by the Pink moon with a campfire at end. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after hike. Overnite camping is available Friday & Saturday. Call leader to reserve space. NP/NC. Meet at parking area opposite Group campsite area, Bryne State Forest, enter forest off Rt. 72, 1 mile E. of jct. Rts. 70&72. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593, eve, or pis1@cccnj.net. Inclement weather cancels.

FEBRUARY 27

Saturday
7:30 p.m.



FULL MOON HIKE. 7 -8 miles, moderate pace. Savor a full moon breaking through pine trees and reflecting off white sand or snow. Meet at Atsion. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

FEBRUARY 28

Sunday
10:00 a.m.
**Individual
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Required**

PENNYPACK AND LORIMER PARKS HIKE. 6 or 11 miles, moderate pace. A figure eight hike through the parks. Bring lunch; we will eat lunch at the halfway point. Meet at the Pennypack Park parking lot off Pine Road. This meeting place is about 20 minutes from the Tacony Palmyra Bridge. Come over the bridge and take the second right at the base onto State Road (Rt. 73). (From there it is 1.7 miles to Rhawn Street). Stay to the left when you come to the fork in the road. Turn left onto Rhawn Street and drive approx 4 miles to where the street dead ends into Huntington Pike. Pine Road is the first street on the right. There is a Dunkin Doughnuts on the corner. Turn right onto Pine Road and go slightly over 1 mile to the entrance of the parking lot on the right, just before you cross Pennypack Creek. NP, FS, NC. Leaders: Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com.



MARCH

*"Your expression is the most important
thing you can wear."*



RESERVATIONS AND DEADLINES

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

WASHINGTON DC BUS TRIP & SELF-GUIDED TOUR. Hold the date May 1. Check website and Spring Trekker for details.

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR ALL X/CSKIING/SNOWSHOEING TRIPS.

BICYCLING ROAD COURSE - IN JUNE. See website for details.

BALDPATE MOUNTAIN HIKE. See March 6 entry.

SOCIAL HIKE AND BIRTHDAY BRUNCH. See March 7 entry.

WASHINGTON CROSSING HIKE NJ. See March 14 entry.

APPALACHIAN TRAIL IN PENNSYLVANIA BACKPACK TRIP. See March 20-21 entry.

PENNYPACK PARK, NE PHILA. See March 27 entry.

MOONLIGHT HIKE, CAMPFIRE AND CAMPOUT. See March 27 entry.

**Note various trips require participants to contact
leader to confirm participation.**

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

**CYCLISTS JOIN THE GOOGLE GROUPS FOR THE LATEST
TRIP INFORMATION.**

FOR DETAILS GO TO THE BICYCLING HOME PAGE.

MARCH 2

Tuesday
9:00 a.m.



BARB'S CHERRY HILL MALL WALK. 3 or 4 miles or drop out anytime. Medium / brisk pace. Meet in front of Subway shop at the food court. Good exercise in a controlled environment with no cold, ice or snow and if you park on the second floor of the Parkade Building you will not be exposed to the weather coming or going. Leader: Barb Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRay@aol.com.

MARCH 3

Wednesday

10 a.m.



PALMYRA NATURE CENTER HIKE. 6-7 miles, moderate /brisk pace. A loop hike. Take Route 73 North to the light across from Kerbeck Auto and turn right. Follow the signs to the Nature Center. Meet in the parking lot at the Center. NP, FS, NC. For those who wish to do an additional pre-hike 3 miles meet at the Riverton Yacht Club at 9:10 and we will walk to the Nature Center. The Yacht Club is on a pier extending into the River at the end of Main Street (603) in Riverton. Leaders: Barb & Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRay@aol.com and Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, smallfluke@yahoo.com.

MARCH 3

Wednesday

4:00 p.m. (Call)

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Wednesday***

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MARCH 4

Thursday

6:00 p.m.

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MARCH 5

Friday

7:00 p.m.

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MARCH 6

Saturday

10:00 a.m.

***Individual
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Required***

BALDPATE MOUNTAIN HIKE. 7-8 miles, moderate pace. This is a loop hike. The hike site is located about two miles from Washington Crossing Park in NJ and is the highest point in Mercer County. This is the first training hike in a series of three for the APRIL APEX however all are welcome. Our guide Steve Bailey will give us a workout similar to last year that will help us prepare for the big one. NP, FS, NC. Bring lunch to eat on the trail. Take Route # 29 north to the light at the entrance to Washington Crossing Park. Go 2 miles straight ahead on Route #29 to Fiddler's creek road. Turn right on Fiddler's creek and go a short distance to the second entrance on the left. Leaders: Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com Beth Compagnucci, 973-879-0055, bcompagnucci@comcast.net.

MARCH 6

Saturday

10:30 a.m.

CORE CREEK PARK - BUCKS COUNTY, PA. About 7 miles. Easy to moderate pace. Meet at the Core Creek Park Tollgate Road Entrance parking lot (first lot on the left after entering the park) for start of hike at 10:30 a.m. Tollgate Road runs east off of PA Rt. 413 about 2 miles north of Langhorne (intersection of Rts. 413 & 213). We will hike around the lake and its environs in this Bucks County park. Possible wet areas. Leader: Milt Cannan, 856-983-9076.

MARCH 7

Sunday
9:30 a.m.



SOCIAL HIKE AND BIRTHDAY BRUNCH. 5 miles, moderate pace. Hike between two rivers in late winter, wildlife sighting possible. Then help celebrate the leader's birthday as we enjoy an all you can eat buffet at Renault Winery Restaurant. NC/NP. Meet at Atsion Office on Rt. 206. Between Hammonton and Red Lion Circle, Burl. Co. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve. or pis1@cccnj.net. Limited seating, call early to reserve place. Inclement weather cancels.

MARCH 7

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MARCH 7

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

WASHINGTON CROSSING, PA. 8 miles, moderate pace. Good views from High Cliffs. Meet at visitor's parking lot, Washington Crossing Park, PA. side off Rt. 32 for a caravan to trailhead, Can carpool if you want. We may see whitewater kayakers and technical climbers. Bring lunch. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

MARCH 10

Wednesday
4:00 p.m. (Call)
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MARCH 11

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MARCH 13

Saturday
9:00 a.m.

LEADER'S CHOICE. 8-12 miles at a moderate pace. Based on conditions and whim, this will be an exploration with a strong possibility of bushwhacking. The walk could cover any part of Brendan Byrne SF and Greenwood WMA within five miles of the

start. Meet at the railroad crossing at Bullock (intersection of Pasadena, Savoy and Mt Misery Roads in Woodland Township) on the southern fringe of Brendan Byrne SF. Leader: Jay Schoss, 908-692-5765, walkinginmud@aol.com.

MARCH 14

Sunday
10:00 am

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WASHINGTON CROSSING HIKE NJ. 15.5 miles, moderate pace. A loop hike along the NJ and PA sides of the D&R Canal and Delaware River.. Bring lunch to eat on the trail. Meet at the Washington Crossing Parking lot on the NJ side. Take Route I-295 N/I-95 S to last exit on NJ side. Take Rt. 29 N to the traffic light at Washington Crossing Park and turn left. Make a sharp right (before crossing the bridge) into the parking lot. This is the second in a series of three training hikes for the APRIL APEX however all are welcome NP, NC, FS. Leaders: Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRay@aol.com. Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, smallfluke@yahoo.com, Beth Compagnucci, 973-879-0055, bcompagnucci@comcast.net.

MARCH 15

Monday
9:30 a.m.

THE OTHER JACKSON ROAD & CEDAR RUN WILDLIFE REFUGE. About 5 miles. Easy to moderate pace. We'll try again this year. Last year we had almost a foot of snow!!! We will hike in the environs of the Jackson Road, which runs between Tuckerton Road and Atco, including the loop trail in the Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge. This is a good chance to see this refuge dedicated to the preservation of wildlife. A \$2.00 per person donation to the refuge will be collected. Meet at the rear parking area (just off Jackson Road, about 2.8 miles south of Tuckerton Road or about 3.2 miles north of Rt. 534) of Woodford-Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge for start of hike at 9:30 A.M. SHARP. If coming in from the Sawmill Road (west) entrance, do not park in the area in front of the Nature Center but proceed to the next area. NP. Leader: Milt Cannan, 856-983-9076.

MARCH 17

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

LUNCH IN HADDONFIELD. 8 miles, moderate pace. A loop hike through several Cooper River parks with a stop at a pizza pie restaurant for lunch. Meet at the National Guard Armory parking lot at Park Avenue and Grove Street in Cherry Hill. This meeting place is one block south from intersection of Rt. 70 and Haddonfield Road/Grove Street. This intersection is at the corner of the old Garden State Racetrack NP, FS, NC. Leaders: Barb&Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, smallfluke@yahoo.com.

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MARCH 20

Saturday

10:00 a.m.

FRIENDSHIP AND BULL'S BRANCH. 5 miles, moderate pace. Walk along the old bogs on the Bull's Branch of the Tulpehocken Creek. Meet at Friendship. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com.

MARCH 20

Saturday

10:00 a.m.

ROUND VALLEY. 9-10 miles, moderate pace. Good hilly hiking around one of NJ's longest and deepest man made reservoir. Meet at Round Valley trailhead parking, south lot near the boat ramp. From S.J. take Rt. 31 to Rt. 22 in Lebanon. Follow signs to park entrance. Allow drive time. Bring lunch. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

MARCH 20-21

Sat.-Sun.

APPALACHIAN TRAIL IN PENNSYLVANIA BACKPACK TRIP - 15 miles. Intermediate. Wind Gap to Delaware Water Gap. See Wolf Rocks, Fox Gap, Lake Lenape & the Delaware Water Gap. Saturday night camping at the Kirkridge Shelter. Max 8 people. Hike Leader: Kevin Drevik, 856-778-3817 kdrevik@aol.com

MARCH 21

Sunday

9:30 a.m.

BATONA TRAIL MAINTENANCE. In conjunction with the Batona Hiking Club. An easy work trip to help keep the section of the Batona Trail from Ong's Hat to Batsto in top shape. Bring lunch and clipping tools (if you have them, or use Batona's). Depending on the number of people that show up, we'll separate into groups of four, each assigned to approximately 6 to 8 mile sections of the trail. Since opening in 1961 as a 30-mile trail, it has become a well-used part of New Jersey's trail system. With the help of volunteers like you, the trail has grown to 50 miles. Meet at the Red Lion Diner parking lot (west side) at the circle – intersection of Rts. 70 and 206 at 9:30 a.m. Leader: Milt Cannan, 856-983-9076.

MARCH 21

Sunday

9:00 a.m.



CLASS C. FAMOUS BAGEL RIDE. 30 miles. Great ride in Burlington County with a bagel stop. Meet at Moorestown High School, Bridgeboro Road, Moorestown. Call incase of inclement weather. Leader: Fran H., 856-786-0048, e-Mail: franhorn@aol.com

MARCH 22

Monday

9:00 a.m.

WHITESBOG VILLAGE HIKE. 5-6 miles, moderate paced walk among the working cranberry bogs and along woodland roads and paths. Four legged hikers will be provided trail eats. We will have a short trailside snack break and be back in time for lunch near the General Store. Meet at the parking area across from the store. Leader: Faye, 732-363-9242. batonawalk@aol.com.

MARCH 24

Wednesday

10:00 a.m.

ATSION EXTENDED. 6-7 miles, moderate pace. We'll hike around the lake to a favorite lunch spot. Bring lunch. Meet at

Atsion off Rt. 206. Leaders: Christine Denneler, 856-461-5379 and Pat Burton, 856-767-8064. Bad weather cancels/check ocsj.org.

MARCH 24

Wednesday
4:00 p.m. (Call)
**Recurring Every
Wednesday**

LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE. 3 miles, moderate pace with several opportunities to opt out early. Meet at Washington Lake Park, 626 Hurffville Cross Keys Road, Sewell, NJ (Washington Township). Enter the park from either Greentree Road or Hurffville Cross Keys Road. Meet at the ranger station in the middle of the park. Restrooms may not be opened. Leader: Rick Galster, H: 856-256-0379, C: 856-449-6636 or retslager55@hotmail.com. Call prior to hike.

MARCH 25

Thursday
6:00 p.m.
**Recurring Every
Thursday Night**



ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Stop on the way home for a turn around The Cooper River Park. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, S. Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Boulevard cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill 856-772-6465 or Geofneil@aol.com.

MARCH 26

Friday
7:00 p.m.
**Recurring Every
Friday Night with
the Bakers**

FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See JANUARY 1 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com.

MARCH 27

Saturday
9:00 a.m.
**Individual
Registration
Required**



PENNYPACK PARK, NE PHILADELPHIA. 18 to 20 miles Loop Hike. Moderate pace. Bring lunch to eat on the trail. **NOTE EARLY START TIME.** Meet at the parking lot off Rhawn Street by the small stone building. This meeting place is only about 5 minutes from the Tacony Palmyra bridge. Come over the bridge and take the second right at the base, which is State Road (Route 73). From this point it is 1.7 miles to Rhawn Street. Stay to the left (New State Road) when you come to the fork in the road. Continue on New State Road until you see Rhawn Street on your left. Turn left on Rhawn and go about 1.6 miles to entrance of the park on your left. This is the third and final hike in the training series for the APRIL APEX however, all are welcome. Leaders: Barb&Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012. BarbnRay@aol.com Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817. smallfluke@yahoo.com.

MARCH 27

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

BATSTO TO QUAKER BRIDGE. 12 miles, moderate pace. We will hike the yellow trail out to Quaker Bridge. We will hike the Batona and Batsto Lake trails back. A pretty hike with a variety of terrains. Scenic views of river and stream. Also look for the Quaker Bridge Turkey. I've seen him every time I've hiked there. It means good luck! Hike Conditions: Should be dry. Normal stops, Well-behaved pets OK. NC. Meet at Batsto. Leader: George Galcik, 856-783-8329, georgegalcik@comcast.net.

MARCH 27

Saturday
7:00 p.m.



MOONLIGHT HIKE, CAMPFIRE AND CAMPOUT. 7 miles, moderate pace. Enjoy a spring moonlight hike in the Pines under the Worm Moon on a new route and return to a roaring campfire. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after hike. NC/NP. Meet at Atsion Lake, Burl. Co. From Rt. 206 take

Atsion Road. est 1 miles, go to Goshen Pond Group site sign turn left go to camping area. Camping is available; call to reserve space. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-463-3593 eve. or pis1@cccnj.net. Inclement weather cancels.

MARCH 27
Saturday
7:30 p.m.



FULL CROW MOON HIKE. 7-8 miles, moderate pace. When the cawing of the crows signals the end of winter. First night hike after the vernal equinox. Hope for warmer nights and the sounds of whippoorwills. Meet at Atsion. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

MARCH 28
Sunday
10:00 a.m.

HOT DOG HIKE. 6-7 miles at a moderate pace. After the hike we will stay and sizzle hot dogs, socialize-make new friends. Hot dogs and condiments will be provided; bring a dish or dessert to share. Meet at BASS RIVER STATE PARK--LAKE ABSEGAMI PARKING LOT AT THE LAKE. Leaders: Chef Pat Burton, 856-767-8064, Camperpat@hotmail.com, Christine Dennele, 856-461-5379, Toni, 609-652-0112 and Jan, 609-404-4990.

MARCH 31
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

TRAIL MAINTENANCE AT UNEXPECTED WILDLIFE REFUGE. Light trail work to waterproof existing signs and clip overgrown brush around them. Bring lunch, beverage and clippers. Leader will provide paint brushes. Call or e-mail leader for directions. Pat Burton, 856-767- 8064. camperpat@hotmail.com

MARCH 31
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

COOPER RIVER AND ADJOINING PARKS HIKE. 6 or 12 miles, moderate pace. A Cherry Hill, NJ figure eight hike. Bring lunch to eat on the trail. Meet at the National Guard Armory parking lot at Park Avenue and Grove Street in Cherry Hill. This meeting place is one block from the intersection of Rt. 70 and Haddonfield Road/Grove St. This intersection is at the corner of the old Garden State Racetrack and has a Chili's Bar and Grill. NP, NC, FS. Leaders: Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com. Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, smallfluke@yahoo.com.

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