



OUTDOOR CLUB of
SOUTH JERSEY

TREKKER FALL 2017



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FOR LATEST TRIP INFORMATION.

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Outdoor Club of South Jersey

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The Outdoor Club of South Jersey, Inc., is an organization dedicated to providing opportunities for extending the individual's knowledge, appreciation and enjoyment of his or her environment through experiences in outdoor activities. The Club offers a twelve month program of activities designed for all ages and levels of ability and interest, and as is feasible with available leadership. The Club is open to all persons regardless of age or place of residence.

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The officers and members of the Board of Trustees actively seek and welcome your comments, suggestions or recommendations towards the fulfillment of our aims and objectives. Our progress and success are dependent upon the quality and effectiveness of our leadership. Your participation in activities, committees, or in programs and projects is solicited. When you have questions, need further clarification, or require additional details, you are welcome to call the pertinent committee chairman.

MEETINGS

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



READ SPECIAL NOTICE BELOW.

The Outdoor Club of South Jersey has transitioned to Wild Apricot for our Membership Management. Please login to ocsj.wildapricot.org to join or see your current information. You can pay online via PayPal. PayPal link will allow you to pay with a credit card whether or not you have a PayPal account. Of course, you may also use your PayPal account if you have one.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The use of checks for membership payment will continue. The new mailing address is **P.O. Box 46, Atco, NJ 08004**. The Club will no longer send membership cards for new or renewed memberships. We will notify you of expiring membership by E-mail.

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS: THIS SPRING 2017 TREKKER WAS THE FINAL "MAILED" ISSUE. Changing habits have lead to this decision.

SPECIAL NOTICE: Starting with this Summer Issue Trekker, a printed version will be available at the Print Shop, 908 N White Horse Pike, Stratford, NJ 08084 and other locations TBA. The Trekker will also be available online. We encourage everyone to join the various Club meetup groups.

OCSJ Non-member Participation Policy

1. OCSJ is a member organization. Membership funds pay for insurance and other Club overhead. However, prospective members and guests of OCSJ members may try one regular activity from each of our activity sections without joining. Thereafter they must join to be eligible for the hundreds of activities and events available every year.

2. Participants on trips which charge money must be members of OCSJ, except where the trip is a joint trip** with another club and the participant is a member of that club. Members of OCSJ may bring guests on a day trip charging money. Participants on overnight trips charging money must always be an OCSJ member.

***Joint trips will only be permitted if the other entity has liability insurance. Proof of the coverage must be obtained by the OCSJ leader. Overnight activities, which charge money, require all participants to be OCSJ members.*

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

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

Bicycling X/C Skiing Meetup site: meetup.com/Outdoor-Club-of-South-Jersey

Canoeing Meetup site: 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.

Paddlers - During months of Nov. thru March, paddlers must wear wet or dry suits subject to approval of leaders. We would encourage everyone to check our websites for updates. Since trips are posted months in advance changes may occur including additions. Some activities may require limits on participation due to safety concerns and potential participants should RSVP.

1000, 750 and 500 Mile Hiking Clubs for 2017

You should consider joining our Grand Mile Club. Our goal is to walk, jog, hike 1000 miles each calendar year. Get all the details from Bill Poulson at wpoul42@gmail.com or 856-983-7609. We also have 500 and 750 mile clubs. If those better suit you, contact Bill Schaefer weschaefer@verizon.net, or Vera Stek verastek@verizon.net

TRAIL MAINTENANCE

The hiking trails our club enjoys are available primarily due to 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 Rosemarie Mason for what needs to be done. You can contact Rosemarie at romason@comcast.net.

NEW THIS YEAR JOIN THE 300, 400 & 500 MILE PADDLERS' CLUBS

Any kayak trip counts with any group or individual.

The miles are sent in first week of January 2018,
but the last trip is December 31 2017.

The people who do not make the 300, 400 or 500 miles,
but turn in miles will get honorable mention on the website.

For details contact Ericka Blank
powerofpink58@verizon.net or text 856-364-6029.

FOR LEADERS

Leaders should review items under "For Leaders" on the 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 the event involves more than 1 activity **NO LATER THAN EACH CALENDAR QUARTER** with few exceptions which are listed on website under "For Leaders".

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 in with the leader at each activity.

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 south-east 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 south-east 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 Bridge - 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 #340 A. 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 north-east 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 south-east 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.



A MESSAGE FROM THE CANOEING/KAYAKING CHAIR

During months of November thru March paddlers must wear wet or dry suits subject to approval of leaders.



Consider becoming 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, Horner71@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.)

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The OCSJ Follows the Leave No Trace Principles.

Leave No Trace is a national and international program designed to assist outdoor enthusiasts with their decisions about how to reduce their impacts when they hike, camp, picnic, snowshoe, run, bike, hunt, paddle, ride horses, fish, ski or climb.

The program strives to educate all those who enjoy the outdoors about the nature of their recreational impacts as well as techniques to prevent and minimize such impacts.



leave no trace™

The Seven Principles

- Plan Ahead and Prepare
- Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
- Dispose of Waste Properly
- Leave What You Find
- Respect Wildlife
- Be Considerate of Other Visitors
- Minimize Campfire Impacts

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.

MEMBERSHIP& RENEWAL INFORMATION

1. A notice of expiring membership will be e-mailed to you.
2. If your address has changed, please indicate new e-mail address. If you move, please file a change of address card with us.
3. Keep your membership current. Memberships must be renewed one month prior to March, June, September, and December.

Membership Cards are no longer being issued. You will receive renewal information by e-mail.

The OCSJ Board just voted to use the Wild Apricot System to manage our website and membership. To join or renew your membership, please go to OCSJ.org or OCSJ.wildapri-cot.org/join-us and follow the links to establish your connection to Wild Apricot. The PayPal link will allow you to pay with a credit card, whether or not you have a PayPal account.

Special Note: You will be able to pay via check or money order. Make check or money order payable to The Outdoor Club of South Jersey, Inc. New mailing address is:
P.O. Box 46, Atco, NJ 08004

Individual Member - 1 year for \$20 Family Member - 1 year for \$25

Gift contributions to the Richard Greve Memorial Fund will be accepted by the Wild Apricot System.



October



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

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

October 01

Sunday
10:00 AM



O' WE GO PADDLE the OSWEGO.

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Leader: Vicki S. 856-341-3901 or ravingwriter@gmail.com
<https://youtu.be/MbjwyapybpA>

Meet at Oswego Lake Parking

October 03

Tuesday
07:30 PM



Moorestown Walks by David Bicking

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

Meet at Moorestown Library

October 04

Wednesday
10:30 AM



FRESH AIR & SEA BREEZES HIKE

FRESH AIR & SEA BREEZES HIKE. 7.5 miles, moderate pace. This is one of the hikes that Manny Robbins created and led for many years. On the boardwalk from Spring Lake (the town) to Sea Girt and back along the actual Spring Lake. We will have lunch on the boardwalk in Sea Girt, and search for the elusive ice cream cone in the afternoon. Manny is planning to meet us on this hike and will perhaps share some of the Spring Lake history. Meet at the Ludlow Ave. boardwalk pavilion in Spring Lake. Take Garden State Pkwy. to Belmar exit, OR take Rt. 195 to Belmar. Drive east to the Belmar boardwalk. Drive south to Spring Lake pavilion. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE START TIME OF THIS HIKE IS 10:30! Leaders: Bill Poulson (609-451-5094). Joe Hummel.

Meet at Ludlow Ave Pavilion

October 06

Friday
09:00 AM



Hike the Batona Trail in 4 Weeks: No. 1, Bass River-Straight Road

We will walk the entire Batona Trail, which now measures about 52.7 miles, starting at Bass River State Forest, in 4 sections on successive Fridays, Oct. 6, 13, 20 and 27. The **BACK TO NATURE** passes through forested uplands and lowlands, near bogs, swamps, rivers and streams, providing a premier look at the varied geology and geography of the Pine Barrens.

Section 1: Bass River to intersection of Bulltown and Straight Roads. Distance: 14.75 miles. We end where the Batona meets the intersection of Bulltown and Straight Roads, about 14.75 miles.

You **MUST** pre-register for this hike because of the shuttling requirements. No negative responses please but if you register and can't make it, do let us know. All hikes meet at 9 a.m.; the first at Batsto Village followed by a short ride down Bulltown Road to the hike's end and then the shuttle to Bass River. We will hike at about 3 miles per hour with a lunch break. Bring plenty of water. Please do not attempt any of these hikes if you haven't already done this kind of distance. There are no bail-outs or shortcuts.

For more information, contact leaders: Joe Hummel, (856) 235-8817, nofluke18@yahoo.com and Vera Stek, verastek@verizon.net

Meet at Batsto Village

October 06

Friday

07:00 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).

Leaders: Bob Hodges, RLHHLR@aol.com

Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds

October 09

Monday

09:00 AM



Walk From the Brendan Byrne Campgrounds

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

Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds

October 10

Tuesday

05:15 PM



ALL PACES RIDE (B+, B, C+) 15-20 miles

NOTE THE NEW START TIME OF 5:15

All groups will follow the same route. This ride will be a C+ with breakaways to accommodate the B and B+ groups. We will start and finish as 1 group and will regroup after all breakaways. Flashing lights are recommended, bright clothing and of course the mandatory helmet. Emphasis on group riding skills and safety. Rolling out of Lenape High School Parking lot promptly at 5:15 pm.

Leader: Maurice Finnerty, Neil Kornhauser

Meet at Lenape High School

October 11

Wednesday

09:00 AM



TOMS RIVER WITH JOE LOGAN

Contact leader for directions and the section of the river that we will cover. I have four sections of the Toms that we paddle. The upper section from Route 547 by Lakehurst NAS to Riverwood Park. The middle section, from Riverwood Park to Winding River Park. The lower section from Toms River, Huddy Park, up river and return, and the Toms River Bay from Huddy Park out and around. The section that I will run will depend on water level and river blockage.

Joe Logan, 609-634-1542, or mayandpops@aol.com
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Meet at TOMS RIVER PUT-IN

October 11

Wednesday
10:00 AM



PENNYPACK-LORIMER PARKS HIKE by Jerry (Lunch Stop Amenities Included)

About 9-10 miles, EASY PACE of 2.5 mph or less (leader likes to stop and share his knowledge of points of interest). Some points of interest include amazing 'Council Rock', a teeny tiny wooden covered bridge and 'Thoreau's Hut'. Exact mileage will depend upon weather & trail conditions. Come enjoy these lovely parks with their SHADED hiking trails. Meet at Bustleton Ave. & Benton St. park entrance. (See the map) Cross Tacony-Palmyra bridge into Philadelphia; take Levick St. to Roosevelt Blvd. (Rt. 1). Turn right onto Rt. 1-N. center lanes; go about 2.5 miles (past Rhawn St.) to Strahle St. and turn left. Take Strahle to Bustleton Ave. and turn right. Go about 1/2 mile to Benton St. on the left at bottom of the hill. (Disregard the Benton St. that is on the right before the bottom of the hill.) Turn L. into Benton & park on either side of the street. Check meetup listing for possible changes if rain or excessive heat is forecast. Leader does not hike in bad weather. Please RSVP only if you ARE coming. We will eat our lunch at the beautiful picnic grove in Lorimer Park (picnic tables, rest rooms & water fountain).

Leader: Jerry Goldstein; jerryhyker@yahoo.com

Meet at Pennypack Park, Philadelphia, PA 19152

October 11

Wednesday
10:00 AM



3B Hike

3B Hike - Boardwalk, Bridge, Beach. 7 miles. Easy. Meet at 12th Street pavilion on the Ocean City Boardwalk. Picnic at Longport bridge or buy lunch on the boards. Bad weather cancels. Noel Wirth, 609-938-0418 ocncw101@comcast.net

Meet at 12th Street Pavillion

October 11

Wednesday
10:00 AM



Mid Week Ride with Mike

I will be riding out of Batsto this day.
30-35 miles at a C pace.

Meet at Batsto Village

October 11

Wednesday
10:00 AM



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Meet at 12th street pavillion

October 12

Thursday
07:30 PM

MONTHLY CLUB MEETING

OCTOBER 12 ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING. AT 7:30 pm. The meeting will also include election of 2018 officers and an open 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. All welcome.

Meet at Cherry Hill Library

October 13

Friday
09:00 AM



Hike the Batona Trail: Section 2, Wharton Forest to Carranza Memorial

This is the second part of our 4-section Batona expedition. We start at the intersection of Bulltown and Straight Roads (near Batsto) and end at the Carranza Memorial, distance about 16.25 miles. We will meet at the Carranza Memorial for the shuttle back to Batsto at 9 a.m.

We hike at about 3 miles per hour with a lunch break. Bring plenty of water. Do not

attempt any of these hikes if you haven't already done this kind of distance. There are no bail-outs or shortcuts.

You MUST pre-register for this hike because of the shuttling requirements. No negative responses please but if you register and can't make it, do let us know. All hikes meet at 9 a.m.

For more information, contact leaders: Joe Hummel, (856) 235-8817 Joe Hummel, nofluke18@yahoo.com and Vera Stek, verastek@verizon.net

Meet at Carranza Memorial

October 13

Friday
07:00 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). Leaders: Bob Hodges, RLHHLR@aol.com

Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds

October 14

Saturday
07:30 AM



Century 100 miles 14 - 16 mph

100 miles. We will do another century at a steady pace of 14 - 16 mph. We will also do some pace line riding on long straight roads with everyone taking turns pulling. This is a social ride with at least 3 rest stops, The first century last month was a blast so let's do another one! Route to be posted soon.

A century is a "milestone" for many seasoned cyclists, definitely not for everyone. We will stay as a group, there will be no breakaways, the name of the game is to put on the miles! Expect about 7 hours in the saddle, approx. an 8 hour day including breaks. We will stop approximately every 25 miles for snacks, bio. *note: This is a serious ride and if you have not completed any 50+ milers recently then this is NOT the ride for you. (Serious means a BIG commitment both to time and fitness level... we will still have fun and smile all day!)

PLEASE RSVP

Leader: Neil Kornhauser

Meet at Laurel Acres Park

October 14

Saturday
09:00 AM



Great Egg Harbor River CLEAN-UP Trip

Let's multi-task: HAVE FUN AND DO A GOOD DEED ALL AT THE SAME TIME! The Great Egg Harbor River is officially designated as a National Scenic & Recreational River. We enjoy paddling it all the time. Unfortunately, so do a lot of warm-weather paddlers who are less respectful of Mother Nature than we are, and they sometimes leave a lot of trash behind. So let's do something to "give back." This will be a leisurely ten-mile trip from Penny Pot County Park (Folsom) to historic Weymouth Furnace County Park (Mays Landing). Along the way, we'll pick up floating bottles, cans, food wrappers, etc. on/in the river as well as along the river's banks. This will be strictly a boat-based clean-up. We won't be getting out of our boats to wrestle with any sunken tires or things like that. Instead, we'll be in our boats using grabbers, gloves, and trash bags-courtesy of the ACUA. There will be a few intermediate drop-off points, plus we'll be leaving trash at Weymouth Furnace where the good folks from Atlantic County Parks will pick it up and take it away for disposal. At the end of the day we'll celebrate with a FREE PIZZA party at Palace Restaurant-their

way of saying thanks for a job well done. (Rain date: Oct. 28.)
Leader: Ira G., 609-402-8832.

Meet at Penny Pot

October 14

Saturday
10:00 AM



Backpack the Appalachian Trail in Connecticut

Oct 14-15: Hike the Appalachian Trail in Western Connecticut: : Moderate hike, total of 9.9 miles. We will meet near Salisbury, CT, stage half the cars, then drive to the starting place, Highway 112. We will hike past the Mo-hawk trail (formerly part of the AT) and then cross the Housatonic river over an iron bridge before finally arriving at the Limestone Spring shelter (shelter, privy, water) – a total of 5.8 miles. The next day, we will hike 4.1 miles north over the Giant's thumb and the Barrack Matiff before dropping down to Connecticut 41
Hike Leader is Kevin Drevik (856) 630-2485 or kdrevik@aol.com.

October 14

Saturday
10:30 AM

Great Falls of the Potomac

This is the make up hike from our rained out version in the spring. You won't want to miss this hike. This will be about a 7 mile hike (about 5 hours on the trails). Park at the parking lot across from the Old Anglers Inn. Plenty of parking but this is a popular place, so parking may be tight. We'll meet in front of the bathrooms right off the road (yes, running toilets). I'll have a bright shirt on. Carpool info below.



The first 3.5 miles are easy terrain to the visitor center at the Potomac Falls on the Maryland side. This is the C & O Canal National Historical Park. From there we'll walk on the walkway over the falls. Some great photo opportunities here so make sure you have a camera. Some pictures I took are on this page. After the board-walk, we'll be doing the "A" section of the Billy Goat Trail. This is where it's gets fun. The Billy Goat trail is a rock scramble. And a fun rock scramble. It's not a super hard scramble, but can be strenuous at times. Know your limits. Once on that trail, there is no bailing out. At one point we'll be scaling the side of the mountain in a crevice in the rock.

Maybe a bite to eat somewhere nearby after the hike.

It's about a 2.5 - 3 hour ride from the Deptford Mall area. Plan accordingly for traffic and pit stops.

I will be driving down on Friday and staying over, but for those that want to car pool, Meet at 7:15 in front of the Sam's Club where Clements Bridge road meets rt 42, or work out something else.

Leader - Doug Hillebrecht

856-309-8817 m-f 8am-5pm,

Cell - 856-816-8824 till 9:30 pm

Meet at Great Falls Maryland Hiking Entrance

October 15

Sunday
09:00 AM



TOMS RIVER WITH JOE LOGAN

Contact leader for directions and the section of the river that we will cover . I have four sections of the Toms that we paddle. The upper section from Route 547 by Lakehurst NAS to Riverwood Park. The middle section, from Riverwood Park to Winding River Park. The lower section from Toms River, Huddy Park, up river and return, and the Toms River Bay from Huddy Park out and around. The section that I will run will depend on water level and river blockage.

Leader: Joe Logan, 609-634-1542, or mayandpops@aol.com
609-634-1542, or mayandpops@aol.com.

Meet at TOMS RIVER PUT-IN

October 15

Sunday
09:45 AM



Wissahickon & Creshiem Explorer by Rich Kranz

Wissahickon & Creshiem Explorer by Rich Kranz. 8 miles. Moderate pace. Following the Orange Trail, we'll traverse the Fingerspan Bridge and pass Devils Pool on our way to lunch spot at Valley Green Inn. Afterwards, we will head upland along the scenic Cresheim Creek and wander through a stand of majestic pine trees with the sound of pine needles crunching underfoot before returning to the rocks, sand and mud. Maybe we'll make a wrong turn and have to take that concrete slide again. Rugged terrain. Sturdy shoes required. Sorry, but due to trail detours, there is **THERE IS NO WIMP OUT** on this hike. Bring or buy lunch at Valley Green. No Pets. Meet at 9:45 a.m. at Henry Ave. and Walnut Lane parking area. Leader: Rich Kranz, 856 -316-6292

Meet at Henry Ave. & Walnut Lane Parking Lot

October 15

Sunday
10:00 AM



October 20

Friday
09:00 AM



TASTE OF THE GREAT EGG HARBOR PADDLE

Weymouth Furnace to the Lake. A short run good for less experienced paddlers. 6 + miles. Allow 4 hours. Bring lunch and hydration. Volunteer shuttle. Leader: Vicki S. Call to confirm 856-341-3901. ravingwriter@gmail.com

Meet at WEYMOUTH FURNACE PARK

Hike the Batona Trail: Section 3, Carranza Memorial to Route 72

This is the third of our weekly section hikes of the beautiful Batona Trail, which totals 52.7 miles and traverses through piney forests, uplands, lowlands, past bogs, rivers and streams on deserted sand roads through ghost villages and on trails. Distance of this section is about 12.3 miles.

We will meet at 9 a.m. on Route 72, about a mile north of junction with Route 563, for shuttle to Carranza Memorial. Brisk but comfortable pace of about 3 mph or better, with one break for lunch. Bring plenty of water. Please do not attempt this hike unless you have done this distance previously. You **MUST** pre-register for this hike because of the shuttling requirements. No negative responses please but if you register and can't make it, do let us know.

For more information, contact leaders: Joe Hummel, (856) 235-8817 nofluke18@yahoo.com and Vera Stek, verastek@verizon.net

Meet at Pakim Pond

October 20

Friday
07:00 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).

Leaders: Bob Hodges, RLHHLR@aol.com

Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds

October 21

Saturday

09:30 AM



Palisades Interstate Park...The GIANT STAIRS!

Another fun hike we've done before that needs to be done again.

Join us for another spectacular hike along the Palisades.

This time around we'll meet and start at the State Line Lookout area. We'll head down to the Women's Monument. Then continue down to the bottom of the trail and walk along the Hudson River. We'll soon hit the "GIANT STAIRS". This is about a mile long of climbing rocks as we get higher into the cliffs. Soon arriving and getting up close and personal with the bottom of the cliffs. Some really cool views of the cliffs here. We continue along the rocks and eventually come down back to the Hudson and to the Peanut Falls. Hopefully there will be plenty of "Falls" and it won't be the Peanut Trickle". Then a steep climb UP the path and then make our way back to the parking area. Somewhere around 7 miles. But about half of those seven are tough miles. Please know your limits.

Bring lunch and plenty of water.

Detailed Directions:

Directions: NJ Turnpike to exit 72 on the left to rt 9/Palisades Pky. (this area is a little tricky, so follow your GPS and pay attention). Follow signs to Pky N. The state Line Lookout area is the exit in between exit 2 and exit 3 of the Palisades Interstate Parkway. It'll take you right to the parking and meeting area. I have a blue Honda Pilot with an Outdoor Club sticker on it. I'll have on a bright yellow shirt. Look for me.

Car pool set up from SJ:

Anybody interested in carpooling meet at 7:15 at the WaWa on Route 73 north-bound, right before the turnpike entrance.

Leader - Doug Hillebrecht M-F 9 to 5 - 856-309-8817 (work)

Cell# 856-816-8824 (till 9:30 pm)

Meet at Palisades Interstate Park

October 21

Saturday

10:00 AM



Historic Bristol Day

This is a wonderful opportunity to see Historic Bristol (founded 1684).

<http://bristolhistory.org/>

Expect a moderately FAST paced hike of between 5-7 miles. Lots to do and see.

Last year, it was hot and sunny- bring water.

NEW this year: a tall ship.

<http://bristolhistory.homestead.com/Historic-Bristol-Day.html>

We'll start at the wharf, where new docks were installed, walk Mill Street, pass the car show, and ultimately follow the canal path to the Amish Market taking a short break. Bring a snack or purchase at the market. From here, we'll head to Radcliffe Street through the historic district, into the festival. Tickets (optional) to the home tour and tea are worth the \$15 and is on your own. The King George Inn is a delightful spot for libations and cuisine. Jane 856-264-4411

Rain cancels.

Meet at Bristol Wharf

October 21

Saturday

10:00 AM



Pompeston Park Hike

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.

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

Meet in the municipal parking lot on Second street across from the library.

October 22

Sunday
11:30 AM



Hike in beautiful Pennington Park

Hike in beautiful Pennington Park located on Creek Rd. in Delanco NJ. When entering the park turn to the right. 3/4 miles at a moderate pace. If you need more information please contact the leader:

Janet Horton 609-706-5691, janeth1@comcast.net

Meet at Pennington Park

October 27

Friday
09:00 AM



Hike the Batona: Section 4, Route 72 to Onga Hat

This is the final section of our tour of the entire 52.7-mile length of the Batona Trail. The premier hiking trail through the Pine Barrens, the Batona traverses on sand roads and trails through upland pine forests, lowlands, past bogs, streams, rivers and ghost towns.

Distance is about 9.9 miles. We will meet at Onga Hat for the shuttle to Route 72.

Brisk but comfortable pace of about 3 mph or better, one break for lunch.

You MUST pre-register for this hike because of the shuttling requirement. No negative responses but if you register and can't make it, let us know. Check Meetup prior to the hike for any updates/changes due to inclement weather.

For more information, contact leaders: Joe Hummel, (856) 235-8817, nofluke18@yahoo.com and Vera Stek, verastek@verizon.net

Meet at Onga Hat Trailhead

October 27

Friday
07:00 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).

Leaders: Bob Hodges, RLHHLR@aol.com

Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds

October 28

Saturday
09:30 AM



Let's go check out OPEN STREETS PHILADELPHIA, a seven mile car free street fair!

Let's go check out OPEN STREETS PHILADELPHIA, a seven mile car free street fair! A year after Philadelphia officials announced widespread street closures in advance of Pope Francis' visit - provoking, at first, widespread consternation - the city on Friday released plans to open a seven-mile stretch of roadways to pedestrians for an open streets festival next week.

Last August, with preparations for the papal visit reaching a fever pitch, residents had panicked over a planned "traffic box" in Center City that would close most of the downtown area to cars.

But by the weekend of the papal visit, the traffic box was a hit. Residents wandered, wonder-struck, through empty streets and took selfies in the middle of the Ben Franklin Bridge. A campaign was launched to get the city to do it again - this time, for the sole purpose of letting residents walk through car-less streets once more.

On Oct. 28th the city will close streets from Front Street to West Fairmount Park. Organizers announcing the route at a news conference Friday said the festival, called Philly Free Streets, is a direct outgrowth of the unexpected delight residents took from the papal traffic box.

"We saw how nice it was to have people walking," said Councilman Mark Squilla, whose district encompasses part of the festival. "And how you see the city differ-

ently.”

Philly Free Streets will close off the entire length of South Street between the Schuylkill and Delaware River between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Oct 28th. The route will snake from South Street up the Schuylkill River Trail, along Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, and into West Fairmount Park, passing through 15 neighborhoods along the way, the Mayor’s Office said.

Some thru streets will allow traffic to cross South Street. Police officers will be stationed at select north-south streets along South Street to wave traffic through at intervals, and event organizers are working with SEPTA and the police department ahead of the event, city officials said.

MLK Drive already is closed to traffic on weekends from April through October. But the larger Free Streets festival will station fitness activities and pop-up educational programming along the route, and is hoping to encourage shopping along the South Street corridor. “Smart cities around the world are doing this,” city managing director Mike DiBerardinis said.

So here is my plan, those who are interested in an adventure meet on the NJ side at The Pub parking lot, we bike some trails along Cooper River and streets in Camden and over the Ben Franklin Bridge, we then make our way to South Street and see what we see. I imagine there will be many festivals and events. Businesses are being encouraged to do something, especially with an entertainment or exercise theme. We may break into smaller groups depending on interests, but anyone who wants to stay with me is welcome. I hope to make the entire seven miles to the other end by the time the streets reopen at 1pm. If we start to return at 1pm from the end we should be back to the lot at about 230. If the group breaks up to sub groups we could regroup at the top of the Ben Franklin Bridge (a great and popular photo spot) at 2pm, to make our way back over the bridge and through Camden as a large group.

Hopefully by 1pm we will do the 7 miles and make it past the Art Museum and Boat House row, but it depends on crowds and events we want to stop and see during the street festival.

Then we will make our way back via either the bike lane on Spring Garden or via Race Street. Of course if some folks want to stay longer they can, and just come back on their own. The mileage will be 25 miles or less, as crowds and diversions may inhibit our going the whole 7 miles in Philadelphia. Pace will be leisurely, except from parking lot on trails when we will go about 12 mph. Almost any type bike will do except maybe a three wheeler or tandem as there are steps with a narrow ramp.. A fixed gear may be tough up the bridge but otherwise it’s probably ok. A tandem or recumbent might be real tough on bridge, if you have one please look at the steps and bike ramp pics and decide if it will work. Road, hybrids or mountain bikes are good to go.

There are steps with a bike ramp on one end of Ben Franklin Bridge.

You may carry or roll bike on ramp. If you need help one of our friendly and athletic members will gladly help you.

Helmets, spending cash, spare tube, water, cell phone and or camera are provided by you. I will bring a OCSJ waiver which all attendees of this joint activity will be expected to sign.

If you have any questions feel free to text me. 856 952-7656.

Of course you may also message me through meetup. Rain cancels. Heat does not.

TERMS OF PARTICIPATION-JOINT ACTIVITY

By registering and participating in this meetup, you acknowledge that you have



read and agree to the following statement:



I understand that bicycling involves certain dangers and risks which I am prepared to assume for myself and all children accompanying me. I will abide by all traffic laws and regulations and agree to bicycle in a safe and prudent manner. In addition, I agree to waive all claims which I, or any member of my family, or my heirs, executors or assigns, may have against this meetup or its agents for damages or injury sustained as the result of participating in the physical activity.

I understand and will bring a spare tube, a bike lock and plenty of liquids, a signed waiver (which leader will have) of liability and helmet (which you should bring) will be required.

I understand I should get there 15 minutes early to set up, as the ride will start punctually.

I have limited attendance. If some folks step up to help, I may increase number. Please post in comments if you are willing to help lead sub groups on this ride or to sweep. We can maybe increase number of our group if others are OK helping to herd the cats. Thanks!

**** Location ****

The Pub Restaurant

located on Route 130 South at Airport Circle and Kaighns Avenue. Routes 70 West, 38 West and 130 South all meet at the Circle.

* From Tacony-Palmayra Bridge: Route 73 to Route 130 South, follow Route 130 South to Airport Circle. The Pub is on the right after the traffic lights.

* From Betsy Ross Bridge: Follow Route 130 South as above.

* From Ben Franklin Bridge: Follow Route 30 East off the bridge, Pub is 2 1/2 miles on the right.

* From NJ Turnpike: Exit 4, follow 295 to Exit 34 B, follow Route 70 West to Route 130 South and Airport Circle. Pub is on the right after the traffic lights.

* From Walt Whitman Bridge: Follow Route 130 North to second circle (pass park and shopping plaza). Turn left at the light (Kaighn Ave/130 South) to get on Route 130 South. Pub is on the right after the traffic lights.

If you are using a GPS, use this address:

7600 Kaighn Avenue Merchantville, NJ 08110

Park near main highway from Philadelphia. I will be in a Gray Toyota Prius.

If you sign up and see news articles please post the links to them under comments.
Text Len: 856 952-7656

Meet at The Pub

October 28

Saturday
12:00 PM

Halloween Campout in Wharton State Forest

Ghosts and Goblins Oh My! And maybe the Jersey Devil himself will camp with us at Bodine's Field campground in Wharton State Forest on the Wading River. Everyone responsible for their equipment and food. Cider and S'mores for the campfire provided. Costumes encouraged. Maybe a morning kayak trip or evening hike to the ghost town Martha depending on the weather. More details to follow as we get closer to the date. We'll share the cost of the group site about \$5. Leader: Rosemarie Mason romason@comcast.net

October 29

Sunday
09:00 AM



PADDLE CEDAR CREEK

PADDLE CEDAR CREEK. We'll paddle to Dudley Park. Starting at either Ore Pond (6.4 miles) or Dover Forge (9.3 miles). Meet at Double Trouble State Park, Pinewald-Keswick and Double Trouble Roads. Leader will decide section to paddle.

Leader: Joe Logan, 609-634-1542, or mayandpops@aol.com

Meet at Double Trouble State park

October 29

Sunday
09:45 AM



SOUTHWEST WISSAHICKON HIKE by Rich Kranz

4 or 8 miles, moderate pace. We'll start out at 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 9:00 a.m. at the Crate & Barrel Store, Cherry Hill Mall, or by 9:45 a.m. at the Philadelphia Canoe Club. Leader: Rich Kranz, 856-316-6292, streetpilot58@gmail.com

Meet at Philadelphia Canoe Club

October 31

Tuesday
07:00 PM



Halloween Lights of Moorestown

HALLOWEEN LIGHTS OF MOORESTOWN. 4 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 outside of library entrance.

Meet at Moorestown Library



November



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 01

Wednesday
10:00 AM



HIKE the PARKER PRESERVE

HIKE the PARKER PRESERVE. 7 miles moderate pace. We will follow the white and yellow trails. A scenic hike. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet at the East Gate of the Parker Preserve, Rt. 563 SE of Chatsworth. Leaders, Christine Danneler, 609-351-2789, e-mail cdanneler157@yahoo.com . Pat Burton, 856-767-8064, e-mail camper-pat123@aol.com. Check Meetup or ocsj.org for changes and cancellations.

Meet at franklin parker preserve east gate

November 03

Friday
07:00 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).
Leaders: Bob Hodges, RLHHLR@aol.com

Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds

November 04 Backpack the Appalachian Trail in Virginia

Saturday
10:00 AM



Nov 4-5: Hike the Appalachian Trail in Virginia: Manassas Gap to Shenandoah National Park: Moderate hike, total of 10 miles. We will meet near Manassas Gap, VA, stage half the cars, then drive to the starting place, Route 602 (just north of Shenandoah NP). We will climb 1,000 feet to start, up past bear creek, then run the ridge slowly down, past the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute to the Jim & Molly Denton shelter (shelter, privy, water)- a total of 7 miles. The next day, we will hike north past the Discovery Monument and Linden before dropping down to VA55, a total of 3 miles. Unlimited number of campers.
Hike Leader is Kevin Drevik (856) 630-2485 or kdrevik@aol.com.

November 04 Allaire State Park

Saturday
10:00 AM



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

Meet at Allaire State Park

November 04 Philadelphia Mural Hike

Saturday
11:00 AM



Mural Hike - 4 1/2 miles moderate pace. We will be walking in center city following the path of some of the early murals painted by the Philadelphia Mural Arts Program. Meet either at the Philadelphia Visitor Center (6th & Market Sts.) at 11 AM or at the Patco Hi-Speed Line, Woodcrest Station at 9:45 AM.
Need more information contact leader: Janet Horton 609-706-5691
janeth1@comcast.net Limited to 20 people

Meet at Philadelphia Visitor's Center

November 04 Full Moon in the Wissahickon by Rich Kranz

Saturday
04:30 PM



Wissahickon Full Moon Hike. 6.5 miles. Moderate Pace... From the golf course, we will head north on the Yellow Trail. At the halfway point we will take a short break at the Valley Green Inn and then head south on the Orange trail under the light of a full moon (hopefully) and explore Shakespeare Rock, Devils Pool and the Finger-span Bridge if the ambient light permits. This hike is a bit shorter than my regular Wissahickon hikes so there is no wimp out. Bring a snack, beverage, flashlight and bug spray and meet at the Golf Course parking lot at Henry Ave and Walnut Lane. Rugged Terrain. Sturdy shoes required. No Pets. Inclement weather may cancel so check Meetup for updates. Leader; Rich Kranz 856 -316-6292.

Meet at Henry Ave. & Walnut Lane Parking Lot

November 07 Moorestown Walks by David Bicking

Tuesday
07:30 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 library entrance.

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

Meet at Moorestown Library

November 09 MONTHLY CLUB MEETING

Thursday
07:30 PM

CLUB MEETING AT 7:30 pm. Board of Trustees. Activity Committees Leaders. New Cherry Hill Library, 1100 Kings Hwy. (Rt. 41) North of Route 70 in Cherry Hill. All welcome.

Meet at Cherry Hill Library

November 10 Friday Nite Fitness Hike

Friday
07:00 PM

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).

Leaders: Bob Hodges, RLHHLR@aol.com



Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds

November 11 Conowingo Dam & Susquehanna State Park (Maryland)

Saturday
09:30 AM

A popular hike that bears repeating! If you like Eagles, you won't want to miss this hike.

Another great turnout again last year, so we'll do it again. I never get tired of watching eagles.

YOU WILL SEE EAGLES



The Bald Eagles at Conowingo Dam are world famous. When the days get cooler and shorter, the population begins to rapidly grow and one can frequently see up to 100 eagles in a day. This is a huge migration stop for many birds. As the dam opens to allow water through to produce electric, fish get churned up and stunned. It's a buffet for the birds. If you stay long enough, you'll see them "fish" for their food.

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. We'll be crossing streams and doing some rock hopping. Please know your limits. 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. This town is a charming little town with lots of history and charm.

For those that want to carpool. Meet in the parking lot in front of Sam's Club where Clements Bridge rd meets route 42. Meet at 7:00 am. (7:15 we roll). About an 1 1/2 ride from here with no traffic. This will give us time at the dam to watch and take pictures.

Leader: Doug Hillebrecht

Work #, 9-5 Monday-Friday - 856-309-8817



Cell 856-816-8824 (till 9:30 pm)

Meet at Conowingo Dam

November 11

Saturday
10:00 AM



Saturday Shortie

Easy 4 mile hike to the ghost town of Martha utilizing the Batona and the Lake Trails. Wear comfortable shoes and bring water and a snack for the break on the Oswego River. Well behaved dogs on a leash ok. Leader: Rosemarie Mason [romason@comcast.net@comcast](mailto:romason@comcast.net)



Meet at Harrisville Pond

November 12

Sunday
09:45 AM



SOUTH WISSAHICKON HIKE by Rich Kranz

SOUTH WISSAHICKON VALLEY HIKE. 5 or 7 miles, moderate pace. Come explore historic Rittenhousettown and the Hermits Cave and say hi to 'Billy Penn'. Rugged terrain. Sturdy shoes required. Wimp out at 5 miles. Lunch at Lovers Leap. Bring lunch, beverage. No Pets. Meet at 9:45 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

Meet at Henry Ave. & Walnut Lane Parking Lot

November 13

Monday
09:00 AM



Walk From the Brendan Byrne Campgrounds

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

Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds

November 15

Wednesday
10:00 AM



Walk for Art's Sake (New).

Walk for Art's Sake (New). 5 (or more) miles. Easy. Meet at At the Transportation Center, 10th and Haven. Walk to see the Community Art Project's traffic box artwork. See 34 (or more) arty boxes. Vote for your favorite! Lunch at Jon and Patty's on Asbury Av. Bad weather cancels. Noel Wirth 609-938-0418 ocncw101@comcast.net

Meet at Ocean City Transportation Center

November 15

Wednesday
10:00 AM



HIKE to Nash's

HIKE to Nash's. 2 hikes, one hike will be to the site of the cabin, 10 miles moderate pace. Leader has new info and a photo of the former cabin, second hike will be approximately 6 miles. Both hikes will start together. Both at a moderate pace. Leader of 10 mile hike, Christine Denneker 609-351-2789. E-mail cdenneker157@yahoo.com. Leader for 6 mile hike, Pat Burton 856-767-8064. E-mail camperpat123@aol.com. Meet at Harrisville Pond Rt 679, a spur of Rt 563. Check Meetup or ocsj.org for changes or cancellations.

Meet at Harrisville Lake

November 17

Friday
07:00 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).
Leaders: Bob Hodges, RLHHLR@aol.com

Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds

November 22

Wednesday
10:00 AM



Work up an appetite for Turkey Day @ The Parker Preserve

6 - 7 miles on the Red Trail. Enjoy a moderate paced hike on a trail that has a little of everything. See old beautiful bogs, walk on a suspension bridge, or even take a rest on an oversized Adirondack Chair. It could be windy out on the bogs when we are not in the woods, so please dress for the wind. It may be wet in places, an extra set of socks may be useful. Bring lunch and a beverage.

Leaders: Bob Burton 609-381-8207 Pat Burton: camperpat@hotmail.com

Meet at Franklin Parker Preserve Parking Lot

November 23

Thursday
09:30 AM



Start Thanksgiving Early

Wonderful way to greet the day. Come out and briskly peregrinate about 3.5 miles (one hour).

Meet at Laurel Acres Park

November 24

Friday
07:00 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).

Leaders: Bob Hodges, RLHHLR@aol.com

Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds

November 26

Sunday
09:45 AM



MID WISSAHICKON VALLEY HIKE by Rich Kranz

MID WISSAHICKON VALLEY HIKE. 8 miles, moderate pace. We'll try an earlier start this time to avoid traffic. We'll check out Devils Pool, traverse the Fingerspan bridge and climb our way to the Indian Statue. Sorry, but due to trail detours, there is no wimp out on this hike. Rugged terrain. Sturdy shoes required. Bring or buy lunch at the Valley Green Inn. No Pets. Meet at 9:45 a.m. at Henry Ave. and Walnut Lane parking area. Inclement weather may cancel. Check Meetup for updates.

Leader: Rich Kranz, 856-316-6292,

Meet at Henry Ave. & Walnut Lane Parking Lot





December



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December 01 Friday Nite Fitness Hike

Friday

07:00 PM



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).

Leaders: Bob Hodges, RLHHLR@aol.com

Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds

December 02 Saturday Shortie

Saturday

10:00 AM



Easy 4 mile hike on the Orange Trail in beautiful Bass River State Forest. Wear comfortable shoes and bring water and a snack for the break by the lake. Meet at the visitor center parking lot. Well behaved dogs on a leash ok. Leader: Rosemarie Mason romason@comcast.net

Meet at Bass River State Forest

December 02 Moonlight Hike and campfire at Brendan Byrne

Saturday

06:00 PM



Moonlight Hike and Campfire at Brendan Byrne SF. 5 miles Moderate Pace.

We will walk the forest roads in Brendan Byrne under the blaze of the moonlit sky, and return to the campground for a tailgate around the campfire.

Meet at the Open field by the campground.

Bring a chair and food to share.

We have the campsite, so let me know if you want to camp over for the night.

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

Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds

December 03 CHESTNUT HILL HIKE by Rich Kranz

Sunday

10:00 AM



CHESTNUT HILL HIKE. 4 or 8 miles, moderate pace. Hiking and then lunch in the Wissahickon Gorge. After lunch, its your choice of an easy 4 mile walk back to the cars or 8 miles with the leader up the Cresheim Creek and into Chestnut Hill, all decorated in its Christmas finery. Browse, stay for dinner. Rugged terrain and city sidewalks. Bring or buy lunch at Valley Green Inn, NP. Nasty weather may cancel. Check Meetup for updates. Meet at 10:00 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. Ave

Leader: Rich Kranz, (856) 316+6292, streetpilot58@gmail.com

Meet at BRUNOS

December 05 Moorestown Walks by David Bicking

Tuesday
07:30 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 library entrance.

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

Meet at Moorestown Library

December 08 Friday Nite Fitness Hike

Friday
07:00 PM



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Leaders: Bob Hodges, RLHHLR@aol.com

Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds

December 09 Hike Pemberton Rails to Trails

Saturday
10:00 AM



We will hike the rails to trails from the historic RR Station to Birmingham Rd. 4/5 miles easy pace. Bring water. Bring Lunch after hike. Leader: Janet Horton 609-706-5691 janeth1@comcast.net

Meet at Pemberton Rail Road Station

December 11 Walk From the Brendan Byrne Campgrounds

Monday
09:00 AM



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

Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds

December 14 MONTHLY CLUB MEETING

Thursday
07:30 PM

CLUB MEETING AT 7:30 pm. Board of Trustees. Activity Committees Leaders. New Cherry Hill Library, 1100 Kings Hwy. (Rt. 41) North of Route 70 in Cherry Hill. All welcome.

Meet at Cherry Hill Library

December 15 Friday Nite Fitness Hike

Friday
07:00 PM



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Leaders: Bob Hodges, RLHHLR@aol.com

Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds

December 16 HOLIDAY HIKES and TAILGATE

Saturday
10:00 AM



HOLIDAY HIKES and TAILGATE. 2 hikes. 1st hike meets at 10 am. 6-7 miles moderate pace. Leaders Pat and Bob Burton, 856-767-8064. E-mail camperpat123@aol.com. 2nd hike meets at 10:30 , 3-4 miles easy pace. Leader Janet Horton, 609-706-5691. E-mail janeth1@comcast.net .TAILGATE. An OCSJ holiday tradition. Hot soup and holiday goodies for all. Bring something to share. Tailgate organizer, Christine Denneker, 609-351-2789. E-mail cdenneker157@yahoo.com . Food will be served when all the hikers have returned. Meet at Pakim Pond in the Brendan Byrne SF, entrance off of Rt. 72 1 mile SE of the Four Mile Circle. Check Meetup and ocsj.org for changes or cancellations.

Meet at Pakim Pond

December 17 Medford Christmas lights

Sunday
04:30 PM



Medford Christmas Lights. 4 miles. Easy Pace.

Let's find the festive lights of Medford.

Meet in the parking light of the Shop Rite on Rt 70, just east of Rt 541.

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

Meet at Shop Rite

December 20 Lenola Christmas lights

Wednesday
06:00 PM



Lenola Christmas Lights. 3 miles. Easy Pace.

Let's find the festive lights of the Lenola Section of Moorestown.

Meet in the parking light on Camden Avenue near the traffic light.

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

Meet at Family Dollar

December 22 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS OF MOORESTOWN

Friday
06:00 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. Leader: David Bicking, (609) 332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com
Meet in the municipal lot on Second Street across from the library.

Meet at Moorestown Library

December 22 Friday Nite Fitness Hike

Friday
07:00 PM



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Leaders: Bob Hodges, RLHHLR@aol.com

Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds

December 25

Monday
09:00 AM



Christmas Morning Surprise

Rise early and meet hiking friends for the best gift- the gift of friendship. We'll quickly (2.5 MPH) peregrinate 3 miles. Finish in an hour. Icy conditions cancel.

Meet at Laurel Acres Park

December 26

Tuesday
10:00 AM



CHRISTMAS TIME AT SMITHVILLE

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.

Meet at Historic Smithville Park - Smith Woods

December 29

Friday
07:00 PM



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Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds



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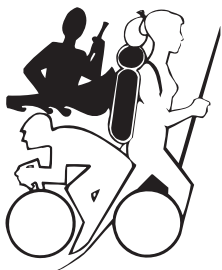
Monday
10:00 AM



NEW YEAR'S DAY HIKE

NEW YEAR'S DAY HIKE. 6 miles, moderate pace. The hike is in the Wharton SF where we will have views of the Mullica River. Start the 2018 hiking in the beautiful Pine Barrens. Bring lunch and beverage. We will be participating in "AMERICA'S STATE PARKS FIRST DAY HIKES". Meet in the field next to the Atsion Recreation area office. Off Rt 206 in Shamong. Check Meetup or ocsj.org for changes or cancellations. Leaders, Christine Denneler, 609-351-2789, e-mail cdenneler157@yahoo.com. Pat and Bob Burton, 856-7670-8064, email camperpat123@aol.com

Meet at Atsion Ranger Station



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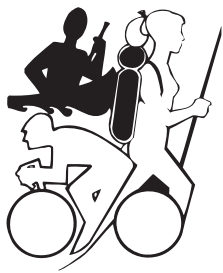
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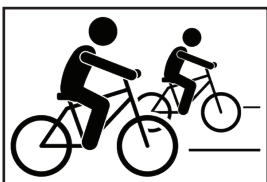
The Club is committed to the wise use, preservation, and respect for the outdoors and its natural beauty.

The Club is made up of people of all ages who are involved with the outdoors. All activities are led by volunteer members. The Club offers all members an opportunity to be a part of or to create their own outdoor experience or activity. The activity in any one schedule represents what the advisory committees and leaders want to do for the general membership. The Club represents a 52 week, year round program of outdoor activities consisting of backpacking, bicycling, camping, canoeing/kayaking, cross country skiing, and hiking.

While most of the activities center around the South Jersey area in nearby state parks and forests, local rural roads, and small rivers of the pine barrens, they have also ranged north to Maine, south to Virginia, and as far west as California.

The individual members' involvement, efforts, volunteer hours, and special contributions are what make the Outdoor Club of South Jersey unique.

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