

OUTDOOR CLUB of
SOUTH JERSEY

TREKKER

2019 Winter Activity Schedule

January/February/March

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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.

SOME STANDARD MEETING PLACES

These are the some of the standard meeting places, but always check the meet up page for the latest up to date meeting spots and maps.

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 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 rightfor 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, Hornet71@verizon.net 856-767-2780.

Guidelines:

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

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

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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.

January 2019

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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/

January 01

Tuesday
10:00 AM



NEW YEARS DAY HIKE.

NEW YEARS DAY HIKE; 6 miles moderate pace. Nice views of the Mullica River. A great start to 2019! Bring lunch and beverage. Meet in field next to the Atsion Office off Rt 206 . Leaders Chris Denneker 609-351-2789, email cdenneker157@yahoo.com. Pat and Bob Burton 609-472-8128, email camperpat123@aol.com Check meetup and ocsj.org for changes and cancellations.

Meet at Atsion Ranger Station

January 01

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, (856) 249 - 0886, dbickin@yahoo.com

Meet at Moorestown Library

January 02

Wednesday
10:00 AM



YELLOW PURPLE GREEN TRAIL HIKE

YELLOW PURPLE GREEN TRAIL HIKE. 10 miles, moderate pace (3mph). Meet at Atsion field (rt. 206). Bring lunch. Will hike all or part of trails. Should return about 3 pm. Leaders: Joe Hummel, (856) 235+8817, Bill Poulson, (609) 451+5094.

Bad Weather Cancels; check schedule.

Meet at Atsion Ranger Station

January 04

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

January 05

Saturday
09:30 AM



Mt. Misery meander

5 to 7 miles, moderate pace. This is an area I don't take too many people too. We will walk a fire cut to start and then Forest roads out to the abandoned bogs where we may spot a few swan. We will take a sand road back to give us a break from the whoop dee doos. I only make stops for clothing adjustments, pictures or bush breaks. I leave on time so make sure you know where the hike starts. We will meet on the corner of Route 70 and Mount Misery Road in an area on the corner where you can park your cars. Dogs on leash in the back are welcome. Leader Faye 912-433-8257 batonawalk@aol.com

Meet at the corner, on the grass, of Mount Misery Road and Route 70, roughly about three and a half miles from the 70 Circle

January 09

Wednesday
10:00 AM

Batsto Bop

leader is going to figure it out as she goes...will do at least 8 miles will have lunch on the trail. dress for the weather.

Meet at Batsto Village Visitor's Center Parking Lot

January 10

Thursday
07:30 PM

MONTHLY CLUB MEETING

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

January 11

Friday
07:00 PM



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Leaders: Bob Hodges, RLHHLR@aol.com

Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds

January 12

Saturday
10:00 AM



Winter Atsion Hike

ATSION HIKE. 5 miles. moderate pace. An easy walk along dirt roads and forest trails. Meet at Atsion Office. Bad weather or icy conditions cancel. Leader: David Bicking, (856) 249 - 0886, dbickin@yahoo.com

Meet at Atsion Office

January 13

Sunday
09:30 AM



Pound the pavement

5 to 6 miles, moderate pace. Join me to walk around the block. We will walk 1 sand road and three paved roads, imagine paved roads in the woods. We will take a short trip out to Reeves bogs to see if the swan are there. I only make stops for clothing adjustments, bush breaks, no lunch so you can either bring Trail gorp or be home in time for lunch. I leave on time so make sure you know where we are meeting. Dogs on leash in the back are welcome. Leader Faye 912-433-8257

Meet at the corner, on the grass, of Mount Misery Road and Route 70, roughly about three and a half miles from the 70 Circle

January 13

Sunday
02:00 PM



Cross-country Ski Trip to North Conway, NH.

7 days in the White Mountains staying in 3 spacious condos at Stonehurst Manor (stonehurstvacationrentals.com). \$350 per person, double occupancy, includes 7 breakfasts and 5 communally cooked dinners. \$100 deposit reserves a place. All payments are non-refundable without finding a replacement. 16 people total. 5 groomed ski venues plus numerous trails for snowshoeing or hiking. Contact Barbara Brandt or Virginia and Jim Magee. Please contact the leaders via email to RSVP. All payments are non-refundable unless a replacement is found. This trip is full!!

January 14

Monday
09:00 AM



Walk From Bullock

A 6-8 mile moderate paced walk on the roads, trails and fire-cuts in Greenwood Forest Wildlife Management Area. 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 tree2short@aol.com at least a day prior for more info.

Meet at RR Crossing in Bullock

January 16

Wednesday
09:30 AM



Pound the pavement

4 to 5 miles. Moderate pace. We will walk one sand road and 3 paved roads, come around the block with me. I only make stops for clothing and bush brakes. Dogs on leash are welcome in the back. I leave on time so make sure you know where the starting point is. We will meet on the corner of Mount Misery Road and Route 70 in the grassy area. You will be home in time for lunch so just bring a snack you can eat while we are walking. Leader Faye 912-433-8257

Meet at the corner, on the grass, of Mount Misery Road and Route 70, roughly about three and a half miles from the 70 Circle

January 16

Wednesday
10:00 AM



PALMYRA NATURE CENTER HIKE

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: Joe Hummel (856) 235 + 8817; Bill Poulson (609) 451 + 5094.

Meet at Palmyra Cove Nature Park

January 18

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

January 19

Saturday
09:30 AM



BBB

7 to 9 miles moderate pace. We will hike sand roads, Forest roads and maybe a fire cut out to North Branch bogs to see if the swan are there. A bald eagle was spotted here last year. We will take a 10 or 15 minute break at the lake depending on how cold it is, so just bring a snack. Make sure you know where we are meeting. We will park on Route 70, two tenths of a mile past Route 530 if you are coming from the route 70 circle. It's around mile marker 33 1/2 right outside of Browns Mills. Leader Faye 912-433-8257

Meet at the corner, on the grass, of Mount Misery Road and Route 70, roughly about three and a half miles from the 70 Circle

January 20

Sunday
02:00 PM



Cross-country Ski Trip in Stowe, Vermont

Stowe, Vermont – Jan. 20-25. One of my favorites! Several fantastic ski centers, easy back-country, iconic New England town, and cozy lodging with good food. This trip is 5 nights.

Sunday to Thursday, with departure on Friday. We stay at the comfortable Commodores Inn, enjoy 5 buffet breakfasts and dinners, cost \$420pp double occupancy, or \$30 for a single, taxes and tips included. Deposit of \$100 pp by Dec. 20 holds your place. Eileen Greve. To RSVP, please contact the leader via email

Meet at Commodores inn

January 23

Wednesday
10:00 AM



Bassriver Ramble

We will hike 8 miles using roads and trails, at a moderate pace. Bring lunch with you and dress for the weather. Only heavy snow or rain cancels, be sure to use rest room at office before coming to the lake. Be sure to arrive early, so we can leave on time. Leaders, Toni 609-903-6775 and Jan 609-404-4990

Meet at Bass River State Forest

January 25

Friday
07:00 PM



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Leaders: Bob Hodges, RLHHLR@aol.com

Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds

January 26

Saturday
10:00 AM



Manasquan Reservoir in Winter

MANASQUAN RESERVOIR HIKE, 5 miles, easy to moderate pace. We will see the panoramic views of the Reservoir from the perimeter trail. Meet outside the Visitor center at the main entrance. Leader: David Bicking, (856) 249 - 0886, dbickin@yahoo.com

Snow or icy conditions will cancel.

Meet at Manasquan Reservoir

January 27

Sunday
09:30 AM



White's bogs birthday hike

5 to 7 miles moderate pace. Join this old lady on my birthday to see the swan and to wander around this wonderful historic village. My most favorite place in the Pine Barrens. Maybe the infamous bald eagles will make an appearance since we hardly ever see them. I am not sure if the store will be open but if it is, plan to make a visit inside to help support this amazing place. I leave on time so make sure you know where the village is. Do not follow your GPS, it will take you down a dead-end or a road with very big puddles. Stay on Route 530 until you see the brown village signs and the Green Street sign that says Whites Bogs Road. It is roughly 1 mile in on the right if you're coming down 70. Leader Faye 912-433-8257

Meet at Historic Whitesbog Village

January 28

Monday
10:00 AM



make peace lake

6-7 mile hike along make peace lake and into the woods part of the new trail Frank Pearce has been working on that runs from high point to cape may. Trail still rough cut in some places so it should be fun, may be some large wet areas. Short shuttle is required so please be early. Leaders Toni 609-903-6775 and Jan 609-404-4990

Meet at Weymouth Furnace Park

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February 02

Saturday

09:30 AM



Whitesbog wander

5 to 6 miles, moderate pace. Come see the swan with me before they leave for another year. I stop for photos, clothing adjustments or bush brakes. You will be back to the car in time to stop at one of the local places to eat. Maybe even one of the bald eagles will make an appearance. Do not follow your GPS. It will take you down a dead-end or a sand road with a lot of puddles. Stay on Route 530 roughly a mile off of Route 70 until you see the brown Whitesbog Village sign and the green street Street sign that says Whitesbogs Road. Dogs on leash in the back are welcome. Leader Faye 912-433-8257

Meet at Historic Whitesbog Village

February 05

Tuesday

07:30 PM



Moorestown Walks by David Bicking

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Leader: David Bicking, (856) 249 - 0886, dbickin@yahoo.com

Meet at Moorestown Library

February 06

Wednesday

10:00 AM



Stockton New Hope Hike

STOCKTON NEW HOPE CANAL Hike. 10 miles. Moderate pace (3mph). Bring lunch. Meet across from the Golden Nugget and Flea Market on Rt. 29 North of Trenton and approx. one mile south of Lambertville. Turn left to parking area over the canal on a wooden bridge. Will try to have someone to guide you.

Leaders; Bill Poulson (609) 451 5094 & Joe Hummel (856) 235 8818

Bad weather cancels; check schedule.

Meet at Firemans Eddy Fields of the D&R Canal State Park

February 08

Friday

07:00 PM



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Leaders: Bob Hodges, RLHLR@aol.com

Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds

February 09

Saturday

10:00 AM



Batsto Hike

BATSTO HIKE. 5 miles moderate pace. An easy walk between two rivers and through the village of Batsto. Bad weather or icy conditions cancel. Leader: David Bicking, (856) 249-0886,

dbickin@yahoo.com

Meet at Batsto Historic Village

February 10

Sunday

09:30 AM



Whitesbog wander

5 to 7 miles, moderate pace. Hopefully we will see the Swan before they leave and maybe the resident bald eagles. We will hike sand roads, the bogs can be a little breezy so dress warm, bring your camera. I only make mandatory stops, clothing, bush breaks, many, many

photos. You will be back in time to hit the local places for lunch. Do not follow your GPS. Stay on Route 530 roughly 1 mile off of Route 70 until you see the green White's Bogs Road sign and the Brown wooden sign. Leader Faye 912-433-8257

Meet at Historic Whitesbog Village

February 11

Monday
09:00 AM



Walk From Bullock

A 6-8 mile moderate paced walk on the roads, trails and fire-cuts in Greenwood Forest Wildlife Management Area. 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 tree2short@aol.com at least a day prior for more info.

Meet at RR Crossing in Bullock

February 13

Wednesday
10:00 AM



Parker Preserve

8 miles at a moderate pace, to the BIG CHAIRS and beyond, bring lunch and dress for the weather. Leaders, Toni 609-903-6775 and Jan 609-404-4990

Meet at Franklin Parker Preserve

February 14

Thursday
07:30 PM

MONTHLY CLUB MEETING

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

February 15

Friday
07:00 PM



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Leaders: Bob Hodges, RLHHLR@aol.com

Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds

February 16

Saturday
09:30 AM



Reeves bogs ramble

5 to 7 miles, moderate pace. We will take a walk out to see the swan at the bogs by sand roads, forest roads and maybe a trail back. Maybe the eagle that goes from White's bogs, to North Branch bogs, to Reeves bogs will grace us with his presence. Last year I counted over 200 swan. Bring trail food because I do not stop for lunch. Dogs on leash in the back are welcome. We will meet on the corner of Mount Misery Road and Route 70 on the grass. Leader Faye 912-433-8257

Hike Parvin State Park

Meet at the corner, on the grass, of Mount Misery Road and Route 70, roughly about three and a half miles from the 70 Circle

February 18

Monday
10:00 AM



Let's Celebrate Presidents Day with a hike at Parvin State Park. 8 or 9 miles at a easy pace and a stop for lunch. Meet in main parking lot on Almond Road.

Bad weather will cancel. Check meetup for updates before you come out.

Leader Paul Baumhauer 609-706-3676 baumhapa@aol.com

Meet at Parvin State Park

February 20

Wednesday
10:00 AM

PENN STATE FOREST HIKE by Joe Hummel

PENN STATE FOREST HIKE. 9 miles. Moderate pace (2.5/3mph). View lake, sandy roads, dwarf pines, a hill (?), and of course, the landing gear of the F105 jet that crashed in 1971. Meet at Oswego Lake. Bring lunch and wet weather gear. Heavy rain/snow cancels.

Leaders, Joe Hummel (856) 235-8817 and Bill Poulson (856) 983-7609.

Meet at Oswego Lake

February 22

Friday
07:00 PM



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Leaders: Bob Hodges, RLHHLR@aol.com

Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds

February 23

Saturday
10:00 AM



Hike Pemberton Rails to Trails

We will hike the rails to trails from the Historic RR Station to Birmingham Rd. 5 miles easy pace.

Leader: David Bicking (856) 249-0886, dbickin@yahoo.com

Meet at Pemberton Rail Road Station

February 27

Wednesday
10:00 AM



HIKE ALONG THE SKIT

Hike along the Skit. 8 miles moderate pace. We'll hike along the Skit Branch of the Batsto River over trails and sand roads. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet just past the Skit Bridge on Carranza Rd. SE of Tabernacle. Leaders Pat Burton ,609-472-8128,email camperpat@hotmail.com. Chris Danneler 609-351-2789, cdanneler157@yahoo.com. Check ocsj.org and Meetup for changes and cancellations.

Meet at Skit Bridge.

March 2019

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March 01

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Leaders: Bob Hodges, RLHHLR@aol.com

Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds

March 02

Saturday

Jakes Branch

4 to 5 miles moderate pace. This is a beautiful 400 acre Preserve. Originally home of

09:30 AM



the lenni-lenape Indians. It has a very nice Nature Center with heated bathrooms open all year long except for holidays. If you go up to the top of the nature center you can see the Lakehurst hangar. This is a trail that is almost four miles long with an optional 7 tenths of a mile loop. I only stop for clothing adjustments and bush brakes you will be back before lunch. There are picnic tables if you would like to bring your lunch. We meet in the parking lot, 2.3 tenths of a mile past the light at Double **Trouble on Double Trouble Road. Leader Faye 912-433-8257**

March 05

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Meet at Moorestown Library

March 06

Wednesday
10:00 AM



Something at Brendan Byrne

we will hike 6-8 miles at a moderate pace around the bogs and thru the wood. Dress for the weather and bring your lunch. Maybe be wet sports and maybe some swans. Leaders Toni 609-903-6775 and Jan 609-404-4990

Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds

March 08

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Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds

March 09

Saturday
10:00 AM



Friendship and Bull's Branch

FRIENDSHIP AND BULL'S BRANCH. 5 miles, moderate pace. Walk along the old bogs on the Bull's Branch of the Tulpehocken Creek, with a short stop at the Blueberry Monument honoring the first commercial blueberry farm. Meet at Friendship. Leader: David Bicking, (856) 249 - 0886, dbickin@yahoo.com

Meet at Friendship

March 11

Monday
09:00 AM



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Leaders: Bob Hodges, RLHLR@aol.com

Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds

March 20

Wednesday
09:30 AM



Hike from Atsion to Batsto

We will take the long hike from Atsion to Batsto. IF the new bridge is done we will use the yellow trail about 9 miles, if the new bridge is not done we will do the longer version using the yellow, purple, Batona and white trail, which is closer to 12 miles. Shuttle is required, be early so you can use the restrooms at Batsto and we can get the shuttle arranged. Bring lunch and dress for the weather. Leaders Toni 609-903-6775 and Jan 609-404-4990

Meet at Batsto Village Visitor's Center Parking Lot

March 20

Wednesday
10:00 AM



Bowman's Tower, by Joe

BOWMAN'S TOWER

12 Miles. Moderate Pace (3mph) Meet at Washington Crossing, New Jersey side on Route 29 approximately 8 miles north of Trenton. At Washington Crossing, turn left at the red light to Penna. and then make an immediate right (before crossing the bridge) into the parking lot. We will cross the Delaware River and continue along the towpath and picnic at the tower. Bring your lunch. Heavy rain or snow cancels.

Leaders Joe Hummel (856) 235-8817

Meet at Washington Crossing State Park

March 22

Friday
07:00 PM



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Leaders: Bob Hodges, RLHLR@aol.com

Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds

March 24

Sunday
10:00 AM



SOUTH WISSAHICKON BIRTHDAY HIKE and CAMPFIRE with Rich Kranz

8 miles. Moderate pace. Come and celebrate the leaders birthday with a hike through the Wonderful Wissahickon and a campfire afterwards. We will be meeting at the new location mentioned above. Once underway, we'll detour off the Orange Trail to a seldom used ridge line trail which will drop us in at Tenbox, then venture on to the Hermits Cave and Lovers Leap. Once back at the cars we'll get a nice fire going and enjoy some snacks before the picnic area closes at 6pm (or until they throw us out). Rugged terrain. Sturdy shoes required. Wimp out is not available on this hike. Bring picnic food, beverage and some munchies for campfire afterwards if you want. No Pets. Inclement weather may cancel. Check Meetup for updates. Leader: Rich Kranz, 856 -316-6292.

Meet at Blue Bell Park

March 27

Wednesday
10:00 AM



WASHINGTON CROSSING STATE PARK (NJ) Hike

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

Meet at Washington Crossing State Park

March 29

Friday
07:00 PM



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Leaders: Bob Hodges, RLHHLR@aol.com

Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds

March 30

Saturday
10:00 AM



ANNUAL HOT DOG HIKE

6 miles moderate pace. We'll hike the trails in the Bass River SF, then have hot dogs from the grill with all the fixen's. Provided by OCSJ. Bring your own beverage, hot water will be available. Bring something to share. Meet at lake Absegami parking in the Bass River SF, entrance off of Stage Rd. Chefs Pat and Bob Burton, e-mail camperpat@hotmail.com Chris Denneler, e-mail cdenneler157@yahoo.com, 609-351-2789. Hike leader, Toni Stransky, 609-652-0112. Rain Date April 1. Check Meetup for changes or cancellations.

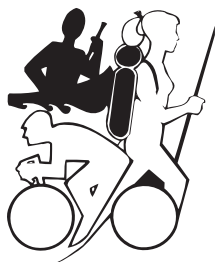
Meet at Bass River State Forest

Check the Outdoor Club's web site's home page (www.OCSJ.org) to view and download the 2019 club calendar. All pictures taken by club members on club activities. Contact Doug @ The Print Shop at 856-309-8817 or email at info@theprintshopandmore.com for a professionally printed copy.

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

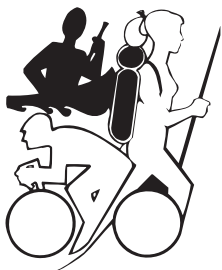
The Club is made up of people of all ages who are involved with the outdoors. All activities are led by volunteer members. The Club offers all members an opportunity to be a part of or to create their own outdoor experience or activity. The activity in any one schedule represents what the advisory committees 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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