

OUTDOOR CLUB of SOUTH JERSEY

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Spring 2015



APRIL 26

OCSJ Picnic at Pakim Pond

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Apres Ski Party

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Washington DC Bus Trip

JUNE 5-7

Cape May Weekend

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JUNE 27

Joseph Trujillo Hike and Picnic

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Outdoor Club of South Jersey

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

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

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

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

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

MEETINGS

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

Coming Events

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OCSJ MEETUP SITES

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

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FINAL 2 SECTIONS OF THE COMPLETE BATONA TRAIL HIKE SERIES. See Schedule entries.

APRIL 4 SECTION 4, CARRANZA MEMORIAL TO ROUTE 72.

APRIL 11 SECTION 5, HIKE THE BATONA: SECTION 5, ROUTE 72 TO ONGS HAT. 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 so-called Pine Barrens. You **MUST** pre-register for each hike; no one may participate if they have not registered because of the shuttling involved. We will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the terminus of the day's hike and shuttle to the start. Each section's distance varies; about 10 miles, give or take. We will walk at a brisk but comfortable 3 mph pace or a little better and take one stop for snack/light lunch. No need to hike all sections; you may choose any you like, so long as you pre-register on Meetup. **NO** negative responses, please. Please do let us know if you have registered but cannot make the hike. Check Meetup for any comments regarding changes a day or two before the scheduled hike.

APRIL 11-12 BACKPACK THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL: CRAMPTON GAP TO HARPER'S FERRY, WV – VISIT THE AT HEADQUARTERS. See April 11-12 entry.

APRIL 17-19 GREVE – SEIFRIED VOLUNTEER WORK TRIP at ATC HDQTRS. in HARPERS FERRY, WV. Our annual work trip in memory of Richard Greve and Annemarie Seifried benefits the Appalachian Trail Conservancy. We do whatever they need – gardening, cleaning, office work or sometimes light repairs. Carpentry or plumbing skills are especially appreciated. Richard felt this was a way to "give back"

to an organization that continues to make the trail such a wonderful experience. So if you can get into a little physical labor, or even boring office drudgery. We arrive on Friday, work on Saturday, play on Sunday, and get 2 free nights at the ATC'S hostel. Leader: Eileen Greve, 609-204-6451, egreve212@gmail.com

APRIL 24 (Tentative date-check meetup for any updates.) JANES ISLAND KAYAK AND CAMPING WEEKEND. See April 24 entry.

APRIL 25 PYRAMID MOUNTAIN HIKE. See April 25 entry for details.

APRIL 26 CLUB SPRING PICNIC. Hikes at 8:45 am, 10 a.m, and 10:30 am. Paddle demo at 10 a.m. Picnic follows at 12:00 noon. Food and drink provided. Bring a chair and something to share. All members and non-members invited. See April 26 entries.

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MAY 15 (Tentative date) MALLOWS BAY-"GOST FLEET PADDLE" MARYLAND. Check meetup for updates.

MAY 16 NEW YORK CITY HIGH LINE WALK. See May 16 entry for details.

MAY 16-17 BACKPACK CRAMPTON GAP, FOX GAP AND TURNER'S GAP ON THE AT. See May 16-17 entry.

MAY 19-20 MID WEEK BATONA BACKPACK. See May 19-20 entry.

MAY 23 BATONA TRAIL WORK DAY. Light trail maintenance work on the Batona Trail in the Franklin Parker section. Bring clippers/loppers, work gloves. Afterwards, we'll drive a short distance to Pakim Pond in Brendan Bryne State Forest for lunch. The leaders will provide dessert. Meet at 10:00 am at Batona Trail Crossing on Rt. 72. Check meetup 2 hours prior for any bad weather cancellation. Leaders: Jack Dalton and Ro Mason romason@comcast.net 609-271-2167.

MAY 25 MEMORIAL DAY PADDLE ON THE MULLICA. See May 25 entry.

JUNE 3 FULL MOON PADDLE ON THE LOWER MULLICA RIVER. See June 3.

JUNE 6 HIKE PALISADES INTERSTATE PARK...THE GIANT STAIRS! See June 6.

JUNE 7 NATIONAL TRAILS DAY, HIKE THE BATONA TRAIL. See June 7.

JUNE 6-12 THE 16th SCHUYLKILL RIVER SOJOURN (NON-OCSJ EVENT) is a 112-mile guided canoe/kayak trip on the Schuylkill River. It begins in rural Schuylkill Haven and ends seven days later in Philadelphia's Boathouse Row. Sojourn participants register for as little as one day, or for the entire trip. Sometimes it is wet and wild. At other times it is peaceful and inspiring. There are a few rapids, calm water, plenty of laughs, songs at the campsites, and celebrations in the river towns. There is a little bit of everything in store for canoers and kayakers who take part in the weeklong sojourn down the Schuylkill River that begins the first weekend of June. For details contact Frank Pearce, hornet71@verizon.net or 856-767-2780

JUNE 9-10 MIDWEEK GIRL'S KAYAK CAMPOUT. See June 9-10.

JUNE 11 PEAT HAGS AND MOUNTAIN GOATS - AN IRISH HILLWALKERS EXPERIENCE. Location: New Cherry Hill Library, 1100 Kings Hwy. (Rt. 41) North of Route 70 in Cherry Hill. All welcome. Time: 8:00 pm following monthly board meeting. "Madeleine Doherty has been hiking the hills of Ireland for over a decade and is the Environment Officer for one of Ireland's largest hillwalking clubs, Glenwalk. By profession, Madeleine is a musician and a civil celebrant. She took up hillwalking as a way of de-stressing from the rigors of her work. She is also a trained walks leader and enjoys introducing walkers to the joys of navigating with map and compass. Madeleine makes regular visits from her home on the east coast of Ireland for the purposes of her work.

JUNE 14 FLAT WATER KAYAK TRAINING. Perfect for beginners and those wanting to improve their skills. See June 14 entry.

JUNE 27 JOSEPH TRUJILLO MEMORIAL HIKE AND PICNIC. 5 miles moderate pace. Harrisville was one of the places that Joe liked to meet for hikes and once a year in June we would have a picnic. We will hike up past Martha Furnace to Joe's Spring. Then return for picnic. Those not wanting to hike can come at 12 noon. Leader will supply Grill hot dogs with fixens. Paper plates and utensils. Bring picnic type food to share. Leader will do a late afternoon kayak paddle after the picnic. On the Wading River. Time and length of trip to be determined that day. Meet at Harrisville Pond parking, on Rt. 679. A spur of RT. 563, south of Chatsworth. Leaders: Christine Denneker, 609-351-2789, cdenneker157@yahoo.com; Pat Burton, 856-767-8064, camperpat@aol.com.

JULY 4 FOURTH OF JULY PADDLE ON THE MAURICE RIVER. See July 4.

VOLUNTEER VACATIONS. Enjoy an inspiring and unforgettable week vacationing in America's national parks, forests, state parks, and other public lands, while repairing and restoring trails – and rejuvenating your mind, body, and spirit! Volunteer Vacations are a series of trail building projects on America's public lands. Experience the camaraderi and sense of accomplishment after building a bridge or restoring a neglected trail. For more information, <http://www.americanhiking.org/em-volunteer-vacations>.

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***YES! I want to participate in the Annual Washington, DC Bus Trip
and Self-Guided Tour.***

Enclosed is my payment.

**Please make your check payable to
OUTDOOR CLUB OF SOUTH JERSEY**

NAME: _____

Phone # _____

Address: _____

E-mail address: _____

For a receipt, include a self addressed stamped envelope.

Return this form to:

**Fran Katella Fran Katella
10 Fairway Court
Marlton, NJ 08053**

www.ocsj.org

NEWS AND NOTES

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

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

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

We would encourage everyone to check our websites for updates. Since trips are posted months in advance changes may occur including additions. Some activities may require limits on participation due to safety concerns and potential participants should RSVP.

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

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

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

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1000, 750 and 500 Mile Hiking Clubs for 2015

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

FOR LEADERS

Leaders should review items under "For Leaders " on OCSJ Website

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

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

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

TRAIL MAINTENANCE



The hiking trails our club enjoys are available primarily due the efforts of volunteers, just ordinary people. Among other things, our club helps to maintain the BATONA Trail. If you can help for a morning or afternoon at another time, contact Jack Dalton for what needs to be done. You can contact Jack at 609-287-3105 or w2hds@comcast.net.

Membership
Extension



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

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

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

The Board has recognized this issue and has tried to come up with a solution.

First, we want to make members aware.

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

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

Here is the criteria to qualify.

Hike leaders must lead 6 hikes per year.

Canoe/Kayak leaders must lead 3 paddles per year.

Bicycling leaders must lead 5 rides per year.

Backpacking leaders must lead 2 trips per year.

X/C Ski leaders must lead 1 trip per year.

Trail maintenance-participate in 3 trail maintenance activities per year.

Contact any Activity Chair or the Activities Coordinator,
actchair@ocsj.org, for details.



HIKING GUIDE

Hike distances are in miles, and may optionally be followed by hike duration in hours. The following codes are used to show unusual features of a hike:

BW - Bushwhacking

WF - Wet feet possible

NS - No stops

NP - No pets

NC - No children

FS - Few stops

LP - Leashed Pet

Refer to the page listing Standard Meeting Places for directions to hikes.

WALKING PACE DEFINITIONS

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

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

HIKE DESCRIPTIONS

- **EASY** - pace defined as slower walking with more frequent rest breaks (e.g. for viewing surroundings, nature calls, equipment adjustments, and allowing walkers to catch up). For the slower walker.
- **MODERATE** - pace defined as as comfortable walking with occasional rest breaks. For the average walker.
- **BRISK** - pace defined as faster walking with occasional rest breaks. For the average, better conditioned walker.
- **FAST** - pace defined as fitness walking with few rest breaks for any reason. For seasoned, in fit condition walkers.

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STANDARD MEETING PLACES

If the meeting place is one of the standard meeting places shown below, no directions will appear in the hike listing.

Atsion - Meet in field on east side of Rt. 206 just north of Wharton State Forest Office.

Batsto - Meet at Batsto village parking, off Rt. 542, between Hammonton and Green Bank.

Bullock - Meet on north side of road in Bullock. Turn east from Rt. 72 at railroad bridge 6.5 miles southeast of Rt. 70/72 intersection. Continue 3.3 miles to the intersection. Turn right, then immediately left, and park.

Byrne Campsites - Meet at Byrne (Lebanon) campsite. Turn off Rt. 72, 1 mile southeast of Rt. 70/72 intersection. After 0.4 miles, turn right. Campsite parking is 3.5 miles beyond the Forest Office.

Byrne Office - Meet at Byrne (Lebanon) forest office. Turn east off Rt. 72, 1 mile southeast of Rt. 70/72 intersection. After 0.4 miles, turn right. Forest office is on the left.

Carranza - Meet at Carranza Memorial parking, 6.7 miles SE of Tabernacle on Carranza Road.

Cemetery - Meet at cemetery on Rt. 563, 0.6 miles south of Rt. 532 in Chatsworth.

D & R Parking - a mile N of Lambertville on Rt. 29, just before the Rt. 202 Bridge. Turn left and drive to the parking.

Evans - Meet just to the north of Evans Bridge (on east side of Rt. 563), 0.7 miles south of the Rt. 563/Rt. 679 split (about 10 miles south of Chatsworth).

Friendship - Meet at Friendship ruins on Carranza Road, 10 miles SE of Tabernacle.

Harrisville - Meet at Harrisville Pond, on Rt. 679, 1.5 miles south of Rt. 563, between Chatsworth and New Gretna.

Henry Avenue & Walnut Lane parking area, Philadelphia – Take Rt. 76 (Schuylkill Expressway) West to Lincoln Drive, exit #340A. Turn right at bottom of ramp, cross short bridge and take Ridge Avenue West exit. Proceed to 2nd traffic light and bear right. Go two more lights and bear left. At the next light, turn right onto Walnut Ln. Go to 2nd light and turn left onto Magdalena and a quick left into parking area. Approximately 9 miles from Ben Franklin Bridge.

Jackson - Meet just north of small bridge on Rt. 534 (Jackson Road), 1.7 miles northeast of Atco Raceway.

Lake Absegami - Meet at Lake Absegami parking, Bass River State Forest. Entrance is on Stage Road, 3.4 miles E of Rt. 679 (from the N & W); or 6 miles W of Tuckerton (from the N & E); or 3 miles N of New Gretna (from the S).

Oswego - Meet at Oswego Lake parking, 3.1 miles northeast of Rt. 563 from Jenkins. (Turnoff is 8.4 miles south of Rt. 532 in Chatsworth, between Pine Barrens Canoes and Mick's Canoes).

Pakim Pond - Meet at Pakim Pond parking, Byrne S.F. Turn off Rt. 72, 1 mile southeast of Rt. 70/72 intersection. After 0.4 miles, turn right. Pakim Pond is 2.7 miles beyond the Forest Office.

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

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

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

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

A MESSAGE FROM THE X/C Skiing & Snowshoeing Chair

I hope that everybody had a good time skiing and snowshoeing this year. I would like to thank all of our leaders for their hard work planning and running trips. If you would like to lead a trip or have ideas for new trips please contact me. This year the Après Ski Party will be Sat. May 2nd. All club members are invited. Thank you Ken and Nora Kolano for hosting the Après Ski Party this year. See the write up below for all of the information.

Dennis McKane
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CANOEING/KAYAKING A Message from the Canoeing/Kayaking Chair



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.)

HISTORIC CAPE MAY WEEKEND

Friday to Sunday JUNE 5-7, 2015

To start the summer session, you are cordially invited to join us for our annual Cape May outing. Our headquarters, as in years past, will be **THE CHALFONTE HOTEL**, 301 Howard Street, Cape May, New Jersey, (1-888-411-1998). Check in any time after 3:00 PM on Friday; check out by midday on Sunday.



This is a perfect outing for all club members. In addition to our popular 15-50 mile bike rides, there are also other activities available. These include paddling a kayak, shopping on the mall, historic walking tours (guided or on your own), nature hikes, bird watching, local theater, or just sit and rock on the porch. You can also visit the Cape May Zoo or

take a ferryboat ride to Lewes, Delaware, a quaint place to spend some time. Many of us attend a play on Friday after dinner.

Our weekend starts with a Friday night Welcome Buffet Spaghetti/Pasta Party (a time to plan what you want to do). Breakfast is provided on both Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday, there is a family style sit down dinner and followed by an ice cream party.

The entire cost for all of the above (room, meals, social gathering, and ice cream) is:

- Room for 2 with shared bath (one bed) \$200 per person
- Room for 2 with private bath (2 beds) \$260 per person
- Room for a single person with shared bath \$260 per person
- Room for a single person with private bath \$330 per person

If interested, Please Contact the Leaders ASAP

Please sign up early, as this will help us complete our plans to make our 2015 trip enjoyable for all. If you have any questions, or need more information, contact Jim Bodnar at 609-654-1507 e-mail: JRBodnar@verizon.net or Fran Horn at 856-786-0048 e-mail: FranHorn@aol.com

Please send the entire amount for the weekend with the form below no later than May 6, 2015. It is refundable up to 60 days before the event. There is a \$25 service charge per room for cancellation.



YES! I want to participate in the Annual Historic Cape May Weekend.

Enclosed is my payment. Please make your check payable to OCSJ

Name: _____

Phone: # _____

Address: _____

E-mail address: _____

I prefer (circle selection) double room 1 bed w/shared bath, double room 2 beds w/private bath, single room with shared bath or single room w/ private bath

I will be sharing my room with: _____. Please pair me with a roommate:

I am interested in riding my bike to Cape May on Friday. (Bikers leave from Medford area)_____

I am interested in leading an activity: hiking____biking____kayaking____ Will you lead an activity?



APRIL



"You learn something everyday if you pay attention."

RESERVATIONS AND DEADLINE

MAY 9 WASHINGTON DC BUS TRIP. Packed with famous sights, celebrated symbols of patriotism, free attractions, the sights and sounds of the nation's capital offer inspiring experiences **COST:** \$30.00 per person. **TO ORDER:** Send check payable to **OUT-DOOR CLUB OF SOUTH JERSEY** to Fran Katella, 10 Fairway Court, Marlton, NJ 08053. You can also pay by charge - All payments must be made by **APRIL 23, 2015** **ADVANCE RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST.** Order tickets as soon as possible. We need an early response, in order not to disappoint anyone. First come, first serve. No reserved seats. Please include your telephone number and E-mail address (also cell phone number for the day of the trip). For a receipt, include self-addressed stamped envelope. All sales final. For refund, tickets must be re-sold. Meet at the Garden State Pavilion parking lot-Marlton Pike (Rt. 70) and Cornell Avenue, Cherry Hill, NJ. Meet at 7:00 am. Bus departs promptly at 7:30 a.m. rain or shine. Arrive DC 10 -11 a.m. Depart DC 5:00 pm. Arrival time from DC approx. 8:30 p.m. (Volunteer gratuity for driver) Leader: Fran Katella, 856-313-3794, frankatella3@gmail.com

JUNE 5-7 HISTORIC CAPE MAY WEEKEND. To start the summer session, you are cordially invited to join us for our annual Cape May outing. Our headquarters will be the Chalfonte hotel. Our weekend starts with a Friday night Welcome Buffet Spaghetti/Pasta Party (a time to plan what you want to do). Breakfast is provided on both Saturday and Sunday. Please sign up early, as this will help us complete our plans to make our 2015 trip enjoyable for all. Check website for details. If you have any questions, or need more information, contact Jim Bodnar at 609-654-1507 e-mail: JRBodnar@verizon.net or Fran Horn at 856-786-0048 e-mail: FranHorn@aol.com.

APRIL 4 SECTION 4 - HIKE THE BATONA CARRANZA MEMORIAL TO ROUTE 72. See April 4 entry.

APRIL 11 SECTION 5 - HIKE THE BATONA RT. 72 TO ONGS HAT. See April 11.

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APRIL 24 (Tentative date-check meetup for any updates.) JANES ISLAND KAYAK AND CAMPING WEEKEND. See April 24.

APRIL 25 PYRAMID MOUNTAIN HIKE. See April 25 entry for details.

APRIL 26 CLUB SPRING PICNIC. Hikes at 8:45 am, 10:00 am, and 10:30 am. Paddle demo at 10:00 am. Picnic follows at 12:00 noon. Food and drink provided. Bring a chair and something to share. All members and non-members invited. See April 26 entries.

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JUNE 11 " PEAT HAGS AND MOUNTAIN GOATS - AN IRISH HILLWALKERS EXPERIENCE. See June 11 listing.

JUNE 13-14 BEGINNER'S BACKPACKING TRIP ON THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL.

See June 13-14 entry.

JUNE 14 FLAT WATER KAYAK TRAINING. Perfect for beginners and those wanting to improve their skills. See June 14 entry.

JUNE 27 JOSEPH TRUJILLO MEMORIAL HIKE AND PICNIC.

NOTE VARIOUS OTHER TRIPS REQUIRE PARTICIPANTS TO CONTACT LEADER.

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.

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

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

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

APRIL 1

Wednesday

10:00 am

HISTORIC FAIRMOUNT PARK LOOP HIKE. About 11 miles at moderate pace (2.0 mph). See the historic mansions of east Fairmount Park (Lemon Hill, Hatfield House, Smith House, Mount Pleasant, Rockland, Ormiston, Laurel Hill, Woodford, Strawberry and Chamounix). We pause at each mansion to admire its beauty and learn a little of its history. Meet at Lloyd Hall. *See website for directions.* Heavy rain cancels or postpones, call leader if in doubt. NP. Due to certain aspects of this hike, it must be limited to a maximum of 20 participants. Bring lunch & beverage. Please RSVP as soon as possible to reserve your spot. - Leader & Tour Guide: Jerry Goldstein, 609-859-8133, jerryhyker@yahoo.com. Please RSVP only if you ARE coming.

APRIL 3

Friday

9:00 am

WALK FROM BULLOCK. Join me as I walk 6-8 miles at a moderate pace (2.75-3 mph) along sand roads and fire cuts in the southern section of Brendan Byrne State Forest and adjacent Greenwood Forest Wildlife Management Area. I'll choose the route based on conditions and the condition and interests of the walkers. Meet on the grass along the RR tracks at RR Crossing in Bullock- where Pasadena Road meets Savoy Boulevard at the Ocean/Burlington County border. Savoy Blvd. crosses Rt. 72 about 6 miles from the Rt. 70 intersection at 4-Mile Circle. There is no road sign but there is railroad bridge at the location. Turn onto Savoy and head east until you get to a stop sign. Turn right and park on the grass on your left. Leader: Jay Schoss, 609-283-0252 or walkinginmud@aol.com. Call the day prior for questions.

APRIL 3

Friday

7:00 pm



FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. Brisk Pace, 8-10 miles. The ongoing, every Friday night, all year 'round, Friday nite fitness hike, where we try to work up a sweat exploring the sand roads and trails of Brendan Byrne State Forest. Be prepared to walk at an average of 3.5 mph, with few breaks. Bring water and wear well broken in boots, sneakers, or shoes (sneakers are adequate for dry conditions). Socks are also important foot gear; synthetics and wool being better at preventing blisters (avoid cotton socks). Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds. Leaders: Mike Baker, 609-577-9004 mike@mikebaker.com; Bob Hodges, RLHHLR@aol.com; Alison Baker, 609-468-1950, alison@mikebaker.com

APRIL 4
Saturday
8:30 a.m.



HIKE THE BATONA TRAIL: SECTION 4, CARRANZA MEMORIAL TO ROUTE 72. This is the fourth of our weekly section hikes of the beautiful Batona Trail, which traverses through piney forests, uplands, lowlands, past bogs, rivers and streams on deserted sand roads through ghost villages and on trails. Distance is about 11 miles. We will meet on Route 72, about a quarter mile north of junction with Route 563, for shuttle to Carranza Memorial. Brisk but comfortable pace of about 3 mph or better, one break for lunch. You **MUST** pre-register for this hike because of the shuttling requirements. No negative responses please but if you register and can't make it, please do let us know. For more information, contact leaders: Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817 Joe Hummel, nofluke18@yahoo.com and Vera Stek, verastek@verizon.net

APRIL 4
Saturday
10:00 am

ALLAIRE STATE PARK. 5 miles, easy to moderate pace. We meet at Allaire State Park at the Hospital Road parking lot along the hilly terrain of the multi-use trails. Leader: Daving Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbicking@yahoo.com

APRIL 5
Sunday
9:00 am

WALK TO ONG'S HAT. We'll walk a circular route of about 10 miles at a 3 mph pace using the Batona Trail and sand roads. Meet at the Brendan Byrne office parking lot accessible from either high 70 or 72. Follow the signs to the office. Be on time, we leave the parking area at 9 promptly. Leaders: Jay Schoss and Faye Bray. Call with questions, 609-283-0252 or e-mail walkinginmud@aol.com

APRIL 6
Monday
10:00 am

HIKE TO DEEP HOLLOW POND FROM THE RANGER STATION. About 4/5 miles easy pace along the Batona Trail. Bring water. We will eat lunch after hike. Meet at Brendan Byrne Office. If in doubt call leader Janet Horton, 609-706-5691 or janeth1@comcast.net

APRIL 7
Tuesday
7:30 pm

MOORESTOWN WALKS. Approximately 3 miles. Moderate pace. Different routes through Moorestown's historic streets. This isn't an endurance hike or a nature walk. This is a walk on suburban streets and sidewalks to stretch the legs after work on a mid-week night with good company and conversation. Meet at Moorestown Library across 2nd Street in the Municipal Parking Lot. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

APRIL 8
Wednesday
10:00 am

EAST TO IVES POND. 8-10 moderate mile hike in Bass River State Forest. We'll walk to Ives Pond to check on the beaver dam utilizing old roads and the Batona Trail. Bring lunch and a beverage. We MAY walk north along Ives Pond for a new way back to the cars. Meet at Batona Trail parking lot off Stage Road. Check meetup 2 hours prior for any bad weather cancellation. Leader: Ro Mason romason@comcast.net, 609-271-2167.

APRIL 9
Thursday
7:30 pm



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

APRIL 10
Friday, 7:00 pm

FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. Brisk Pace, 8-10 miles. See page 13.

APRIL 11
Saturday
8:30 am

HIKE THE BATONA: SECTION 5, ROUTE 72 TO ONGS HAT. This is the final section of our tour of the entire length of the Batona Trail. The premier hiking trail through the Pine Barrens, the Batona traverses on sand roads and trails through upland

pine forests, lowlands, past bogs, streams, rivers and ghost towns. Distance is about 10 miles. We will meet at Onga's Hat for the shuttle to Rt. 72. Brisk but comfortable pace of about 3 mph or better, one break for lunch. You **MUST** pre-register for this hike because of the shuttling requirement. No negative responses please. If you register and can't make it, please do let us know. Check Meetup prior to the hike for any updates/changes due to inclement weather. For more information, contact leaders: Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817 Joe Hummel, nofluke18@yahoo.com; and Vera Stek, verastek@verizon.net

APRIL 11
Saturday
9:00 am



CANOE/KAYAK THE N. BRANCH RANCOCAS CREEK. Join me for a 10-mile trip on my favorite Pinelands waterway and look for turtles sunning themselves along the way. We'll paddle from the trailhead behind Burlington County Community College to Smithville. Meet at the Canoe Trail launch ramp on W.Rancocas Road, off Rt. 530 in Pemberton. Leader is an "early riser", so contact him between 4 AM and 7 pm if you have any questions. Participants **MUST** be ready to shuttle at 9 AM so arrive early to unload your boat and gear. Rentals are not available. Leader: Dave Lynch Cell, 609-784-4066 or e-mail ztoymaker@gmail.com

APRIL 11
Saturday
10:00 AM

BASS RIVER RAMBLE. 5 mile moderate hike in Bass River State Forest. We'll start at the Lake Absegami parking lot and walk the Red and Pink trails. After lunch at the picnic pavilion on the lake, we'll return to our cars via Joe's Trail. Bring lunch and a beverage. Meet at Lake Absegami parking lot at Bass River State Park Check meetup 2 hours prior for any bad weather cancellation. Leader: Ro Mason romason@comcast.net, 609-271-2167.

APRIL 11-12
Sat.-Sun.



BACKPACK THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL: CRAMPTON GAP TO HARPER'S FERRY, WV – VISIT THE AT

HEADQUARTERS. Moderate Hike, total of 7.5 miles on Sat, 2.3 miles on Sunday: We'll meet in Harper's Ferry at the AT headquarters, drop off half the cars, then drive to the start point at Crampton Gap. The hike through some civil war battlefields, past some AT historical plaques, for 7.5 miles till we get to Weaverton Primitive Camp (no water or privy). We'll stage water at a road crossing on the way to fill up on before we get to camp. The next day, we'll get up, and walk across level ground 2.3 miles to the cars. Limited to 16 backpackers. Hike Leader Kevin Drevik, 856-630-2485 or kdrevik@aol.com.

APRIL 12
Sunday
10:00 am

OSWEGO RIVER PADDLE. We meet at Oswego Lake Put-In, Oswego Lake Road off Rte.563, Chatsworth. Pack lunch and change of clothing in dry bag as cold water conditions still apply. You should have experience for any cold water paddling and be familiar with the river. Call or email to confirm. Leader: Vicki S., 856-341-3901 or ravingwriter@gmail.com

APRIL 12
Sunday
10:45 am

SOUTH WISSAHICKON VALLEY HIKE. 5 or 7 miles, moderate pace. Come explore historic Rittenhousetown and the Hermits Cave and say hi to 'Billy Penn'. Rugged terrain. Sturdy shoes required. Wimp out at 5 miles. Lunch at Lovers Leap. Bring lunch, beverage. NP. Meet at 10:00 a.m. Crate & Barrel Cherry Hill Mall, or by 10:45 a.m. at Henry Avenue and Walnut Lane parking area. Leader: Rich Kranz, 856-316-6292. streetpilot58@gmail.com

APRIL 12

Sunday

2:00 pm

BURLINGTON SOUTH - RIVERLINE TOWN WALKS. 3 miles, easy to moderate pace. Meet at NJ TRANSIT-Burlington South, from which we will explore the streets of this historic town. Leader: David Bicking, 609- 332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

APRIL 13

Monday

9:00 am



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

APRIL 15

Wednesday

9:00 am

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

APRIL 15

Wednesday

10:00 am

TYLER STATE PARK WILD FLOWER HIKE. Easy hike on paved and sometimes muddy trails along the river to see (hopefully) massive stands of bluebells. 6 miles with restrooms before and after the hike. We have lunch at the covered bridge. There are usually many different spring flowers along this hike. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet at Tyler State Park. Leader: Pat Burton, camperpat@hotmail.com, or 856-767-806 for more info.

APRIL 15

Wednesday

7:00 pm

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

APRIL 17

Friday, 7:00 pm

FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles. Brisk pace, See page 13.

APRIL 17 to 19

Fri-Sun.

GREVE – SEIFRIED VOLUNTEER WORK TRIP at ATC HEADQUARTERS in HARPERS FERRY, WV. Our annual work trip honors the memory of longtime members Richard Greve, who initiated this trip in 1983, and Annemarie Seifried, a loyal participant who came on the first trip and almost every year after. Our work benefits the Appalachian Trail Conservancy. We do whatever they need – gardening, cleaning, office work or sometimes light repairs. Carpentry or plumbing skills are especially appreciated. We arrive on Friday, work on Saturday & have Sunday free for fun. 2 nights free at ATC's hostel. Leader Eileen Greve, 609-204-6451, egreve212@gmail.com

APRIL 18

Saturday

10:00 am

GOSHEN POND HIKE. 5 miles, easy pace. A leisurely stroll through the woods and following the Mullica River. Meet at Goshen Pond Group Campsite area. Look for the Goshen Pond Group Campsite sign on Atsion Road 1 1/2 miles from Rt. 206. Follow Road till you see another sign for the campground high in the trees. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

APRIL 19

Sunday
9:00 am

FRAN'S BAGEL RIDE - CLASS C 30 miles. 12-14 mph cruising pace. Fran's back for bagels! Meet at Moorestown HS. Leader: Fran H., 856-786-0048.

APRIL 19

Sunday
9:30 am

PADDLE THE UPPER MULLICA. Meet at Jackson Rd. bridge over the Mullica. (Approx. 1.4 miles east of the Taco Speedway. Must be experienced, and wear PFD!!! Expect blowdowns. Bring a saw or shears, if you wish! Near Wilderness. Many animals. Take Out at Atsion Lake, 3:30 pm? Please contact leader to confirm trip and reservation. Snow cancels. Leader Harry Barok, 856-985-6172 or harrykaraoke7@verizon.net

APRIL 19

Sunday
2:00 pm

ROEBLING - RIVERLINE TOWN WALKS. 3 miles, easy to moderate pace. Meet at NJ Transit Roebbling Riverline Station, from which we will explore the streets of this historic town. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109 dbickin@yahoo.com

APRIL 20

Monday
9:00 am



WALK TO RED OAK GROVE. Walk with us to Red Oak Grove, that old forgotten place which was almost a town more than a hundred years ago. With good imagination, we might see some evidence of what was once there. Sand roads old and new, fire cuts and deer paths will be followed through this part of Greenwood Forest WMA. The route will total about 10-11 miles at a moderate steady pace of about 3mph. Meet at the railroad crossing where Pasadena Road and Savoy Boulevard meet at the border of Woodland and Manchester Township. Be on time, we leave at 9 Leaders: Jay Schoss and Faye Bray., call 609-283-0252 or email walkinginmud@aol.com.

APRIL 22

Wednesday
9:30 am

HIKE BATSTO TRAILS. We'll hike about 8 miles at a brisk pace on several of Batsto's many colorful, scenic trails. Tree roots and stumps can pose tripping hazards for the unwary. Bring snack and water for a very quick break. Meet at the back of the Batsto Visitor's Center parking lot, where restrooms are available; we leave on time. Severe weather (heavy rain, sleet, snow, winds, etc.) cancels. Positive responses only, please. Those who are not members of OCSJ are entitled to one free hike only; then you must join the club to participate in our events. Leaders: Vera C. Stek, verastek@verizon.net and Bill Schaefer, weschaefer@verizon.net 908-337-7040.

APRIL 22

Wednesday
6:30 pm

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.7 miles. Moderate pace. Stop on the way home for a turn around Cooper River Park. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club on South Park Drive. The Yacht Club is located directly across from the Marina Park Apartments on South Park Drive in Collingswood. Rain at the departure time cancels. Check website, as always, for last minute cancellations. Contact leader before 8:30 pm. Leader: Joe Rottinger, 856-665-4812 or pennsauken@earthlink.net

APRIL 23

Thursday
9:00 am

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

APRIL 24 (Tentative)

Friday
5:00 pm

JANES ISLAND KAYAK AND CAMPING WEEKEND. (note this is tentative date). Annual Kayak, camp and bike this weekend on the Chesapeake Bay at Janes Island State Park, MD. Janes Island State Park is a Chesapeake Bay Gateway, one of over 100 special places to experience the Chesapeake Bay. We

will be kayaking both days on the many sheltered water trails around the Island and Little Annemessex River. We will be camping at Janes Island SP in camping loop? Limited numbers of cabins are available. Saturday night will include an optional visit to Christfield for an all you can eat crab fest, blue claw and soft shell. Minimum 13' kayak with spray skirt & bilge pump. Contact leader for actual date and obtain camping information, as this trip will fill quickly. Campsite reservations will be made directly with State Park, however contact leader for loop and group area information. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve. or pis9@yahoo.com Call leader or check website for details.

APRIL 24

Friday, 7:00 pm



FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles. Brisk pace. See page 13.

APRIL 25

Saturday
10:00 am

PYRAMID MOUNTAIN HIKE. Pyramid Mountain Natural Historic Area is full of hiking trails. The area boast 1530 acres of rugged trails, fields, Forrest, rock outcroppings and wetlands. The highest point in the park is 934 feet with a beautiful view of the New York City Skyline. Pyramid Mountain is home to Tripod Rock, a 180 ton boulder balanced on 3 smaller boulders. Bear Rock is also nearby. We'll hike about 6 1/2 miles but some pretty rough terrain at times. Please know your hiking limits. Some steep climbs involved in this hike, but the sights are worth it. We'll meet at 10:00 AM in the Pyramid Mountain parking lot. This is a popular spot to hike, parking MAY be difficult. Wear hiking boots and hiking poles are recommended (but not necessary). Bring lunch and plenty of water. After the hike, we can drive into nearby town of Boonton for some eats before the drive home. See *complete directions on website*. For those that want to car pool. We'll meet at the Wawa on route 73 north, right before the Turnpike entrance. Meet here at 7:30 AM. We'll be parking in the parking lot of the office complex right across the street from Wawa (same side of 73). We roll out of Wawa at 7:45, please be on time. Leader: Doug Hillebrecht, 856-816-8824

APRIL 25

Saturday
9:00 am

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

APRIL 25

Saturday
10:00 am

BATSTO LOOP DE LOOP. 5 mile moderate hike in Wharton State Forest. We'll walk a figure eight loop utilizing the Red, White, Blue and Batona trails. Bring lunch for after the hike at the picnic area. Check meetup 2 hours prior for any bad weather cancellation. Meet at the end of the Batsto Village parking lot. Leader: Ro Mason romason@comcast.net 609-271-2167.

APRIL 25

Saturday
10:00 am

PADDLE THE MULLICA: ATSION TO PLEASEANT MILL. 11 miles. No Rentals. Meet at Atsion Ranger Station parking lot off of Rt. 206. The water is still cold so bring a change of clothes, just in case. Lunch and water. Volunteer shuttle call or email to confirm participation. Leader: Ericka, 856-364-6029, powerofpink58@verizon.net

APRIL 26

Sunday
8:45 am

PICNIC HIKE. Parts of the White, Red and Pink trails will be walked to help us build up an appetite for the club picnic. We will walk at a 3 mph steady pace to get back in time to chow down at the pond. 8-10 miles Meet at the Pakim Pond parking area of Brendan Byrne State Forest, Woodland Township on Cooper Road, 3/4 of a mile before the campground. We leave at 8:45 a.m., so be on time or wait for the next hike. If you have question call by the night before. Leaders: Jay Schoss and Faye Bray, 609-283-0252 or e-mail walkinginmud@aol.com.

APRIL 26

Sunday
10:00 am



PRE-PICNIC HIKE. 6 miles. Easy to moderate pace. A mid length hike before the picnic to work up an appetite. Meet at Pakim Pond. Leader: David Bicking, 609-32-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

APRIL 26

Sunday
10:00 am

CLUB PICNIC AT PAKIM POND. Canoe & Kayak Demo. Members will bring canoes/kayaks for demo. This is your chance to try various boats and ask your questions about paddling .ACA & Red Cross certified instructors will be on hand. All welcome.

APRIL 26

Sunday
10:30 am

PICNIC SHORT HIKE. 3-4 miles. Easy pace. Short hike before the picnic. Meet at Pakim Pond. Leader: Janet Horton, 609-706-5691, janeth1@comcast.net

APRIL 26

Sunday
12:00 pm

ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC. Come join us at the annual club picnic! There will be hikes, canoeing and kayaking opportunities in Pakim Pond. If you have never paddled but would like to try it, this is your chance. There will be canoes and kayaks to try and instructors to guide you. Food and drink will be served starting at noon at the pavilion. The picnic is totally free. All members and prospective members are welcome. Bring a chair. Don't miss the favorite club event! If you would like to bring a picnic food to share, feel free to do so, but e-mail president@ocsj.org so we can plan the food properly.

APRIL 26

Sunday
10:00 am

SOME PEOPLE CALL ME MAURICE RIVER PADDLE, but it's pronounced like "Morris" the cat. Meet at Garden Road, off Route 55 will paddle to Sherman Avenue, Vineland. Pack lunch and spare clothes in dry bag. Call or e-mail to confirm route. Leader: Vicki S., 856-341-3901 or ravingwriter@gmail.com

APRIL 26

Sunday
10:45 am

WISSAHICKON DAY PARADE HIKE. 5 or 7 miles, moderate pace. We'll hike down to the Valley Green Inn and have lunch while watching all of the trappings of the annual Equestrian Parade. The parade commemorates the closure of Forbidden Drive to vehicular traffic many years ago. On the way back we'll check out the Covered Bridge, the Falls and Maybe a side trip on the Lavender Trail. Rugged terrain. Bring or buy lunch at Valley Green snack bar. NP. Meeting Place: Meet before 9:45 a.m. at Crate & Barrel, Cherry Hill Mall or 10:45 at Andorra Nature Center, Ridge and Northwestern Avenues, Philadelphia. Leader: Rich Kranz, 856-316-6292, streetpilot58@gmail.com

APRIL 27

Monday
10:00 am

PAKIM POND HIKE. Hike from Pakim Pond along the Cranberry Trail to the newly blazed Batona Trail. 5 miles easy pace. Bring water. We will eat lunch after hike. Meet at Pakim Pond Brendan Byrne State Forest, Woodland Township if in doubt call leader: Janet Horton, 609-706-5691, janeth1@comcast.net

APRIL 29
Wednesday
10:00 pm

HIKE THE PARKER PRESERVE. 7-8 miles moderate pace. A beautiful area to hike. Bring lunch beverage and insect repellent. Meet at the Parker Preserve parking 2.5 miles south of Chatsworth on Route 563. Speedwell entrance. Leader Christine Denneler, 609-351-2789
cdenneler157@yahoo.com.



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MAY 1

Friday

9:00 am

WALK FROM BULLOCK. Join me as I walk 6-8 miles at a moderate pace (2.75-3 mph) along sand roads and fire cuts in the southern section of Brendan Byrne State Forest and adjacent Greenwood Forest Wildlife Management Area. I'll choose the route based on conditions and the condition and interests of the walkers. Meet on the grass along the RR tracks at RR Crossing in Bullock, Savoy Boulevard crosses Rt. 72 about 6 miles from the Rt. 70 intersection at 4-Mile Circle. There is no road sign but there is railroad bridge at the location. Turn onto Savoy and head east until you get to a stop sign. Turn right and park on the grass on your left. Leader: Jay Schoss, 609-283-0252 or walkinginmud@aol.com. Call the day prior for questions.

MAY 1

Friday

7:00 pm



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MAY 2

Saturday

10:00 am

CLAYTON PARK. 5 miles, easy to moderate pace. We explore the wooded trails along the Doctor's Creek in this Monmouth County Park. Meet at Clayton Park. Direction from I-195: take Exit 11 (Imlaystown/Cox's Corner) and turn south on Rte. 43. At first intersection make left on Rte. 526 then immediate right back on to Rte. 43. After a mile, turn left on Emley's Hill Road. Park is on the left. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

MAY 2

Saturday

10:00 am



PADDLE THE OCTORARO RIVER. This is the eleventh year that the Club has participated in this joint trip with the Wilmington and Lancaster Canoe Clubs. The section to be run depends on water levels but expect some whitewater. Previous whitewater experience required. Bring lunch, water, and protected change of clothes. The area is about 85 miles from the Philadelphia. No rentals available. You must contact leader to confirm participation. Leader: Frank Pearce, 856-767-2780 or hornet71@verizon.net

MAY 2

Saturday

2:00 pm-6:00 pm

MAY 2, 2015 APRÈS SKI PARTY. Join us to cap off the 2014-15 ski season and learn about next year's cross country ski trips. Ken and Nora Kolano will be hosting the party this year at their home at 47 Patty Bowker Road, Tabernacle, NJ 08088. The BYOB event will run from 2-6 p.m. Guests should contact them at kenkolano@gmail.com or 609-268-2154 with your choice to bring an appetizer, main dish, salad or dessert. *Please respond by April 15.*

MAY 3

Sunday

10:30 am

CATTUS ISLAND COUNTY PARK HIKE. About 7 miles, moderate pace. This park is a jewel of the Jersey shore with great views of the bay and surrounding wetlands. Bring lunch. Meet at Cattus Island County Park. Directions: Rt. 37 East. Three miles east of Parkway, turn left onto Rt. 627 (Vaughn Ave). Then right on Bay Ave, left on Fischer Blvd and right on Cattus Island

Blvd. Then turn left into park. Drive in 0.5 mile and park in third lot. Meet by large Cattus Island Park map. Leader: Bruce Steidel, 609-915-0956, bsteidel@yahoo.com

MAY 3

Sunday
10:45 am

MID WISSAHICKON VALLEY HIKE. 5 or 7 miles, moderate pace. We'll check out Devils Pool, traverse the Fingerspan bridge, pause by "The Falls" and climb our way to the Indian Statue. Rugged terrain. Sturdy shoes required. Wimp out at 5 miles. Bring or buy lunch at the Valley Green Inn. NP. Meet 10:00 a.m. at Crate & Barrel, Cherry Hill Mall, or by 10:45 a.m. at Henry Avenue and Walnut Lane parking area. Leader: Rich Kranz, 856-316-6292, streetpilot58@gmail.com

MAY 4

Monday
10:00 am

PEMBERTON RAIL STATION HIKE. We will hike the rails to trails from the Historic RR Station to Birmingham Rd. 5 miles easy pace. Bring water. Lunch after hike. Meet at Pemberton Rail Road Station. Leader: Janet Horton, 609-706-5691, janeth1@comcast.net

MAY 5

Tuesday
7:30 pm

MOORESTOWN WALKS. Approx 3 miles. Moderate pace. Different routes through Moorestown's historic streets. This isn't an endurance hike or a nature walk. This is a walk on suburban streets and sidewalks to stretch the legs after work on a mid-week night with good company and conversation. Meet at Moorestown Library across 2nd St in the Municipal Parking Lot. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

MAY 6

Wednesday
10:00 am



EVERYBODY LOVES MARTHA HIKE. We'll walk to the ghost town site of Martha's Furnace on this moderate 7-8 mile loop utilizing the Batona Trail and the Lake Trail. Bring lunch and a beverage for the break on the Oswego River. Meet at Evans Bridge (Wading River) Check meetup 2 hours prior for any bad weather cancellation. Leader: Ro Mason romason@comcast.net 609-271-2167.

MAY 6

Wednesday
7:00 pm

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

MAY 8

Friday
7:00 pm



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MAY 9

Saturday, 7:00 am

WASHINGTON DC BUS TRIP AND SELF-GUIDED TOUR. See page 5.

MAY 10

Sunday
10:00 am

MOTHER'S DAY ON THE MULLICA. Paddle the meandering Mullica River, Listen for the frog calls on the marsh. Atsion to

Pleasant Mills, 11 miles, all day trip. Meet at Atsion Ranger Station Parking Lot. Leader Vicki S. call 856-341-3901, or ravingwriter@gmail.com

MAY 10
Sunday
2:00 pm

BORDENTOWN - RIVERLINE TOWN WALKS. 3 miles, easy to moderate pace. Meet at the NJ Transit Riverline Station, from which we will explore the streets of this historic town. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

MAY 11
Monday
9:00 am

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

MAY 13
Wednesday
9:00 am

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

MAY 13
Wednesday
10:00 am



BACK TO BIVALVE HIKE. 7 miles. Meet at 2800 High St. (BCB) Bivalve (Port Norris). Park by Shipping Sheds. Walk to Shellpile by Maurice River to Bivalve village and observation decks. Picnic at BCB wharves where NJ tall ship is anchored. Tour Shipping Sheds and Museum. Bring cameras, binoculars and insect repellent. Noel Wirth, 609-938-0418. ocncw101@comcast.net

MAY 13
Wednesday
7:00 pm

HADDON LAKE PARK WALK. Walk 3 miles at 3 mph pace. Drop out at 2 miles if you wish. This is a paved walking and bike path. Bad weather Cancels. Meet at Haddon Lake Park. Take West Kings Hwy. to 13th Avenue In Haddon Heights. Follow 13th Avenue to South Park Ave. Parking Lot is on the right next to the Dell. Leader: Paul Baumhauer, 609-706-3676, baumhapa@aol.com

MAY 14
Thursday
7:30 pm



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

MAY 15
Friday
7:00 pm



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MAY 15
Friday
5:00 pm
(Tentative Date)

MALLOWS BAY-"GOST FLEET PADDLE" MARYLAND. Join us as we paddle in Mallovs Bay and visit the "Ghost fleet" of ships. See old sunken ships left from by gone era. Check this

site for more info on the "Ghost Fleet".

www.fossilguy.com/sites/potomac/mallow.htm The second day we will paddle to a secluded beach and hunt for fossilized sharks teeth. Min. of 13' kayak with spray skirt. We will have a group dinner Sat. night, contact leader for suggestions. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, pis9@yahoo.com. Contact leader for actual date of trip. Camping in at Smallwood State Park, MD. (they have cabins).reservations:<http://reservations.dnr.state.md.us/> or call 1-888-432-2267. Park Office #301-743-7613. Launch site address: 1440 Wilson Landing Road, Nanjemoy, MD 20662 GPS Info. (Latitude, Longitude): 38.55639, -77.18528 38°33'23"N, 77°11'7"W. From capital Beltway (Route 495/95) take Indian Head Highway (Rt. 210) South 25 miles. Left on Rt. 225 at Smallwood Middle School 1.5 miles. Right on Rt. 224 3.5 miles. Right at new park entrance.

MAY 16
Saturday
9:00 am

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

MAY 16
Saturday
10:00 am



NEW YORK CITY HIGH LINE WALK. The High Line is a public park built on a historic freight rail line elevated above the streets on Manhattan's West Side. It runs from Gansevoort Street in the Meatpacking District to West 34th Street, between 10th and 12th Avenues. Meet at Madison Square Garden We'll start on the corner of 8th & West 31st in front of Madison Square Garden. I'll be taking the train from Hamilton to Penn Station to get here. See below for those that want to come along. From here we'll start on the northern end of the High Line and walk it south. When we get off that, we'll head on down through Greenwich Village and make our way to the World Trade Center. We'll hang out here for a bit. The Museum is open but we won't be going in on this trip. The lines are long to get in. Maybe another trip for that. After the World Trade Center we'll make our way to the southern end of Manhattan to Battery Park. This is a good stop for lunch. There is a couple of food joints nearby if you want to buy. After that we'll walk around some more, head over the Manhattan Bridge and then back over the Brooklyn Bridge. After that we'll head on uptown and head over to Ellen's Stardust Dine, home of the singing waiters and waitresses. These are Broadway wanna-be's waiting for their break. Nothing like being served with a waiter or waitress singing on the table next to you. This is a long day of walking. 10-12 miles, an easy walk but on concrete. You can bail anytime, but if you do you're on your own to get back to Penn Station etc. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Bring lunch and plenty of water. The Train from Hamilton: For those interested, Lennie & I will be taking the train from Hamilton Station to NYC Penn Station. We'll catch the train closest to 8:00 a.m. Around trip ticket is \$30 a person. The schedule isn't posted for MAY yet, but as soon as it is, I'll post what train I'll be on. Make sure you arrive at the station to allow time to buy tickets and board the train. They run approx. every 30-40 minutes. Leader - Doug Hillebrecht, 850-309-8817.

MAY 16-17
Sat.-Sun.



BACKPACK CRAMPTON GAP, FOX GAP AND TURNER'S GAP ON THE AT. Moderate hike, total of 6.9 miles on Sat, and 5.3 miles on Sunday. We'll see the White Rocks Vista, the old Washington Monument, before stopping at the Rocky Run shelter (water, spring). We'll wake up the next day, hike to the Lambs knoll summit, and then to Grampton Gap. Limited to 16 backpackers. Hike Leader Kevin Drevik, 856-630-2485 or kdrevik@aol.com.

MAY 17
Sunday
9:00 am

PADDLE THE BRANDYWINE RIVER. Enjoy a scenic trip thru the historic Brandywine River Valley starting from a Private Park; stop for brown bag lunch at Wyeth's DAM, pass by the Brandywine River Museum, and end at a Covered Bridge in Delaware. Trip Length is approx. 8 miles with 2 dams (easy portage of 1st and 2nd may be run). Depending on water levels some easy riffles and a class I run thru the 2nd DAM (option to portage). Water level determines. No rentals available. Must contact leader to confirm participation and for details. Leader: Frank Pearce, 856-767-2780 or hornet71@verizon.net

MAY 17
Sunday
10:00 am

SOME PEOPLE CALL ME MAURICE RIVER PADDLE, but it's pronounced like "Morris" the cat. Start at Willow Grove and end at Sherman Ave take out. All day paddle, on wild and scenic waterway. Pack lunch, hat, and usual items. Volunteer shuttle. Leader: Vicki S.. 856-341-3901 or ravingwriter@gmail.com

MAY 17
Sunday
9:00 am



FRAN'S BAGEL RIDE - CLASS C. 30 miles. 12-14 mph cruising pace. Fran's back for bagels! Meet at Moorestown HS. Leader: Fran H., 856-786-0048.

MAY 17
Sunday
10:45 am

MID WISSAHICKON HIKE, (version2) 5 or 8 miles. Version 2 will change things up a bit and follow the yellow trail to Valley Green for lunch. Afterwards, we will skip the trek to the Indian Statue and instead explore the scenic Creshiem Creek and look for a hidden trail to the Toleration Statue before returning to the cars. Along the way we will also check out Devils Pool and traverse the Fingerspan Bridge. Rugged terrain. Sturdy shoes required. Wimp out at 5 miles. Bring or buy lunch at the Valley Green Inn snack bar. NP. Meet 10:00 a.m. at Crate & Barrel, Cherry Hill Mall, or by 10:45 a.m. at Henry Ave. and Walnut Lane parking area. Leader: Rich Kranz, 856-316-6292, streetpilot58@gmail.com

MAY 19-20
Tuesday
1:00 pm

MID WEEK BATONA BACKPACK. Slow and easy midweek backpack in Wharton State Forest. We'll meet at the Batsto Village parking lot at 1pm and walk 7 miles north on the relatively flat Batona Trail to the Lower Forge primitive campsite on the Batsto River. This should be a good trip for beginner backpackers or for those wanting to try out new equipment. We will share the cost of the campsite - approx. \$5 each. The next day we will walk back to our cars on the Yellow Trail about 7-8 miles. Bring a dinner, breakfast, lunch, snacks plus water for the walk. The privy and the spring for water should be available at the campsite. Please pre-register as we MAY need to reserve a site. NC/NP. Check meetup 2 hours prior for any bad weather cancellation. Leader: Ro Mason, romason@comcast.net, 609-271-2167.

MAY 20
Wednesday
9:30 am

HIKE PARKER PRESERVE. We'll choose the route, starting from the SOUTH gate of Franklin Parker Preserve on Rt. 563, based on the weather that day; severe weather such as thunderstorm, heavy rain cancels. About 8 miles at a fairly brisk

pace whichever way we go. Possible sightings: bald eagles, suspension bridge, oversize chairs, old bogs. Easy hiking along the bogs but somewhat challenging on the red trail if weather permits taking that route. Bring snack and water for a brief stop. Leaders: Vera C. Stek, verastek@verizon.net; and Bill Schaefer 908-337-7040. POSITIVE responses only, please. Non-members of OCSJ are entitled to one free hike with the group; then you must join to continue to participate.

MAY 20
Wednesday
9:30 am



CANOE/KAYAK THE DELAWARE RIVER (Hunterdon Co).

The trip is 8 miles from Kingwood Access to Bulls island. There is a \$12 fee per carrier. This means you divide \$12 by the number of boats you carry on your vehicle. Be ready for 9:30 am shuttle. Bring lunch and beverage, sunscreen, and protected change of clothes. Allow time for drive-watch for speed limits thru Lambertville. Rain cancels. Rentals are not available. Contact leader to confirm trip and participation. Leader: Frank Pearce, hornet71@verizon.net, 856-767-2780.

MAY 20
Wednesday
6:30 pm

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.7 miles, moderate pace. Stop on the way home for a turn around Cooper River Park. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club on South Park Drive. The Yacht Club is located directly across from the Marina Park Apartments on South Park Drive in Collingswood. Rain at the departure time cancels. Check website, as always, for last minute cancellations. Contact leader before 8:30 pm. Leader: Joe Rottinger, 856-665-4812 or pennsauken@earthlink.net

MAY 22
Friday
7:00 pm



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MAY 23
Saturday
9:00 am

CANOE/KAYAK THE N. BRANCH RANCOCAS CREEK. Join me for a 10-mile trip on my favorite Pinelands waterway and look for turtles sunning themselves along the way. We'll paddle from the trailhead behind Burlington County Community College to Smithville. Meet at the Canoe Trail launch ramp on W. Rancocas Road, off Rt. 530 in Pemberton. Leader is an "early riser", so contact him between 4 am and 7 pm if you have any questions. Participants MUST be ready to shuttle at 9 am so arrive early to unload your boat and gear. Rentals are not available. Leader: Dave Lynch Cell, 609784-4066 or e-mail ztoymaker@gmail.com

MAY 23
Saturday
10:00 am

Batona trail

BATONA TRAIL WORK DAY. Light trail maintenance work on the Batona Trail in the Franklin Parker section. Bring clippers/loppers, work gloves. Afterwards, we'll drive a short distance to Pakim Pond in Brendan Byrne State Forest for lunch. The leaders will provide dessert. Meet at Batona Trail Crossing on Rt. 72. Check meetup 2 hours prior for any bad weather cancellation. Leaders: Jack Dalton and Ro Mason romason@comcast.net 609-271-2167.

MAY 24

Sunday

9:00 pm

VISIT WELLS MILLS NATURAL AREA. Upper Webbs Mill Creek has been designated a natural area, home of numerous typical pinelands plants and animals. We'll lunch either along the walkway there or at the site of the old settlement depending on conditions. Figure about 10 miles plus or minus of walking at a moderate pace. Meet early at the railroad crossing where Pasadena Road, Savoy Boulevard, Woodland Township and Manchester Township all meet. We leave promptly at 9 am. Faye Bray and Jay Schoss are leading. Call 609-283-0252 for info or email walkinginmud@aol.com. The natural area could be wet due to beaver work.

MAY 24

Sunday

10:00 am

PADDLE CEDAR CREEK. Paddle 7 miles along the scenic Cedar Creek from Ore Pond to Dudley Park. Meet at Ore Pond access in Double Trouble State Park. Off of Pinewald-Keswick. (Look for Power lines) Experienced preferred. Very scenic. Take out at Dudley Park, Rt. 9. Please contact leader to confirm trip and reservation. Leader Harry Barok, 856-985-6172 or harrykaraoke7@verizon.net

MAY 24

Sunday

10:00 am

SUMMER KICK OFF GREAT EGG HARBOR PADDLE.

Weymouth Furnace to the Lake. Good run for less experienced paddlers. 4 hour trip. Bring lunch and hydration. Volunteer shuttle. Leader Vicki S., 856-341-3901, or ravingwriter@gmail.com

MAY 25

Monday

10:00 am



MEMORIAL DAY ON THE MULLICA. Line up for the paddle parade, Atsion to Pleasant Mills, 11 miles, No rentals. Meet at Atsion Ranger Station Parking Lot. Please contact leader Vicki S., 856-341-3901, or ravingwriter@gmail.com

MAY 29

Friday

7:00 pm

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MAY 30

Saturday

10:00 am

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, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

MAY 30

Saturday

10:00 am



PADDLE THE CROSSWICKS CREEK. An 8-mile paddle on the Crosswicks Creek, starting in Groveville, through the Abbott marshlands to Watson Woods for lunch and finally ending at Bordentown Beach. If it's open, we will visit the newly opened Tulpehocking Nature Center after lunch. Meet at Groveville canoe launch. Take US130 North to Bordentown. Turn right onto Groveville Road, which is the second traffic light after the Town & Country diner. Go in 0.4 miles. Parking for the launch site is on the right immediately after crossing bridge. Bring lunch and beverage. Limited to 16 paddlers. RSVP at Meetup or call or email leader to reserve your spot. Leader: Bruce Steidel, 609-915-0956, bsteidel@yahoo.com

MAY 31
Sunday
10:00 am

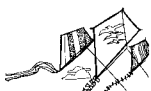
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MAY 31
Sunday
10:00 am

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

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Sunday
10:45 am

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JUNE

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 Bicycling Meetup site: <http://www.meetup.com/Outdoor-Club-of-South-Jersey>
 Canoeing Meetup site: <http://www.meetup.com/Outdoor-Club-of-South-Jersey-Canoeing/>

JUNE 1
Monday
10:00 am

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

JUNE 2
Tuesday
7:30 pm



MOORESTOWN WALKS. Approx 3 miles. Moderate pace. Different routes through Moorestown's historic streets. This isn't an endurance hike or a nature walk. This is a walk on suburban streets and sidewalks to stretch the legs after work on a mid-week night with good company and conversation. Meet at Moorestown Library across 2nd St in the Municipal Parking Lot. Leader: David Bicking, (609) 332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

JUNE 3
Wednesday
6:00 pm



FULL MOON PADDLE ON THE LOWER MULLICA RIVER. Paddle the Mullica River under a spectacular full moon and listen to the serenade of the evening wildlife. Don't miss this excellent opportunity to be on the water watching the moon rise. Some paddling experience required. Limited space, contact leader to reserve space. Please bring picnic type food to share after paddle at our tailgate social. Meet at the old Bel-Haven Paddle Sport on Rt. 543, 12 miles east of Hammonton, Atl. Co. Bring flashlight and whistle, minimum of 13' kayaks. PFD's must be worn. No rentals are available. Contact leader to confirm trip and participation. Leader: Paul Serdiuk 609+462+3593 or pis9@yahoo.com

JUNE 3
Wednesday
6:30 pm

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.7 miles, Moderate pace. Stop on the way home for a turn around Cooper River Park. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club on South Park Drive. The Yacht Club is located directly across from the Marina Park Apartments on South Park Drive in Collingswood. Rain at the departure time cancels. Check website, as always, for last minute cancellations. Contact leader before 8:30 pm. Leader: Joe Rottinger, 856-665-4812 or pennsauken@earthlink.net

JUNE 5
Friday
9:00 am

WALK FROM BULLOCK. Join me as I walk 6-8 miles at a moderate pace (2.75-3 mph) along sand roads and fire cuts in the southern section of Brendan Byrne State Forest and adjacent Greenwood Forest Wildlife Management Area. I'll choose the route based on conditions and the condition and interests of the walkers. Meet on the grass along the RR tracks at RR Crossing in Bullock where Pasadena Road meets Savoy Boulevard at the Ocean/Burlington County border. Savoy Boulevard crosses Rt. 72 about 6 miles from the Rt. 70 intersection at 4-Mile Circle. There is no road sign but there is railroad bridge at the location. Turn onto Savoy and head east until you get to a stop sign. Turn right and park on the grass on your left. Leader: Jay Schoss, 609-283-0252 or walkinginmud@aol.com. Call the day prior for questions.

JUNE 5
Friday
7:00 pm

FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. Brisk Pace, 8-10 miles. The ongoing, every Friday night, all year 'round, Friday nite fitness hike, where we try to work up a sweat exploring the sand roads

and trails of Brendan Byrne State Forest. Be prepared to walk at an average of 3.5 mph, with few breaks. Bring water and wear well broken in boots, sneakers, or shoes (sneakers are adequate for dry conditions). Socks are also important foot gear; synthetics and wool being better at preventing blisters (avoid cotton socks). Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest campgrounds. Leaders: Mike Baker, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com; Bob Hodges, RLHHLR@aol.com; Alison Baker, 609-468-1950, alison@mikebaker.com

JUNE 5-7
Fri.-Sun.

HISTORIC CAPE MAY WEEKEND. To start the summer session, you are cordially invited to join us for our annual Cape May outing. Our headquarters will be the Chalfonte hotel. Our weekend starts with a Friday night Welcome Buffet Spaghetti/Pasta Party (a time to plan what you want to do). Breakfast is provided on both Saturday and Sunday. Please sign up early, as this will help us complete our plans to make our 2014 trip enjoyable for all. If you have any questions, or need more information, contact Jim Bodnar at 609-654-1507 e-mail:

JRBodnar@verizon.net or Fran Horn at 856-786-0048
e-mail: FranHorn@aol.com.

JUNE 6
Saturday
9:30 am

PALISADES INTERSTATE PARK...THE GIANT STAIRS! Join us for another spectacular hike along the Palisades. This time around we'll meet and start at the State Line Lookout at Palisades Interstate Park. 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. Then a steep climb UP the cliffs 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: NJ Turnpike to exit 72 on the left to rte. 9/Palisades Pkwy. (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 northbound, 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)).

JUNE 6
Saturday
10:00 am

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 Manasquan Reservoir Visitor center at the main entrance. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

JUNE 7
Sunday
9:00 am



NATIONAL TRAILS DAY, HIKE THE BATONA TRAIL. 9 miles moderate pace. We start a little early to try and beat the heat. We will hike part of the relocation of the Batona Trail end at Harrisville pond. Need to car shuttle. This is a one way hike. Bring plenty of water, lunch, repellent. Meet at the terminus of the Batona Trail off Stage Road. Leader: Christine Denneler, 609-351-2789, cdenneler157@yahoo.com.

JUNE 8

Monday

9:00 am

WALK FROM THE BRENDAN BYRNE CAMPGROUNDS.

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

JUNE 9 -10

Tues.-Wed.

9:00 am

MIDWEEK GIRL'S KAYAK CAMPOUT.

Tuesday-Wednesday kayak campout, annual all girls trip. Participants responsible for food and all gear. No Rentals. Small fee for campsite. Participants should be willing to participate in the shuttle. Campsite will have an outhouse and possible water, water filter, stove and tent s are essential. Leader:: Pat Burton camperpat@hotmail.com

JUNE 10

Wednesday

7:00 pm

NEWTON LAKE PARK WALK.

Join us for a 3 mile walk at a 3 mph pace on paved walking paths. If there is interest we can add a loop around Knights Park for another mile or more. Meet at Camden County, Division of Environmental Affairs ,520 Newton Lake Drive, Collingswood, NJ Leader: Paul Baumhauer, 609-706-3676

JUNE 11

Thursday

7:30 pm

**CLUB MEETING & GUEST SPEAKER.**

Meeting of Board of Trustees and Activity Committees Leaders.Followed by presentation by guest speaker (See below) New Cherry Hill Library, 1100 Kings Hwy. (Rt. 41) North of Route 70 in Cherry Hill. All welcome.

JUNE 11

Thursday

8:00 pm

PEAT HAGS AND MOUNTAIN GOATS - AN IRISH HILL-WALKERS EXPERIENCE.

Madeleine Doherty has been hiking the hills of Ireland for over a decade and is the Environment Officer for one of Ireland's largest hillwalking clubs, Glenwalk. By profession, Madeleine is a musician and a civil celebrant. She took up hillwalking as a way of de-stressing from the rigors of her work. She is also a trained walks leader and enjoys introducing walkers to the joys of navigating with map and compass. Madeleine makes regular visits from her home on the east coast of Ireland for the purposes of her work. Location : New Cherry Hill Library, 1100 Kings Hwy. (Rt. 41) North of Route 70 in Cherry Hill. All welcome.

JUNE 12

Friday, 7:00 pm

FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE.

Brisk Pace, 8-10 miles. See page 30.

JUNE 13

Saturday

9:00 am

**PADDLE THE CEDAR CREEK.**

Paddle 9.3 miles along the scenic Cedar Creek from Dover Forge to Dudley Park. Meet at Dover Forge Canoe Access. See above for directions. Bring lunch. There is a wooden sign at the turn in off Dover Road. Steady rain cancels. Please contact leader to confirm trip and reservation. Leader: Bruce Steidel, 609-915-0956 bsteidel@yahoo.com

JUNE 13

Saturday

9:30 am

PADDLE S.B. RARITAN.

We'll paddle from picturesque Clinton to Darts Mills. We stop for lunch near the pumping station for the Round Valley Reservoir then continue pass horse farms and country homes before paddling thru the remains of the dam at Darts Mills. No rentals available and there will be a small fee (1 or 2 dollars) for using the take-out. Leader: Frank Pearce, 856-767-2780 or e-mail hornet71@verizon.net.

JUNE 13-14

Sat.-Sun.

BEGINNER'S BACKPACKING TRIP ON THE APPALACHIAN

TRAIL. Moderate Hike: Total of 5 miles on Saturday, and 3.4

miles on Sunday, all gradually downhill. We'll start at Arendsville-Shippenberg Road, hike the trail, talk with some thru-hikers and see various sites, including the Anna Michener memorial cabin, the Michaux WWII POW camp, and the Ironmaster's mansion. On the way, we'll stay at the Tom's Run Shelter (privy, water, etc.) The next morning, we'll get up and hike out to Pin Grove Furnace State Park, hopefully in time for hitting a diner before we head home. Hike leader Kevin Drevik, 856-630-2485 or kdrevik@aol.com.

JUNE 14

Sunday
8:30 am



FLAT WATER KAYAK TRAINING. New to kayaking or just want to refresh your skills, then this training is for you. You will learn: Proper fitment of your life vest-Wet exit-Assisted Rescue Self-Rescue (paddle float, modified cowboy, and heel hook). Bring paddle float, life vest, and spray skirt (if you have it). Instructions given by a certified ACA (American Canoe Association) instructor. LIMITED to 20 participants. Must register by June 3, 2013. Meet at Mick's Canoe and Kayak Rental, 3107 Route 563, Chatsworth, NJ 08019. www.michscanoerental.com for directions. NO open-toed shoes; wear clothes (bathing suit) that dry quickly (no cotton). Join us for the river trip if you already know how to paddle. Tailgate social after paddle, everyone brings picnic type food to share. For more info contact Paul Serdiuk pis1@cccnj.net or 609-462-3593.

JUNE 14

Sunday
10:00 am

O' WE GO PADDLE the OSWEGO. We meet at Oswego Lake Put-In. Pack Lunch. Volunteer shuttle Call or email to confirm participation Leader: Vicki S. 856-341-3901 or ravingwriter@gmail.com

JUNE 17

Wednesday
7:00 pm

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

JUNE 19

Friday, 7:00 pm

FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. Brisk Pace, 8-10 miles. See page 30.

JUNE 20

Saturday
10:00 am



PADDLE SILVER BAY. Paddle Silver Bay and the upper reaches of Barnegat Bay from Cattus Island County Park to Mantoloking Bridge and back, about 12 miles Bring lunch. Directions: From Parkway follow Rt. 37 East for 3.6 miles. Stay in right lane. Take Vaughn Ave exit and then turn left. Follow Vaughn Avenue for 3.3 miles and turn right onto Yellowbank Road. Go 0.8 mile and turn left onto Bandon Road, which takes you into park. Follow road to end to launch site. Bring lunch. Steady rain cancels. Limited to 12 paddlers. RSVP at Meetup or call or email leader to reserve your spot. Leader: Bruce Steidel, 609- 915-0956 bsteidel@yahoo.com

JUNE 20

Saturday
10:00 am

PAKIM POND HIKE. 5 miles. Moderate pace. We'll hike the Red and White Trails and around the bogs. Meet at the Pakim Pond parking lot at Brendan Byrne SF. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

JUNE 21

Sunday
9:00 am



FRAN'S BAGEL RIDE - CLASS C. 30 miles. 12-14 mph cruising pace. Fran's back for bagels! Meet at Moorestown HS. Leader: Fran H., 856-786-0048.

JUNE 21

Sunday
9:30 am

CANOE/KAYAK THE DELAWARE RIVER (Hunterdon Co). The trip is 15 miles from Kingwood Access to Lambertville. Bring lunch and beverage, and protected change of clothes. Maybe a launch fees. Allow time for drive-watch for speed limits thru Lambertville. Rain cancels. Rentals are not available. Prefer some WW experience. Must wear life jacket at all times, while in craft!!!) All Leader :Harry Barok insists you email him directly Harrykaraoke7@aol.com

JUNE 21

Sunday
10:00 am

FATHER'S DAY PADDLE ON THE MAURICE RIVER. Eat your Wheaties for a real man's trip. Start at Willow Grove and end at Sherman Ave. about 6 hours later. Pack lunch and water, bug and sun protection. Volunteer shuttle Call or email to confirm participation. Leader: Vicki S. 856-341-3901 or ravingwriter@gmail.com

JUNE 23

Tuesday
9:00 am

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

JUNE 24

Wednesday
6:30 pm

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.7 miles, Moderate pace. Stop on the way home for a turn around Cooper River Park. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club on South Park Drive. The Yacht Club is located directly across from the Marina Park Apartments on South Park Drive in Collingswood. Rain at the departure time cancels. Check website, as always, for last minute cancellations. Contact leader before 8:30 pm. Leader: Joe Rottinger, 856-665-4812 or pennsauken@earthlink.net

JUNE 25

Thursday
9:00 am

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

JUNE 26

Friday
7:00 pm

FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. Brisk Pace, 8-10 miles. The ongoing, every Friday night, all year 'round, Friday nite fitness hike, where we try to work up a sweat exploring the sand roads and trails of Brendan Byrne State Forest. Be prepared to walk at an average of 3.5 mph, with few breaks. Bring water and wear well broken in boots, sneakers, or shoes (sneakers are adequate for dry conditions). Socks are also important foot gear; synthetics and wool being better at preventing blisters (avoid cotton socks). Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest campgrounds. Leaders: Mike Baker, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com; Bob Hodges, RLHHLR@aol.com; Alison Baker, 609-468-1950, alison@mikebaker.com

JUNE 27

Saturday
9:00 am

TOMS RIVER. Contact leader for directions and the section of the river that we will cove. 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.

JUNE 27
Saturday
10:00 am

JOSEPH TRUJILLO MEMORIAL HIKE AND PICNIC. 5 miles moderate pace. Harrisville was one of the places that Joe liked to meet for hikes and once a year in JUNE we would have a picnic. We will hike up past Martha Furnace to Joe's Spring. Then return for picnic. Those not wanting to hike can come at 12 noon. Leader will supply Grill hot dogs with fixens. Paper plates and utensils. Bring picnic type food to share. Leader will do a late afternoon kayak paddle after the picnic. On the Wading River. Time and length of trip to be determined that day. Meet at Harrisville Pond parking, on Rt. 679. A spur of Rt. 563, south of Chatsworth. Leaders: Christine Denneker, 609-351-2789, cdenneker157@yahoo.com; Pat Burton, 856-767-8064, camperpat@aol.com.

JUNE 28
Sunday
10:00 am

PADDLE THE MULLICA RIVER. Atsion to Pleasant Mills, 11 miles, No rentals. Meet at Atsion Ranger Station Parking Lot. Please contact Leader Vicki S. phone 856-341-3901, or ravingwriter@gmail.com

JULY 4
Saturday
10:00 am



FOURTH OF JULY ON THE MAURICE RIVER. Meet at Garden Road, south side, we paddle down river to meet & cross Union Lake. This is NOT a "lake only" trip, & requires paddling in current, under and around river obstacles. Pack lunch and hydration; also bug and sun protection as the lake offers no cover. Leader: Vicki S., 856-341-3901 or ravingwriter@gmail.com

OCSJ Joint and Multi-Club Group Activity Sign-in Sheet Policy

(revised) December 12, 2013)

On OCSJ activities that are joint ventures with other clubs, all participants must sign the Outdoor Club of South Jersey waiver and sign-in sheet. This includes OCSJ members, members of the other club(s) and anyone else participating in the activity. The OCSJ leader shall make prior arrangements with the other leader(s) to ensure all participants sign the OCSJ waiver and sign-in sheet. The leaders shall not permit anyone who does not sign-in to participate in the activity.

OCSJ Activity Participation by Minor Children (under 18) policy

Parents or designated adults THAT ARE CURRENT OCSJ FAMILY MEMBERS are responsible for minor children (under 18) and must sign for them and accompany them.

**NOTE AT THIS TIME THE MINIMUM AGE FOR PARTICIPATION
IN A CLUB ACTIVITY IS DETERMINED BY THE ACTIVITY LEADER
BASED ON SAFETY CONCERNS.**

MEMBERSHIP & RENEWAL INFORMATION

1. If you elect to receive your Trekker via E-mail, a notice of expiring membership will be mailed to you.
2. If you elected to receive your Trekker via postal mail, check your address label. It's easy to renew. Check the membership desired, include a check for the proper amount, and **return this page** with your label intact on the reverse. We'll take it from there.
3. If your address has changed, please indicate new address. If you move, please file a change of address card with us.
4. 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 or post card.***
5. Membership forms may be downloaded from the OCSJ website (www.ocsj.org)

Individual - 1 Year \$20
2 Years \$40

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2 Years \$50

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P.O. Box 5040

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Please review the "GUEST" policy on our club website at www.ocsj.org

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Co-Applicant Last Name	First Name	M.I.
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