



OUTDOOR CLUB of SOUTH JERSEY

Trekker



Winter 2013

COMPLETE BATONA TRAIL
HIKE SERIES
January 19

SOCIAL GETAWAY WEEKEND
AT AMC'S MOHICAN CENTER,
BLAIRSTOWN, NJ
February 15

ANNUAL BATONA TRAIL
MAINTENANCE
March 16

TWO-DAY BACKPACK APPALACIAN TRAIL
IN CENTRAL PA
March 30-31



Celebrating 46 Years of Outdoor Experiences!

CHECK THE OCSJ WEBSITE ON YOUR COMPUTER AT WWW.OCSJ.ORG
FOR LATEST TRIP INFORMATION.
CYCLISTS JOIN THE GOOGLE GROUPS FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION.

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Outdoor Club of South Jersey

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

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

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

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

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

MEETINGS

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

A Message From The President

At the October 11 general membership meeting, all current club officers were reelected for the year 2013. Thanks to all of them for running again and congratulations on being reelected.



Winter is a most popular time for hiking. We have plenty of hikes scheduled for the next three months, beginning with the perennial favorite New Year's hike. As you take advantage of these, please think about helping with trail maintenance. Our club is responsible for maintaining over half the Batona Trail, with our friends in the Batona Club responsible for the remainder. We have trail maintenance days scheduled for March 10 and 16. Details are in the March schedule. One day of service for a year of great hiking is a good trade.

If the weather cooperates and you are lucky there might still be an opening or two on some of the excellent XC ski trips. Contact the leader, the sooner the better to avoid disappointment.

If you have never been to a club meeting, why not give one a try? We meet 7:30 pm at the Cherry Hill Library, second Thursday of each month. Come out and see what happens behind the scenes to generate the great list of activities our club offers

Bruce Steidel

President@ocsj.org

Coming Events

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

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

SAVE THE DATE – THE WASHINGTON DC TRIP WILL BE SATURDAY, MAY 4TH.

Details will be posted on the website and in the Spring Trekker. Packed with famous sights, celebrated symbols of patriotism, free attractions, The sights and sounds of the nation's capital offer inspiring experiences Leader: Fran Katella, 856-234-1611, frankatella3@gmail.com

DETAILS COMING - JUNE HISTORIC CAPE MAY WEEKEND.

Friday to Sunday. You are invited to join us at the Chalfonte Hotel B&B in Cape May. Activities available include biking, hiking, kayaking, nature walks, bird watching and much, much more. Leaders: Jim Bodnar at 609-654-1507, e-mail: JRBodnar@verizon.net or Fran Horn at 856-786-0048, e-mail: FranHorn@aol.com. Details will be posted on the website and in the Spring Trekker.

SKI TRIPS. Check the Ski Schedule page for changes since the last Trekker and the Website for any updates.

COMPLETE BATONA TRAIL HIKE SERIES. See January 19 entry for details.

SOCIAL GETAWAY WEEKEND AT AMC'S MOHICAN CENTER, BLAIRSTOWN, NJ.

See February 15 entry

SOCIAL MOONLIGHT HIKE, CAMPFIRE AND CAMPOUT. See February 23 entry.

BATONA TRAIL MAINTENANCE. See March 10 entry.

ANNUAL BATONA TRAIL MAINTENANCE. See March 16 entry.

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SOCIAL MOONLIGHT HIKE AND CAMPFIRE. See March 29 entry.

TWO DAY BACKPACK APPALACHIAN TRAIL IN CENTRAL PA. See March 30-31 entry.

APRES SKI PARTY- SOMETIME IN APRIL. Watch for the date and location of the Après Ski Party in Spring Trekker and on the website.

RICHARD GREVE MEMORIAL VOLUNTEER TRIP TO HARPER'S FERRY, WV. Friday, to Sunday, **no dates yet but probably late April or early May.** Dates will be on website early 2013. This is a volunteer trip to assist the Appalachian Trail Conservancy with whatever they need. 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 work on Saturday, play on Sunday, and get 2 free nights at the hostel. Call Eileen Grevé, 609-204-6451, egreve212@gmail.com

DETAILS COMING -SPRING BICYCLING ROAD COURSE. A Saturday in the Spring. Exact date TBD will be placed on the website. Learn about bicycle handling and safety, and emergency maneuvers. Presenter Fran Horn, 856-786-0048.

JUNE 1-7, 2013. THE 15th SCHUYLKILL RIVER SOJOURN (NON-OCSJ EVENT) is a 112-mile guided canoe/kayak trip on the Schuylkill River. that 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 week-long sojourn down the Schuylkill River that begins the first weekend of June. For details contact Frank Pearce, hornet71@verizon.net or 856-767-2780.

PROPOSED DATES FOR SEPTEMBER IN WESTERN MAINE - SEPTEMBER 8-13 & SEPTEMBER 15-20. Price is \$1,273 all included, cabin, food, shuttles, guide, tax, tips. Kayaks are available if needed and requested at registration time. Location: Bald Mountain Camps, Oquossoc, ME. (www.baldmountaincamps.com) Historic sporting camp located on pristine Mooselookmeguntic Lake.

Activities: several hiking options (mountaintops, water falls, backwoods roads, a piece of the A.T.), kayaking/canoeing, biking, golfing, tennis, photography, wildlife viewing, geocaching, sunsets, moonrises, starlight, loon calls to appreciate, or slip into Rangeley if civilization required. *Trip includes:* guided kayaking or canoeing pristine lakes and rivers with our host and Registered Maine Guide, Steve Philbrick, log cabins with fireplace, wood, bath, linens, porch, meals in the lodge dining room for first class breakfasts and dinners, sack lunches for the trail. Happy to answer questions. Contact: Judy Norcross, 609-288-6737.

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

PARTICIPATION NOTICE

The Outdoor Club, its officers and leaders, shall not be liable for any injuries, illness, loss or damage to any person or property, as a result of participation in any Club outing. Each participant assumes all risk and liability connected therewith. All persons, MEMBERS ALIKE, are to sign with the leader at each activity.

NEWS AND NOTES

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

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.

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. See the March calendar for scheduled trail maintenance. Or 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.

Leaders be aware that the Club is now a participating member in the New Jersey Parks VIP (Volunteers In Parks) program. This means that trail maintenance we organize in State Parks is to be run through the VIP Program This requires notifying the park before the activity, and sending a copy of our sign-in sheet to the park. We are not permitted to use power tools of any type. Trail maintenance done on trails not on NJ State Park property must be reviewed by the board for coverage.



BICYCLING

A Message From the Bicycling Activity Chair



As I write this message, Hurricane Sandy is raging outside my kitchen windows. If she had hit at the time you are reading this, we would be buried in snow!! I'm sure the skiers and snoeshoers would love it but not good for us cyclists.

Thanks to everyone who stepped to lead a ride this year. We're starting to see a few new faces leading – if they can do it, so can you. The listing of rides is only as strong as the number of members who step up to lead. So please consider leading a ride this year. If you have any questions or concerns about leading, contact me.

In 2012, we introduced our first new cycling jersey in a several years. The design was a hit, so we'll probably put together another order this spring. If interested, please let me know.

Finally, thanks to everyone who rode in this year's MS 150 City to Shore Bike Tour. Overall, almost 8,000 riders participated and as of this writing have raised just over \$5.4 million. That money will go a long way to helping the 14,000 MS Clients in the Greater Delaware Valley. Great job everyone!!

Thanks again and happy cycling!

Tony Marchionne

tonymarch@iwon.com 609-828-0268

RIDING TIPS

1. Always wear a helmet while riding.
2. Familiarize yourself with your bike before riding with a group or in traffic.
3. Be sure your bicycle is in proper operating condition before joining a ride
Carry a spare tube, pump and tools you will need to repair a flat on the road.
4. Be sure to carry water and drink during the ride. This is most important on hot summer days.
5. Know and obey the New Jersey Law on bicycles.
6. Ride with traffic. Never against traffic even for short distances.
7. Maintain a steady course, avoid sudden swerving.
8. Use proper hand signals to alert motorists and other cyclists of your intention to stop or turn, etc.
9. Be careful to avoid road hazards. The most common include sand, broken glass, storm drains, potholes, parked cars, dogs and railroad crossings. In addition to hand signals a voice warning is very helpful in a group ride.
10. Always exercise good judgement and common sense while cycling.



CANOEING/KAYAKING

A Message from the Canoeing/Kayaking Chair



Always check the website for current information. None of these activities would have been possible without the leaders who volunteer their talent and time. I want to thank them. When you are on a trip take the time to thank them and consider becoming a leader.

Because of problems predicting weather condition during the Winter, all paddling trips will be web only listing.

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 and parent or 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.)

CANOERS / KAYAKERS!

TAKE THESE TIPS FOR A GOOD TRIP

- * Beginners should take a short trip.
- * Beginners should not take young children first time out.
- * Always wear tennis shoes for wading.
- * Bring along a dry change of clothing.
- * Carry food, clothing in watertight container.
- * Use litterbags. Leave only tracks behind!
- * Wear your life jacket at all times.
- * Allow time for swimming, picnicking, resting.
- * Keep off private property.
- * Show respect to others on the river.
- * Do not drink in excess.
- * Enjoy wildflowers and wildlife. Leave them behind!

ENJOY YOURSELVES ON OUR GREAT RIVER TRAILS!

WINTER HIKING

PLAYING IT SAFE ON THE WINTER TRAIL (Courtesy of Gwyn Hicks, American Hiking Society)

Before you grab your fleece and head for the door, there are a few things you should know about winter hiking.

Layered clothing and a waterproof shell are key. Be sure to cover as much of your body as possible to avoid dangers of frostbite and hypothermia.

A wool sweater or shirt, waterproof shell, a light parka or jacket are essential. Together, these items can keep you warm well below freezing. You can remove them one layer at a time to keep from overheating when you strut down the trail or up a hill. In low temperatures, add a primary layer of long underwear made of light breathable material like polypropylene or silk.

Layering system holds true for head, hands and feet. A scarf, hat, and adding a hood combination up top will allow you to become your own thermostat, removing your hat when you start to heat up and adding a hood when you stop to rest. Mittens will allow your fingers to generate more heat. Silk glove liners are a viable option for Fingered gloves. Don a pair of warm socks with polypropylene liners, a sturdy pair of waterproof hiking boots, and for added protection in snow, a pair of gaiters. Sunglasses, sunscreen, and lip balm, are necessary indispensable items.

HIKE DESCRIPTIONS

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



HIKING GUIDE

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

BW - Bushwhacking

WF - Wet feet possible

NS - No stops

NP - No pets

NC - No children

FS - Few stops

LP - Leashed Pet

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

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.

Grand Mile Hiking Club for 2013

The Grand Mile Club begins anew on January 1. This will be its eleventh year. Are you goal oriented? Looking for an interesting challenge? 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.



X/C SKIING and SNOWSHOEING

A Message from the X/C Skiing & Snowshoeing Chair



The leaders have great trips planned for the season. Look them over and contact the leader if you are interested in a trip. All of the trips are suited for all abilities. Think snow.

Dennis McKane
Dennisfran1@verizon.net
609-707-5695

DEC. 27- JAN.1 CRAFTSBURY, VT. \$495 pp dbl occ. Includes 5 nights (Thursday-Tuesday). All meals (vegetarian available), trail passes for skiing and snowshoeing are included Deposit \$200 to reserve. Call for details. Fran Horn, 856-786-0048 franhorn@aol.com

DEC. 29- JAN 1 PULASKI/TUG HILL, NY. The Tug Hill region is New York's Snowbelt due to lake effect weather. Approximately **\$249 pp** for 3 nights (Sat.-Mon.), option to stay Friday night. Hearty breakfast and soup each day, gourmet dinner NY's Eve, all taxes & gratuities. Eileen Greve', 609 204-6451 egreve212@gmail.com

JAN. 6-9 BLACKWATER FALLS LODGE, DAVIS WV. - 3 nights (Sun-Tues) at state park lodge, all rooms with private bath. Indoor pool, hot tub, full serve restaurant. XC centers at Blackwater Falls and White Grass Touring Center. Snowshoe at Monongahela NF & Dolly Sods Wilderness. Nightlife at nearby Town of Davis. Approx cost **\$215 pp** includes 3 nights lodging, 3 breakfasts, 2 dinners, tax & grat. & more. **Full payment by December 1.** John & Ann Palaitis, 856-810-2487 palaitis@verizon.net

JAN. 11-13 PROSPECT MTN, BENNINGTON, VT. - Learn to ski! Prospect is highest point in VT, snow guaranteed. **\$179 pp** incl.: 2 nights (Fri. & Sat.) lodging, 2 breakfasts, 1 dinner, trail fee Saturday. **Saturday: Free ski lessons for beginners, or Intermediates Deposit \$90. Full payment by 12/10/12.** Dan McAuliffe, PSIA, and Charie McAuliffe. 215-630-7478 DNMLogistics@msn.com

JAN. 18-21 MLK WEEKEND KEENE VALLEY, NY. – Stay at Trail's End B&B in Lake Placid area. Approx \$270pp includes 3 nights (Fri, Sat, Sun), 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, 2 après ski parties, taxes and gratuities. Popular trip, fills quickly. Call for details. Paul and Sue Dice, h.856-784-0164 or cell. 856-265-6207 pf701@comcast.net or srentd@comcast.net

JAN. 18-21 WAITSFIELD INN, VERMONT. Lovely B & B with private baths. Several XC ski options nearby. Approximate cost \$280 pp dbl occ, \$97 per 3rd person in room. Includes 3 nights, breakfast daily, one dinner, daily hordourves, cozy nooks. Franny & Dennis McKane,

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JAN. 19- 26
Sat.-Sat.

STONEHURST MANOR CONDOS, NORTH CONWAY NH. Located in a lovely town in the heart of the White Mountains Includes 7 nights lodging, 7 breakfasts, 5 dinners Participants will share meal prep for breakfast & dinners. Lunch and trail passes are not included. Approximate cost \$350 pp dbl occupancy. **Deposit \$100. Balance by December 15. No refund after 12/15 unless replacement is found.** Contact Jim & Virginia Magee mageejv@verizon.net or Barbara Brandt bbrandt46@gmail.com

JAN. 21- 25
Mon.-Fri.

MAINE HUTS & TRAILS, KINGFIELD, ME. Ski or snowshoe up to 12 miles daily on groomed trails in Western Maine. Stay in beautifully designed lodges where hosts will provide breakfast and dinner daily. Hot showers, gear shuttles and bag lunches available. The price of \$350.00 includes tax and gratuity. Contact Dennis McKane for complete info. 609 707 5695 dennisfran1@verizon.net

JAN. 25-27
Fri.-Sun.

MOHONK SCOTTISH XC WEEKEND (NEW PALTZ, NY) 4 hour drive **\$189/person** (Fri., Sat nights) Two nights lodging at AAA rated motel – 2 breakfasts & one “light” dinner at Golden Otter Brew pub. Spend Sat at last of the Great Mountain Houses (Mohonk). Enjoy Scottish festivities, Dancing, Gourmet Lunch, High Tea, Valet parking, New state of the Art Full service Health **SPA** with Indoor pool and fitness center, gymnasium, massage, facials, etc., shops, New Adirondack Skating Rink, New XC Ski trails, rentals available on site for snow shoeing, skiing, skating. Onsite historical museum. Ski Minnewaska State Park on Sunday (Entrance fee not included). XC lessons will be provided. **Deposit: \$100.00. Full payment by 1/17** DNMLogistics@msn.com

JAN. 25- 30
Fri.-Wed.

QUEBEC CITY, CANADA. Plans are to stay at the Hotel Clarendon in the heart of Quebec with numerous XC Ski venues nearby as well as city tours, culture and fun. **\$300.00 pp**, based on 2 to a room, **\$242.99 pp**, 3 to a room, **\$225.00 pp**, 4 to a room. \$50.00 deposit ASAP. balance due by December 1. Cancel up to 30 days prior to trip for refund. Contact Dennis & Franny McKane for details and pricing, 609 707-3025 dennisfran1@verizon.net Contact Dennis & Franny McKane for details and pricing 609 707-3025. dennisfran1@verizon.net

JAN. 27-FEB. 1
Sun.-Fri.

COMMODORE INN, STOWE VT. For skiers of all abilities. **\$366 pp** dbl occ for 5 nights (Sun –Thurs), 5 dinners and breakfasts, taxes and tips. Deposit \$100 Eileen Greve, 609-204-6451 egreve212@gmail.com Can link trip to the Colonial House Inn trip below.

JAN. 30- FEB. 3
Wed.-Sun.

GREENWOOD HOUSE, LAKE PLACID, NY. Stay in private home with 6 bedrooms, 5 and half baths, lounge areas & library. 1 minute walk to Main St. Lake Placid. Includes 2 dinners, 3 breakfasts. Cost \$155 pp based on double occupancy. Deposit \$25 to leaders ASAP, No refunds unless replacements found. Franny & Dennis McKane, 609-707-302 dennisfran1@verizon.net

FEB. 1-3
Fri.-Sun.
CANCELLED

COLONIAL HOUSE INN, WESTON, VT. Several X/C centers and lots of backcountry or snowshoe trails. Trip range from approx \$186 to \$208 incl: 2 nights (Fri, Sat) with 2 dinners, 2 breakfasts and 2

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boxed lunches, all taxes and gratuities. Deposit \$100. Eileen Greve
609 204-6451 egreve212@gmail.com

FEB. 1-3
Fri.-Sun.
CANCELLED

GROUNDHOG DAY & XC SKI AT ALLEGHENY NATIONAL FOREST, DUBOIS, PA. Celebrate Groundhog Day on Feb 2 with Punxsutawney Phil, XC Ski at Laurel Hill near Ridgeway. Includes AAA lodging in Dubois dbl occ, 2 breakfasts, dinner, trail fee Saturday. Superbowl on Sunday \$179.pp Deposit \$90.00 Full pmt by 1/10/13 Dan McAuliffe 215-630-7478 DNMLogistics@msn.com

CANCELLED

FEB. 15-18
Fri.-Mon.

PULASKI/TUG HILL, NY- (PRESIDENT'S DAY). Approx. **\$249 pp for 3 nights** w hearty breakfast, 1 opulent dinner, all taxes and tips. **Deposit \$100.** Eileen Greve, 609 204-6451 egreve212@gmail.com

FEB. 21-24
Thurs., Fri., Sat.

MORNINGSTAR CHALET, LONDONDERRY VT. 3 nights (Thurs.–Sat.) at private chalet with 3 breakfasts and 2 dinners. Approximately \$100 pp dbl occupancy if we get 10 sign-ups Deposit \$90. Eileen Greve', 609-204-6451. Egreve212@gmail.com

MARCH 1-3
Fri.-Sun.

X/C SKI AT LAPLAND LAKES, BENSON, NY. FINNTASTIC! Adirondacks.50 km trails, Price approx **\$175 pp** includes 2 nights (Fri, Sat), 2 breakfasts at local diner, 1 dinner, free lessons, tip, tax XC Trail Fee included for Saturday. **Deposit \$90 full payment by 2/1/13** Dan and Charie McAuliffe, 215 630-7478. DNMLogistics@msn.com.

MARCH 3-9
Sun.-Sat.

YMCA OF THE ROCKIES 6 nights, arrive on the 3rd and leave on the 9th YMCA of the Rockies (also known as Snow Mtn Ranch), Winter Park, Colorado 100km of XC ski trails from beginner to advanced, snowshoe, ice skate, sledding. Lessons and rentals are available, 2 hour drive west of Denver. Accommodations in a lodge, each room has 2 queen beds, and 1 queen sleeper, WiFi, mini fridge, and full private bath. Cost includes: 6 nights lodging, 3 meals per day, trail fees and gratuities. Cost for 2 per room **\$600** each and for 3 per room is **\$500**. Must have **15 people for this trip to occur**. Full payment received by December 1. Because of the requirement for no less than 15 people your money will not be refunded unless you find someone to take your place. Consider arriving on Saturday, March 2 and stay in Denver to acclimate to the altitude. Denver is 1 mile high and Y of the Rockies is 8500 ft. high. Contact: Joan Stanton, 215 483-5229 joanastanton@hotmail.com or Connie Lotz, 215-386-2904, lotz.connie@gmail.com



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Wednesday
9:00 am

SPRING HILL HIKE. Moderate paced walk in Penn State Forest, maybe to Spring Hill and Bear Swamp Hill. 10 miles more or less. Be on time, we leave promptly. Leaders: Faye and Jay Contact: 908-692-5765 or walkinginmud@aol.com Meet at Oswego Lake parking on Lake Oswego Rd. Jenkins NJ

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JANUARY 5

Saturday
9:00 am

TO BULLOCK AND BACK. Let's take a 10-12 mile walk to downtown Bullock. We'll follow trails, roads, fire cuts, and dikes to get there and back. A steady moderate pace will be maintained. Leaders: Jay and Faye. Contact: 908-692-5765 walkinginmud@aol.com Meet at the intersection of Cooper and Glassworks at the Brendan Byrne SF campground.

JANUARY 6

Sunday
10:00 am

LANDS END HIKE. 9-10 miles, moderate pace. We'll be looking for a new way to Land's End, as we walk out that sometimes puddly road to our lunch stop, a pleasant place on the Mullica River. Bring lunch. From Atsion Lake go South on Rt. 206, two miles, turn left onto a wide dirt road at the break in the steel guard rail. Then go two miles on the dirt road to Boot Hill, White DEER club trailer for parking. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

JANUARY 7

Monday
9:30 am

HILLS OF SOUTH LEBANON. Walk with us along the sand roads and fire cuts south of the old Lebanon Glass Works. We'll cover about 6-8 miles at an easy to moderate pace. Leader: Jay Schoss Contact: 908-692-5765. Meet at the campgrounds at Brendan Byrne SF Woodland Township NJ walkinginmud@aol.com.

JANUARY 9

Wednesday
10:00 am

HIKE 2 RIVERS. We'll hike up the Batsto River, cross over to the Mullica River, have lunch at the wilderness camp, and return on the Yellow trail for a total of 10 mile at a moderate pace. Bring lunch, warm clothing and something to sit on for lunch. Meet at the Batsto Village parking area. Restrooms available before and after. Leaders Pat and Chris/ camperpat@hotmail.com

JANUARY 10

Thursday
7:30 pm



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JANUARY 12

Saturday
9:00 am

INCOMPLETE BATONA TRAIL HIKE. In preparation for next Saturday's Complete Batona (part 1), we will walk the entire Batona Trail from the Brendan Byrne SF office to Pakim Pond!

After completing that, we will walk another 7 miles to complete this 10 mile hike. Leaders: Jay and Faye. Contact: 908-692-5765. walkinginmud@aol.com. Meet at the office at Brendan Byrne.

JANUARY 13

Sunday
9:00 am

MICHAEL HUBER PRAIRIE WARBLER PRESERVE HIKE. A moderate paced walk of about 10 miles to the hidden spring. Lunch will be at the bleachers. We will cross two wet spots where most usually stay dry. A stick or two would be helpful for balance. Leaders: Jay and Faye Contact: walkinginmud @ aol.com Meet at the sign on the north side of Sooy Place road about 4 miles from route 70 towards Chatsworth.

JANUARY 13

Sunday
9:00 am

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

JANUARY 13

Sunday
10:00 am

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

JANUARY 13

Sunday
10:30 am

2 X 4 X 6 BATSTO HIKE. 2, 4, or 6 miles. Moderate Pace. NC NP. Will there be snow? We will see how far we can go. You can drop out every 2 miles. Bring snacks and warm food for tailgate after the hike. Meet at Batsto Village parking area. Leader Tom Neigel - tomncenter-ocsj@yahoo.com 609-206-3389.

JANUARY 14

Monday
9:30 am

WALK TO THE BOGS. Walk with us to Reeves Bogs at Brendan Byrne State Forest. We will cover 6-8 miles at a pace comfortable for the participants. Meet at the Brendan Byrne SF office, Woodland Twp. NJ. Leader: Faye, 908-692-5765. walkinginmud@aol.com

JANUARY 16

Wednesday
10:00 am

MOUNT MISERY HIKE. 9-10 miles moderate pace (3mph). Hike from Pakim Pond to Mt. Misery on the White Trail through the forest and returning around the bogs. Bring lunch. Meet at the Pakim Pond parking lot. Heavy rain, snow or ice cancels. Leaders: Joe Hummel, 856-2 35-8817; and Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609.

JANUARY 18

Friday
7:00 pm



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JANUARY 19

Saturday
8:00 am

COMPLETE BATONA TRAIL HIKE #1 – ONGS HAT TO RT.

72. 9.4 miles, moderate pace. The Batona Trail (Back TO NAture) is the premier hiking trail in South Jersey. It passes through typically forested Pine Barrens lands. It provides a sampling of the landscape of the region: slow moving clear, tea colored, meandering streams supporting cedar swamps and bogs; sandy high grounds anchoring tall pitch pines; deserted sand roads to once thriving towns & industries; oak-pine forests and cranberry reservoirs. All are prominent features encountered along The Batona Trail. This is the first in a series of 5 hikes that will cover the entire trail (also see 1/26, 2/2, 2/9 and 2/16 for the other listings). Please be on time for shuttles. Meet on Rt. 72 between mileposts 4 & 5, on the south side where the trail crosses Rt. 72, for shuttle. Scenic highlights: Bisphams Mill Creek, Deep Hollow Pond, Pakim Pond. Accumulating snow, icy roads or other bad weather or forecast of same may postpone. Check with leaders if in doubt. Leaders: Jerry Goldstein, 609-859-8133, Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817.

JANUARY 19

Saturday
10:00 am



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

JANUARY 19

Saturday
10:00 am

SWAMP MONSTER HIKE. 9-10 Mile. Moderate pace. Hike down the Nescochaque Creek looking for the swamp monster. Maybe wet in spots. Bring Lunch. Meet on Rt. 206 at junction of 536, 3 miles south of Atsion lake. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, Phone: 856-235-8792.

JANUARY 20

Sunday
9:00 am

HIKE TO GOOSE POND. A moderate paced 10-12 mile walk with a few stops along the way. We go in all weather so dress appropriately. This hidden pinelands gem is rarely visited. Lunch al fresco on the beach. Leaders: Faye and Jay, 908-692-5765 walkinginmud@aol.com. Meet at the RR crossing at Bullock,
NJ.

JANUARY 20

Sunday
10:15 am

WHITESBOG HIKE. 8 to 10 miles. Easy to moderate pace. Meet at Whitesbog Village parking opposite the General Store at 10:15 a.m. Hike around this old village and adjacent cranberry bogs in search of the Tundra Swans. Possible wet areas, water crossings and bushwhacking. There will be deep woods hiking in addition to the bog areas. Bring binoculars and/or camera with telephoto lens if so inclined. Leader: Milt Cannan, 856-983-9076.

JANUARY 21

Monday
10:00 am

ONG'SHAT TO DEEP HOLLOW POND HIKE. 6 miles easy pace. Hike along the Batona Trail to Deep Hollow Pond return by back roads. Meet at the Batona Trail head a short distance down a dirt road. Opposite Cafe' Apary on Magnolia Rd. (about 1 1/2 miles from four mile circle). Bring water and lunch, we will eat on the trail. hike Leaders: Janet Horton cell, 609-706-5691 janeth1@comcast.net, Jack Dalton cell, 609-287-3105. w2hds@comcast.net

JANUARY 23

Wednesday
9:00 am



TUNDRA SWINE HIKE. Join us for our annual walk in search of the migratory canadian pigs. Every winter these wild northern porkers travel south to our lowland forests to avoid brutal winter tundra. We'll walk about 10 miles at a moderate pace. Leaders: Faye & Jay Contact: 908-692-5765. Meet at Pakim Pond, Brendan Byrne SF. walkinginmud@aol.com

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Saturday

8:00 am

COMPLETE BATONA TRAIL HIKE #2. 12.4 miles, moderate pace. See January 19 for full description. Scenic highlights: Apple Pie Hill, Tea Time Hill, and the cedar lined Skit Branch with its beaver dams. This hike includes the recently rerouted section of the trail which will take us through the gorgeous bogs of the Franklin Parker Preserve. Keep you eyes peeled for bald eagles as well as other wildlife. Accumulating snow, icy roads or other bad weather or forecast of same may postpone. Meet at Carranza for shuttle. Leaders: Jerry Goldstein, 609-859-8133; Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817.

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Saturday

7:00 pm



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

JANUARY 26

Saturday

7:30 pm

JANUARY MOON JAUNT. 7 miles. Moderate pace. First full moon of 2013. Come out and enjoy the Wolf Moon. Dress in appropriate warm clothing. Meet at Atsion Park Office parking area. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

JANUARY 27

Sunday

11:00 am

THE PIRATE HIKE FOR LOST SILVER! We will search for a more silver treasure previously unknown in the bitter cold. There's a new location where the last British Ship was scuttled. Rumored to have been full of bullion. 6 miles Moderate pace, enjoy the scenery. NC NP. Bad weather cancels. Arrrr. Can ya do it Matey! Can ya stand the cold and frozen seas for gold! Bring picnic type and warm food for a tailgate social after the hike. Meet at Batsto Village. Leader: Tom Neigel, 609-206-3389, tomncenter-ocsj@yahoo.com

JANUARY 28

Monday

10:00 am

SMITHVILLE HISTORIC PARK HIKE. Five (5) miles. Easy pace (2.5mph). Walk grounds of Village, wooded areas and over lake. Take Rt.38 to Smithville Road in Eastampton Twp.; turn west for approximately 3/4 mile and turn left again (before you cross the Rancocas Bridge) into the River Street Access for parking. Bad weather (snow, ice or rain) cancels. LP. Leaders, Joe, 856-235-8817; and Bill, 856-983-7609.

JANUARY 30

Wednesday

9:00 am

RED OAK GROVE DRIVE IN HIKE. We walk 10-12miles at a steady moderate pace. Red Oak Grove is one of the earlier lost settlements of the pines, and probably the only one with a drive-in. Join us for this walk back in time. Leaders: Jay and Faye Contact: 908-692-5765 walkinginmud@aol.com. Meet at the RR crossing in beautiful downtown Bullock, NJ.



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Saturday
8:00 am



COMPLETE BATONA TRAIL HIKE # 3 – CARRANZA ROAD TO BATSTO FIRE TOWER. 12.4 miles, moderate pace. See January 19 for full description. Scenic hiking along the Batsto River with some nice riverside overlooks. Meet at Batona Trailhead just below fire tower at Batsto, off Rt. 542 for long shuttle. Accumulating snow, icy roads or other bad weather or forecast of same may postpone. Check with leaders if in doubt. Leaders: Jerry Goldstein, 609-859-8133. Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817.

FEBRUARY 3

Sunday
9:00 am



WEBBS MILLS HIKE. There is an easy way to the Webbs Mill nature area, but this is not it. 10-12 mile moderate paced walk to this 18th century settlement. Some sand roads and firecuts which may be overgrown and a hill. Historic roads and boundary markers along the way. Leader: Jay Schoss Contact: walkinginmud @ aol.com 908-692-5765. Meet at the RR crossing in Bullock, NJ.

FEBRUARY 4

Monday
9:30 am

WALK THE PYGMIES. The windiest section of the pinelands, so be sure to dress for the weather. The trees provide next to no shade so bring sun screen. Join us for a 5-6 mile loop that includes the outer plains pygmies, Watering Place Pond and the headwaters of Governor's Branch. Optional lunch at Lucille's in Warren Grove after the walk. Leaders: Faye and Jay contacts: 908-692-5765 walkinginmud@aol.com Meet at the small concrete block building on the west side of 539 about 2 miles south of Warren Grove, NJ.

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8:00 am

COMPLETE BATONA TRAIL HIKE #4 – BATSTO FIRE TOWER TO EVANS BRIDGE. 9.2 miles, moderate pace. See January 19 for full description. Scenic highlights: Bull Creek, white cedars. Meet at Evans Bridge for shuttle. Accumulating snow, icy roads or other bad weather or forecast of same may postpone. Check with leaders if in doubt. Leaders: Jerry Goldstein, 609-859-8133. Joe Hummel, (856) 235-8817.

FEBRUARY 10

Sunday
11:00 am

CARRANZA 3X3 DROP-OUT HIKE. 6 miles. Moderate pace - halfway dropout by cars. Come and explore for a 3 or 6 mile journey, and enjoy the scenery. NC NP. Bad weather cancels. We'll visit the lost roads and then visit High Crossing. Bring picnic type food for a tailgate social after the hike. Meet at Carranza Memorial parking lot. Leader: Tom Neigel, 609-206-3389, tomncenter-ocsj@yahoo.com

FEBRUARY 11

Monday
9:30 am



WALK HOWARDSVILLE. Join us for an easy 5-6 mile walk from the site of this lost pinelands town. Leaders: Jay and Faye. Meet on Howardsville Rd. where it meets Route 72 in Barnegat. Contacts: 908-692-5765 walkinginmud@aol.com. Optional lunch at Lucille's afterward.

FEBRUARY 13

Wednesday
10:00am

HIKE THE SKIT. 7 miles moderate pace, along the Batsto River and the Skit Branch of the Batsto. Over Trails and roads. Bring lunch and beverage. Check web page for cancelation due to bad weather. Meet at Skit Bridge on Carranza Road SE of Tabernacle. Leaders, Chris Denneler, 856-461-5379, cdenneler157@yahoo.com Pat Burton, 856-767-8064, camperpat123@aol.com,

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Thursday
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Friday
3:00 pm

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FEBRUARY 16

Saturday
8:00 am

COMPLETE BATONA TRAIL HIKE #5 – EVANS BRIDGE TO

COAL ROAD. 10-11 miles, moderate pace. See January 19 for full description. Scenic highlights: duck ponds, Oswego River, Beaver Branch, Ives Pond. Meet at Batona Trailhead on Coal Road, between the east and west branches of Bass River, just off Stage Road, 3 miles E. of Rt. 679 (from the N.), or 7 miles W. of Tuckerton (from the E.), or 2.5 miles N. of New Gretna (from the S.) for shuttle. Accumulating snow, icy roads or other bad weather or forecast of same may postpone. Check with leaders if in doubt. Leaders: Jerry Goldstein, 609-859-8133. Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817.

FEBRUARY 16

Saturday
10:00 am



BATSTO HIKE. 5 miles moderate pace. An easy walk between two rivers and through the village of Batsto. Bad weather or icy conditions cancel. Meet at Batsto Village. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

FEBRUARY 17

Sunday

ANOTHER WAY TO APPLE PIE. We'll return on the Batona, but will find another way to the tower. 10-12 mles of woodland

9:00 am walking along sand roads and trails at a steady moderate pace.
Leader: Jay and Faye Contact: 908-692-576.
walkinginmud@aol.com. Meet at Carranza Memorial in the
parking area behind the monument. Carranza Road,
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FEBRUARY 17 **MANNIS DUCK POND HIKE.** 8-10 miles, moderate pace. Not
Sunday a nefarious fowl, but places we'll visit. May be a few wet spots.
10:00 am Bring Lunch. Meet at the Carranza Memorial. Leaders: Dave
and Julie Hegelein, (856) 235-8792.

FEBRUARY 17 **MORRIS BARDOCK & WALT KORSZNAK MEMORIAL HIKE**
Sunday **(THREE HILLS)** - About 8 miles. Easy to moderate pace. Meet
10:30 am at Carranza Memorial parking at 10:30 AM. We will hike along
the Batona Trail to Mount KorBar (named in honor of the two
founders and builders of the trail). We will then continue on to
Apple Pie Hill and then, so we don't backtrack, return on sand
roads & trails off the Batona Trail. Leader: Milt Cannan, (8 5 6)
983-9076.

FEBRUARY 18 **HISTORIC SMITHVILLE HIKE.** 5 miles moderate pace. Meet
Monday at the Smith Woods parking lot. (2nd parking lot) off of East
10:00 am  Railroad Avenue. Take Rt. 38 to Smithville Road. Bring water.
Bring lunch for after the hike Leaders: Janet Horton cell, 609-
706 5691 janeth1@comcast.net, Jack Dalton cell, 609-287-
3105 w2hds@comcast.net

FEBRUARY 20 **WALK TO QUAKER BRIDGE.** Out and back to Quaker Bridge
Wednesday probably more than 12 miles at a steady moderate pace. Sand
9:00 am roads, trails, and fire-cuts will be followed. Leaders: Jay and
Faye. Contacts: 908-692-5765 walkinginmud@aol.com. Meet
at the north end of the Batsto Village parking area.

FEBRUARY 22 **FRIDAY NIGHT FITNESS HIKE.** 8-10 miles. Fast pace! The
Friday ongoing, every Friday night, all year 'round, Friday nite fitness
7:00 pm hike, where we try to work up a sweat exploring the sand roads
and trails of Brendan Byrne State Forest. Be prepared to walk
at an average of 4 mph, 15 minutes per mile pace with few
breaks. Bring water and wear well broken in boots, sneakers,
or shoes (sneakers are adequate for dry conditions). Socks are
also important footgear; synthetics and wool being better at
preventing blisters (avoid cotton socks). Meet at Brendan
Byrne Campground parking. Leaders: Mike Baker, 609-577-
9004, mike@mikebaker.com; Bob Hodges, RLHHLR@aol.com;
Alison Baker, 609-468-1950, alison@mikebaker.com

FEBRUARY 23 **WOODLAND WORKOUT.** A little longer than a Friday fitness
Saturday hike but a little slower. Few stops along the way as we walk
9:00 am sand roads, fire cuts and maybe a hill or two. A brisk steady
pace will be maintained (3.3-3.5 mph). 12-15 miles on the hoof.
Leader: Jay Schoss, 908-692-5765 walkinginmud@aol.com.
Meet us at the campground parking area in Brendan Byrne SF.

FEBRUARY 23 **SOCIAL MOONLIGHT HIKE, CAMPFIRE AND CAMPOUT.** 7
Saturday  miles moderate pace. Hike the Pines under the full moon on a
7:00 pm new route and return to a roaring campfire. Bring picnic type
food to share at tailgate social after hike. NC/NP. Meet at
Atsion Lake, Burl. Co., From Rt. 206 take Atsion Road west 1
mile, go to Goshen Pond Group site sign turn left go to camp-
ing area. Leader, Paul Serdiuk, 609-463-3593 evenings or
pis1@cccnj.net Inclement weather cancels. Contact leader to
confirm hike.

FEBRUARY 23

Saturday - 7:30 pm

FOOT LOOSE IN FEBRUARY MOON HIKE. 7 miles, moderate pace. Savor a cold winter moon breaking through pine trees and reflecting off white sand or snow. Meet at Atsion. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

FEBRUARY 24Sunday
11:00 am

ATSION SOUTH OF RIVER HIKE. 6.5 miles. Moderate pace, enjoy the scenery. NC NP. Bad weather cancels. Enjoy the other side of the Mullica river down to Beaver Pond on the in and out trails along the river. Bring picnic type food for a tailgate social after the hike. Meet at Atsion Park Office parking lot. On Route 206 between Rt. 70 and Hammonton. Leader: Tom Neigel, 609-206-3389, tomncenter-ocsj@yahoo.com

FEBRUARY 25Monday
10:00 am

BYRNE/ PAKIM POND LOOP HIKE. 5-6 miles (easy pace- 2.5 mph). Meet at Byrne (Lebanon) forest office. Will walk to Pakim Pond by Batona Trail, take a break at Pakim Pond, and return by the Red Trail. LP. Bad weather (snow, rain or ice) cancels. Leader: Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817.

FEBRUARY 27Wednesday
9:30 am

HIKE SHANE BRANCH. This is a short 6 mile hike to a pretty pond and beautiful cedar swamp. Snow enhances the beauty. Bring lunch, warm clothing and something to sit on for lunch. We will meet at Carranza parking lot and car pool the additional 10 minutes down the dirt road to the parking lot at Friendship. Moderate pace. Always consider hiking poles and snow crampons for icy weather. Leaders Pat and Chris. camperpat@hotmail.com



MARCH



"Nobody will believe in you, unless you believe in yourself."

RESERVATIONS AND DEADLINES

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

THE WASHINGTON DC TRIP WILL BE SATURDAY, MAY 4TH. Details will be posted on the website and in the Spring Trekker.

DETAILS COMING - JUNE HISTORIC CAPE MAY WEEKEND.

COMPLETE BATONA TRAIL HIKE SERIES. See January 19 entry for details.

BATONA TRAIL MAINTENANCE. See March 10 entry.

ANNUAL BATONA TRAIL MAINTENANCE. See March 16 entry.

SOCIAL MOONLIGHT HIKE AND CAMPFIRE. See March 29 entry.

TWO DAY BACKPACK APPALACHIAN TRAIL IN CENTRAL PA. See March 30-31.

HOT DOG HIKE. See March 30 entry.

APRES SKI PARTY - SOMETIME IN APRIL. Watch for the date and location of the Apres Ski Party in Spring Trekker and on the website.

RICHARD GREVE MEMORIAL VOLUNTEER TRIP TO HARPER'S FERRY, WV. Friday, to Sunday, no dates yet, but probably late April or early May. Dates will be on website early 2013.

DETAILS COMING - SPRING BICYCLING ROAD COURSE. A Saturday in the Spring. Exact date TBD

JUNE 1-7, 2013. THE 15th SCHUYLKILL RIVER SOJOURN (NON-OCSJ EVENT) See coming events.

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MARCH 1

Friday
7:00 pm



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MARCH 2

Saturday
10:00 am

EVERYBODY LOVES MARTHA. Who was Martha and why was a town named after her? These questions will be answered as we hike to the site of the old Martha Furnace in the pines. This is a 5 mile moderate loop that incorporates sand roads, the Batona Trail and the Lake Trail. Meet at Harrisville Lake. Bring lunch and a beverage for our break on the Oswego River. Bad weather cancels. Leader: Ro Mason, 609-404-9587. romason@comcast.net

MARCH 3

Sunday
9:00 am

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

MARCH 4

Monday
9:30 am

WOODLAND WANDER. Walk 5-7 miles at an easy pace. Follow sand roads and fire cuts south and east of the campgrounds. Meet at the Brendan Byrne Campgrounds at the crossing of Glassworks and Cooper. Leaders: Faye & Jay . Contacts: 908-692-5765, walkingmud@aol.com

MARCH 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 outside the Moorestown Library. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

MARCH 6

Wednesday
9:00 am

WALK UPPER PLAINS BRANCH. Walk with us in the Pygmy Plains. Wet feet are possible on this 12 mile walk, as the water comes out of the sand in places among the 4 foot pines and oaks. We will drive in to the starting point from Lucille's Country Cooking on Rt. 539 in Warren Grove at 9am. Leaders: Jay and Faye Contact: walkingmud@aol.com or (908) 692-5765.

MARCH 8

Friday
7:00 pm



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mike@mikebaker.com; Bob Hodges, RLHHLR@aol.com;
Alison Baker, 609-468-1950, alison@mikebaker.com

MARCH 9

Saturday

10:00 am

BALDPATE MOUNTAIN HIKE. 8 miles, moderate pace. Baldpate is part of the Ted Stiles Preserve. It is the highest point in Mercer County. At the highest point you can view the Philadelphia Skyline 50 miles away on a clear day. Bring Lunch. Take Interstate 295 to NJ 29. Go past Trenton Thunder Baseball park and go past Washington Crossing State Park to Fiddler's Creek Rd. Make right turn at Baldpate Mountain signs. Take 2nd Parking lot on Fiddler's. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

MARCH 10

Sunday

10:00 am

Batona trail

BATONA TRAIL MAINTENANCE. – In conjunction with the Batona Hiking Club. An easy work trip to help keep the section of the Batona Trail from Ong's Hat to Carranza in top shape. Bring lunch and clipping tools (if you have them, or use Batona's). We will also be re-blazing where necessary. Depending on the number of people that show up, we will separate into groups of four, each assigned to approximately 6 to 8 mile sections of the trail. Since opening in 1961 as a 30-mile trail, it has become a well-used part of New Jersey's trail system. With the help of volunteers like you, the trail has grown to over 50 miles. Meet at the Red Lion Diner parking lot (west side) at the circle – intersection of Rts. 70 and 206 by 10:00 A.M. Please reserve this date. We really need you! Leader: Milt Cannan, 856-983-9076. Franklin Parker section is a NON-OCSJ Activity due to insurance restrictions.

MARCH 10

Sunday

11:00 am



BELLEPLAIN STATE PARK HIKE. Moderate pace, 6 miles, NC NP. We will hike various trails around the park. Bring picnic type food for a tailgate social after the hike. Its an eating event with a hiking disorder! Meet at the Lake Nummy Picnic ground parking lot. Leader: Tom Neigel, 609-206-3389, tomncenter-ocsj@yahoo.com

MARCH 11

Monday

9:30 am

WALK THE MIDDLE MISERY. 6-7 miles of easy paced wandering among the spungs and wetlands of the upper reaches of the Middle Branch of Mount Misery Brook. Sand roads, trails, and fire cuts will be followed. A brief stop at the tree is possible. Meet at the RR crossing in Bullock where Ocean and Burlington counties meet at the intersection of Pasadena Road in Manchester and Savoy Boulevard end. Leaders: Jay and Faye Contacts: 908-692-5765. walkinginmud@aol.com

MARCH 13

Wednesday

10:00 am

HIKE TO APPLE PIE HILL. 7-8 miles at a moderate pace. We will climb the "hill", the highest point in South Jersey, using trails and old roads. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet at Carranza Memorial parking SE of Tabernacle on Carranza Road. Leaders: Chris Denneler, cdenneler157@yahoo.com 856-461-5379, Pat Burton, camperpat123@aol.com 856-767-8064. Check ocsj.org for cancellation due to the weather.

MARCH 14

Thursday

9:30 am

HIKE THE PARKER PRESERVE. We'll choose the route, starting from the SOUTH gate of Parker on Route 563, 2.8 miles south of, Chatsworth, NJ, based on the weather that day; severe weather such as thunderstorm, heavy rain, deep snow cancels. 8-9 miles at a moderate pace whichever way we go. Bring snack/light lunch and water. Leaders: Vera C. Stek verastek@verizon.net and Bill Schaefer, 908-337-7040.

MARCH 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.

MARCH 15

Friday
7:00 pm

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MARCH 16

Saturday
9:30 am

Batona trail

ANNUAL BATONA TRAIL MAINTENANCE. OCSJ is responsible for maintaining the Batona Trail from the Carranza Memorial to the southern terminus at Bass River State Forest. As always we need as much help as possible to fulfill our obligation. Meet 9:30 a.m. at Atsion Ranger Station on US 206. Expect to be done by 2:00 p.m. Rain Date: March 17, same time. Leader: Bruce Steidel, 609-915-0956 or president@ocsj.org

MARCH 16

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

MARCH 17

Sunday
8:30 am

HIKE WISSAHICKON GORGE. 8 miles moderate pace over hills and valleys. Hike the Gorge in late winter with its spectacular views. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after hike. Proper hiking shoes required. Meet at 8:30 a.m. in the rear parking lot of Crown Plaza Hotel (formerly Hilton Hotel) on Rt. 70, to carpool/caravan to site or meet 9:30 a.m. at Valley Green parking lot in park. NP/NC. Leader Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve or pis1@cccnj.net Inclement weather cancels.

MARCH 17

Sunday
9:00 am



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

MARCH 17

Sunday
9:00 am

THE NORTH BRANCH CIRCULAR. We will walk about 12 miles or so at a moderate pace following much of the course of the North Branch of Mount Misery Brook, including Goose Pond and the abandoned bogs. Lunch on the beach. Meet at the RR crossing at Bullock, where Pasadena Road and Savoy Boulevard intersect with Mt. Misery Road. Leader: Jay Schoss Contact: 908-692-5765 walkinginmud@aol.com

MARCH 18

Monday
10:00 am



HIKE MANASQUAN RESERVOIR. 5 miles easy pace. We will hike along the trails and visit the Environmental Center. Meet at Manasquan Visitor Center, Windeler Road., Howell, NJ. Must bring water. Bring lunch for after the hike. Hike leaders: Janet Horton cell 609-706-5691 janeth1@comcast.net, Jack Dalton cell 609-287-3105 w2hds@comcast.net

MARCH 20

Wednesday

9:30 am

YELLOW TRAIL HIKE. 9.9 miles, brisk pace (3-3.5mph). Meet at Batsto parking lot. Will hike from Atsion to Batsto along the Mullica River via the "yellow trail". This hike is point-to-point and requires a car shuttle. *NOTE THE TIME CHANGE* to 9:30. Bring lunch. Light rain will not cancel. Leader: Joe Hummel 856-235-8817.

MARCH 22

Friday

7:00 pm

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MARCH 23

Saturday

7:30 pm

MARCH IN MARCH MOONLIGHT HIKE. 7 miles, moderate pace. Almost a full moon. Hope for warmer weather for the first weekend of spring. Meet at Atsion Park Office. Rain or snow cancels. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

MARCH 24

Sunday

10:30 am

2 x 4 x 6 BATSTO DROP-OUT HIKE. 2, 4, or 6 miles. Moderate Pace. NC NP. You can drop out every 2 miles. Bring food and snacks for tailgate after the hike. (Its not about the hike, its about the food! But we hike too). Meet at Batsto Village Parking lot. Leader: Tom Neigel, 609-206-3389. tomncenter-ocsj@yahoo.com

MARCH 25

Monday

10:00 am

ATSION WALK. 5 miles (easy pace-2.5 mph). Meet at the Atsion Field. LP.Yellow trail, etc. LP. Bad weather cancels. Leader, Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817.

MARCH 27

Wednesday

10:00 am

BATSTO LOOP de LOOP. 5 mile moderate double loop hike incorporating the White Trail, the Batona, the Red and the Blue Trail. Meet at Batsto Village Parking lot. Bring lunch for after the hike at the picnic tables. Bad weather cancels. Leader: Ro Mason, 609-404-9587 romason@comcast.net

MARCH 27

Wednesday

10:00 am

NEW: 9 TH. STREET BRIDGE HIKE. NEW: 9th St. Bridge hike. 7-8 miles. Meet at Transportation Center 945 Haven Avenue, Ocean City, NJ, We'll cross over new 9th Street Bridge into Somers Pt., travel down Bay Av. to Kennedy Park, lunch, back over bridge. Leader: Noel Wirth, ocncw101@comcast.net

MARCH 29

Friday

10:00 am

GOOD FRIDAY HIKE. 9-10 miles, moderate pace. Hike along the Skit Branch and Batsto Rivers. May be wet in spots. Bring Lunch. Meet at junction of Carranza and Moore's Meadow Roads. 4.3 miles SE of Tabernacle. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

MARCH 29

Friday

7:00 pm



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MARCH 29

Friday
7:30 pm



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MARCH 30

Saturday
10:00 am

TITUSVILLE, N.J. HIKE. 7-8 miles, moderate pace -- Titusville is the first point of interest on a hike that includes a tour through this small, old, interesting town along the banks of the Delaware; a brief stretch on the D&R canal towpath; a walk through the woods; and a return along the route that Washington's army took on their March to Trenton (the Continental Highway?) Lunch is in a covered pavilion with tables and benches. Meet at the parking lot at Washington's Crossing (N.J. side). At the traffic light on Rt. 29 which marks the beginning of the Washington Crossing Park turn left, then an immediate right. NC, LP. Bad weather cancels. Leaders: Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609, Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817.

MARCH 30

Saturday
10:00 am

HOT DOG HIKE. 6-7 miles. Moderate pace. We'll hike a nice section of the Bass River SF. Then back for grilled beef dogs. Bring your own beverage. Hot water will be provided. Leaders will supply the "dogs," rolls and condiments. Bring snack or dish to share. Share the cost with a small donation. Meet at Lake Absegami parking, in the Bass River SF. Entrance off of Stage Rd. 3.4 miles E of Rt. 679. Chefs, Chris Denneler, cdenneler157@yahoo.com (856) 461-5379. Pat and Bob Burton, camperpat@hotmail.com 856-767-8064. Hike leader, Toni Stransky, 609-652-0112. Jan Jorganson (609) 404-4990. Rain date Sunday. Check ocsj.org for any changes.

MARCH 30-31

Sat.-Sun.



MARCH 30-31: BACKPACKING THE AT IN CENTRAL PA:

Chimney rocks and blacksmith shops! Come join us as we hike the AT. We will start at the Old Forge picnic grounds, climb 2 miles up to quartzite cliffs and overlooks of Chimney rocks (great views). We will run the ridge for another 2 miles to the Snowy Mt. Fire tower, before hiking down to Rocky mountain shelter (shelter, water, privy) – also known as Jim Thorpe shelter. We'll spend the night, and then hike down 3.5 miles to the Caledonia State Park. Should have everyone out for a late breakfast at the diner! Moderate hike, with some hiking on rocky terrain (its Pennsylvania after all). 10.5 miles total (7 miles on Saturday, 3.5 miles on Sunday). Limited to 12 backpackers. Hike leader Kevin Drevik, 856-630-2485 or kdrevik@aol.com.

MARCH 31

Sunday
9:00 am

EAST OF SPRING HILL HIKE. A moderate paced walk of 12 miles or so to the pygmies east of Spring Hill. Meet at the parking lot at Oswego Lake promptly at 9 am as we leave on time. It has been about 15 years since I have led this walk, so I hope I can remember the way. Some of these paths and roads are rarely traveled, so join me in this exploration. Some sections could be rough. Leader: Jay Schoss, 908-692-5765. Contacts: walkinginmud@aol.com

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5. Membership forms may be downloaded from the OCSJ website (www.ocsj.org)

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