



OUTDOOR CLUB of SOUTH JERSEY

TREKKER



Winter 2016

JANUARY

New Years Day Hike.
See January 1 listing.

MARCH

Batona Trail Maintenance.
See March 12 listing.

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Annual Hot Dog Hike.
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Washington DC Bus Trip.
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Celebrating 49 Years of Outdoor Experiences!



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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

As the newly elected President I'd like to say how very thankful I am for all the friends I've made and the adventures I've had through the Outdoor Club. I'm grateful for this opportunity to serve and give back to the Club that has meant so much to me. A personal thank you to the army of people who have given their time and talents to making this such a special organization: trip leaders, activity chairpersons, officers and Board members, special event volunteers.



By way of introduction for those who may not know me, I've been active in the Club kayaking, hiking, and cross-country skiing. I'm a retired educational media specialist/librarian and live in Lawrenceville. My one son lives in Pittsburgh with his wife and baby daughter.

Please feel free to contact me by email (bbrandt46@gmail.com) with any concerns, - or suggestions for making our Club even better. I look forward to continued enjoyment of the great out-of-doors with all you fellow adventurers.

Barbara Brandt

NEWS AND NOTES

*** THE FINAL PRINTED TREKKER WILL BE THE SPRING 2017 ISSUE. ***

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 Woodbury, NJ 08096-0040

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 now re-directed to our corresponding meetup sites. Meetup allows leaders to directly manage their activities.

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

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

Canoeing Meetup site:

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

Carpooling, ride sharing or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among the participants and not part of the official Club Activity. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel. The choice to participate is yours.

FOR LEADERS

Leaders should review items under "For Leaders" on OCSJ Website. They should also review the "Policy and Budget Page" listed below and 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".

Coming Events

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MARCH 12 BATONA TRAIL MAINTENANCE – In conjunction with the Batona Hiking Club. Meet at the Red Lion Diner parking lot (west side) at the circle – intersection of Rts.70 and 206. Please be early so work assignments can be given out in time for the 10:00 a.m. departure time. This year's work trip will involve the usual cutting, trimming and trash collection on Batona's part of the trail from Ong's Hat to Carranza. Bring lunch and drink. Batona will provide the tools or you can use your own. Depending on the number of people that show up, we'll separate into groups of four, each assigned to approximately 6 to 8 mile sections of the trail. Since opening in 1961 as a 30 mile trail, it has become a well-used part of New Jersey's trail system. With the help of volunteers like you, the trail has grown to over 50 miles long. Meet at Red Lion Diner - West side parking lot Leader: Milt Cannan, 609-536-8205. NOTE: Rain/Snow date – Sunday MARCH 13th at 10:00 a.m.

MARCH 19 ANNUAL HOT DOG HIKE. 6-7 mile moderate pace. We'll hike the trails in the Bass River State Forest, then have hot dogs on the grill with all the fixen's. Provided by OCSJ. Bring your own beverage. Hot water will be available. Bring something to share. Meet at 10:00 am at Lake Absegami parking in the Bass River State Forest, entrance off Stage Rd. 3.4 miles east of Rt. 679. Chefs Christine Denneler 609-351-2789, email, cdenneler157@yahoo.com; Pat and Bob Burton, 856-767-8064, email camperpat@hotmail.com. Hike Leader, Toni Stransky, 609-652-0112. Rain date MARCH 20. Check Meetup and ocsj.org for any changes.

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

GREVE – SEIFRIED VOLUNTEER WORK TRIP 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 2016. 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

SATURDAY MAY 14 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: \$35.00 per person. TO ORDER: Send check payable to OUTDOOR CLUB OF SOUTH JERSEY to Fran Katella, 10 Fairway Court, Marlton, NJ 08053 .You can also use pay pal on our web site. - All payments must be made by APRIL 14, 2016. 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 paper 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 a.m. Bus departs promptly at 7:30 a.m., rain or shine. Arrive DC 10 -11 a.m. Depart DC 5:00 p.m. Arrival time from DC approx. 8:30 p.m. (Volunteer gratuity for driver) Leader: Fran Katella, 856-313-3794, 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.

JUNE 4-10 2016 THE 18 th. 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 weeklong sojourn down the Schuylkill River that begins the first weekend of June. For details <http://www.schuylkillriver.org/sojourn.aspx>

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 <http://www.americanhiking.org/em-volunteer-vacations/>

NEW YEARS DAY HIKE: See January 1 listing.

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.

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 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.

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.



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 the at the Boat House parking lot.

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

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



CANOEING/KAYAKING

A Message from the Canoeing/Kayaking Chair



Winter trips will be announced on Canoeing Meetup site:
<http://www.meetup.com/Outdoor-Club-of-South-Jersey-Canoeing/>

DURING THE MONTHS OF NOVEMBER THRU MARCH PADDLERS MUST WEAR WET OR DRY SUITS SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF LEADERS.

Consider become 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.)

A MESSAGE FROM THE X/C Skiing & Snowshoeing Chair

New & exciting trips are planned again for the 2015-2016 ski and snowshoe season. Check the Trekker and online often for updates... Hope to see you come out for some winter fun.

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

DEC. 28 – JAN. 2
Mon.-Sat.

CRAFTSBURY, VT– Includes 5 nights, all meals (vegetarian available), trail passes for skiing and snowshoeing College style dorm with Women's and men's bathrooms. \$970 per room, 2 people per room, \$600 for single room. Deposit \$200 to reserve by 11/1/15, balance by 12/1/15. Call for details. Leader: Fran Horn, 856-786-0048 franhorn@aol.com

DEC 31 – JAN. 3
Thurs.-Sun.

PULASKI/TUG HILL, NY - The Tug Hill region is New York's Snowbelt due to lake effect weather. Approx. \$234 pp for 3 nights (Thurs-Sun), Includes bed, breakfast and soup each day, one gourmet dinner, all taxes & gratuities. New Co-leaders: Suzanne Towey sgtp414@verizon.net, 609-390-1361 (home) and Carol Sost csost18@gmail.com 609-822-7334 (cell)

JAN. 7-10
Thurs.-Sun.

LAKE PLACID TOWN TRIP. Stay at Wildwood on the Lake Motel, www.wildwoodmotel.com Cost: \$305.00 per room, based on two per room includes tax; tips extra. Rooms have two queen beds, micro, fridge and coffeemaker. Amenities: indoor pool, hot tub, sauna, wax room, Wi-Fi. Daily Après ski. All meals on own. Deposit \$100 due ASAP. Balance due 12/1/15. Leaders: Dennis & Franny Mckane, 609-707-3025 dennisfran1@verizon.net

JAN. 15-18
Fri.-Sun.

(MLK WEEKEND) KEENE VALLEY, NY – Stay at Trail's End B&B in Adirondack High Peaks Region near Lake Placid. \$300.00 pp 3 nights (Friday, Saturday, Sunday), 3 breakfasts, 1 dinner, 1 après ski party, taxes and gratuities. Saturday night vol fire co spaghetti dinner and 2 trail lunches avail at additional cost. This long standing trip always fills quickly. Contact Leader: Evan Ernest, 215-208-7480 evn192@yahoo.com

JAN. 17-24
Sun.-Sun.

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 Cost \$350 pp. Deposit \$100. Balance by December 1. No refund after 12/15/15 unless replacement is found. Contact Leaders: Jim & Virginia Magee mageejv@verizon.net or Barbara Brandt bbrandt46@gmail.com

JAN. 25-29
Sun.-Fri.

COMMODORE INN, STOWE VT. For skiers of all abilities. Cost \$400 pp dbl occ for 5 nights (Sunday-Thursday), 5 buffet dinners and breakfasts, taxes and tips. Deposit \$100. Eileen Greve, 609-204-6451, egreve212@gmail.com

JAN 29-JAN 31
Fri.-Sun.

BENNINGTON, VT. Stay at the Best Western, ski at Prospect Mtn XC Center, explore this lovely and historic town. Cost \$111 pp dbl occ for 2 nights with full breakfast, tax included. Deposit \$100. Eileen Greve, 609-204-5451 egreve212@gmail.com

FEB. 12-15
Fri.-Mon.

PULASKI/TUG HILL, NY - Friday to Monday (President's Day) Approx. Cost \$233 pp for 3 nights w hearty breakfast, all taxes and tips. Option for dinner at nearby restaurant at own cost. Deposit \$100. Eileen Greve, 609-204-6451 egreve212@gmail.com

FEB. 17-21
Wed.-Sun.

MORNINGSTAR CHALET, LONDONDERRY VT. 4 nights (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday) at private chalet with 3 breakfast and 2 dinners. Approximately \$150 pp double occupancy. If we get 10 sign-ups, may cost more if less than 10. Deposit \$100. Eileen Greve, 609-204-6451, egreve212@gmail.com



JANUARY

"A day without laughter is a day wasted"



RESERVATIONS AND DEADLINE

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JANUARY 1

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 sock Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds). Leader: Bob Hodges, RLHHLR@aol.com

JANUARY 2

Saturday

10:00 am

MOORESTOWN LIBRARY TO STRAWBRIDGE LAKE HIKE.

5 miles, easy to moderate pace. We start at the Moorestown Library and head to Strawbridge Lake and Waterwork Woods. Meet in the municipal parking lot on Second Street across from the library. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com.

JANUARY 3

Sunday

9:00 am

WALK TO WEBB'S MILL. Back and forth to the 18th century settlement site of the Webb's family mill. We'll walk about 10 miles of sand road and old trails get there and return. 3 mph pace or what is suitable for the participants. Lunch along the trail. Meet at the Bullock RR crossing. Leader: Jay Schoss, 609-283-0252 or walkingmud@aol.com.

JANUARY 5

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 in the municipal parking lot on Second Street across from the library. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

JANUARY 6

Wednesday
9:30 am

THE RAINBOW TRAIL. Over the creek and through the woods, past trees and toll booths. Dress for the weather, 8 mile hike at a moderate pace, stops on the way with lunch at the picnic tables near the end. NO RSVP just come if you can. Call leaders for any real questions! Please use restrooms by office before coming to sign in. Leaders: Toni 609-652-0112 and Jan, 609-404-4990.

JANUARY 6

Wednesday
6:30 pm

COOPER RIVER PARK WALK. Join us on a 3.8 mile walk at 3 mph or better depending on group. 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 and it is also lighted. Bad weather and snow or ice on ground may 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

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JANUARY 9

Saturday
9:00 am



EXPEDITION TO THE FORKED RIVER MOUNTAINS. There is no planned route for this walk. I'd describe it as an adventurous exploration to find a possible route to the Forked River Mountains. The access we will attempt is from the west. I've done it before, but it is challenging. The trails are rarely used except by hunters. There could be wet areas blocking the way. This is not for the novice walker and may involve bush-whacking and heavy brush. This walk could take most of the day and we may not reach the famous hills. Meet in the large gravel parking area on the west side of 539 between highway 72 and Whiting. If coming from Whiting and you see the fire tower on your left, you've gone too far. Go back across the small stream and park on the left. If you are coming from highway 72, turn north onto 539 and continue past the fire tower and park on the left. Give yourself plenty of time, we leave promptly at 9 a.m. Leader: Jay Schoss, home phone 609-283-0252 walkinginmud@aol.com

JANUARY 10

Sunday
9:00 am

ANOTHER WAY TO APPLE PIE. We'll return on the Batona, but will find another way to the tower. 10-12 miles of woodland walking along sand roads and trails at a steady moderate pace. Dress properly for the weather and bring a lunch. Some sections could be wet. Meet at Carranza Memorial in the parking area behind the monument. Carranza Road, Tabernacle, NJ. Leaders: Jay and Faye, 609-283-0252, walkinginmud@aol.com.

JANUARY 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 camp grounds. 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.

JANUARY 13

Wednesday

10:00 am

LOOP HIKE AT GOSHEN POND.

Short 5 mile hike to see the beautiful cedar swamp with a lunch break at Goshen pond. Bring lunch and beverage and something to sit on for lunch like a trash bag. Easy to moderate pace. Meet at Goshen Pond Camping area. Call or e-mail for more info. Leader: Pat Burton, camperpat@hotmail.com 856-767-8064.

JANUARY 14

Thursday

7:30 pm



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

JANUARY 15

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 sock Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds). Leader: Bob Hodges, RLHHLR@aol.com

JANUARY 16

Saturday

10:00 am

WINTER ATSION HIKE. 5 miles moderate pace. An easy walk along dirt roads and forest trails. Meet at Atsion Office. Bad weather or icy conditions cancel.

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

JANUARY 17

Sunday

10:00 am

PARVIN STATE PARK.

8 to 10 miles. Easy to moderate pace. Meet in the parking lot across the road from the Park Office and beach access (entrance at N39.510822, W75.132429) on Almond Road – Rt. 540 west of Vineland at 10:00 A.M. SHARP for start of hike. With 2 lakes, a beautiful forest, eagles, and lots of history. Parvin is a Pinelands winter hiking gem. The park has a pine swamp hardwood forest to traverse. May be some wet areas. Bring lunch and drink. Leader: Milt Cannan, 609-536-8205.

JANUARY 17

Sunday

10:00 am

HIKE ATSION EXTENDED.

8-9 miles moderate pace. Nice views of the Lake and Goshen pond where we will have lunch. We will hike on sand roads and trails. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet in field next to the Atsion office off Rt. 206. Check Meetup or ocsj.org for changes and updates. Leader: Chris Denneler, 609-351-2789, email cdenneler157@yahoo.com.

JANUARY 20

Wednesday

10:00 am

PENNYPACK-LORIMER PARKS LOOP HIKE

(Lunch Stop Amenities Included). About 9 miles, EASY PACE of 2.5 mph or less (leader likes to stop and smell the roses plus share his knowledge of points of interest). Exact mileage will depend upon weather & trail conditions. Come enjoy these lovely parks, which can be especially beautiful with a little snow on the trails.

In the winter the contours of the land become visible. Meet at Pennypack Park, Philadelphia, PA at Bustleton Avenue & Benton Street park entrance. Cross Tacony-Palmyra bridge into Philadelphia; take Levick St. to Roosevelt Blvd. (Rt. 1). Turn right onto Rt. 1-N. center lanes; go about 2.5 miles (past Rhawn Street) to Strahle Street and turn left. Take Strahle to Bustleton Avenue and turn right. Go about 1/2 mile to Benton St. on the left at bottom of the hill. (Disregard the Benton St. that is on the right before the bottom of the hill.) Turn L. into Benton & park on either side of the street. Please monitor the meetup board for possible changes. RSVP only if you ARE coming. We will eat our lunch at the beautiful picnic grove in Lorimer Park (picnic tables, heated rest rooms). NP. Leader: Jerry Goldstein
jerryhyker@yahoo.com

JANUARY 22

Friday

7:00 pm



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JANUARY 23

Saturday

9:00 am



WALK TO JEMIMA MOUNT. A walk of 12 miles or more at an average pace of 3mph or more. We will follow sand roads and trails and fire cuts, plus some bush-whacking as well. The aim of the hike is to find and climb this unusual pinelands hillock before the trail bikers wear it down to the nubs. Bring your sense of humor and reckless abandon as they will both likely be necessary before we get back. Meet at Carranza Memorial. Get to the parking area at Carranza Memorial early as I leave at 9 a.m. Leader: Jay Schoss, home phone, 609-283-0252, walkinginmud@aol.com.

JANUARY 24

Sunday

9:00 am

WALK TO MT MISERY. About 10-12 miles of trails, fire cuts, roads and sand roads out and around to Mt. Misery and back. A steady moderate pace is planned. Meet at the Park Office parking lot at Brendan Byrne State Forest. Leader: Jay Schoss 609-283-0252 walkinginmud@aol.com

JANUARY 27

Wednesday

10:00 am

HIKE 2 RIVERS. 10 miles and 6 miles. Moderate pace. Your choice as to the mileage. We will hike up the Batsto River, cross over to the Mullica for lunch. Bring lunch and beverage. Dress for weather. Meet at Batsto Historic Village parking off Rt. 542. Check Meetup or ocsj.org for changes or cancellation due to weather. Leaders, 10 mile hike, Chris Dennele, 609-351-2789, email, cdenneler157@yahoo.com. 6 mile hike, Pat Burton 856-767-8064, email camperpat@hotmail.com

JANUARY 29

Friday

7:00 pm

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adequate for dry conditions). Socks are also important foot gear; synthetics and wool being better at preventing blisters (avoid cotton sock Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds). Leader: Bob Hodges, RLHHLR@aol.com

JANUARY 30

Saturday
10:00 am

LANDS END HIKE. 8 miles, easy pace. Hope for cold weather to make ice on that sometimes puddly road. Can be wet at times. Stop for lunch on pleasant place on the Mullica River. Bring lunch. Meet at Lands' End. 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.
Leader: Toni Stransky.

JANUARY 31

Sunday
9:00 am

TOO MANY MILES AND NOT ENOUGH TIME. We will hike north of the bridge for a total of at least 12 miles. Some places we may go to are Godfrey's Bridge, Hawkins Bridge, Mount, Sandy Ridge and Washington. Decisions on the day will determine the route of travel. The pace will be at least 3 miles per hour. Be prepared for a hard walk. Meet at Evans Bridge. Evans Bridge departure at 9:00 a.m. promptly. The bridge is located between Green Bank and Jenkins on highway 563. Leader: Jay Schoss, 609-283-0252, call by the day prior by 8 p.m. for info or email to walkinginmud@aol.com

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FEBRUARY



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FEBRUARY 2

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 in the municipal parking lot on Second Street across from the library. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

FEBRUARY 3

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, 856-235-8817 and Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609

FEBRUARY 3

Wednesday
6:30 pm

NEWTON LAKE PARK WALK. Join us for a 3 mile walk at a 3 mph or better depending on the group. Meet at Camden County, Division of Environmental Affairs. Parking lot at corner of Newton Lake Drive and W. Browning Road. This is a paved walking and bike path and it is also lighted. Bad weather and snow or ice on ground may cancels. Check the web site for any updates. Leader: Paul Baumhauer, 609-706-3676.

FEBRUARY 5

Friday
7:00 pm



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FEBRUARY 6

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

FEBRUARY 7

Sunday
9:00 am

WALK THE MT. MISERY TRAIL. We'll walk this 10 mile loop the hard way.... bare foot! No just kidding, footwear optional We go clockwise, with the hills and soft sand toward the end when we might be just a little tired. Meet at the Pakim Pond parking area, and be on time, I leave promptly. Leader: Jay Schoss, phone: 609-283-0252, e-mail: walkinginmud@aol.com

FEBRUARY 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 camp grounds. 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.

FEBRUARY 10

Wednesday
10:00 am

THREE PARK HIKE. 7 miles, brisk pace (3-3.5mph). A Pennsauken, NJ loop hike that Includes Cooper River, Newton Lake, and Knight's Parks. Meet in the Parking lot of the old Lobster Trap restaurant besides the 1/4 mile track on the north side of the Cooper River approximately half way between Rt. 130 and Cuthbert Boulevard. Bring lunch. Snow/ Ice cancels. Leaders: Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817 and Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609.

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Thursday
7:30 pm



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FEBRUARY 14

Sunday
10:00 am

HIKE THE BATSTO TRAILS. 7 miles moderate pace. We will hike the Batona Trail and the White Trail in the Wharton State Forest. Meet at the Batsto Village parking lot off Rt. 542. Leader Chris Danneler, 609-351-2789, email cdanneler157@yahoo.com. Check Meetup or ocsj.org for changes and cancelations.

FEBRUARY 14

Sunday
10:30 am

BELLEPLAIN STATE FOREST. 8 to 10 miles. Easy to moderate pace. Meet at Belleplain State Forest Park office (entrance at N39.248420, W74.842489) on Henkensifkin Road, just off Rt. 550 going west out of Woodbine at 10:30 AM SHARP for start of hike. We will explore parts of this 20,000 plus acre state forest with over 40 miles of trails available. Possible wet areas. Bring lunch and drink. Leader: Milt Cannan, 609-536-8205.

FEBRUARY 17

Wednesday
9:45 am

BATSTO BOP. We will use a variety of trail to get in a 8 mile hike at a moderate pace. Lunch is usually on the porch of the mansion. If the river is still so low we can cross and do the sec-

tion of the yellow trail that we have not used in a long time. Dress for the weather. NO RSVP just come if you can. Meet in parking lot of Batsto Historic Village. Leaders: Toni, 609-652-0112 and Jan, 609-404-4990.

FEBRUARY 19

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 sock. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds). Leader: Bob Hodges, RLHHLR@aol.com

FEBRUARY 20

Saturday
10:00 am

NEWTON LAKE AND KNIGHTS PARK HIKE. 5 miles, easy to moderate pace. We will follow Newton Lake then over to Knight's Park for a quiet walk in CCC era urban parks. Meet at Newton Creek Park. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

FEBRUARY 21

Sunday
9:00 am



WALK PLAINS BRANCH. We will walk a 10-12 mile loop around the headwaters of the Plains Branch, a stream that flows through a section of the pygmy pines. In some years, the route is dry, in some, not so much. We will follow some old sand roads, fire cuts and survey roads through one of the least visited sections of the pines. This is an upland walk but water seems to be just below the surface even in a dry year. Pace will be determined by the ability of the participants, but please note that this will be a difficult walk under any conditions. Figure 4-5 hours, so bring lunch and plenty of fluids. Meet at Lucille's County Cooking in Warren Grove on Rt. 539. Leader: Jay Schoss, walkinginmud@aol.com or 609-283-0252.

FEBRUARY 24

Wednesday
10:00 am

HIKE ALONG THE MULLICA. 6 1/2 miles, moderate pace. We will see some nice views of the Mullica. Can be very beautiful if we have snow. Bring lunch and beverage. Dress for weather. Meet in field next to the Atsion office, off Rt. 206. Leaders, Chris Denneler, 609-351-2789, email cdenneler157@yahoo.com and Pat Burton, 856-767-8064, email camperpat@hotmail.com. Check Meetup and ocsj.org for changes or cancellation.

FEBRUARY 26

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FEBRUARY 27

Saturday
10:00 am

GOSHEN POND EXTENDED. 8-9 miles, easy pace. Hike on a new section of Goshen Pond to old bogs and some old ruins. Maybe wet spots. Bring Lunch. No Pets. Meet at Goshen Pond Camping Area. Leaders: TBA.

FEBRUARY 28

Sunday

9:00 am

WALK TO THE DRIVE-IN. Walk to the site of the abandoned settlement of Red Oak Grove. We will walk 10-12 miles at a steady 3 mph pace. Our path will follow sand roads of various quality, paths and fire cuts. Wet feet are not expected but possible along the way. Other than a few bikes and walkers, the drive in has not been active in more than 50 years. Meet along the RR tracks at Bullock, we leave promptly at 9:00 a.m. Contact leader at least a day prior with questions at 609-283-0252 or walkinginmud@aol.com Leader: Jay Schoss.



MARCH



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MARCH 2

Wednesday

10:00 am

PENN STATE FOREST HIKE. 9 miles. Moderate pace (2.5/3mph). View lake, sandy roads, dwarf pines, a hill (?), and of course, the landing gear of the F105 jet that crashed in 1971. Meet at Oswego Lake. Bring lunch and wet weather gear. Heavy rain/snow cancels. Meet at Oswego Lake. Leaders: Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817 and Bill Poulson, 856 983-7609.

MARCH 2

Wednesday

6:30 pm

COOPER RIVER PARK WALK. Join us on a 3.8 mile walk at 3 mph or better depending on the group. 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 and it is also lighted. Bad weather and snow or ice on ground may 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

MARCH 4

Friday

7:00 pm



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MARCH 5

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 **Meet at Friendship.**

MARCH 6

Sunday
9:00 am

WALK THE BLUE, PINK, WHITE AND RED TRAILS. Join me for a 14.5 mile trail walk in Brendan Byrne SF. This is planned to be a brisk paced walk expected to take about 5 hours with one stop for lunch. A steady pace will be maintained. Sections of the Batona, Mt Misery, and Cranberry trails will be walked in a large loop. Leader: Jay Schoss contact me with questions but the day prior at 609-283- 0252 or walkinginmud@aol.com . Meet at the Pakim Pond parking area before 9 a.m. We leave promptly at 9. Meet at Pakim Pond Brendan Byrne State Forest, Woodland Township.

MARCH 9

Wednesday
9:30 am

HIKE FROM ATSION TO BATSTO. 10 mile hike at a moderate pace. Bring food and water dress for the weather conditions. We will met in the parking lot at Batsto for a shuttle to Atsion. We will hike the 10 miles back to Batsto. Lunch is along the river at the wilderness camping are. NO RSVP JUST COME IF YOU WISH. Leaders: Toni, 609-652-0112 and Jan, 609-404-4990.

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Thursday
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MARCH 12

Saturday
10:00 am

Batona trail

BATONA TRAIL MAINTENANCE – In conjunction with the Batona Hiking Club. Meet at the Red Lion Diner parking lot (west side) at the circle – intersection of Rt. 70 and 206. Please be early so work assignments can be given out in time for the 10:00 a.m. departure time. This year's work trip will involve the usual cutting, trimming and trash collection on Batona's part of the trail from Ong's Hat to Carranza. Bring lunch and drink. Batona will provide the tools or you can use your own. Depending on the number of people that show up, we'll separate into groups of four, each assigned to approximately 6 to 8 mile sections of the trail. Since opening in 1961 as a 30 mile trail, it has become a well-used part of New Jersey's trail sys-

tem. With the help of volunteers like you, the trail has grown to over 50 miles long. Meet at Red Lion Diner - West side parking lot Leader: Milt Cannan, 609-536-8205. NOTE: Rain/Snow date – Sunday MARCH 13th at 10:00 a.m.

MARCH 13

Sunday
9:00 am

HIKE MICHAEL HUBER. Faye will lead us along some of the trails of Michael Huber Preserve for about 8-10 miles at a moderate pace. You might want to bring a stick for balance in skirting some wet spots. Be there early as we leave on time. Meet at Michael Huber Prairie Warbler Preserve. Leaders: Faye & Jay, walkinginmud@aol.com, 609-283 -0252.

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Monday
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MARCH 16

Wednesday
10:00 am

CRANBERRY BOGS HIKE. 9 miles, moderate pace (3mph). Tour the pines and bogs in Lebanon Forest. Meet at the Bryne Office (Ranger Station). LP. Bring lunch. Leader, Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817.

MARCH 16

Wednesday
10:00 am

HISTORIC OCEAN CITY HIKE. 5-8 miles. Walk through the historic district up to the boardwalk and eat lunch at the Music Pier. Ambitious hikers can walk up to the OC Historical Museum, 17th and Simpson. Bad weather cancels. Meet at Ocean City Transportation Center, 10th and Haven. Leader: Noel Wirth, 609-938-0418 ocncw101@comcast.net

MARCH 18

Friday
7:00 pm



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MARCH 19

Saturday
10:00 am



ANNUAL HOT DOG HIKE. 6-7 mile moderate pace. We'll hike the trails in the Bass River State Forest, then have hot dogs on the grill with all the fixen's. Provided by OCSJ. Bring your own beverage. Hot water will be available. Bring something to share. Meet at Lake Absegami parking in the Bass River State Forest, entrance off Stage Road, 3.4 miles east of Rt. 679. Chefs Christine Denneler 609-351-2789, email, cdenneler157@yahoo.com; Pat and Bob Burton, 856-767-8064, email camperpat@hotmail.com. Hike Leader, Toni Stransky, 609-652-0112. Rain date MARCH 20. Check Meetup and ocsj.org for any changes.

Sunday
9:00 am

WALK IN THE WOODS WITH JAY. Join me for a 10-12 mile walk in the woods. I expect to follow sand roads, trails and fire cuts in the area east of the village. A 3 mph pace should be

expected with only a few stops. Meet at Batsto Village. Leader: Jay Schoss, 609-283-0252 or walkinginmud@aol.com
Contact before Saturday.

MARCH 23
Wednesday
10:00 am

HIKE TO SHANE BRANCH. 6-7 miles at a Moderate pace. This is a pretty hike any time of the year. With views of a pretty pond and old cranberry bogs. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet at the site of Friendship on Carranza Road. Check Meetup or ocsj.org for changes and updates. We may need to change meeting if road conditions are poor. Leaders, Pat Burton 856-767-8064 email camperpat@hotmail.com. Chris Denneleer 609-351-2789 email cdenneleer157@yahoo.com

MARCH 25
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 sock. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds). Leader: Bob Hodges, RLHHLR@aol.com

MARCH 26
Saturday
10:00 am

WALK THE ATLANTIC CITY BOARDWALK. We will do a nice 8 mile moderate pace walk down the boards and if tide permits on the beach to the Ventnor fishing pier. Bring or buy lunch. Dress for the weather. Parking maybe free at Taj check their web site. NO RSVP Leaders: Toni, 609-652-0112 and Jan, 609-404-4990.

MARCH 26
Saturday
10:00 am



MOORESTOWN LIBRARY TO POMPESTON CREEK HIKE. 5 miles, easy to moderate pace. Wet feet as we ford the creek. We start at the Moorestown Library, and track the Pompeston Creek through Moorestown. We will go through Maple Dawson Park, Pompeston Park, to the Pompeston Easement. Meet in the municipal parking lot on Second street across from the library. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

MARCH 26
Saturday
11:00 am

SOUTH WISSAHICKON VALLEY HIKE. 5 or 7 miles, moderate pace. Come celebrate the end of Winter (hopefully) and the leaders birthday. We'll 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 10:30 a.m. at Henry Avenue and Walnut Lane parking area. Inclement weather may cancel. Check Meetup for updates. Leader: Rich Kranz, 856-316-6292. streetpilot58@gmail.com

MARCH 27
Sunday
9:00 am

HIKE TO SPRING HILL. A moderate paced walk to the high point north of Oswego Lake. We will circle Penn State Forest on this 10-12 mile walk. Lunch on the hill overlooking the Pygmy Plains. Meet at Oswego Lake Parking area on Lake Oswego Road. Leader: Jay Schoss, 609-283 0252 email: walkinginmud@aol.com.

MARCH 30
Wednesday
10:00 am



PALMYRA NATURE CENTER HIKE. 6-7 miles, moderate pace. Take Rt. 73 North to the last light before the Tacony-Palmyra Bridge and turn right. Follow the signs to the Nature Center. Meet in the parking lot at the Center. For those who wish to do an additional pre-hike 3 miles meet at the Riverton Yacht Club at 9:10 and we will walk to the Nature Center. The Yacht Club is on a pier extending into the River at the end of Main St (603) in Riverton. NP, FS, NC. Meet at Palmyra Cove Nature Park. Leaders: Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, nofluke18@yahoo.com, and Bill Poulson, wpoul42@gmail.com

Membership
Extension



***Have you considered becoming an
OCSJ trip leader?
Do you like people, do you enjoy nature?***

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



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

Family - 1 Year \$25
2 Years \$50

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☐ Family \$_____

- ☐ Renewal

☐ Trekker \$_____

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☐ Gift \$_____ Gift contribution to **Richard Grevé Memorial Fund** (Not tax deductible).

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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in order of preference: 1-2-3, etc.

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☐	Bicycling
☐	Camping
☐	Canoeing/Kayaking

☐	Hiking
☐	X-C Skiing
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☐	Basic backpacking course
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