

OUTDOOR CLUB of SOUTH JERSEY

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Outdoor Club of South Jersey

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

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

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

MEETINGS

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



READ SPECIAL NOTICE BELOW.

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

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

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

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

OCSJ Non-member Participation Policy

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

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

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

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

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

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

Canoeing Meetup site: meetup.com/Outdoor-Club-of-South-Jersey-Canoeing/ Carpooling, ride sharing or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among the participants and not part of the official Club Activity. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel. The choice to participate is yours. Paddlers - During months of Nov. thru March, paddlers must wear wet or dry suits subject to approval of leaders. We would encourage everyone to check our websites for updates. Since trips are posted months in advance changes may occur including additions. Some activities may require limits on participation due to safety concerns and potential participants should RSVP.

1000, 750 and 500 Mile Hiking Clubs for 2017

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

TRAIL MAINTENANCE

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

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

Any kayak trip counts with any group or individual.

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

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

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

FOR LEADERS

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

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

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

PARTICIPATION NOTICE

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

STANDARD MEETING PLACES

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

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

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

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

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

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

Carranza - Meet at Carranza Memorial parking, 6.7 miles SE of Tabernacle on Carranza Road. Cemetery - Meet at cemetery on Rt. 563, 0.6 miles south of Rt. 532 in Chatsworth.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



A MESSAGE FROM THE CANOEING/KAYAKING CHAIR

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



Consider becoming a leader. We can offer any help you need. Remember the trips you enjoy are only made possible by those that volunteer as leaders. I want to thank them. When you are on a trip take the time to thank them and consider becoming a leader. Always check the website for current information Hope to see you on the water, Frank Pearce, Hornet71@verizon.net 856-767-2780.

Guidelines:

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

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

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The OCSJ Follows the Leave No Trace Principles.

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

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



leave no trace™

The Seven Principles

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

Volunteer Opportunities

The Club offers all members an opportunity to be a part of, or to create their own outdoor experience or activity. All activities are led by volunteer members. NO volunteers, NO activities. It's that simple!

You can make a difference. Your volunteer involvement in Club activities is unique and special contributions that play a valuable role in YOUR Club.

PLAN AND LEAD AN ACTIVITY.

HELP TO MAINTAIN THE TRAIL.

PLAN AND LEAD A "LITTER" CLEAN-UP DAY.

HELP THE TRAIL COORDINATOR BUILD A FOOT BRIDGE.

WRITE YOUR LEGISLATORS. A SIMPLE NOTE IN SUPPORT OF TRAILS, BIKE PATHS AND GREENWAYS IS ALL IT TAKES.

CHAIR A COMMITTEE. (See Christmas Party, Officer Nominations, etc.)

PLAN AND LEAD A TOUR TRIP.

Talk to your Activity Committee Chair about what you can volunteer to do to improve YOUR Club.

MEMBERSHIP& RENEWAL INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

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

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



January



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

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

January 01

Monday
10:00 AM



NEW YEAR'S DAY HIKE

NEW YEAR'S DAY HIKE. 6 miles, moderate pace. The hike is in the Wharton SF where we will have views of the Mullica River. Start the 2018 hiking in the beautiful Pine Barrens. Bring lunch and beverage. We will be participating in "AMERICA'S STATE PARKS FIRST DAY HIKES". After the hike the Atsion Mansion will be open for a free tour, given by well known author of Pine Barren History, Barbara Solem. Meet in the field next to the Atsion Recreation area office. Off Rt 206 in Shamong. Check Meetup or ocsj.org for changes or cancellations. Leaders, Christine Denneker, 609-351-2789, e-mail cdenneker157@yahoo.com. Pat and Bob Burton, 609-381-8207, email camperpat123@aol.com

Meet at Atsion Ranger Station

January 02

Tuesday
07:30 PM



Moorestown Walks by David Bicking

Moorestown Walks. approx 3 miles. Moderate pace. Different routes through Moorestown's historic streets. This isn't an endurance hike or a nature walk. This is a walk on suburban streets and sidewalks to stretch the legs after work on a mid-week night with good company and conversation. Meet At library entrance. Leader: David Bicking, (609) 332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

Meet at Moorestown Library

January 03

Wednesday
10:00 AM



Mt. Misery Hike By Joe

MT. MISERY HIKE, 9-10 miles, moderate pace (3.0/3.5 mph). Hike basically the "white trail" starting at Pakim Pond to Mt. Misery and return; a circle. Bring lunch, leashed pets okay. Bad weather cancels. Check Meetup. Leaders: Joe Hummel (856) 235 + 8817; Bill Poulson (609) 451 + 5094.

Meet at Pakim Pond Brendan Byrne State Forest, Woodland Township

January 05

Friday
07:00 PM



Friday Nite Fitness Hike

Brisk Pace, 8-10 miles. The ongoing, every Friday night, all year 'round, Friday nite fitness hike, where we try to work up a sweat exploring the sand roads and trails of Brendan Byrne State Forest. Be prepared to walk at an average of 3.5 mph, with few breaks. Bring water and wear well broken in boots, sneakers, or shoes (sneakers are adequate for dry conditions). Socks are also important foot gear; synthetics and wool being better at preventing blisters (avoid cotton socks).

Leaders: Bob Hodges, RLHHLR@aol.com

Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds

January 06

Saturday
09:30 AM



Hike the Batona Trail in 5 Weeks. Section 1

- What we'll do

Batona Trail was started in 1961 in Brendan Byrne State Forest. The Batona Trail traverses the Pinelands, a vast area of pine barrens in South Jersey. Through the years the trail was lengthened and now stretches for more than 50 miles through Wharton State Forest, through Franklin Parker Preserve and onto Bass River State Forest. Section 1 of our 5 weekly section hikes of the complete Batona Trail. Distance of about 9.5 miles. We will meet at Evans Bridge Route 563 Washington Township and shuttle to the start of the trail in Bass River State Forest. A 3 mph pace with a break for lunch. Evans Bridge Route 563 • Washington Township, NJ (.07 mile south of the Rt563/679 split; about 10 miles south of Chatsworth)

- What to bring

Dress for the weather and hiking shoes recommended. Trails are sometimes wet and wood bridges can be slippery

Notes: Remember to bring your Tick or bug spray, water, a lunch or snack and be prepared for a fun day! • Important to know

Check Meetup for any changes before the hike rain snow or ice may cancel.

Volunteer Shuttle

Guest can join in one hike only then must join Outdoor Club of South Jersey.

For more information, contact leaders: Paul Baumhauer (609) 706 3676

baumhapa@aol.com and Valerie Danzey (856) 397 9519 vdanzey1@verizon.net

January 08

Monday
09:00 AM



Walk From the Brendan Byrne Campgrounds

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

or walkinginmud@aol.com at least a day prior for more info.

Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds

January 10

Wednesday
10:00 AM



Bass River Rainbow Trail

8 miles moderate pace. lunch on the trail. Meet in parking lot down by the lake use the restroom at the office before coming down. Dress for the weather that day.

Leaders Toni (609) 652-0112 Jan (609) 404-4990

Meet at Bass River State Forest

January 10

Wednesday
10:00 AM



Historic District, Ocean City

Historic District, Ocean City

Easy pace, 5 miles. Meet at Transportation Center

10th and Haven. Bad weather, high winds cancel

Noel Wirth, 609-938-0418, ocnw101@comcast.net

Meet at Ocean City Transportation Center

January 11

Thursday
07:30 PM

MONTHLY CLUB MEETING

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

Meet at Cherry Hill Library

January 12

Friday
07:00 PM



Friday Nite Fitness Hike

Brisk Pace, 8-10 miles. The ongoing, every Friday night, all year 'round, Friday nite fitness hike, where we try to work up a sweat exploring the sand roads and trails of Brendan Byrne State Forest. Be prepared to walk at an average of 3.5 mph, with few breaks. Bring water and wear well broken in boots, sneakers, or shoes (sneakers are adequate for dry conditions). Socks are also important foot gear; synthetics and wool being better at preventing blisters (avoid cotton socks).

Leaders: Bob Hodges, RLHHLR@aol.com

Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds

January 13

Saturday
09:30 AM



Hike the Batona Trail: Section 2, Evans Bridge to Batsto

We will meet at Batsto Village parking lot and shuttle to Evans Bridge to begin the hike. This section is 9.2 miles. A 3 mph pace with a break for lunch.

Dress for the weather and hiking shoes recommended. Trails are sometimes wet and wood bridges can be slippery.

Volunteer Shuttle

Bring your Tick or bug spray, water, a lunch or snack and be prepared for a fun day! Remember to change your RSVP to no if you are going to cancel. Check Meetup for any changes before the hike. Rain snow or ice may cancel.

For more information, contact leaders:

Paul Baumhauer (609) 706 3676 baumhapa@aol.com and Valerie Danzey (856) 397 9519 vdanzey1@verizon.net

January 14

Sunday
12:00 PM



Forsythe Song Bird Trail

It's Sunday so no rush, bring a snack and water if you like and let's get some fresh air by the bay. Maybe the snow geese will be there.

We will do a minimum of 5 miles and add more for those who want.

Leader Ton (609) 652-0112

Meet at Edwin B Forsythe Nat'l Wildlife Ref

January 14

Sunday
03:00 PM



Cross Country Skiing in New Hampshire - 7 days

STONEHURST Manor Condos, North Conway NH. Located in a scenic town in the heart of the White Mountains. 4 groomed XC venues, plus opportunity for downhill and hiking nearby. Participants will share prep for breakfast & approx. 1 dinner each. Lunch and trail passes are not included. Cost \$350 each. Deposit: \$100 to reserve a place. Balance by Dec. 1. No refunds unless replacement is found.

Contact leaders: Barbara Brandt or Jim and Virginia Magee

January 19

Friday
07:00 PM



Friday Nite Fitness Hike

Brisk Pace, 8-10 miles. The ongoing, every Friday night, all year 'round, Friday nite fitness hike, where we try to work up a sweat exploring the sand roads and trails of Brendan Byrne State Forest. Be prepared to walk at an average of 3.5 mph, with few breaks. Bring water and wear well broken in boots, sneakers, or shoes (sneakers are adequate for dry conditions). Socks are also important foot gear; synthetics and wool being better at preventing blisters (avoid cotton socks).

Leaders: Bob Hodges, RLHHLR@aol.com

Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds

January 20

Saturday
09:30 AM



Hike the Batona: Section 3, Batsto to Carranza Memorial

Meet at Carranza Memorial on Carranza Road about 9 miles from Hwy 206 and shuttle to Batsto Village parking lot. This section is 12.4 miles. A comfortable pace of about 3 mph, one break for lunch. We will be hiking up along Batsto River past Quaker bridge and Lower Forge Camp to Carranza Memorial.

Dress for the weather and hiking shoes recommended. Trails are sometimes wet and wood bridges can be slippery.

Volunteer Shuttle

Bring your Tick or bug spray, water, a lunch or snack and be prepared for a fun day! Remember to change your RSVP to no if you are going to cancel. Check Meetup for any changes before the hike. Rain snow or ice may cancel For more information, contact leaders: Paul Baumhauer (609) 706 3676 baumhapa@aol.com and Valerie Danzey (856) 397 9519 vdanzey1@verizon.net

Meet at Carranza Memorial

January 20

Saturday
10:00 AM



Winter Atsion Hike

ATSION HIKE. 5 miles. moderate pace. An easy walk along dirt roads and forest trails. Bad weather or icy conditions cancel. Leader: David Bicking, (609) 332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

Meet at Atsion Office

January 21

Sunday
07:00 PM



SKI in Stowe Vermont - 5 days

Cross Country Ski at several top notch resorts including Stowe Mountain and Trapp Family Lodge. Trip is for strong beginners to expert skiers. Cost \$410 pp dbl occ includes 5 nights, 5 buffet breakfasts and dinners, taxes and tips. Option to stay 3 or 4 nights. Full service hotel with restaurant and bar, indoor pool and Jacuzzi. Deposit \$100. Eileen Greve

Meet at Commodores Inn

January 24

Wednesday
09:30 AM



Hike From Atsion to Batsto

This time we are going to go a new route from Atsion to Batsto about 10 miles at a moderate pace. We will meet at Batsto at 9:30 with a volunteer shuttle to Atsion.

We will use the yellow, green, batona (pink) and white.

Leaders Toni (609) 652-0112 and Jan (609) 404-4990

Meet at Batsto Historic Village

January 26

Friday
07:00 PM



Friday Nite Fitness Hike

Brisk Pace, 8-10 miles. The ongoing, every Friday night, all year 'round, Friday nite fitness hike, where we try to work up a sweat exploring the sand roads and trails of Brendan Byrne State Forest. Be prepared to walk at an average of 3.5 mph, with few breaks. Bring water and wear well broken in boots, sneakers, or shoes (sneakers are adequate for dry conditions). Socks are also important foot gear; synthetics and wool being better at preventing blisters (avoid cotton socks).

Leaders: Bob Hodges, RLHHLR@aol.com

Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds

January 27

Saturday
09:30 AM



Hike the Batona Trail: Section 4, Carranza Memorial to Route 72

Meet on Route 72, .6 miles South of junction with Route 563 for shuttle to Carranza Memorial. This section is 12.3 miles. A comfortable pace of about 3 mph with a stop for lunch. This section traverses Apple Pie Hill and by cranberry bogs in Franklin Parker Preserve. Dress for the weather and hiking shoes recommended. Trails are sometimes wet and wood bridges can be slippery.

Volunteer Shuttle

Bring your Tick or bug spray, water, a lunch or snack and be prepared for a fun day! Remember to change your RSVP to no if you are going to cancel. Check Meetup for any changes before the hike. Rain snow or ice may cancel. For more information, contact leaders: Paul Baumhauer (609) 706 3676 baumhapa@aol.com and Valerie Danzey (856) 397 9519 vdanzey1@verizon.net

Meet at Route 72 crossing

January 31

Wednesday
10:00 AM



HIKE ALONG THE SKIT BRANCH

HIKE ALONG THE SKIT BRANCH. 8 miles moderate pace. We will hike along the Batsto River and the Skit Branch of the Batsto on Trails and sand roads. Bring lunch and beverage. Leaders, Chris Denneker 609-351-2789, e-mail cdenneler157@yahoo.com. Pat Burton e-mail camperpat@hotmail.com. Check ocsj.org and meetup for changes and cancellation due to weather.

Meet at Carranza Road



February



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February 02

Friday
07:00 PM



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Leaders: Bob Hodges, RLHHLR@aol.com

Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds

February 03

Saturday
09:30 AM



Hike the Batona: Section 5, Route 72 to Ongs Hat

For the final section of the trail, we will meet at Ongs Hat for the shuttle to Rt. 72. The distance for this section is 9.9 miles. A comfortable pace of 3 mph with a break for lunch. This loop includes Pakim Pond and Lebanon Fire Tower. Dress for the weather and hiking shoes recommended. Trails are sometimes wet and wood bridges can be slippery.

Volunteer Shuttle

Bring your Tick or bug spray, water, a lunch or snack and be prepared for a fun day! Remember to change your RSVP to no if you are going to cancel. Check Meetup for any changes before the hike. Rain snow or ice may cancel.

For more information, contact leaders:

Paul Baumhauer (609) 706 3676 baumhapa@aol.com and

Valerie Danzey (856) 397 9519 vdanzey1@verizon.net

Meet at Ongs Hat

February 06

Tuesday
07:30 PM



Moorestown Walks by David Bicking

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

Meet at Moorestown Library

February 07

Wednesday
10:00 AM



Find Lands End

Park at the hunt club about 1/2 mile in from 206 on left.

It is a long and puddly road, but the lunch spot is well worth the hike.

Moderate pace about 8 miles, dress for the weather that day.

Leaders Toni (609) 652-0112 and Jan (609) 404- 4990

Meet at Lands End

February 07

Wednesday
10:00 AM



Historic Cattell Tract, Merchantville

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5 Miles, easy Pace.

Meet at train station, N. Centre and E. Chestnut

After walking the tract, grab a bite at the Blue

Monkey. After lunch walk the bike path along

Chestnut Av. Bad weather cancels.

Noel Wirth 609-938-0418 ocncw101@comcast.net

Meet at The Station

February 08

Thursday
02:00 PM



Morningstar cross country ski trip - 4 days

MORNINGSTAR CHALET, LONDONDERRY VT. (4) nights at private, modern chalet with a kitchen, 2 sitting rooms and 2 shared bathrooms. This trip is an OCSJ favorite because there are nearby Cross Country ski centers for all abilities include Viking, Wild Wings, Stratton, Okemo, Grafton Pond. The price is \$200 per person, double occupancy includes breakfast. The house that we normally rent is up for sale and may not be available on our dates. I will try to find an alternative rental for this trip.

Leader: Fran Horn

Meet at Morningstar Chalet

February 08

Thursday
07:30 PM

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Meet at Cherry Hill Library

February 09

Friday
07:00 PM



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Leaders: Bob Hodges, RLHHLR@aol.com

Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds

February 12

Monday
09:00 AM



Walk From the Brendan Byrne Campgrounds

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or walkinginmud@aol.com at least a day prior for more info.

Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds

February 14

Wednesday
10:00 AM



Everybody Loves Martha

It's Valentine's Day and we will hike a 5 mile loop that passes thru the former village of Martha that was named after Martha Potts the beloved wife of the owner of the furnace that once existed there. Bring lunch for the stop on the Oswego River. Bad weather cancels. Leader: Rosemarie Mason romason@comcast.net

Meet at Harrisville Lake

February 16

Friday
03:00 PM



SKI in PULASKI NY - 3 days

This area of upstate NY averages 300+ inches of snow per season. The 1880 House B & B is comfortable and homey. Our stay over Presidents weekend is 3 nights. Cost \$235pp includes 3 nights accommodations, 3 breakfasts, hearty soup and bread each afternoon, and one full dinner at the 1880 house. Deposit \$100.

Eileen Greve

Meet at 1880 HOUSE

February 16

Friday
07:00 PM



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Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds

February 17

Saturday
10:00 AM



Batsto Hike

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

Meet at Batsto Historic Village

February 18

Sunday
10:00 PM



Ives Pond

This is a lovely in and out hike, on the Batona trail about 9 miles at a moderate pace.

Lunch in up on the hill over looking Ives pond. Bring food/drink and dress for the weather. Dogs on leash ok but must stay at rear of group.

Leader Toni (609) 652-0112

Meet at Batona Trail Stage Road

February 19

Monday
10:00 AM



Hike Parvin State Park

Let's Celebrate Presidents Day with a hike at Parvin State Park. 8 or 9 miles at a easy pace and a stop for lunch. Meet in main parking lot on Almond Road. Bad weather will cancel. Check meetup for updates before you come out.

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

Meet at Parvin State Park

February 21

Wednesday
10:00 AM



HIKE TO APPLE PIE HILL

HIKE TO APPLE PIE HILL. 8 miles moderate pace. We will climb the "hill" the highest point in South Jersey using trails and old sand roads. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet at Carranza Memorial parking SE of Tabernacle on Carranza Rd, Leaders Chris Denneler, 609-351-2789, e-mail cdenneler157@yahoo.com. Pat Burton, e-mail camperpat@hotmail.com. Check ocsj.org and meetup for changes or cancellations.

Meet at Carranza Memorial

February 23

Friday
07:00 PM



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March



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March 07

Wednesday
10:00 AM



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Meet at Batona Trail Stage Road

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Leaders: Bob Hodges, RLHHLR@aol.com

Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds

March 17

Saturday
10:00 AM



Friendship and Bull's Branch

FRIENDSHIP AND BULL'S BRANCH. 5 miles, moderate pace. Walk along the old bogs on the Bull's Branch of the Tulpehocken Creek, with a short stop at the Blueberry Monument honoring the first commercial blueberry farm. Meet at Friendship. Leader: David Bicking, (609)-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

Meet at Friendship

March 18

Sunday
12:00 PM



Forsythe Song Bird Trail

We will hike 5 miles on the song bird trail at a moderate pace. Bring snacks and water. I can add some more miles for the those who wish after the initial hike.

Leaders Toni (609) 652-0112 and Jan (609) 404-4990

Meet at Edwin B Forsythe Nat'l Wildlife Ref

March 23

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07:00 PM



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Leaders: Bob Hodges, RLHHLR@aol.com

Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds

March 24

Saturday
10:00 AM



ANNUAL HOT DOG HIKE

ANNUAL HOT DOG. 6 miles moderate pace. We'll hike the trails in the Bass River SF, then have hot dogs from the grill with all the fix'ens. Provided by OCSJ. Bring your own beverage, hot water will be available. Bring something to share. Meet at the Lake Absegami parking in the Bass River SF. Entrance off Stage Rd. Chefs, Chris Denneler, 609-351-2789, e-mail cdenneler157@yahoo.com. Pat and Bob Burton, e-mail , camperpat@hotmail.com. Hike leader, Toni Stransky, 609-652-0112. Rain date, March 25th. Check ocsj.org for changes and cancellations.
Meet at Bass River State Forest

March 25

Sunday
09:30 AM



SOUTH WISSAHICKON BIRTHDAY HIKE and CAMPFIRE with Rich Kranz

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

March 30

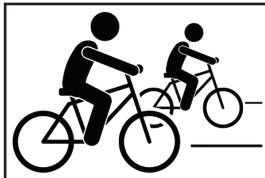
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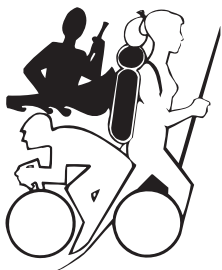
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Co-Applicant Last Name _____

First Name

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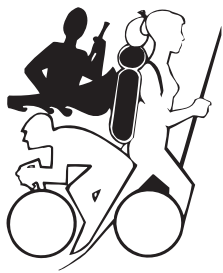
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SEND PROPER REMITTANCE PAYABLE TO:

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P.O. Box 46 • Atco, NJ 08004

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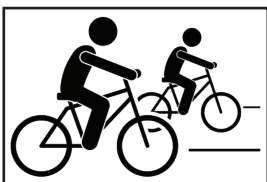
The Club is committed to the wise use, preservation, and respect for the outdoors and its natural beauty.

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

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

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