



OUTDOOR CLUB of SOUTH JERSEY

TREKKER - SPRING 2011



Come Join Us!

OCSJ CLUB PICNIC PARVIN STATE PARK



Thundergust Picnic Site on Parvin Mill Road (645)

APRIL 9th - 10 A.M. - 4 P.M.

CAMP • BIKE • HIKE • PADDLE

Open to Everyone! www.ocsj.org

Dogs/Burgers and refreshments provided at the covered pavilion.
Come out and meet members, trip leaders, and board members.
Learn about gear and equipment. Socialize, tailgate, and have fun.
Look for individual activity listings as well.

Contact Tom Neigel at 609-206-3389, tomncenter-ocsj@yahoo.com
or, the individual trip leaders.

RSVP so we may get an approximate count.

Directions: Take Rt. 55 to Exit 35. Go west on Garden Road (Rt. 674), 2 miles.
Go South on Parvin Mill Road (Rt. 645), 2 miles. Pass the boat launch and
camping entrance to the Thundergust Grove driveway.



Celebrating 44 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.

WWW.OCSJ.ORG



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

This is a very important time for the club, in a time when all organizations are feeling a pinch or losing membership. First off, let me say that the OCSJ is strong, and in good shape. Thanks to all levels of volunteers that put in much effort to bring you the trips and events on an ongoing effort. We will continue to do so for a long time to come.

You may be noticing our publicity and growth efforts and they are yielding results and you'll be enjoying more and differing events and communication because of it. The e-newsletter is going out to a large group of readers and you can sign up for it on the website at www.ocsj.org.

We have our first Picnic April 9th at Parvin and all are welcome to attend; Members and non-members. Publicity volunteers are doing a good job in promoting the club and events. We will be having an open Board meeting at a restaurant coming very soon so keep your eyes out for it and attend. Meet the club, and have a good time, and get involved. We are also working on some member benefits. More special events are being planned and in place all the time, as we put things in the project pipeline that extends up to a year ahead. Please do check out the front page of the website for these events, and the schedules of each activity section. And as always, we would like to hear from you.

Tom Neigel
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Coming Events

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INFORMATION. FOR DETAILS GO TO THE BICYCLING HOME PAGE.**

APRIL 9 - CLUB PICNIC EVENTS AT PARVIN STATE PARKS Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Meet at Parvin - at the Thundergust Picnic Pavilion – next to the campground entrance. Dogs/Burgers and Refreshments provided at the covered pavilions. We'll have Hiking, Biking, sample Boating, and Camping (campfire on the lake). Come out and meet other members, trip leaders, and board members. Learn about gear and equipment. Socialize, tailgate, and have fun. Look for individual activity listings as well. (RSVP so we have an approximate food count.) Tom Neigel at 609 206-3389, tomncenter-ocsj@yahoo.com

APRIL 8 - THRU 10 CAMP-OVER AT PARVIN STATE PARK - OCSJ CLUB "PICNICS AT THE PARK". Friday - Sunday Camping for Friday and Saturday night. Trip is associated with club picnic on Saturday at the picnic Pavilion. Camp over one night or both, with group campfire. Bring your own food, and something to share at the site. Register in advance to join in on one of our large campsites (15 & 16), or book your own site. Camp, socialize, picnic and events on Saturday, and have fun. Dogs/burgers and Refreshments provided at the Saturday Picnic, or bring a dish or snacks to share. Look for more information on the Website www.ocsj.org
Tom Neigel, 609-206-3389 tomncenter-ocsj@yahoo.com

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APRIL 9 - HIKE AND SOCIAL AT PARVIN STATE PARK - OCSJ CLUB "PICNICS AT THE PARK". 4.5 miles. EZ to moderate pace. Meet at 10 am at the Thundergust Picnic Area and hike through the park. Dogs/Burgers and refreshments provided at the covered pavilions, or bring a dish or snacks to share. Hike, socialize, tailgate, and have fun. Contact the leader with any questions: Toni, 609-652-0112.

APRIL 9 - EZ HYBRID BIKE AND PICNIC AT PARVIN STATE PARK - OCSJ CLUB "PICNICS AT THE PARK". 10 miles - EZ Pace. Meet at 10:30 a.m. at the Thundergust Picnic Area and bike around the back roads within the park for a social paced ride. Dogs/burgers and refreshments provided at the covered pavilions, or bring a dish or snacks to share. Bike, socialize, picnic, and have fun. Bike should be in good shape and have flat fix equipment. Contact Capt. Larry at 609-548-9739, or capt.larry@comcast

APRIL 9 - PADDLE ACTIVITIES AT CLUB PICNIC AT PARVIN. Meet at the Thundergust Picnic Pavilion – next to the campground entrance. Various activities are planned including skill events and a paddle on Parvin Lake. No rentals available. Check website for any changes. Leader: frank Pearce, hornet71@verizon.net

ANNUAL APRIL APEX. See April 2 entry.

APRIL 29 - RICHARD GREVE MEMORIAL VOLUNTEER TRIP TO HARPER'S FERRY, WV is Friday, April 29 to Sunday May 1. 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 Greve, 609-204-6451.

MAY 7, 2011 - WASHINGTON DC BUS TRIP & SELF-GUIDED TOUR. Packed with famous sights, celebrated symbols of patriotism, free attractions, the sights and sounds of the nation's capital offer inspiring experiences. COST: \$30.00 per person. TO ORDER: Send check payable to OUTDOOR CLUB OF SOUTH JERSEY to Fran Katella, 905 Yarmouth Lane, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054. All payments must be made by April 1, 2011 ADVANCE RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST. Order tickets as soon as possible. We need an early response, in order not to disappoint anyone. First come, first serve. No reserved seats. Please include your telephone number and E-mail address (also cell phone number for the day of the trip). For a receipt, include self addressed stamped envelope. All sales final. For refund, tickets must be re-sold. Meet behind Boscovs, Moorestown Mall, off Rt. 38 at 7:00 am. Bus departs promptly at 7:30 a.m., rain or shine. Arrive DC 10 -11 a.m. Depart DC 5:00 pm. Arrival time from DC approx. 8:30 p.m. (Volunteer gratuity for driver) Leader: Fran Katella, 856-234-1611, Fran.Katella@frankatella3@gmail.com For complete details and registration form go to page 34.

MAY 12 - OPEN CLUB MEETING AND PIZZA SOCIAL – Vitarelli's Restaurant, 1250 North Kings Highway, Cherry Hill (next to Cherry Hill Library). Open to all members and prospective members. Come out and hear about what the club has planned for the next several months. Let us know what else you would like to see our club do. Voice you ideas or listen to ours. Meet other club members. All are welcome.

MAY 14 - ANNUAL APRÈS SKI PARTY. Mark the date!! Dennis and Fran Mc Kane once again offered their lovely new home in North Wildwood for the party and have suggested pre-party activities such as a back bay kayak trip of 1 to 2 hrs, a leaderless beach hike of 5 to 7 miles or a shorter seawall hike of 3 miles. Also there's tons to do in North Wildwood, especially the boardwalk. Hosts: Dennis and Fran McKane, 609-707-3025 dennisfran1@verizon.net. See details under Ski Chair message and on OCSJ website.

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MAY 22 - JOSEPH TRUJILLO PLAQUE DEDICATION & PRE-DEDICATION HIKE.

The OCSJ will unveil a plaque honoring the memory of Joseph Trujillo-former long-time OCSJ President, Activities Chair and Hike leader. The plaque will be located on Joe's Trail at Bass River SF where Joe volunteered many hours. Meet at Lake Absegami parking, Bass River State Forest. Light refreshments served in the picnic area after the dedication. Contact Christine Denneker, 856-461-5379 for further info. See May 22 entry.

MAY 20-22 - KAYAK TRIP POCOMOKE RIVER. POCOMOKE STATE PARK. See May 20-22 entry.

JUNE 5 - FLATWATER KAYAK INTRODUCTION TRAINING. See June 5 entry. See June 5 entry.

JUNE 10-12 - JANE ISLAND KAYAKING WEEKEND. See June 10-12 entry.

JUNE 17-19 - 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. Jim Bodnar at 609-654-1507 e-mail: JRBodnar@verizon.net or Fran Horn at 856-786-0048 e-mail: FranHorn@aol.com For complete details and registration form go to page 9.

JUNE 18 - SUSQUEHANNA RIVER KAYAK TRIP. See June 18 entry.

SEPTEMBER 4-9 TH & SEPTEMBER 11-16 - SEPTEMBER IN WESTERN MAINE.

Price is \$1200 all included, cabin, food, shuttles, guide, tax, tips.

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, judynorcross@mac.com

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.

Minors (under 18) should be listed on sign-in sheets and parent or guardian sign for them.

TRAIL MAINTENANCE

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.



BACKPACKING/CAMPING

A Message from the Backpacking/Camping Chair



All backpacking and camping trips begin with a club sign in and waiver sheet. Everyone must sign for liability reasons. Members are welcome to bring a non-member friend as a guest. Non-members are welcome for an initial trip, but need to join thereafter.

Be sure to check the backpacking and camping sections of the club's web site for updates, new trips and cancellation notices.

The backpacking section needs a couple of new leaders and assistant leaders. Please call or send an email if interested. We will train you. backpacking@ocsj.org

BACKPACK TRIP RATING SYSTEM

1. **NOVICE:** 5 or less trips - mild weather, relatively flat terrain.
2. **INTERMEDIATE:** 5 or more trips - mild weather, moderate climbs - up to 8 mile trips.
3. **ADVANCED:** 10 or more trips - three season, except winter. Strenuous climbs over difficult terrain - upgraded equipment.
4. **EXPERT:** Leadership experience or comparable ability - all seasons - good physical condition - completely equipped for all terrain and weather.



BICYCLING

A Message From the Bicycling Activity Chair



Hey Everyone,

As I write this, I'm looking out at 12+ inches of freshly fallen snow. Hopefully, by the time you read it, Spring has sprung and the remnants of this winter are all gone. I don't think I remember a winter where we lost that many riding days to snow!

While we have seen some new leaders step up in the past few months, we are still looking for some more. Special thanks to Joe Racite; not only has Joe (and his buddy JQ) stepped up to lead some rides, but he has also volunteered to be the B ride coordinator. Joe is always looking for some new B leaders; if you're a strong C+ rider, maybe you're ready to move up to a B ride. Joe said he would be willing to work with any new leader to help with the transition. If you think you can help, contact Joe directly at marriage@comcast.net or 609-744-7210.

You may have heard that State Assemblyperson Cleopatra Tucker from Newark introduced a bill that would have required all bicycles be registered with the State and display a license plate. Fortunately, the cycling community fought the bill (mostly through contact with Assemblyperson Tucker and other State legislators), and it was withdrawn. However, this is just another example of the non-cycling public trying to address a problem through misguided legislation (the Bill was introduced in response to some pedestrians in Newark being harassed by kids on bikes on the sidewalk). Make sure to get involved in cycling advocacy; one great way is to join a group like the League of American Bicyclists (www.bikeleague.org) or the New Jersey Bike and Walk Coalition (www.njbike.org). Groups like these are working hard to maintain our rights as cyclists.

As always, thanks for riding with the club.

See you out on the road!!

Happy Cycling,

Tony Marchionne

tonymarch@iwon.com

609-828-0268



HIKING

A Message from the Hiking Chair



Hiking with the club is good exercise and a great way to make new friends. Our fine leaders offer a broad range of hikes in terms of distance, pace, days and times. Hike descriptions include distance, pace and abbreviations such as WF (wet feet possible). Explanations of them and standard hike meeting places are elsewhere in this Trekker. Distances listed in hike descriptions are approximate. They can vary due to conditions, detours and other factors. If you have questions about a hike, feel free to call the leader.

Hikes usually start promptly at the stated time. Please leave sufficient driving time to safely arrive about 15 minutes early. All hikes begin with a club sign in and waiver sheet. Everyone must sign for liability reasons. Members are welcome to bring a non-member friend as a guest. Non-members are welcome for an initial trip, but need to join thereafter.

Be sure to check the hiking section of the club's web site for updates, new trips and cancellation notices, including last minute ones. On rare occasions hikes have to be canceled at the last minute without notice due to freak weather, illness, etc. If the leader is not at the designated meeting place 15 minutes after the starting time, you can assume the hike is canceled.

All our leaders are volunteers. Please thank them for their efforts while hiking with them. And we are always in need of new leaders and assistant leaders. If you are interested, talk to a current leader and/or send an email to hiking@ocsj.org

500, 750 and Grand Mile Hiking Clubs for 2011

Coordinators for the 500, 750 and Grand Mile hiking clubs for 2011 are:

500 Mile Club: Jean Stelmaszyk (babcia84@verizon.net) 856-429-9089.

750 Mile Club: Toni Novak (bkpgplus@snip.net) 856-662-3740.

Grand (1000) Mile Club: Bill Poulson (wpoul@comcast.net) 856-983-7609.

The goal of each club is to achieve the designated miles in the year 2011. If you like a challenge, want to get in better shape, or simply enjoy walking, join us. You can accumulate mileage on hikes, walking, running, cross-country skiing, or a treadmill. Minimum of 1 mile per outing/segment. No limit to how many segments you can do in a day. Contact the coordinator of the club of your choice to sign up or get more information.

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.

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.

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 tee intersection. Turn right, then immediately left, and park.

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.

Moorestown Mall - Meet at big flagpole, front of Macy's, off Rt. 38. See May 10 entry.

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.

Kingston - Meet at Kingston Lock parking, off Rt. 27. Take I-295N / 95S to Exit 8 (Princeton Pike, Rt. 583) to Rt. 27 in Princeton. Follow Rt. 27, 3.3 miles to Kingston Lock parking on right.

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).

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.

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.

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.

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).

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

Tyler Park - Take I-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 WEEKEND IN JUNE IN HISTORIC CAPE MAY

Friday thru Sunday June 17-19, 2011

What could be nicer? - Come join us!

Enjoy the outdoors! Make new friends Get some Exercise

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

This is a perfect outing for all club members. In addition to our popular 15-50 mile bike rides, there are also other activities available. These include paddling a kayak, shopping on the mall, historic walking tours (guided or on you own), nature hikes, bird watching, local theater, or just sit and rock on the porch. You can also visit the Cape May Zoo or take a ferryboat ride to Lewes, Delaware, a quaint place to spend some time. Many of us attend a play on Friday after dinner.

Location: **THE CHALFONTE HOTEL**, 301 Howard Street, Cape May, New Jersey, (1-888-411-1998). Check in any time after 3:00 PM on Friday; check out by midday on Sunday.

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

Room for 2 with shared bath (one bed)	\$200 per person
Room for 2 with private bath (one or two beds)	\$240 per person
Room for a single person with shared bath	\$260 per person
Room for a single person with private bath	\$330 per person

Please Contact the Leaders ASAP if you are interested.

Please sign up early, as this will help us complete our plans to make our 2011 trip enjoyable for all. If you have any questions, or need more information, contact Jim Bodnar at 609-654-1507 e-mail: JRBodnar@verizon.net or Fran Horn at 856-786-0048 e-mail: FranHorn@aol.com

**PLEASE SEND THE ENTIRE AMOUNT FOR THE WEEKEND WITH THE FORM
BELOW NO LATER THAN**

April 15, 2011. It is refundable up to 60 days before the event.

Note: There is a \$25 service charge per room for cancellation.



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

Enclosed is my payment.

Please make your check payable to OCSJ

Name: _____

Phone # _____

Address: _____

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

I will be sharing my room with: _____

Please pair me with a roommate: _____

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

I am interested in leading an activity: hiking ☐ biking ☐ kayaking ☐

Will you lead an activity? ☐

Return this form to Jim Bodnar, PO Box 493, Medford, NJ 08055.



X/C SKIING and SNOWSHOEING

A Message from the X/C Skiing & Snowshoeing Chair



As I write this the cross country season is in full swing. What a wonderful way to experience the joys of winter, and to share the camaraderie of friends who feel the same passion. If you've ever wondered what we do and would like to meet the leaders and hear about next year's trips, please come to the annual Apres Ski Party, May 14, 2011.

Fran and Dennis have once again offered their lovely new home in North Wildwood for the party and have suggested pre-party activities such as a back bay kayak trip of 1 to 2 hrs, a leaderless beach hike of 5 to 7 miles or a shorter seawall hike of 3 miles. Also there's tons to do in North Wildwood, especially the boardwalk.

DATE for the **APRES SKI PARTY** is May 14 at 3:00 p.m. Address 406 E 8th Avenue, North Wildwood dennisfran1@verizon.net Be sure to email Fran to let her know what dish you will bring to party. For those wanting to stay overnight: the closest is Chateau Bleu Motel, 609-522-2822 www.chateaubleu.com also Alante Motor Inn, 609-522-0733 www.Alantemotel.com and Jade East Motel, 609 522-1867 www.jadeeastmotel.com

Check the website www.ocsj.org for directions and more information, or call Eileen Greve at 609-204-6451, or Dennis and Fran, 609-707-3025.

FINALLY, this year's Richard K. Greve Memorial Trip to Harper's Ferry, WV is Friday April 29 to Sunday May 1. 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 Greve, 609-204-6451. egreve212@gmail.com

DEC. 27-JAN. 1 CRAFTSBURY, NORTHERN VERMONT. 5 nights inc. all meals and trail fees. If interested contact leader, ASAP!! Fran Horn, 856-786-0048 or franhorn@aol.com

JAN. 13 TO 16 TRAIL'S END B&B, KEENE VALLEY, NY. New leader beginning to take reservations for MLK weekend, very popular X/C skiing and snowshoeing in Adirondacks. Leaders: Paul Dice and Susan Renton-Dice, srentd@comcast.net, cell 856-265-6207, home 856-784-0164.



CANOEING/KAYAKING

A Message from the Canoeing/Kayak Activity Chair



I'm certain we're all hoping that the Spring will bring great paddling conditions especially after the Winter we've had. 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.

Frank Pearce
E-mail: Hornet71@verizon.net
856-767-2780.



APRIL

"Doubt can only be removed by action."



RESERVATIONS AND DEADLINES

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

ANNUAL APRIL APEX. See April 2 entry.

CAMP-OVER AT PARVIN STATE PARK.PART OF OCSJ"PICNICS AT THE PARK". See April 8-10 entry.

MOONLIGHT HIKE, CAMPFIRE AND CAMPOUT. See April 16 entry.

BALDPATE MOUNTAIN. HIKE. See April 16 entry.

RICHARD GREVE MEMORIAL VOLUNTEER TRIP to Harper's Ferry. See April 29-May 1 entry.

PADDLE THE OCTORARO RIVER IN MARYLAND. See April 30 entry.

PADDLE THE BRANDYWINE RIVER. See May 14 entry.

ANNUAL APRÈS SKI PARTY. See May 14 entry.

SUNSET & FULL "FLOWER" MOON PADDLING TRIP. See May 15 entry.

KAYAK TRIP POCOMOKE RIVER. POCOMOKE STATE PARK. See May 20-22 entry.

JOSEPH TRUJILLO PLAQUE DEDICATION. See May 22 entry.

BEGINNER'S BACKPACKING ON THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL See June 4-5 entry.

FLATWATER KAYAK INTRODUCTION TRAINING. See June 5 entry.

JANE ISLAND KAYAKING WEEKEND. See June 10-12 entry.

SUNSET & FULL "STRAWBERRY" MOON PADDLING TRIP. See June 15 entry.

SUSQUEHANNA RIVER KAYAK TRIP. See June 18 entry.

SUNSET SALT MARSH PADDLE. See June 25 entry.

✓ **NOTE VARIOUS OTHER TRIPS REQUIRE PARTICIPANTS
TO CONTACT LEADER.**

**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.**

MARCH 20

Sunday
10:00 am

SPRING HAS SPRUNG MAURICE RIVER PADDLE. Meet at Garden Road, off Route 55 will paddle to Sherman Avenue, Vineland. Pack lunch and dry bag. Call or email to confirm route. Leader: Vicki S. 856-256-9568 or ravingwriter@gmail.com

APRIL 1

Friday
7:00 pm



FRIDAY NIGHT FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. The ongoing, every Friday night, all year round, Friday night 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 4 MPH, 15 minutes per mile pace with few breaks. Bring water and wear well broken in boots, shoes, or sneakers (sneakers are adequate in dry conditions). Socks are also important footgear; synthetics and wool being better at preventing blisters (avoid cotton socks). The first Friday of each month there is a dessert/dinner stop after the hike at a local restaurant. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com

APRIL 2
Saturday
6:00 am

**REGISTRATION
REQUIRED**
Members only



ANNUAL APRIL APEX. 26.5 mile trek, moderate pace. This is our "Hikers Marathon" the ultimate for those seeking a challenge and the Outdoor Club of South Jersey longest hike. Last year there were 15 participants that completed the entire course. This year we will once again offer three "tune ups" in March to prepare for the hike. The Apex will be held at Washington's Crossing State Park in New Jersey and follow the traditional route. There is also the option to only do the first 11 mile leg of the hike. No registrations accepted after Thursday, March 31. Prior to registering you may obtain all details of the event by e-mail by contacting Ray Wittkop, 609-707-9501 BarbNRayHikers@aol.com or Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817 smallfluke2yahoo.com

APRIL 2
Saturday
9:00am



SOUTH LEBABON SERPENTINE. 10-12 miles moderate paced walk – Upland and lowland, along many crooked miles through some of the southernmost portions of Brendan Byrne State Forest. Meet at the field across from the Shower House in campground at Brendan Byrne. Arrive early I leave promptly. Leader: Jay Schoss e-mail: walkinginmud@aol.com phone by Friday: 908-692-5765.

APRIL 2
Saturday
9:30 am



TEN MILE RUN GREENWAY HIKE. Approximately 6 miles, moderate pace, hike through grasslands and forest on rocky trails and over water crossings. Meet at Griggstown Native Grassland Preserve, 1091 Canal Road, Somerset County, proceed along dirt road to parking area. Coming from the south it is opposite and just before the Griggstown Causeway on Canal Road. Bring lunch and water. There are no restrooms and rain cancels the trip. Leaders: Paul Foged, hikerpaul@verizon.net – Cell: 732-996-1406 and Beth Compagnucci, bethcompagnucci@gmail.com – Cell: 973-879-0055.

APRIL 2
Saturday
10:00 am

APRIL FOOLS HIKE URBAN WILDERNESS. 5 Miles, moderate pace. A little known area of the Atlantic County Park system. See the woods behind my house. Over 360 acres of undeveloped land in Galloway. Meet at the library parking lot behind the municipal building on Jimmie Leeds Road, very short car pool to trail head. Lunch at picnic tables in park after hike. Toni, 609-652-0112.

APRIL 3
Sunday
9:00 am

GLASSWORKS TO BUCKINGHAM. 15 miles or more at a brisk to fast pace – This one is loop route with no easy out, so if you can't complete this one, you'll have to wait for us to come back and get you. More of a fitness walk than a hike! Bring sufficient food and drink to complete the walk. NOT FOR TENDERFEET! Meet at the campground in Brendan Byrne State Forest. Be ready to leave at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Jay Schoss mail: walkinginmud@aol.com phone: 908-692-5765.

APRIL 3
Sunday
9:00 am

MIGRATORY BIRD HIKE. 8-9 miles. Easy pace. Observe migratory birds in their marsh habitat. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after hike. NC/NP Meet at Hilton Hotel rear parking lot, off Rt. 70 Cherry Hill, to carpool/caravan leaving at 8:30 sharp! Or meet at Visitor's Center, John Heinz Wildlife Refuge, 86th Street & Lindbergh Blvd., Philadelphia. From exit 12 Rt.I-95, follow Bartram Avenue to 4th light, turn right on 84th St., go to 2nd light, turn left onto Lindbergh Boulevard follow signs Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve. or pis1@cccnj.net

APRIL 3

Sunday
10:00 a.m.
and 10:45 a.m.



SOUTH WISSAHICKON VALLEY HIKE. 5 or 7 miles, moderate pace. Come explore historic Rittenhousetown, and the Hermits Cave and say hi to 'Billy Penn'. Rugged terrain. Sturdy shoes required. Wimp out at 5 miles. Lunch at new creek side location. No restrooms or snack bar on this hike. Bring lunch, beverage. NP. Meet before 10:00 a.m. Crate & Barrel Cherry Hill Mall, or by 10:45 a.m. at Henry Avenue and Walnut Lane parking area. Leader: Rich Kranz, 856-316-6292. kranzdnr@verizon.net

APRIL 3

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

OSWEGO RIVER PADDLE. We meet at Oswego Lake Put-In. Pack Lunch. Call or e-mail to confirm. Leader: Vicki S., 856-256-9568 or ravingwriter@gmail.com

APRIL 3

Sunday
10:30 a.m.

FAIRHILL NATURAL AREA, MD. About 8 to 10 miles. Easy to moderate pace. Meet at the parking area on the west side of Appleton Rd. (at Black Bridge Rd.) in MD at 10:30 a.m. Go about 1 1/4 miles west of the DE border into MD on Rt. 273 and turn right at the traffic light onto Appleton Road, then a little over a mile to Black Bridge Road on the left. We will explore this 5600+ acre natural area in the northeast corner of MD, which includes a varied terrain of hills, fields, woods and streams. Note that there is a parking charge. Leader: Milt Cannan, 856-983-9076.

APRIL 3

Sunday
10:30 a.m.

BE A PIRATE HIKE – ARRR . . . 5 miles. Moderate and leisurely pace. Be a Pirate – hike, treasure hunt, and tailgate social after the hike. Bring snack type food for group social. Pirate Buttons to all that attend – you supply the eye patch. Treasure if you can find it – map provided. Expect surprises. Meet at Batsto before 10:15 to sign up or the ship sails without you mate. Contact the leader with any questions: Capt Tom Neigel, 609-206-3389 tomncenter-ocsj@yahoo.com

APRIL 4

Monday
9:30 a.m.

WHITESBOG WANDER. – 6-7 mi. moderate pace – Join me in a walk through the bog woods and help me get my 1000 mi. in. Clothing adjustments, drinks, or pit stops only. Bring an energy or snack bar and drink. Lunch can be eaten at the tables when we return around noon. It will be mostly sand roads but bug spray may be a good idea to ward off any waking ticks from their long winter nap. Pull me by my braid if I go too fast. Cookies provided for hiker hounds on leash. Kids on leash, but no cookies. Be on time, I wait for no man. Note start time. Leader: Faye bearberrygirl@aol.com h 732-363-9242, c 912-433-8257 co-leader: Jay walkinginmud@aol.com c 908-692-5765.

APRIL 6

Wednesday
9:30 am



BRENDAN BYRNE STATE FOREST RANGER STATION. 6-8 miles – moderate pace. We will wander around the woods. Who knows where the trails and roads will take us. Come prepared: sun screen in case we wind up in the bogs, bug spray in case we wind up in a tick town, and fluids in case you and your dog get thirsty. Bring energy bar or snack to eat while hiking and plenty of fluid. Only pit stops. Leader: Faye mail: bearberrygirl@aol.com h 732-363-9242 c 912-433-8257 co-leader Jay c 908-692-5765.

APRIL 6

Wednesday
7:00 pm

BACKPACKING AND CAMPING CLINIC AT EASTERN MOUNTAIN SPORT IN MOORESTOWN MALL. The outdoor specialists at EMS will present a clinic on what you need for backpacking or camping. They will cover the basics of what you need, and also the latest in gear and technology for everyone. Do you carry the ten essentials? Interested in renting before you buy? They will discuss those topics, too. This clinic is timed to

coincide with EMS Club Day, which is April 8-9. On those days, EMS will offer a 20% discount to OCSJ members on most everything in the store. For questions, contact Bruce Steidel, 609-915-0956 or bsteidel@gmail.com

APRIL 7
Thursday
6:00 p.m.

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Stop on the way home for a turn around The Cooper River Park. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, South Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Blvd cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 pm Leader: Joe Rottinger, 856-665-4812 or pennsauken@earthlink.com

APRIL 8
Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NIGHT FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See April 1 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com.

APRIL 8 thru 10
Fri.-Sun.
10:00 a.m.

CAMP-OVER AT PARVIN STATE PARK - OCSJ CLUB "PICNICS AT THE PARK". Camping for Friday and Saturday night. Trip is associated with club picnic on Saturday at the picnic Pavilion. Camp over one night or both, with group campfire. Bring your own food, and something to share at the site. Register in advance to join in on one of our large campsites (15 & 16), or book your own site. Camp, socialize, picnic and events on Saturday, and have fun. Dogs/burgers and refreshments provided at the Saturday Picnic, or bring a dish or snacks to share. Look for more information on the Website www.ocsj.org Tom Neigel, 609 206-3389. tomncenter-ocsj@yahoo.com

APRIL 9
Saturday
10:00 a.m. to
4:00 p.m.

CLUB PICNIC EVENT AT PARVIN STATE PARK. Meet at Parvin - at the Thundergust Picnic Pavilion – next to the campground entrance. Dogs/burgers and refreshments provided at the covered pavilions. We'll have Hiking, Biking, sample Boating, and Camping (campfire on the lake). Come out and meet other members, trip leaders, and board members. Learn about gear and equipment. Socialize, tailgate, and have fun. Look for individual activity listings as well. (RSVP so we have an approximate food count.) Tom Neigel at 609-206-3389, tomncenter-ocsj@yahoo.com

APRIL 9
Saturday
10:00 a.m.

HIKE AND SOCIAL AT PARVIN STATE PARK – OCSJ CLUB "PICNICS AT THE PARK". 4.5 miles. EZ to moderate pace. Meet at the Thundergust Picnic Area and hike through the park. Dogs/burgers & refreshments provided at the covered pavilions, or bring a dish or snacks to share. Hike, socialize, tailgate, and have fun. Contact leader with questions. Toni, 609-652-0112.

APRIL 9
Saturday
10:00 a.m.

PADDLE ACTIVITIES AT CLUB PICNIC AT PARVIN. Meet at the Thundergust Picnic Pavilion – next to the campground entrance. Various activities are planned including skill events and a paddle on Parvin Lake. No rentals available. Check website for any changes. Leader: Frank Pearce, (H) 856-767-2780. hornet71@verizon.net

APRIL 9
Saturday
10:30 a.m.

EZ HYBRID BIKE AND PICNIC AT PARVIN STATE PARK – OCSJ CLUB "PICNICS AT THE PARK" 10 miles – EZ Pace. Meet at the Thundergust Picnic Area and bike around the back roads within the park for a social paced ride. Dogs/burgers and refreshments provided at the covered pavilions, or bring a dish or snacks to share. Bike, socialize, picnic, and have fun. Bike should be in good shape and have flat fix equipment. Contact Capt. Larry at 609-548-9739, or capt.larry@comcast.net

APRIL 10

Sunday
8:00 a.m.



COOPER RIVER AND ADJOINING PARKS HIKE. 6 miles, moderate to brisk pace. A “get-it-over-early” loop hike plus an option to have brunch with us afterwards at a nearby Old Country Buffet. Meet at the National Guard Armory parking lot at Park Avenue and Grove Street in Cherry Hill. This meeting place is one block south from the intersection of Rt. 70 and Haddonfield Road/Grove Street. This intersection is at the corner of the old Garden State racetrack. NP, NC, FS. Leaders: Barb&Ray Wittkop, 609 707 9501 BarbnRayHikers@aol.com Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, smallfluke@yahoo.com.

APRIL 10

Sunday
9:00 a.m.

HIKE TO WEBB’S MILL. 10-12 miles moderate pace. This walk will take us to the location of an 18th Century settlement which is now a natural area. We will follow some abandoned roads and ways lost in time. Walking conditions depend on weather, but should be good during normal conditions. We will stop for lunch near the millpond. Meet at Bullock. Arrive early, I leave on time. Leader: Jay Schoss walkinginmud@aol.com phone: 908 692-5765.

APRIL 10

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

A.T. PINNACLE HIKE. 8 miles, moderate pace, NP. Hike the AT from Eckville to The Pinnacle for lunch. Bring binoculars. Hiking boots recommended for some rock climbing, parts of hike can be strenuous. Take N.E. Extension of PA Turnpike. Get off Exit 33 onto I-78 West to exit 35, Rt. 143 to Lenhartsville, go west on Rt. 22 (Main St.) 3 miles to Reservoir Rd to parking area. Leaders, Dave & Julie Hegelien 856-235-8792

APRIL 10

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

MAURICE RIVER PADDLE. Meet at Garden Road, off Route 55 will paddle to Sherman Avenue, Vineland. Pack lunch and dry bag. Call or email to confirm route. Leader: Vicki S., 856-256-9568 or ravingwriter@gmail.com

APRIL 11

Monday
9:30 a.m.

PAKIM POND PATHS. 6-8 mi. moderate pace. Help me ward off the hungry ticks, bring bug spray. We will hike fire cuts and trails, with stops only for clothing adjustments, potty, drinks and snacks. No sit down lunch. We average 3 miles an hour, so if it's too fast, holler at me. Your lunch can be enjoyed at the pond afterwards. Furry friends on leash are welcomed with cookies and kootchie koos. Meet at Pakim Pond. Note start time. Leader: Faye bearberrygirl@aol.com h 732-363-9242, c 912-433-8257 co- leader: Jay walkinginmud@aol.com c 908-692-5765

APRIL 12

Tuesday
10:00 a.m.

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. Leaders: Barb & Wittkop, 609 707 9501 BarbnRayHikers@aol.com. Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, smallfluke@yahoo.com

APRIL 13

Wednesday
9:00 a.m.

HIKE TO WEBB’S MILL. 10-12 miles moderate pace. To prove that there is more than one way to skin a bat, we will revisit the millpond using a route different than last Sunday's. Sand roads and fire cuts take us to our goal and back. Meet at Bullock. Arrive early, I leave on time. Leader: Jay Schoss mail: walkinginmud@aol.com phone: 908 692-5765.

APRIL 13
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.



HIKE SKIT BRANCH. 6-7 miles along the Batsto and Skit to look for spring flowers, hudsonia, pyxie, swap pink and sand myrtle at a moderate pace. Bring lunch and beverage Good hike for beginners. Meet at the skit bridge on Carranza Rd. Pat Burton camperpat@hotmail.com 856-767-8064 and Chris Denneler, 856-461-5379.

APRIL 14
Thursday
9:00 a.m.

CANOE / KAYAK TOMS RIVER. Follow the route of the Annual Toms River Canoe Race without the competition. Ten miles of changing scenery and river conditions from park and forest to open bay and river. Contact leaders to confirm participation. We will meet at Friendly's on Rt. 37, just past mile post 4, on the East bound side. Come early and join us for breakfast. Bring six quarters for the parking meter at the take out. Joe Logan, 609-634-1542, or mayandpops@aol.com

APRIL 14
Thursday
6:00 p.m.

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, S. Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Boulevard cancels. See April 7 listing for details.

APRIL 14
Thursday
7:30 p.m.



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

APRIL 15
Friday
10:00 a.m.

MT. MISERY HIKE. 9-10 miles, moderate pace (3mph). Hike from Pakim Pond to Mt. Misery primarily on the White Trail and returning via the bogs. Bring lunch. LP. Meet at Pakim Pond. Leaders: Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817 and Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609.

APRIL 15
Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NIGHT FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See April 1 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com.

APRIL 16
Saturday
10:00 a.m.
**REGISTRATION
REQUIRED**



BALDPATE MOUNTAIN HIKE. Our annual trek led by Steve Bailey an expert on this area. 8 miles, moderate pace. Located about two miles from Washington Crossing NJ, this is the highest point in Mercer County. Moderate pace. NP, FS, NC This is a loop hike. Bring lunch to eat on the trail. Individual registration for this hike is required. E Mail preferred. Directions will be supplied. Leaders: Steve Bailey, Ray Wittkop, 609-707-9501, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com. Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, smallfluke@yahoo.com

APRIL 16
Saturday
10:00 am

DOUBLE TROUBLE. 5 miles. Easy to Moderate pace. Explore dirt roads, fire cuts, streams and bogs at historic Double Trouble State Park. Meet at main parking lot at Pinewalk-Kesswick Road and Double Trouble Road. Leaders: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com and Marilyn Miller, 732-240-0328.

APRIL 16
Saturday
10:00 am



BULL'S ISLAND STOCKTON CANAL HIKE. 15(+/-) miles. Moderate pace (2.5/3mph) along canal. Cross to Penna. On footbridge then south to Centre Bridge, then return to Bulls Is. By Stockton. Meet at Bulls Is. (NJ State Park) on Rt. 29 approximately 6-7 miles north of Stockton. Bring Lunch. Leaders, Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817 and Jerry Goldstein, 609-859-8133.

APRIL 16

Saturday
7:30 pm



MOONLIGHT IN APRIL. 7 miles, moderate pace, LP. Enjoy an evening in the Pines. Mercury and Venus will be unbelievably brilliant in the Seven Sisters star cluster. Meet at Atsion. Leaders, Dave & Julie Hegelien, 856-235-8792.

APRIL 16

Saturday
7:30 pm

MOONLIGHT HIKE, CAMPFIRE AND CAMPOUT. 6 miles moderate pace. Join us as we hike under the Pink Moon on sand roads lit by moon light and come back to a roaring fire. Overnight camping is available, contact leader for reservation. Bring picnic type food to share at the tailgate social after the hike, any firewood and a chair to sit on. Meet at Goshen Pond campsites, from Rt. 206 take Atsion Road, go 1.5 miles to Goshen Pond campsite sign, turn onto dirt road and follow to campsites. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve. or pis1@cccnj.net

APRIL 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

APRIL 17

Sunday
9:00am

PINK, WHITE AND RED HIKE (WITH A LITTLE BLUE). – The long version 13-15 miles at a moderate pace – Walk sections of the Batona, Mt Misery and Cranberry Trails in Brendan Byrne State Forest. We will walk some of the most popular sections of what was once Lebanon State Forest. A 10 mile option is possible. Meet at Pakim Pond parking lot. Leader: Jay Schoss e-mail: walkinginmud@aol.com phone: 908 692-5765.

APRIL 17

Sunday
10:00 am

CRANBERRY JAUNT. 6 miles, moderate pace. Hike a loop around Lebanon Lakes area and the various scenic cranberry bogs. Explore the area and learn about the bogs. Bring binoculars for possible waterfowl sightings. Bring easy to carry picnic lunch to enjoy at the halfway point. It is recommended to bring a plastic bag to sit on. Directions: From 70/72 circle, follow Rt.70 east for 1.7 miles. Turn right onto Forest Road at the light. Go 1.1 miles and turn right into lkarge sandy parking area. Look for OCSJ Sign and group. NC, NP. Heavy rain cancels. Leaders Glenn McCurdy & Donna, 856-764-1341.

APRIL 17

Sunday
10:00 a.m.
and 10:45 a.m.

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

APRIL 18

Monday
9:30 a.m.

BRENDAN BYRNE RANGER STATION SAUNTER. 6-8mi. moderate pace. Join me in my quest for the 1000 miles. We will hike sand roads and trails, so bug spray is recommended... No lunch stop but bring an energy bar and plenty of fluids. There are tables at the Ranger Station so you can have lunch when we return. Beat me if I go too fast. Fuzzy four leggers on leash will be schmoozed and given cookies, kids will be tolerated. Be on time. Leader: Faye bearberrygirl@aol.com h 732-363-9242, c 912-433-8257 co- leader: Jay walkinginmud@aol.com c 908-692-5765.

APRIL 20
Wednesday
9:00 a.m.

KAYAK NESHAMINY CREEK. Approximately 4 hours of beautiful scenery, wildflowers in bloom, a covered bridge and a few class 1 rapids. No Rentals. Bring lunch and a change of clothing in a waterproof bag, water will still be cold and there are a few rocks. Meet at Boat House Parking Lot in Tyler Street Park. Take I-95 N, off exit 49 Go West on the 4 lane bypass around Newtown, stay on the 4 lane rd to the intersection of Swamp Road, go straight thru that light, the entrance for the park is on your left. Restrooms at the meeting place. Pat Burton camperpat@hotmail.com 856-767-8064.

APRIL 20
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

BOARDWALK HIKE IN ATLANTIC CITY. 8 miles, moderate pace. Meet in front of the Showboat Casino on the boards. Bring or buy lunch. Toni, 609-652-0112 or Jan, 609-404-4990.

APRIL 20
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

3B HIKE (BOARDWALK, BRIDGE, BEACH--OCEAN CITY). 7 miles, moderate pace. Walk on boardwalk -1-1/2 miles, through Gardens over Longport Bridge (2-1/2 miles). Picnic lunch at fishing pier on bridge. Back over bridge, onto beach (tides permitting), back on boardwalk to starting point. Meet at 12th Street pavilion on boardwalk Leader: Noel Wirth, 609-938-0418. ocncw101@comcast.net

APRIL 21
Thursday
9:30 a.m.

BRENDAN BYRNE STATE FOREST RANGER STATION. 6-8 MI. – moderate pace. We will wander around the woods. Who knows where the trails and roads will take us. Come prepared: sun screen in case we wind up in the bogs, bug spray in case we wind up in a tick town, and fluids in case you and your dog get thirsty. Bring energy bar or snack to eat while hiking and plenty of fluid. Only pit stops. Leader: Faye, h 732-363-9242 c 912-433-8257 bearberrygirl@aol.com co-leader Jay c 908-692-5765.

APRIL 21
Thursday
6:00 p.m.

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, S. Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Blvd cancels. See April 7 listing for details.

APRIL 22
Friday
10:00 a.m.

GOOD FRIDAY HIKE. 9 miles, moderate pace, LP. Hike along Skit Branch and Batsto River. May be wet in spots. Bring lunch. Meet at junction of Caranza Road and Moore's Emeadow Road, 4.3 miles SE of Tabernacle. Leaders, Dave & Julie Hegelien, 856-235-8792.

APRIL 22
Friday
7:00 pm

FRIDAY NIGHT FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See April 1 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com.

APRIL 23
Saturday
9:00 am



CANOE / KAYAK TOMS RIVER. Follow the route of the Annual Toms River Canoe Race without the competition. Ten miles of changing scenery and river conditions from park and forest to open bay and river. Contact leaders to confirm participation. We will meet at Friendly's on Rt. 37, just past mile post 4, on the East bound side. Come early and join us for breakfast. Bring six quarters for the parking meter at the take out. Joe Logan, 609-634-1542, or mayandpops@aol.com

APRIL 23
Saturday
10:00 am

FRANKLIN PARKER PRESERVE. Distance:11 miles Pace: Moderate, Hike Conditions: Should be dry. Normal stops. Well-behaved pets OK. NC. Description: We will hike the

preserve on both sides of Rt. 563. We will pass the cars after @ 3.5 miles on the East side, so you can drop out at that point. The rest of us will continue on to the West side for another 7.5 miles. This is an interesting view of formerly active bogs reverting back to Mother Nature. Dress for walking in mostly open areas. Meeting place: Meet at the gate to the preserve, 2.8 miles south of Chatsworth on Rt 563. Leader: George Galcik, 856-783-8329 georgegalcik@comcast.net

APRIL 23

Saturday
10:00 am

EGG HUNT ON THE GREAT EGG HARBOR RIVER. Paddle Weymouth Furnace to Lake Lenape. Shorter trip that is good for beginning river paddling and bird watching. Bring lunch and hydration. Volunteer shuttle. Leader Vicki S., call 856-256-9568, or ravingwriter@gmail.com

APRIL 24

Easter Sunday
9:00 a.m.



EASTER SUNDAY NATURE HIKE. 6-8 miles moderate pace. An Easter Tradition, Join the search for the Easter Beaver in and among the abandoned cranberry bogs at Friendship. The walk is mostly a bush whack except for the portions that are underwater. You will get wet on this walk, possibly to your waist. You will get dirty on this walk. Do not wear anything that you would mind throwing away after you get home. Bring a clean dry change of clothes for the ride home. Meet at Friendship. I leave on time! Leader: Jay Schoss e-mail: walkinginmud@aol.com phone: 908-692-5765.

APRIL 24

Easter Sunday
10:00 a.m.

BELLEPLAIN FOREST BEGINNERS HIKE. 7 miles, moderate pace. This is a great hike at a moderate pace with a rich variety of habitats: Atlantic white cedar and mixed hardwood swamps, oak-hickory forest, old fields, and freshwater lakes, with a possible view of Bald Eagles. Meet at Belleplain Main Office. Off of Route 550, between Woodbine and Belleplain (DMS 39 14 36.85 N 74 50 58.29" W) (www.nj.gov/dep/park-sandforests/parks/belle.html). NC/NP. Bring lunch and water. Really bad weather cancels, Call day of hike or check website (www.ocsj.org) to confirm. Leader: Scott Eves, 609-805-1463, Please e-mail me for directions at: cscotteves@gmail.com

APRIL 25

Monday
10:00 a.m.

ONG'S HAT HILL AND DALE. 6-7 miles, moderate pace. We will hike the pink to Deep Hollow where we will have a lunch break. Imagine that, me and a sit down. Bug spray may be needed on the pink, we return by sand roads. If I go too fast, reel me in. Dogs and cats on leash are welcome. Only the dogs get cookies. Meet at the Batona Trailhead parking area. We leave on time so be prompt. Leader: Faye, h 732-363-9242, c 912-433-8257 bearberrygirl@aol.com co-leader: Jay walkinginmud@aol.com c 908-692-5765.

APRIL 27

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

WILLINGBORO NATURE CENTER. 6/7 miles, moderate pace, a loop hike that Includes Crystal Lake and Mill Creek Park. Bring lunch to eat on the trail. Take 130 north from route #73. The entrance is slightly less than 1 mile on the right after you cross Rancocos Creek. It is just beyond the intersection of Route 130 and Beverly Bridgeboro road and directly across from Willingboro RV sales. Park in front of the iron fence. NP, NC, FS. Those wishing to do an extra couple of miles in an adjoining park should be there at 9:00 a.m. Leader: Ray Wittkop, 609-707-9501, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com.

APRIL 27

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

PENNYPACK-LORIMER PARKS LOOP HIKE. 11 miles, moderate pace. Come enjoy these lovely parks at a beautiful time of the year. Meet 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 St) to Strahle Street and turn left. Take Strahle to Bustleton and turn right. Go 1/2 mile to Benton Street, turn left and park. NP Check with leader if really bad weather is forecast. Leader: Jerry Goldstein, 609-859-8133, jerryhyker@yahoo.com.

APRIL 28
Thursday
6:00 p.m.

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, S. Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Blvd cancels. See April 7 listing for details.

APRIL 29
Friday
10:00 a.m.

ONG'S HAT HIKE. 11 miles, moderate pace (3mph). Hike from Ranger Station (Bryne Office Parking) to Ong's Hat and return on Batona Trail. Lunch at I Apany is part of the hike. Those wishing to bring their own lunch but need to recognize the hike will not resume till Lunch at Apany is completed. NP. Leaders, Bill Poulson (856-983-7609) and Joe Hummel (856-235-8817).

APRIL 29
Friday
7:00 pm

FRIDAY NIGHT FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See April 1 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com.

APRIL 29-MAY 1
Fri-Sun.

RICHARD GREVE MEMORIAL VOLUNTEER TRIP to Harper's Ferry, WV is Friday, April 29 to Sunday, May 1. 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 Greve, 609-204-6451.

APRIL 30
Saturday
9:00 am



CANOE/KAYAK THE N. BRANCH RANCOCAS CREEK. Join me for a 10-mile trip on my favorite Pinelands waterway and look for turtles sunning themselves along the way. We'll paddle from the trailhead behind Burlington County Community College to Smithville. Meet at the Canoe Trail launch ramp on W. Rancocas Road, off Rt. 530 in Pemberton. Leader is an "early riser", so contact him between 4 a.m. and 7 p.m. if you have any questions. Participants MUST be ready to shuttle at 9 a.m. so arrive early to unload your boat and gear. Rentals are not available. Leader: Dave Lynch Cell, 609-784-4066 or e-mail dlynch50@verizon.net

APRIL 30
Saturday
TBA

PADDLE THE OCTORARO RIVER IN MARYLAND. This is the seventh year that the Club has participated in this joint trip with the Wilmington and Lancaster Canoe Clubs. The section to be run depends on water levels but expect a mostly whitewater trip. Previous whitewater experience required. The area is about 75 miles from the Philadelphia. No rentals available. Call leader for details. Leader: Frank Pearce, 856-767-2780 or Horner71@verizon.net

APRIL 30
Saturday
9:00 a.m.

HIKE TO WEBB'S MILL. 10-12 miles moderate pace. The third time is the charm! Last Sunday's route, was the most historic, Wednesday's was the easiest. Today's, will be the most devious. Back to the Webb's Mill natural area we go for the third time in seven days. This time the route will be more creative, I promise. Meet at Bullock. Arrive early, I leave on time. Leader: Jay Schoss walkinginmud@aol.comphone: 908-692-5765.

APRIL 30
Saturday
10:00 a.m.

SHAD FESTIVAL HIKE. 7-8 miles, moderate pace, LP. Many things to see at the festival. Try a shad burger or the BBQ at the River Horse Brewery. Guided hike until we reach Lanbertville, then hiker go on their own. Meet at D7R Canal and Jimison farm. Leaders, Dave & Julie Hegelien, 856-235-8792.



MAY



*"There is nothing in a caterpillar that tells you
it's going to be a butterfly."*

RESERVATIONS AND DEADLINES

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

ANNUAL APRÈS SKI PARTY. See May 14 entry.

PADDLE THE BRANDYWINE RIVER. See May 14 entry.

SUNSET & FULL "FLOWER" MOON PADDLING TRIP. See May 15 entry.

KAYAK TRIP POCOMOKE RIVER. POCOMOKE STATE PARK. See May 20-22 entry.

JOSEPH TRUJILLO PLAQUE DEDICATION. See May 22 entry.

BEGINNER'S BACKPACKING ON THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL. See June 4-5 entry.

FLATWATER KAYAK INTRODUCTION TRAINING. See June 5 entry.

JANE ISLAND KAYAKING WEEKEND. See June 10-12 entry.

SUNSET & FULL "STRAWBERRY" MOON PADDLING TRIP. See June 15 entry.

SUSQUEHANNA RIVER KAYAK TRIP. See June 18 entry.

SUNSET SALT MARSH PADDLE. See June 25 entry.

✓ **NOTE VARIOUS OTHER TRIPS REQUIRE PARTICIPANTS
TO CONTACT LEADER.**

**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.

MAY 1
Sunday
9:00 a.m.



HIKE AND HADDONFIELD TOUR. 5 miles easy pace. We will hike Cooper River Park and then have a guide of historic Haddonfield, fee possible. We will then have lunch at one of the many local eateries. Meet at Coastline Lounge on Brace Road, off Rt. 561, Cherry Hill to caravan to park Starting point. NC/NP. Leaders: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve. Or pis1@cccnj.net or Joe Russo.

MAY 1
Sunday
10 a.m. or 11a.m.

NORTH WISSAHICKON VALLEY HIKE. 5 or 8 miles, moderate pace. Come explore one of the most awesome urban wilderness areas in the country, along with The Tree house, Indian Statue and the Covered Bridge. Rugged terrain. Sturdy shoes required. Wimp-out at 5 miles. Bring or buy lunch at Valley Green. NP. Meet before 10:00 am at Crate & Barrel, Cherry Hill Mall, or by 11:00 am at Andorra Nature Center, Ridge and Northwestern Aves, Phila. Leader: Rich Kranz, 856-316-6292, kranzdnr@verizon.net

MAY 1
Sunday
10:00 a.m.

A MAY DAY ON THE GREAT EGG. Paddle Penny Pot to Weymouth Furnace. Bring lunch and hydration. Volunteer shuttle. Leader Vicki S. call (856) 256-9568, or ravingwriter@gmail.com

MAY 2
Monday
9:30 a.m.

REEVES BOGS ROMP. 6-7 mi. moderate pace. Romp around the bogs with me. Only necessary stops. Bring energy bar and plenty of fluid. Great lunch spot back at the big tree around noon. Mostly sand roads but spray may be needed anyway. Fur balls on leash are welcomed with cookies and squeals. Kids will just be welcomed. Forest Road is at the light at Lebanon Lakes, across from Presidential Lakes on Rt. 70. A large tree at the bogs on the right is our parking spot. Leader: Faye h 732-363-9242, c 912-433-8257 bearberrygirl@aol.com co-leader: Jay walkinginmud@aol.com c 908-692-5765.

MAY 4
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

BATSTO NATURE TRAIL HIKE. Batona Trail in the beginning, a scenic section of the trail with views of the Batsto River. Then switch to the Nature Trail with the hope of finding Arbutus, sometimes called Mayflower in Bloom. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet at Batsto Visitor parking. Leaders Christine Denneker, 856-4615379, Pat Burton, 856-461-8064.

MAY 4
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

RINGING ROCKS. 5 miles easy. There is a field of strange boulders in a clearing in the woods. When you strike one of the boulders with a hammer, it rings out like a bell. Each boulder has a different note, so that with people stationed at different boulders you can strike out a tune. Bring a hammer if you have one, and we will make music (maybe). You don't have to be a musician, but musicians welcome. Lunch at a nice waterfall. Drive north on Route 29. After Stockton, bear left on Route 29 to Frenchtown. Go to the bridge and cross to Pennsylvania. Drive south (left) to Tinicum Park and park in the lot. Bring lunch and drink. Steady rain cancels. Manny Robbins, 856-428-4841.

MAY 5
Thursday
6:00 p.m.

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, S. Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Blvd cancels. See April 7 listing for details.

MAY 6
Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NIGHT FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See April 1 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com.

MAY 7
Saturday
7:00 a.m.

WASHINGTON DC BUS TRIP & SELF-GUIDED TOUR. See coming events section for details.

MAY 7
Saturday
8:00 a.m.

WALK THE YELLOW TRAIL. 18 miles. Meet at Batsto Village parking lot. From there we will walk 9 miles to Atsion along the Yellow Trail. When we get there, we will turn around and walk 9 miles along the Yellow Trail to our cars. Leader: Jay Schoss mail: walkinginmud@aol.com phone: 908-692-5765.

MAY 7
Saturday
9:00 a.m.

WALKING TOUR OF OLD CITY PA. 4 miles moderate pace. Come walk the historic Old Town Philadelphia. Learn how the town was started and other little known facts about the City of Brotherly Love. A \$ fee will be charged for the guide. After tour we will have lunch at a local eatery. Spaces for tour are limited call to reserve spot. NC/NP. Meet at Woodcrest Station, PATCO Hi-Speed Line, off exit 31, I-295 at 9:00 a.m. Or meet at 5thStreet entrance, Bourse Building, at 10:00 a.m. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve. or pis1@ccnj.net.

MAY 7
Saturday
10:00 a.m.



ALLAIRE STATE PARK. 5 miles, easy to moderate pace. Explore the historic village and narrow gauge railroad as we follow the trails in Allaire State Park. Leaders: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com and Marilyn Miller, 732-240-0328.

MAY 8
Sunday
10:00 a.m.

MOTHER'S DAY ON THE MULLICA. Paddle the meandering Mullica River, Listen for the frog calls on the marsh. Atsion to Pleasant Mills, 11 miles, all day trip. Meet at Atsion Ranger Station Parking Lot. Leader Vicki S., call 856-256-9568, or ravingwriter@gmail.com

MAY 9
Monday
9:30 a.m.

BRENDAN BYRNE STATE FOREST FORAY. 6-8 miles, moderate pace. We will hike sand roads, fire cuts and maybe a hill or two. Bring bug spray, energy or snack bar and plenty of fluid. Lunch can be enjoyed back at the campground or the pond around noon. Canine Carry Outs are provided for the leashed canines. Remind me to slow down. Meet at the field across from the campground. Leader: Faye, h 732-363-9242, c 912-433-8257 bearberrygirl@aol.com co-leader: Jay walkinginmud@aol.com c 908-692-5765.

MAY 10
Tuesday
9:30 a.m.

BRENDAN BYRNE STATE FOREST CAMPGROUND. 6 to 8 miles. Moderate pace. Meet in the field across from the campsites. Bring drink and snack, we don't do lunch. Tables at the campsites are available for your lunch if you feel the need to eat outside in Feb. Stops for clothing changes and nature calls only. Big hairy dogs welcome on leash, biscuits provided. Leader: Faye, 732-363-9242 batonawalk@aol.com cell that morn. Only 912-433-8257.

MAY 11
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

PENN STATE FOREST HIKE. 9 miles, moderate pace (2.5/3mph). View lake, sandy roads, dwarf pines, a hill (?), and of course with Jack's GPS the landing gear of the F105 jet that crashed in 1971. Meet at Oswego Lake. Bring lunch and wet weather gear if applicable. Leaders, Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, Jack Dalton, 609-296-1805.

MAY 12
Thursday
6:00 p.m.

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, S. Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Boulevard cancels. See April 7 listing for details.

MAY 12
Thursday
7:00 p.m.

OPEN CLUB MEETING AND PIZZA SOCIAL – Vitarelli's Restaurant, 1250 North Kings Highway, Cherry Hill (next to Cherry Hill Library). Open to all members and prospective members. Come out and hear about what the club has planned for the next several months. Let us know what else you would like to see our club do. Voice your ideas or listen to ours. Meet other club members. All are welcome.

MAY 13
Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NIGHT FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See April 1 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com.

MAY 14
Saturday
9:00 a.m.

PADDLE THE BRANDYWINE RIVER. Enjoy a scenic trip thru the historic Brandywine Valley starting from a Private Park; pass the Wyeth Museum paddle under a covered bridge to either Smith Bridge or Brandywine State Park in Delaware. Water

level determines. No rentals available. Contact leader for details. Leader: Frank Pearce, 856-767-2780 or hornet71@verizon.net.

MAY 14
Saturday
10:00 a.m.

BELLEPLAIN FOREST BEGINNERS HIKE. 7 miles, moderate pace. See April 24 for full hike description. Meet at Belleplain Main Office, off of Rt. 550, between Woodbine and Belleplain (DMS 39 14 36.85 N 74 50 58.29" W) (www.nj.gov/dep/park-sandforests/parks/belle.html). NC/NP. Leader: Scott Eves, 609-805-1463.

MAY 14
Saturday
1:00 p.m.

SEASHORE HIKE. ISLAND BEACH STATE PARK. 7 miles easy pace. Enjoy the quite serenity of the beach before the crowds arrive. Catch the afternoon sun and smell of the delicious briny air, enjoy hiking by the waves. Possible bird-watching and or talk by local coastal geologist. Watch the sunset on the bay. Meet in parking lot #A7, look for OCSJ sign. Bring picnic type food to share. Or meet at 10:00 am to enjoy the beach before the hike. Take Rt. 70 E. to Rt. 37 E. to Rt 35 S. Leader: Paul Serdiuk 609-462-3593 eve. Or pis1@cccnj.net.

MAY 14
Saturday

ANNUAL APRÈS SKI PARTY. Mark the date!! Dennis and Fran McKane once again offered their lovely new home in North Wildwood for the party and have suggested pre-party activities such as a back bay kayak trip of 1 to 2 hrs, a leader-less beach hike of 5 to 7 miles or a shorter seawall hike of 3 miles. Also, there's tons to do in North Wildwood, especially the boardwalk. Hosts: Dennis and Fran McKane, 609-707-3025 dennisfran1@verizon.net. See details under Ski Chair message and on OCSJ website.

MAY 14
Saturday
7:30 p.m.

MAY MOON FULL MOON. 7 miles, moderate pace, LP. Come out on a spring evening to listen for whippoorwills and gaze at the moon. Meet at Atsion. Leaders, Dave & Julie Hegelien 856-235-8792.

MAY 15
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

MAY 15
Sunday
TBA

KAYAK TRIP. SEDGE ISLAND. We will paddle with the tide and have lunch at the marine observation island. We will do the Marsh Elder Trail. Bring lunch and water and bug spray with you. Kayaks must be at least 12 feet or longer. Meet at area 21 to launch our kayaks. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 or pis1@cccnj.net.

MAY 15
Sunday
10:00 a.m.

JEMIMA MOUNT HIKE. 9-10 miles, moderate pace, LP. Hike to one of the highest hills in the Pines (101 feet!). We will take a different approach to the summit, return via Penn Swamp. Bring Lunch. Will be a short car pool on Quaker bridge Road to trail head. Meet at Atsion. Leaders, Dave & Julie Hegelien, 856-235-8792.

MAY 15
Sunday
10:00 a.m. and
10:45 a.m.

MID WISSAHICKON VALLEY HIKE. 5 or 7 miles, moderate pace. We'll check out Devils Pool, traverse the Fingerspan bridge, pause by "The Falls" and climb our way to the Indian Statue. Rugged terrain. Sturdy shoes required. Wimp out at 5 miles. Bring or buy lunch at the Valley Green Inn. NP. Meet

before 10:00 am at Crate & Barrel, Cherry Hill Mall, or by 10:45 a.m. at Henry Avenue and Walnut Lane parking area. Leader: Rich Kranz, 856-316-6292, kranzdnr@verizon.net

MAY 15
Sunday
6:00 p.m.

SUNSET & FULL "FLOWER" MOON PADDLING TRIP ". This will be a joint trip with the Great Bay Paddlers. We will paddle in the beautiful Great Bay Wildlife Management Area. The length and direction of the paddle will be determined based on the weather conditions at the time of the paddle. Meeting place: Captain Mike's Marina, Great Bay Blvd., Little Egg Harbor. If you can, please bring "munchies" and refreshments to enjoy for our gathering after the paddle. Contact leader. At LEAST TWO (2) DAYS PRIOR TO THE TRIP! Trip Leader for OCSJ: John Scott john.gbpaddlers@gmail.com Trip leaders have the authority to deny you paddling with the club if you are not present and ready to paddle at the time of the safety lecture. If you have not previously paddled with the club, please contact the trip leader prior to the paddle to discuss equipment needed and required skills. For kayak rentals (\$25.00 single & \$40.00 tandem) contact Roger Marcotte min. 2 days before trip. <mailto:rogercott.gbpaddlers@gmail.com> cell: 609-412-4137 For directions & additional information go to the Great Bay Paddler's Website: <http://sites.google.com/site/greatbaypaddlers/Home>

MAY 16
Monday
9:30 a.m.



PAKIM PONDS PATHS. 6-8 miles, moderate pace. Still trying to get that 1000 miles. Join me at the pond to hike on trails, fire cuts and sand roads. Bring fluid, bug spray, energy bar or snack to eat while walking since we only make mandatory stops for potty. Lunch can be eaten at the pond afterwards. Pooch cookies provided. Leader: Faye, h 732-363-9242, c 912-433-8257 bearberrygirl@aol.com co-leader: Jay walkinginmud@aol.com c 908-692-5765

MAY 17
Tuesday
10:00 a.m.

FORSYTHE REFUGE. Five miles moderate pace. Bring snacks and water for hike. Lunch either at picnic tables after hike or enjoy one of the near by restaurants. Jan 609-404-4990 or Toni, 609-652-0112.

MAY 18
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

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. Leaders, Joe Humme,l 856-235-8817 and Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609.

MAY 18
Wednesday
10:30 a.m.

BACK TO BIVALVE HIKE. 7 miles, moderate pace. Meet at 2800 High Street (BDP office. Bivalve--Port Norris). Walk to Shellpile, Bivalve Village (historic homes) and observation decks). Picnic at BDP wharves (maybe we'll see the schooner!). Bring binoculars, cameras and insect repellent. Leader: Noel Wirth, 609-938-0418. ocncw101@comcast.net.

MAY 19
Thursday
9:00 a.m.

CANOE / KAYAK TOMS RIVER. Follow the route of the Annual Toms River Canoe Race without the competition. Ten miles of changing scenery and river conditions from park and forest to open bay and river. Contact leaders to confirm participation. We will meet at Friendly's on Rt. 37, just past mile post 4, on the East bound side. Come early and join us for breakfast. Bring six quarters for the parking meter at the take out. Joe Logan, 609-634-1542, or mayandpops@aol.com

MAY 19
Thursday - 6 p.m.

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, S. Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Boulevard cancels. See April 7 listing.

MAY 20

Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NIGHT FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See April 1 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com.

MAY 20-22

Fri.-Sun.

KAYAK TRIP POCOMOKE RIVER. POCOMOKE STATE PARK. Kayak the beautiful Pocomoke River, as we paddle past stands of cedar and cypress trees and Lilly pads. We are camping at Milburn Landing Park. Minimum of 12' kayak. Contact leader for registration and camping location. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve. or pis1@cccnj.net.

MAY 21

Saturday
9:00 a.m.

CANOE/KAYAK THE N. BRANCH RANCOCAS CREEK. Join me for a 10-mile trip on my favorite Pinelands waterway and look for turtles sunning themselves along the way. We'll paddle from the trailhead behind Burlington County Community College to Smithville. Meet at the Canoe Trail launch ramp on W.Rancocas Road, off Rt. 530 in Pemberton. Leader is an "early riser", so contact him between 4 a.m. and 7 p.m. if you have any questions. Participants MUST be ready to shuttle at 9 a.m. so arrive early to unload your boat and gear. Rentals are not available. Leader: Dave Lynch cell, 609-784-4066 or e-mail dlynch50@verizon.net

MAY 21

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

BALDPATE HIKE. Meeting Place: Fiddler's Creek Road Parking: Proceed on Rt 29 N @ 1/2 mile past Washington's Crossing State Park and make a right turn onto Fiddler's Creek Road. Proceed for @ .3 miles. Pass a gated driveway on the left and continue to the parking lot entrance. Distance: @ 10 miles. Pace: Moderate, Leaders: George Galcik, 856-783-8329, georgegalcik@comcast.net Hike Conditions: Probably dry, normal stops. NP. NC. No planned bushwacking. Description: Over hill and dale in this scenic and moderately challenging excursion. Partly in Washington's Crossing State Park and partly in the Ted Stiles preserve. A big finish with a scenic view from the top of Baldpate.

MAY 21

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

THE MAURICE IN MAY RIVER PADDLE. Start at Willow Grove and end at Sherman Avenue take out. All day paddle, on wild and scenic waterway. Pack lunch and the usual. Volunteer shuttle. Leader: Vicki S., 856-256-9568 or ravingwriter@gmail.com

MAY 22

Sunday
9:30 a.m.

CANOE/KAYAK CEDAR CREEK. Meet at Double Trouble State Park Office (Rt. 530) Pinewald-Keswick Road). We'll paddle along this lovely stream with one easy portage. Leader Harry Barok, 856-985-6172 6 p.m. thru 10 p.m. or Harrykaraoke7@aol.com No last minute e-mails, please.

MAY 22

Sunday
11:00 a.m.

PRE-DEDICATION HIKE. 4-5 miles, moderate pace. A short hike before we dedicate the plaque in memory of Joseph Trujillo. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet at Lake Absegami parking, Bass River State Forest. Leaders, Christine Denneler, 856-461-5379, Pat Burton, 856-767-8064.

MAY 22

Sunday
2:00 p.m.

JOSEPH TRUJILLO PLAQUE DEDICATION. OCSJ will unveil the plaque placed Sun. on Joe's Trail in memory of Joseph Trujillo. Meet at Lake Absegami parking, Bass River State Forest. Light refreshments served in the picnic area after the dedication. Contact Christine Denneler, 856-461-5379 for further info.

MAY 23
Monday
9:30 a.m.

MICHAEL HUBER PRAIRIE WARBLER PRESERVE HIKE. 6 to 7 miles, moderate pace with limited stops. We will be out by lunch time. Boots recommended. Portions of the trail are undeveloped, you may want sticks. There are 2 small water crossings, one can be jumped or a small bridge is accessible, the other is another small crossing on hummocks where sticks may be needed for balance, so dogs may not be too happy. Only necessary stops. Be on time. Directions, Sooy Road off of Route 70. A bit over 4 miles in on Sooy. Preserve is on left. Or Rt. 563 to Sooy Road about 4 miles in on the right. Leader: Faye, 732-363-9242 (H) or 908-692-5765.

MAY 25
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

WISSAHICKON NORTHERN END LOOP HIKE. 7-8 miles, Moderate pace. Meet 10:00 a.m. at Phila. Meeting place. Hike the upper trails of this awesome creek gorge. Meet the 'Wissahickon Indian' statue face to face and hike some of this park's most beautiful and challenging trails. Rugged terrain, sturdy footwear required, hiking stick a good idea. Rain cancels or reschedules. (Contact leader if in doubt). Follow directions Henry Ave. & Walnut Lane parking area, but instead of turning right from Henry Ave. onto Walnut Lane continue north on Henry Avenue, approx. 4 miles to Bell's Mill Road (street just past Old Line Rd.). Turn right onto Bell's Mill Rd. and go about 1.5 miles to parking lot on right before bottom of hill (lot has an entrance at each end). NP – Leader: Jerry Goldstein, 609-859-8133 or mail to: jerryhyker@yahoo.com.

MAY 25
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

WOODLAND TRUST/BRANDYWINE ST PARK HIKE. 11 to 12 miles. Moderate pace. Some hills and small stream rock hopping. Trek through wooded trails and farm fields straddling PA/DE boundary and down along Brandywine River. Loop course tracks on both sides of river. Bring lunch. I-95 to first exit in Delaware – Del Rt. 92 west (Naamans Road). Continue on Rt. 92 for 5mi and cross US 202 keeping on Rt. 92. Turn left on Ramsey Road (1/4mi) then continue to bear right at next split (1/2mi) to remain on Ramsey Road and exit Rt. 92. Turn right at bottom of hill at Brandywine River and park at Woodland Trust parking area on river side of Creek Rd. Leader: Jack McMackin c:856-254-8702 h:856-478-4336, jack_mac@verizon.net. Contact leader for additional web link park maps and info.

MAY 26
Thursday
6:00 p.m.

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, S. Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Blvd cancels. April 7 listing for details.

MAY 27
Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NIGHT FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See April 1 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com.

MAY 28
Saturday
9:00 a.m.

CANOE / KAYAK TOMS RIVER. Follow the route of the Annual Toms River Canoe Race without the competition. Ten miles of changing scenery and river conditions from park and forest to open bay and river. Contact leaders to confirm participation. We will meet at Friendly's on Rt. 37, just past mile post 4, on the East bound side. Come early and join us for breakfast. Bring six quarters for the parking meter at the take out. Joe Logan, 609-634-1542, or mayandpops@aol.com

MAY 28
Saturday
10:00 a.m.

FREINDSHIP HIKE. 6.5 or 8.5 miles, moderate pace. Bogs, beavers, and beauty in this wild and primitive area. Lots to see, and perhaps some puddles to get around. Bring dry socks, just in case! Could be wet. NC/NP. Could be wet. Normal stops. Meet three miles past the Carranza Memorial on Carrenza Road. Leader George Galcik, 856-783-8329. georgegalcik@comcast.net

MAY 29
Sunday
10:00 a.m.

SUMMER KICK OFF GREAT EGG HARBOR PADDLE. Weymouth Furnace to the Lake. Good run for less experienced paddlers. 4 hour trip. Bring lunch and hydration. Volunteer shuttle. Leader Vicki S. call (856) 256-9568, or ravingwriter@gmail.com

MAY 30
Monday
10:00 a.m.

MEMORIAL DAY ON THE MULLICA. Line up for the paddle parade, Atsion to Pleasant Mills, 11 miles. No rentals. Meet at Atsion Ranger Station Parking Lot. Please contact Leader Vicki S. phone, 856-256-9568, or ravingwriter@gmail.com



JUNE

"It's kind of fun to do the impossible."



RESERVATIONS AND DEADLINES

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

BEGINNER'S BACKPACKING ON THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL See June 4-5 entry.

FLATWATER KAYAK INTRODUCTION TRAINING. See June 5 entry.

JANE ISLAND KAYAKING WEEKEND. See June 10-12 entry.

SUNSET & FULL "STRAWBERRY" MOON PADDLING TRIP. See June 15 entry.

SUSQUEHANNA RIVER KAYAK TRIP. See June 18 entry.

SUNSET SALT MARSH PADDLE. See June 25 entry.

✓ **NOTE VARIOUS OTHER TRIPS REQUIRE PARTICIPANTS TO CONTACT LEADER.**

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.

JUNE 2
Thursday
6:30 p.m.

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, S. Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Blvd cancels. See April 7 listing for details.

JUNE 3
Friday
7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY NIGHT FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See April 1 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com.

JUNE 4
Saturday
9:30 a.m.

PADDLE THE S. BRANCH OF THE RARITAN. Water levels permitting, we will paddle from picturesque Clinton to Darts Mills. At this time of year the riverbanks should be covered in wild roses and other flowers. We stop for lunch near the pumping station for the Round Valley Reservoir then continue pass horse farms and country homes before paddling thru the remains of the dam at Darts Mills. No rentals available and there will be a fee for using the take-out. Leader: Frank Pearce, 856-767-2780 or e-mail hornet71@verizon.net.

JUNE 4
Saturday
10:00 a.m.

MANASQUAN RESERVOIR HIKE. 5 miles, easy to moderate pace. We will see the panoramic views of the Reservoir from the perimeter trail. Meet outside the Visitor center at the main entrance. Leaders: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com and Marilyn Miller, 732-240-0328.

JUNE 4-5
Saturday & Sunday

BEGINNER'S BACKPACKING ON THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL: Deckertown Turnpike to Sunrise Culver's Gap – 8.7 miles (5.9 Sat and 2.8 Sun). Easy. Start at Deckertown Turnpike, easy hike up 3.6 miles for lunch on Sunrise Mountain in the Pavilion. Then a little over 2 miles to the Gren Anderson Shelter (Spring, privy). The next morning, we'll hike to the Normanook Fire Tower, check out the views of Culver Lake, and then hike down to Culver's gap. Should be back on the road home before noon. Great opportunity to check out your backpacking skills and gear on an easy trip. Max 12 people. Hike Leader: Kevin Drevik, 856-778-3817 kdrevik@aol.com

JUNE 5
Sunday
8:30 a.m.

FLATWATER KAYAK INTRODUCTION TRAINING. A certified ACA instructor will be on hand to share information about paddling techniques, safety and equipment. Come out and learn about this ever growing popular sport. Learn how to handle a flat-water kayak or improve your skills, great for beginners. Call leader to reserve space. After a brief lake training we will paddle on the Wading River. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after trip. NC/NP. Meet at Bel-Haven Paddle Sports on Rt. 542, Atl Co., 12 miles E. of Hammonton. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve. or pis1@cccnj.net

JUNE 5
Sunday
9:00 a.m.



"POOR PEOPLE'S SAFARI HIKE," brisk pace, about 10 miles. Hike the north end of the Colliers Mills Wildlife Management Area. Mountain Laurel and pink lady-slipper orchids in bloom, but maybe we can beat the pine flies. Pass by the Poor People's Safari toward the end of the hike. Be on time for car shuttle. NP, FS, minor WF. Contact: Joe Sapia, 732-406-4092, Snufftin@aol.com.

JUNE 5
Sunday
10:00 a.m.

O' WE GO PADDLE the OSWEGO. We meet at Oswego Lake Put-In. Pack Lunch. Call or e-mail to confirm. Leader: Vicki S., 856-256-9568 or ravingwriter@gmail.com

JUNE 6
Monday
9:00 a.m.

WHITESBOG WANDER. 6-8 miles moderate pace. Getting closer to those 1000 miles. Bring plenty of fluid, energy bar or snack to be eaten while walking, sunscreen and bug spray. You can have lunch at the start at the tables around noon. Mostly woods so bring water for your dog, I'll supply the cookies. Note start time and be prompt. Leader: Faye h 732-363-9242, c 912-433-8257 bearberrygirl@aol.com co-leader: Jay walkinginmud@aol.com c 908-692-5765.

JUNE 8
Wednesday
9:30 a.m.

KAYAK THE DELAWARE RIVER FROM KINGSWOOD ACCESS TO BULL'S ISLAND ST PARK. An 8 mile trip with nice scenery. Bring lunch and a change of clothing in a water-proof bag. No Rentals. Meet at Kingswood Access on Rt. 29 above Bulls Island State Park. Port-A -Pots at the meeting place. Pat Burton camperpat@hotmail.com 856-767-8064.

JUNE 8
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

HISTORIC FAIRMOUNT PARK LOOP HIKE. 10-11 miles, moderate pace. See historic mansions of Fairmount Park (Hatfield House, Smith House, Rockland, Chamounix, Lemon Hill, Mount Pleasant, Ormiston, Laurel Hill, Woodford, and Strawberry). Cross Ben Franklin Bridge into Phila. Take Vine Street Expressway (I-676 West) to 22nd St. and go short distance, then left onto Ben Franklin Pkwy. Take Parkway (right hand lanes) past Art Museum onto Kelly Drive. Turn left into the new Lloyd Hall public parking at the beginning of Boat House Row. If this parking is full or unavailable, park on either side of the road just across Kelly Drive & walk back to Lloyd Hall. Heavy rain cancels; call leader if in doubt. NP- Leader: Jerry Goldstein, 609-859-8133, mail to: jerryhyker@yahoo.com.

JUNE 9
Thursday
6:00 pm

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, S. Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Blvd cancels. See April7 listing for details.

JUNE 9
Thursday
7:30 pm



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

JUNE 10
Friday
7:00 pm

FRIDAY NIGHT FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See April 1 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com.

JUNE 10-12
Fri.-Sun.

JANE ISLAND KAYAKING WEEKEND. Kayak, camp or bike this weekend on the Chesapeake Bay at Jane Island State Park. We will be kayaking both days on the many water trails around the Island and Little Annemessex River. We will be camping at Jane Island SP in the one of the camping loops, limited number of cabins are available. Saturday night we will visit Christfield and enjoy an all you can eat crab fest, blue claw and soft shell. Minimum of 13' kayak and spray skirt required. Contact leader by May 27th to register and reserve a spot plus additional information. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve. Or pis1@cccnj.net

JUNE 11
Saturday
10:00 am

BELLEPLAIN FOREST BEGINNERS HIKE. 7 miles, moderate pace. See April 27 for a full description of this hike. Meet at Belleplain Main Office. Off of Route 550, between Woodbine and Belleplain (DMS 39 14 36.85 N 74 50 58.29" W) (www.nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/parks/belle.html). NC/NP. Leader: Scott Eves, 609-805-1463. Please e-mail me for directions at: cscotteves@gmail.com

JUNE 12
Sunday
10:00 a.m.

"SOME PEOPLE CALL ME MAURICE" RIVER PADDLE, but it is pronounced like "Morris" the cat. Start at Willow Grove and end at Sherman Avenue about 7 hours later. Pack lunch and water, bug and sun protection. Volunteer shuttle. Leader: Vicki S., 856-256-9568 or ravingwriter@gmail.com

JUNE 13

Monday
8:30 a.m.



PAKIM POND PATHS. 6-8 miles, moderate pace. Hopefully it won't be too hot. Bring plenty of fluids, and energy bar, we make no stops for lunch. Sunscreen and spray will be needed. We will hike trails, sand roads and maybe a fire cut or two. If you bring a dog make sure you have a lot of water. I'll have a lot of cookies. Note start time. Leader: Faye, h 732-363-9242, c 912-433-8257 bearberrygirl@aol.com co-leader: Jay walkinginmud@aol.com c 908-692-5765.

JUNE 15

Wednesday
6:00 p.m.

SUNSET & FULL "STRAWBERRY" MOON PADDLING TRIP.

This will be a joint trip with the Great Bay paddlers. We will paddle in the beautiful historic Barnegat Bay off of Harvey Cedars. The length and direction of the paddle will be determined based on the weather conditions at the time of the paddle. If you can, please bring "munchies" and refreshments to enjoy for our gathering after the paddle. Meeting place Sunset Park. **Sunset Park is located under the Harvey Cedars water tower located on Salem Avenue and the Bay. This is the first traffic light in Harvey Cedars.** Confirm your attendance AT LEAST TWO (2) DAYS PRIOR TO THE TRIP! If you have not previously paddled with the club, please contact the trip leader prior to the paddle to discuss equipment needed and required skills Trip Leader for OCSJ: Marie Scott contact marie.gbpaddlers@gmail.com

JUNE 15

Wednesday
8:00 p.m.

STRAWBERRY MOON HIKE. 7 miles, moderate pace, LP. Hear a symphony of Spring; quackers, screamers, whistlers, croakers, and whippoorwills. We look for sunset and moonrise at the same time. Bad weather cancels. Meet at Batsto Village Parking. Leaders, Dave & Julie Hegelien, 856-235-8792.

JUNE 16

Thursday
9:00 a.m.



CANOE / KAYAK TOMS RIVER. Follow the route of the Annual Toms River Canoe Race without the competition. Ten miles of changing scenery and river conditions from park and forest to open bay and river. Contact leaders to confirm participation. We will meet at Friendly's on Rt. 37, just past mile post 4, on the East bound side. Come early and join us for breakfast. Bring six quarters for the parking meter at the take out. Joe Logan, 609-634-1542, or mayandpops@aol.com

JUNE 16

Thursday
6:00 p.m.

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, S. Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Blvd. cancels. See April 7 listing for details.

JUNE 17

Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NIGHT FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See April 1 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com.

JUNE 17-19

Friday thru Sunday

HISTORIC CAPE MAY WEEKEND. Refer to page 9 for all details.

JUNE 18

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

CLAYTON PARK. 5 miles, easy to moderate pace. We explore the wooded trails along the Doctor's Creek in this Monmouth County Park. Direction from I-195: take Exit 11 (Imlaystown/Cox's Corner) and turn south on Rt 43. At first intersection make left on Rt. 526 then immediate right back on to Rt. 43. After a mile, turn left on Emley's Hill Road. Park is on the left. Leaders: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com and Marilyn Miller, 732-240-0328.

JUNE 18
Saturday
10:00 a.m.



SUSQUEHANNA RIVER KAYAK TRIP. The river is mostly “slow and majestic” as we pass the historic Rockville Bridge, it’s the longest stone arch bridge in the world, popular for photography buffs. We’ll paddle by an island that’s the ONLY one on this area of the Susquehanna that is the chosen nesting site for Snowy Egrets and Black-Crowned Herons – last year they were treated to great views of nests, fledglings, etc. There are many islands large and small in this stretch – we’ll wind our way through them on our way to the take out point, Marysville Boat Ramp off Rt. 850, at the mouth of the Conodoguinet River. We’ll have paddled close to downtown Harrisburg also by this time, so we will have views of the capitol building, reputedly one of the most beautiful in the country. Optional Camping at Gifford Pinchot State Park Friday night & Saturday. Contact leader to confirm your participation and other logistical information. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 evenings only or pis1@cccnj.net

JUNE 18
Saturday
2:00 pm

LATE AFTERNOON LOTUS BLOSSOM HUNT ON THE EGG HARBOR RIVER PADDLE. Meet at Weymouth Furnace Park. Paddle to the Lake to Lolly-gag. No time clock punchers, please. Leader: Vicki S. 856-256-9568 or ravingwriter@gmail.com

JUNE 19
Sunday
9:30 a.m.

CANOE THE DELAWARE RIVER - FRENCHTOWN TO BULL’S ISLAND. Meeting at Kingwood Access located on Rt. 29 near Frenchtown, NJ. Prefer some whitewater exp. No rentals! (Must wear Pfd, or don't show, and listen to safety talk on rapids). Must Call Leader between 6 to 10 p.m. evenings or Sat- No Last Minute calls or e-Mails. Leader: Harry Barok, 985-6172 or Harrykaraoke7@aol.com

JUNE 19
Sunday
10:00 a.m.

JOSEPH TRUJILLO MEMORIAL HIKE. 5 miles easy to moderate pace. We'll hike to one of Joe's favorite place's, then back to Harrisville Pond for a picnic. bring something to share and a chair. Leader will provide grill, table, utensils, hot dogs, ice tea. Those who just want to picnic and remember Joe come between 12-12:30. Meet at Harrisville pond Rt. 679. Leader Christine Denneler, 856-461-5379.

JUNE 20
Monday
8:30 a.m.



BRENDAN BYRNE STATE FOREST. 6-8 mi. moderate pace. Beat the heat with me. Come early. I'll figure out where we're going at some point. Bring spray, sunscreen, lots of liquid, and snack to eat while walking since we only make minimal stops. We'll be back around noon if you want to have an early lunch at the pond or campsites. Be on time, as I don't leave late. Meet at the field across from the campsites Leader: Faye, h 732-363-9242, c 912-433-8257 bearberrygirl@aol.com co-leader: Jay walkinginmud@aol.com c 908-692-5765.

JUNE 23
Thursday
6:00 p.m.

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, S. Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Boulevard cancels. See April 7 listing for details.

JUNE 24
Friday
7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY NIGHT FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See April 1 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com.

JUNE 25

Saturday

9:00 a.m.



CANOE/KAYAK THE N. BRANCH RANCOCAS CREEK. Join me for a 10-mile trip on my favorite Pinelands waterway and look for turtles sunning themselves along the way. We'll paddle from the trailhead behind Burlington County Community College to Smithville. Meet at the Canoe Trail launch ramp on W.Rancocas Road, off Rt. 530 in Pemberton. Leader is an "early riser", so contact him between 4 a.m. and 7 p.m. if you have any questions. Participants **MUST** be ready to shuttle at 9 a.m. so arrive early to unload your boat and gear. Rentals are not available. Leader: Dave Lynch Cell, 609-784-4066 or e-mail dlynch50@verizon.net

JUNE 25

Saturday

10:00 a.m.

LAMBERTVILLE TO BULL'S ISLAND. Meeting Place: D & R Parking - a mile N of Lambertville on Rt. 29, just before the Rt. 202 Bridge. Turn left at Jimison Farm and drive to the parking. Description: Stay in shape over the summer. A casual hike on the towpath. Stop in New Hope if you wish. Bring plenty of liquid, as it could be hot. Distance: Miles: 7 or 14. Those who wish to break off at Stockton and return to New Hope on their own will have a 7 mile hike. Pace: Moderate Leader: George Galcik, 856-783-8329, georgegalcik@comcast.net Hike Conditions: Probably dry, Normal stops. NP. NC.

JUNE 25

Saturday

6:00 p.m.

SUNSET SALT MARSH PADDLE. Join us for the magic as nature comes to rest at the end of the day and prepares for the peace of the evening. Harriers, Ospreys, Great Blue Herons, Egrets, Marsh Wrens, Redwing Blackbirds all attend to final details for the day as they yield control of the sky to the emerging twilight. Even the wind comes to rest, pausing to witness the panoramic vista as the setting sun floods the western sky with color. Quiet surrounds you as all the creatures of the day breath deep the lingering warmth. With a sigh of contentment, stars twinkle a herald to the unique end of another day. Sunset on the salt marsh is always a unique experience. No two are ever the same. Trip will leave from either English Creek Marina, located at the southern tip of Wharf Road off Somers Point-Mays Landing Road, or Jeffers Landing at the end of Jeffers Landing Road off Somers Point-Mays Landing Road. Bring your own liquid and munchies, occasionally insect repellent is helpful at the launch site as well as waterproof binoculars for viewing the wild life. Contact leader for registration and additional information. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve. or pis1@cccnj.net

JUNE 26

Sunday

9:00 a.m.



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JUNE 26

Sunday

9:00 a.m.

BATTLE OF THE BATSTO. Meet at Atsion Ranger Station Parking Lot Route will be Hampton Forge to Batsto Lake. This is a long trip and a long shuttle which includes a sand road. Leader: Vicki S., 856-256-9568 or ravingwriter@gmail.com

JUNE 27

Monday

8:30 a.m.

HARRISVILLE POND. 6-8 miles, moderate pace. Beat the heat with a refreshing hike around the pond to Martha Furnace. There will be a few stops to wet your face and soak your

handkerchief along the way. There's a short side trip to a wonderful, memorable spring on the Oswego River. Bring spray, sunscreen, trail snack and plenty of water. We do not stop for lunch. Leader: Faye bearberrygirl@aol.com h 732-363-9242 c 912-433-8257 co-leader Jay walkinginmud@aol.com c 908-692-5765.

JUNE 30
Thursday
6:00 p.m.

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, S. Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Boulevard cancels. See April 7 listing for details.

JULY 2
Saturday
2:00 p.m.

LATE AFTERNOON LOTUS BLOSSOM HUNT ON THE EGG HARBOR RIVER PADDLE #2. Meet at Weymouth Furnace Park. Paddle to the Lake to Lolly-gag. No time clock punchers, please. Leader: Vicki S. 856-256-9568 or ravingwriter@gmail.com

JULY 4
Monday
10:00 a.m.



FOURTH OF JULY ON THE MAURICE RIVER. Meet at Garden Road, south side, we paddle to & across Union Lake thru the less populated stretch looking for shady spots. Pack lunch and hydration; also bug and sun protection. Be prepared to go for ice cream after. Leader: Vicki S., 856-256-9568 or ravingwriter@gmail.com

WASHINGTON DC BUS TRIP AND SELF- GUIDED TOUR **Saturday, May 7, 2011**

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3. If your address has changed, please indicate new address. If you move, please file a change of address card with us.
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5. Membership forms may be downloaded from the OCSJ website (www.ocsj.org)

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