

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 Happy New Year**

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### **MONDAY, JANUARY 2**

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### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 3 — Governor's Mt., Ringwood State Park**

*Leader:* Dave Hogenauer, 973-901-0824

*Meet:* 10 AM at the second parking lot beyond Ringwood Manor. About 7 miles at a moderate pace without much change in elevation. We will hike the Cooper Union Trail to Governor's Mt. with a wonderful view over the reservoir. Snow will shorten the length of the walk. Bring lunch and water.

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4 — Washington Valley Park, Martinsville**

*Leader:* Peter Beck, 201-274-4471, [petebeck\\_00@yahoo.com](mailto:petebeck_00@yahoo.com)

*Meet:* 10 AM at Newman's Lane parking lot for a 2 hour 3- to 4-mile hike on undulating terrain. Follow directions on the TSR website to the Newmans Lane parking lot.

### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 5 — Sebago Boat Launch, Harriman State Park, NY**

*Leader:* George Kalosieh, 973-200-0969

*Meet:* 10 AM at Lake Sebago Boat Launch in Harriman State Park. This will be a moderately strenuous hike, approx. 6- to 7-miles long, with lunch near Pine Meadow Lake. The hike includes several steep climbs up Diamond Mountain.

### **ALT. THURSDAY, JANUARY 5 — Tourne Park, Boonton Township**

*Leader:* Diane Willer, 973-627-4046, cell 973-713-3066, [dwiller34@gmail.com](mailto:dwiller34@gmail.com)

*Meet:* 10 AM. We will hike 5+ miles on a variety of trails. If there is sufficient snow, we will snowshoe. Bring lunch, water, hiking boots and traction devices. You MUST REGISTER with the leader the day before the hike.

### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 7 — Watchung Reservation, Mountainside**

*Leader:* Angela Coble, 908-420-7915 (only call morning of hike if necessary)

*Meet:* 10 AM Trailside parking lot Coles Ave. Various trails 4+ miles. Moderately brisk pace. Boots recommended. Traction devices if icy. Rain cancels.

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 — Cheesequake State Park, Matawan**

*Leader:* Pat Horsch, cell 908-693-8331, email [phorsch@verizon.net](mailto:phorsch@verizon.net)

*Meet:* 10 AM at the Park Office, no entrance fee off-season. This will be a moderate hike of 4 to 5 miles, approx. 2 hours as conditions permit on a variety of trails in a diverse blend of ecosystems. There will be some level terrain, ups and downs, and boardwalks. Wear good hiking boots. Traction devices required if snow cover. Bring water and a snack.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 9 — Cooper Mill, Chester**

*Leader:* Betty Mills, 973-975-5264

*Meet:* 10 AM at Cooper Gristmill parking lot on Rt. 24/153 for a walk along the Black River.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 10**

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**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11 — Sourland Preserve, Hillsborough**

*Leader:* Dave Hogenauer, 973-901-0824

*Meet:* 10 AM at the parking lot. We will hike through the amazing boulder field in this park of huge trees in central Jersey. A 3-mile hike at an easy (uphill) to moderate pace.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 12 — Ladentown, Harriman State Park, NY (Southern Map)**

*Leader:* Stuart Falls, 347-623-3953

*Meet:* 10 AM, ready to hike, at Diltz Rd. parking area. Take Exit 13 off the Palisades Interstate Parkway, turn right on Rt. 202 to Ladentown Rd., turn right on Mountain Rd., then left on Diltz Rd. Park in the gravel lot on the right. This hike will go on TMI, to path, up Iron Mountain, around Second Reservoir, with lunch at the shelter. We will return on the SBM and Mini Swamp trails. This will be a steady paced, 8-mile hike that can be strenuous for some. Bring traction aids.

**ALT. THURSDAY, JANUARY 12 — Wawayanda State Park, Hewitt**

*Leaders:* Carolyn and Jim Canfield, 973-728-9774

*Meet:* 10 AM at the Wawayanda Boat Launch. The route for this moderate winter 6-mile hike will depend upon trail conditions.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 14 — Norvin Green State Forest, Wanaque**

*Leader:* John Crump, cell 973-534-6168, [johnmcrump@yahoo.com](mailto:johnmcrump@yahoo.com)

*Meet:* 10 AM at Weis Ecology Center parking lot. See TSR website for directions under Norvin Green SF. We will hike about 4 to 5 miles over rolling terrain with hilltop views at Wyanokie High Point.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 — Watchung Reservation, Mountainside**

*Leader:* Bill LaChance, 973-216-8748

*Meet:* 10 AM at Trailside Nature Center parking lot on Coles Ave. A 4+ mile hike at a moderate pace. Boots strongly recommended.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 16 — Oakdale, S. Mtn. Res., W. Orange**

*Leader:* Dave Hogenauer, 973-901-0824

*Meet:* 10 AM at the Oakdale (Paddle Boat) parking lot on Cherry Lane, 0.3 miles south of the light on the corner of Pleasant Valley Way and Northfield Ave. or 0.9 miles north of the light at South Orange Ave. and Brookside Dr. We will walk about 2.5 miles at an easy pace starting on the paved Valley View Drive and then walking the Oakdale Trail and returning to our cars across the open fields.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 17 — Wanaque Ridge, Haskell**

*Leader:* Steve Koehler, 908-526-1309, [k1oehler@yahoo.com](mailto:k1oehler@yahoo.com), cell day of hike only 908-705-0721

*Meet:* 10 AM at Ramapo Mountain State Forest, West Side, Back Beach Park, Haskell, NJ. A 5- to 6-mile loop climbing to scenic Ramapo Lake, then the western ridge of the Ramapo Mountains. A moderate hike overall, but with a few relatively short steep climbs. Panoramic views of the lake, Wanaque Reservoir, the Wyanokies, and some “culture” via Native American rock art.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18 — Seeley’s Pond/Watchung Reservation, Mountainside**

*Leader:* Lynda Goldschein, 908-757-7058, cell day of hike only 908-347-5012

*Meet:* 10 AM at Seeley’s Pond parking lot. Hike about 4.5 miles, 2.5 hours. One or two uphill sections, the rest fairly level. Hiking boots and walking stick recommended. Bring hat or sunglasses as the sun will be directly in your eyes.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 19 — Lake Skannatati, Harriman State Park, NY**

*Leader:* Stuart Falls, 347-623-3953

*Meet:* 10 AM, ready to hike. We will hike on the LP, Beech, Red Cross, and ASB trails. The terrain is easy with few climbs, but the pace will be increased to compensate. Total distance will be 7.5 to 8.5 miles, depending on trail conditions. Bring traction aids.

**ALT. THURSDAY, JANUARY 19 — Silas Condict County Park, Kinnelon**

*Leader:* Diane Willer, 973-627-4046, cell 973-713-3066, [dwiller34@gmail.com](mailto:dwiller34@gmail.com)

*Meet:* 10 AM at parking lot across from picnic pavilion. A moderate hike of about 5 miles. In the morning we will hike a 3-mile rugged trail with some ups and downs, nice views and some interesting features. After lunch along the shore of Canty’s Lake, we will wander on the parks’ older trails. Opportunity for an early out either before or after lunch. Bring lunch, water and traction devices. Hiking boots are necessary for this rocky trail. You MUST REGISTER with the leader the day before the hike.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 — Duke Farms, Hillsborough**

*Leader:* Donna Schweitzer, 908-433-4321, [dschweitzeremail@aol.com](mailto:dschweitzeremail@aol.com)

*Meet:* 10 AM in front of Visitor’s Center. Easy, flat, and mostly paved paths. We will cover 5 to 6 miles passing locations such as: the coach house, variety of

statues, old foundation, orchid range, hay barn, and lakes. If open, we'll stop inside the orchid greenhouse to see what is in bloom. Bring water. Wear appropriate footwear. Inclement weather cancels.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 22 — Manasquan Reservoir, Howell**

*Leader:* Donna Schweitzer, 908-433-4321, [dschweitzeremail@aol.com](mailto:dschweitzeremail@aol.com)

*Meet:* 10 AM by Visitor's Center/Boat launch. Easy and flat walk at a moderately brisk pace. We'll walk the 5-mile perimeter of the Manasquan Reservoir. It is a 770 acre reservoir located inside the 1208 acre park which includes woods and wetlands along with an Environmental Center. This park is popular with locals and the most visited park in Monmouth County. Address: 311 Windeler Road, Howell, NJ 07731.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 23 — Loantaka Brook Reservation, Morris Twp.**

*Leader:* Len Shnitzer, 732-499-9176

*Meet:* 10 AM at South Street parking lot for a level hike on the horse trail. Hiking boots recommended because trail can be muddy.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 24 — Weis Ecology Center, Norvin Green State Park, Ringwood**

*Leader:* Ray Adam, 973-476-9897

*Meet:* 10 AM in parking lot for a 6- to 7-mile hike on various trails; traction devices may be needed.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25 — Watchung Reservation, Mountainside**

*Leader:* Pat Horsch, cell 908-693-8331, [phorsch@verizon.net](mailto:phorsch@verizon.net)

*Meet:* 10 AM at Trailside Nature Center parking lot on Coles Ave. We will do a 4- to 5-mile hike on leader's choice of trails, approximately 2 hours. Easy to moderate terrain. Boots recommended, bring water. Traction devices required if snow cover. Inclement weather cancels.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 26 — Reeves Meadow Visitor Center, Harriman State Park, NY**

*Leader:* Ray Adam, 973-476-9897

*Meet:* 10 AM at the Reeves Meadow Visitor Center. This moderately strenuous hike will be approx. 9 miles long. Trail conditions will determine route. Early out will be available. Traction devices may be needed.

**ALT. THURSDAY, JANUARY 26 — Allamuchy Mtn. State Park, Hackettstown**

*Leader:* Dave Hogenauer, 973-901-0824

*Meet:* 10 AM at the Allamuchy (Panther Valley) parking lot. We will hike to Deer Pond, around it and back. Approx. 6 miles at a moderate pace. If needed, bring snow shoes or ice-grippers.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 28 — Tourne Park, Boonton Township**

*Leaders:* Charlie Stepnowski, 862-200-3956 and Bijoy Mechery, [bmechery@msn.com](mailto:bmechery@msn.com), cell 908-487-8482

*Meet:* 9:45 AM for a 10 AM start. Go past maintenance shed to meet in the next and last parking lot on left. Hike is about 5 miles, 2 to 3 hours at a brisk pace. Not recommended for beginners. Leader's choice of trails. Wear proper hiking boots and bring water. If snow or ice are on ground you should wear traction devices. Poles would be helpful in slippery conditions. GPS address: 89 Old Boonton Road, Denville, N.J. 07834.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 — Tulip Springs, South Mtn. Reserv., S. Orange**

*Leader:* Angela Coble, 908-420-7915 only call morning of hike if necessary  
*Meet:* 10 AM Tulip Springs parking lot to the right and back by the picnic area off Cherry Lane, a continuation of Brookside Ave., Millburn, just north of So. Orange Ave. Various trails, 4+ miles, moderately brisk pace. Boots recommended. Traction devices if icy. Rain cancels.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 30 — Jockey Hollow National Park, Morristown**

*Leader:* Len Shnitzer, 732-499-9176  
*Meet:* 10 AM Visitor Center parking lot for a pleasant walk in our National Park.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 31**

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**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1 — Locust Grove/South Mountain Reservation, Millburn**

*Leader:* Marcia Sheldon, 732-574-1144, cell day of hike only 908-380-0867  
*Meet:* 10 AM at Locust Grove parking lot opposite Millburn RR Station. Moderate pace for 2 to 3 hours. Boots required, traction devices or snowshoes if ice or snow conditions present. Bring water and snack. Severe weather cancels.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2 — Ramapo Valley County Reservation, Mahwah**

*Leader:* George Kalosieh, 973-200-0969  
*Meet:* 10 AM at the Ramapo Valley County Reservation parking lot off Rt.202 in Mahwah. This hike travels on less used areas of the reservation, passing MacMillan Reservoir, and eventually climbing to a panoramic viewpoint overlooking the Manhattan Skyline. This moderately strenuous hike will be approx. 8 miles long. Traction aids may be required.

**ALT. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

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**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4 — Split Rock Reservoir, Rockaway Township**

*Leader:* John Crump, cell 973-534-6168, [johnmcrump@yahoo.com](mailto:johnmcrump@yahoo.com)

*Meet:* 10 AM at Split Rock Reservoir Boat Launch Parking lot. See TSR website for directions under Fanny Area #4. We will hike about 5 miles over rolling hills, mostly in the Wildcat Ridge Wildlife Management Area. Total ascent is 964 feet. We will view Split Rock Reservoir, one of the premier quiet kayaking lakes in New Jersey and adjoining hills.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5 — Round Valley Recreation Area, Lebanon**

*Leader:* Pat Horsch, cell 908-693-8331, email [phorsch@verizon.net](mailto:phorsch@verizon.net)

*Meet:* 10 AM South Parking Area. Stay to the right after passing through the main gate, no entrance fee off-season. This will be a moderate hike of 4 to 5 miles on the Cushetunk and other trails, with scenic views of the reservoir. It is a mixture of level terrain, ups and downs, and one substantial hill. Boots required. Traction devices needed if there has been recent snowfall. Bring water and snack.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6 — Watchung Reservation, Mountainside**

*Leader:* Len Shnitzer, 732-499-9176

*Meet:* 10 AM at Trailside Nature and Science Center parking lot on Coles Ave. Enjoy a nearly level walk through the woods and around the lake.

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**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8 — Watchung Reservation, Mountainside**

*Leader:* Marcia Sheldon, 732-574-1144, cell day of hike only 908-380-0867

*Meet:* 10 AM at Trailside Nature Center. Moderate pace for 2 to 3 hours. Boots required, traction devices or snowshoes if ice or snow conditions present. Bring water and snack. Severe weather cancels.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9 — State Line Lookout, Palisades Interstate Parkway, Alpine**

*Leader:* Ron Kuhns, 201-836-5256

*Meet:* 10 AM at the State Line Lookout (see club website for directions). This moderately strenuous hike will be about 7 miles long and will utilize various trails through Alpine and the Rockleigh Woods.

**ALT. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

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**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11— Hacklebarney State Park, Long Valley**

*Leader:* Brooke Tippens, 973-902-5650, [brooketippens@gmail.com](mailto:brooketippens@gmail.com)

*Meet:* 10 AM in the parking lot near the kiosk. This will be about a 4-mile, 2-hour hike at a pace to allow picture taking along the Black River with some waterfalls and scenic views. Combination of paved paths and rocky trails. Suitable for beginners. Hiking boots required. Bring water. The leader will bring baked goods.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

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**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13 — Tulip Springs, S. Mtn. Res., W. Orange**

*Leader:* Len Shnitzer, 732-499-9176

*Meet:* 10 AM at Tulip Springs parking lot, for a hike over to Hemlock Falls and back. Easy walk along the river.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 — Mountainside Park, Pequannock**

*Leader:* David Sutter, [dsutt@gmail.com](mailto:dsutt@gmail.com)

*Meet:* 10 AM at Home Depot parking lot on 106 Rt. 23 North, Riverdale. Take I287 to Rt. 23 North and in 5 mins at light on right is Home Depot. Hike is about 6 miles at a moderate pace from my backyard.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15 — Somerset County Environmental Education Center, 190 Lord Stirling Road, Basking Ridge**

*Leader:* Angela Coble, call morning of hike only 908-420-7915

*Meet:* 10 AM Various trails, 4 mile hike. Moderate pace. Boots recommended. Traction devices if icy. Rain cancels.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

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**ALT. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16 — Pine Meadow Lake, Harriman State Park, NY**

*Leader:* Dave Hogenauer, 973-901-0824

*Meet:* 10 AM at Reeves Meadow Visitor Center (see TSR website directions Harriman State Park locations off Seven Lakes Drive). We will hike to Pine Meadow Lake, around it and back. Approx. 6.5 miles at a moderate pace. If needed, bring snow shoes or ice-grippers.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18 — Midwinter 3 Boardwalk walk, Seaside to Lavalette**

*Leader:* Gary Petrie, 732-257-0137

*Meet:* 10:30 AM at entrance to Island Beach State Park. We will then move to another parking space. We will walk on three different boardwalks, Seaside, Ortley Beach and Lavalette). Things will be quiet on the Eastern Front. The trip will not be a bored walk and not as a last resort. The coast will be clear and a sight for shore eyes. About 5 to 6 miles. Bad weather may cancel. Please register with leader. Directions: Take Garden State Parkway Exit 82 (Toms River). NOTE late start.

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19 — Williamsburg Walk, NYC**

*Leader:* Ed Leibowitz, 201-332-1709, [eleibow@verizon.net](mailto:eleibow@verizon.net)

*Meet:* 10 AM at 59<sup>th</sup> Street and Lexington Ave in Manhattan. We will walk at a moderate pace from Manhattan over the Queensboro Bridge through Queens into Williamsburg section of Brooklyn, where we will stop for lunch at Whole Foods. There are many restaurants near Whole Foods. Bring water and bring lunch, if you prefer. After lunch we will walk through Williamsburg and over the Williamsburg Bridge into Manhattan. Distance 6 to 8 miles. There are drop-out points before the end of the walk. Time approximately 6 hours including lunch. Rain or snow on day of walk cancels. You MUST REGISTER with Ed Leibowitz by telephone or email on or before noon on Feb 18. I will provide directions to meeting place after you register.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20 — Washington Rock, S. Mtn. Reservation, Millburn**

*Leader:* Dave Hogenauer, 973-901-0824

*Meet:* 10 AM at the Dog Park/Wildflower Garden (former Deer Paddock) in South Mt. Reservation (see map). We will walk the mile to the spot from which Washington is said to have observed the Battle of Springfield in the American Revolution. We will use wood's trails and roads, unless there is snow on the ground. In that case we will walk the paved (and plowed) road. Total of 2.5 miles at an easy pace.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 — High Mt. Preserve Park, Wayne**

*Leader:* Ron Kuhns, 201-836-5256

*Meet:* 10 AM at the trail head parking lot on College Ave. See TSR website for directions. We will hike about 6 miles on marked and unmarked trails. Heavy snow cancels.

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 — Osio Rock/Norvin Green SF, Bloomingdale**

*Leader:* Dave Hogenauer, 973-901-0824

*Meet:* 10 AM at Otter Hole on Glenwild Ave. We will hike to Osio Rock with its 360° view, as well as a number of other lookouts along this beautiful section of the Hewitt-Butler Trail. About 3.5 mile hike. There are some moderately steep uphill sections, but



we will take them slowly. The views are worth it. We return along the Torne Trail to bypass the most difficult segments of the trail.

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#### **ALT. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23 — Mahlon Dickerson Reservation, Jefferson**

*Leader:* Diane Willer, 973-627-4046, cell 973-713-3066, [dwiller34@gmail.com](mailto:dwiller34@gmail.com)

*Meet:* 10 AM at Saffin Pond parking lot. Approx. 6-mile hike. Route will depend on weather and trail conditions. We will snowshoe if there is sufficient snow. Bring lunch, water, hiking boots and traction devices. You MUST REGISTER with the leader the day before the hike.

#### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 — Lewis Morris Park, Morristown**

*Leaders:* Charlie Stepnowski, 862-200-3956 and Bijoy Mechery, [bmechery@msn.com](mailto:bmechery@msn.com), cell 908-487-8482

*Meet:* 9:45 AM at the Doe Meadow parking area for a 10 AM start. From the main entrance, go 0.5 mi and turn left into the lot, right side of the parking area. Hike is 5+ miles, 2 to 3 hours at a brisk pace. Not recommended for beginners. Leader's choice of trails. Wear proper hiking boots and bring water. If snow or ice are on ground you should wear traction devices. Poles would be helpful in slippery conditions.

#### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26 — EagleRock Reservation, West Orange**

*Leader:* Pat Horsch, 908-693-8331, [phorsch@verizon.net](mailto:phorsch@verizon.net)

*Meet:* 10 AM in hikers parking area just past the Highlawn Pavilion. 4 to 5 miles of mostly easy terrain with some ups and downs on a mixture of trails. Spectacular view of the NYC skyline from the Essex County 911 Memorial. Wear good hiking boots. Traction devices required if snow cover. Bring water.

#### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27 — Jockey Hollow National Park, Morristown**

*Leader:* Betty Mills, 973-975-5264

*Meet:* 10 AM at Visitor Center parking lot for a pleasant walk in our national park. Wear boots, bring water, steady rain cancels.

#### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28 — Schiff Nature Preserve, Mendham**

*Leader:* Eileen Gavin, 908-334-6215

*Meet:* 10 AM at Schiff parking lot. See TSR website for directions. Be sure to enter the Schiff Natural Lands Trust between the stone pillars. This will be a moderately-paced hike of about 5 miles through woods, a meadow and past two ponds. There are some changes in elevation and a few rocky sections. Hiking boots required. Bring lunch and water.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1 — Pyramid Mountain, Kinnelon**

*Leader:* Dave Sutter, cell morning of hike only 973-568-2721, [dsuttr@gmail.com](mailto:dsuttr@gmail.com)

*Meet:* 10 AM at Pyramid Mountain, Parking lot #2 on TriState Ramblers website.

Moderate paced 4 mile ramble to Tripod Rock with 450 ft. altitude gain.

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**SATURDAY, MARCH 4 — WatchungReservation/Skytop Area, Scotch Plains**

*Leaders:* Arlene Fineman, 908-403-6554 and Pat Horsch, 908-693-8331, [phorsch@verizon.net](mailto:phorsch@verizon.net)

*Meet:* 10 AM at Sky Top Picnic Area parking, GPS address: 2615 Sky Top Drive, Scotch Plains. From Trailside Center drive West on Coles Ave which changes names to Sky Top Drive. Parking is 1.5 miles west of Trailside. From Seeley's Pond, drive 1.6 miles east on Sky Top Drive. Parking areas on both sides of the road. We will do a 4- to 5-mile hike on leaders' choice of trails in an area of the reservation not hiked very often, approx. 2 hours. Easy to moderate terrain. Boots recommended, bring water. Traction devices needed if snow cover. Inclement weather cancels.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 5 — Locust Grove/So. Mtn. Reservation., Millburn**

*Leader:* Angela Coble, 908-420-7915 only call morning of hike if necessary

*Meet:* 10 AM at Locust Grove parking lot across from train station. We will hike various trails, 4+ miles. Moderately brisk pace. Boots recommended. Traction devices if icy. Rain cancels.

**MONDAY, MARCH 6 — Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, Chatham**

*Leader:* Len Shnitzer, 732-499-9176

*Meet:* 10 AM Morris County Educational Center for a level hike to the Laurel Trail. It can be wet after a rain.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 7 — Otter Hole, Norvin Green SP, Bloomingdale**

*Leader:* Ron Kuhns, 201-836-5256

*Meet:* 10 AM at the trail head parking lot off Glenwild Ave which is 3.1 miles off Hamburg Turnpike in Bloomingdale, for a 6-mile hike on various trails. See TSR website for complete directions.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8 — Cheesequake State Park, Matawan**

*Leader:* Pat Horsch, cell 908-693-8331, email [phorsch@verizon.net](mailto:phorsch@verizon.net)

*Meet:* 10 AM at the Park Office, no entrance fee off-season. This will be a moderate 4- to 5-mile hike, approximately 2 hours on a variety of trails in a diverse blend of ecosystems. There will be some level terrain, ups and downs and boardwalks. Wear good hiking boots. Traction devices required if snow cover. Bring water and a snack.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 9 — Ramapo Valley County Reservation, Mahwah**

*Leader:* Bob Bieri, 201-664-3813

*Meet:* 10 AM at the Ramapo Valley County Reservation parking lot. We plan to hike on the newly developed Vista, Pond, Ridge, Reservoir, and Marsh Loop trails as well as the Halifax and Havemeyer Trails. This moderately paced hike will be approx. 6.5 to 7 miles long and route may be modified if trail conditions warrant.

**ALT. THURSDAY, MARCH 9 — Jockey Hollow National Park, Morristown**

*Leader:* Gail Biggs, 973-401-1262, cell day of hike only 973-769-6860

*Meet:* 10 AM at the visitor center. Hike 5.5+ miles around Jockey Hollow and over to the Audubon Society via the river route. Lunch at Cross Gardens. Route will depend on the weather. Bring lunch and water.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 11 — Silas Condict County Park, Kinnelon**

*Leader:* John Crump, cell:973-534-6168, [johnmcrump@yahoo.com](mailto:johnmcrump@yahoo.com)

*Meet:* 10 AM at Silas Condict County Park, 100 Kinnelon Rd, Kinnelon, NJ, south end of parking lot. We will hike about 4 to 5 miles over rolling terrain with hilltop views of Stickle Pond and Smoke Rise. This is a moderate hike with a few climbs.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 12 — DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS — Set Clocks Forward**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 12 — Hartshorn Woods/Claypit Creek entrance, Rumson**

*Leader:* Donna Schweitzer, cell 908-433-4321, [dschweitzeremail@aol.com](mailto:dschweitzeremail@aol.com)

*Meet:* 10 AM in the parking lot. Best GPS address: 259 Locust Avenue, Rumson  
Moderate hike with some ups and downs. The Claypit Creek trail and bridge connect Hartshorne Woods with Huber Woods. We will hike about 5 to 6 miles. Bring water and snack. Hiking boots required. Recommend poles since there are multiple roots across the trails. Directions from the Monmouth County Park System website: Garden State Parkway to Exit 109. Southbound, turn left onto Rt. 520. Take jughandle for Half Mile Rd; northbound, go straight at exit. Follow Half Mile Rd. to end. Turn right at traffic light onto East Front St. Follow East Front St. to Hubbard Ave. Turn left onto Hubbard Ave. and follow (.6 mile) to

Navesink River Rd. Turn right onto Navesink River Rd. and continue as it turns into Locust Pointe Road. Turn right onto Locust Ave. Entrance on the right.

**MONDAY, MARCH 13 — Jockey Hollow National Park, Morristown**

*Leader:* Carol Czajkowski, 973-539-4084

*Meet:* 10 AM at Visitor Center parking lot. Leaders choice of easy trails. Boots strongly recommended.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 14 — Jockey Hollow National Park, Morristown**

*Leader:* Gail Biggs, 973-401-1262, [biggs\\_gail@yahoo.com](mailto:biggs_gail@yahoo.com), cell day of hike only 973-769-6860

*Meet:* 10 AM at Visitors' Center. Hike 5.5+ miles around Jockey Hollow and over to the Audubon Society via the river route. Lunch at Cross Gardens. Route will depend on weather. Bring lots of water and lunch.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15**

No hike is scheduled as of this printing. Leaders wishing to lead a hike are encouraged to post a hike on YahooGroups three days prior to this date. Send the listing to [Tristateramblers@YahooGroups.Com](mailto:Tristateramblers@YahooGroups.Com). TriState Rambler sign-in sheets can be obtained from our website.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 16 — Sebago Boat Launch, Harriman State Park, NY**

*Leader:* Ray Adam, 973-476-9897

*Meet:* 10 AM at the Sebago Boat Launch. This moderately strenuous hike will be approx. 8 miles long. Trail conditions will determine route to be taken.

**ALT. THURSDAY, MARCH 16**

No hike is scheduled as of this printing. Leaders wishing to lead a hike are encouraged to post a hike on YahooGroups three days prior to this date. Send the listing to [Tristateramblers@YahooGroups.Com](mailto:Tristateramblers@YahooGroups.Com). TriState Rambler sign-in sheets can be obtained from our website.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 18 — Turkey Mt./Pyramid Mountain, Montville**

*Leaders:* Charlie Stepnowski, 862-200-3956 and Bijoy Mechery, [bmechery@msn.com](mailto:bmechery@msn.com), cell 908-487-8482

*Meet:* 9:45 AM for 10 AM departure at Pyramid Mt. Visitors Center parking lot. If lot is full, you can park along Boonton Ave. or Mars Court. Brisk pace, 2.5 to 3.5 hours, 5+ miles. Not recommended for beginners. Leader's choice of trails. Boots recommended. Bring water and snack. Inclement weather cancels.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 19 — Merrill Creek Reservoir, Washington**

*Leader:* Pat Horsch, cell 908-693-8331, [phorsch@verizon.net](mailto:phorsch@verizon.net)

*Meet:* 10 AM at Visitors Center parking area (to the right after entering the area). Leave extra travel time if you have not been here before, as it is not GPS friendly for some systems. See TSR website for directions. This will be an easy but

scenic hike of 6 miles around the reservoir (about 3 hrs) with a few ups and downs and some rocky areas. Bring water and snacks or light lunch for a brief stop midway. Boots required and traction devices if there is snow cover.

**MONDAY, MARCH 20 — Black River, Cooper Mill, Chester**

*Leader:* Betty Mills, 973-975-5264

*Meet:* 10 AM at Cooper Gristmill parking lot on Rt. 24/153 for a pleasant walk along the Black River. Hiking Boots. Steady rain cancels.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 21 — Ramapo Reservation, Mahwah**

*Leader:* Bob Bieri, 201-664-3813

*Meet:* 10 AM at the Ramapo Valley Reservation parking lot off Rt. 202. This 5- to 6-mile, moderately paced hike, will include the newly formed Vista, Reservoir, and Marsh " Loop " trails. Half of the hike will be three new trails which were blazed to form the loops. The trail conference did a good job blazing these interesting trails.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22 — Seeley's Pond/Watchung Reservation, Mountainside**

*Leader:* Lynda Goldschein, 908-757-7058, cell day of hike only 908-347-5012

*Meet:* 10 AM at Seeley's Pond parking lot. Hike about 4.5 miles, 2.5 hours. One or two uphill sections, the rest fairly level. Hiking boots and walking stick recommended. Bring hat or sunglasses as the sun will be directly in your eyes.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 23 — Lake Skannatati, Harriman State Park, NY**

*Leader:* George Kalosieh, 973-200-0969

*Meet:* 10 AM at Lake Skannatati in Harriman State Park. This will be a moderately strenuous hike, approx. 7 to 8 miles long. Hike to include ASB and LP and possibly the Lichen Trail if trail conditions allow.

**ALT. THURSDAY, MARCH 23 — High Mtn. Preserve Park, Wayne**

*Leader:* Ed Mancuso, cell 917-714-9411

*Meet:* 10 AM at College Avenue trailhead. Depending on weather and trail conditions, we will hike 5 to 7 miles with some water crossings and a few moderate uphill sections. The pace will be moderate, and we should have a skyline view at our lunch stop. Bring water. Hiking boots strongly recommended.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 25 — Cheesequake State Park, Matawan**

*Leader:* Jay Dibble, 908-289-8813

*Meet:* 10 AM sharp at the large parking area adjacent to the lake. 4+ miles at a moderate pace over both flat and hilly terrain. Rain or snow cover cancels the hike.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 26 — Turkey Mountain Loop/Pyramid Mt., Montville**

*Leader:* Louis Thompson, 732-577-9413, cell day of hike only 732-239-1012

*Meet:* 10 AM at Pyramid Mountain Visitor Center parking lot. We will hike 5 to 6 miles at a moderate pace, on the yellow, white, green, red and blue trails, passing a beaver dam, hopefully some cascades, and the Lake Valhalla overlook. Bring lunch, water, and hiking boots. Hike should end by 1:30 PM. Steady rain cancels.

**MONDAY, MARCH 27 — Loantaka Brook Reservation. Morris Twp.**

*Leader:* Terry Kulmane, 973-644-4547

*Meet:* 10 AM at South Street parking lot for a level hike on the horse trail. Will look and listen for frogs who mate around this time. Hiking boots recommended because trail can be muddy.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 28 — Wawayanda State Park, Hewitt**

*Leader:* Paul Sanderson, cell day of hike only 908-838-5466

*Meet:* 10 AM at the Wawayanda Park Office. A moderate hike of about 7 miles with mostly level terrain. We will take the Hoeflerlin Trail south to the Double Pond Trail, Red Dot Trail, Iron Mountain Trail coming back to the office via the AT.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29 — Ringwood Manor, Ringwood State Park**

*Leader:* Ed Mancuso, 973-744-4788, [edmancuso@aol.com](mailto:edmancuso@aol.com)

*Meet:* 10 AM at Ringwood Manor, Parking lot B. Cooper Union Trail to Governor Mountain. It is a 5-mile hike, moderate pace, in and out, mostly same trail, some climbing and view of Wanaque Reservoir while we break for snack.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 30 — Elk Pen, Harriman State Park, NY**

*Leader:* Ray Adam, 973-476-9897

*Meet:* 9:30 AM at the Arden Parking Area (Elk Pen). This strenuous hike, along the AT, will be approx. 9 miles long and will involve a shuttle. NOTE early start.

**ALT. THURSDAY, MARCH 30**

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**SATURDAY, APRIL 1 — DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR OAK LEAF**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 1 — AT/Rattlesnake Swamp Loop, Delaware Water Gap NRA, Columbia**

*Leader:* Pat Horsch, cell 908-693-8331, [phorsch@verizon.net](mailto:phorsch@verizon.net)

*Meet:* 10 AM at Millbrook Road AT parking, see club directions under Delaware Water Gap NRA. What better way to celebrate April Fools' Day than to look for rattlesnakes in a swamp? We will do a 7-mile loop on the Appalachian Trail and Rattlesnake Swamp Trail, with scenic views from the AT ridge and Catfish Pond.

Elevation gain is moderate, but terrain is rocky on the AT and there may be some swampy areas if there has been rain. Hiking boots required, traction devices if there is still snow cover, poles recommended. Bring lunch, snacks, water, and a sense of humor. Steady rain cancels.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 2 — 4 Birds Indian Cliffs, Rockaway**

*Leader:* Jean Fletcher, 973-285-5263, cell 973-452-1567

*Meet:* 10 AM at the Boy Scout Camp Winnebago/Farny State Park parking lot for a moderately paced 4 to 6 miles around the camp to the Indian Cliffs above Split Rock Reservoir. One steep hill to the view point, but we will take our time. Trail will be rocky with possible wet or muddy spots. Bring a light lunch and water. We will be done before 3. Seriously inclement weather cancels. DIRECTIONS: From the south take Rt. 80 East or West to Exit 37 Hibernia. Follow the ramp to Green Pond Rd. Go left and continue 6.5 miles to Timberbrook Rd. Turn right. Proceed 1.3 miles (continue on the unpaved road) to sign indicating Farny State Park Hiker Parking. From Rt. 23 North or South take Green Pond Road at Newfoundland. Go 5.1 miles. Turn left onto Timberbrook Rd. Follow the directions above.

**MONDAY, APRIL 3 — Sunrise Lake, Lewis Morris Park, Morristown**

*Leader:* Len Shnitzer, 732-499-9176

*Meet:* 10 AM at lower level parking lot, Sunrise Lake. See TRS website for directions. Enjoy a moderate hike on various trails.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 4 — Turkey Mountain Loop, Pyramid Mt., Montville**

*Leader:* Louis Thompson, 732-577-9413, cell day of hike only 732-239-1012

*Meet:* 10 AM at Pyramid Mountain Visitor Center parking lot. We will hike 5- to 6-miles at a moderate pace, on the yellow, white, green, red and blue trails, passing a beaver dam, hopefully some cascades, and the Lake Valhalla overlook. Bring lunch, water, and hiking boots. Hike should end by 1:30 PM. Steady rain cancels.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5 — Jockey Hollow National Park, Morristown**

*Leader:* Carol O'Keefe, 973-328-7599, [okcarol@optonline.net](mailto:okcarol@optonline.net)

*Meet:* 10 AM at Visitors Center. A moderately paced hike on various trails for about 2 hours. Bring water and maybe a snack.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 6 — Reeves Meadow Visitor Center, Harriman State Park, NY**

*Leader:* Louis Thompson, 732-577-9413, cell day of hike only 732-239-1012

*Meet:* 10 AM at the Reeves Meadow visitor center on Seven Lakes Drive. This moderately strenuous hike will be approx. 8 to 9 miles long, and will travel on the Pine Meadow, Kakiat, Raccoon Brook, and either The Reeves Brook or Seven Hills trails. Hiking boots required. Bring lunch, and plenty of fluids. Steady rain cancels.

**ALT. THURSDAY, APRIL 6 — Pyramid Mountain, Montville**

*Leader:* Jason Briggs, cell 862-228-4972, [jasonbriggs99@gmail.com](mailto:jasonbriggs99@gmail.com)



*Meet:* 10 AM at Pyramid Mtn. visitor center parking lot. We will hike 5 to 6 miles at a moderate pace over hilly terrain. Hiking boots required. Bring lunch and water.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 8 — Apshawa Preserve, West Milford**

*Leaders:* Charlie Stepnowski, 862-200-3956 and Bijoy

Mechery, bmechery@msn.com, cell 908-487-8482

*Meet:* 9:45 AM at parking area for 10 AM start. This is a beautiful, compact, gem of a park. We will do 6 miles at brisk pace, 3 to 4 hrs. Not recommended for beginners. Leader's choice of trails. There is one long climb with other shorter ups and downs. Hiking boots are required. Poles are recommended. Bring water and lunch. Steady rain cancels.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 9 — Cattus Island County Park, Toms River**

*Leader:* Donna Schweitzer, 908-433-4321, dschweitzeremail@aol.com

*Meet:* 10 AM in the main parking lot by the playground and port-a-potty. Let's head south before the summer time beach traffic. Easy and flat. We'll walk approximately 6 miles along marshes, pinelands, and the Bay. This is considered a "beach hike". The trails are boardwalks, wood chips, sand, and pine needles. Bring a snack and water. Address: 1170 Cattus Island Blvd, Toms River, NJ.

**Bike Icon SUNDAY, APRIL 9 — Sandy Hook National Seashore, Highlands**

*Leader:* Pat Horsch, cell 908-693-8331, [phorsch@verizon.net](mailto:phorsch@verizon.net)

*Meet:* 10 AM at Parking Area B (sign may be down, 2<sup>nd</sup> parking area after passing through the gate). No entrance fee off season. 11-mile easy ride to Fort Hancock and back on the paved bike trail, with stops at the lighthouse and other points of interest. Road bikes are fine, but you may prefer hybrid tires if sand has blown over parts of the trail. Bring lunch and water. Rain cancels. Helmets required.

**MONDAY, APRIL 10 — Jockey Hollow National Park, Morristown**

*Leader:* Betty Mills, 973-975-5264

*Meet:* 10 AM Visitor Center parking lot for a pleasant walk in our National Park. Wear boots, bring water, steady rain cancels.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 11 — Cherry Blossom Festival, Branch Brook Park, Newark**

*Leader:* Dave Hogenauer, 973-901-0824

*Meet:* 10 AM at the Visitors Center. This is the largest display of cherry blossoms in the US. Truly spectacular if we hit it at its peak. A 7-mile walk at a moderate pace on mostly level, paved paths, although not entirely. Time for photographs at various points.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12 — Seeley's Pond/Watchung Reservation, Mountainside**

*Leader:* Lynda Goldschein, 908-757-7058, cell day of hike only 908-347-5012



*Meet:* 10 AM at Seeley's Pond parking lot. Hike about 4.5 miles, 2.5 hours. One or two uphill sections, the rest fairly level. Hiking boots and walking stick recommended. Bring hat or sunglasses as the sun will be directly in your eyes.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 13 — Ramapo Valley County Reservation, Mahwah**

*Leader:* Kathie Grifone, 201-891-5161, cell 201-819-0460

*Meet:* 10 AM at the Ramapo Reservation parking lot off Rt. 202 in Mahwah. This moderate 7-mile hike will include several uphill climbs.

**ALT. THURSDAY, APRIL 13 — Kincaid Trail, Pyramid Mtn., Kinnelon**

*Leader:* Gail Biggs, 973-401-1262, cell day of hike only 973-769-6860

*Meet:* 10 AM at Kincaid Trail entrance. A 6- to 7-mile lollipop hike from Kincaid entrance past Bear Rock to lunch with a view. We will follow the new Red trail back to Kincaid. Hiking boots required. Bring lunch and water.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 15 — Mountainside Park, Pequannock**

*Leader:* John Crump, cell 973-534-6168, [johnmcrump@yahoo.com](mailto:johnmcrump@yahoo.com)

*Meet:* 10 AM at Mountainside Park parking lot. We will hike about 5 miles over rolling hills with a few steep sections. This park is next to Route 287 but we will hike mostly on the quiet side of hill. Directions: Take I-287 to Exit 52 (Riverdale/Wayne/Butler) to NJ 23 South. In 0.7 mile, turn right onto County Alt. 511, then immediately turn right again onto West Parkway. In 0.8 mile, turn right onto Mountain Avenue, and continue for 1.0 mile (passing under I-287) to a dead-end at the parking area for Mountainside Park. Park on one side of street as needed as parking lot is small.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 16 — Woods Road Bushwhack/Hike/Delaware Water Gap NRA**

*Leader:* Pat Horsch, cell 908-693-8331 or email [phorsch@verizon.net](mailto:phorsch@verizon.net)

*Meet:* 9:30 AM Delaware Water Gap Dunnfield Creek/A.T. Parking Lot. Due to reduced parking availability, recommend carpooling and/or arriving early. Contact leader for more info. This hike is for the more adventurous hikers, not for beginners. We will start on a short segment on the AT, then turn off and bushwhack for approx. 2 miles along an old woods road that is seldom hiked. Some areas are well defined and some not so much. Terrain is somewhat rugged but moderate. Explore old ruins and come out on Old Mine Road, where we will follow the road to the Farview Trail and return to the cars on marked trails. 7 miles total, 4 to 5 hours. Bring lunch, snacks, and plenty of water. Boots required, poles recommended. Steady rain cancels. NOTE early start time.

**MONDAY, APRIL 17 — Frelinghuysen Arboretum, Morristown**

*Leader:* Terry Kulmane, 973-644-4547, cell day of hike only 908-418-7476

*Meet:* 10 AM at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum parking lot. Walk around arboretum and back along Whippany River. Bring lunch to eat in the gardens if you wish.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 18 — Wawayanda State Park, Hewitt**

*Leader:* Kathie Grifone, 201-891-5161, cell 201-819-0460

*Meet:* 10 AM at the boat launch. We will hike about 6 miles around the lake. There are only a few moderate uphill. Bring water and wear boots.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19 — Cherry Blossom Festival, Branch Brook Park, Newark**

*Leader:* Dave Hogenauer, 973-901-0824

*Meet:* 10 AM at the Cherry Blossom Visitors Center. We will walk about 3 miles mostly on paved paths taking time for photos – all at a slow to moderate pace. This is the largest cherry blossom display in the US – a true gem of an asset for northern New Jersey.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 20 — Ramapo Mountain State Forest, Oakland**

*Leader:* Mike Handelsman, 718-884-2869, [hikermike7@msn.com](mailto:hikermike7@msn.com)

*Meet:* 10 AM at the upper parking lot on Skyline Drive. We will hike 8 to 9 miles in this scenic and hilly area. The hike starts with the Schuber Trail, with lunch likely at the east-looking ridge view where the yellow trail joins. A rest stop at Matapan Rock gives us a west-looking view on the return. The pace will be moderate to brisk. GPS coordinates: 41.04754, -74.25161.

**ALT. THURSDAY, APRIL 20 — Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC), Dingmans Ferry, PA**

*Leader:* Chuck Pollack, 973-584-5913, cell day of hike only 973-714-7070

*Co-Leader:* Bill Montick, 973-239-1045

*Meet:* 10 AM at the visitor center parking lot at the PEEC. This will be a 6-mile hike with an easy out for those wanting a shorter hike. We will hike a variety of trails. See a waterfall, walk through a hemlock forest and see views of the Delaware Valley and the Kittany Mountains. Bring lunch and water. You MUST REGISTER with the leader the day before the hike.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 22 — Parlin/Sayreville Roundabout**

*Leader:* Gary Petrie, 732-257-0137. Call leader the day before hike to register.

*Meet:* 9:30 AM at East Brunswick Route 18 and Tices Lane at Boston Market in Mid-State Mall. This 6- to 7-mile walk will begin and end in the park. We will be walking through residential areas, and along the Raritan River waterfront, where you will see a former sight of the largest brick manufacturer in the country. This extinct company had miles of kiln sheds producing brick in everlasting quantities. You'll read about it when you are there. NOTE early start.

**Bike Icon SATURDAY, APRIL 22 — D&R Canal Towpath/Frenchtown Loop**

*Leader:* Jean Fletcher, 973-285-5263, cell on day of trip only 973-452-1563, [jrfletc@optonline.net](mailto:jrfletc@optonline.net)

*Meet:* 10 AM at River Road and Bridge Street, Frenchtown, NJ, parking area for the D&R Canal State Park, <http://www.dandrcanal.com/pdf/parkmap.pdf> . We will cycle along the Delaware River on the former towpaths of the D&R Canal, now parks in 2 states. Lunch at Bulls Island, approximately 9 miles downriver with an

option to go further south to Stockton. Hybrid tires or better. Bring lunch and water and carry money for refreshment stop. Helmets required. Arrive early, parking fills quickly. Must register with leader by 6:00 previous day. Rain cancels. Directions: Take I-78 to Exit 15, Clinton, left onto County Route 513 through Pittstown all the way into Frenchtown to the Bridge.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 23 — Norvin Green State Forest, Wanaque**

*Leader:* Jay Dibble, 908-289-8813

*Meet:* 10 AM at Weis Ecology Center parking lot. A 6.5 miles hike at moderate pace. The hike is moderate to strenuous going out, easy to moderate coming back. Beautiful views. Bring lunch.

**MONDAY, APRIL 24 — Tourne Park, Boonton**

*Leader:* Jim McKay, 973-538-0756, cell 973-879-0669, [jimmckay@verizon.net](mailto:jimmckay@verizon.net)

*Meet:* 10 AM at parking lot for a 3-mile, 1.5 hour hike. We will hike to St. Therese's shrine on Rock lane and back on marked and unmarked trails. Optional lunch at the end.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 25 — Cat's Elbow Loop, Harriman State Park, NY**

*Leader:* Joyce Breach, 973-875-4376, [jbreach@ptd.net](mailto:jbreach@ptd.net); cell day of hike only 973-229-9140

*Meet:* 10 AM at Anthony Wayne parking lot, Harriman SP. A 6-mile hike with 1500 foot elevation gain on the Fawn Trail, AT, Timp Torne, RD and Beechy Bottom Road. Approx. 4 hours.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26 — Jockey Hollow National Park, Morristown**

*Leader:* Ed Mancuso, 973-744-4788, [edmanuso@aol.com](mailto:edmanuso@aol.com)

*Meet:* 10 AM at Visitor's Center. 4- to 5-mile hike on various trails.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 27 — Wawayanda State Park, Hewitt**

*Leader:* Kathie Grifone, 201-891-5161, cell 201-819-0460

*Meet:* 10 AM at the Wawayanda Boat Launch. This hike will be approx. 8 miles long and will have a few up hill climbs. Rain cancels.

**ALT. THURSDAY, APRIL 27 — Millbrook Village/Orchard/Pioneer Trails and Van Campens Glen Loop, Columbia**

*Leader:* Ken Saloway, cell 973-885-6461, [ksaloway@optonline.net](mailto:ksaloway@optonline.net)

*Co-Leaders:* Chuck Pollack and Bill Montick

*Meet:* 10 AM at the Millbrook Village parking lot (see TSR website directions for Delaware Water Gap #5). This is an easy to moderate, very enjoyable loop hike covering 6+ miles in the Delaware Water Gap area. Lunch will be at a lovely waterfall. After lunch, we will follow a stream gorge upstream as we head back to Millbrook Village. Bring lunch and water. You **MUST REGISTER** with the leader no later than midday the day before the hike.

### **Canoe Icon FRIDAY, APRIL 28 — Saxon Lake/Musconetcong River, Stanhope**

*Leaders:* Stan and Bev Kaltnecker, 201-602-4074

*Meet:* 10 AM at Waterloo Road parking lot, 1087 Waterloo Road, Stanhope, NJ 07874 (GPS 40.8969, 74.7911). Enjoy a nice scenic paddle in the early Spring with high water and “up a lazy river” (about an hour upstream) then back and around Saxon Lake for a total trip time about 3 hours. Directions: Take 1-80 to exit 25/Rt. 206 north; go 0.5 miles on Rt. 206 north to ramp on right to Continental Drive. Follow brown signs toward Waterloo Village; proceed 0.5 miles to stop light; turn right; continue one mile to turn left at “T” intersection (Waterloo Road/CR604). After 3.3 miles the NJ State parking area (small) is on the left (river side) immediately after an abandoned white building. This is our launch site. See canoeing general instructions. You must register with the leader the day before the event. A personal flotation device must be worn.

### **Bike Icon FRIDAY, APRIL 28 — Kittatiny State Park, Andover**

*Leader:* Gloria Friedman, 973-295-6864, cell on morning of trip 973-886-9662

*Meet:* 10 AM at Limecrest Road parking lot. The trees will be budding for a 23 mile ride through farmlands with a few moderate hills. Bring lunch or you can buy it at a store where we'll be stopping to eat. Helmets required.

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 29 — Wolf Rocks, Wind Gap, PA**

*Leader:* Pat Horsch, cell 908-693-8331, [phorsch@verizon.net](mailto:phorsch@verizon.net)

*Meet:* 9:15 AM at the AT parking area on PA115 (just off PA33) in Wind Gap.

Closest street address for GPS is 893 North Broadway in Wind Gap, PA.

Directions: Take I-78 West into PA to PA33North 14 miles to exit for PA512N/Broadway toward Bath/Wind Gap. DO NOT make a right on 512N where it splits from Broadway about 1.8 miles after getting off 33. Continue straight to trailhead parking on the right, across from Indian Steps trailer park. Alternate: Take I-80 West into PA to Exit 304 for 209S and continue on PA33S to the exit for PA115. Turn left onto 115 and drive under PA33. Lot will be a short distance on the left.

We will shuttle as many cars as needed to the start of the hike at Fox Gap on PA191, where we will hike the AT southbound back to the meeting spot. This 8.6 mile hike is rocky and has some nice scenic views, highlighted by Wolf Rocks. Not much elevation change other than a downhill at the end. The hike should take about 6 hours, including a lunch break and shuttle time. Bring lunch, snacks, and plenty of water. Sturdy boots are needed for the rocky terrain, hiking poles recommended. NOTE early start.

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 30**

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**Canoe Icon SUNDAY, APRIL 30 — Delaware and Raritan Canal, Princeton**

*Leader:* Donna Schweitzer, 908-433-4321, [dschweitzeremail@aol.com](mailto:dschweitzeremail@aol.com)

*Meet:* 10 AM at Canal Parking lot on 774 Mapleton Road, Princeton, NJ 08050. (GPS 40.3426, -74.6295). We'll paddle for 2 to 3 hours on the Delaware and Raritan canal by Princeton. A relaxing paddle that is good for beginners and sightseers. Hope to see turtles, heron, other wildlife, and flowers. No rentals available. Wear water shoes or old sneakers. Dress according to the weather (avoid cotton clothing). Any boat length is OK. Suggest to bring water, hat, sunglasses, camera, suntan lotion. See Canoeing General Instructions.

*Directions:* From NJ Turnpike Exit 9: Go North on Rt. 18 1 mi. to Rt. 1 south. On Rt. 1 southbound, drive 15.1 mi. exiting at Mapleton Rd. on right. Continue on Mapleton Rd. 1.4 mi. to parking entrance on left. You must register with leader the day before the event. A personal flotation device must be worn.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 30 — DEADLINE FOR LISTING HIKES IN NEXT SCHEDULE**

**MONDAY, MAY 1 — Old fashioned Picnic in New Location, Turtle Back Rock, S. Mtn. Res., W. Orange.**

*Leader:* Len Shnitzer, 732-499-9176

*Meet:* 10 AM at Turtle Back Rock parking area for a shady walk. Bring picnic goodies to share after the hike. Non hikers very welcome.

**TUESDAY, MAY 2 — Reeves Meadow Visitor Center, Harriman SP, NY**

*Leader:* Louis Thompson, 732-577-9413, cell day of hike only 732-239-1012

*Meet:* 10 AM at the Reeves Meadow visitor center on Seven Lakes Drive. The hike will be a moderately strenuous 6- to 7-miles on the Pine Meadow, Kakiat, and Raccoon Brook trails. Hiking boots required. Bring lunch, and plenty of fluids. Steady rain cancels.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 3**

No hike is scheduled as of this printing. Leaders wishing to lead a hike are encouraged to post a hike on YahooGroups three days prior to this date. Send the listing to [Tristateramblers@YahooGroups.Com](mailto:Tristateramblers@YahooGroups.Com). TriState Rambler sign-in sheets can be obtained from our website.

**THURSDAY, MAY 4 — Buttermilk Falls, Stokes State Forest, Branchville**

*Leader:* Joyce Breach, 973-875-4376, cell day of hike only 973-229-9140, [jbreach@ptd.net](mailto:jbreach@ptd.net)

*Meet:* 10 AM at Buttermilk Falls parking lot. This moderately strenuous hike will be 6 to 7 miles long. We will hike up the falls trail to the AT, on to Crater Lake, and Hemlock Pond. We will return on the woods road.

**ALT. THURSDAY, MAY 4 — Parker Cabin Mtn., Harriman State Park, NY**

*Leader:* Dave Hogenauer, 973-901-0824

*Meet:* 10 AM at the small parking lot on Route 106 where the White Bar crosses the road. Directions: from the Sloatsburg exit on the NY Thruway take Route 17 North for 7.3 miles to a traffic light for Routes 17A and 106 (left turn). At the top of the exit ramp, turn right and drive 2.3 miles to a small parking area tucked away between the trees on the right. We will hike over Car Pond Mtn. to Lake Skannatati, then up Parker Cabin Mtn. Approx. 7 miles at a moderate pace including some rock scrambles and a bushwhack at the end.

**Canoe Icon FRIDAY, MAY 5 — Wawayanda State Park, Hewitt**

*Leader:* Henry Fernandez, 973-462-7747, [henry8000@yahoo.com](mailto:henry8000@yahoo.com)

*Meet:* 10 AM at Wawayanda State Park, Boat Launch Parking. Spend a day on a pretty lake with easy paddling. Rentals may be available. See Canoeing General Instructions. You must register with leader the day before. A personal flotation device must be worn.

**SATURDAY, MAY 6 — Frelinghuysen Arboretum, Morristown**

*Leader:* John Gilris, 973-386-1168

*Meet:* 10 AM at Frelinghuysen Arboretum parking lot. Walk 3 miles around arboretum to Acorn Hall and back along Whippany River. Then cross street and continue another 2 to 4 miles on Patriots' Path; whatever walkers prefer. Good for beginners.

**SUNDAY, MAY 7 — Lake Sonoma/Overlook Rock/Manaticut Point Short Loop from Crescent Drive, Norvin Green State Forest, Ringwood**

*Leader:* Bill LaChance, 973-216-8748, [bglachance@yahoo.com](mailto:bglachance@yahoo.com)

*Meet:* 10 AM for a 4.7 mile hike at a moderate pace. This loop hike goes by Lake Sonoma and climbs to Overlook Rock and several other panoramic viewpoints. Trailhead GPS Coordinates 41.090898,-74.319349 Directions: Take Skyline Drive to its northwestern terminus at Greenwood Lake Turnpike (County Route 511). Turn left and proceed south for 1.6 miles to West Brook Road. Turn right onto West Brook Road and cross the Wanaque Reservoir on a narrow causeway. At the next T-junction, turn left and proceed for 0.8 mile to Magee Road. Turn right onto Magee Road and take the first left onto Burnt Meadow Road. Continue for 0.9 mile and turn left at the SECOND intersection with Crescent Drive. Continue for 0.2 mile until you reach a huge boulder on the right side of the road, just beyond a curve (this location is also marked by a sign placed by the Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders). Park along the side of the road.

**Bike Icon SUNDAY, MAY 7 — Columbia Trail, High Bridge**

*Leader:* Pat Horsch, cell 908-693-8331, [phorsch@verizon.net](mailto:phorsch@verizon.net)

*Meet:* 9:30 AM at the Columbia Trail parking area in HighBridge. Bike the entire length of the rail trail to Bartley and back, about 30miles. Ride can be shortened if needed. Hybrid tires or better. Bring lunch and plenty of water. Rain cancels. Must register with leader via email or phone by May 6. Helmets required. NOTE early start time.



**MONDAY, MAY 8 — Black River, Cooper Mill, Chester**

*Leader:* Betty Mills, 973-975-5264

*Meet:* 10 AM at Cooper Gristmill parking lot on Rt. 24/153 for a pleasant walk along the Black River. Hiking Boots, Steady rain cancels.

**TUESDAY, MAY 9 — Reeves Meadow Visitor Center, Harriman SP, NY**

*Leader:* Bob Bieri, 201-664-3813

*Meet:* 10 AM at the Reeves Meadow Visitors Center off Seven Lakes Drive. This moderately paced, 6-mile hike, will include the Pine Meadow, Stoney Brook, Kakiat, Raccoon Brook, and Reeves Brook Trails.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 10 — Seeley's Pond/Watchung Res., Mountainside**

*Leader:* Lynda Goldschein, 908-757-7058, cell day of hike only 908-347-5012

*Meet:* 10 AM at Seeley's Pond parking lot. Hike about 4.5 miles, 2.5 hours. One or two uphill sections, the rest fairly level. Hiking boots and walking stick recommended.

**THURSDAY, MAY 11 — Hartshorne Woods, Atlantic Highlands**

*Leader:* Louis Thompson, 732-577-9413, cell day of hike only 732-239-1012

*Meet:* 10 AM at the Buttermilk Valley parking area, 307 Navesink Ave., Atlantic Highlands, NJ. This will be a moderately strenuous 8 to 9 mile hike on the Laurel Ridge Trail, where we hope to see lots of Mountain Laurel in bloom. We will also hike through some very pretty forest on the Grand Tour, Rocky Point, and Cuesta Ridge trails. We will pass a historic gun battery, and the Navesink River. Hiking boots are required. Bring lunch and lots of water. Steady rain cancels.

**ALT. THURSDAY, MAY 11 — North Allamuchy State Park, Stanhope**

*Leaders:* Stan and Bev Kaltnecker, 201-602-4074

*Meet:* 10 AM at Waterloo Road and Sussex Branch parking lot (see TSR website directions Allamuchy Mountain State Park #3). We will hike approx. 5.5 miles at a moderate pace on various trails over hilly terrain. Sussex Branch, red (Range Loop), white, yellow (Pebble Loop) and Highlands, stopping at a vista for a light lunch. Bring lunch and water. Rain cancels. You MUST REGISTER with the leaders the day before the hike.

**Canoe Icon FRIDAY MAY 12 — Split Rock Reservoir**

*Leader:* Jean Fletcher, 973-285-5263, [jfletc@optonline.net](mailto:jfletc@optonline.net), cell day of trip only 973-452-1567

*Meet:* 10 AM at the Split Rock Reservoir Fisherman's Parking Lot, 345 Split Rock Road, Boonton Twp, NJ 07005. (GPS 40.9625, -74.4575). See directions to Fisherman's Parking at Split Rock Reservoir listed under Farney Area on TSR website. On Google Maps, use "Split Rock Reservoir Car Top Boat Launch". The launch area can be challenging due to rocks and a hill but this reservoir is worth the effort. Kayak wheels will be available; we can help each other get the boats down and back up. Split Rock is a 625 acre body of water located on wooded

property on the borders of Rockaway Township and Kinnelon. Anticipate possible wind. Bring lunch. We will find a place to eat while paddling. See canoeing general instructions. You must register the day before. A personal flotation device must be worn.

**SATURDAY, MAY 13 — Pinwheel Vista & Pochuck Boardwalk, Glenwood**

*Leader:* Pat Horsch, cell 908-693-8331, phorsch@verizon.net

*Meet:* 9:15 AM at the CR517 A.T. parking area along the road, just south of Carol Dr. in Glenwood. Street address 893 County Rd. 517, Glenwood, NJ. GPS 41.235905, -74.480405. Look for hiker crossing sign. Shuttle some of the cars to the hike start in Wawayanda State Park. Hike on the AT southbound to Pinwheel Vista, where we will have lunch and enjoy the beautiful views. Steep hike down the Stairway to Heaven and across a cow pasture, Pochuck Boardwalk, and the AT suspension bridge to end at CR517. Approx. 8 to 9 miles, 5 hours plus shuttle time to finish around 3 PM. Terrain is very rugged until the boardwalk section. Boots required, hiking poles highly recommended. Bring lunch and plenty of water. Not suitable for beginners. Registration with leader required by May 12. NOTE early start.

**SUNDAY, MAY 14 — Rambo State Forest, Oakland**

*Leader:* Jay Dibble, 908-289-8813

*Meet:* 10 AM at lower parking lot on skyline drive. A 4.5 miles hike at moderate pace. Two steep sections. Some nice views.

**SUNDAY, MAY 14 — Hartshorne Woods/Atlantic Highlands, NJ**

*Leader:* Louis Thompson, 732-577-9413, cell day of hike only 732-239-1012

*Meet:* 10 AM at the Buttermilk Valley parking area, 307 Navesink Ave., Atlantic Highlands, NJ. This will be a 6 to 7 mile hike on the Laurel Ridge trail where we should have lots of Mountain Laurel in bloom, and through some very pretty forest on the Grand Tour and Cuesta Ridge trails. We will also pass by an historic gun battery, and the Navesink River. Hiking boots required. Bring lunch and lots of water. Steady rain cancels.

**MONDAY, MAY 15 — Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, New Vernon**

*Leaders:* Stan and Bev Kaltnecker – 201-602-4074

*Meet:* 10 AM at the Wilderness Observation Center, New Vernon. See hiking club directions to meeting locations for the Wilderness Observation Center either #2 or #3. We will then drive one mile to the start of the hike on the Orange Trail in and out. Bring boots and poles. Heavy rain cancels.

**TUESDAY, MAY 16 — Buttermilk Falls, Stokes State Forest, Branchville**

*Leader:* Alan Breach, 973-875-4376, cell day of hike only 973-229-9140

*Meet:* 10 AM at Buttermilk Falls parking lot. This is a 6- to 7-mile loop hike to the AT via Buttermilk Falls Trail to Crater Lake and back. We will hike at a moderate pace with an early elevation gain to AT. Option of hiking around Crater Lake adding 1 mile to hike will be discussed.



**WEDNESDAY, MAY 17 — Mahlon Dickerson Reservation, Jefferson**

*Leader:* Carol O'Keefe, 973-328-7599, [okcarol@optonline.net](mailto:okcarol@optonline.net)

*Meet:* 10 AM at the Saffin Pond parking lot. A moderately paced hike on various trails for about 2 hours. Bring water and maybe a snack.

**THURSDAY, MAY 18 — Schunemunk Mountain State Park, Mountainville, NY**

*Leader:* Alan Breach, 973-875-4376, cell day of hike only 973-229-9140

*Meet:* 10 AM at the Schunemunk Parking Area. This moderately strenuous 8 plus mile hike has 14 stars and an interesting rock formation (Megaliths). Trails will include Jessup, Ridge to Ridge, and Sweet Clover.

**ALT. THURSDAY, MAY 18 — Scherman Hoffman Wildlife Sanctuary, Bernardsville**

*Leaders:* Meg Fernandez, cell 908-612-9527, [megfernandez@msn.com](mailto:megfernandez@msn.com) and Gail Biggs, 973-769-6860, [biggsgail@yahoo.com](mailto:biggsgail@yahoo.com)

*Meet:* 10 AM at the lower parking lot on Hardscrabble Road (NOT the upper parking lot next to the Audubon building). Hike 5.5 miles along the river and up to the Cross Estate Garden in full bloom. Bring lunch and water.

**Canoe Icon FRIDAY MAY 19 — Cranberry Lake, Byram Township**

*Leaders:* Stan and Bev Kaltnecker, 201-602-4074

*Meet:* 10 AM at NJ State Parking Lot and launch area off South Shore Road. (GPS 40.9506, -74.7370) DIRECTIONS: Rt. -80 West to Exit 25. Go

approximately 3.5 miles on Rt. 206 West to left turn onto South Shore Road.

Landmarks before South Shore turnoff are Byram Township Fire Department followed by The Stonewood Tavern on the left. Once on South Shore Road go about 100 yards to left turn and continue 200 yards to a sharp right turn up to parking lot and launch area. See canoeing general instructions. You must register with the leaders the day before. A personal flotation device must be worn.

**SATURDAY, MAY 20 — Hartshorne Woods, Atlantic Highlands**

*Leader:* Louis Thompson, 732-577-9413, cell day of hike only 732-239-1012

*Meet:* 10 AM at the Buttermilk Valley parking area, 307 Navesink Ave., Atlantic Highlands, NJ. This will be a 6- to 7-mile hike on the Laurel Ridge trail where we should have lots of Mountain Laurel in bloom, and through some very pretty forest on the Grand Tour and Cuesta Ridge trails. We will also pass by an historic gun battery, and the Navesink River. Hiking boots required. Bring lunch and lots of water. Steady rain cancels.

**Bike Icon SATURDAY, MAY 20 — D&R Canal, Colonial Park, Somerset**

*Leader:* Pat Horsch, cell 908-693-8331, [phorsch@verizon.net](mailto:phorsch@verizon.net)

*Meet:* 10 AM at Colonial Park Area F (closest to the Canal) and enjoy the spring flowers in bloom. Bike on the canal towpath to Lake Carnegie and back, approx.

20 to 25 miles, depending on the group. Lunch stop at Kingston Lock. Hybrid tires or better. Bring lunch, snacks and plenty of water. Rain cancels. Registration required by the evening prior to the event, preferably via email. Helmets required.

### **SUNDAY, MAY 21 — Mt. Minsi/Delaware Water Gap NRA, Delaware Water Gap, PA**

*Leader:* Pat Horsch, cell 908-693-8331, phorsch@verizon.net

*Meet:* 9:30 AM at the Resort Point Overlook parking lot on Rt. 611. Take I-80W into PA (stay to the right at the toll plaza) and take Exit 310 to PA 611South. Watch the signs carefully. Once on 611S, the parking area is on the left about .5 mile after passing through the town of Delaware Water Gap. No facilities at trail head, recommend stopping at the PA Visitors Center when you get off I-80. We will ascend along a little waterfall to meet the Appalachian Trail and head south, enjoying some beautiful views overlooking the Delaware River. We will return on the fire road, then loopback to return to the cars. The terrain mostly moderate but is a little steep and rocky in a few sections. The hike will be approx. 4 hours, 6 miles. Bring snacks and water. Steady rain cancels. Optional stop on the way home for the most incredible pie in the area! NOTE early start time.

### **Canoe Icon SUNDAY MAY 21 — Spruce Run Reservoir, Clinton**

*Leader:* Donna Schweitzer, 908-433-4321, [dschweitzeremail@aol.com](mailto:dschweitzeremail@aol.com)

*Meet:* 10 AM at the car top boat launch at Spruce Run Recreation Area, 68 Van Syckels Road, Clinton, NJ. (Park Entrance GPS 40.6628, -74.9389). Spruce Run Reservoir is the third largest reservoir in New Jersey after Round Valley and Wanaque Reservoirs. No rentals available. We'll paddle for about 2 hours. Wear water shoes or old sneakers. Any boat length is OK. Suggest to bring water, hat, sunglasses, camera, suntan lotion, bug repellent. Directions: From I-78W Exit 17 (Rt-31): Drive north 3 mi. on Rt. 31, past the reservoir on the left, to the light at Van Syckels Rd. (look for sign). Turning onto Van Syckels Rd., proceed 1.5 mi to Park Entrance, turn left into the State Park and follow sign for boat launch. See canoeing general instructions. You must register with leader. A personal flotation device must be worn.

### **MONDAY, MAY 22 — Reservoir Circular, S. Mtn. Res., W. Orange**

*Leader:* Elsie Hajdics, 973-377-2335

*Meet:* 10 AM at Oakdale Picnic Grove parking lot opposite the Paddle Boat area on Cherry Lane for a completely flat hike on the paved path circling the Reservoir and across the spillway on the bridge.

### **TUESDAY, MAY 23 — Hartshorne Woods, Atlantic Highlands, NJ**

*Leader:* Louis Thompson, 732-577-9413, cell day of hike only 732-239-1012

*Meet:* 10 AM at the Buttermilk Valley parking area, 307 Navesink Ave., Atlantic Highlands, NJ. This will be a 6- to 7-mile hike on the Laurel Ridge trail where we should have lots of Mountain Laurel in bloom, and through some very pretty forest on the Grand Tour and Cuesta Ridge trails. We will also pass by a historic

gun battery, and the Navesink River. Hiking boots required. Bring lunch and lots of water. Steady rain cancels.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 24 — Loantaka Brook Reservation, Morris Township**

*Leader:* Meg Fernandez, cell 908-612-9527

*Meet:* 10 AM at the Kitchell Road entrance by the ball field. We will follow the horse trail south across Loantaka Way and return on the Red Path. Approximately 5 miles. Bring snack and water. Boots recommended.

**THURSDAY, MAY 25 — Pyramid Mountain, Montville**

*Leader:* Mike Handelsman, 718-884-2869, [hikermike7@msn.com](mailto:hikermike7@msn.com)

*Meet:* 10 AM at the visitor center on Boonton Ave. We will take the yellow trail in the direction of Bear Rock, then Tripod Rock, and Kakeout Reservoir before returning on the scenic orange blazed Taylortown Reservoir Trail. 8 to 9 miles at a moderate to brisk pace. Park entrance GPS coordinates: 40.94723, -74.38737.

**ALT. THURSDAY, MAY 25 — Cooper Mill, Chester**

*Leader:* Diane Willer, 973-627-4046, cell 973-713-3066, [dwiller34@gmail.com](mailto:dwiller34@gmail.com)

*Meet:* 10 AM Cooper Mill parking lot. We will hike a 6.5-mile lollipop loop on the blue, Patriots' Path and red trails. Bring lunch, water and hiking boots. You MUST REGISTER with the leader the day before the hike.

**SATURDAY, MAY 27 — Silas Condict County Park, Kinnelon**

*Leaders:* Charlie Stepnowski, 862-200-3956 and Bijoy

Mechery, [bmechery@msn.com](mailto:bmechery@msn.com), cell 908-487-8482

*Meet:* 9:30 AM up steep winding road to last parking lot as far as you can go. Hike on leader's choice of trails. Hike is 4+ miles at brisk pace, about 2+ hours. Portions of hike are rugged with lots of ups and downs. Hiking boots are required as is water. Not recommended for beginners. Steady rain cancels. NOTE early start.

**SUNDAY, MAY 28 — Ramapo Valley County Reservation, Mahwah**

*Leader:* Jay Dibble, 908-289-8813

*Meet:* 10 AM at the main parking lot off Rt.202. We'll hike to Ilgenstein Rock via the scenic, but strenuous yellow trail. We shall take an easier route back. Approx. 7 miles. Great views, but a tough hike. Not for beginners. Bring lunch and plenty of water.

**MONDAY, MAY 29, Memorial Day — Presby Iris Garden, Mills Res., Cedar Grove**

*Leader:* Christl Pilot, 973-432-1566

*Meet:* 10 AM at Mills Reservation parking lot for a Memorial day visit to the Presbyterian Iris Garden, a national historical landmark. This will be a short hike, with time in the Iris Garden.

**TUESDAY, MAY 30 — Annual Trail Maintenance Day, Wawayanda State Park, Hewitt**

*Leader:* Dave Hogenauer, 973-901-0824

*Meet:* 10 AM at the Park Office. We will hike the 6 miles of the AT we maintain for the Trail Conference and as we hike clear low hanging branches, small trees fallen across the trail, trash, etc. Nothing major. As we each do a little bit, a lot gets done. We will divide into two groups: one going from Long House Rd. to the Bearfort Ridge State Line, with some steep pitches, the other going from Long House to the Iron Bridge, which is a fairly level segment. Bring work gloves and some trail clearing tool, like lopping shears, hedge clippers, bow saw or ax.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 31 — Watchung Reservation, Mountainside**

*Leader:* Pat Horsch, cell 908-693-8331, [phorsch@verizon.net](mailto:phorsch@verizon.net)

*Meet:* 10 AM at Trailside Nature Center parking lot on Coles Ave. We will do a 4- to 5-mile hike on leader's choice of trails, approximately 2 hours. Easy to moderate terrain. Boots recommended, bring water. Steady rain cancels.

**Bike Icon WEDNESDAY, MAY 31 — Great Swamp Bike and Bird Ride, Morristown**

*Leader:* Gail Biggs, 973-401-1262, [biggsqail@yahoo.com](mailto:biggsqail@yahoo.com), cell day of ride only 973-769-6860

*Meet:* 10 AM Loantaka Brook Reservation, South Street Entrance. A mostly level 20-mile ride with a visit to the Raptor Trust. Some rolling hills. Possible lunch at Kitchell Pond after ride. Helmets required. Must call to ensure ride is on.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 1 — Reeves Meadow Visitor Center, Harriman State Park, NY**

*Leader:* Bob Bieri, 201-664-3813

*Meet:* 10 AM at the Reeves Meadow Visitor Center. This moderately strenuous 7+ mile hike will include hiking the Raccoon Brook Trail end to end. Hopefully we will see Mountain Laurel in bloom.

**ALT. THURSDAY, JUNE 1 — Tettertown/Crystal Springs Preserve, Port Murray**

*Leader:* Steve Gruber, 908-647-3253, [scgruber@verizon.net](mailto:scgruber@verizon.net)

*Meet:* 10 AM at Tettertown Preserve parking lot, Pleasant Grove Road, Port Murray, NJ. Directions: Drive south 7.1 miles on Route 513 from the traffic light in Long Valley. Turn right onto Sliker Road. Drive 1.5 miles and turn right onto Pleasant Grove Road. Drive about 0.9 mile and turn right at the sign for Mountain Farm Section, Tettertown Ravine just past the Nature and Activity Center. Drive past the house and into the parking lot. Coordinates N40 45.087' W074 51.344'. We will hike on the Pond Trail over to the red trail at the Tettertown Preserve and then onto the Crystal Springs Preserve across Pleasant Grove Road for a total of approx. 6 miles. The red trail has some ups and downs, but the rest is flat. Bring lunch and water. You MUST REGISTER with the leader the day before the hike.

**Canoe Icon FRIDAY, JUNE 2 — D&R Canal, Griggstown**

Leaders: Carol Czajkowski and Martin Frahme, 973-539-4084, cell day of trip only 973-580-9859

Meet 11 AM at Griggstown Canoe & Kayak Rental 1076 Canal Rd, Princeton, NJ 08540 (GPS 40.4382, -74.6133) We will meet for lunch, then paddle in the afternoon, so that participants who need to rent a boat can do so. Of course, you can use your own boat. We will paddle towards Blackwells Mills and return to Griggstown. Bring lunch and water. Directions: From 1-287 South Exit 17, (Rts. 202/206 South): Drive 1.5 mi. to split of Rts. 202/206. Take Rt. 206 south 9 miles to the Bellemead Griggstown Road (Rt. 630) on left. Turn onto it, watch for a right/left jog in road, and drive 3.6 miles. At River Rd. (Rt. 533), turn left then right again in 0.1 mile onto Griggstown Causeway. Drive 0.25 mi. crossing the bridges over river and canal to Canal Rd. Turn left onto Canal Rd. and park immediately at the canoe rental facility on the left. See canoeing general instructions. Please register 2 days before the event. A personal flotation device must be worn. NOTE late start time.

### **SATURDAY, JUNE 3 — Apshawa Preserve, West Milford Township**

*Leader:* John Crump, cell 973-534-6168, [johnmcrump@yahoo.com](mailto:johnmcrump@yahoo.com)

*Meet:* 10 AM at only Entrance and Parking Lot. We will hike about 5 miles on this rolling terrain around Butler Reservoir and then up a few hundred feet to nice views and then downhill to cross Apshawa Brook. Depending on time of year, there are some nice waterfalls.

### **Bike Icon SATURDAY, JUNE 3 — Liberty State Park to Governors Island**

*Leader:* Jean Fletcher, 973 285-5263, cell on day of trip 973-452-1563

*Meet:* 9:30 AM at Visitor Center parking lot at Liberty State Park. We will go via water taxi from Liberty State Park, Jersey City to Manhattan, bike through the Battery, board a free ferry to Governors Island. Return by same route. Manhattan route will be in parks and shared with pedestrians. Governors Island has about 2 miles of paved trail <https://govisland.com>. Round trip fare on the Liberty Island Water Taxi is \$12 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens. Governors Island Ferry is free. Food trucks available on the island. OK to bring lunch. No potable water; bring or buy water. There is ample free parking near the Visitor Center. Total biking distance is less than 10 miles. Weather unpleasant for water travel will cancel. Cancellation will be posted by 10 PM previous evening. Registration required by 6:00 previous day. Helmets required. NOTE early start time.

### **SUNDAY, JUNE 4 — Dunnfield Creek Area/Mt. Tammany, Delaware Water Gap NRA**

*Leader:* Pat Horsch, 908-693-8331, [phorsch@verizon.net](mailto:phorsch@verizon.net)

*Meet:* 9:30 AM Delaware Water Gap Dunnfield Creek/A.T. Parking Lot. see TSR website for directions. Arrive early, as the lot fills quickly. Contact leader for alternate parking options. We will do a fairly strenuous, rocky climb at a leisurely pace up the Tammany Trail to enjoy the spectacular view from Mt. Tammany overlooking the Delaware River. We will stop for a snack and photo op, then descend on the Blue Trail to a scenic waterfall. We will continue along Dunnfield

Creek, up the Holly Springs Trail, down the Farview Trail to Old Mine Road, and hike back to the cars on the Karamac trail along the river. Approx. 4 hours. Boots required, poles recommended. Bring lunch, snacks, and plenty of water. Steady rain cancels. Optional trip for the best apple pie on the AT after the hike. NOTE early start.

**MONDAY, JUNE 5 — Sunrise Lake, Lewis Morris Park, Morristown**

*Leaders:* Stan and Bev Kaltnecker 201-602-4074

*Meet:* 10 AM at Sunrise Lake, lowest parking lot down the hill near the boat house. Easy hike mostly on Patriots' Path along the Whippany River.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 6 — Wawayanda State Park, Hewitt**

*Leaders:* Carolyn and Jim Canfield, 973-728-9774

*Meet:* 10 AM at Boat Launch Parking Lot. A 5- to 6-mile moderate loop with lunch at Lake Lookout.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7 — Greenwood Gardens/Short Hills Park, Short Hills**

*Leader:* Gail Waimon, 973-467-4761, cell 973-229-7414

*Meet:* 10 AM for a 4-mile hike on a variety of trails. Moderate pace. Do NOT go through the gate, turn into the park, first right turn (not private home) into driveway to parking area. <http://greenwoodgardens.org/plan-your-visit/directions/>

**THURSDAY, JUNE 8 — Weis Ecology Center/Norvin Green SF, Wanaque**

*Leader:* Dianne Jones, cell 973-224-3967

*Meet:* 10 AM at the Weis Ecology Center parking lot. This will be a strenuous 8-mile hike which will offer great views. We plan to hike on the Mine and Wyanokie Trails to Wyanokie High Point. We'll continue on the Wyanokie Circular Trail to the Will Monroe Loop and take an interesting route back to Weis parking lot. Hiking Boots required. Bring lunch and water.

**ALT. THURSDAY, JUNE 8 — Jockey Hollow National Park, Morristown**

*Leader:* Meg Fernandez, cell 908-612-9527, [megfernandez@msn.com](mailto:megfernandez@msn.com)

*Meet:* 10 AM at Visitor Center parking lot. We will hike 5+ miles at a moderate pace on various trails. Bring lunch and water. Hiking boots strongly recommended.

**Canoe Icon FRIDAY JUNE 9 — Lake Hopatcong's Venetian Waterways (Canals)**

*Leader:* Lise Greene, 973-663-4396, cell day of trip only 973-476-8844, [lise.greene@montclair.edu](mailto:lise.greene@montclair.edu)

*Meet:* 10 AM at Prospect Point Boat Yard, 1 Brady Road, Lake Hopatcong, NJ 07849 (GPS 40.9615, 74.6138). Drive in between the two buildings; launch on ramp straight ahead; park car on the right. We will paddle through the unusual Venetian Waterways (canals) of Lake Hopatcong, visiting the source of the Musconetcong River. This section is completely different from the main lake – quiet serenity, shallow water, and sounds of nature. Start with a brief history of



area, paddle about 2 hours, then have a picnic lunch at the boat yard. Bring your lunch or purchase from the concession stand. Optional paddling after lunch in the northern section of the lake around the Liffy Island natural area. See canoeing general instructions. You must register by the day before the event. A personal flotation device must be worn.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 10 — Hacklebarney State Park, Long Valley**

*Leader:* Brooke Tippens, 973-902-5650, [brooketippens@gmail.com](mailto:brooketippens@gmail.com)

*Meet:* 10 AM in the parking lot near the kiosk. This will be about a 4-mile, 2-hour hike at a pace to allow picture taking along the Black River with some waterfalls and scenic views. Combination of paved paths and rocky trails. Suitable for beginners. Hiking boots required. Bring water. The leader will bring baked goods.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 11 — Terrace Pond, Wanaque State Park, W. Milford**

*Leader:* Jay Dibble, Tel. 908-289-8813

*Meet:* 10 AM see website for directions under Pequannock Watershed, P-7. We will hike 5 miles at a moderate pace. The first half of the hike is fairly easy. The second half is tougher with short, but steep pitches over open rock.

**MONDAY, JUNE 12 — Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, Harding Twsp.**

*Leader:* Betty Mills, 973-975-5264

*Meet:* 10 AM WOC parking area on Long Hill Rd. A new hike! We will be hiking mainly on boardwalks for three miles at the Wilderness Observation Center to see birds, turtles, frogs. Restrooms available nearby. See directions under Great Swamp, Wilderness Observation Center.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 13 — 9th Annual Hike and Picnic, Mahlon Dickerson Reservation, Jefferson**

*Leader:* N/A. For information, call Ellie King 908-233-8411.

*Meet:* The hikes will be announced closer to the picnic date. Picnic will be Potluck and begin at noon. Please bring something to share with 4 to 5 other people. Note: if dropping off food that needs refrigeration, bring your own cooler. We will have our usual free exchange table for hiking, biking, snowshoeing and XC skiing equipment. Clothing, gear, etc. also welcome, but please remember to bring home any items not chosen before you leave.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14 — Cooper Mill, Chester**

*Leader:* Carol O'Keefe, 973-328-7599, [okcarol@optonline.net](mailto:okcarol@optonline.net)

*Meet:* 10 AM at the Cooper Mill parking lot. Hike from the Mill to the Kay Environmental Center. Optional stop at the Mill after the hike. Bring water and/or snack if you intend to visit the Gristmill, a National Historic Site, after the hike.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 15**

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**ALT. THURSDAY, JUNE 15 — Blue Mtn. Lakes, Delaware Water Gap NRA**

*Leaders:* Stan and Bev Kaltnecker 201-602-4074

*Meet:* 10 AM at Blue Mtn. Lake parking lot. Directions: use TSR website directions Delaware Water Gap NRA #5 to Millbrook Village. At Millbrook Village, bear right onto Old Mine Road. Go 1.5 miles and turn right onto Blue Mtn. Lakes Road. Go another 1.5 miles to parking lot on left. Restrooms available. We will hike a 5+ mile loop at a moderate social pace around Blue Mtn. Lake to Hemlock Pond, Indian Rocks scenic overlook and back to parking lot. May extend hike approx. 1/2 mile uphill to Appalachian Trail/Crater Lake Trail and back down (leaders' choice). Rain cancels. You MUST REGISTER with the leaders the day before the hike.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 17 — Watchung Reservation Sierra Trail, Mountainside**

*Leader:* Pat Horsch, cell 908-693-8331, [phorsch@verizon.net](mailto:phorsch@verizon.net)

*Meet:* 9:30 AM at Trailside Nature Center parking lot on Coles Ave.

We will cover the full 10+ mile Sierra Trail to areas of the reservation that are seldom hiked, approx. 5 hours, easy to moderate terrain. We will stop for lunch at the Deserted Village. Boots required, poles suggested. Bring lunch, snacks and water. Steady rain cancels. NOTE early start.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 18**

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**MONDAY, JUNE 19 — Hilltop Reservation, West entrance, North Caldwell**

*Leader:* Louise White, 973-856-3327

*Meet:* 10 AM at big parking lot behind the ball field for a nice walk on a variety of trails. Bring binoculars. Directions: From Bloomfield Ave. Caldwell take Mountain Ave. north to Courter Lane, N. Caldwell. Turn east (right) and drive to parking lot.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 20 — Six Mile Run Reservoir Site, Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park, Somerset (Franklin Township)**

*Co-Leaders:* Debbie Stuart, 908-768-8044 and Gail Biggs, 973-769-6860

*Meet:* 10 AM at Six Mile Run Canal Road Parking Lot: 661 Canal Road, Somerset (Franklin Township), NJ 08873. This 3,037 parcel of land was first acquired in 1970 by the State of New Jersey as a future reservoir site until alternative water supplies were discovered. Rolling hills consisting of forested lands, open fields and streams creating a habitat for a variety of plants and wildlife. Many trails to explore. We will take the marked blue trail, head back on the marked red trail and then pick up the unmarked portion of the red trail that takes us back to Canal Road. A few hundred-yard walk is required on Canal



Road to get back to the parking lot. A moderate hike of about 6.5 miles. 2.5 to 3 hours with a few stops. DIRECTIONS: Take Exit 10 on 287 South. Follow signs for Easton Ave. towards New Brunswick. In about 1 mile turn right onto Cedar Grove Lane. Go about 3 miles and stay in the right lane where Cedar Grove will turn into Amwell Road. Turn left in about a 1/2 mile (after Cedar Grove becomes Amwell Road) onto Van Cleef Rd. In 1.5 miles turn right onto Blackwells Mill Rd. Go .7 miles and turn left onto Canal Rd. In .2 miles the Six Mile Run Canal Rd. lot is on the left. The lot is on Canal Rd. between Blackwells Mill Rd. and Jacques Lane. Across the street from the D&R canal and tow path.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21 — Jockey Hollow National Park, Morristown**

*Leader:* Marcia Sheldon, 732-574-1144, cell day of hike only 908-380-3867

*Meet:* 10 AM at Visitors Center. Moderate pace for 2 to 3 hours. Boots required. Bring water and snack.

**Bike Icon WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21 — Liberty State Park to Weehawken Bicycle Ride.**

*Leader:* Ed Leibowitz, 201-332-1709, [eleibow@verizon.net](mailto:eleibow@verizon.net), cell only after 9:30 AM on June 21 201-850-9649

*Meet:* 10 AM at Liberty State Park parking area at the visitor center. Ride from Liberty State Park through Jersey City, Hoboken, and Weehawken, taking in the beautiful views along the Hudson River. Distance approx. 22 miles. Lunch will be at the Weehawken Ferry Terminal. Must register on or before June 20. Helmets required. Bring lunch and water. Rain cancels.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 22 — Jockey Hollow National Historic Park, Morristown**

*Leader:* Mike Handelsman, 718-884-2869, [hikermike7@msn.com](mailto:hikermike7@msn.com)

*Meet:* 10 AM at the visitor center. We will cover major parts of the Soldier's Huts, Mt. Kemble, and Grand Loop Trails. We will hike 8 to 9 miles on terrain so easy that sneakers will be adequate. Park entrance GPS coordinates: 40.76222, -74.54573.

**ALT. THURSDAY, JUNE 22**

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**Canoe Icon FRIDAY JUNE 23 — Passaic River/Essex Co. Environmental Center, Roseland**

*Leaders:* Carol Czajkowski and Martin Frahme, 973-539-4084, cell day of trip only 973-580-9859

*Meet:* 10 AM at E.C.E.C., 621 Eagle Rock Avenue, Roseland NJ 07068. (GPS 40.8263, 74.3328) Paddle the mighty Passaic River, NJ's longest river. We will go both upstream and downstream (no shuttling cars). We will eat lunch at the Environmental Center. No boat rental available. Directions: From I-80 and I-280

intersection, go east on I-280 3 miles to exit 4A, to Eisenhower Parkway south. Drive 0.5 miles to Eagle Rock Ave., turn right, go 0.5 miles to ECEC on left, their second driveway. Bring lunch and water. Please register 2 days before the event. See canoeing general instructions. A personal flotation device must be worn.

### **SATURDAY, JUNE 24 — Cooper Mill, Chester**

*Leaders:* Bijoy Mechery, [bmechery@msn.com](mailto:bmechery@msn.com), cell 908-487-8482 and Charlie Stepnowski, 862-200-3956

*Meet:* 9:30 AM at parking lot. Hike is about 6+ miles, 3+ hours at brisk pace. Not recommended for beginners. Leader's choice of trails. NOTE early start.

### **Canoe Icon SATURDAY/SUNDAY, JUNE 24-25 — Delaware River Canoe/Kayak/Camping**

*Leader:* Pat Horsch, cell 908-693-8331, [phorsch@verizon.net](mailto:phorsch@verizon.net)

*Meet:* 9 AM at Adventure Sports in Marshalls Creek, PA (GPS 41.0233, -75.1288). Enjoy a scenic and easy 2-day paddle of 15 to 20 miles along the beautiful Delaware River, with some very mild but fun rapids. The river does most of the work for you, good for novice paddlers. We will camp along the Delaware River, with a possible optional hike on Saturday night if we can secure the right camp site. Boat rentals are available, but shuttle service is also available if you have your own boat. PFDs are required and are included with rentals. Pricing will be determined by the number of people in our group. You will need to bring your own camping gear and 2 days of food and water, as there are no concessions on the river. See [www.adventuresport.com/](http://www.adventuresport.com/) for more information. You must register with the leader by June 17 to ensure that we have enough equipment reserved for our group. See canoeing general instructions. Contact leader with any questions. Inclement weather may cancel or shorten to a single day trip.

*Directions:* Take I-80 West into Pennsylvania. Get off Exit 309 (Marshalls Creek).

You can only go one way (US-209 North). Drive 2.3 miles to Adventure Sports on the left. NOTE early start time.

### **SUNDAY, JUNE 25**

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### **MONDAY, JUNE 26 — Locust Grove, S. Mtn. Res., Millburn**

*Leader:* Len Shnitzer, 732-499-9176

*Meet:* 10 AM Locust Grove parking lot opposite Millburn RR Station for a 3-mile hike on various trails. *Directions:* see back cover of hiking schedule.

### **TUESDAY, JUNE 27 — Ramapo Valley County Reservation, Mahwah**

*Leader:* Kathe Serbin, cell 973-715-0491

*Meet:* 10 AM in the parking lot. We will hike various trails on a moderately brisk hike of 6 to 7 miles.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28 — Jockey Hollow National Historic Park, Morristown**

*Leader:* Gail Biggs, 974-401-1262, cell 973-769-6860, [biggsgail@yahoo.com](mailto:biggsgail@yahoo.com)

*Meet:* 10 AM Visitors Center parking lot. A 4- to 5-mile hike on various trails depending on weather conditions. Bring water and snack.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 29 — Bearfort Ridge, Abram S. Hewitt State Park, West Milford**

*Leader:* Sue and Walter Auyeung, cell 610-761-9302

*Meet:* 10 AM at the A&P parking lot (see club website “Abram S. Hewitt State Forest” for directions). Start on the white trail along the mountain ridge, then loop around West Pond and also Surprise Lake on the yellow, AT, State Line, and yellow trails. We would then take the orange trail back. This is a moderately strenuous 7 plus mile hike with a full view of Greenwood Lake, West Pond, and Surprise Lake. An early out on the orange trail is available for those not wanting to loop around West Pond.

**ALT. THURSDAY, JUNE 29 — Tiger Brook Park and Macgregor Preserve, Chester Township**

*Leader:* Steve Gruber, 908-647-3253; [scgruber@verizon.net](mailto:scgruber@verizon.net)

*Meet:* 10 AM at parking lot on Cooper Lane in Chester Township. This will be a moderate hike of about 5 to 6 miles with one short, steep up hill. We will visit an old cabin and picnic area and maybe an old sawmill area. Directions: Route 287N or S to Exit 30B. Go to the traffic light on route 202 and turn right. Go 1.8 miles to the traffic light. Turn left onto Tempe Wicke Road. Drive about 3.5 miles and turn left at the traffic light. Drive about 0.7 miles to the center of Mendham and continue another 4.8 miles to Cooper Lane. Turn left and drive about 1.4 miles to the parking lot and Kiosk on the left.