

SATURDAY, JULY 1 — Mountainside Park, Pequannock Township

Leaders: Charlie Stepnowski, 862-200-3956, and Bijoy Mechery, cell 908-487-8482, bmechery@msn.com

Meet: 9:30 AM at Mountainside Park parking lot. Hike about 5 miles over rolling hills with a few steep sections. Not recommended for beginners. Directions: Take 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 on 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 the street as needed as parking lot is small. NOTE early start time.

SUNDAY, JULY 2 — Watchung Reservation, Mountainside

Leader: Pat Horsch, cell 908-693-8331, 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, approx. 2 hours. Easy to moderate terrain. Boots recommended, bring water. Steady rain cancels.

MONDAY, JULY 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. Around 1.5 hour.

TUESDAY, JULY 4 — Independence Day

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. TriState Rambler sign-in sheets can be obtained from our website.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5 — Cheesequake State Park, Matawan

Leader: Alan Marks, 732-254-7691, cell day of hike only 908-202-8757

Meet: 10 AM at parking lot by the lake. We will hike about 2 hours on trails that Lenape Indians traveled. This is a moderate hike with many ups and downs but with great views of salt and freshwater marshes, open fields, a white cedar swamp and Pine Barrens. Bring water and wear hiking boots or similar footwear. Bring lunch to eat in the picnic area if you wish. There is an entrance fee per car entering the park in season but a NJ senior pass is available free at the Ranger Station. Steady rain cancels.

THURSDAY, JULY 6 — Blue Mountain Loop/Stokes State Forest, Branchville

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

Meet: 10 AM at Steammill Camping Area Parking. See directions for Sunrise Mountain, Stokes State Park. Travel 5 miles on Sunrise Mt. Road, past fork to Sunrise Mt. Parking Area. Parking is on the left after the road turns into a two way. Coordinates and directions from Rt. 23 will be posted before hike date. This moderate, 8.85-mile hike, loops through different natural and historical environments, and includes a few ridge views. Pace will be a good 2 mph with lunch at Spring Cabin.

ALT. THURSDAY, JULY 6 — Wawayanda State Park, Hewitt

Leader: Carolyn and Jim Canfield, 973-728-9774

Meet: 10 AM at the Wawayanda Boat Launch. A moderate 8+-mile hike to enjoy the famous rhododendron in bloom. A few minor ups and downs. Bring lunch and water. Bring Senior Pass for park admission.

SATURDAY, July 8 — Weekend Hikers' Picnic at Sunrise Lake**Picnic Area/Lewis Morris Park, Morristown**

Leader: Jeff Sovelove, Hiker_dood@yahoo.com

You may drop off your dishes beginning at 9:00 at the Gazebo. There will be a two-hour hike starting at 9:30 sharp to work up an appetite, followed by the picnic lunch. NOTE early start time.

SUNDAY, JULY 9

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MONDAY, JULY 10 — Lewis Morris Park, Morristown

Leader: Jim McKay, 973-538-0756, cell 973-879-0669, jrmckay@verizon.net

Meet: 10 AM for a moderately paced, 2.5-mile, 1.5-hour circular hike mostly on the green trail. Directions: On the TSR website follow the Alternative directions to the entrance to Lewis Morris Park. Go past (west) beyond the park entrance for 0.4 mi. to the entrance road to the Cultural Center on left. Parking lot is at the top of the hill on left.

TUESDAY, JULY 11 — Wawayanda State Park, Hewitt

Leader: Paul Sanderson, cell day of hike only 908-838-5466, paulmsanderson@aol.com

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12 — Scherman Hoffman Wildlife Sanctuary, Bernardsville

Leader: Meg Fernandez, cell day of hike only 908-912-9527, megfernandez@msn.com

Meet: 10 AM at the Hoffman Center (Nature Store) parking lot. Restrooms available inside the store. Hike about 2 hours at a moderate social pace. The trail is rocky in places. Wear boots. Bring a snack and plenty of water.

THURSDAY, JULY 13 — 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 8- to 9-mile hike on the Laurel Ridge Trail, and through some very pretty forest on the Grand Tour, Rocky Point, 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.

ALT. THURSDAY, JULY 13 — Jonathan Woods, Denville

Leader: Diane Willer, 973-627-4046, cell 973-713-3066, dwiller34@gmail.com

Meet: 10 AM. We will hike 5 to 6 miles on various trails at a social pace. Bring lunch, water and hiking boots. Directions: I-80 to exit 37 (Hibernia/Green Pond Rd.). Head north on Green Pond Rd. for about 2 miles. Turn right on Meridan Rd. Go about 0.3 mile to Old Beach Glen Rd. and turn right. In about 0.2 mile look for parking lot on the right. You MUST REGISTER with the leader the day before the hike.

FRIDAY, JULY 14 — Lake Aeroflex/Kittatinny Valley SP, Andover

Leader: Diane Willer, 973-627-4046, cell 973-713-3066, dwiller34@gmail.com

Meet: 10 AM at Aeroflex Parking, Kittatinny Valley SP, Lake Aeroflex Rd., Newton, NJ 07860 (GPS 41.0095, -74.7339) This is a pretty lake that we have not visited and it has an easy Launch Ramp. Kayak rentals are available at the boat launch through Andover Hunt and Fish, 973-786-7382. Bring lunch and water. DIRECTIONS: From I80 W take Exit 25. Take Rt. 206 N to Andover (about 6.5 mi. to Exxon Station-2nd light in Andover). Turn right on Lime Crest Rd. (Rt. 669) and go 1 mi. to park entrance on the left. See Canoeing General Instructions. You must call and register with the leader the day before. A personal flotation device must be worn. Joint with IHC.

MONDAY, JULY 24 — Turtle Back Rock, S. Mtn. Res., West Orange

Leader: David Hogenauer, 973-901-0824

Meet: 10 AM at the Turtle Back Rock picnic area off of Walker Avenue in West Orange. We will walk about 2 miles and visit the famous rock where, according to the Lenape Indian creation story, the world started on the back of a turtle. That story will be told in a dramatic rendition at the rock itself. Especially good for children ages 4 and older, so bring a visiting grandchild. Members without grandchildren welcomed as well, of course.

TUESDAY, JULY 25

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

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THURSDAY, JULY 27

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ALT. THURSDAY, JULY 27

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SATURDAY, JULY 29 — Lewis Morris Park, Morristown

Leaders: Charlie Stepnowski, 862-200-3956 and Bijoy Mechery, cell 908-487-8482, bmechery@msn.com

Meet: 9:30 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. NOTE early start time.

SUNDAY, JULY 30

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MONDAY, JULY 31 — Memorial Park, Madison

Leader: Jim McKay, 973-538-0756, cell 973-879-0669, jrmmckay@verizon.net

Meet: 10 AM for an easy 2- to 3-mile walk on various trails. Directions: From Rt. 24 take exit 7 towards Chatham. Go about 2.3 mi. to Rosedale Ave. in Madison and turn right. Go about 0.6 mi. to main Memorial Park. Parking lot on right, opposite Longview Ave.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2 — Oakdale/Paddle Boat Parking Area/S. Mtn. Res., W. Orange

Leader: Dave Hogenauer, 973-901-0824

Meet: 10 AM. We will walk on the paved path along the shore of the reservoir as well as the newly constructed path that connects the reservoir to Tulip Springs. We will take the Turtle Back and Zoo Loop Trails from Tulip Springs and return to our cars around the reservoir. About 3 miles at an easy to moderate pace.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3 — Johnstown Circle, Harriman State Park, NY

Leader: Sue and Walter Auyeung, 973-551-7535, cell day of the hike only 610-761-9302

Meet: 10 AM at Johnstown Circle in Harriman State Park. The hike will start on the Blue Disk Trail, have lunch at Lake Skenonto, and return on the Yellow Triangle and White Bar Trails. This moderately strenuous hike is about 7 miles long, but on a hot summer day will give you quite a workout. Steady rain cancels.

ALT. THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 5 — Turkey Mt./Pyramid Mountain, Montville

Leader: Jay Dibble, Cell 908-209-2936 day of the hike only, jaydib41090@peoplepc.com

Meet: 10 AM Pyramid Mt. Visitors Center parking lot. Hike is 4 to 5 miles at a moderate pace over mostly hilly terrain, some steep sections, hiking boots strongly recommended.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6 — Mahlon-Dickerson Reserv., Jefferson

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

Meet: 9:30 AM at Saffin Pond parking. We will do a 5-mile hike on leader's choice of trails, about 2.5 hours. Easy to moderate terrain. Boots recommended. Bring snack and water. Steady rain cancels. NOTE early start time.

MONDAY, AUGUST 7 — 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. Direction see back of hiking schedule.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9 — Hacklebarney State Park, Long Valley

Leader: Meg Fernandez, cell day of hike only 908-912-9527, megfernandez@msn.com

Meet: 10 AM in the parking lot near the kiosk and restrooms. Hike about 2 hours at a moderate social pace. Trail is rocky along the Black River. Cool temperatures in the ravine will provide welcome relief from August heat. Moderate uphill return to the parking lot. Wear boots. Bring a snack and plenty of water.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 12 — Turkey Mt./Pyramid Mountain, Montville

Leaders: Charlie Stepnowski, 862-200-3956 and Bijoy Mechery, cell 908-487-8482, bmechery@msn.com

Meet: 9:30 AM 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. NOTE early start time.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

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MONDAY, AUGUST 14 — 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. Wear boots. Bring water. Steady rain cancels.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15 — Apshawa Preserve, West Milford

Leader: Dianne Jones, cell 973-224-3967

Meet: 10 AM at parking area. A 6-mile moderate hike at a moderate pace. A large portion of this hike has a water view (reservoir or stream), one long steep climb. Bring water and lunch. Hiking boots required.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

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hike on YahooGroups three days prior to this date. Send the listing to Tristateramblers@YahooGroups.Com. TriState Rambler sign-in sheets can be obtained from our website.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17 — Jockey Hollow National Historic Park, Morristown

Leader: Mike Handelsman, 718-884-2869, hikermike7@msn.com

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

ALT. THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

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. TriState Rambler sign-in sheets can be obtained from our website.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18 — Paulinskill Lake Paddle, Newton

Leader: Jean Fletcher, 973-285-5263, cell day of paddle only 973-452-1567, jrflc@optonline.net

Meet: 10 AM at Paulinskill Fishing Parking Area, Plotts Rd., Newton, NJ 07860 (GPS 41.0834, -74.7826). A pleasant paddle for a hot day. We will paddle in the waters upstream of the Paulinskill Lake cottage community, either going upstream, until it becomes too shallow, enjoying the wildlife and historic artifacts or, downstream, in the lake above the cottage colony. Wear good water/walking shoes and bring a short rope – we might want to pull the boats over the pebble bars in the river. Bring lunch; we will find a place to eat during the paddle. See the book *Quiet Waters of New Jersey*, a canoe and kayak guide by Kathy Kenley, published by the Appalachian Mountain Club for more information and a map. Also about the area; (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paulins_Kill).

DIRECTIONS: From I-80 Exit 25: Take Rt. 206 north through the town of Andover. Approx. 4 mi. north of Andover pass through the Greendale light and make immediate left onto Fredon-Springdale Rd. Follow this road, which becomes Willows Rd. until it ends at Rt. 94. Turn right on Rt. 94 and proceed ~1 mile watching on the left for Anderson Hill Road, just at the crest of the hill. Turn left and go on Anderson Hill Rd. being careful to bear hard right at a Y intersection; follow Anderson Hill Rd. to Rt. 622 (Newton Swartswood Rd). Turn left on Rt. 622, continue ~1 mi and turn right onto Junction Rd. Proceed on the road along a railroad track until a stone RR trestle is visible on the left. Turn left and go under the trestle (Plotts or Parsons Rd.). Follow the road on the causeway along Paulinskill Lake to the far side. Turn left into the parking area. See Canoeing General Instructions. Must call and register by 6 PM the day before. A personal flotation device must be worn. Joint with IHC

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19 — Eagle Rock Reservation, West Orange

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

Meet: 9:30 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 shoes. Bring water. NOTE early start time.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20 — Millstone Trail/Matapan Rock Trail Loop/

Ramapo Mountain State Forest, Oakland

Leader: Bill LaChance, 973-216-8748, bglachance@yahoo.com

Meet: 10 AM at upper parking lot at milepost 1.4 opposite the entrance to Camp Tamarack for a hike of approx 5.5 miles, three and a half hours at a moderate pace. Bring water and a snack. This loop hike passes interesting and historic millstones, goes by two scenic lakes and climbs to a panoramic viewpoint. The GPS coordinates for the parking area are 41.047479, -74.251313.

MONDAY, AUGUST 21 — Reservoir Circular, S. Mtn. Res., West Orange

Leader: Elsie Hajdics, 973-377-2335

Meet: 10 AM at Oakdale Picnic Grove parking lot on Cherry lane, for a completely flat hike on the paved path circling the Reservoir and across the spillway on the bridge.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22 — 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. The hike will be a moderate 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, AUGUST 23 — Ramapo Lake, Oakland

Leader: Dave Hogenauer, 973-901-0824

Meet: 10 AM at the lower parking lot on Skyline Drive. We will hike to the reservoir and encircle it on woods roads, stopping at a rock ledge overlooking the water for a snack. 4- to 5-mile hike at an easy to moderate pace.

ALT. THURSDAY, AUGUST 24 — Jockey Hollow National Park, Morristown

Leader: Gail Biggs, 973-401-1262, cell day of hike only 973-769-6860, bigsgail@yahoo.com

Meet: 10 AM Visitors Center. Hike 5.5+ miles around Jockey Hollow and over to the Audubon Society

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24 — Allamuchy State Park, Stanhope

Leader: Paul Sanderson, cell day of hike only 908-838-5466, paulmsanderson@aol.com

Meet: 10 AM at the Sussex Branch Trail parking lot (North Allamuchy directions). We will hike on the W Trail, Y Trail, and the Highlands Trail where we will have a nice view of the Waterloo Lakes. We will then reverse on the Highlands Trail, across the Park, to where it exits near Rt. 206. Various trails will then return us to the parking lot. The hike will be approx. 7 to 8 miles long.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26 — Tulip Springs, S. Mtn. Res., West Orange

Leader: Gail Waimon, Cell 973-229-7414, gswaimon@comcast.net

Meet: 9:30 AM Tulip Springs off of Cherry Lane. 4 to 5 miles on various terrains. Leader's choice of trails. Bring water and sturdy foot wear. NOTE early start time.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

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MONDAY, AUGUST 28 — Locust Grove, S. Mtn. Res., Millburn

Leader: Stan and Bev. Kaltnecker, 201-602-4074

Meet: 9:30 AM at Locust Grove Parking opposite Millburn RR Station for a 3 mile hike on various trails. Note early start time.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29 — Kincaid Trail, Pyramid Mountain, Kinnelon

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

Meet: 10 AM at the Kincaid Trail Entrance. A 6-mile lollipop hike from Kincaid entrance past Bear Rock to lunch with a view. Follow Red trail back to Kincaid. Some steep hills. Hiking boots and water required.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30 — Jockey Hollow National Park, Morristown

Leader: Eck Khoon Goh, 908-790-0939

Meet: 10 AM at Visitor's Center parking lot. Hike 4 to 5 miles at a moderate pace on a variety of trails. Bring water. Rain cancels.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31 — Conklin Cemetary, Harriman State Park, NY

Leader: Bob Bieri, 201-664-3813

Meet : 10 AM at the Sebago Boat Launch in Harriman State Park. This 7-mile moderate hike will bring us around Pine Meadow Lake where we hope to find the historic Conklin Cemetery. The hike will use woods roads to travel along the shore of Lake Wanoksink and back to the Seven Hills Trail.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 — 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, and through some very pretty forest on the Grand Tour and Cuesta Ridge trails. We will also pass by an historic gun battery. Hiking boots required. Bring lunch and lots of water. Steady rain cancels.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 — 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 for about 1 to 1.5 hours. Then cross street and continue another 2 to 4 miles, for an hour or more on Patriots' Path, whatever walkers prefer. Good for beginners. No lunch stop is planned.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 — Jockey Hollow National Park, Morristown

Leader: Carol Czajkowski, 973-539-4084

Meet: 10 AM at the visitor center parking lot. Leaders choice of easy trails. Boots strongly recommended. Bring water.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 — Pyramid Mountain, Montville

Leader: Kathe Serbin, cell 973-715-0491

Meet: 10 AM at Pyramid Mountain Visitor Center parking lot. A 6- to 7-mile hike over various trails at a moderately brisk pace. Bring lunch and water. Hiking boots required.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 — Island Pond/Lemon Squeezer Loop, Harriman State Park, NY

Leader: Joyce Breach, 973-875-4376, cell day of hike only 973-229-9140, jbreach@ptd.net

Meet: 10 AM at Arden Parking Area (Elk Pen) lot in Harriman State Park. This is a 8.2-mile, moderately strenuous hike, with 1900 feet of elevation gain, that should take about 5 hours. We will use the Stahahe Brook Trail, Nurian Trail, to the Valley of Boulders, and then to the RD. Lunch should be at Black Rock Mountain. We will then hike to the Lichen, ASB/Long Path, to the Lemon Squeezer, and then the AT back to the cars.

ALT. THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 — Mahlon Dickerson Reservation, Jefferson

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 Saffin Rock Rill parking lot. We will hike 6+ miles at a moderate pace on the Yellow, Highlands and other trails past overlooks and Saffin Pond. Bring lunch and water. You MUST REGISTER with the leader the day before the hike. Steady rain cancels.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 — Swartwood Lake, Swartwood

Leader: Henry Fernandez, 973-462-7747, cell day of paddle only 973-462-7747

Meet: 10 AM at Boat Launch, Swartwood State Park, 1091 E Shore Rd., Swartwood, NJ 07877 (GPS 41.0720, -74.8238) A pleasant day on a quiet lake, and we will eat lunch at the Boat House Restaurant. Note! Rental canoes and kayaks are available close by. (973-383-4200) DIRECTIONS: Take I80 W to Exit 25 (Rt. 206 North): Follow Rt. 206 North 11.5 mi. to the square in the center of Newton. Continue north on Rt. 206/Rt. 94 one block to light at Mill St. on the left. Take Mill St. 0.4 mi. to light at Rt. 622/Swartwood Rd. on left. Go 4.2 mi. on Rt. 622 to junction with Rt. 619/ E Shore Rd. on the left. Drive 0.9 mi, passing the Main Entrance of the park, to the Boat Launch Rd. on the right. See Canoeing General Instructions. You must call and register the day before. A personal flotation device must be worn.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 — Frelinghuysen Arboretum, Morristown

Leader: John Gilris, 973-386-1168

Meet: 10 AM at Frelinghuysen Arboretum parking lot. Walk 3 miles around the 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 SEPTEMBER 10 — 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

Meet: 10 AM at Norvin Green/Manaticut Point (see club directions) for a 4.7-mile hike at a moderate pace. Should take approx. 3 hours. Bring water and snack. This loop hike goes by Lake Sonoma and climbs to Overlook Rock and several other panoramic viewpoints. Trailhead GPS Coordinates 41.090898,-74.319349.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 — 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 walk along the Black River.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 — Camp Mohican/Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, Blairstown

Leader: Joyce Breach, 973-875-4376, jbreach@ptd.net, cell on day of hike only 973-229-9140

Meet: 10 AM at Camp Mohican parking lot in the DWGNR. This 7-mile relatively flat hike will be done at a moderate pace, hiking on the Copper Mine Trail, Kaiser Trail and the AT. Great views!

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 — Seeley's Pond/Watchung Res., Mountainside

Leader: Lynda Goldschein, 908-575-7058, 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.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 — Liberty State Park to Weehawken Bicycle Ride

Leader: Ed Leibowitz, 201-332-1709, eleibow@verizon.net, cell morning of ride after 9:30 AM only 201-850-9649

Meet: 10 AM at Liberty State Parking Area (see TSR website for directions) 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 with leader on or before Sept. 12. Helmets required. Bring lunch and water. Rain cancels.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 — Ramapo Mountain State Forest, Oakland

Leader: Mike Handlesman, 718-884-2869, hikermike7@msn.com

Meet: 10 AM at the upper 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, SEPTEMBER 14 — Deer Park/Allamuchy Mountain State Park, Hackettstown

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

Meet: 10 AM at the parking lot on Deer Park Rd. See TSR website for directions under Allamuchy Mt. State Park, Allamuchy (Panther Valley). This will be a moderate hike of 5 to 6 miles. We will stop at Deer Pond to lunch. Bring lunch and water. You MUST REGISTER with the leaders the day before the hike.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 — Apshawa Preserve, West Milford

Leaders: Charlie Stepnowski, 862-200-3956 and Bijoy Mechery, cell 908-487-8482, bmechery@msn.com

Meet: 9:30 AM 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.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 — Cushetunk Mt. Preserve, Whitehouse Station

Leader: Jay Dibble, cell only day of hike 908-209-2936

Meet: 10 AM at Pickell Park parking lot for a 5-mile hike at a moderate pace over mostly hilly terrain for 2 to 2.5 hours. Some steep sections with significant elevation gain. Pretty views of Round Valley Reservoir. Bring water. No lunch break is planned. Directions: I-78 to exit 24. Take Rt. 523 south towards Whitehouse. At Rt. 22, turn left then right continuing on Rt. 523. Go approx. 1.5 miles. Just past Our Lady of Lourdes church, make a right onto Mountain Rd. Go 100 yards and turn left into Pickell Park. The parking lot is ahead on the right.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 — Merrill Creek Reservoir, Washington

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

Meet: 10 AM at Boat Launch, Merrill Creek Reservoir, 1 Merrill Creek Rd., Washington, NJ 07882 (GPS 40.7388, -75.0907) An easy paddle around a nice reservoir above the Delaware River. Perhaps we may see the eagle again. DIRECTIONS: From I78 W take Exit 4: Turn right at the end of the ramp on to S. Main St. and drive north 1.8 mi. to the center of Stewartville. At the blinking light, turn right on Washington St. (becomes Stewartville Rd.) and go 2.7 mi. to Rt. 57 in New Village. Cross Rt. 57 diagonally, turning left onto Montana Rd. which goes uphill for 2 mi. Left on Richline Rd. and drive 0.3 mi, turning left again, onto Merrill Creek Rd. Follow signs to the Boat Launch. See Canoeing General Instructions. Must call and register the day before. A personal flotation device must be worn.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 — 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 garden if you wish.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 — 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, SEPTEMBER 20 — Jockey Hollow National Park, Morristown

Leader: Gail Biggs, 973-401-1262, cell 973-769-6860, bigsgail@yahoo.com

Meet: 10 AM at Visitors Center parking lot. Hike 4 to 5 miles on various trails depending on weather conditions. Bring water, snack.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 — Bearfort Mountain/Abram S. Hewitt State Forest, Hewitt

Leader: Dianne Jones, cell 973-224-3967

Meet: 9:30 AM at the old A&P parking lot in West Milford. We will hike the Jeremy Glick Trail up and down as the lollipop stick, and the Ernst Walter, AT, and State Line as the lollipop. This 7+ mile, moderately strenuous hike, will be performed at a moderate pace. A late-ish lunch will offer a gorgeous view over Greenwood Lake. If conditions are wet, this trail can be muddy and will have stream crossings. NOTE early start time.

ALT. THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 — Millbrook/Van Campens Glen, Delaware Water Gap NRA, Columbia

Leader: Gail Biggs, 973-401-1262, cell day of hike only 973-769-6860, bigsgail@yahoo.com

Meet: 10 AM at Millbrook Village parking area. A 6-mile hike following the Orchard, Hamilton Ridge and Pioneer Trails to Van Campen's Glen. We will pass a historic cemetery and buildings. Lunch by the waterfall. Bring lunch and water.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 — Cheesequake State Park, Matawan

Leader: Brooke Tippens, 973-902-5650, brooke.tippens@gmail.com

Meet: 10 AM at the parking area. Hike will be 4 miles/2 hours. Leaders choice of trails. Good for fit beginners. Will stop to take photos.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 — Patriots' Path, Morris Twp

Leader: Jean Fletcher, 973-285-5263, cell phone on day of hike 973-452-1567

Meet: 10 AM at Speedwell Park, (across the street from the Village), 333 Speedwell Ave. (Route 202), Morristown, NJ 07960, 973-285-6550. Arrive early due to limited parking. No restroom till 10 minutes into hike, use facilities in town. Hike will be approximately 6 miles on mostly flat, sometimes paved trails. We will have lunch at Fosterfields. Bring water and lunch and wear comfortable walking shoes/sneakers; boots not essential. We should be done before 3:00 PM. Seriously inclement weather cancels. We will walk from Speedwell Village to Fosterfields Historic Farm and return via another section of the Path. (Entrance is by admission so we will look at what we can see as we walk past.)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 — Sunrise Lake/Patriots' Path, Lewis Morris Park, Morristown

Leader: Stan and Bev Kaltnecker, 201-602-4074

Meet: 10 AM at Sunrise Lake area at the lowest parking lot near the boat house. Enjoy a moderate hike on various trails including some of Patriots' Path along the Whippany River.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 — 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.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

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. TriState Rambler sign-in sheets can be obtained from our website.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 — Undercliff Trail, Cold Spring, NY

Leader: Bill Correa, Cell 917-656-3015

Meet: 10 AM (see directions below). This moderately strenuous 8-mile hike has two climbs, beautiful views, and 2300' elevation gain. The second half of the hike is a flat 4-mile walk out. Directions: Palisades Interstate Parkway to Bear Mountain Bridge. Cross the bridge, turn left on Rt. 9 to Cold Spring. After crossing Rt. 301, and traveling .3 miles, parking lot is on the right.

ALT. THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 — Milford Cliffs, Delaware Water Gap NRA, PA

Leader: Ray Wagner, 908-876-4267, cell day of hike only 862-324-3364

Meet: 10 AM at Raymondskill Falls parking lot. Directions: take Route 206 N past Stokes State Forest, crossing the Delaware River at the Milford toll bridge. Turn left onto PA Route 209 and go 2.3 miles south to the Raymondskill Falls entrance on the right. Go 0.5 mile uphill to the parking lot on the left. We will take trails passing Hackers Falls and a lovely lake to the Milford Cliffs Trail, which we will follow along cliffs 500 feet above the Delaware River. Lunch at scenic Milford Knob overlook. A total of 6.5 miles. Bring lunch and water. Allow time after the hike to visit spectacular Ramondskill Falls, PA's highest falls at 165 Feet

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 — 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, OCTOBER 2 — Loantaka Brook Reservation, Morris Twp.

Leader: Terry Kulmane, 973-644-4547

Meet: 10 AM at South St. parking lot for a walk through the woods on the horse trail.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3 — Ramapo Mountain State Forest. Oakland

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

Meet: 10 AM at the lower parking lot. This will be a 6- to 7-mile hike. We will start on the blue trail, follow the yellow, red, orange, blue, and white to the castle ruins, then back to the blue, to the parking lot. Hiking boots required. Bring lunch and lots of water. Steady rain cancels.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4 — Randolph Trails Circular/Freedom Park, Randolph

Co-Leaders: Bob Lippe, 973-361-6419 and Bill Reynolds, cell day of hike only 201-874-8758

Meet: 10 AM at Freedom Park parking lot for a 4.5-mile moderately paced circular hike on trails and lightly travelled Beaver Dam Rd. Directions: Take Rt. 10 West for about 4.7-miles west of Rt. 53. Then turn left using the jug handle before the light onto Millbrook Rd. south. Go about 2-miles to the entrance to the park on the left. Bring water and optional lunch after the hike.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5 — Arden Parking Area (Elk Pen), Harriman State Park, NY

Leader: Ray Adam, 973-476-9897

Meet: 9:30 AM at the Elk Pen parking lot in Harriman State Park. This strenuous, approx. 9- mile hike will involve a shuttle. The hike along the AT will encounter numerous stream crossings. NOTE early start time.

ALT. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5 — Buttermilk Falls/India Brook Natural Areas, India Brook Park, Mendham Township

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

Meet: 10 AM at the Mountainside Road parking area for a 5.5 mile moderate/slightly difficult hike. This beautiful trail has it all; ups and downs, flat/soft and rocky sections and is adjacent to India Brook for more than half the hike. There will be one stream crossing that has to be made. Hopefully stream flow will be low. It will be a loop trail for the most part with back tracking only along the final reach. Recommend hiking poles. Bring snack or lunch for a stop at the Buttermilk Falls. Directions: I-287 South to Morristown, NJ Exit 35 (Madison Ave.). Turn right at traffic light and bear right at next traffic light onto South St. Continue to Morristown green. Go around 3 sides of the green and turn right onto Washington St. This becomes Mendham Rd. and CR 510 (old US 24). Go about 6.7 miles to Mountain Ave. in Mendham (traffic light/Black Horse Inn). Turn right onto Mountain Ave. Go about 1.25 miles to Mountainside Rd. (1st crossroad). Turn left and go about .75 mile to Buttermilk Falls parking area on the left (just after crossing India Brook). No restrooms available. You MUST REGISTER with the leaders the day before the hike.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6 — Kittatinny State Park, Andover

Leader: Gloria Friedman, 973-295-6864, cell morning of hike 973-886-9662

Meet: 10 AM at Limecrest Road parking lot. The trees will be turning colors 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. Please register by 6 PM the night before ride.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 — Jenny Jump State Forest, Hope

Leader: Jay Dibble, Cell day of hike only 908-209-2936, jaydib41090@peoplepc.com

Meet: 10 AM See TSR website for directions to the main parking area. When you reach the large park sign, be sure to turn left toward the visitors center but bear right up the hill to parking area. Hike is 5 miles at a moderate pace Will hike to Ghost Lake and back on a modified lollipop. Going out is fairly easy coming back is tougher with significant elevation gain. Some nice views.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8 — Pyramid Mountain, Montville

Leader: Kathe Serbin, 973-597-9622

Meet: 10 AM at Pyramid Mountain Visitors Center. Approx 5 to 6 miles, fast paced with some steep sections, about 2.5 to 3 hours, with no stop for lunch. This loop hike has a lot of up and down path with great views. Bring water. Boots recommended.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9 — Jockey Hollow National Park, Morristown

Leader: Len Shnitzer, 732-499-0176

Meet: 10 AM at the Visitor parking lot for a pleasant walk in our National Park. Bring water. Wear boots.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10 — Pequannock Watershed, West Milford

Leader: George Smith, 973-464-1792

Meet: 10 AM at Terrace Pond, Parking Lot 7 on Clinton Rd. Hike about 6 miles at a moderate pace with lunch at scenic Terrace Pond.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11 — 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, OCTOBER 12 — Storm King Mountain, Cornwall on the Hudson, NY

Leader: Bill Correa, Cell 917-656-3015

Meet: 10 AM (See directions below). This hike has 18 stars with some of the best views of any hike we do. This strenuous hike is approx. 7 miles long and will have 2500' of elevation gain. There is one big climb of 1000'. Directions: Palisades Interstate Parkway to Bear Mountain Circle, take 9W north for approx. 8 miles, parking lot is on the right at the top of Storm King Mountain.

ALT. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12 — Skylands, Ringwood

Leader: Ed Mancuso, 973-744-4788, cell day of hike 917-714-9411, edmancuso@aol.com

Meet: 10 AM at Parking Lot A (NJ Botanical Gardens). See TSR Directions to Skylands for coordinates. Hike Cooper Union Trail to Governor Mountain. We will hike about 6.5 miles at a moderate pace. Some climbing and view of Wanaque Reservoir while we break for lunch. Bring lunch and water.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 — Hacklebarney State Park, Long Valley

Leader: Brooke Tippens, 973-902-5650, 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.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15 — Tourne Park, Booton

Leader: Susan Jacobs, 973-402-2558

Meet: 10 AM at the Tourne. A moderate hike through this lovely park, through the wildflowers and beyond for two hours with some ups and downs. Steady rain cancels.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16 — 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 walk along the Black River.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17 — Lake Skannatati, Harriman State Park, NY

Leader: Bob Bieri, 201-664-3813

Meet: 10 AM at Lake Skannatati Parking Lot off Seven Lakes Drive in Harriman State Park. This 6+ mile hike will be performed at a moderate pace. We will be hiking on the Long Path, Beech, Red Cross, and ASB trails with a stop at the historic cemetery on the Beech Trail.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18 — Jockey Hollow National Park, Morristown

Leader: Gail Biggs, 973-401-1262, cell 973-769-6860, bigsgail@yahoo.com

Meet: 10 AM at Visitors Center parking lot. Hike 4 to 5 miles on various trails depending on weather conditions. Bring water, snack.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19 — Lake Skannatati, Harriman State Park, NY

Leader: George Smith, 973-778-3586, cell 973-464-1792

Meet: 10 AM at the Lake Skannatati parking lot in Harriman State Park. This 6- to 7-mile hike will include the ASB, RD, Dunning, and Long Path Trails with possible side trips to the Pine Swamp Mine and the Bald Rocks Shelter.

ALT. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19 — Orchard/Pioneer Trails and Van Campens Glen Loop, Millbrook Village, Columbia

Leader: Ken Saloway, ksaloway@optonline.net, cell 973-885-6461

Co-Leaders: Chuck Pollack and Bill Montick

Meet: 10 AM at the Millbrook Village parking lot (see Delaware Water Gap #5 in TSR Directions to Meeting Locations). 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. Following 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.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 — Tulip Springs/S. Mtn. Res. and car pool to Eagle Rock, West Orange

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

Meet: 9:30 at Tulip Springs and car pool to Eagle Rock with as few cars as possible. Hike back to Tulip Springs. 4 to 5 hours at brisk pace depending on underfoot conditions. Bring water and lunch. Hiking boots required. Not suitable for beginners. NOTE early start time.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 — Easton to Bethlehem, D&L Trail, Easton, PA

Leader: Jean Fletcher, 973-285-5263, cell 973-452-1567, jrfletc@optonline.net

Meet: 11 AM at Riverview Park, Lehigh Drive, Easton, PA 18045 parking for D&L Trail – Lehigh Canal South. Drive time from Intersection of I78 and I287 is less than 1 hr. Ride the D&L Trail – Lehigh Canal South from Easton to Bethlehem, 10 miles each way, option to shorten ride and visit Hugh Moore Park Canal Museum. <http://delawareandlehigh.org/map/> Use sections Bethlehem to Palmer Riverview. The trail is mostly flat, hard-packed dirt; hybrid bikes best. Bring lunch and water. Rain cancels. Registration required with leader by 6 PM previous day. Helmets required. DIRECTIONS: I 78 to Exit 3, use Route 22 or Northampton Free Bridge to Easton, Lehigh Drive to the park. Leader will provide detailed directions using the scenic Free Bridge. NOTE later start time.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 — South Mountain Reservation, W. Orange

Leader: Dave Hogenauer, 973-901-0824

Meet: 2 PM at the Turtle Back Rock Picnic Area off of Walker Road in West Orange. See map inside cover. We will walk down the mountain, around the reservoir, and back to the cars in a wide circle route at an easy to moderate pace. Approximately 3 miles. Directions: Take exit 7 Pleasant Valley Way from I-280. Turn left at bottom of ramp. At Northfield Ave., in about 3 miles, turn left. Drive past the Ice Skating Arena and Zoo to a light at Walker Rd., which only goes to the right. Drive 0.2 mile to entrance road to Turtle Back Rock Picnic Area. NOTE afternoon start time.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23 — Reservoir Circular, S. Mtn. Res., West Orange

Leader: Elsie Hajdics, 973-377-2335

Meet: 10 AM at Oakdale Picnic Grove parking lot on Cherry lane, for a completely flat hike on the paved path circling the Reservoir and across the spillway on the bridge.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24 — Mohican to Catfish Tower Loop, DWGNP, Blirstown

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

Meet: 10 AM at Camp Mohican parking lot, (bathrooms, small camp store). Hike will be approximately 6 miles with 500Ft. elevation gain on AT to Catfish tower. Going past tower on AT we will loop back on Rattlesnake Swamp Trail to Mohican. Rated moderate with good view at tower and, if open, climb to tower top.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25 — Locust Grove, S. Mtn. Res., Millburn

Leader: Gail Waimon, cell 973-229-7414

Meet: 10 AM at Locust Grove parking lot. Fall mix and match. 5-mile hike about two hours plus on varied terrain. Lenape trail and more. Water, hiking boots suggested and a happy face!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26 — West Mountain Loop, Bear Mountain State Park, NY

Leader: George Kalosieh, 973-200-0969

Meet: 10 AM at the southernmost parking lot in the Anthony Wayne Recreation Area. This strenuous, 8-mile hike will offer great views. We plan to hike on the RD to Cats Elbow, then the SBM, newly extended Fawn, TT, and AT Trails.

ALT. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26 — Wildcat Ridge WMA/Farney Area, Rockaway

Leader: Diane Willer, 973-627-4046, cell 973-713-3066, dwiller34@gmail.com

Meet: 10 AM at the Four Birds South lot (see Farney Area #1 in TSR Directions to Meeting Locations). We will hike from the Bat Cave to the Hawk Watch and back, about 5 to 6 miles at a social pace. Bring lunch and water. Hiking boots required. You MUST REGISTER with the leader the day before the hike.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28 — East Brunswick Park to Park Roundabout

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

Meet: 9:30 AM East Brunswick, Rt. 18 and Tices Lane at Boston Market in Mid-State Mall. We will hike in wooded areas of suburbia, which includes some of East Brunswick's parks and the East Brunswick Historical District. We will also "achieve great heights" by walking through a marble orchard and view some nice panoramas. About 5 to 6 miles. NOTE early start time.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 — Cheesequake State Park, Matawan

Leader: Pat Horsch, cell 908-693-8331, 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 to 2.5 hours on a variety of trails in a diverse blend of ecosystems. There will be some level terrain, ups and downs, and board walks. Wear good hiking boots. Bring water and a snack. Steady rain cancels.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30 — Hilltop Reservation/West Entrance, N. 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. Turn east (right) and drive to parking lot.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31 — Bear Mountain, New York

Leader: Edward Leibowitz, 201-332-1709, eleibow@verizon.net

Meet: 10 AM in Parking lot adjacent to Bear Mountain Inn. We will hike up the Major Welch Trail from Hessian Lake to Perkins Tower and descend on the Appalachian trail back to the parking lot. Appalachian (White) trail has a lot of steps. Lunch will be at Perkins Tower. Distance 5 to 7 miles. Bring lunch and water. Terrain mostly moderate with some steep parts. Spectacular views.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 — 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. Bring hat or sunglasses as the sun will be directly in your eyes.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2 — Silver Mine, Harriman State Park, NY

Leader: Ray Adam, 973-476-9897

Meet: 10 AM at the Silver Mine parking lot off Seven Lakes Drive in Harriman State Park. This moderately strenuous hike will be approx. 8 miles long.

ALT. THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2 — Deer Park, Allamuchy State Park, Hackettstown

Leader: Gail Biggs, 973-401-1262, cell day of hike only 973-769-6860, bigsgail@yahoo.com

Meet: 10 AM at the parking lot on Deer Park Road (see Allamuchy Mountain State Park #1 in TSR Directions to Meeting Locations). Hike a 6-mile lollipop route with a stop at Deer Park Pond for lunch. Possible little diversion to a lookout toward the Water Gap. Mostly level. Wear boots. Bring lunch and water.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4 — 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, and through some very pretty forest on the Grand Tour and Cuesta Ridge trails. We will also pass by an historic gun battery. Hiking boots required. Bring lunch and lots of water. Steady rain cancels.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 — Tourne County Park, Boonton

Leader: Jay Dibble, only day of hike cell: 908-209-2936

Meet: 10 AM at the McCaffrey Lane parking lot for a hike of 5 miles, 2 to 2.5 hours at a moderate pace over both flat and hilly terrain. One fairly steep road climb. Bring water. No lunch break.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6 — 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. Wear boots. Bring water.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7 — Norvin Green State Forest, Bloomingdale

Leader: Ray Adam, 973-476-9897, adamr43s@hotmail.com

Meet: 10 AM at Norvin Greene, Otter hole parking lot. Approximately 6 to 7 miles on various trails at a moderate pace. Bring lunch and water.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8 — Grover Cleveland Park, Caldwell

Leader: Dave Hogenauer, 973-901-0824

Meet: 10 AM on Brookside Drive along the side of the park. We will hike around Grover Cleveland and the neighboring tract owned by Essex Fells. A pleasant pond included. Paved paths and hard packed dirt woods roads and trails. 3-mile hike at an easy to moderate pace.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9 — Reeve's Meadow Visitor Center, Harriman State Park, NY

Leader: Bill Correa, Cell 917-656-3015

Meet: 10 AM at the Reeve's Meadow Visitor Center off Seven Lakes Drive in Harriman State Park. This moderately strenuous hike will be approx. 7 miles long and will hike along the Seven Hills Trail with its numerous uphills and occasional scrambles. We will hike up Diamond Mountain and return on the Pine Meadow Trail.

ALT. THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9 — Cushetunk Mountain Nature Preserve, Whitehouse Station/Readington Township

Leader: Debbie Stuart, cell 908-768-8044, djrsearch@aol.com

Meet: 10 AM Pickell Park parking lot. Directions: 1-78 West to Exit 24 for County Rd. 523/Oldwick toward County Rd. 517/Whitehouse. Turn left onto County Rd. 523/Oldwick Rd. and proceed for 2.1 miles. Turn left on US-22 East and immediately get into the right lane to turn right on County Rd. 523/Main St. in .2 mile. Continue for 1.1 miles. Turn right onto Mountain Rd., then left into Pickell Park. Proceed to the right in the parking lot towards the kiosk at the far end of the ball field. Port-o-john on site. Hike 6 to 7 miles on the Blue, White and Yellow trails. A few steep ups and downs rate this hike as moderate+ for experienced hikers. Wear hiking boots. Poles are recommended. Bring lunch and water.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11 — Lewis Morris Park, Morristown

Leaders: Charlie Stepnowski, 862-200-3956 and Bijoy Mechery, cell 908-487-8482, bmechery@msn.com

Meet: 10 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, NOVEMBER 12 — Four Birds/Timberbrook Road, Rockaway

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

Meet: 10 AM at the Boy Scout Camp Winnebago/Fanny State Park parking lot for a moderately paced, approximately 5-mile hike to Copperas Ridge lookout with lunch at the vista and return. We should be done around 2:00. There is one short, steep climb but we will take plenty of time. Bring lunch and water. Wear sturdy shoes. Seriously inclement weather cancels. Directions: From the north take Rte. 23 south to Green Pond Rd. (at Newfoundland). Turn right onto Green Pond Rd. Go 5.1 miles. Turn left onto Timberbrook Rd. and go 1.3 miles (continue on the unpaved road). Note sign that says Fanny State Park Parking here. From the south take Rte 80 East or West to Exit 37, Hibernia. Follow the ramp to Green Pond Road. Go left and proceed 6.5 miles to Timberbrook Rd. Follow the directions above. 120 Timberbrook Road, Rockaway 07866.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13 — Newest Segment of the Lenape Trail, S. Mtn. Res., W. Orange

Leader: Dave Hogenauer, 973-901-0824

Meet: 10 AM at the Mayapple Hill parking lot. We will carpool to a spot north of the Reservation and hike back to Mayapple Hill along a segment of the Lenape Trail in part that was just built over the last year and finished this spring (long dubbed, "the missing link"). The trail is mostly level, with only two moderate uphill climbs. 3 miles at an easy pace.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14 — 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 and a meadow. There are some changes in elevation and a few rocky sections. Hiking boots required. Bring snack and water.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15 — Jockey Hollow National Park, Morristown

Leader: Gail Biggs, 974-401-1262, cell 973-769-6860, biggsgail@yahoo.com

Meet: 10 AM at Visitors Center parking lot. Hike 4 to 5 miles on various trails depending on weather conditions. Bring water, snack.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16 — Sterling Forest State Park, Tuxedo, NY

Leader: George Kalosieh, 973-200-0969

Meet: 10 AM at the Sterling Forest Visitor Center parking area. We will hike on the Bare Rock Trail to the Greenwood Lake overview. This loop hike passes ruins of former mining activity and climbs to Bare Rock with panoramic views over Greenwood Lake. This 7.5+ mile hike will include a strenuous scramble to the fire tower. Hike will be approx. 5.5 hours long.

ALT. THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16 — Cooper Mill/Black River, Chester

Leader: Diane Willer, 973-627-4046, cell 973-713-3066, dwiller34@gmail.com

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18 — Locust Grove, So. Mtn. Reservation, Millburn

Leader: Kathe Serbin, cell 973 715 0491, katheserbin@yahoo.com

Meet: 10 AM at the Locust Grove parking lot. Very brisk pace, steep uphill at the beginning. Finish around 12:30. Hiking boots required.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19 — Jockey Hollow National Park, Morristown

Leader: Eck Khoon Goh, 908-790-0939

Meet: 10 AM at Visitors' Center parking lot. Hike 4 to 5 miles at a moderate pace on a variety of trails. Bring water. Rain cancels.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20 — Jockey Hollow National Park, Morristown

Leader: Betty Mills, 973-975-5264

Meet: 10 AM at the visitor center parking lot for a pleasant walk in our National Park. Wear boots. Bring water. Steady rain cancels.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21 — 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, NOVEMBER 22 — Jockey Hollow National Park, Morristown

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

Meet: 10 AM at Visitors Center parking lot. 2- to 2.5-hour hike on various trails, about 4 to 5 miles. Hiking boots strongly recommended. Bring snack and water.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23 — Happy Thanksgiving!

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ALT. THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23 — Happy Thanksgiving!

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25 — Monmouth Battlefield State Park, Manalapan

Leader: Gary Petrie, 732-257-0137, Must register with leader the day before the hike.

Meet: 10 AM at the Park visitor center. Directions: Located approximately 12 miles east of Exit 8 of the NJ Turnpike on Rt. 33 or from the Garden State Parkway, take exit 123 to Rt. 9 south for 15 mile to business Rt. 33 West. The Park is located 1.5 miles on the right. We will hike through woods, fields, and swamps to view diverse habitats. You might see deer, wild turkey, or red fox. About 5 to 6 miles.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26 — 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, and through some very pretty forest on the Grand Tour and Cuesta Ridge trails. We will also pass by an historic gun battery. Hiking boots required. Bring lunch and lots of water. Steady rain cancels.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27 — 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.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28 — Shepherds Lake, Ringwood

Leader: Ray Adam, 973-476-9897, adamr43s@hotmail.com

Meet: 10 AM at Shepherds Lake parking lot. Approximately 6 to 7 miles on various trails at a moderate pace. Bring lunch and water.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29 — Locust Grove, S. Mtn. Res., Millburn

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

Meet: 10 AM at Locust Grove parking area. 2- to 2.5-hour hike on various trails, about 4 to 5 miles. Hiking boots strongly recommended. Bring snack and water.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30 — Sebago Boat Launch, Harriman State Park, NY

Leader: Ray Adam, 973-476-9897

Meet: 10 AM at the Sebago Boat Launch off Seven Lakes Drive in Harriman State Park. This moderately strenuous hike along woods roads and marked trails will be approx. 8 miles long.

ALT. THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30 — Apshawa Preserve, West Milford

Leader: Eileen Gavin, cell 908-334-6215, emgavin@optonline.net

Co-Leader: Ed Mancuso

Meet: 10 AM at the only entrance and parking lot. We will hike about 5 miles around the Butler Reservoir and on rolling trails with a number of rocky sections. Bring lunch and water.

SATURDAY, December 2 — Holiday Party, Hike and Business Meeting

Contact: Ellie King, 908-233-8411

Where: The Masker's Barn in Watchung Reservation, part of the Deserted Village Complex. Address for GPS directions: 13 Cataract Hollow Road, Berkeley Heights, 07922. For some people 13 Cataract Hollow Road doesn't come up on their GPS; in that case they should use 2 Cataract Hollow Road (the Church/Store Building) and keep driving to the end of the road. Pat Horsch will lead a moderate paced hike at 10 AM from Seeley's Pond parking lot, over to the Barn, and back after lunch. Parking: There is limited parking next to the barn that can accommodate about 30 cars, for NON-hikers. Extra cars can be parked in the main lot and drivers get shuttled half a mile or park in the grass field and walk about 1,000 feet to the Barn. The main lot is well marked for the Deserted Village, off Glenside Avenue. Food may be dropped off from 9:30 on, if desired. The Business Meeting starts at noon and the party extends to 2 PM. Bring food to share, anything from salad to dessert. Further details will be posted on the Yahoo Group closer to the date.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 — Duke Farms, Hillsborough

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

Meet: 10 AM in front of Visitor's Center. Easy, flat, and mostly paved paths. We will cover approximately 5 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.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4 — Turtle Back Rock, S. Mtn. Res., W. Orange

Leader: Len Shnitzer, 732-499-9176

Meet: 10 AM at the Turtle Back Rock parking area for a moderate hike. Boots recommended. Bring water.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5 — Ramapo State Forest, Oakland

Leader: Bob Bieri, 201-664-3813

Meet: 10 AM at the upper parking lot on Skyline Drive in Oakland. This 6+ mile hike will be performed at a moderate pace. We plan to hike through the old scout camps (Todd, Tamarack, and Glen Gray), utilizing among many others, the newly blazed Purple Trail which is routed through the former Camp Tamarack.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6 — 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. Bring hat or sunglasses as the sun will be directly in your eyes.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 — Dunderberg Spiral Railway/Harriman State Park, NY

Leader: George Kalosieh, 973-200-0969

Meet: 10 AM (directions below). This loop hike follows portions of the never completed Dunderberg Spiral Railroad with a possible side trip to the Timp. This moderately strenuous hike will be approx. 8+ miles long with great views of the Hudson River. Directions: From Bear Mountain Circle, proceed south on Rt. 9W for 4 miles. Park in the gravel parking lot on the right side.

ALT. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7 — Wawayanda State Park, Hewitt

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

Meet: 10 AM at the Wawayanda Lake Boat Launch. A moderate 7+ mile hike. Route depends upon trail conditions. Bring lunch and water.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 — High Mountain Preserve Park, Wayne

Leaders: Charlie Stepnowski, 862-200-3956 and Bijoy Mechery, cell 908-487-8482, bmechery@msn.com

Meet: 10 AM at College Avenue Trailhead. Depending on weather and trail conditions, we will hike 5 miles with some water crossings and a few moderate uphill sections. Not recommended for beginners. 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, DECEMBER 10 — Manasquan Reservoir, Howell

Leader: Donna Schweitzer, 908-433-4321, 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. Wear appropriate footwear. Address: 311 Windeler Road, Howell, NJ 07731.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 — Liberty State Park, Jersey City

Leader: Ed Leibowitz, 201-332-1709, eleibow@verizon.net

Meet: 10 AM at Visitor Center Parking Lot at Liberty State Park to walk on various paths in the park taking in the beautiful views along the Hudson River. Rain or snow on day of walk cancels. Please register for walk by calling or emailing leader the day before the hike.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11 — 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. Wear boots. Bring water.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12 — Norvin Green State Forest, Wanaque

Leader: Ray Adam, 973-476-9897, adamr43s@hotmail.com

Meet: 10 AM at The New Weis Center (formerly Weis Ecology Center) parking lot. Approximately 6 to 7 miles on various trails at a moderate pace. Bring lunch and water.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13 — Watchung Reservation, Mountainside

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

Meet: 10 AM at Trailside Nature Center parking lot on Coles Ave. 2- to 2.5-hour hike on various trails, about 4 to 5 miles. Hiking boots strongly recommended. Bring snack and water.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14 — Johnsonstown Circle/Harriman State Park, NY

Leader: Stuart Falls, 347-623-3953

Meet: 10 AM ready to hike. We plan to hike on the Blue Disc, Kakiat, Orange, Blue Disc again, White Cross and White Bar Trails. Route is flexible depending on participants. Later lunch at the infamous Claudius Smith Den. The total distance is 10-miles at a steady pace that can be strenuous for some. Bring a snack because of the late lunch.

ALT. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16 — Tourne Park, Boonton Township

Leaders: Charlie Stepnowski, 862-200-3956 and Bijoy Mechery, cell 908-487-8482, bmechery@msn.com

Meet: 10 AM. 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, DECEMBER 17 — Tulip Springs, S. Mtn. Reservation, W. Orange

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

Meet: 10 AM at Tulip Springs parking. Moderate hike of 4 to 5 miles, approx. 2 hours on leader's choice of trails. Wear good hiking boots. Traction devices required if snow cover, inclement weather cancels. Bring water.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18 — Jockey Hollow National Park, Morristown

Leader: Betty Mills, 973-975-5264

Meet: 10 AM at the visitor center parking lot for a pleasant walk in our National Park.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19 — Jockey Hollow National Historical Park, Morristown

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

Meet: 10 AM 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 water and lunch.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20 — Sourland Mountain Preserve, Hillsborough

Leader: Arlene Fineman, cell 908-403-6554, arlenefineman@gmail.com

Meet: 10 AM at Sourland Mt. Preserve parking lot. We will hike about 4 to 5 miles through a nice variety of terrain including one moderately steep incline. Bring plenty of water and a snack. Hiking boots required, poles suggested. Rain or snow cancels the hike.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21 — State Line Lookout, Palisades Interstate Parkway, Alpine

Leader: Rohn 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, DECEMBER 21 — Mahlon Dickerson Reservation, Jefferson

Leader: Diane Willer, 973-627-4046, cell 973-713-3066, dwiller34@gmail.com

Meet: 10 AM at Saffin Pond parking lot (see Mahlon Dickerson Reservation #2 in TSR Directions to Meeting Locations). The hike will be about 6 miles, and the route will be dependent upon the weather and trail conditions. Bring lunch and water. Wear hiking boots. You MUST REGISTER with the leader the day before the hike.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

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MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 — Merry Christmas!

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27 — Cheesequake, Matawan

Leader: Arlene Fineman, cell 908-403-6554, arlenefineman@gmail.com

Meet: 10 AM at the Park Office, no entrance fee off-season. This will be a moderate 4- to 5-mile hike on a variety of trails with some level terrain, ups and downs and boardwalks. Boots required. Traction devices required if snow cover. Bring water and snack.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28 — Ramapo Valley County Reservation, Mahwah, NJ

Leader: Bob Bieri, 201-664-3813

Meet: 10 AM at the parking lot off Rt 202 in Mahwah. This moderately strenuous 7-mile hike will include uphill climbing to Hawk Rock and up the Havemeyer Trail. Route depends on trail conditions. Traction Devices may be needed if snow or icy conditions exist.

ALT. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

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. TriState Rambler sign-in sheets can be obtained from our website.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

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