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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 visitor's 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, Boonton

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, 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, 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, Blairstown

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