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**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 - WHITE LAKE - BLAIRSTOWN / HARDWICK, NJ Added Hike**

*Leader:* Willard Dye, 973-697-6823, cell day of hike only 973-570-7518

*Meet:* 10 AM at the White Lake parking lot (see directions for same at TSR website under White Lake, N41° 0.33', W74° 54.71'). I did this hike a few months ago as a Sunday hike and everyone seemed to enjoy it. White Lake is a very unique area geologically and environmentally and the lake is gorgeous. The hike will be approximately 2 hours - 4.0 miles long, and will pass through the forest and fields of the park. The fields have no shade so expect strong sun for some of the hike. Bring water, snack, and hiking poles if you want to use them (although you probably don't need them). Steady rain cancels.

**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.

**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

**CANOE MONDAY SEPT 11 — Pompton Lake Change of Location and Date**

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

*Meet* 10am GPS (41.023, 74.260)

Pompton Lake information

We will put at the Ramapo River (Very scenic) , paddle down the river into Pompton Lake to Lakeside Park to have lunch, then paddle rest of the lake, approximately 6 miles.

**DIRECTIONS:** Take 287 North to exit 57 ( Skyland Drive /Ringwood)

turn right onto West Oakland Avenue , about a third of a mile turn left into unmarked parking lot. ( if you see Edison Avenue on your right you past the entrance.)

cross over the bridge and unload your boat and then park back in the first parking lot.

No facilities at put in

Call or e-mail by 9/10/17 6pm to register

. See Canoeing General Instructions. You must call and register the day before. A personal flotation device must be worn

**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.

**BIKE WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 — Liberty State Park to Weehawken Bicycle Ride Date Changed 9/27**

**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 — Apschawa Preserve, West Milford**

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

**CANOE SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16 — Merrill Creek Reservoir, Washington Date Change**

*Leader:* Pat Horsch, Cell 908-693-8331, <mailto: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. See TSR Directions. See Canoeing General Instructions. **Must call and register the day before. A personal flotation device must be worn.**

**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.

**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, [biggs\\_gail@yahoo.com](mailto:biggs_gail@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, [biggs\\_gail@yahoo.com](mailto:biggs_gail@yahoo.com)

*Meet:* 10 AM at Millbrook Village parking area. A 6-mile hike following the Orchard, Hamilton Ridge and Pioneer Trails to Van Campens 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](mailto: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 — Patriots' Path, Mountain Valley Park, Mendham Change to hike location**

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

*Meet:* 10 AM at Mountain Valley Park in Mendham Borough and hike Patriots Path to Pitney Road and back, about 3 miles total. Directions: out of Morristown – take CR 24 to Mendham Borough. Turn right onto Mountain Avenue at the traffic light (Black Horse Inn at corner). Go about 1 mile to bottom of hill. There will be a pond and parking lot on the right. Hike will start there.

**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 – Frelinghuysen Arboretum, Morristown to Geo. Washington's Hdqt. & back ADDED HIKE**

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

*Meet:* 10AM for a moderately paced 4 mi. 2+ hour hike from Frelinghuysen to Acorn Hall & George Washington's Hdqt. & back. Those who have Golden Age passports please bring them. If we have enough (4 people per passport) we can spend a little time there & maybe take the tour of the Ford Mansion. Optional lunch at the end in the pavilion.

~~**BIKE WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 — Liberty State Park to Weehawken Bicycle Ride From 9/13 CANCELED**~~

~~*Leader:* Ed Leibowitz, 201-332-1709, [eleibow@verizon.net](mailto: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 28 — Cold Spring to Beacon, Cold Spring, NY Change to hike and start time**

*Leader:* Bill Correa, Cell 917-656-3015

*Meet:* 9:30 AM (see directions below). This is a point to point hike so we will meet at 9:30 in Cold Spring and then drive some cars to Beacon where the hike ends. The hike is 9 miles with 2700 ft. of elevation. We will take the "easier" blue trail trail from the red and not the more difficult yellow to the top of Breakneck Ridge. This hike could be strenuous for some. There is a scramble up to the fire tower in Beacon with great views. 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 if open or on the left. **NOTE early start time.**

**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 Ramondskill 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 Ramondskill 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

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30—PYRAMID MOUNTAIN, MONTVILLE**

*Leader:* Ed Mancuso, cell 917-714-9411 [edmancuso@aol.com](mailto:edmancuso@aol.com)

*Meet:* 10AM at Pyramid Mountain Visitor Center. Hike 4 to 5 miles on various trails snacks only.

**CANOE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30—PAULINSKILL LAKE PADDLE, NEWTON**

*Leader:* Jean Fletcher, [973-285-5263](tel:973-285-5263), [jrfletc@optonline.net](mailto:jrfletc@optonline.net), Cell [973-452-1567](tel:973-452-1567)

*Meet:* 10:00 AM at Paulinskill Fishing Parking Area, Plotts Rd, Newton, NJ 07860 (GPS 41.0834, -74.7826) We will paddle in the waters upstream of the Paulinskill Lake cottage community, going upstream, until it becomes too shallow, enjoying the wildlife and historic artifacts. 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](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paulins_Kill))

**DIRECTIONS:** From I-80 Exit 25: Take Rt. 206 north through the town of Andover. Approximately 4 miles north of Andover pass through the Greendale light and make the immediate left onto Fredon-Springdale Road. Follow this road, which becomes Willows Road until it ends at Rt. 94. Turn right on Rt. 94 and proceed ~1 mile watching on the left for (Mile Marker 20.5) Anderson Hill Road, just at the crest of the hill. Turn left and go on Anderson Hill Road being careful to bear hard right at a Y intersection with Van Horn Road; follow Anderson Hill Road to Rt. [622 \(Newton Swartswood Road\)](#). Turning left on Rt. 622 continue ~1 mi and turn right onto Junction Road. 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 Road). Follow the road onto the causeway along Paulinskill Lake to the far side. Make a U Turn and park on the causeway. See Canoeing General Instructions. Must call and register by 6 PM the day before. A personal flotation device must be worn. Joint with IHC