

January to June 2020

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1 — Chimney Rock Park, Martinsville, NJ

Leader: Lynda Goldschein, 908-757-7058, cell day of hike only 908-347-5012, lyndagoldschein@usa.net

Meet: 10 AM at back of large parking lot. Chimney Rock Park is on Chimney Rock Rd. between Washington Valley Road and Rt. 22. Total distance is 5 miles and includes part of Washington Valley Park with an out at mile 4. The bathrooms are heated and open all year. Hiking boots and poles recommended.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2 — Reeves Meadow, Harriman State Park, NY

Leader: Ray Adam, 973-476-9897, adam43s@hotmail.com

Meet: 10 AM at Reeves Meadow Visitor Center off Seven Lakes Drive. This moderately strenuous hike will be 8 to 9 miles long. Bring sufficient water, lunch, and traction aids.

ALT. THURSDAY, JANUARY 2 — Tourne Park, West Entrance, Denville, NJ

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

Meet: 10 AM. We will hike 5+ miles at a social pace on a variety of trails. Bring lunch, water, hiking boots and traction devices. You MUST REGISTER with the leader the day before the hike. Portable facilities are available.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4 — Bramhall Terrace, South Mountain Reservation, NJ

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

Meet: 9:45 AM for a 10:00 AM start. This is a hard hike and not for slow hikers. Let's enjoy a brisk 2.5 hour, 6-mile hike on leader's choice of trails, depending on underfoot conditions, weather, etc. The terrain is flat to rolling with one uphill section. Please bring traction devices/snow shoes just in case there is snow or ice on trails.

Directions: (these are not online) From east of the park (westbound) on I-78: Take exit 50 B for "Millburn" "Maplewood". At the end of the ramp, you must go right. Drive through 3 traffic lights, not counting the one at the end of the ramp. At the fourth light (Millburn Ave.), turn left. Drive to the second traffic light (the road makes a turn to the right and becomes a one-way street called Essex Ave.). Turn right onto Lackawanna Place, go under the RR tracks, and you come almost immediately to Glen Ave. Turn left and go to the first traffic light and turn right onto Brookside Drive. From Brookside Drive and South Orange Ave. intersection, Millburn (follow signs to the Dog Park), take South Orange Ave. east (toward South Orange) about 1 mile, just past traffic light, to Crest Drive on right. Go 0.4 miles.

From west of the park (eastbound) on I-78 or NJ 24: NJ 24 joins I-78 1 1/2 miles before exit 49B for "Maplewood." At the end of the ramp you must go to the right on Springfield Ave. (NJ 124). At the first light, in 0.4 miles, you must take a jughandle to the right in order to turn left onto Valley Street. At the next light, in 0.3 miles, turn left onto Vauxhall Road. Proceed 0.2 miles to the next light, which is Millburn Ave., and turn left. Then follow the directions as in "From the east on Interstate 78" above.

From north of the park (either eastbound or westbound) on I-280: Take exit 7. At the bottom of the ramp, turn south (left) onto Pleasant Valley Way. Proceed to the intersection of Brookside Drive and South Orange Avenue, Millburn, past the reservoir on left. Turn left (follow signs to the Dog Park) onto South Orange Avenue east (toward South Orange). Go about 1 mile, just past traffic light, to Crest Drive on right. Go 0.4 miles.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5 — Reeves Meadow, Harriman State Park, NY

Leader: Sheree Bennett, 973-932-9466, shereestarrett@yahoo.com

Meet: 9:30 AM at Reeves Meadow Parking Lot on Seven Lakes Drive. This is a 6- to 7-mile moderate hike on leader's choice of trails. Exact route and distance will be weather dependent. Hiking boots required. Bring lunch, adequate water and traction devices for snow or ice. Please PRE-REGISTER with the leader no later than the day before the hike. Note early start time.

MONDAY, JANUARY 6 — Tourne Park, Boonton, NJ

Leader: Bill Reynolds, 201-874-8758 day of hike only, wmxir@gmail.com

Meet: 10 AM in the parking lot on the right side of McCaffrey Lane. This will be a 3.3-mile hike on the white (Ogden) trail, down to and around Birchwood Lake. Boots recommended, wear snow spikes if needed. Bring snack and water.

Directions: Rt. 80 West to Exit 39, Denville, to Rt. 46 East. Go to the 4th light and turn left onto Boulevard. Take Boulevard up to Powerville Road (Morris County Rt. 618) and turn left (follow sign to Tourne Park), onto McCaffrey Lane. Drive past the sign which says "gate closed ahead" to the parking area. Meet in large parking lot on the left by the port-a-potty.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7 — Doris Duke Trailhead, Sterling Forest, NY

Leader: Stuart Falls, cell 347-623-3953, bikehiker250@gmail.com

Meet: 10 AM at the Doris Duke Trailhead, 56 Benjamin Meadow Road, Tuxedo Park, NY. This is a moderate 6.25-mile hike in a rarely visited part of Sterling Forest. This lollipop hike starts counter-clockwise on the Doris Duke trail (yellow), makes a right turn on the blue/yellow, then a left on blue only to the AT. Follow AT to Mombasha High Point for lunch. We will retrace our steps and complete the circle on the Doris Duke trail. Come prepared with water, lunch, and traction aids. Directions: NY Rt.17N past Tuxedo, turn left on NY Rt.17A, after Renaissance Fair, turn right on Benjamin Meadow Road. Trailhead is a very short distance on left side (coordinates 41.25313,-74.230043).

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8 — Jonathan Woods, Denville, NJ

Leader: Bill Reynolds, 973-361-5527, cell day of hike only 201-847-8758, wmfir@gmail.com

Meet: 10 AM in the parking lot

Directions: I-80 to Exit 37 (Hibernia/Green Pond Rd.) Head North on Green Pond for about 2 miles. Turn right on Meriden Rd. Go about 0.3 miles to Old Beach Glen Rd. and turn right. In about 0.2 miles, look for parking lot entrance on right. We will hike 5 miles on various trails at a social pace. Bring lunch, water and hiking boots.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9 — Lake Skannatati, Harriman State Park, NY

Leader: Stuart Falls, cell 347-623-3953, bikehiker250@gmail.com

Meet: 10 AM. We will hike on the LP, Beech, Red Cross and ASB trails. The terrain is easy with few climbs but the pace will be brisk which can be strenuous for some. Total distance 8.5 miles. Bring sufficient water, lunch, and traction aids.

ALT. THURSDAY JANUARY 9 — Lewis Morris County Park, Morris Township, NJ

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

Meet: 10 AM at the lower Sunrise Lake parking lot. We will hike about 5 miles at a social pace with ups and downs. Route dependent on trail conditions. Bring lunch, water, hiking boots and traction devices. You MUST REGISTER with the leader the day before the hike. Portable facilities are available.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 — Watchung Reservation, Mountainside, NJ

Leader: Bill LaChance, cell 973-216-8748, bill@wiladvisors.com

Meet: 10 AM at Trailside Nature Center parking lot on Coles Ave. We will do a 4+ mile hike at a moderate pace, approx. 2.5 hours. Easy to moderate terrain. Facilities available. Wear boots. Traction devices required if snow-covered.

MONDAY, JANUARY 13 — Jockey Hollow National Park, Morristown, NJ

Leader: Betty Mills, 973-975-5264, elizabethmills08@gmail.com

Meet: 10 AM at the visitor center for a pleasant 3-mile walk in our National Park. Wear boots, snow spikes as needed, bring water.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14 — Sebago Boat Launch, Harriman State Park, NY

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

Meet: 10 AM at the Sebago Boat Launch. This moderately paced hike will be 6 to 7 miles long. Weather conditions will determine route.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15 — Cheesequake State Park, Matawan, NJ

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. Poles suggested. Traction devices required if snow cover. Bring water and snack. Indoor bathrooms available.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16 — Sebago Boat Launch, Harriman State Park, NY

Leader: Bill Correa, 917-656-3015, correa.bill@gmail.com

Meet: 9:45 AM at Lake Sebago Boat Launch in Harriman State Park. This will be a strenuous 6- to 7- mile hike covering the full Seven Hills trail. Expect a lot of elevation gain and rock scrambles. A shuttle is required. Bring sufficient water, lunch, and traction aids. Note: Cell phone service is unreliable in parking lot. NOTE early start time.

ALT. THURSDAY, JANUARY 16 — Loantaka Brook Reservation, Morris Twp., NJ

Leader: Al MacLennan, 973-449-4696, maclennan_al@comcast.net

Meet: 10 AM at the Kitchell Road parking lot near the pond. This will be a moderate hike of 6+ miles, dependent on trail and weather conditions. Bring lunch and water.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 19 — Pyramid Mountain, Kinnelon/Montville, NJ

Leader: Anita Liao, 908-456-0029, anitaestrella.fp@gmail.com

Meet: 9:30 AM at the Pyramid Mountain Visitor Center. Poles are recommended. Traction devices will be required if ice or snow. This will be a moderate-paced hike of 4 to 5 miles. We will climb the 100-step trail and pass the Stone Ruins and the Falls. Please PRE-REGISTER with the leader no later than the day before the hike. Note early start time.

MONDAY, JANUARY 20 — Lewis Morris Park, Morristown, NJ

Leader: Bill Reynolds, 201-874-8758, wmfir@gmail.com

Meet: 10 AM at the lowest parking lot, Sunrise Lake area. Enjoy an easy walk, about 3 miles. Wear snow spikes as needed. Bring water. Good for beginners.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21 — Skylands, Ringwood, NJ

Leader: Dianne Jones, cell 973-224-3967, diannejones428@gmail.com

Meet: 10 AM at Parking Lot A in Skylands Manor. This moderately paced 7-mile hike is without much change in elevation. We will hike the Cooper Union-Trail to Governor's Mt. with a view over the reservoir. Bring lunch and water. Traction devices may be needed.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22 — Cooper Mill/Black River, Chester, NJ

Leader: Bill Reynolds, cell day of hike only, 201-874-8758, wmxir@gmail.com.

Meet: 10:00 AM at Cooper Mill parking lot. We will hike a 5-mile lollipop loop on the Blue, Patriots' Path, Red and Green trails at a social pace. Bring lunch and water. Wear hiking boots. Portable facilities.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23 — Sterling Forest, Tuxedo, NY

Leader: Stuart Falls, cell 347-623-3953, bikehiker250@gmail.com

Meet: 10 AM at Visitor Center parking lot. We will start on the Blue to the Fire Tower trail onto the Tower. Then hike the Sterling Ridge. Return on the Sterling Valley and Blue Trails to the Visitor Center. This is a steady-paced, 8.5 mile hike that can be strenuous for some. Facilities available. Bring sufficient water, lunch and traction aids.

ALT. THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

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SATURDAY JANUARY 25 — Duke Farms, Hillsborough, NJ

Leader: Donna Walker, 908-392-1712, walk309@aol.com

Meet: 10 AM at Visitors (Orientation) Center. We will walk 3.5 to 4 miles in the interior of the former Doris Duke estate. Mostly flat and paved with a few moderate hills. Bring water.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 — Sebago Boat Launch, Harriman State Park, NY

Leader: Sheree Bennett, 973-932-9466, shereestarrett@yahoo.com

Meet: 9:30 AM at Lake Sebago Boat Launch. We will meet promptly at Lake Sebago and set up a brief shuttle to Reeves Meadow for a 6- to 7-mile strenuous point-to-point hike from Reeves Meadow to Lake Sebago. Weather and trail conditions will determine our exact route. Bring lunch and water. Hiking boots are a must. Traction devices will be required for snow or ice. If enough snow, snowshoeing is also possible. Please PRE-REGISTER by phone at 973-857-0543 or e-mail. Note early 9:30 AM start to set up shuttle.

MONDAY, JANUARY 27 — South Mountain Reservation, West Orange, NJ

Leader: Bill Reynolds, 201-874-8758, wmxir@gmail.com

Meet: 10 AM at the Oakdale parking lot on Cherry Lane. Leisurely stroll of 3.4 miles around the lake.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29 — Jockey Hollow, Morristown National Park, NJ

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

Meet: 10 AM. Hike various trails including Aqueduct and possibly Mt. Kemble Loop. Trail conditions will determine the route. Four to five miles.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30 — Ramapo Valley County Reservation, Mahwah, NJ

Leader: Dianne Jones, (cell) 973-224-3967, diannejones428@gmail.com

Meet: 10 AM at the Ramapo Valley County Reservation parking lot, off Rt. 202, in Mahwah. This hike travels on less used areas of the reservation. This moderately strenuous, 8- mile hike will travel on the yellow, blue, red/silver, and orange trails to a panoramic viewpoint overlooking the Manhattan Skyline. After lunch at the overlook, return will be on the yellow, yellow/silver, red, blue, and yellow trails. Weather conditions may modify route. Facilities available. Bring sufficient water, lunch, and traction aids.

ALT. THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3 — RR-Greenway Trail, Metuchen, NJ

Leader: Ken Donhauser, cell day of hike only 732-616-7409, kendonhauser@gmail.com

Meet: 10 AM. Level paved walkway 3 miles, sneakers okay, perfect for beginners.

701 Middlesex Ave., 3.0 miles West of Parkway Exit 132 (past Friendly's, opposite Fulton Bank)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5 — D&R Canal, Colonial Park, East Millstone, NJ

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

Meet: 10 AM at Parking Lot A near the Rose Garden inside Colonial Park. We will walk along the Delaware & Raritan Canal for 5 to 6 miles at a moderate pace on a flat path. Bring plenty of water and a snack.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6 — Norvin Green State Forest, Ringwood, NJ

Leader: Jason W. Briggs, 862-228-4972, jasonbriggs99@gmail.com

Meet: 10 AM at The New Weis Center parking lot. This moderately strenuous hike will be 8 to 9 miles long. Weather and trail conditions will determine route. Bring sufficient water, lunch, and traction aids. Note: Cell phone service is unreliable in parking lot.

ALT. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8 — Tourne County Park, Morris County, NJ

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

Meet: 9:45 AM for a 10:00 AM start at the **West Entrance in Denville** off Old Boonton Rd. This is a hard hike and not for slow hikers. Let's enjoy a brisk 2.5 hour, 6-mile hike on leader's choice of trails, depending on underfoot conditions, weather, etc. Please bring traction devices/snowshoes just in case there is snow or ice on trails.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 — Pyramid Mountain, Montville, NJ

Leader: Sheree Bennett, 973-932-9466, shereestarrett@yahoo.com

Meet: 10 AM Visitor Center parking lot (see TSR directions for Pyramid Mountain #1). We will hike 5 to 6 miles at a moderate pace. Please PREREGISTER with the leader by phone or e-mail. Wear hiking boots. Bring snack and water. Traction devices if ice or snow. If deep snow, we will snowshoe.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10 — Jockey Hollow National Park, Morristown, NJ

Leader: Betty Mills, 973-975-5264, elizabethmills08@gmail.com

Meet: 10 AM at the visitor center for a pleasant 3-mile walk in our National Park. Wear boots, snow spikes as needed. Bring water.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11 — Reeves Meadow, Harriman State Park, NY

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

Meet: 10 AM at the Reeves Meadow parking area. This moderately paced hike will be 6 to 7 miles long. Weather conditions will determine route.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12 — Jockey Hollow, Morristown National Park, NJ

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

Meet: 10 AM. Hike various trails. Trail conditions will determine the route, possibly yellow, Soldiers Hut Trail and Mt. Kemble loop. Four to five miles.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13 — Ramapo Valley County Reservation, Mahwah, NJ

Leader: Jason W. Briggs, 862-228-4972, jasonbriggs99@gmail.com

Meet: 10 AM at the Ramapo Reservation parking lot off Rt. 202 in Mahwah. This is a 8+ mile, strenuous hike, at a pace based on weather conditions. Facilities available. Bring sufficient water, lunch, and traction aids.

ALT. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13 — Mahlon Dickerson Reservation, Jefferson, NJ

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

Meet: 10 AM at the Saffin Pond parking lot (#2). The hike will be about 6 miles at a social pace on rocky trails. The route will be dependent on the weather and trail conditions. Bring lunch, water, hiking boots and traction devices. You MUST REGISTER with the leader the day before the hike. Portable facilities are available.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 — Reeves Meadow, Harriman State Park, NY

Leader: Sheree Bennett, 973-857-0543, cell 973-932-9466, shereestarrett@yahoo.com

Meet: 10 AM at the Reeves Meadow Visitor Center. This will be a moderately strenuous 6- to 7-mile hike over leader's choice of trails. Please bring adequate water, lunch and traction devices. Please PRE-REGISTER by phone or e-mail.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17 — RR-Greenway Trail, Metuchen, NJ

Leader: Ken Donhauser, cell day of hike only 732-616-7409, kendonhauser@gmail.com

Meet: 10 AM. Level paved walkway 3 miles, sneakers okay, perfect for beginners.

701 Middlesex Ave., 3.0 miles West of Parkway Exit 132 (past Friendly's, opposite Fulton Bank)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19 — Chimney Rock Park, Martinsville, NJ

Leader: Lynda Goldschein, 908-757-7058, cell day of hike only 908-347-5012, lyndaqoldschein@usa.com

Meet: 10 AM at back of large parking lot. Chimney Rock Park is on Chimney Rock Rd. between Washington Valley Road and Rt. 22. Total distance is 5 miles and includes part of Washington Valley Park with an out at mile 4. The bathrooms are heated and open all year. Hiking boots and poles recommended.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20 — Lake Tiorati, Harriman State Park, NY

Leader: Ray Adam, 973-476-9897, adam43s@hotmail.com

Meet: 10 AM at Lake Tiorati picnic area off Seven Lakes Drive in Harriman State Park. This moderately strenuous hike will be approx. 8 miles long. Weather will determine route. Bring sufficient water, lunch, and traction aids.

ALT. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 — Washington's Crossing, NJ (Not meeting at state park)

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

Meet: 10 AM in the parking lot near restrooms, Washington's Crossing Parking lot near River Drive. This is a 5-mile easy to moderate hike. Bring water and snack. Hiking shoes required. Site where, on December 25, 1776, George Washington and the Continental Army landed after crossing the Delaware River from Pennsylvania to New Jersey. Any updates due to weather or trail conditions will be posted by 6:30 AM morning of the hike.

Directions: From 95, take exit 1 to Route 29 North. Go a few miles to traffic light (Washington's Crossing Road... Look for Patriot's Crossing Tavern). Turn left at light. Bear right onto River Drive and turn into first parking lot (same parking lot as "Nelson House"). DO NOT go over bridge to Pennsylvania.

From 287: Take Route 202 South to Route 179 South (Lambertville, which is the exit just beyond exit for 31 south). Go about 5 miles to the traffic light. Continue straight on Route 29 South. Go about 6 miles to traffic light (Washington's Crossing Road.... Look for Patriot's Crossing Tavern). Turn right at light. Bear right onto River Drive and turn into first parking lot. DO NOT go over bridge to Pennsylvania.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24 — Tourne Park, Boonton, NJ

Leader: Lorrie Vece, 201-970-1000 day of hike only, Dixonlowe@aol.com

Meet: 10 AM in the parking lot on the right side of McCaffrey Lane. This will be a 3.3-mile hike on the white (Ogden) trail, down to and around Birchwood Lake. Boots recommended, snow spikes if needed. Bring snack and water. Directions: Rt. 80 West to Exit 39, Denville, to Rt. 46 East. Go to the 4th light and turn left onto Boulevard. Take Boulevard up to Powerville Road (Morris County Rt. 618) and turn left (follow sign to Tourne Park) onto McCaffrey Lane. Drive past the sign which says "gate closed ahead" to the parking area. Meet in large parking lot on the left by the port-a-potty.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 — Jockey Hollow, Morristown, NJ

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

Meet: 10 AM at the Visitor Center parking lot (See TSR directions). We will hike or snowshoe depending on weather conditions. Route, trails, and mileage will be determined by weather conditions. Bring lunch/snack and water. More information to be posted on week of the hike.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 — Ken Lockwood Gorge, High Bridge, NJ

Leader: Jennifer Percival, jenniferpercival@hotmail.com, day of hike only cell: 973-270-7624

Meet: 10 AM at High Bridge Trailhead Parking lot. We'll hike on the Columbia Trail to the Ken Lockwood Gorge Bridge and return either the way we came in, or hike the park road just below the bridge. This will be an easy approximately 5.6-mile hike. If there's deep enough snow, bring snowshoes. We'll adjust distance accordingly. Wear layers, bring water and snack. Have crampons with you, in case trail warrants it.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27 — Skylands, Ringwood, NJ

Leader: Jason W. Briggs, 862-228-4972, jasonbriggs99@gmail.com

Meet: 10 AM at Parking Lot A. This moderately strenuous hike will be approx. 8 miles long. Weather will determine route. Facilities available. Bring sufficient water, lunch, and traction aids.

ALT. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27 — Cooper Mill/Black River, Chester, NJ

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

Meet: 10 AM at the Cooper Mill parking lot. We will hike a 6.5-mile lollipop loop on the Blue, Patriots' Path, Red and Green trails at a social pace. Bring lunch, water, hiking boots and traction devices. You MUST REGISTER with the leader the day before the hike. Portable facilities are available.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29 (leap year day!)

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SUNDAY, MARCH 1 — Norvin Green State Forest, Ringwood, NJ

Leader: Sheree Bennett, 973-932-9466, shereestarrett@yahoo.com

Meet: 10 AM at The New Weis Center parking lot. This is a moderately-paced hike of 6- to 7 miles on leader's choice of trails. Not for beginners. Must wear hiking boots. Bring lunch, traction devices and water. PLEASE PREREGISTER with hike leader by phone or email. Phone service is very poor at trailhead.

MONDAY, MARCH 2 — Lewis Morris Park, Morristown, NJ

Leader: Henry Fernandez, 973-462-7747, henry8000@yahoo.com

Meet: 10 AM at Sunrise Lake, at the lowest parking lot near the boat house. We will walk on Patriots' Path along the Whippany River. Regular boathouse restrooms closed for the winter. Port-a-John facilities available. Walk will be 1.5 hours.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3 — Turkey Mountain, Montville, NJ

Leader: Dianne Jones, Cell: 973-224-3967, diannejones428@gmail.com.

Meet: 10 AM at the Pyramid Mountain Visitor Center. This is a 5- to 6-mile loop hike. This moderately paced hike will pass cascades and the Lake Valhalla overlook. Bring lunch, water, and traction aids as necessary.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4 — Cheesequake State Park, Matawan, NJ

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. Poles suggested. Traction devices required if snow cover. Bring water and snack. Indoor bathrooms available.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5 — Johnstown Circle, Harriman State Park, NY

Leader: Ray Adam, 973-476-9897, adam43s@hotmail.com

Meet: 10 AM. See TSR directions for Johnstown Road. This moderately strenuous hike will be approx. 8 miles long. Bring sufficient water, lunch, and traction aids.

ALT. THURSDAY, MARCH 5 — Pyramid Mountain, Montville, NJ

Leader: Paul Augustyniak, 973-219-4807, paugust586@aol.com

Meet: 10 AM in the Visitor Center parking lot (see Pyramid Mountain #1). We will hike 5 miles on the Turkey Mountain loop at a moderate pace. First half-mile includes 100-step climb for which we'll take our time. Hiking boots recommended. Bring snack and water. Portable and indoor facilities available at the Visitors Center.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

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SUNDAY, MARCH 8 — Pyramid Mountain, Kinnelon/Montville, NJ

Leader: Anita Liao, 908-456-0029, anitaestrella.fp@gmail.com

Meet: 9:30 AM at the Pyramid Mountain Visitor Center. Hike about 4 miles. Inclement weather cancels. Please PRE-REGISTER with the leader no later than the day before the hike. Note early 9:30 AM start.

MONDAY, MARCH 9 — Nomahegan Park, Cranford, NJ

Leader: Marcia Dube, cell day of hike only 908-451-6078, dube701@yahoo.com

Meet: 10 AM at parking lot on Kenilworth Blvd. near corner with Springfield Ave, across street from Nomahegan Ct. 3+ mile walk on paved trails. Bring water. Portable toilet on site.

Directions: Take EITHER the Garden State Parkway to Exit 138, then turn left onto Galloping Hill Road, which changes name to Kenilworth Blvd. OR take Route 22 to Springfield Ave. toward Cranford, staying straight onto Kenilworth Blvd. when Springfield Ave. turns right.

TUESDAY, MARCH 10 — Silvermine, Harriman State Park, NY

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

Meet: 10 AM at the Silvermine parking area. This moderately paced hike will be 6 to 7 miles long on various trails.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11 — Hacklebarney State Park, Long Valley, NJ

Leader: Jennifer Percival, jenniferpercival@hotmail.com, day of hike only cell: 973-270-7624

Meet: 10 AM at Hacklebarney State Park Parking lot. We'll hike around the park in the woods and alongside Black River. Dress for the weather. Bring snack, water, hiking poles and crampons. The trails are rocky and hilly in sections. Hike will be about 3 miles.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12 — Anthony Wayne, Harriman State Park, NY

Leader: Bill Correa, 917-656-3015, correa.bill@gmail.com

Meet: 10 AM at the far south parking lot in Anthony Wayne Recreation Area. This moderately strenuous hike will be approx. 8 miles long. Bring lunch and sufficient water. Note: Cell phone service is unreliable in parking lot.

ALT. THURSDAY, MARCH 12

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SATURDAY, MARCH 14 — Merrill Creek Reservoir, Washington, NJ

Leader: Dianne Jones, cell 973-224-3967, diannejones428@gmail.com

Meet: 10:00 AM Visitor Center parking area (to the right after entering the area). Leave extra travel time if you have not been here before, as it is not GPS friendly for some systems. This will be an easy but scenic hike of 6 miles, about 3.5 hours, around the reservoir with a few ups and downs and some rocky areas. Boots required and traction devices recommended as needed. Bring lunch and water.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15 — Hartshorne Woods, Atlantic Highlands, NJ

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

Meet: 10 AM in the Rocky Point Entrance parking lot. Easy to moderate hike of 5 to 6 miles over rolling hills. We'll also go past Battery Lewis which was active during World War II. Option of an early out at mile 3. Bring water and snack. Hiking shoes required. Traction devices if needed. Hiking poles recommended. Any updates due to weather or trail conditions will be posted by 6:30 AM morning of the hike.

MONDAY, MARCH 16 — Johnson Park, Piscataway, NJ

Leader: Debby Bronner, cell 201-563-1648, debbybronner@gmail.com

Meet: 10 AM at the zoo parking lot inside Johnson Park. Pleasant 3-mile walk on paved paths throughout the park alongside the Raritan River. Halfway through the walk we can visit a restored 18th century village in the park. Bring water. Bathrooms on the premises. Plenty of picnic tables if you want to bring a snack for after the walk. Driving *Directions:* From Route 287 Take Exit 9 (Highland Park). Follow River Rd. toward Highland Park (approximately 4.3 miles). Turn right onto Johnson Dr. (Cedar Lane is on the left, but turn Right onto Johnson). Follow Johnson Dr. for 0.6 miles. Turn right onto Tulip Dr. to the parking lot on the right. The left side of the parking lot is a small fenced in zoo area, the right side of the parking lot is a playground. From 18 traveling North: Exit right at Rt. 27 Highland Park. Go over the bridge and turn left onto River Rd. Go 0.6 mile and turn left onto Johnson Drive. Follow from Johnson Drive above.

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18 — Chimney Rock Park, Martinsville, NJ

Leader: Lynda Goldschein, 908-757-7058, cell day of hike only 908-347-5012, lynda@lyndagoldschein.com

Meet: 10 AM at back of large parking lot. Chimney Rock Park is on Chimney Rock Rd. between Washington Valley Road and Rt. 22. Total distance is 5 miles and includes part of Washington Valley Park with an out at mile 4. The bathrooms are heated and open all year. Hiking boots and poles recommended.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19 — Appalachian Trail Series Hike # 1,

Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, Dunnfield Creek to Sunfish Pond

Leader: Alan Breach, 973-600-3846, abreach@ptd.net

Meet: 10 AM at the Dunnfield Creek/AT parking lot. A moderately strenuous 8 mile loop hike on the AT to Sunfish Pond, returning via the Dunnfield Creek Trail. Bring lunch and sufficient water.

ALT. THURSDAY, MARCH 19

No hike is scheduled as of this printing. Leaders wishing to lead a hike are encouraged to post a hike on Google Groups at least three days prior to this date. Send listing to tristateramblers@googlegroups.com. TriState Rambler sign-in sheets can be obtained from our website.

SATURDAY, MARCH 21 — Jockey Hollow, Morristown, NJ

Leaders: Charles Stepnowski, 862-200-3956 and Bijoy Mechery, 908-487-8482,

bmechery@msn.com

Meet: 9:45 AM for a 10:00 AM start at Visitor Center parking lot. This is a hard hike and not for slow hikers. Let's enjoy a brisk 2.5 hour, 6-mile hike on leader's choice of trails, depending on underfoot conditions, weather, etc. The terrain is flat to rolling with one uphill section. Please bring traction devices/snowshoes just in case there is snow or ice on trails.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

No hike is scheduled as of this printing. Leaders wishing to lead a hike are encouraged to post a hike on Google Groups at least three days prior to this

date. Send the listing to tristateramblers@googlegroups.com. TriState Rambler sign-in sheets can be obtained from our website.

MONDAY, MARCH 23 — Nomahegan Park, Cranford, NJ

Leader: Marcia Dube, cell day of hike only 908-451-6078, dube701@yahoo.com

Meet: 10 AM at parking lot on Kenilworth Blvd. near corner with Springfield Ave., across street from Nomahegan Ct. 3+ mile walk on paved trails. Bring water. Portable toilet on site.

Directions: Take EITHER the Garden State Parkway to Exit 138, then turn left onto Galloping Hill Road, which changes name to Kenilworth Blvd. OR take Route 22 to Springfield Ave. toward Cranford, staying straight onto Kenilworth Blvd. when Springfield Ave. turns right.

TUESDAY, MARCH 24 — Ramapo Valley County Reservation, Rt. 202, Mahwah, NJ

Leader: Bob Bieri, 201-664-3813, cell day of the hike only, 201-785-6713, bierirobert@aol.com

Meet: 10 AM at the Ramapo Valley County Reservation parking lot. This moderately paced hike will be approximately 6 miles long. We will be hiking on many of the loop trails established in this park.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25 — Watchung Reservation, Mountainside, NJ

Leader: Bill Reynolds, 973-361-5527, wmxir@gmail.com, cell day of hike only 201-874-5758

Meet: 10 AM at Trailside Nature Center parking lot on Coles Ave. (see TSR directions for Watchung Reservation #1). Moderate paced hike for 2 to 3 hours. Boots required.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 26 — Appalachian Trail Series Hike # 2,
Camp Mohican to Sunfish Pond**

Leader: Joyce Breach, 845-545-7754, jbreach@ptd.net

Meet: 10 AM at large parking lot at Camp Mohican. A moderately strenuous 8.5 mile loop on the AT to Sunfish Pond returning via the Kaiser Trail and Coppermine Trail. Facilities available. Bring lunch and sufficient water.

ALT. THURSDAY, MARCH 26 — Sunrise Lake, Lewis Morris Park, Morristown, NJ

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

Meet: 10 AM at Sunrise Lake in the lowest parking lot (NEXT TO THE BOATHOUSE). Hike various trails depending on the trail conditions. Hopefully, a stop for lunch at the scout camp. Hike is approx. 6+ miles.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28 — Seaside to Lavalette, NJ Boardwalk Walk

Leader: Gary Petrie, 732-257-0137 (landline, no cell#)

Meet: 10:30 AM at entrance to Island Beach State Park. We will walk during the "other" season at the shore on the boardwalks of Seaside, Lavalette and Ortleigh Beach. We will visit a mystery point of interest where you'll see the leader in pictures. The coast will be clear and a sight for shore eyes and not a bored walk. About 5 miles. You must register with the leader the day before the hike.

Directions: Take GSP to Exit 82 to Rt. 37 E twd Seaside Heights. Merge onto NJ-37 E. In about 7 miles take the NJ-35 S ramp to Seaside Park/Island Beach. In 0.7 miles turn right onto NW Central Ave. Continue straight onto NJ-35 S for 8 miles to entrance of Island Beach State Park.

SUNDAY, MARCH 29 — Cheesequake State Park, Matawan, NJ

Leader: Jay Dibble, 908-289-8813, cell (day of the hike only) 908-209-2936 or e-mail jaydib41090@peoplepc.com

Meet: 10 AM at the large Hook Lake parking area approx 0.7 of a mile from the Park Office. Four miles at a moderate pace over both flat and hilly terrain.

MONDAY, MARCH 30 — Loantaka Brook Reservation, Morris Twp., NJ

Leader: Terry Kulmane, 973-644-4547, terrykayhiker@yahoo.com

Meet: 10 AM at South St. parking lot for a 3-mile social walk on wooded trails. Portable facilities available.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 31 — (AT Series #3), Mohican Outdoor Center to Millbrook Rd.,
Blairstown, NJ**

Leader: Alan Breach, 973-600-3846, abreach@ptd.net

Meet: 10 AM at the Mohican Outdoor Center (see TSR directions for Camp Mohican). This is a moderate 6.5 mile loop using the AT and Rattlesnake Swamp Trail. There are great views on the AT. Bring lunch and water.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1 — Watchung Reservation, Mountainside, NJ

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

lyndagoldschein@usa.net

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 2 — Cold Spring to Beacon, Cold Spring, NY

Leader: Bill Correa, 917-656-3015, correa.bill@gmail.com

Meet: 9:30 AM (see directions below). This is a point-to-point (shuttle required) 10+ miles hike with 2700 ft. of elevation gain. We will take the "easier" blue

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 0.3 miles, parking lot is on the right. Bring lunch and sufficient water. NOTE early start time.

ALT. THURSDAY, APRIL 2 — Cooper Mill/Black River, Chester, NJ

Leader: Bill Reynolds, 201-874-8758, wmfir@gmail.com

Meet: 10 AM at the Cooper Mill parking lot. We will hike a 6.5-mile lollipop loop on the Blue, Patriots' Path, Red and Green trails at a social pace. Bring lunch, water and hiking boots. Portable facilities are available.

f FRIDAY, APRIL 3 — Pluckemin to Oldwick, NJ

Leader: Gloria Friedman, cell 973-886-9662, gloria.1001@yahoo.com

Meet: 10 AM at parking lot behind Bedminster1 bank just east of Rt. 202 on Burnt Mills Road. Join me for a scenic 23-mile trip to Oldwick for lunch through horse country with few hills.

Directions: Take Rt. 287 S for most of you and get off at exit 22A to merge onto 202/206. Take the jughandle to get onto 202/206 South. Stay in the left lane to avoid getting back on 287. Turn right onto Burnt Mills Road in about .5 mile and you'll see the bank on your left. Coordinates are 40.6452780,-74.6416670. REGISTER with leader the night before. Be sure to wear a HELMET and bring water.

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

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SUNDAY, APRIL 5

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MONDAY, APRIL 6 — Echo Lake, Mountainside, NJ

Leader: Debby Bronner, 201-563-1648, debbybronner@gmail.com

Meet: 10 AM at parking lot across from the boathouse. We will walk a little over 3 miles mostly on paved walkways. Directions from Rt. 22 East: take Mountain Ave. exit (first exit after Mountainside Rescue Squad) then immediate left. Turn right onto Park Dr. Directions from Rt. 22 West: take the third U-turn after Vette 2, then follow directions from Rt. 22 above. Bring water.

TUESDAY, APRIL 7 — Bear Mountain, Bear Mountain State Park, NY

Leader: Ed Leibowitz, 908-623-3883, eleibow@verizon.net, cell day of the hike only, 201-850-9649

Meet: 10 AM in the parking lot adjacent to the Bear Mountain Inn. Hike up the Major Welch Trail and descend on the Appalachian Trail. This hike is approximately 5 miles long and will have some steep climbs up the Major Welch Trail. Bring lunch and water. Lunch will be at the summit near Perkins Tower.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8 — Mahlon Dickerson Reservation, Jefferson, NJ

Leader: Bill Reynolds, 973-361-5527, wmfir@gmail.com, cell day of hike only, 201-874-8758

Meet: 10 AM at Saffin Rock Rill parking lot for a 4+ mile moderately paced 2-hour hike around Saffin Pond and back. Bring water.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9 — Appalachian Trail Series Hike # 4,

Millbrook Rd. to Blue Mt. Lakes Road

Leader: Alan Breach, 973-600-3846, abreach@ptd.net

Meet: 9:45 AM at the Millbrook Village Parking Lot in Blairstown. We will carpool a short distance to the Millbrook Road AT parking lot. This is a moderate 7- to 8- mile out-and-back hike on the AT to Blue Mountain Lakes Rd. Bring lunch and sufficient water. NOTE early start time.

ALT. THURSDAY, APRIL 9 — Deer Park, Allamuchy State Park, Hackettstown, NJ

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

Meet: 10 AM in parking lot on Deer Park Road. (TSR Directions to Allamuchy #1- Panther Valley). Hike approx. 6+ miles in Allamuchy State Park with lunch at Deer Park Pond.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10 — Picatinny Arsenal Guided Walking Tour #2, Wharton, NJ

Leader: Lise Greene, 973-663-4396, lise.greene@montclair.edu, cell day of hike only 484-574-2480

Meet: 9:30 AM at Picatinny Arsenal (Route 15 North, Wharton) – note early arrival time for check-in; hike will begin at 10 AM.

Directions: From Route 80 heading **west**: Take exit 34-B for Route 15 North. Go through light at Shell station, pass Richard Mine Road on right, and then turn right at sign for Picatinny Arsenal. From Route 80 heading **east**: Take exit 34 and follow signs to Route 15 North; after turning left onto Route 15, move immediately to the right and turn right at sign for Picatinny Arsenal. Stop at checkpoint on left for security clearance. This unique hike is about 4 hours over approximately 3 miles on wooded paths and pavement with slight hills, guided by Picatinny's archeologist and historian. Two areas will be visited with many stops to take in the history: Lake Denmark and Spicertown. Bring water and lunch to eat during a rest stop. Wear sturdy walking shoes; boots are not

needed. Limit: 35 participants. You MUST REGISTER with the leader by March 20. Additional details will be provided to registrants regarding the historic locations and required advance security measures (submission of a form consenting to a criminal background check; information on vehicles and cameras). All participants must bring a valid government-issued photo ID such as driver's license or passport. Bags and cars may be searched at the gate upon arrival. History of Picatinny: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Picatinny_Arsenal.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

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SUNDAY, APRIL 12 — Ramapo Mountain State Forest, Haskell, NJ

Leader: Dianne Jones, cell 973-224-3967, diannejones428@gmail.com

Meet: 10 AM at the Back Beach Park, Haskell, NJ parking lot. This is an easy to moderate 7+ mile hike on the Wanaque Ridge trail to lunch at Ramapo Lake. It's an easy walk out on the lakeshore path with an optional excursion to the 287 overpass on the way back to the parking lot.

MONDAY, APRIL 13 — Somerset County Education Center, Basking Ridge, NJ

Leader: Bill Reynolds, cell day of hike only 201-874-8758, wmxir@gmail.com

Meet: 10 AM in the parking lot. Hike will be 3+ miles on various flat trails and boardwalks. Bring bug spray; wear boots; bring water.

TUESDAY, APRIL 14 — Sterling Forest State Park, Southfields, NY

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

Meet: 10 AM at the Indians Hills parking area in Southfields, NY (see TSR directions). This moderately paced hike will be approximately 6 to 7 miles long. We will hike on the Indian Hills trail, among others, and hopefully view the Southfield Furnace.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15 — Schooley's Mountain County Park, Long Valley, NJ

Leader: Patience Armstrong, cell day of hike, 973-420-7801

Meet: 40°47'40.49" N -74°47'49.74" in the first, large parking lot entered from East Springtown Rd. (See TSR Directions to Meeting Locations for directions to E Springtown Rd.) This will be about a 2-hour, 2.5 mile loop hike, with parts rocky and steep along Electric Creek. Options to extend/alter route depending on the day and group. There are several short detours for outdrops and views. Hiking boots and poles recommended. Bring water and snacks.

THURSDAY, APRIL 16 — Hartshorne Woods, Atlantic Highlands, NJ

Leader: Louis Thompson, 732-577-9413, cell day of the hike only 732-239-1012, ltot1@yahoo.com

Meet: 10 AM at the Rocky Point parking area, 1402 Portland Ave., Atlantic Highlands, NJ. This will be an 8- to 9- mile hike on the Rocky Point, Grand Tour, and Laurel Ridge Trails. We hope to see mountain laurel in bloom. We will also pass by a historic gun battery, and the Navesink River, and have views of the Atlantic Ocean. Bring lunch and sufficient water.

ALT. THURSDAY, APRIL 16 — Cranberry Overlook, Byram Twp., NJ

Leader: Lise Greene, 973-663-4396, cell day of hike 862-268-5828, lise.greene@montclair.edu

Meet: 10 AM at Tamarack Park (314 Route 206), back right of parking lot. Take Route 80 to Exit 25 for Route 206 North. Drive about 4 miles, go through the light at Tamarack Road and then pass Jones Lane. Entrance to Tamarack Park is on the right. If you miss the first entrance, drive a few yards to the next one (mile marker 101.5). This hike is about 5.5 miles with some rockiness and elevation. Early out possible at noon, if needed. Enjoy views of Johnson Lake, glacial erratics, picturesque historic rock walls and the Delaware Water Gap. Bring lunch to eat at overlook. Hiking boots and water are required. Poles are suggested. Facilities are available.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18 — Shepherd's Lake, Ringwood, NJ

Leader: Jay Dibble, 908-289-8813, cell (day of the hike only) 908-209-2936,

jaydib41090@peoplepc.com

Meet: 10 AM at the Shepherd's Lake upper parking area. Follow the TSR directions, but pass the 1st parking lot on the right and go straight ahead and up the hill from the toll booth. We'll hike 5.5 miles at a moderate pace over mostly hilly, rocky terrain. Lots of ups and downs. Bring water and lunch. Some nice views.

SUNDAY, APRIL 19 — Merrill Creek Reservoir, Phillipsburg, NJ

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

Meet: 10 AM in the parking lot. Easy to moderate hike. This will be a 6- to 7-mile hike around the perimeter and woods along the shoreline at a moderate pace. Bring water and snack/lunch. We will stop at Scott's Mountain Hawk Watch area for snack/lunch. Hope to see some wildlife such as hawks, bald eagle, deer, etc. Hiking boots required, poles suggested.

MONDAY, APRIL 20 — Jockey Hollow, Morristown, NJ

Leader: Carol Czajkowski, 973-539-4084, martinandcarol2@gmail.com

Meet: 10 AM at the Visitor Center for a pleasant 3-mile hike in our National Park. Steady rain cancels. Wear boots; bring water. Should be done by 11:30 AM.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21 — Ramapo Mountain State Forest, Oakland, NJ

Leader: Louis Thompson, 732-577-9413, cell day of hike only 732-239-1012, ltot1@yahoo.com

Meet: 10 AM at the lower parking lot on Skyline Drive. This will be a 6- to 7-mile, moderately paced 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 water.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22 — D&R Canal, Colonial Park, East Millstone, NJ

Leader: Debby Bronner, 201-563-1648, debbybronner@gmail.com

Meet: 10 AM at Parking Lot A near the Rose Garden inside Colonial Park. We will walk along the Delaware and Raritan Canal for 5 to 6 miles at a moderate pace on a flat path. Bring lunch or a snack if you want to picnic near the Rose Garden afterwards. Bring plenty of water.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23 — Stonetown Circular, Ringwood, NJ

Leader: Jason W. Briggs, 862-228-4972, jasonbriggs99@gmail.com

Meet: 10 AM at the Stonetown field parking lot off Stonetown Rd. in Ringwood. This is a strenuous 7+ mile hike that offers beautiful views and will have over 2500' of elevation gain. Bring lunch and sufficient water.

ALT. THURSDAY, APRIL 23 — Jonathan Woods, Denville, NJ

Leader: Bill Reynolds, 973-361-5527, cell day of hike 201-847-8758, wmfir@gmail.com

Meet: 10 AM in the parking lot. Directions: I-80 to Exit 37 (Hibernia/Green Pond Rd.). Head North on Green Pond Rd. for about 2 miles. Turn right on Meriden Rd. Go about 0.3 miles to Old Beach Glen Rd. and turn right. In about 0.2 miles, look for parking lot entrance on right. We will hike 5 miles on various trails at a social pace. Bring lunch, water and hiking boots.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25 — South River Roundabout, East Brunswick, NJ

Leader: Gary Petrie, 732-257-0137 (landline)

Meet: 10 AM in East Brunswick at Rt.18 and Tices Lane at Boston Market in Mid-State Mall. We will be walking through the area where the leader grew up. We will be walking through parks and residential areas and a marble orchard. You will see scenic views from the higher elevations and the "jewel" of South River. South River is 300 years old this year. Washington slept here. About 5 to 6 miles. You must register with the leader the day before the hike.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25 — Mountain Way Park, Parsippany, NJ

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

Meet: 9:45 AM for a 10:00 AM start at the parking lot on Mountain Way. This is a hard hike and not for slow hikers. Let's enjoy a brisk 2.5 hour, 6-mile hike on leader's choice of trails, depending on underfoot conditions, weather, etc. The terrain is flat to rolling with one uphill section. Please bring traction devices/snowshoes just in case there is snow or ice on trails.

Directions: NJ Coordinates: N40° 50.76', W74° 29.75. NJ 10 West; about 1 mile west of Rt. 53, turn left on Powder Mill South, using the jughandle; go south 0.6 mile to the end and turn left on Mountain Way; go about 0.6 mile to the parking lot on the right.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26 — Fanny State Park, Rockaway, NJ

Leader: Jay Dibble 908-289-8813, cell (day of the hike only) 908-209-2936, jaydib41090@peoplepc.com.

Meet: 10 AM at the Timber Brook Rd. parking area (see TSR for directions). Six miles at a moderate pace over both flat and hilly terrain. One steep climb to the Indian Cliffs. Bring lunch and water.

MONDAY, APRIL 27 — Tourne Park, Boonton, NJ

Leader: Sharon Lehman, 973-525-5901 day of hike only, lehmans2018@gmail.com

Meet: 10 AM in the parking lot on the right side of McCaffrey Lane. This will be a 3.3-mile hike on the white (Ogden) trail, down to and around Birchwood Lake. Boots recommended. Bring snack and water.

Directions: Rt. 80 West to Exit 39, Denville, to Rt. 46 East. Go to the 4th light and turn left onto Boulevard. Take Boulevard up to Powerville Road (Morris County Rt. 618) and turn left (follow sign to Tourne Park). Turn left on McCaffrey Lane. Drive past the sign which says "gate closed ahead" to the parking area. Meet in large parking lot on the left by the port-a-potty.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28 — Pyramid Mt., Montville, NJ

Leader: Louis Thompson, 732-577-9413, cell day of hike only 732-239-1012, ltot1@yahoo.com

Meet: 10 AM at the Pyramid Mountain Visitor Center parking lot. We will hike 5 to 6 miles at a moderate pace on the blue, white, blue, up the steep red stripe, back on the white and blue trails. We will pass bear rock, tripod rock, and whale head rock. Bring lunch, water, and hiking boots. Hike should end by 1:30 PM.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29 — Sourland Mountain Preserve, Hillsborough, NJ

Leader: Arlene Fineman, cell 908-403-6554, artenefineman@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.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30 — Reeves Meadow Visitor Center, Harriman State Park, NY

Leader: Jason W. Briggs, 862-228-4972, jasonbriggs99@gmail.com

Meet: 10 AM Reeves Meadow Visitor Center off Seven Lakes Drive. This moderately strenuous hike will be 8 to 9 miles long. Bring lunch and sufficient

water.

ALT. THURSDAY, APRIL 30 — Millbrook Village, Columbia, NJ

Leader: Al MacLennan, 973-449-4696, maclennan_al@comcast.net

Meet: 10 AM at Millbrook Village parking lot. This is a beautiful, moderate 6-mile hike to a remote mountain pond with a striking vista on the main Kitatinny Ridge. Bring lunch and water.

SATURDAY, MAY 2

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SUNDAY MAY 3 — Mahlon Dickerson Reservation, Jefferson, NJ

Leader: Bill LaChance, cell 973-216-8748, bill@wiladvisors.com

Meet: 10 AM at Saffin Pond parking area. We will do a 4+ mile hike at a moderate pace, approx. 2 1/2 hours. There are some uphill climbs. Bring snack or light lunch. Wear boots.

MONDAY, MAY 4 — Johnson Park, Piscataway, NJ

Leader: Debby Bronner, cell 201-563-1648, debbybronner@gmail.com

Meet: 10 AM at the zoo parking lot inside Johnson Park. Pleasant 3-mile walk on paved paths throughout the park alongside the Raritan River. Halfway through the walk we can visit a restored 18th century village in the park. Bring water. Bathrooms on the premises. Plenty of picnic tables if you want to bring a snack for after the walk. *Directions:* From Route 287 Take Exit 9 (Highland Park). Follow River Rd. toward Highland Park (approximately 4.3 miles). Turn right onto Johnson Dr. (Cedar Lane is on the left, but turn Right onto Johnson). Follow Johnson Dr. for 0.6 miles. Turn right onto Tulip Dr. to the parking lot on the right. The left side of the parking lot is a small fenced in zoo area, the right side of the parking lot is a playground. From 18 traveling North: Exit right at Rt. 27 Highland Park. Go over the bridge and turn left onto River Rd. Go 0.6 mile and turn left onto Johnson Drive. Follow from Johnson Drive above.

TUESDAY, MAY 5 — Wawayanda State Park, Hewitt, NJ

Leader: Carolyn and Jim Canfield, 973-728-9774, cmjwcanfield@gmail.com

Meet: 10 AM at the Wawayanda State Park Boat Launch, Warwick Turnpike, Hewitt, NJ. This will be about a 6-mile hike on rolling trails and woods roads with a lake stop for lunch.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6 — Hacklebarney State Park, Long Valley, NJ

Leader: Bill Reynolds, 973-361-5527, wmxir@gmail.com, cell day of hike only 201-874-8758

Meet: 10 AM in the parking lot near the kiosk. This will be a 4-mile, 2-hour hike at a pace to allow picture taking along the Black River with some waterfalls and scenic views. There is a combination of paved paths and rocky trails suitable for beginners. Hiking boots required. Bring water.

THURSDAY, MAY 7 — Breakneck Ridge, Cold Spring, NY

Leader: Ray Adam, 973-476-9897, adam43s@hotmail.com

Meet: 10 AM at Breakneck Ridge parking lot. This is a strenuous 8- to 9- mile hike up the face of Breakneck Ridge, returning on various trails. 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 2.2 miles, parking lot is on the right. Bring lunch and sufficient water.

ALT. THURSDAY, MAY 7— South Mountain Reservation, Milburn/West Orange, NJ

Leaders: Stan and Bev Kaltnecker, 201-602-4074, kaltnecs1@aol.com

Meet: 10 AM at Tulip Springs. We will do a 5- to 6-mile hike (no long stairs) passing waterfalls, cascades and spillways, about 4 hours. Hike primarily on Lenape and River trails. Bring lunch and water. Poles helpful. Facilities available.

SATURDAY, MAY 9

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SUNDAY, MAY 10 — Norvin Green State Forest, Wanaque, NJ

Leader: Sheree Bennett, 973-932-9466, shereestarrett@yahoo.com

Meet: 10 AM at The New Weis Center parking lot. This is a moderately paced hike of 6 to 7 miles on leader's choice of trails. Not for beginners. Hiking boots required. Bring lunch, bug spray and water. PLEASE PREREGISTER with hike leader by phone or email. Phone service is very poor at trailhead.

MONDAY, MAY 11 — Central Park of Morris County, Morris Plains, NJ

Leader: Bill Reynolds, 201-874-8758, wmxir@gmail.com

Meet: 10 AM at parking lot on Central Ave., near bathroom for a 3-mile moderately paced hike. We will see where the old Greystone Park hospital used to be before being taken down. A map of the park may be downloaded at Central Park of Morris County and then Central Park Map.

Directions: from Morristown Square take Speedwell Ave. 2 miles to Glenbrook Ave. and turn left. Go 0.6 mile and turn right just after sharp left turn onto Central Ave. Go 0.6 mile, bearing left at next intersection to parking lot on left near bathroom. Coordinates: 40°49.814' N by 74°29.939' W. Bring water.

TUESDAY, MAY 12 — Reeves Meadow Visitor Center, Harriman State Park, NY

Leader: Louis Thompson, 732-577-9413, cell day of hike only 732-239-1012, ltot1@yahoo.com

Meet: 10 AM at the Reeves Visitor Center on Seven Lakes Drive. This moderately strenuous hike will be 6 to 7 miles long on the Pine Meadow, Kakiat, and Raccoon Brook Trails. Hiking boots required. Bring lunch and plenty of fluids.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13 — Seeley's Pond, Watchung Reservation, NJ

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

lindagoldschein@usa.net

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

THURSDAY, MAY 14 — Appalachian Trail Series Hike # 7,

Buttermilk Falls to Rt. 206, Branchville, N.J

Leader: Alan Breach, 973-600-3846, abreach@ptd.net

Meet: 9:30 AM at the AT Trail and US 206 Crossing parking lot. See TSR Directions under Stokes State Forest. We will shuttle (20 min.) to the Buttermilk Falls Parking Lot. This is a moderately strenuous 8- to 9- mile hike from Buttermilk Falls Trailhead to Rt. 206 on the AT. Highlights are Buttermilk Falls and views along the AT and at the Acropolis. Bring lunch and sufficient water.

ALT. THURSDAY, MAY 14 — Mahlon Dickerson Reservation, Jefferson, NJ

Leader: Bill Reynolds, 201-874-8758, wmxir@gmail.com

Meet: 10 AM at the Saffin Pond parking lot (#2). The hike will be about 6 miles and the route will be dependent on the weather and trail conditions. Bring lunch, water and hiking boots. Portable facilities available.

SATURDAY, MAY 16

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SUNDAY, MAY 17 — Hartshorne Woods, Atlantic Highlands, NJ

Leader: Jay Dibble, 908-289-8813, cell (day of the hike only) 908-209-2936

jaydib41090@peoplepc.com

Meet: 10 AM at the Rocky Point parking area. We'll hike about 5.5 miles at a moderate pace over mostly gently rolling terrain. We'll hike on the Cuesta Ridge, Laurel Ridge and Grand Loop trails.

MONDAY, MAY 18 — Patriots' Path–Sussex Ave. to Whitehead Rd., Morristown, NJ

Leaders: Stan and Bev Kaltnecker, cell 201-602-4074, kaltnecs1@aol.com

Meet: 10 AM at the parking area on Sussex Avenue (CR 617).

Directions: from the Morristown Green take Speedwell Avenue (State Hwy. 202) to Sussex Avenue. Take Sussex Avenue for about 1.5 miles to parking lot on right. Wear boots, just in case. No facilities available. Walk will be 1.5 hours.

TUESDAY, MAY 19 — Skylands Manor, Ringwood, NJ

Leader: Bob Bieri, 201-664-3813, cell day of hike only 201-785-6713, bierirobert@aol.com

Meet: 10 AM at the "Pc" parking lot at NJ Botanical Garden/Skylands Manor. This 6-mile hike will utilize the Crossover, Halifax, and various bike trails and woods roads. Bring lunch and water. After passing the "Pa" parking lot, bear right passing the Manor on the right and the Botanical Gardens on the left, turn right at the gate and then follow signs for the unpaved "Pc" parking lot.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20 — Wawayanda State Park, Hewitt, NJ

Leader: Carolyn and Jim Canfield, 973-728-9774, cmjwcanfield@gmail.com

Meet: 10 AM at Wawayanda State Park Office. We will hike about 5 miles for 3 hours on rolling trails and woods roads looking for spring wildflowers. Expect lady slippers in bloom. Bring water and lunch.

THURSDAY, MAY 21 — Reeves Meadow Visitor Center, Harriman State Park, NY

Leader: Louis Thompson, 732-577-9413, cell day of the hike only 732-239-1012, ltot1@yahoo.com

Meet: 10 AM at the Reeves Meadow Visitor Center on Seven Lakes Drive. This will be a moderately strenuous, 8- to 9- mile hike, utilizing the Pine Meadow, Kakiat, Raccoon Brook, and either the Reeves Brook or Seven Hills Trail. Bring lunch and sufficient water.

ALT. THURSDAY, MAY 21 — Allamuchy Mountain State Park, Sussex Branch, NJ

Leaders: Stan and Bev Kaltnecker, 201-602-4074, kaltnecs1@aol.com

Meet: 10 AM at North Allamuchy Mountain State Park, Stanhope, NJ. We will hike 5 to 6 miles on various trails, mostly on Sussex Branch and parallel trails for about 3 to 3.5 hours. Will lunch at Cranberry Lake. Poles helpful. Bring lunch and water. Facilities are available.

FRIDAY, MAY 22 — Monksville Reservoir, Hewitt, NJ

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

Meet: 10:00 AM at North Boat Launch (On Northern Beech Rd.), Monksville Reservoir, 121 Beech Rd., Hewitt, NJ (GPS 41.1423, -74.2999) From I-287, exit 55: Take Rt-511 (Ringwood Ave.) north about 10 miles. Pass the Wanaque Reservoir, the Monksville Dam and South Boat Launch at 9 miles. Continue 1 mile and look for a sign on the left "Long Pond Ironworks State Park/ North Boat Launch". Turn RIGHT (North) as we will be using the Kayak Launch on Northern Beech Rd. (not the Southern Beach Rd. for cars with boat trailers). Follow signs to the Northernmost Launch (a grassy lawn). Monksville Reservoir has a surface area of 505 acres and spans about three miles from end to end. Route 511/Greenwood Lake Road crosses the reservoir on a long bridge. South of the bridge is the main part of the reservoir. This large area curves all the way down to the Monksville Dam. North of the bridge, near Beech Road, the remains of submerged trees are in the water. Actual route of the paddle will depend on the weather and the group. Bring lunch. A portable sanitary facility is available. You MUST REGISTER with the leader by 6 PM the day before the event. See Canoeing General Instructions; a personal flotation device IS REQUIRED.

SATURDAY, MAY 23

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SUNDAY, MAY 24

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MONDAY, MAY 25 (MEMORIAL DAY) — Lewis Morris Park, Morristown, NJ

Leaders: Stan and Bev Kaltnecker, cell 201-602-4074, kaltnecs1@aol.com

Meet: 10 AM at Sunrise Lake at Lewis Morris Park, at the lowest parking lot near the boat house. We will walk on Patriots' Path along the Whippany River. Facilities available. Walk will be 1.5 hours.

TUESDAY, MAY 26 — Turkey Mountain Loop, Pyramid Mt., Montville, NJ

Leader: Louis Thompson, 732-577-9413, cell day of hike only 732-239-1012, ltpt1@yahoo.com

Meet: 10 AM at Pyramid Mt. 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 at the falls, and the Lake Valhalla overlook. Bring lunch, water, and hiking boots. Hike should end by 1:30 PM.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27 — D&R Canal, Colonial Park, East Millstone, NJ

Leader: Debby Bronner, 201-563-1648, debbybrunner@gmail.com

Meet: 10 AM at Parking Lot A near the Rose Garden inside Colonial Park. We will walk along the Delaware and Raritan Canal for 5 to 6 miles at a moderate pace on a flat path. Bring lunch or a snack if you want to picnic near the Rose Garden afterwards. Bring plenty of water.

THURSDAY, MAY 28 — Ramapo Mountain State Forest, Oakland, NJ

Leader: Louis Thompson, 732-577-9413, cell day of the hike only 732-239-1012, ltpt1@yahoo.com

Meet: 10 AM at the lower parking lot. This will be a 7- to 8-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. Bring lunch and sufficient water.

ALT. THURSDAY, MAY 28 — Jockey Hollow National Park, Morristown, NJ

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

Meet: 10 AM at the Visitors Center. Hike to Cross Estate Gardens for lunch and return. Bring lunch, lots of water. Approx. 6+ miles.

FRIDAY, MAY 29 — Saxon Lake / Musconetcong River, Stanhope, NJ

Leaders: Stan and Bev Kaltnecker, 201-602-4074, kaltnecs1@aol.com

Meet: 10 AM at Waterloo Rd. parking lot, 1087 Waterloo Rd., Stanhope, NJ (GPS: 40.8969, -74.7911) Take I-80 exit 25, to Rt. 206 north. Go 0.5 miles and take ramp on right to Continental Dr. Follow brown signs toward Waterloo Village; proceed 0.5 mile to traffic light; turn right; continue one mile; turn left at "T" intersection (Waterloo Road/CR 604); after 3.3 miles the NJ State parking area (small) is on the left (river) side, immediately after an abandoned white building. This is our launch site. Enjoy a nice scenic paddle "up a lazy river" (about an hour upstream) then back and around Saxon Lake. Total trip time about 3 hours. You MUST REGISTER with the leaders the by the day before the event. See Canoeing General Instructions; a personal flotation device IS REQUIRED.

SATURDAY, MAY 30

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SUNDAY, MAY 31

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MONDAY, JUNE 1 — South Mountain Reservation, Tulip Springs, Millburn, NJ

Leaders: Stan and Bev Kaltnecker, cell 201-602-4074, kaltnecs1@aol.com

Meet: 10 AM at Tulip Springs. Facilities available. Walk will be 1.5 hours. Walk will be on wooded trails along West Branch of Rahway River with a stop at

Hemlock Falls.

TUESDAY, JUNE 2 — Hartshorne Woods, Atlantic Highlands, NJ

Leader: Louis Thompson, 732-577-9413, cell day of hike only 732-239-1012, ltot1@yahoo.com

Meet: 10 AM at the Rocky Point parking area (See TSR directions). This will be a 6- to 7-mile hike, led at a moderate pace, on the Rocky Point, Grand Tour, and Laurel Ridge trails, where we should have lots of mountain laurel in bloom and pretty forest views. We will also pass by a historic gun battery, the Navesink River, and views of the Atlantic Ocean. Hiking boots required. Bring lunch and lots of water. Stay and enjoy the shore after the hike.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3 — Turkey Mountain, Montville, NJ

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

Meet: 10 AM at Pyramid Mountain Visitor's Center. Hike the Yellow, White, Green trails. Approximately 4-mile hike.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4 — Popolopen Gorge, Harriman State Park, NY

Leader: Bill Correa, 917-656-3015, correa.bill@gmail.com

Meet: 10 AM at the northern end of the parking lot at the Anthony Wayne Recreation Area. We will take the blue trail to the Popolopen and back. This is an easy hike except for a steep, but short, scramble up to the top of Popolopen. Beautiful views are enjoyed at the top. Hike is 7+ miles long. Bring lunch and sufficient water.

ALT. THURSDAY, JUNE 4 — Schiff Nature Preserve, Mendham, NJ

Leader: Al MacLennan, 973-449-4696, maclennan_al@comcast.net

Meet: 10 AM at 339 Pleasant Valley Road. Schiff is a beautiful 780 acre protected preserve. We will hike 6 miles at a moderate pace on many of its trails. Bring lunch and water.

FRIDAY, JUNE 5 — Wawayanda State Park, Hewitt, NJ

Leader: Henry Fernandez, 973-462-7747, henry8000@yahoo.com

Meet: 10 AM at Wawayanda State Park Boat Launch. See TSR directions. Spend a day on a pretty lake with easy paddling. Rentals may be available; call 973-764-1030. After a day of paddling the leader will treat everyone to a pizza party. You MUST REGISTER with leader by the day before. See Canoeing General Instructions; a personal flotation device must be worn.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6 — Cooper Grist Mill, Chester, NJ

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

Meet: 9:15 AM for a 9:30 AM start at the parking lot by the mill on Rt. 513. This is a hard hike and not for slow hikers. Let's enjoy a brisk 3-hour, 7-mile hike on leader's choice of trails, depending on underfoot conditions, weather, etc. The terrain is flat to rolling with one uphill section. Please bring traction devices/snowshoes just in case there is snow or ice on trails. Note early start time.

SUNDAY, JUNE 7 — Tourne Park — East Entrance, Boonton, NJ

Leader: Lorrie Vece, cell phone 201-970-1000, Dixonlowe@aol.com

Meet: 10 AM at 41 McCaffrey Lane and Norris Rd. Boonton parking lot on right. This will be a 4.2-mile hike. Bring snack, adequate water and bug spray.

∫ SUNDAY, JUNE 7 — Liberty State Park to Weehawken Bicycle Ride

Leader: Ed Leibowitz, 908-623-3883, eleibow@verizon.net, cell 201-850-9649 only after 9:30 AM on June 7

Meet: 10 AM at Liberty State Park (Exit 14B – NJTPKE Newark Bay Extension) at 3rd parking lot nearest the information center. Ride from Liberty State Park through Jersey City, Hoboken, and Weehawken, taking in the beautiful views along the Hudson River with a brief stop at the Liberty National Golf Course. Distance approx. 25 miles. Lunch will be at the Weehawken Ferry Terminal. IMPORTANT!!!!!! MUST REGISTER ON OR BEFORE JUNE 6. HELMETS REQUIRED. Bring lunch and water.

MONDAY, JUNE 8 — Jockey Hollow National Park, Morristown, NJ

Leader: Sharon Lehman, 973-525-5901 date of hike only, lehmans2018@gmail.com.

Meet: 10 AM at the visitor center for a pleasant 3-mile walk in our National Park. Wear boots, bring water.

TUESDAY, JUNE 9 — (AT Series #5), Blue Mountain Lakes Road to Crater Lake Loop, Columbia, NJ

Leader: Joyce Breach, 845-545-7754, jbreach@ptd.net

Meet: 10 AM at Millbrook Village (see TSR directions) for a short shuttle to the trailhead. This is a moderate 5.2-mile lollipop hike with lunch at Crater Lake. Bring lunch and water.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10 — Seeley's Pond, Watchung Reservation, NJ

Leader: Lynda Goldschein, 908-757-7058, cell day of hike only 908-347-5012, lyndagoldschein@usa.net

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 11 — Hewitt State Forest, Hewitt, NJ

Leader: Dianne Jones, cell 973-224-3967, diannejones428@gmail.com

Meet: 9:30 AM at the old A&P/new Tractor Supply 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 Trails as the lollipop. This 8+ mile, moderately strenuous hike, will be performed at a moderate pace. Hopefully we will see mountain laurel in bloom. A latish 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, JUNE 11 — Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area

Leaders: Stan and Bev Kaltnecker, 201-602-4074, kaltnecs1@aol.com

Meet: 10 AM at Blue Mountain Lake parking lot. Use TSR Directions, Delaware Water Gap NRA #5 to Millbrook Village. At Millbrook Village, bear right onto Old Mine Road. Go 1.5 miles and turn right onto Blue Mountain Lake Road. Go another 1.5 miles to parking lot on left. We will hike about 5 to 6 miles around Blue Mountain Lake to Hemlock Pond and Indian Rocks scenic overlook, about 4 hours. Bring lunch. Restrooms are available. You MUST REGISTER with the leader the day beforehand.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13 — Apschawa Preserve, West Milford, NJ

Leader: Jay Dibble, 908-289-8813, cell (day of the hike only) 908-209-2936,

javdib41090@peoplepc.com.

Meet: 10 AM. 5.5 miles at a moderate pace over mostly hilly, rocky terrain. We'll have a 10-minute snack break during the hike.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14 — Ramapo Mountain State Forest, Oakland, NJ

Leader: Bill LaChance, cell 973-216-8748, bill@wiladvisors.com

Meet: 10 AM at Upper Lot on Skyline Drive. We will do a 5.5-mile hike at a moderate pace with some uphill climbs. Bring snack or light lunch. Wear boots.

MONDAY, JUNE 15 — Mountain Valley Park, Mendham Borough, NJ

Leader: Henry Fernandez, 973-462-7747, henry8000@yahoo.com

Meet: 10 AM. Hike along Patriots' Path from Mountain Ave. to Pitney Rd.

Directions: Park address is 72 Mountain Ave. Take Rt. 24 out of Morristown toward Mendham Borough. At center of Mendham Borough, turn right at traffic light (Black Horse Inn) and proceed downhill about 1 mile to Mountain Valley Park and parking lot on the right along the lake. Hike starts at parking lot. No facilities available.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16 — South Mountain Reservation, West Orange, NJ

Leader: Louis Thompson, 732-577-9413, cell day of hike only 732-239-1012, ltot1@yahoo.com

Meet: 10 AM at the Locust Grove parking area (See TSR directions). This will be a 6- to 7-mile hike at a moderate pace. We will hike on the Lenape trail passing Hemlock Falls and returning on the Rahway trail. This hike starts with a long uphill stretch. Hiking boots required. Bring lunch and lots of water.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17— Cross Estate Gardens, Morristown National Park, NJ

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

Meet: 10 AM at Cross Gardens. A short hike of about 4 miles along the river to the NJ Audubon. Return to the Cross Gardens to tour and enjoy the flowers. Bring a snack. *Directions:* Follow TSR club directions to Crosslands (old name). Watch for large signs for the NJ Brigade, the signs for the Cross Estate are small. Upon turning in the driveway, park in the first lot on the left (with kiosk).

THURSDAY, JUNE 18 — Norvin Green State Forest, Ringwood, NJ

Leader: Louis Thompson, 732-577-9413, cell day of hike only 732-239-1012, ltot1@yahoo.com

Meet: 10 AM at The New Weis Center parking lot. This is a strenuous hike of 8+ miles. Bring lunch and sufficient water. Note: Cell phone service is unreliable in parking lot.

ALT. THURSDAY, JUNE 18 — Kittatinny Valley State Park, Newton, NJ

Leaders: Stan and Bev Kaltnecker, 201-602-4074, kaltnecs1@aol.com

Meet: 10 AM Visitors Center parking lot off Goodale Road. Hike 5 to 6 miles on various trails (some hills) around the park and along the lake, about 4 hours. Bring lunch and water. Will lunch along the lake. Facilities available. You MUST REGISTER with the leaders the day beforehand.

FRIDAY, JUNE 19 — Split Rock Reservoir, Boonton Twp., NJ

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

Meet: 10 AM at Split Rock Reservoir Parking Lot, 345 Split Rock Road, Boonton Twp., NJ (GPS 40.9625, 74.4575) From I-287N exit 44: At the top of the ramp, turn right over I-287 onto Main St. (Rt. 511) in Boonton. Drive 0.3 mile to Boonton Ave. (Rt. 511). Turn right and go 2.5 miles to Rockaway Valley Rd. Turn left and drive 2.2 miles to Split Rock Rd, a 150 degree turn on the right. (Stone Rd. is the street 0.1 mile before Split Rock Rd.) Follow Split Rock Rd. 2.8 miles (stay to the right at Decker Rd. and to the left at Charlottesville Rd.) to the parking lot and launch area. (The last 0.8 mile is gravel.) *Alt. Directions:* From I-80 Exit 37, Rockaway/Hibernia: Go north on Green Pond Rd. (Rt. 513) toward Hibernia. At about 6.5 miles turn right at the Marcella Firehouse sign. This is Upper Hibernia Rd. Continue 2 miles to fork in the road. Bear left onto Split Rock Rd. After the pavement ends keep going over the dam. The new fisherman's boat launch parking lot is about 1/8 mile on the left after the dam. A reservoir recently opened to boating and canoeing. Very pretty and quiet. You MUST REGISTER with the leader by the day before the event. See Canoeing General Instructions; a personal flotation device IS

REQUIRED.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

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SUNDAY, JUNE 21

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MONDAY, JUNE 22 — South Mountain Reservation, Millburn, NJ

Leaders: Stan and Bev Kaltnecker, cell 201-602-4074, kaltnecs1@aol.com

Meet: 10 AM at Locust Grove parking lot. We will walk 1.5 hours. Facilities available.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23 — Piermont Exploratory, Piermont, NY

Leader: Margo Moss, 201-568-5325, acephoto@verizon.net

Meet: 10:15 AM at Parking Lot D, next to the large lot, in the center of Piermont (see directions below). We will explore this lovely historic town with its famous drawbridge and wonderful pier. We will walk on rails to trails toward Nyack and Sparkhill. Hopefully we will see many birds and wildflowers on our 6- to 7-mile walk. The pace will be moderate with little elevation gain. Please register with leader by 4 PM on Monday, June 22nd. Directions: Follow NY 9W North. Just north of Tallman State Park, turn left onto Rt. 340 (Highland Ave.), take first right crossing 9W on Ferdon Ave. (Sparkhill Creek will be on left). Turn left crossing Sparkhill Creek. Turn right following the sign to Piermont. Park in parking lot D, which is next to the main parking lot (coordinates 41.04008,-73.91372).

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24 — Watchung Reservation, Mountainside, NJ

Leader: Bill Reynolds, 973-361-5527, wmxir@gmail.com, cell day of hike only, 201-847-8758

Meet: 10 AM at Trailside Nature Center parking lot on Coles Ave. (see TSR directions for Watchung Reservation #1). Moderate pace for 2 to 3 hours. Boots required. Bring water. Indoor bathroom facilities.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25 — Appalachian Trail Series Hike # 6, Buttermilk Falls, Stokes State Forest, NJ

Leader: Dianne Jones, (cell) 973-224-3967, diannejones428@gmail.com

Meet: 10 AM at Buttermilk Falls in Stokes State Forest. This is a moderately strenuous 7- mile hike on the AT to the Viewpoint, returning on the Hemlock Pond and Woods Trails. Great lunch views and Buttermilk Falls. Bring lunch and sufficient water.

ALT. THURSDAY, JUNE 25

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FRIDAY, JUNE 26 — Passaic R. /Essex Co. Environmental Ctr., Roseland, NJ

Leaders: Carol Czajkowski and Martin Frahme, 973-539-4084, cell Friday only 973-580-9859, martinandcarol2@gmail.com

Meet: 10 AM at E.C.E.C., 621 Eagle Rock Avenue, Roseland, NJ (GPS 40.8263, -74.3328) From I-80 and I-280 intersection: Go east on I-280 3 miles to Exit 4A, to Eisenhower Parkway south. Drive 0.5 miles to Eagle Rock Ave., turn right, go 0.5 miles to ECEC on left, their second driveway. Bring lunch and water. Paddle the mighty Passaic River, NJ's longest river. We will go both upstream and downstream (no shuttling cars). We will eat lunch at the Environmental Center. No boat rental available. You MUST REGISTER with the leaders **two days** before the event. See Canoeing General Instructions; a personal flotation device must be worn.

SATURDAY JUNE 27

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SUNDAY, JUNE 28

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MONDAY, JUNE 29 — Loantaka Brook Reservation, Morris Twp., NJ

Leader: Terry Kulmane, 973-644-4547, terrykayhiker@yahoo.com

Meet: 10 AM at South St. parking lot for a 3-mile social walk on wooded trails. Restroom facilities available.

TUESDAY, JUNE 30 — Palisades Interstate Park, State Line Lookout, NJ

Leader: Margo Moss, 201-568-5325, acephoto@verizon.net

Meet: 10:15 at the State Line Lookout in the Palisades Interstate Park (See TSR directions). We will do a beautiful loop which affords wonderful Hudson River views along the shoreline and lovely woods along the Long Path. This moderate hike is approximately 7 miles long with one ascent/descent of 450'. Please register with leader by 4 PM Monday, June 29.