



OUTDOOR CLUB of
SOUTH JERSEY

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Winter 2011



Celebrating 44 Years of Outdoor Experiences!

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FOR LATEST TRIP INFORMATION.
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Outdoor Club of South Jersey

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The Outdoor Club of South Jersey, Inc., is an organization dedicated to providing opportunities for extending the individual's knowledge, appreciation and enjoyment of his or her environment through experiences in outdoor activities.

The Club offers a twelve month program of activities designed for all ages and levels of ability and interest, and as is feasible with available leadership. The Club is open to all persons regardless of age or place of residence.

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The officers and members of the Board of Trustees actively seek and welcome your comments, suggestions or recommendations towards the fulfillment of our aims and objectives. Our progress and success are dependent upon the quality and effectiveness of our leadership. Your participation in activities, committees, or in programs and projects is solicited.

When you have questions, need further clarification, or require additional details, you are welcome to call the pertinent committee chairman.

MEETINGS

Club members are invited to attend the monthly meetings. The Board of Trustees meets each month. See schedule for locations. After the business session, some meetings will feature a program presented by the various activities. Everyone is welcome! Come out and support your representatives.

A Message From The President

This is the 'Cross-Country Skiing' time of the year. If you haven't already done so, check out the cross-country ski listings. These trips are popular and get booked up all through the year. It's more than just the skiing, as they are also get-away trips such places as Vermont, New York, and West Virginia. Hiking continues throughout the winter. You'll find boating and biking trips as well. The leaders are again bringing you a well balance offering.

OCSJ is planning two new 2011 Club "Picnics at the Park" at Parvin and Belleplain state parks with food and refreshments at the covered pavilions. There will be weekend camping and several trips starting from the picnic area (hike/bike/boat). There will be club information, displays of gear and equipment.

Tom Neigel,
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Coming Events

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INFORMATION. FOR DETAILS GO TO THE BICYCLING HOME PAGE.**

**CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR ALL SKIING/SNOWSHOEING TRIPS.
CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR LAST MINUTE PADDLING TRIPS.**

APRIL 9, SATURDAY OCSJ CLUB "PICNIC AT THE PARK"

OCSJ CLUB PICNIC AND CAMPOUT AT PARVIN STATE PARK 10 AM TO 4 PM. Meet at the covered pavilion at the Thundergust Picnic Area. We'll have hiking, biking, and boating, and camping (and campfires). Come out and meet other members, trip leaders, and board members. Learn about gear and equipment. Dogs/Burgers and Refreshments provided, or bring a dish or snacks to share. Join in on an event, socialize, tailgate, and have fun. Contact Tom Neigel at 609-206-3389, or tomncenter-ocsj@yahoo.com or the individual trip leaders.

• **PARVIN HIKE** 6.5 mile EZ to Moderate Pace. Meet at the Thundergust Picnic Area and hike around the park.

• **EZ HYBRID BIKE AND SOCIAL AT PARVIN STATE PARK.** 10 miles - EZ Pace. Meet at the Thundergust Picnic Area and bike around the back roads within the park. Contact Capt. Larry at 609-548-9739, or capt.larry@comcast.net

• **CANOE/KAYAK AT PARVIN.** Paddle on the Lake and participate in team/individual events. Contact Frank Pearce, 856-767-2780 or hornet71@verizon.net for details.

• **FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY, APRIL 8-10, CAMPOUT AT PARVIN STATE PARK.** Camping for Friday and Saturday night. Camp over one night or both. Register in advance to join in on one of our regular campsites (share the cost), or book your own site. See our other listings for the Club Picnic and related events. Camp, socialize, or just come for the campfires, and have fun.

Coming Events (continued from page 3)

APRIL 8-10 FRIDAY THRU SUNDAY CAMP AND SOCIAL AT PARVIN STATE PARK. Camping for Friday and Saturday night. **Trip is associated with our club picnic on Saturday at the picnic Pavilion.** Camp over one night or both. Register in advance to join in on one of our regular campsites (share the cost), or book your own site. See our other listings for the club picnic and related events. Camp, socialize, campfires, and have fun. Contact Tom Neigel, 609 206-3389, or tomncenter-ocsj@yahoo.com

WASHINGTON DC BUS TRIP & SELF-GUIDED TOUR. SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2011 Packed with famous sights, celebrated symbols of patriotism, free attractions, the sights and sounds of the nation's capital offer inspiring experiences COST: \$30.00 per person. TO ORDER: Send check payable to OUTDOOR CLUB OF SOUTH JERSEY to Fran Katella, 905 Yarmouth Lane, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054. All payments must be made by April 1, 2011 ADVANCE RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST. Order tickets as soon as possible. We need an early response, in order not to disappoint anyone. First come, first serve. No reserved seats. Please include your telephone number and E-mail address (also cell phone number for the day of the trip). For a receipt, include self addressed stamped envelope. All sales final. For refund, tickets must be re-sold. Meet behind Boscovs, Moorestown Mall, off Rt. 38 at 7:00 am. Bus departs promptly at 7:30 a.m., rain or shine. Arrive DC 10 -11 a.m. Depart DC 5:00 pm. Arrival time from DC approx. 8:30 p.m. (Volunteer gratuity for driver) Leader: Fran Katella, 856-234-1611, Fran Katella frankatella3@gmail.com

BICYCLING ROAD COURSE. A Saturday in March. Exact date TBD will put the exact date on the website Learn about bicycle handling and safety, and emergency maneuvers. Presenter Fran Horn, 856-786-0048.

BATONA TRAIL MAINTENANCE. In conjunction with the Batona Hiking Club. See March 6 entry.

BATONA TRAIL MAINTENANCE. See March 13 entry.

APPALACHIAN TRAIL BACKPACK. Sunrise Mountain and High Point - 17 miles (8.5 Saturday and 8.5 Sunday). See March 12-13 entry.

THE "APEX 26-MILER" IS COMING APRIL 2. For those of you that want to get in shape, warm-up hikes are offered on March 5 MILLSTONE AQUEDUCT/ CARNEGIE LAKE (12 to 15 miles). March 19 WASHINGTON CROSSING HIKE NJ. (15 miles). March 27 PENNYPACK PARK, NE PHILA. (20)

VOLUNTEER WORK TRIP TO ATC HEADQUARTERS, HARPER'S FERRY, WV. Give something back! On this work trip we do whatever they need at the Trail HQ - yard work, wash windows, light carpentry, stuffing envelopes, etc. Work on Saturday. Sunday is free for hiking or exploring the historic area. Free accommodations at Bear's Den Hostel. Limited to 15 people. Date TBD, probably mid to late April. Leader Eileen Greve, 609-204-6451. egreve212@gmail.com

APRES SKI PARTY- our annual bash. A chance for skiers to get together with companions from winter's trips and to hear about the line-up of trips for next season. Date TBD, probably April. Watch the website for date and details.

JUNE Date TBD (Check Website for dates) HISTORIC CAPE MAY WEEKEND - Friday to Sunday. You are invited to join us at the Chalfonte Hotel B&B in Cape May. Activities available include biking, hiking, kayaking, nature walks, bird watching and much, much more. Jim Bodnar at 609-654-1507 e-mail: JRBodnar@verizon.net or Fran Horn at 856-786-0048 e-mail: FranHorn@aol.com

PROPOSED DATES: SEPTEMBER 4-9 TH & SEPTEMBER 11-16 SEPTEMBER IN WESTERN MAINE. Price is \$1200 all included, cabin, food, shuttles, guide, tax, tips.

Coming Events (continued from page 4)

Location: Bald Mountain Camps, Oquossoc, ME. (www.baldmountaincamps.com)
Historic sporting camp located on pristine Mooselookmeguntic Lake.

Activities: several hiking options (mountaintops, water falls, backwoods roads, a piece of the A.T.), kayaking/canoeing, biking, golfing, tennis, photography, wildlife viewing, geocaching, sunsets, moonrises, starlight, loon calls to appreciate, or slip into Rangeley if civilization required. Trip includes: guided kayaking or canoeing pristine lakes and rivers with our host and Registered Maine Guide, Steve Philbrick, log cabins with fireplace, wood, bath, linens, porch, meals in the lodge dining room for first class breakfasts and dinners, sack lunches for the trail. Happy to answer questions.
Contact: Judy Norcross, 609-288-6737.

CANOE/KAYAK SOJOURNS. They are events in the Spring sponsored by various organizations to showcase a particular river. Participants pay a modest fee that covers camping sites, meals, programs, support and most shuttles. You determine the length of stay. For details contact Frank Pearce, hornet71@verizon.net or 856-767-2780.

VOLUNTEER VACATIONS. Enjoy an inspiring and unforgettable week vacationing in America's national parks, forests, state parks, and other public lands, while repairing and restoring trails – and rejuvenating your mind, body, and spirit! Volunteer Vacations are a series of trail building projects on America's public lands. Experience the camaraderie and sense of accomplishment after building a bridge or restoring a neglected trail. For more information, contact Shirley Hearn, Volunteer Programs Manager, at 800-972-8608, ext. 206, or by email at Volunteer@AmericanHiking.org

NEWS AND NOTES

CHECK THE OCSJ WEBSITE FOR THE LATEST TRIP INFORMATION INCLUDING ADDITIONS AND CANCELLATIONS.

Carpooling, ride sharing or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among the participants and not part of the official Club Activity. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel. The choice to participate is yours.

Minors (under 18) should be listed on sign-in sheets and parent or guardian sign for them.

TRAIL MAINTENANCE

Leaders be aware that the Club is now a participating member in the New Jersey Parks VIP (Volunteers In Parks) program. This means that trail maintenance we organize in State Parks is to be run through the VIP Program. This requires notifying the park before the activity, and sending a copy of our sign-in sheet to the park. We are not permitted to use power tools of any type. Trail maintenance done on trails not on NJ State Park property must be reviewed by the board for coverage.



BACKPACKING/CAMPING

A Message from the Backpacking/Camping Chair



All backpacking and camping trips begin with a club sign in and waiver sheet. Everyone must sign for liability reasons. Members are welcome to bring a non-member friend as a guest. Non-members are welcome for an initial trip, but need to join thereafter.

Be sure to check the backpacking and camping sections of the club's website for updates, new trips and cancellation notices.

The backpacking section needs a couple of new leaders and assistant leaders. Please call or send an email if interested. We will train you. backpacking@ocsj.org

BACKPACK TRIP RATING SYSTEM

1. **NOVICE:** 5 or less trips - mild weather, relatively flat terrain.
 2. **INTERMEDIATE:** 5 or more trips - mild weather, moderate climbs - up to 8 mile trips.
 3. **ADVANCED:** 10 or more trips - three season, except winter. Strenuous climbs over difficult terrain - upgraded equipment.
 4. **EXPERT:** Leadership experience or comparable ability - all seasons - good physical condition - completely equipped for all terrain and weather.
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BICYCLING



A Message From the Bicycling Activity Chair

Oh well, another season is in the books. I hope you rode as much as you wanted; I know I didn't!! By the time you get this we will be in the deep throes of winter – time to break out the booties and balaclavas!! No need to stop riding – just slow down a bit, cut down the mileage and enjoy the winter wonderland. Or, you can always ride the trainer in the basement!

Thanks to everyone who stepped to lead a ride this year. We're starting to see a few new faces leading – if they can do it, so can you. A special thanks to Joe Racite, who not only stepped up to lead some B rides this year but also took over as the B ride coordinator. Joe will be looking for some more people to lead some B rides; C+ leaders, think about stepping up the pace, B riders, think about leading.

Finally, thanks to everyone who rode in this year's MS 150 City to Shore Bike Tour. Overall, almost 8,000 riders participated and as of this writing have raised just over \$5.0 million; this makes the total raised for the 30 year history of the event over \$50 million. Team OCSJ is looking for a captain to take over the reigns from Nancy Pomilio, who has done a fantastic job over the last few years getting the team up and running again. If you think you can help, please let me know.

Thanks again and happy cycling!

Tony Marchionne
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CANOEING/KAYAKING



A Message from the Canoeing/Kayak Activity Chair

Always check the website for current information. You must wear **your PFD**. Assess suitability of equipment and your abilities. Wear appropriate clothing and have at least one change of clothes in a waterproof bag. Leave sufficient driving time. Any questions call leader.

Thank your leader, they make trips possible.

Frank Pearce
E-mail: Hornet71@verizon.net 856-767-2780.

Guidelines:

- 1-All participants must sign-in
- 2-PFD'S must be worn. (83% of canoeing fatalities were not wearing a PFD)
- 3-Stay between leader and sweep.
- 4-Wear appropriate clothes (Avoid Cotton) dress for water temperatures.
- 5-Have at least one change of clothing in a water- protected bag with you
- 6-Flip flops are not appropriate footwear. (No bare feet - 90 % of paddling injuries)
- 7-Flashlight required for evening trips.
- 8-Whistle is required for Delaware River trips and recommended for all trips.
- 9-A helmet for whitewater may also be a good investment.

10- Carpooling, ride sharing or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among the participants and not part of the official Club Activity. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel. The choice to participate is yours.

11- You must assess the suitability and condition of your equipment and if a trip is within your abilities.

12- Please leave sufficient driving time to safely arrive.

13- If you have questions, especially if a trip is right for you, call the leader.

14- Check the Website –ocsj.org - for the latest information.

15- Minors (under 18) should be listed on sign-in sheets and parent or guardian sign for them.

16- Leaders have final say on trip participation involving safety concerns.

17- Leaders- if a trip is cancelled please notify the Chair.

18- Leaders -carry a copy of the incident report form. (can be obtained from website)

19- Leaders –send sign-in sheets and any incident reports to Canoe Chair.

20- Leaders must submit (mail/fax) sign-in sheets to the Canoeing/Kayaking Chair in a timely manner.

(Guideline- No later than 2 weeks after quarterly schedule ends.)



HIKING



A Message from the Hiking Chair

Hiking with the club is good exercise and a great way to make new friends. Our fine leaders offer a broad range of hikes in terms of distance, pace, days and times. Hike descriptions include distance, pace and abbreviations such as WF (wet feet possible). Explanations of them and standard hike meeting places are elsewhere in this Trekker. Distances listed in hike descriptions are approximate. They can vary due to conditions, detours and other factors. If you have questions about a hike, feel free to call the leader.

Hikes usually start promptly at the stated time. Please leave sufficient driving time to safely arrive about 15 minutes early. All hikes begin with a club sign in and waiver sheet. Everyone must sign for liability reasons. Members are welcome to bring a non-member friend as a guest. Non-members are welcome for an initial trip, but need to join thereafter.

Be sure to check the hiking section of the club's web site for updates, new trips and cancellation notices, including last minute ones. On rare occasions hikes have to be canceled at the last minute without notice due to freak weather, illness, etc. If the leader is not at the designated meeting place 15 minutes after the starting time, you can assume the hike is canceled.

All our leaders are volunteers. Please thank them for their efforts while hiking with them. We are always in need of new leaders and assistant leaders. If you are interested, talk to a current leader and/or send an e-mail to hiking@ocsj.org.

500, 750 and Grand Mile Hiking Clubs for 2011

Coordinators for the 500, 750 and Grand Mile hiking clubs for 2011 are:

500 Mile Club: Jean Stelmaszyk (babcia84@verizon.net) 856-429-9089.

750 Mile Club: Toni Novak (bkgplus@snip.net) 856-662-3740.

Grand (1000) Mile Club: Bill Poulson (wpoul@comcast.net) 856-983-7609.

The goal of each club is to achieve the designated miles in the year 2011. If you like a challenge, want to get in better shape, or simply enjoy walking, join us. You can accumulate mileage on hikes, walking, running, cross-country skiing, or a treadmill. Minimum of 1 mile per outing/segment. No limit to how many segments you can do in a day. Contact the coordinator of the club of your choice to sign up or get more information.

WHAT TO BRING ON A WINTER HIKE

- Sturdy hiking shoes, ideally waterproof
- Good wool or synthetic socks with a lightweight silk or synthetic inner sock
- Sunglasses if bright out
- Lip balm (Chapstick, Blistex)
- Rain gear if chance of rain
- Day pack or fanny pack
- Water and/or other fluids
- Snacks and possibly lunch. (Hike description will indicate whether to bring lunch.)
- Temperature appropriate outer clothing, including a warm hat or cap. Dress in layers for winter.
- OPTIONAL – HIKING POLES AND SOMETHING TO SIT ON (PLASTIC BAG, SMALL PIECE OF FOAM OR STOOL).

HIKING GUIDE

Hike distances are in miles, and may optionally be followed by hike duration in hours. The following codes are used to show unusual features of a hike:

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| BW - Bushwhacking | WF - Wet feet possible | NS - No stops |
| NP - No pets | NC - No children | FS - Few stops |
| LP - Leashed Pet | | |

Refer to the page listing Standard Meeting Places for directions to hikes.

HIKE DESCRIPTIONS

- **EASY** - pace defined as slower walking with more frequent rest breaks (e.g. for viewing surroundings, nature calls, equipment adjustments, and allowing walkers to catch up). For the slower walker.
- **MODERATE** - pace defined as as comfortable walking with occasional rest breaks. For the average walker.
- **BRISK** - pace defined as faster walking with occasional rest breaks. For the average, better conditioned walker.
- **FAST** - pace defined as fitness walking with few rest breaks for any reason. For seasoned, in fit condition walkers.

PARTICIPATION NOTICE

The Outdoor Club, its officers and leaders, shall not be liable for any injuries, illness, loss or damage to any person or property, as a result of participation in any Club outing. Each participant assumes all risk and liability connected therewith. All persons, MEMBERS ALIKE, are to sign with the leader at each activity.

STANDARD MEETING PLACES

If the meeting place is one of the standard meeting places shown below, no directions will appear in the hike listing.

- Atsion** - Meet in field on east side of Rt. 206 just north of Wharton State Forest Office.
- Batsto** - Meet at Batsto village parking, off Rt. 542, between Hammonton and Green Bank.
- Bullock** - Meet on north side of road in Bullock. Turn east from Rt. 72 at railroad bridge 6.5 miles southeast of Rt. 70/72 intersection. Continue 3.3 miles to tee intersection. Turn right, then immediately left, and park.
- Carranza** - Meet at Carranza Memorial parking, 6.7 miles SE of Tabernacle on Carranza Road.
- Cemetery** - Meet at cemetery on Rt. 563, 0.6 miles south of Rt. 532 in Chatsworth.
- Moorestown Mall** – Meet at big flagpole, front of Macy's, off Rt. 38. See May 10 entry.
- D & R Parking** - a mile N of Lambertville on Rt. 29, just before the Rt. 202 Bridge. Turn left and drive to the parking.
- Evans** - Meet just to the north of Evans Bridge (on east side of Rt. 563), 0.7 miles south of the Rt. 563/Rt. 679 split (about 10 miles south of Chatsworth).
- Friendship** - Meet at Friendship ruins on Carranza Road, 10 miles SE of Tabernacle.
- Harrisville** - Meet at Harrisville Pond, on Rt. 679, 1.5 miles south of Rt. 563, between Chatsworth and New Gretna.
- Henry Avenue & Walnut Lane parking area, Philadelphia** – Take Rt. 76 (Schuylkill Expressway) West to Lincoln Drive, exit #340A. Turn right at bottom of ramp, cross short bridge and take Ridge Avenue West exit. Proceed to 2nd traffic light and bear right. Go two more lights and bear left. At the next light, turn right onto Walnut Ln. Go to 2nd light and turn left onto Magdalena and a quick left into parking area. Approximately 9 miles from Ben Franklin Bridge.
- Jackson** - Meet just north of small bridge on Rt. 534 (Jackson Road), 1.7 miles northeast of Atco Raceway.
- Kingston** - Meet at Kingston Lock parking, off Rt. 27. Take I-295N / 95S to Exit 8 (Princeton Pike, Rt. 583) to Rt. 27 in Princeton. Follow Rt. 27, 3.3 miles to Kingston Lock parking on right.
- Lake Absegami** - Meet at Lake Absegami parking, Bass River State Forest. Entrance is on Stage Road, 3.4 miles E of Rt. 679 (from the N & W); or 6 miles W of Tuckerton (from the N & E); or 3 miles N of New Gretna (from the S).
- Byrne office** - Meet at Byrne (Lebanon) forest office. Turn east off Rt. 72, 1 mile southeast of Rt. 70/72 intersection. After 0.4 miles, turn right. Forest office is on the left.
- Pakim Pond** - Meet at Pakim Pond parking, Byrne S.F. Turn off Rt. 72, 1 mile southeast of Rt. 70/72 intersection. After 0.4 miles, turn right. Pakim Pond is 2.7 miles beyond the Forest Office.
- Byrne campsites** - Meet at Byrne (Lebanon) campsite. Turn off Rt. 72, 1 mile southeast of Rt. 70/72 intersection. After 0.4 miles, turn right. Campsite parking is 3.5 miles beyond the Forest Office.
- Oswego** - Meet at Oswego Lake parking, 3.1 miles northeast of Rt. 563 from Jenkins. (Turnoff is 8.4 miles south of Rt. 532 in Chatsworth, between Pine Barrens Canoes and Mick's Canoes).
- Skit** - Meet at the Skit Branch bridge, 5.2 miles SE of Tabernacle on Carranza Road.
- Tyler Park** - Take 1-95 and get off at exit 49, (Newtown/Yardley) and travel toward Newtown. Continue on the Newtown bypass and turn left into the park at the intersection of Swamp Road. Meet the at the Boat House parking lot.
- Wells Mills** - Meet at Wells Mills Park, off Rt. 532 (which is 16 miles southeast of the Rt. 70/72 intersection), 3.6 miles northeast of Rt. 72.
- Whitesbog** - Meet at Whitesbog village parking. Go east on Rt. 70 6.9 miles from Rt. 70/72 intersection. Make a sharp left on Lakehurst Road, go 1.3 miles, turn right for the village.

X/C SKIING and SNOWSHOEING

A Message from the X/C Skiing & Snowshoeing Chair

As I write this, the leaves are just beginning to fall, signaling that winter will soon be here and I can hardly wait. And apparently I'm not alone. My email box and phone have been busy with questions and sign-ups for winter ski trips. Now is the time to plan ahead. Please don't wait till the snow falls and be shut out because the trip is full. I'd advise you to call the leader to be sure the trip is appropriate for you. And if you find that these winter sports thrill you, start thinking about the following year. Many of these trips are annual events, but for some of them the leader needs to arrange accommodations well in advance. In fact, it is not unusual that at the conclusion of a trip, the leader is asked to book the rooms for the following year and to place a deposit. So you will understand why some leaders ask you about next year even before this ski season ends.

Speaking of our leaders, we owe them debt of gratitude for their hard work. Its always nice at the end of a trip to hear people say to you "Thank you for putting the trip together. I had a good time".

As always, we will be having our annual "Apres Ski party" sometime in the spring. Date, location and other details are still being worked out. Keep an eye on the website for this announcement.

A short list of our trips for this season follows here, but for more details and the latest updates go to our website www.ocsj.org and click on X/C ski. Also, there are now a series of articles on the website aimed at information for the beginner. Why not take a look?

Thanks

Eileen Greve

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egreve212@gmail.com

CHECK WEBSITE FOR ALL TRIP DETAILS

- DEC. 27-JAN. 1 CRAFTSBURY, NORTHERN VERMONT.** 5 nights inc. all meals and trail fees. If interested contact leader, ASAP!!.. Fran Horn, 856-786-0048 or franhorn@aol.com
- DEC. 30 TO JAN. 2 PULASKI, NY north of Syracuse.** 4 nights with breakfast and gala NY's eve dinner. Eileen Greve, 609-877-1723 or egreve212@gmail.com
- JAN. 7 TO 9 PROSPECT MTN, BENNINGTON, VT.** 2 nights Free ski lessons. Dan McAuliffe, 215-630-7478 or DNMLogistics@msn.com
- JAN. 14 TO 17 KEENE VALLEY, NY NEAR LAKE PLACID.** MLK weekend 3 nights Ski or snowshoe. Steve Bailey, 609-737-7138 or sbailey@pds.org
- NEW TRIP JAN. 21 TO 23 MOUNTAIN MEADOWS, CENTRAL VT.** 2 nights, all meals, 3 day ski pass. Dennis & Fran McKane, 609-707-5695 dennisfran1@verizon.net Can link to Stowe trip, below.
- NEW TRIP JAN. 21 TO 23 MOHONK SCOTTISH XC WEEKEND (New Paltz, NY).** Two nights lodging at Minnewaska Lodge. Includes 2 full breakfasts. Dinner on own at Mountain Brauhaus Dan McAuliffe, 215-630-7478 or DNMLogistics@msn.com
- NEW DATES JAN. 23 TO 28 STOWE, VT.** 5 nights (option for 4 or 3). My fav place to ski! Eileen Greve, 609-877-1723 or Egreve212@gmail.com
Can link to Weston trip, below.
- JAN. 28 TO 30 COLONIAL HOUSE INN, WESTON, VT.** -southern VT. 2 nights. Revisit an old favorite. Eileen Greve, 609 -877-1723 or Egreve212@gmail.com
Can link to Stowe, above.
- JAN. 30 TO FEB. 2 BLACKWATER FALLS LODGE, DAVIS, WV.** 3 nights with most meals. Pool & hot tub. Ann & John Palaitis, 856-810-2487 or palaitis@verizon.net

- FEB. 3 TO 6** **LONDONDERRY, VT.** 3 nights in private chalet with breakfast & dinner. Eileen Greve, 609- 877-1723 or egreve212@gmail.com
- FEB. 4 TO 8** **BRETTON WOODS, NH.** One of the top X/C resorts in North America with 100 km trails. Too many amenities to list here. Dan McAuliffe, 215-630-7478 or DNMLogistics@msn.com
- FEB. 18 TO 21** **PULASKI, NY NORTH OF SYRACUSE.** 3 nights Presidents Day weekend. Great skiing in Snowbelt. Eileen Greve, 609-877-1723 Egreve212@gmail.com
- MAR. 4 TO 6** **LAPLAND LAKES IN THE SOUTHERN ADIRONDACK MTNS., NY.** 2 nights. Dan McAuliffe, 215-630-7478 DNMLogistics@msn.com



JANUARY



*“It matters not what someone is born
but what they grow to be”*

RESERVATIONS AND DEADLINES

Act Now! Make your reservations as soon as possible. Spaces usually are limited. Don't miss out by waiting too long.

CLUB "PICNICS AT THE PARK" PARVIN . April 9. See Coming Events for details.
WASHINGTON DC BUS TRIP & SELF-GUIDED TOUR. Saturday, May 7. See Coming Events for details. Sign-up form on page 31.

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR ALL X/CSKIING/SNOWSHOEING TRIPS.

BICYCLING ROAD COURSE - IN JUNE. See website for details.

NEW YEAR'S DAY HIKE. See January 1 entry.

MERCER COUNTY CENTRAL PARK HIKE. See January 8 entry.

PRINCETON, NJ HIKE. See January 16 entry.

PENNYPACK AND LORIMER PARKS HIKE. See January 22 entry.

ROSEDALE PARK HIKE. See February 5 entry.

STONY BROOK – MILLSTONE WATERSHED NATURE PRESERVE HIKE. See February 19 entry.

SOCIAL MOONLIGHT HIKE, CAMPFIRE AND CAMPOUT. See February 19 entry.

SOCIAL HIKE AND BIRTHDAY BRUNCH. See February 27 entry.

MILLSTONE AQUEDUCT/ CARNEGIE LAKE, PRINCETON, N.J. See March 5 entry.

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JANUARY 1
Saturday
10:00 a.m.



NEW YEARS DAY HIKE. 6-7 miles, moderate pace. Start the year right with a hike. Work off those holiday meals and cookies. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet at Atsion, in field next to the office. Leaders: Christine Denneler, 856-461-5379, Pat Burton, 856-767-8064.

JANUARY 2

Sunday
8:00 a.m.



COOPER RIVER AND ADJOINING PARKS HIKE. 6 miles, moderate to brisk pace. A “get-it-over-early” loop hike plus an option to have brunch with us afterwards at a nearby Old Country Buffet. Meet at the National Guard Armory parking lot at Park Avenue and Grove Street in Cherry Hill. This meeting place is one block south from the intersection of Rt. 70 and Haddonfield Road/Grove Street. This intersection is at the corner of the old Garden State race track. NP, NC, FS. Leaders: Barb & Ray Wittkop, 609-707-9501 BarbnRayHikers@aol.com Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, smallfluke@yahoo.com

JANUARY 2

Sunday
9:00 a.m.

SOCIAL APPLE PIE HILL. 7-8 miles. All are welcomed. Moderate pace. Hike the highest point in SJ for a great panoramic view of the pines. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after hike. NP/NC. Meet at Carranza Memorial parking lot, 6.7 miles SE of Tabernacle, Burl. Co., on Carranza Road. Leader Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 evening pis1@cccnj.net Inclement weather cancels.

JANUARY 3

Monday
9:30 a.m.



WHITES BOG WALK ABOUT. 6 to 7 miles. Moderate pace. If we are lucky we may see the lovely tundra swan, so bring your cameras. Only mandatory stops for picture taking, clothing adjustments or nature calls, so don't over do the coffee, it will be cold out there. You will be back to the cars at lunch time and you can have your lunch at the tables. People with GPS's must keep track of my speed so I don't go too fast. Just reel me in. Dogs and kids are welcome, both on leash. Be early, we leave on time. Leader: Faye, 732-363-9242 batonawalk@aol.com cell only the morning of the hike 912-433-8257.

JANUARY 5

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

PALMYRA NATURE CENTER HIKE. The annual Ed Marargee memorial hike. A long time member of the OCSJ Ed loved this place and hiked here with us many times and alone on most Sundays. 6-7 miles, *moderate to brisk pace*. Take Rt. 73 North to the last light before the Tacony Palmyra Bridge. Follow the signs to the Nature Center. Meet in the parking lot at the Center. Eat lunch at the center after the hike if you wish. For those who wish to do an additional pre-hike 3 miles meet at the Riverton Yacht Club at 9:10 and we will walk to the Nature Center. The Yacht Club is on a pier extending into the River at the end of Main Street (603) in Riverton. **NP, FS, NC.** Leaders: Barb and Ray Wittkop, 609-707-9501, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com. Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, smallfluke@yahoo.com.

JANUARY 6

Thursday
6:00 p.m.

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Stop on the way home for a turn around The Cooper River Park. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, South Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Boulevard cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill, 856-772-6465 or Geofneil@aol.com

JANUARY 7

Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NIGHT FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. The ongoing, every Friday night, all year round, Friday night fitness hike; where we try to work up a sweat exploring the sand roads and trails of Brendan Byrne State Forest. Be prepared to walk at an average of 4 MPH, 15 minutes per mile pace with few breaks. Bring water and wear well broken in boots, shoes, or

sneakers (sneakers are adequate in dry conditions). Socks are also important footwear; synthetics and wool being better at preventing blisters (avoid cotton socks). The first Friday of each month there is a dessert/dinner stop after the hike at a local restaurant. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com

JANUARY 8

Saturday
9:30 a.m.

PAKIM POND PATHS. 6 to 7 miles. Moderate pace. Some trails, fire cuts and sand roads. Only mandatory stops, clothing, water, potty, no lunch on the trail. Picnic tables at Pakim Pond will make a wonderful spot to have lunch and take a couple of pictures when we return. Cookies provided, as always, for the pups on leash. Kids are another story. All my walks are for your enjoyment so if the speed isn't satisfactory, tell me. Be prompt, we depart at 9:30 Leader: Faye, 732-363-9242 batonawalk@aol.com cell that morning only 912-433-8257.

JANUARY 8

Saturday
10:00 a.m.



BYRNE STATE FOREST BEGINNERS HIKE. 4 to 5 miles. Slow to moderate pace. Brendan Byrne State Forest. Meet at field across from campsites. A pleasant walk on sand and paved roads. Stops only when necessary. Kids and dogs on leash are welcome. Cookies will be provided for dogs only. You can lunch at tables at campground or at Pakim Pond. Please note different start time. Leader: Faye 732-363-9242 home.

JANUARY 8

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

LAND'S END HIKE. 8 miles, MP. We'll be looking for a new way to Land's End, as we walk out that sometimes puddly road to our lunch stop, a pleasant place on the Mullica River. Bring lunch. From Atsion Lake go South on Rt. 206, two miles, turn left onto a wide dirt road at the break in the steel guard rail. Then go two miles on the dirt road to Boot Hill, White Deer Club trailer for parking. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

JANUARY 8

Saturday
10:00 a.m.
*Individual
Registration
required*



MERCER COUNTY CENTRAL PARK HIKE. 11 miles or drop off after 5, moderate pace. A figure eight hike around Lake Mercer. Bring lunch to eat on the trail. Take the N.J. Turnpike to Rt. 195 (exit 7A). Take Rt. 195 West about two miles to Rt. 130 (exit 5). Follow Rt. 130 North about 1 mile past a large shopping center to intersection with Rats 33/526 in Robbinsville. Turn left at intersection (traffic light) then right at next light (Rt. 526 Robbinsville-Edinberg Road). From this point travel 3 miles to dead end at Rt. 535 (Edinberg Road). Turn left on Rt. 535 and go just a bit to entrance of park on right. Enter and continue straight ahead slightly over one mile. The Marina driveway is on right, across from Park Ranger headquarters. **Individual registration is required for this hike.** E-mail preferred. **NP, NC, FS.** Leaders: Ray Wittkop, 609-707-9501, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com. Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, smallfluke@yahoo.com

JANUARY 9

Sunday
10:30 a.m.

WELLS MILLS COUNTY PARK. 8 to 10 miles. Easy to moderate pace. Meet in Wells Mills County Park main parking lot for start of hike at 10:30 a.m. We will explore this Ocean County Park with its rugged sand hills, cedar swamps and freshwater bogs. There is a very interesting nature center to visit also. Leader: Milt Cannan, 856-983-9076.

JANUARY 10

Monday
10:00 a.m.

PEMBERTON HIKE. 5 miles moderate pace. Meet at the historic RR Station. We will hike to Birmingham. Rt. 38/530 Pemberton, at the light turn onto Rt. 616 N. 1/2 Mile to station. Leader: Janet Horton 856-461-5771. Cell #609-706-5691, janeth1@comcast.net

JANUARY 10

Monday
9:30 a.m.

PENN STATE FOREST HIKE. 6 to 8 miles. Moderate pace. We will follow roads and trails with only stops for clothing adjustments or nature calls. We do not have lunch on the trail. You can eat at the picnic tables overlooking beautiful Oswego Lake. Meet at the lake parking lot and please be early, we leave on time. Slow me down if I get to talking and walking. Dogs and kids on leash are welcome. Snacks for pooches are provided. Leader: Faye, 732-363-9242 batonawalk@aol.com co-leader: Jay, 908-692-5765.

JANUARY 11

Tuesday
9:30 a.m.

BASS RIVER HIKE. Moderate pace 8 miles. Roads and trails through the park. Bring the usual, lunch will be a little late at the picnic tables in the park near the end of the hike. Meet in the parking lot at ranger station at 9:30 a.m. Any questions Toni 609-652-0112 or Jan, 609-404-4990

JANUARY 12

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

BEYOND BUCK RUN. 9-10 miles moderate pace. We'll hike to the site of Nash's cabin for lunch. Using trails and old roads, past Martha's Furnace and Calico. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet Harrisville Pond, on Rt. 679. Leaders, Christine Denneler, 856-461-5379. Pat Burton, 856-767-8064.

JANUARY 13

Thursday
6:00 p.m.

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, South Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Boulevard cancels. See January 6 listing for details.

JANUARY 13

Thursday
7:30 pm



CLUB MEETING. Board of Trustees. Activity Committees Leaders. New Cherry Hill Library, 1100 Kings Hwy. (Rt. 41) North of Route 70 in Cherry Hill.

JANUARY 14

Friday
7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY NIGHT FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See January 7 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com.

JANUARY 15

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

RETURN TO THE SWAMP MONSTER. 9-10 miles, MP. Hike down the Nescochague Creek looking for the Swamp Monster. Hope the water level is low, wet feet possible if not. Meet on Route 206 at junction of Route 536, 3 miles South of Atsion Lake. Bring lunch. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

JANUARY 15

Saturday
10:00 am



ATSION HIKE. 5 miles. moderate pace. An easy walk along dirt roads and forest trails. Meet at Atsion Ranger Station. Bad weather or icy conditions cancel. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

JANUARY 16

Sunday
9:00 a.m.

MICHAEL HUBER PRAIRIE WARBLER PRESERVE HIKE. 8-10 miles at a steady moderate pace. An interesting upland pine-oak woodland area crossed by a few feeder streams of Burr's Mill Creek. Some of the trails are blazed, but not fully

cleared, so expect some rough spots (boots are recommended and a stick for balance). Lunch along the way. Meet at the sign at the entrance to the preserve on Sooy Place Road about 4.3 miles from route 70. Sooy Place Road can also be accessed from 563 north of Chatsworth. Leader: Jay Schoss mail: walkinginmud@aol.com phone: 908-692-5765

JANUARY 16

Sunday
9:00 a.m.



CLASS C. FAMOUS BAGEL RIDE. 30 miles. Great ride in Burlington County with a bagel stop. Meet at Moorestown High School, Bridgeboro Road, Moorestown. Call in case of inclement weather. Leader: Fran H., 856-786-0048, E-Mail: franhorn@aol.com

JANUARY 16

Sunday
10:00 a.m.
*Individual
Registration
required*



PRINCETON, NJ HIKE. 10 miles, moderate pace. A loop hike that includes Princeton Battlefield State Park, the Institute Woods, and the D&R Canal. Two drop out points for those that wish to do fewer miles. The park is located on Mercer Road (Princeton Pike) 3.8 miles north from exit 8B of Rt. 95. Bring lunch to eat on the trail. Meet in the parking lot of the Battlefield.
NP, FS, NC. Individual registration is required for this hike.
E-mail preferred Leaders: Ray Wittkop, 609 707 9501 BarbnRayHikers@aol.com Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, smallfluke@yahoo.com

JANUARY 17

Monday
10:00 a.m.



SKIT BRANCH SERPENTINE. 5 to 6 miles. Easy to moderate pace. Bring water & snack. Meet at Skit for start of hike at 10:00 a.m. (Note that if there is snow Caranza Road may not be plowed all the way. STOP at the unplowed part and wait there. We will start a hike from that point.) Up, back and around on sand roads, trails and fire cuts. Could be some wet areas. Leader: Milt Cannan, 856-983-9076

JANUARY 18

Tuesday
9:30 a.m.

FORSYTHE RUFUGES. Moderate pace. Will plan on the five mile hike. Bring snacks and water for the trial. Option of lunch at picnic tables

JANUARY 19

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

BEYOND BUCK RUN. 9-10 miles moderate pace. We'll hike to the site of Nash's cabin for lunch. Using trails and old roads, past Martha's Furnace and Calico. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet Harrisville Pond, on Rt 679. Leaders, Christine Denneler, 856-461-5379. Pat Burton, 856-767-8064.

JANUARY 19

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.



WILLINGBORO NATURE CENTER. 6/7 miles, moderate pace, a loop hike that Includes Crystal Lake and Mill Creek Park. Bring lunch to eat on the trail. Take 130 north from Rt. 73. The entrance is slightly less than 1 mile on the right after you cross Rancocos Creek. It is just beyond the intersection of Route 130 and Beverly Bridgeboro road and directly across from Willingboro RV sales. Park in front of the iron fence. NP, NC, FS. Those wishing to do an extra couple of miles in an adjoining park should be there at 9:00 am Leaders: Ray Wittkop, 609 707 9501, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com. Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, smallfluke@yahoo.com.

JANUARY 20

Thursday
6:00 p.m.



ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, South Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Boulevard cancels. See January 6 listing for details.

JANUARY 21

Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NIGHT FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See January 7 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com.

JANUARY 22

Saturday
9:00 a.m.

THIS HIKE IS THE PITS. Walk to the site of the clay pits at old "Half Way". We will follow sand roads and an abandoned narrow gage railroad route. Some parts of the route are overgrown, so be prepared. 8-10 miles moderate pace. Meet at Bullock - 9 a.m. (please plan to arrive 15 minutes early, to sign in and get ready, we leave on time) Leader: Jay Schoss phone: 908-692-5765 mail: walkinginmud@aol.com

JANUARY 22

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

BELLEPLAIN FOREST BEGINNERS HIKE. 7 miles, moderate pace. This is a great hike at a moderate pace with a rich variety of habitats: Atlantic white cedar and mixed hardwood swamps, oak-hickory forest, old fields, and freshwater lakes, with a possible view of Bald Eagles. Meet at Belleplain Main Office. Off of Route 550, between Woodbine and Belleplain (DMS 39 14 36.85 N 74 50 58.29" W) (www.nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/parks/belle.html). NC/NP. Bring lunch and water. Really bad weather cancels, Call day of hike or check website (www.ocsj.org) to confirm. Leader: Scott Eves, 609-805-1463, Please e-mail me for directions at: cscotteves@gmail.com

JANUARY 22

Saturday
10:00 a.m.
*Individual
Registration
required*



PENNYPACK AND LORIMER PARKS HIKE. 5 or 10 miles, moderate pace. A figure eight hike through the parks. Bring lunch; we will eat lunch at the half- way point. Meet at the Pennypack Park parking lot off Pine Road. This meeting place is about 20 minutes from the Tacony/Palmyra bridge. Come over the bridge and take the second right at the base onto State Road (Rt. 73). (From there it is 1.7 miles to Rhawn Street). Stay to the left when you come to the fork in the road. Turn left onto Rhawn Street and drive approx. 4 miles to where the street dead ends into Huntington Pike. Pine Road is the first street on the right. There is a Dunkin Doughnuts on the corner. Turn right onto Pine Rd and go slightly over 1 mile to the entrance of the parking lot on the right, just before you cross Pennypack Creek. **INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS HIKE NP, FS, NC.** Leaders: Ray Wittkop, 609 707 9501, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com. Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, smallfluke@yahoo.com

JANUARY 26

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.



OCEAN CITY HISTORIC DISTRICT. 10 a.m., 6 miles. Meet at Transportation Center, 10th & Haven. Walk through the historic district (historic bldgs. will be pointed out by your tour guide--ME), then to boardwalk, lunch at Mack and Manco's. After lunch, walk to the end of the boardwalk, back to 18th St., then on to Ocean City Historical Museum. our new library, auditorium and cafe. Back to Transportation Center. Leader: Noel Wirth, 609-938-0418, ocncw101@comcast.net. Bad weather cancels.

JANUARY 27

Thursday
9:30 a.m.

SECRET BIRTHDAY HIKE. 6 to 8 miles. Moderate pace. Join me for a walk on my birthday. It's the age that's the secret. We will walk along trails and sand roads to who knows where. Stops for clothing adjustments, water breaks and nature breaks only. We will be back to the cars for lunch, where tables are

provided. I don't do lunch on the trail. Dogs and kids are welcome...leashed. Cookies provided for the 4 leggers. Meet at Brendan Byrne Ranger Station. Leader: Faye 732-363-9242 batonawalk@aol.com. Cell that morning only 912-433-8257.

JANUARY 27

Thursday
6:00 p.m.

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, South Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Blvd cancels. See January 6 listing for details.

JANUARY 28

Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NIGHT FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See January 7 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com.

JANUARY 29

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

HARRISVILLE POND. 10 miles, moderate pace. A short portion of the Batona trail. The rest a mix of sand road and forest trails. A trip around Harrisville Pond, a bog, along a river. A good time will be had by all. Probably dry. NP/NC. No planned bushwacking. Normal stops. Leader George Galcik, 856-783-8329 georgecalcik@comcast.net

JANUARY 30

Sunday
8:00 a.m.

COOPER RIVER AND ADJOINING PARKS HIKE. 6 miles, moderate to brisk pace. A "get-it-over-early" loop hike plus an option to have brunch with us afterwards at a nearby Old Country Buffet. Meet at the National Guard Armory parking lot at Park Avenue and Grove Street in Cherry Hill. This meeting place is one block south from the intersection of Rt. 70 and Haddonfield Road/Grove Street. This intersection is at the corner of the old Garden State race track and has a Chili's Bar and Grill. NP, NC, FS. Leaders: Barb & Ray Wittkop, 609-707-9501, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com. Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, smallfluke@yahoo.com

JANUARY 31

Monday
9:30 a.m.

BATSO VILLAGE MEANDER. 6 to 8 miles. Moderate pace. Walk along trails and fire cuts. Your lunch can be at the tables when we return. We stop only for others to catch up, clothing adjustments, water breaks and nature calls. Bring bug spray, just kidding. Meet at the village parking lot. We leave on time so be early. Canine Carry Outs provided for the canines on leash. Leader: Faye, 732-363-9242 batonawalk@aol.com co-leader: Jay, 908-692-5765.

Volunteer Opportunities

The Club offers all members an opportunity to be a part of, or to create their own outdoor experience or activity. All activities are led by volunteer members. NO volunteers, NO activities. It's that simple!

You can make a difference. Your volunteer involvement in Club activities is unique and special contributions that play a valuable role in *YOUR* Club.

PLAN AND LEAD AN ACTIVITY.

PLAN AND LEAD A "LITTER" CLEAN-UP DAY.

WRITE YOUR LEGISLATORS. A SIMPLE NOTE IN SUPPORT OF TRAILS, BIKE PATHS AND GREENWAYS IS ALL IT TAKES.

CHAIR A COMMITTEE. (See Christmas Party, Officer Nominations, etc.)

PLAN AND LEAD A TOUR TRIP.

Talk to your Activity Committee Chair about what you can volunteer to do to improve *YOUR* Club.



FEBRUARY



"Quality is not an act, it is a habit."

RESERVATIONS AND DEADLINES

Act Now! Make your reservations as soon as possible. Spaces usually are limited. Don't miss out by waiting too long.

CLUB "PICNICS AT THE PARK" PARVIN. April 9. See Coming Events for details.

WASHINGTON DC BUS TRIP & SELF-GUIDED TOUR. Saturday, May 7. See Coming Events for details. Sign-up form on page 31.

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR ALL X/CSKIING/SNOWSHOEING TRIPS.

BICYCLING ROAD COURSE - IN JUNE. See website for details.

ROSEDALE PARK HIKE. See February 5 entry.

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Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

LUNCH IN HADDONFIELD. 8 miles, moderate pace. A loop hike through several Cooper River parks with a stop at a pizza pie restaurant for lunch. Meet at the National Guard Armory parking lot at Park Avenue and Grove Street in Cherry Hill. This meeting place is one block south from the intersection of Rt. 70 and Haddonfield Road/Grove Street. This intersection is at the corner of the old Garden State race track NP, FS, NC. Leaders: Barb & Ray Wittkop, 609-707-9501, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com. Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, smallfluke@yahoo.com

FEBRUARY 3

Thursday
6:00 p.m.

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, South Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Boulevard cancels. See January 6 listing for details.

FEBRUARY 4

Friday
7:00 p.m.



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FEBRUARY 5Saturday
9:30 a.m.

BYRNE STATE FOREST BEGINNERS HIKE. 4 to 5 miles. Slow to moderate pace accordingly. Brendan Bryne State Forest Ranger Station. We will walk on trails and sand roads with stops only for clothing adjustments, fluid or bathroom breaks. Leashed kids and pets are welcome with cookies provided only for the canine pets. Tables are available if you want to bring your lunch. Note start time. Leader: Faye, 732-363-9242 home.

FEBRUARY 5Saturday
10:00 a.m.
*Individual
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required*

ROSEDALE PARK HIKE. 5 or 12 miles, moderate pace. A Pennington, NJ figure eight loop hike that includes Rosedale Park, the Mercer County Equestrian Center, and the Pole Farm. This 1300 acre area includes three streams, a lake, two ponds and lots of wildlife. This can be a challenging hike depending on the conditions of the terrain. There will be some off-trail walking, so hiking boots are recommended. Bring lunch to eat at the half way point. Meet at the main parking lot by the lake near the children's playground. Use Mapquest – 420 Federal City Road, Pennington, NJ or the following directions: Take Rt. 95 to Rt. 31 N (exit 4) and proceed for 1.3 miles to Rt. 546, which comes in from the right. There is a large gas station and a sign "to Lawrenceville" on the corner. Turn right and go straight ahead for 1.8 miles. (This road is Rt. 546 for a block, then turns into Blackwell Road). The road dead ends into Federal City Road. Turn left and go 3/10 of a mile to the park entrance on the right (sharp curve). There is a large sign at the entrance to the park. **INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS HIKE.** E-mail preferred. **NP, NC, FS.** Leaders: Ray Wittkop, 609-707-9501, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com. Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, smallfluke@yahoo.com

FEBRUARY 6Sunday
10:30 a.m.

FRIENDSHIP. 8 to 10 miles. Meet at Friendship ruins for start of hike at 10:30 AM. (Note that if there is snow Caranza Road may not be plowed all the way. STOP at the unplowed part and wait there. We will start a hike from that point.) We will hike in the environs of this vanished town along sand roads, unmarked trails and fire cuts. Sightings of Tundra Swans are possible in the bogs. Be prepared for probable wet areas and maybe some bushwhacking. Leader: Milt Cannan, 856-983-9076.

FEBRUARY 8Tuesday
9:30 a.m.

BRENDAN BYRNE STATE FOREST CAMPGROUND. 6 to 8 miles. Moderate pace. Meet in the field across from the camp sites. Bring drink and snack, we don't do lunch. Tables at the campsites are available for your lunch if you feel the need to eat outside in February. Stops for clothing changes and nature calls only. Big hairy dogs welcome on leash, bisquits provided. Leader: Faye, 732-363-9242 batonawalk@aol.com cell that morn. only 912-433-8257.

FEBRUARY 9Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

PALMYRA NATURE CENTER HIKE. 6-7 miles, 6-7 miles, brisk pace. Take Rt. 73 North to the last light before the Tacony Palmyra Bridge and turn right. Follow the signs to the Nature Center. Meet in the parking lot at the Center. For those who wish to do an additional pre-hike 3 miles meet at the Riverton Yacht Club at 9:10 and we will walk to the Nature Center. The Yacht Club is on a pier extending into the River at the end of

Main St (603) in Riverton. NP, FS, NC. Leaders: Barb & Wittkop, 609 707 9501 BarbnRayHikers@aol.com. Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, smallfluke@yahoo.com

FEBRUARY 10

Thursday
6:00 p.m.

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FEBRUARY 10

Thursday
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FEBRUARY 12

Saturday
9:00 a.m.

HIKE TO NORTH BRANCH. We will walk to the beach at North Branch bogs for lunch. Lunch of course is the reason we hike. We will follow sand roads and fire cuts through heart of Brendan Byrne SF. The return route will require us to cross the middle branch of Mt. Misery Brook 10-12 miles at a moderate pace - Meet at Bullock - 9 am (please plan to arrive 15 minutes early, to sign in and get ready, we leave on time) Leader: Jay Schoss phone: 908-692-5765 mail: walkinginmud@aol.com

FEBRUARY 12

Saturday
10:00 a.m.



BELLEPLAIN FOREST BEGINNERS HIKE. 7 miles, moderate pace. This is a great hike at a moderate pace with a rich variety of habitats: Atlantic white cedar and mixed hardwood swamps, oak-hickory forest, old fields, and freshwater lakes, with a possible view of Bald Eagles. Meet at Belleplain Main Office. Off of Route 550, between Woodbine and Belleplain (DMS 39 14 36.85 N 74 50 58.29" W) (www.nj.gov/dep/park-sandforests/parks/belle.html). NC/NP. Bring lunch and water. Really bad weather cancels, Call day of hike or check website (www.ocsj.org) to confirm. Leader: Scott Eves, 609-805-1463, Please e-mail me for directions at: cscotteves@gmail.com

FEBRUARY 14

Monday
9:30 a.m.

MICHAEL HUBER PRAIRIE WARBLER PRESERVE. 6 to 8 miles. Moderate pace. 4 Miles off Rt. 70 on Sooy Place Road. Boots and a stick are recommended since there may be two small water crossings, one with a small bridge, one hummock to hummock. Short sections of trail are undeveloped. Bring snack and liquid, we don't sit down for lunch. Slow me down if I move too fast. Larger dogs will do better since portions of trail are not cleared and low brush may be an eye hazard for the little guys. Leader: Faye, 732-363-9242 batonawalk@aol.com Cell that morning only for directions 912-433-8257.

FEBRUARY 15

Tuesday
10:00 a.m.

FORSYTHE REFUGE. Five miles moderate pace. Bring snacks and water for hike. Lunch either at picnic tables after hike or enjoy one of the near by restaurants. Jan, 609-404-4990 or Toni, 609-652-0112.

FEBRUARY 16

Wednesday
10:00 am

SHANE BRANCH HIKE. 6-7. miles at a MODERATE PACE, to a small pond and a beautiful cedar swamp for lunch. Easy

hike for new or beginner. All welcome. Meet at FRIENDSHIP Bring lunch and beverage. For more info call or e-mail Pat Burton camperpat@hotmail.com 856-767-8064 or Chris Denneler, 856 461 5379.

FEBRUARY 17
Thursday
6:00 p.m.

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, South Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Boulevard cancels. See January 6 listing for details.

FEBRUARY 18
Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NIGHT FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See January 7 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com.

FEBRUARY 19
Saturday
9:00 a.m.

HIKE TO SPRING HILL. Using sand roads and fire cuts, we will make our way to the Spring Hill Pygmies. 10-12 miles at a moderate pace. Meet at Oswego - 9 am (please plan to arrive 15 minutes early, to sign in and get ready, we leave on time) Leader: Jay Schoss phone: 908-692-5765.
e-mail: walkinginmud@aol.com

FEBRUARY 19
Saturday
10:00 a.m.

BATSTO HIKE. 5 miles moderate pace. An easy walk between two rivers and through the village of Batsto. Bad weather or icy conditions cancel. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

FEBRUARY 19
Saturday
10:00 a.m.
*Individual
Registration
Required*



STONY BROOK – MILLSTONE WATERSHED NATURE PRESERVE HIKE. 7 miles, moderate pace. Wargo Pond, Stony Brook and visit the Nature Center after this loop hike. Hiking boots suggested as there may be water on some trails. Bring lunch to eat on the trail. Take Rt. 95 to exit 4 (Rt. 31). Take Rt. 31 North to a fork (known as the Pennington Circle). Go to your left at the fork and stay on Rt. 31 for approx. 2.5 miles. Titus Mill Road will be on you right. Look for the sign “Watershed Reserve”. Turn right onto Titus Mill Road and go approx. 1.4 miles to the Watershed entrance on the left. The parking lot is at end of the driveway across from the Nature Center. **INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS HIKE NP, FS, NC.** Leaders: Ray Wittkop, 609-707-9501, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com. Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, smallfluke@yahoo.com

FEBRUARY 19
Saturday
7:00 p.m.



SOCIAL MOONLIGHT HIKE, CAMPFIRE AND CAMPOUT. 6 miles moderate pace. Enjoy a winter moonlight hike in the Pines under the Snow Moon on a new route and return to a roaring campfire. Bring picnic type food to share at our tailgate social after hike. NC/NP. Meet at Atsion Lake, Burlington County. From Rt. 206 take Atsion Road, west 1 mile, go to Goshen Pond Group site sign turn left go to camping area. Camping is available; call to reserve space. Leader, Paul Serdiuk 609-463-3593 eve. or pis1@cccnj.net Inclement weather cancels.

FEBRUARY 19
Saturday
7:30 p.m.

FOOT LOOSE IN FEBRUARY. Hike 7 miles, MP. Savor a full moon breaking through the pines and reflecting off the white sand. Meet at Atsion. Rain or snow cancels. Leaders, Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

FEBRUARY 20

Sunday
8:00 a.m.

COOPER RIVER AND ADJOINING PARKS HIKE. 6/7 miles, moderate to brisk pace. A “get-it-over-early” loop hike plus an option to have brunch with us afterwards at a nearby Old Country Buffet. Meet at the National Guard Armory parking lot at Park Avenue and Grove Street in Cherry Hill. This meeting place is one block from the intersection of Rt. 70 and Haddonfield Road/Grove St. This intersection is at the corner of the old Garden State race track and has a Chili’s Bar and Grill. NP, NC, FS. Leaders: Barb & Ray Wittkop, 609 707 9501, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, smallfluke@yahoo.com.

FEBRUARY 20

Sunday
9:00 a.m.



CLASS C. FAMOUS BAGEL RIDE. 30 miles. Great ride in Burlington County with a bagel stop. Meet at Moorestown High School, Bridgeboro Road, Moorestown. Call in case of inclement weather. Leader: Fran H., 856-786-0048, E-mail: franhorn@aol.com

FEBRUARY 20

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

MICHAEL HUBER PRAIRIE WARBLER PRESERVE HIKE. 6 to 7 miles, moderate pace with limited stops. We will be out by lunch time. Boots recommended. Portions of the trail are undeveloped, you may want sticks. There are 2 small water crossings, one can be jumped or a small bridge is accessible, the other is another small crossing on hummocks where sticks may be needed for balance, so dogs may not be too happy. Only necessary stops. Be on time. Directions, Sooy Road off of Route 70. A bit over 4 miles in on Sooy. Preserve is on left. Or Rt. 563 to Sooy Road about 4 miles in on the right. Leader: Faye, 732-363-9242 (H) or 908-692-5765 (C).

FEBRUARY 21

Monday
9:30 a.m.



PAKIM POND WANDER. 5 to 7 miles. Moderate pace. Mostly trails while the ticks are somewhat napping. You can lunch at the pond when we return. We leave promptly at 9:30 from Pakim Pond. Leader: Faye, 732-363-9242. batonawalk@aol.com cell that morn. 912-433-8257

FEBRUARY 21

Monday
10:00 a.m.

ESTELL MANOR. 5 to 6 miles. Easy to moderate pace. Meet at Atlantic County Parks – Estell Manor Nature Center on NJ Rt. 50 (about 4 miles south of May’s Landing) for start of hike at 10:00 a.m. We’ll explore this 1700 acre park bordered on the east by the South and Great Egg Harbor Rivers and on the west by Rt. 50. This Atlantic County Park has an extensive trail network with a couple miles of boardwalk through the real swampy areas. The nature center has a lot of information on the area. Possible wet areas. Leader: Milt Cannan, 856-983-9076.

FEBRUARY 23

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

THREE PARK HIKE. 7 miles, moderate pace. A Pennsauken, NJ loop hike that includes Cooper River Park, Neuton Lake Park, and Knight’s Park. Meet in the parking lot of the Lobster Trap restaurant on North Cuthbert Boulevard. Bring lunch to eat on the trail. Take Rt. 130 to Cuthbert Blvd. Go south on Cuthbert to the first light, which is North Park Drive. Turn right and go to the restaurant parking lot, about half a mile on the left. NP, FS, NC. Leaders: Barb & Ray Wittkop, 609-707-9501, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com.

FEBRUARY 24

Thursday

6:00 p.m.

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, South Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Boulevard cancels. See January 6 listing for details.

FEBRUARY 25

Friday

7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NIGHT FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See January 7 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com.

FEBRUARY 26

Saturday

10:00 a.m.

FREINDSHIP. 6.5 or 8.5 miles, moderate pace. Bogs, beavers, and beauty in this wild and primitive area. Lots to see, and perhaps some puddles to get around. Bring dry socks, just in case! Could be wet. NC/NP. Could be wet. Normal stops. Meet three miles past the Carranza Memorial on Carrenza Road. Leader George Galcik 856-783-8329. georgegalcik@comcast.net

FEBRUARY 26

Saturday

10:00 a.m.

HIKE TO LOWER FORGE. 10 miles,MP. We will hike down Springer's Brook to lunch on the Island at Lower Forge. Bring lunch. Meet at Atsion. Leaders, Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

FEBRUARY 26

Saturday

10:00 a.m.

PENNYPACK PARK, NE PHILA. 7-8 miles loop hike. Moderate pace. Meet at the parking lot off Rhawn Street by the small stone building. This meeting place is only about 5 minutes from the Tacony Palymra Bridge. Come over the bridge and take the second right at the base, which is State Road (Route 73). From this point it is 1.7 miles to Rhawn Street. Stay to the left (New State Road) when you come to the fork in the road. Continue on New State Road until you see Rhawn Street on your left. Turn left on Rhawn and go about 1.6 miles to entrance of the park on your left. Lunch on the trail or when we finish depending on the weather. Barb & Ray Wittkop, 609-707-9501 mail to: BarbnRayHikers@aol.com Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, smallfluke@yahoo.com

FEBRUARY 27

Sunday

9:00 a.m.



SOCIAL HIKE AND BIRTHDAY BRUNCH. 5 miles moderate pace. Hike between two rivers in late winter, wildlife sighting possible. Then help celebrate the leader's birthday as we enjoy an all you can eat buffet at Renault Winery Restaurant. NC/NP. Meet at Atsion Office on Rt. 206. Between Hammonton and Red Lion Circle, Burl. Co. Leader. Paul Serdiuk 609-462-3593 eve., or pis1@cccnj.net Limited seating, call early to reserve place. Inclement weather cancels.

FEBRUARY 28

Monday

10:00 a.m.

HIKE TO MARTHA. 5 miles moderate pace. Hike to the site of the furnace that operated many years ago. Bring lunch, picnic after hike. Meet Harrisville Lake. Leader: Janet Horton, 856-461-5771. Cell # 609-706-5691. janeth1@comcast.net



MARCH

*"Doubt can only be removed
by action."*



RESERVATIONS AND DEADLINES

Act Now! Make your reservations as soon as possible. Spaces usually are limited. Don't miss out by waiting too long.

CLUB "PICNICS AT THE PARK" PARVIN. April 9. See Coming Events for details.
WASHINGTON DC BUS TRIP & SELF-GUIDED TOUR. Saturday, May 7. See Coming Events for details. Sign-up form on page 31.

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR ALL X/CSKIING/SNOWSHOEING TRIPS.

BICYCLING ROAD COURSE - IN JUNE. See website for details.

MILLSTONE AQUEDUCT/ CARNEGIE LAKE, PRINCETON, N. J. See March 5 entry.

BATONA TRAIL MAINTENANCE – In conjunction with the Batona Hiking Club. See March 6 entry.

APPALACHIAN TRAIL BACKPACK. See March 12-13 entry.

BATONA TRAIL MAINTENANCE. See March 13 entry.

WASHINGTON CROSSING HIKE NJ. See March 19 entry.

SOCIAL MOONLIGHT HIKE, CAMPFIRE, AND CAMPOUT. See March 19 entry.

PENNYPACK PARK NE PHILADELPHIA. See March 27 entry.

**✓ NOTE VARIOUS OTHER TRIPS REQUIRE PARTICIPANTS
TO CONTACT LEADER.**

**CHECK THE OCSJ WEBSITE ON YOUR COMPUTER AT (WWW.OCSJ.ORG)
FOR LATEST TRIP INFORMATION.
CYCLISTS JOIN THE GOOGLE GROUPS FOR THE LATEST
TRIP INFORMATION.
FOR DETAILS GO TO THE BICYCLING HOME PAGE.**

MARCH 2
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

WILLINGBORO NATURE CENTER. 6/7 miles, moderate pace, a loop hike that includes Crystal Lake and Mill Creek Park. Bring lunch to eat on the trail. Take 130 north from route #73. the entrance is slightly less than 1 mile on the right after you cross Rancocos Creek. It is just beyond the intersection of Route 130 and Beverly Bridgeboro road and directly across from Willingboro RV sales. Park in front of the iron fence. NP, NC, FS. Those wishing to do an extra couple of miles in an adjoining park should be there at 9:00 am Leaders: Ray Wittkop, 609-707-9501, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com. Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, smallfluke@yahoo.com.

MARCH 3
Thursday
6:00 p.m.



ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, South Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Boulevard cancels. See January 6 listing for details.

MARCH 4
Friday
7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY NIGHT FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See January 7 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com.

MARCH 5
Saturday
9:30 a.m.

BYRNE STATE FOREST BEGINNERS HIKE. 4 to 5 miles. Slow to moderate pace. Brendan Byrne State Forest. Meet at

field across from campsites. A pleasant walk on sand and paved roads. Stops only when necessary. Kids and dogs on leash are welcome. Cookies will be provided for dogs only. You can lunch at tables at campground or at Pakim Pond. Please note different start time. Leader: Faye, 732-363-9242 home.

MARCH 5
Saturday
10:00 a.m.
*Individual
Registration
Required*

✓ **MILLSTONE AQUEDUCT/ CARNEGIE LAKE, PRINCETON, N.J.** 12 to 15 miles Drop out at any time. Moderate pace. We will walk north on the D&R towpath to Rocky Hill and then return to the parking site for lunch. Then south on the towpath to Alexander Street and return. This is the first hike in the training series for the APRIL APEX however, all are welcome. Take Route #295 north toward Princeton/Trenton it will become Route 95. Take Exit 67A which will put you on Route 1 north. Continue on Route 1 and cross the Millstone River. Take the first U turn after the river and head back south on Route #1. Turn right at the first street (Mapleton Road)which is just before the river. Go 1.3 miles on Mapleton Road. Turn right at the first street which is just before the river. Go 1.3 miles to the entrance of the parking lot. **INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS HIKE NP, FS, NC.** Leaders: Ray Wittkop, 609-707-9501 BarbnRayHikers@aol.com Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, smallfluke@yahoo.com.

MARCH 6
Sunday
9:30 a.m.

BATONA TRAIL MAINTENANCE. In conjunction with the Batona Hiking Club. An easy work trip to help keep the section of the Batona Trail from Ong's Hat to Batsto in top shape. Bring lunch and clipping tools (if you have them, or use Batona's). Depending on the number of people that show up, we'll separate into groups of four, each assigned to approximately 6 to 8 mile sections of the trail. Since opening in 1961 as a 30-mile trail, it has become a well-used part of New Jersey's trail system. With the help of volunteers like you, the trail has grown to 50 miles. Meet at the Red Lion Diner parking lot (west side) at the circle – intersection of Rts. 70 and 206 at 9:30 a.m. Leader: Milt Cannan, 856-983-9076.

MARCH 9
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

MOUNT MISERY HIKE. 9-10 miles, moderate pace (3mph). Hike from Pakim Pond to Mt. Misery on the White Trail through the forest and returning around the bogs. Bring lunch. Meet at the Pakim Pond Parking Lot. Heavy rain/snow cancels. Leaders: Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817 and Bill Poulson, 856-0983/7609.

MARCH 10
Thursday
6:00 p.m.

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, South Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Boulevard cancels. See January 6 listing for details.

MARCH 10
Thursday
7:30 p.m.



CLUB MEETING. Board of Trustees. Activity Committees Leaders. New Cherry Hill Library, 1100 Kings Hwy. (Rt. 41) North of Route 70 in Cherry Hill.

MARCH 11
Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NIGHT FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See January 7 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com.

MARCH 12
Saturday
9:00 a.m.

IKE TO GOOSE POND. 12 miles more or less at a moderate pace - Let's see if we can find it again, it tends to move around a bit. If we can or can't, we'll have lunch on the beach of North Branch Bogs. A short bushwhack through a pine plantation is included. Meet at Bullock - 9 a.m. *(please plan to arrive 15 minutes early, to sign in and get ready, we leave on time)*
Leader: Jay Schoss phone: 908-692-5765,
E-mail: walkinginmud@aol.com

MARCH 12
Saturday
10:00 a.m.

BELLEPLAIN FOREST BEGINNERS HIKE. 7 miles, moderate pace. This is a great hike at a moderate pace with a rich variety of habitats: Atlantic white cedar and mixed hardwood swamps, oak-hickory forest, old fields, and freshwater lakes, with a possible view of Bald Eagles. Meet at Belleplain Main Office. Off of Route 550, between Woodbine and Belleplain (DMS 39 14 36.85 N 74 50 58.29" W) (www.nj.gov/dep/park-sandforests/parks/belle.html). NC/NP. Bring lunch and water. Really bad weather cancels, Call day of hike or check website (www.ocsj.org) to confirm. Leader: Scott Eves, 609-805-1463, Please e-mail me for directions at: cscotteves@gmail.com

MARCH 12-13
Sat.-Sun.

✓ **APPALACHIAN TRAIL BACKPACK.** Sunrise Mountain and High Point - 17 miles (8.5 Saturday and 8.5 Sunday). Start at Culver's Gap, hike up to Sunrise Mountain past some beautiful views of Culver's lake. See fire towers, a CCC shelter, and spend the night in Mashipacong Shelter. On Sunday, we'll hike up to the highest point in NJ and check out the monument. Then its down to Route 519 and head home. Should be some great views before the leaves get too thick on the trees. Max 8 people. Hike Leader: Kevin Drevik, 856-778-3817 kdrevik@aol.com

MARCH 13
Sunday
8:00 a.m.

COOPER RIVER AND ADJOINING PARKS See Sunday February 20 for information and details on this hike

MARCH 13
Sunday
9:30 a.m.

Batona trail

BATONA TRAIL MAINTENANCE – Our club is responsible for maintaining the lower 17 miles of the Batona Trail and it is in need of maintenance! We need to cut back underbrush and tree branches that overhang the trail. Trail blazes also need repainting. Bring work gloves, clipping tools, tree loppers, bow saws and paint scrapers if you have them. Also bring water and lunch. Meet at Bass River State Forest park office at 9:30 a.m. Should be done by 1:00 p.m. Leader: Bruce Steidel, 609-915-0956 bsteidel@aol.com

MARCH 13
Sunday
10:00 a.m.

ROUND VALLEY. 9-10 miles, MP. Good hilly hiking around one of NJ's longest and deepest, man made resevoirs. Meet at Round Valley trailhead parking, South lot, near the boat ramp. From SJ take Route 31 to Route 22 in Lebanon. Follow signs to park entrance. Allow drive time. Bring lunch. Leaders, Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

MARCH 14
Monday
9:30 a.m.

REEVES BOGS. 6 to 8 miles. Moderate pace. Bring your camera, the bogs are picturesque any time of year. We will travel on sand roads, maybe a trail. Stops only to shed some winter gear, take pictures or potty breaks. Dogs always welcome on leash, kids must be leashed also. No lunch break.

You can always drive to Pakim Pond for lunch. Take Forest Drive at the light on Rt. 70 across from Presidential Lakes. We meet on the right, at the big tree overlooking the bogs. Leader: Faye, 732-363-9242 batonawalk@aol.com cell only if you get lost 912-433-8257

MARCH 15
Tuesday
10:00 a.m.

THE LONG HIKE FROM ATSION TO BATSTO. Moderate pace about 10 miles. Bring lunch water and appropriate clothing the for weather. Meet at Batsto parking lot for reverse shuttle 9:30 am Jan 609-404-4990 and Toni 609-652-0112

MARCH 16
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

PALMYRA NATURE CENTER. See Wednesday February 9 for information and details on this hike

MARCH 17
Thursday
6:00 p.m.

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, South Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Boulevard cancels. See Janaury 6 listing for details.

MARCH 18
Friday
7:00 p..m.



FRIDAY NIGHT FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See January 7 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com.

MARCH 19
Saturday
10:00 a.m.

HOT DOG HIKE. 6-7 mile hike, moderate pace. A Spring OCSJ tradition. After the hike hot dogs will be ready with the usual sides. Bring a dish to share. Bring your own beverage. Hot water will be provided. Meet at Bass River S.F. - Lake Absegami Parking lot at lakeside. Chefs Christine Denneleer 856-461-5379, Pat Burton, 856-767-8064, hike leaders. Toni, 609-652-0112 and Jan, 609-404-4990. Check ocsj.org for date change if weather is bad.

MARCH 19
Saturday
10:00 a.m.
*Individual
Registration
Required*



WASHINGTON CROSSING HIKE NJ. 15 miles, moderate pace. A loop hike along the NJ and PA sides of the D&R Canal and Delaware River. This is the second of the training hikes and part of the route of the April Apex. Bring lunch to eat on the trail. Meet at the Washington Crossing Parking lot on the NJ side. Take Rt. I-295 N/I-95 S to last exit on NJ side. Take Rt. 29 N to the traffic light at Washington Crossing Park and turn left. Make a sharp right (before crossing the bridge) into the parking lot. **INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS HIKE.** E-mail preferred. NP, NC, FS. Leaders: Ray Wittkop, 609-707-9501, BarbnRay@aol.com. Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, smallfluke@yahoo.com.

MARCH 19
Saturday
7:00 p.m.



SOCIAL MOONLIGHT HIKE, CAMPFIRE, AND CAMPOUT. 6 miles moderate pace. Enjoy a winter moonlight hike in the Pines under the Worm Moon on a new route and return to a roaring campfire. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after hike. NC/NP. Meet at Atsion Lake, Burlington Co. From Rt. 206 take Atsion Road west 1 miles, go to Goshen Pond Group site sign turn left go to camping area. Camping is available; call to reserve space. Leader, Paul Serdiuk, 609-463-3593 evenings or pis1@cccnj.net Inclement weathe cancels.

MARCH 19
Saturday
7:30 p.m.

MARCH IN MARCH MOONLIGHT. 7 miles, MP. Come out and meander in the streaks of moon beams. Meet at Atsion. Rain or snow cancels. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

MARCH 20
Sunday
9:00 a.m.



CLASS C. FAMOUS BAGEL RIDE. 30 miles. Great ride in Burlington County with a bagel stop. Meet at Moorestown High School, Bridgeboro Road, Moorestown. Call in case of inclement weather. Leader: Fran H., 856-786-0048, E-Mail: franhorn@aol.com

MARCH 21
Monday
9:30 a.m.

ONG'S HAT. 5 to 6 miles. Moderate Pace. Hike sand roads and trails to Deep Hollow Pond where we will have a snack break. Imagine that, me having a snack break!! Reel me in if I go too fast. I try to maintain a 3 mph walk, but sometimes my mouth gets in the way. Dogs and kids are welcome, biscuits always provided. Meet at Batona trail head parking on dirt road across from Apanay's restaurant. Leader: Faye, 732-363-9242 batonawalk@aol.com cell only that morning 912-433-8257.

MARCH 23
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

WINTERTIME AT THE BEACH. 10 a.m., 7 miles. Meet at 34th St. pavilion on the beach. Walk along the beach, find shells the winter storms have left. Continue to Corson Beach State Park. Continue back by the marshlands. Bring lunch or eat at Captain Bob's on 55th Street. Back to 34th Street via beach or Central Avenue. Your choice! Leader: Noel wirth, 609-938-0418. ocncw101@comcast.net. Bad weather cancels.

MARCH 24
Thursday
6:00 p.m.

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, South Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Boulevard cancels. See January 6 listing for details.

MARCH 25
Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NIGHT FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See January 7 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com.

MARCH 26
Saturday
10:00 a.m.

FRIENDSHIP AND BULL'S BRANCH. 5 miles, moderate pace. Walk along the old bogs on the Bull's Branch of the Tulpehocken Creek, with a short stop at the Blueberry Monument honoring the first commercial blueberry farm. Meet at Friendship. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

MARCH 26
Saturday
10:00 a.m.

BATSTO TO QUAKER BRIDGE. 12 miles, moderate pace. We will hike the yellow trail out to Quaker Bridge. We will hike the Batsto and Batona trails back. A pretty hike with a variety of terrains. Scenic views of river and stream. 12 miles. NP/NC. Normal stops. Leader George Galcik, 856-783-8329. georgegalcik@comcast.net

MARCH 26
Saturday
10:30 a.m.

PHILADELPHIA MURAL ARTS HIKE. 3 miles moderate pace. We will be walking in center city. Meet at the Philadelphia Visitor Center (NE corner of 6th and Market Streets.) Suggest Patco Hi-Speed line or the River Line changing at Walter Rand Trans.Center. Get off at 8th and Market. Leader Janet Horton, 856-461-5771. Cell 609-706-5691. janeth1@comcast.net

MARCH 27

Sunday
8:30 a.m.

SOCIAL HIKE WISSAHICKON GORGE. 6-7 miles moderate pace over hills and valleys. Hike the Gorge in early spring with its spectacular views. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after hike. Proper hiking shoes required. Meet at 8:30 am in the rear parking lot of Crown Plaza Hotel (formerly Hilton Hotel) on Rt 70, to carpool/caravan to site or meet 9:30am at Valley Green north parking lot in park. NP/NC. Leader Paul Serdiuk 609-462-3593 eve or pis1@cccnj.net Inclement weather cancels

MARCH 27

Sunday
9:00 a.m.
*Individual
Registration
Required*

✓ **PENNYPACK PARK NE PHILADELPHIA.** 20 miles loop hike Moderate pace. Bring lunch to eat on the trail. Note: early start time. This is the third and final hike in the training series for the APRIL APEX on Saturday, April 2. However, all are welcome. Meet at the parking lot off Rhawn Street by the small stone building. This meeting place is only about 5 minutes from the Tacony Palymra bridge. Come over the bridge and take the second right at the base, which is State Road (Route 73). From this point it is 1.7 miles to Rhawn Street. Stay to the left (New State Road) when you come to the fork in the road. Continue on New State Road until you see Rhawn Street on your left. Turn left on Rhawn and go about 1.6 miles to entrance of the park on your left. **INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS HIKE** Barb and Ray Wittkop 609-70-9501 BarbnRayHikers@aol.com Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, smallfluke@yahoo.com

MARCH 27

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

RALPH STOVER PARK. 8 miles, MP. Good views from High Cliffs. Meet at the visitor's parking lot, Washington Crossing Pak, PA. side off Route 32 for a caravan to trailhead, can carpool if you want. We may see whitewater kayakers and technical climbers. Bring lunch. Leaders, Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

MARCH 28

Monday
10:00 a.m.

CONSTABLE BRIDGE HIKE. 5 miles, moderate pace. Meet at Batsto parking lot. Rain and bad weather cancels. Leader, Rose Barranger, 856-589-6807.

MARCH 30

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

COOPER RIVER AND ADJOINING PARKS HIKE. 6 or 12 miles, brisk pace. A Cherry Hill, NJ figure eight hike. Bring lunch to eat on the trail. Meet at the National Guard Armory parking lot at Park Avenue and Grove Street in Cherry Hill. This meeting place is one block south from the intersection of Rt. 70 and Haddonfield Road/Grove Street. This intersection is at the corner of the old Garden State race track. NP, NC,FS. Leaders: Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com. Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, SMALLFLUKE@YAHOO.COM.

MARCH 31

Thursday
6:00 p.m.

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, South Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Boulevard cancels. See January 6 listing for details.

APRIL 9

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

OCSJ CLUB "PICNICS AT THE PARK" PARVIN, AT THE THUNDERGUST PICNIC AREA: 10 AM TO 4 PM. Dogs/Burgers and Refreshments at the covered pavilions. We'll have hiking, biking, and boating, and camping (and campfires). Come out and meet other members, trip leaders, and board

members. Learn about gear and equipment. Socialize, tailgate, and have fun. Contact Tom Neigel at 609 -206-3389, or tomn-center-ocsj@yahoo.com Or, the individual trip leaders.

APRIL 9
Saturday
10:00 a.m.

OCSJ CLUB "PICNICS AT THE PARK" HIKE AND SOCIAL AT PARVIN STATE PARK. 6.5 EZ to moderate pace. Meet at the Thundergust Picnic Area and hike around the park. Meet at the Thundergust Picnic Area. Dogs/Burgers and refreshments provided at the covered pavilions, or bring a dish or snacks to share. Hike, socialize, tailgate, and have fun. Contact Tom Neigel at 609 206-3389, or tomncenter-ocsj@yahoo.com

APRIL 9
Saturday
10:00 a.m.

OCSJ CLUB "PICNICS AT THE PARK" EZ HYBRID BIKE AND SOCIAL AT PARVIN STATE PARK. 10 miles - EZ Pace. Meet at the Thundergust Picnic Area and bike around the back roads within the park. Meet at the Thundergust Picnic Area. Dogs/Burgers and Refreshments provided at the covered pavilions, or bring a dish or snacks to share. Hike, socialize, tailgate, and have fun. Contact Capt. Larry at 609-548-9739, or capt.larry@comcast.net

APRIL 9
Saturday
10:00 a.m.

CANOE/KAYAK AT PARVIN. Paddle on the Lake and participate in team/individual events. Contact Frank Pearce, 856-767-2780 or hornet71@verizon.net for details.

APRIL 8-10
Friday thru
Sunday

✓ **OCSJ CLUB "PICNICS AT THE PARK" CAMP AND SOCIAL AT PARVIN STATE PARK.** Camping for Friday and Saturday night. Trip is associated with our club picnic on Saturday at the picnic Pavilion. Camp over one night or both. Register in advance to join in on one of our campsites, or book your own site. See our other listings for the Club Picnic and related events. Camp, socialize, tailgate, and have fun. Contact Tom Neigel at 609-206-3389, or tomncenter-ocsj@yahoo.com

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