

OUTDOOR CLUB of SOUTH JERSEY

TREKKER

FALL 2008

Time to get outdoors –

Perfect weather - Perfect schedule –

Below – a sample – much more inside . . .

OCTOBER

- 12 – North Wissahickon Valley Hike
- 18 – Celebrate the Pinelands Canoe/Kayak Trip
- 25-26 – Halloween Backpack, Canoe & Camp



NOVEMBER

- 1 – Sunset Hike and Star Gazing
- 9 – Oswego River Paddle
- 16 – Famous Bagel Bike Ride



DECEMBER

- 6 – Annual Holiday Dinner Dance
- 13 – Full Cold Moonlight Hike
- 19 – Annual Christmas Hike



Celebrating 41 Years of Outdoor Experiences!

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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

It is hard to believe that the heat of summer is giving way to autumn colors. Once again hikers are hitting the trails and cross country skiers are dreaming of snow. Our volunteer leaders have packed the Trekker with a plethora of activities. Check out hikes that criss-cross the Pine Barrens, backpacking trips that promise stunning views and canoe trips that deliver a treat. Don't forget to check out the listing for the annual OCSJ Holiday party on December 6th.

Once again we have said good-bye to some of our own. **Bob Bruneau**, former hiking activity chair and outdoorsman, passed away in January. **Herb Barok**, a long time member, and **Klaus Gottwald**, cycling enthusiast, also passed away.

Norm Lucas, who has run the OCSJ store, has turned that responsibility over to **Sue Brehm**. Please note the new address and email for the store. Thank you to Norm, who has maintained the store for many years.

Pat Burton, Backpacking and Camping activity chair has resigned. Pat has given many hours to the Outdoor Club, A thank you seems inadequate for all the time she has given in organizing and leading trips.

The club is in need of volunteers to coordinate the hiking activity and one to coordinate the backpacking/camping activities. If you are interested, please contact me at bakerkp1@verizon.net

The Trekker is busting with opportunities to hike, bike, camp, and canoe. Please take a moment to say thank you to the volunteer leaders who make the activities possible.

Kathleen Pearce
OCSJ President
Bakerkp1@verizon.net



Coming Events

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CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR ALL SKIING/SNOWSHOEING TRIPS.

X/C SKIING AT NEW YEAR. What better way to ring in the new year than on a X/C ski trip in a snowy wonderland. We have 2 trips and there might still be room available. Call the leaders right away for details. Craftsbury, VT, December 27 to January 1 call Fran Horn, 856 786 0048 or franhorn@gmail.com and Pulaski, NY December 29 to January 1 call Eileen Greve, 609-267-3598 or egreve2@verizon.net

OCSJ ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY. December 6. A sellout in 2004, 2005, 2006 and again in 2007 so make your reservations early for this gala event. Great food! Great dancing! Great conviviality! See page 9 for details. There is a deadline for reservations. Send in your order for tickets now!

OCTOBER IS PINELANDS MONTH. A month long celebration of the Pinelands with all kinds of activities on-going. Cranberry harvest fairs, festivals, wagon and walking tours, nature walks, hikes. Pinelands month opening celebration is held at Whitesbog Village. The Pinelands Preservation Alliance (PPA) is in need of volunteers to staff information booths, lead nature walks, lead hikes, or just help out. To get on the volunteer list or find out more information call 609-859-8860.

HALLOWEEN BACKPACK TO MULLICA CAMP. A short 5 miles to camp-out with the kayak group on the river. Bring or wear your costume. Campsite is rustic with an outhouse and water pump. Beginners welcome. Contact the leader if you need to

Coming Events *(continued from page 3)*

borrow a pack. Email or call the leader for meeting time and place.
camperpat@hotmail.com Pat Burton, 856-767-8064.

HALLOWEEN CANOE AND CAMP. OCTOBER 25-26, Saturday-Sunday. An OCSJ annual event that has never failed to draw a great and jovial crowd of devils and ghouls. Backpackers welcome if they dare. Camping spaces are limited. Call early to reserve your spot. Small fee for campsites. Call for details. Leaders: Tim J., 856-464-2136 or timjs10@aol.com and Priscilla H., 609-953-8064.



NEWS AND NOTES

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR ALL SKIING/SNOWSHOEING TRIPS AND MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS ASAP TO RESERVE A SPOT.

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

“HOT PAGE” OCSJ website information access by Cell phone.

The method that OCSJ communicates to members about additions, deletes or changes to our activities as printed in the quarterly Trekker is through the club website at www.ocsj.org. The OCSJ club website is accessed over 6,000 times per month.

The OCSJ “Update” or “HOT PAGE” messages can be accessed from your Cell phone if you have Internet access capability. The URL for the OCSJ Cell phone page is www.w.ocsj.org w.ocsj.org

The full OCSJ website is designed for best viewing using a 1024 by 768 pixel screen resolution. A Cell phone has a much smaller screen size. The OCSJ Cell phone page uses 176 by 184 pixel screen resolution and is very limited in what content can be displayed.

Additions in the future will include, real time information such as weather and water level (gauges).

Congratulations to all the April Apex Hikers that made the 26 miler in 9.5 hours. Alison and Mike Baker, Anne Hower, Dave Chamberlain, Beth Compagnucci, Dani Haines, Frank and Ted Mac Leon, Gary Patterson, and of course, Ray Wittkop and Joe Hummel.

BACKPACKING/CAMPING

A Message from the Backpacking/Camping Activity Chair

We have a few trips to offer for camping and backpacking this fall season. Paul Serdiuk can always be counted on to offer up some camping trips, so check them out. Bruce Steidel has a backpacking trip scheduled for October. If you are interested in more camping and backpacking activities let's hear from you!

Tom Neigel, 609-206-3389

VP/Hike Chair, tomcenter-outdoors@yahoo.com



CANOING/KAYAKING

A message from the Canoe/Kayak Activity Chair



The leaders have come up with another great Fall Schedule. I hope you get a chance to participate.

To help make everyone's paddling experience an enjoyable one, read the trip description. If you have questions, especially if a trip is right for you, call the leader. Factors such as trip length, pace, water classification, number of stops, river conditions (cleared, obstructions, rocks), weather conditions etc. should all be considered. You must stay between the designated leader and the sweep. Paddling can be fun but be prepared. Please leave sufficient driving time to safely arrive. Wear the appropriate clothing and have a water-protected dry change of clothes with you. Remember to dress for the water temperature and not the air temperature. Avoid cotton clothing, it will not keep you warm if wet and will be slow drying, a synthetic fabric such as polartec is a better choice.

CLUB POLICY REQUIRES THAT PFD'S MUST BE WORN. PLEASE REMEMBER IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OCSJ ORGANIZED SHUTTLES YOU NEED TO MAKE YOUR OWN ARRANGEMENTS. NO EXCEPTIONS. A flashlight is required for evening trips. A whistle is required for Delaware River trips and recommended for all trips and painter lines are a good idea. A helmet for whitewater may also be a good investment. You must assess the suitability and condition of your equipment and if a trip is within your abilities. Water levels, weather, and leader availability may cause trip cancellations or changes including additions. Leaders have final say on trip participation involving safety concerns. Check the website: ocsj.org for the latest information. Everyone must sign in for liability reasons and **LEADER'S MUST SUBMIT (MAIL, FAX) SIGN-IN SHEETS TO THE CANOE/KAYAK CHAIR ASAP – NO EXCEPTIONS, also if a trip is cancelled please notify the chair. Carry a copy of the incident report form.** Need a form or address etc. please contact me?

See You on the Water!!

Frank Pearce

Hornet71@verizon.net

856-767-2780

HIKING

A Message from the VP/Hiking Activity Chair

This fall schedule has another fantastic array of events. Hiking is back in full swing with the cooler weather. The hike leaders have put together a great schedule, so be sure to thank them for their volunteer efforts. Check out the weekday after work hikes as the series is becoming more popular. Rich Kranz is presenting a North, Mid, and South Wissahickon series starting October 12. Joe T. has a Cedar Creek 2-part series on November 2 and 23.

The leaders have been bringing you more beginner trips, and this helps introduce new members to the club and offer some easier trips. Continue to take advantage of these, and we'll continue offering them.

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As usual, we are always looking for responsible volunteers. If you have an interest in becoming a hike leader or co-leader, please contact us. You can start slow and we will assist you. The club needs more members to get involved.

Tom Neigel

609-206-3389

VP/Hike Chair

tomcenter-outdoors@yahoo.com

WALKING PACE DEFINITIONS

WALKING PACE

These are averages only; actual results may vary due to factors such as surfaces (e.g., trails, vs roads), terrain (e.g., bushwhacking vs clear), elevation changes, (e.g., hilly vs flat), and weather.

PACE:	EASY	MODERATE	BRISK	FAST
	less than 2.5 mph	2.5-3.0 mph	3.0 – 3.5 mph	over 3.5 mph
Avg. time per mile	25 or more minutes	20-25 minutes	17-20 minutes	17 or less minutes

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.

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:

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.

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.

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.

TAKE ACTION

A message from the Activity Coordinator

"Brother, can you spare some time?"

As mentioned by the president and vice-president in their messages, the Club needs volunteers for many activities. The Club is more than volunteering to chair or lead an activity. One of my concerns is trail maintenance. We are responsible for 20 miles of the Batona Trail to groom and maintain. It is a year around job to TAKE ACTION cut back the growth of shrubbery to keep the trail in good, hike-able, well-blazed condition.

The bulk of the work to keep the trail groomed is done by volunteers with hand tools. This is part of the lure of trail work: a job that can only be accomplished by the care and labor of individuals working singly or as a team with their hands. For me, after I TAKE ACTION, each session of clipping and lopping, or sawing, I feel a sense of satisfaction and accomplishment.

The standard we adopted for our section of trail is a trail cleared, marked, signed and enjoyable for hiking. We are not keeping up to standard. The few trail maintainers we have are overwhelmed with the fantastic amount of growth along certain sections of the trail. We need to bring the trail up to an acceptable level.

This is where YOU, our members, need to step up to volunteer to **TAKE ACTION**. I'm always talking about "giving back" for all of the pleasure I get out of hiking in our beautiful pine woods. Just think of the difference you can make with a contribution of a few hours of your time. All we need is for **YOU** to **TAKE ACTION** to adopt a small section of trail to maintain at your convenience on a regular basis.

TAKE ACTION. Call Dennis Hull, Trail Maintenance Supervisor, **609-804-0025**, to volunteer to make a contribution to one of your club's areas of concern that badly needs your help.

Joseph Trujillo, 856-468-4849, jnt1691@verizon.net
Coordinator, Activities Committees

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.

HELP TO MAINTAIN THE TRAIL.

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

HELP THE TRAIL COORDINATOR BUILD A FOOT BRIDGE.

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.

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 north-east 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 south-east 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 south-east 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 south-east 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 I-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 SKI & SNOWSHOEING

A Message From The X/C Ski & Snowshoe Chair

The excitement of winter skiing and snowshoeing is only a few months away! Don't be left out. Your leaders have put together a wonderful schedule of trips for a week-end or a week. Check the website for details, or call the leader to see which trips are suitable for you. There may still be room on the New Year's trips. Call leader ASAP. Remember that a deposit holds your place on a trip. For more general info on X/C skiing, feel free to contact me.

Eileen Greve
609 267-3598
egreve2@verizon.net

- DEC. 27 TO JAN. 1 CRAFTSBURY, NORTHERN VERMONT.** 5 nights.
If interested contact leader, ASAP!! Fran Horn, 856-786-0048
franhorn@aol.com
- DEC. 31 TO JAN. 4 PULASKI, NY NORTH OF SYRACUSE.** 4 nights.
Eileen Greve, 609-267-3598 egreve2@verizon.net
- JAN. 16 TO 19 KEENE VALLEY, NY NE LAKE PLACID.** 3 nights Charlie
Phy, 609-567-0221 chalphy@comcast.net Can link to Stowe
trip, below.
- JAN. 18 TO 23 STOWE, VT.** 5 nights (option for 4). Eileen Greve, 609-267-
3598. egreve2@verizon.net
- JAN. 23 TO 27 LONDONDERRY, VT. SO HERN VT.** 4 nights. Eileen Greve,
609-267-3598 egreve2@verizon.net. Can link to Stowe trip
above.
- JAN. 30 TO FEB 1 PROSPECT MTN., BENNINGTON, VT.** 2 nights.
Free ski lessons. Dan McAuliff, 215-630-7478
DNMLogistics@msn.com
- FEB. 1 TO 6 BLACKWATER FALLS LODGE, DAVIS, WV.** 5 nights
(or option for shorter stay) Ann & John Palaitis, 856-810-2487
palaitis@verizon.net
- FEB. 6 TO 9 COLONIAL HOUSE, WESTON, VT., SOUTHERN VT.** 3 nights.
Sheila and Phil Molodow, 856-428-7668. pmpanel@aol.com
- FEB. 6 TO 8 PULASKI, NY NORTH OF SYRACUSE.** 2 nights. Eileen
Greve, 609-267-3598. Egreve2@verizon.net
- FEB. 13 TO 17 BRETTON WOODS, NEAR MT. WASHINGTON, NH.** 4 nights.
Dan McAuliffe, 215-630-7478 DMNLogistics@msn.com
- FEB.17 TO 21 MT. ORFORD, CANADA** located in the Laurentian Mountains,
one hour drive from Bretton Woods. Dan McAuliffe, 215-630-
7478. DNMLogistics@msn.com
- FEB. 19 TO MAR 1 CANADIAN ROCKIES.** 11 days. Eileen Greve, 609 267-3598,
egreve2@verizon.net
- MAR. 13 TO 15 LA AND LAKES** in the southern Adirondack Mtns., NY.
2 nights. Dan McAuliffe, 215 630-7478.
DNMLogistics@msn.com

Don't miss out on the holiday fun! Sign up early for our
Annual Holiday Party!



IMPORTANT

*Advance reservations
are required.*

Mail the form below, no later than
November 24, with check payable to
OCSJ.

You must include a self-addressed,
stamped envelope to receive your
tickets and directions to the Club.

FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS: Bring your favorite "covered dish" to serve 8-10 people, or if you prefer, \$10 extra per person will cover your food contribution.

E-mail **Kathleen Pearce** at hornet71@verizon.net (preferable) or call (856-767-2780) as soon as possible to let her know what dish you are bringing or to find out what is needed.

BYOB: Soft drinks and set-ups will be provided.

Dress up or be casual. DJ music will be provided for your dining and dancing pleasure.

Mail check and form below by November 24 to:

Charles Cooke
439 Val Lane
Millville, NJ 08332

Any questions call Charles Cooke, 856-825-9126 or
Tom Neigel (Decorations Chair), 609-206-3890

Number of reservations _____ X \$12.50each= _____
Name(s) _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone Number _____ E-mail Address _____



OCTOBER

"No government can be long secure without a formidable opposition."



RESERVATIONS AND DEADLINES

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

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR ALL SKIING/SNOWSHOEING TRIPS AND MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS ASAP TO RESERVE A SPOT.

Note various trips require participants to contact leader to confirm participation

OCSJ ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY. See entry December 6.

LEADER'S CHOICE PADDLE. Where will it be ? See entry October 5.

FALL FOLIAGE HIKING & CAMPING WEEKEND. See entry October 10-13.

LONDONDERRY, VT COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND HIKING. See entry October 10-13.

APPALACHIAN TRAIL BACKPACK. See entry October 18-19.

FOSSIL SHARK TOOTH. See entry October 19.

HIKING & CAMPING WEEKEND LEHIGH GORGE SP, PA. See entry October 24-26.

HALLOWEEN BACKPACK TO MULLICA CAMP. See entry October 25-26.

HALLOWEEN CANOE AND CAMP. See entry October 25-26.

SUNSET HIKE AND STAR GAZING. See entry November 1.

NEW YEAR'S DAY ON THE OSWEGO RIVER. See entry January 1,2009.

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SEPTEMBER 14

Sunday
9:45 a.m.



FORTS AND FERRIES HIKE. 5 miles easy pace. Visit Fort Mott, Fort Delaware, and Fort DuPont. We will take a ferry to Fort Delaware on Pea Patch Island in the Delaware River, tour the historic fort, and walk the 1 mile nature trail. We will then tour Fort DuPont in Delaware City for a historical tour. We will then return via ferry to Fort Mott, and hike the Finn's Point Interpretative Trail. Plenty to see for history buffs, birders, and hikers. A fee of \$11.00 is charged for the ferry ticket. We will have our tailgate social at Fort Mott picnic area upon return, please bring picnic type food to share. NC/NP. Meet at Fort Mott parking lot. Contact leader for directions and additional information Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 evenings or pis1@ccnj.net Inclement weather cancels.

**NEW –
LATE LISTING**

OCTOBER 1

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

SEVENTH ANNUAL PHILADELPHIA WALK. 8 miles, moderate pace. We will walk along historic sites, through interesting neighborhoods and view interesting city sites along the Delaware and Schuylkill Rivers. As in the past we usually try something a little different. Bring lunch. Meet at Visitor Center in Phila. (NE corner at 6th and Market). Suggest using Patco Hi-Speed line. Many of us will meet at 9:00 a.m. and leave from Woodcrest Station. NP. Leaders: Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817 and Bill Poulson, 856-259-7609.

OCTOBER 1

Wednesday
5:30 p.m.



BRENDAN BYRNE RANGER STATION HIKE. 6 miles, moving at a very brisk pace on the red trail or roads depending on popular demand. No scheduled stops, we go in snow or rain, cookies available for hiker dogs. Call me at work no later than 4 p.m. the day of hike to make sure it is not cancelled due to illness, heavy snow fall, or lightning, I have no alternate. NC Leader: Faye (w) 732-833-0613. pphaze60@aol.com or batonawalk@aol.com or (h) 732-363-9242 after 7:00 p.m. any other night.

OCTOBER 2

Thursday
6:00 p.m.
*Recurring Every
Thursday Night*

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, S. Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Blvd. cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill, 856-772-6465 or Geofneil@aol.com.

OCTOBER 3

Friday
7:00 p.m.
*Recurring Every
Friday Night*



FRIDAY NITE 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 foot gear; 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

OCTOBER 4

Saturday
9:00 a.m.

CANOE/KAYAK THE N. BRANCH RANCOCAS CREEK DURING PINELANDS MONTH. This is a great month to enjoy the Rancocas and fall scenery as we paddle 10 miles from BCCC to Smithville Park. Meet at the Canoe Trail launch ramp on W. Rancocas Road, off Rt. 530 in Pemberton. Leader is an "early riser", so contact him between 4:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. if you have any questions. Participants MUST be ready to shuttle at 9 a.m. so arrive early to unload your boat and gear. Leader: Dave L. Cell, 609-784-4066 or e-mail: dlynch50@verizon.net

OCTOBER 4

Saturday
10:30 a.m.

BEGINNER HIKER AND BEGINNER LEADER HIKE. 5.5 miles, moderate pace with breaks. This is a good hike to start with if you can make 5 miles. Also, if you have interest in co-leading or leading trips, this is one to start with, so contact me if any interest in that. NC/NP. Meet at Atsion. Bad weather cancels. Leaders: Tom Neigel, 609-206-3389. tomncenter-outdoors@yahoo.com and Sue Brehm.

OCTOBER 5

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

CRANBERRY JAUNT. 6 miles, moderate pace. Hike a loop around Lebanon Lakes Area and the various scenic cranberry bogs. Explore the area and learn about the bogs. Bring binoculars for possible waterfowl sightings. Bring easy to carry picnic lunch to enjoy at the halfway point. It is recommended to bring a plastic bag to sit on. Directions: From 70/72 circle, follow Rt 70 East 1.7 miles. Turn right onto Forest Road at the light. Go 1.1 miles and turn right into large sandy parking area. Look for OCSJ Sign and group. NC, NP. Heavy rain cancels. Leaders: Glenn McCurdy & Donna, 856-764-1341.

OCTOBER 5
Sunday

LEADER'S CHOICE PADDLE. Where will it be ? Call for details including location. Experienced paddlers only. No rentals available. Leader Harry Barok, 856-985-6172 6 p.m. thru 10 p.m.

OCTOBER 6
Monday
9:00 a.m.

CELEBRATE PINELANDS MONTH - CRANBERRY "CRUISE" ON CEDAR CREEK. We'll stop to pick cranberries at old bogs as we canoe and kayak 10 miles from Dover Forge to Dudley Park. Geocaching is always an activity on our trips so bring your GPS!! Please contact leaders to confirm trip and meeting logistics. Leaders: George and Leona F., 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com

OCTOBER 8
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

WISSAHICKON NORTHERN END LOOP HIKE. 7-8 miles. Moderate pace. Meet 10:00 am at Phila. meeting place. Hike the upper trails of this awesome creek gorge. Meet the 'Wissahickon Indian' statue face to face and hike some of this parks most beautiful and challenging trails. Rugged terrain, study footwear required, hiking stick a good idea. Rain cancels or reschedules. (Contact leader if in doubt). Follow directions Henry Avenue & Walnut Lane parking area, but instead of turning right from Henry Ave. onto Walnut Lane continue north on Henry Avenue approx. 4 miles to Bell's Mill Road (street just past Old Line Road). Turn right onto Bell's Mill Road and go about 1.5 miles to parking lot on right before bottom of hill (lot has an entrance at each end). Leader: Jerry Goldstein, 609-859-8133 or jerryhyker@yahoo.com

OCTOBER 9
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, S. Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Blvd cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill 856-772-6465 or Geofneil@aol.com. Recurring hike on Thursday nights as listed.

OCTOBER 9
Thursday
7:30 p.m.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING. Election of officers to manage the Club in 2008. Come out and support your candidates. Board of Trustees. Activity Committees, Leaders. New Cherry Hill Library, 1100 Kings Hwy. (Rt. 41) North of Route 70 in Cherry Hill.

OCTOBER 10
Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See October 3 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison and Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com

OCTOBER 10-13
Friday - Monday
9:30 a.m.



FALL FOLIAGE HIKING & CAMPING WEEKEND. Hike and camp at North-South Lake State campground at Haines Falls, NY in the Catskill Mts. Several hikes are planned for the weekend as well as camping in spectacular fall settings. We will visit Sunset Rock, Alligator Rock, and Kaaterskill Falls. The campground is 2.5 hour drive from SJ. If you can not campout, join us for the hikes either day. Contact leader to reserve a space additional information and directions. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 evenings Or pis1@cccnj.net

OCTOBER 10-13
Friday - Monday

LONDONDERRY, VT COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND HIKING. Stay in private home. Hopefully we'll hit the peak colors. Lots to see and do in the area. Approx \$75 pp includes breakfast. Eileen Greve, 609 267-3598. mailto:egreve2@verizon.net

OCTOBER 12
Sunday
9:30 a.m.

PADDLE THE BATSTO. Meet at Atsion Ranger's Station on 206. We paddle Hampton Furnace to Batsto Village Pond. About 11 miles, an all day trip on what has been called the most remote river of the pine barrens. Pack lunch. Leader: Vicki S., 856-256-9568 or ravingwriter@netzero.com

OCTOBER 12
Sunday
10:00 a.m. or
11:00 a.m.

NORTH WISSAHICKON VALLEY HIKE. 5 or 8 miles, moderate pace. Come explore one of the most awesome urban wilderness areas in the country, along with The Treehouse, Indian Statue and the Covered Bridge. Rugged terrain. Wear sturdy shoes. Wimp-out at 5 miles. Bring or buy lunch. Meet before 10:00 a.m. at Crate +Barrel, Cherry Hill Mall, for car pooling; or by 11:00 a.m. at Andorra Nature Center, Ridge and Northwestern Avenues, Philadelphia. Leader: Rich Kranz, 856-316-6292, kranzdhr@verizon.net

OCTOBER 12
Sunday



CANOE/KAYAK ON THE CROSSWICKS/CREEK/HAMILTON TRENTON MARSH. Enjoy a shuttleless 8-mile round trip on the northernmost tidal area on the Delaware River. We'll paddle from Bordentown Beach to Roebing Park where we have lunch and an optional walk to Spring Lake. Bring lunch and beverage. Contact leaders to confirm trip and time. Leaders: George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or Leona@pineypaddlers.com

OCTOBER 15
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

BRENDAN BYRNE S.P. HIKE. 8 miles, moderate pace. A loop hike from the Ranger Station along the Batona and Red Trails, with a side venture along the way. Lunch at Pakim Pond. Meet at Byrne office. LP. Bad weather cancels. Leaders: Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609. Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817.

OCTOBER 15
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.
NEW

BUTTERFLIES ARE FREE. 7 miles, moderate pace. Hike the Heislerville Wildlife Management Area to East Point Lighthouse; Hopefully we'll see Monarch butterflies on their migration and lots of wading birds, shorebirds. Then we'll walk to East Point Lighthouse, second oldest still standing in N.J. Cameras, binoculars--yes! Take Rt. 47 south, turn right on Glade Rd. (Rt. 616.) Meet at Point of Interest (about 1 mile in on Glade Road). Bad weather cancels. Leader: Noel Wirth, 609-938-0418. ocncw101@comcast.net

OCTOBER 16
Thursday
9:00 a.m.

CANOE / KAYAK TOMS RIVER. Follow the route of the Annual Toms River Canoe Race without the competition. Ten miles of changing scenery and river conditions from park and forest to open bay and river. Contact leaders to confirm participation. We will meet at Friendly's on Rt. 37, just past mile post 4, on the East bound side. Come early and join us for breakfast. Bring six quarters for the parking meter at the take out. Bringing wheels if you have them Joe Logan, 609-634-1542, or mayandpops@aol.com

OCTOBER 16

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, S. Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Blvd cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill 856-772-6465 or e-mail Geofneil@aol.com.

OCTOBER 17

Friday

7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See October 3 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison and Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com

OCTOBER 18

Saturday

9:00 a.m.

CELEBRATE PINELANDS MONTH - CANOE/KAYAK THE OSWEGO RIVER. This is the Chatsworth Cranberry Festival weekend too – check their website www.cranfest.org. We'll paddle the “Jewel of the Pinelands”, floating through the extensive white cedar and pitch pine forests that border the Oswego River. Rentals available from Pine Barrens Canoe Rental 609-726-1515 or www.pinebarrenscanoe.com Contact leaders to confirm trip participation. Leaders: George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com

OCTOBER 18

Saturday

10:00 a.m.



MARTHA-WASHINGTON HIKE IN THE PINES. 8 miles, moderate pace. We will hike approximately 4 miles to the deserted village of Washington then return to our cars for lunch then hike app 4 miles to the deserted Martha furnace area. Leader will give a brief history of these areas and participants may add what they know. Meet at Evans Bridge rte. 563 10 1/2 mi south of Chatsworth N.J. Leader: Paul Foged hikerpaul@verizon.net Rain cancels.

OCTOBER 18

Saturday

10:30 a.m.

TOM'S SECRET TRAIL VIA NEW ROUTE HIKE. 6 miles, moderate pace. How about a slightly new route for a change, since it's Sue's birthday. NC/NP. Meet at Batsto Village parking area. Bad weather cancels. Leaders: Tom Neigel, 609-206-3389 tomncenter-outdoors@yahoo.com and Sue Brehm.

OCTOBER 18-19

Sat.-Sun.

APPALACHIAN TRAIL BACKPACK. Millbrook-Blairstown Road to Delaware Water Gap 14 miles. This beautiful section contains great views along the Kittatinny Mountain Ridge, including Sunfish Pond. Saturday night camping at the back-packer site. Limited to 6 backpackers. Leader: Bruce Steidel 609-915-0956 <mailto:bsteidel@aol.com> bsteidel@aol.com

OCTOBER 19

Sunday

8.00 a.m.

FOSSIL SHARK TOOTH. Trip to Big Brook or where ever we want to go. What a great way to spend a day sifting for Shark Teeth and other fossils from the Cretaceous Period when all kinds of terrifying sharks hunted prey in Central Jersey. Trip size is limited to 8-10 people and 2 cars due to limited parking. Shuttle time from Vineland Area is at least 2 hours one way. We can Carpool. You need to contact me to reserve a spot and get instruction on making a sifter if you don't have one. Also, I know several web sites to explore so you know what to look for. Don't wait till the last minute to sign up. John Kee, 856-691-3047 Taxman56@aol.com Please put OCSJ in all email headers.

OCTOBER 19

Sunday
 9:15 a.m.
 9:30 a.m.

CARBON COUNTY, PA – BLUE MOUNTAIN. 8 to 10 miles, easy to moderate pace. Depart from Germantown and Rex Avenues in Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia at 9:15 a.m. or meet in Macy's parking lot adjacent to Germantown Pike at Plymouth Meeting Mall (off PA turnpike interchange # 333 - Norristown) for departure at 9:45 a.m. sharp. We will hike the ridge on top of the Blue Mountain in the area of the PA Turnpike tunnel. Sturdy hiking boots are a must as the trails are rocky. Magnificent views with Fall colors around their peak in this area. Leader: Milt Cannan, 856-983-9076.

OCTOBER 19

Sunday
 10:00 a.m.

BATSTO FALL FESTIVAL HIKE. 9 miles, Moderate pace. Walk the nature trail up the Batsto River to Goodwater Bridge, then return to Batsto Village to visit the Festival. Meet in woods opposite Pleasant Mills Church off Rt 542, just before the Batsto Entrance. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

OCTOBER 19

Sunday

**PADDLE THE WEST BRANCH OF THE BRANDYWINE.**

(Depends on water level-Check website for possible changes) We'll paddle approximately 9 miles from Embreeville to Shaw's Bridge. Please bring dolly if have for take out. Directions: From the Commodore Barry Bridge take Rt.322 West. Rt. 322 will turn Left at Rt. 1 and then in about a mile. Right at Rt. 202. Follow the signs for West Chester for approx. 7 miles till you see sign for HIGH Street (before the by-pass). Do not take the by-pass-take High street. into town of West Chester. Look for Iron Brewery on your left and when past it make a left onto Chestnut Street (Rt 322) follow till come Lukoil (this is the only one in town) on your right side. For Mapquest directions click on www.mapquest.com / and use destination 455 Hannum Avenue, West Chester, PA. We meet there for put-in. Contact Leader to confirm trip. If water is low, you will be wading at times.) Leader Eric Spiecker e-mail preferred spiecker@gmail.com or 856-667-3750

OCTOBER 20

Monday
 10:00 a.m.

PAKIM POND CLASSIC HIKE. 5 miles. Moderate pace. Meet at Pakim Pond Parking Lot. Bad weather cancels. Picnic tables available. Leaders: Norm Lucas, 609-654-5893 & Bill Schmitt, 856-787-1838.

OCTOBER 22

Wednesday
 10:00 a.m.

COOPER RIVER PARK HIKE. 9-10 miles, moderate pace. Urban hiking along river and park trails between Rt. 130 and Kings Highway. Meet at the parking lot at the Cooper River Yacht Club located on South Park Drive. From Rt. 70 take Cuthbert Road South. Go to 2nd traffic light. Turn right onto South Park Drive. After a short distance, parking lot is on right. Leaders: Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609. Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817.

OCTOBER 22

Wednesday
 5:30 p.m.

BRENDAN BRYNE RANGER STATION HIKE. 6 miles. Moving at a very brisk pace on the red trail or roads depending on popular demand. No scheduled stops, we go in snow or rain, cookies available for hiker dogs. Call me at work no later than 4 p.m. the day of hike to make sure it is not cancelled due to illness, heavy snow fall, or lightening, I have no alternate. NC Leader: Faye w 732-833-0613. pphaze60@aol.com or batonawalk@aol.com or h 732-363-9242 after 7 p.m. any other night.

OCTOBER 23

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, S. Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Blvd cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill 856-772-6465 or mailto:Geofneil@aol.com.

OCTOBER 24

Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See October 3 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

OCTOBER 24-26

Friday-Sunday
10:00 a.m.

HIKING & CAMPING WEEKEND LEHIGH GORGE SP, PA. 6 miles, mod-strenuous pace. Hike Mt. Pisah Sat. with its beautiful views of the Lehigh River and the town of Jim Thorpe. Sunday hike or mountain bike the Switch back trail along the river. Contact Leader for meeting place and time for both hikes. Camping Friday and Saturday nights at Mauch Chunk Lake SP. Or just come up for hike or bike portion. NP/NC. Great time to be in the Pocono Mts. Contact leader for additional info. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 evenings or pis1@cccnj.net. Come up and help celebrate an anniversary!

OCTOBER 25

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

NEW

CORSONS ISLAND STATE PARK. 6-7 miles, moderate pace. Walk along Ocean City Beach from 34th St. to 59th St. to the park. Bring beach sandals. Return via beach or street back to 34th St.---your choice. Meet at 34th St. beach pavilion. (34th St. bridge to Ocean City). Bad weather cancels. Leader: Noel Wirth, 609-938-0418. ocncw101@comcast.net

OCTOBER 25-26

Sat.-Sun.
Contact Leader

HALLOWEEN BACKPACK TO MULLICA CAMP. A short 5 miles to camp-out with the kayak group on the river. Bring or wear your costume. Campsite is rustic with an outhouse and water pump. Beginners welcome. Contact the leader if you need to borrow a pack. E-mail or call the leader for meeting time and place: camperpat@hotmail.com Pat Burton, 856-767-8064.

OCTOBER 25-26

Sat.-Sun.

HALLOWEEN CANOE AND CAMP. An OCSJ annual event that has never failed to draw a great and jovial crowd of devils and ghouls. Camping spaces are limited. Call early to reserve your spot. Small fee for campsites Call for details. Leaders: Tim J., 856-464-2136 or timjs10@aol.com Priscilla H., 609-953-8064.

OCTOBER 26

Sunday
8.30 a.m.

EAST POINT LIGHTHOUSE ALMOST – Millville, down the Maurice River to Port Norris. Long trip. Open Water but we avoid the Bay. Sea Kayaks recommended. No kayaks under 12 feet unless cleared by Leader. Few rest spots along the way. We're riding the Tide out, but wind and other factors could affect paddlers. Call leader for meeting place. John Kee, 856-691-3047 Taxman56@aol.com Please put OCSJ in all e-mail headers.

OCTOBER 26

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. Leader: Fran H., 856-786-0048, e-mail: franhorn@aol.com

OCTOBER 26

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

HAWK MOUNTAIN. 8-10 miles. Moderate pace. Hike the A.T. to north lookout to watch the Hawk Mountain migration. Hiking boots a must for rock climbing. This can be a strenuous hike. Bring lunch and binoculars. Take the PA Turnpike, N.E. Extension to exit #33. Go west on I-78 to exit #35. Take PA 143 North. Follow signs for Hawk Mountain Road where A.T. crosses. NP - Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

OCTOBER 27

Monday
9:45 a.m.

BRENDAN T. BYRNE STATE FOREST. 5 to 6 miles. Easy to moderate pace. Bring water & snack. Meet at STATE FOREST OFFICE (road off milepost 1 on Rt. 72) for start of hike at 9:45 AM SHARP. Hike some of the trails in this area that are normally not taken on the Monday hikes. Maybe we'll see some of the tail end of the cranberry harvest as we have in previous years. Leader: Milt Cannan, 856-983-9076.

OCTOBER 29

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

ALLAIRE SP. ABANDONED TOWN, IRON FURNACE, TRAILS. 7 miles, easy pace. Thru mixed pines and hardwoods on mostly open dirt roads. We hope to see good fall color. We will go by the abandoned town with intact church, smithy, other buildings, to the best preserved iron making furnace of the early 1800's. The town lived for this one industry-iron. Hear how it was done. Bring lunch, drink, ball or frisbee for lunch break, or tour the town. Take Rt. 295 to Rt. 195 E. Go off at exit 31B. Signs to Allaire SP main entrance and go to the inner parking lot ¹/₄ miles from entrance. Leaders: Manny Robbins, 856-428-4841 and Peppy Bath 609-587-4849.

OCTOBER 30

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, S. Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Blvd cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill, 856-772-6465 or e-mail: Geofneil@aol.com.

OCTOBER 31

Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See October 3 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison and Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com





NOVEMBER



"The world of politics is always twenty years behind the world of thought."

RESERVATIONS AND DEADLINES

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

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR ALL SKIING/SNOWSHOEING TRIPS AND MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS ASAP TO RESERVE A SPOT.

OCSJ ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY. See entry December 6.

SUNSET HIKE AND STAR GAZING. See entry November 1.

NEW YEAR'S DAY ON THE OSWEGO RIVER. See entry January 1, 2009.

Note various trips require participants to contact leader to confirm participation

**CHECK THE OCSJ WEBSITE ON YOUR COMPUTER AT (WWW.OCSJ.ORG) OR ON YOUR CELL PHONE AT (W.OCSJ.ORG) * IF YOU HAVE INTERNET ACCESS) FOR LATEST TRIP INFORMATION.
CYCLISTS JOIN THE GOOGLE GROUPS FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION.
FOR DETAILS GO TO THE BICYCLING HOME PAGE.**

NOVEMBER 1

Saturday
4:00 p.m.



SUNSET HIKE AND STAR GAZING. 6 miles at moderate pace. Hike between two rivers as we watch the sun set over the pines. We come back to our tailgate social and then meet with the Willingboro Astronomical Society to view Uranus, Neptune, stars and galaxies. NP/NC. Bring picnic type food to share, blanket or chair to sit on. Dress for the weather. Meet at the northern parking lot Batsto Village, Rte. 542, 8 miles east of Hammonton, Burl. Co., Optional overnight camping is available at Bass River SP contact leader for information. Leader Paul Serdiuk 609-462-3593 eve. or pis1@cccnj.net Inclement weather cancels.

NOVEMBER 2

Sunday
9:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

FAIRHILL NATURAL AREA, MD. About 10 miles. Easy to moderate pace. Meet at Woodcrest Station stop – PATCO, off Exit 31 of Rt. 295 for departure at 9:00 a.m. sharp or at the parking area on the west side of Appleton Road (at Black Bridge Road) in MD at 10:30 a.m.. Go about 1 1/4 miles west of the DE border into MD on Rt. 273 and turn right onto Appleton Road to Black Bridge Road on the left. There is a parking charge. We will explore this 5600+ acre natural area in the northeast corner of MD which includes a varied terrain of hills, fields, woods and streams. Hopefully, there will still be some fall colors. Leader: Milt Cannan, 856-983-9076.

NOVEMBER 2

Sunday
9:30 a.m.

VOTE FOR THE MAURICE RIVER. Exercise your right to paddle and spend your extra hour on the river, paddling towards Millville. Meet at Garden Road, exit off 55. End at Sherman Avenue. Pack lunch, hydration, and change of clothes in a dry bag. Leader: Vicki S., 856-256-9568 or ravingwriter@netzero.com

NOVEMBER 2

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

CEDAR CREEK TRAIL HIKE. 10 miles. Moderate pace. First in a series to hike the entire proposed Cedar Creek Trail. Trail when completed will be estimated 20-22 miles to Double Trouble State Park. In this first section, we go out to Bullock and back. Bring lunch, beverage. Meet opposite the campsites, Brendan Byrne State Forest. Entrance is off Rt. 72, one mile SE of jct. Rts. 70/72. Follow signs. See part 2, November 23. Leaders: Joseph Trujillo, 856-468-4849. jnt1691@verizon.net and Christine Denneler, 856-461-5379.

NOVEMBER 5

Wednesday
9:00 a.m.



CANOE/KAYAK CEDAR CREEK. We voted yesterday and we'll float today! Water level and weather permitting we'll paddle from Cedar's headwaters at Bamber Lake to Dudley Park – 13 miles. This is a trip for experienced paddlers. Please contact leaders to confirm trip and meeting location. Leaders George & Leona F, 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com

NOVEMBER 5

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

SHANE BRANCH HIKE. 6-7 miles, moderate pace. An easy hike for all abilities. We'll hike to an old pond and past some scenic bogs. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet at Friendship. Leaders: Christine Denneler 856-461-5379 and Pat Burton 856-767-8064 camperpat@hotmail.com

NOVEMBER 5

Wednesday
5:30 p.m.



BRENDAN BRYNE RANGER STATION HIKE. 6 miles, moving at a very brisk pace on the red trail or roads depending on popular demand. No scheduled stops, we go in snow or rain, cookies available for hiker dogs. Call me at work no later than 4 p.m. the day of hike to make sure it is not cancelled due to illness, heavy snow fall, or lightening, I have no alternate. NC Leader: Faye w 732-833-0613. pphaze60@aol.com or batonawalk@aol.com or h 732-363-9242 after 7 p.m. any other night.

NOVEMBER 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, S. Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Blvd cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill 856-772-6465 or e-mail: Geofneil@aol.com.

NOVEMBER 7

Friday
7:00 p.m.



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NOVEMBER 8

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

MERCER COUNTY PARK. 5-6 miles, moderate pace. Loop hike through the woods passing streams and ponds. Bring lunch to eat at picnic area afterwards. Meet at East picnic area parking lot. Take US 130 North. About 4 miles north of I-195, turn left at traffic light immediately after Windsor-Edinburg sign onto Windsor Road. Follow it about 3.5 miles. Entrance to East picnic area on left just after traffic light. Leader: Bruce Steidel, 609-915-0956 bsteidel@aol.com

NOVEMBER 9

Sunday
9:30 a.m.

OSWEGO RIVER PADDLE. We meet at Oswego Lake. Put-In. Volunteer shuttle. Paddle to Harrisonville Lake. Pack lunch. Leader: Vicki S., 856-256-9568 or ravingwriter@netzero.com

NOVEMBER 9

Sunday
10:00 a.m. and
10:45 a.m.

MID WISSAHICKON VALLEY HIKE. 5 or 7 miles, moderate pace. We'll check out one of the most awesome urban wilderness areas in the country, traverse the Fingerspan bridge and climb our way to the Indian Statue. Rugged terrain. Sturdy shoes required. Wimp out at 5 miles. Bring or buy lunch at the Valley Green Inn. LP at all times. Meet before 10:00 a.m. at Crate + Barrel, Cherry Hill Mall for car pooling, or by 10:45 a.m. at Henry Avenue and Walnut Lane parking area. Leader: Rich Kranz, 856-316-6292, kranzdnr@verizon.net

NOVEMBER 9

Sunday

CANOE/KAYAK ON THE CROSSWICKS CREEK. Fall foliage will be lovely on the Crosswicks. This is a 14-mile shuttleless trip on the Crosswicks Creek Canoe Trail. We paddle with the tide from Bordertown to Anchor Thread Park in Groveville. Kayaks must be 12ft and over. Bring your lunch and beverage. Please contact leaders to confirm trip and time. Leaders: George & Leona F 609-259-3734 or Leona@pineypaddlers.com

NOVEMBER 12

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.



STOCKTON-NEW HOPE CANAL HIKE. 8 miles, moderate pace. Hike the Stockton -New Hope Lambertville loop along the canal towpath. Bring lunch. Meet at the D&R Canal parking area (see standard "meeting places"). LP Leaders: Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817 and Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609.

NOVEMBER 13

Thursday
6:00 p.m.

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NOVEMBER 13

Thursday
7:30 p.m.



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

NOVEMBER 14

Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See October 3 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison and Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com

NOVEMBER 15


Saturday
9:00 a.m.

WASHINGTON CROSSING TO MORRISVILLE, PA HIKE. 15.5 miles, moderate pace (3 to 3.5 mph). A loop hike along the canal from Washington Crossing to Trenton, crossing the river to Morrisville and return on the Penna. side. Meet at Washington Crossing parking on the NJ side off of Route 29. Leader, Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817.

NOVEMBER 15

Saturday
7:00 p.m.

MOONLIGHT HIKE CAMPFIRE & CAMPOUT. 6 miles, moderate pace. Hike under the Beaver moon as we walk on moonlit sand roads and return to a roaring fire. Camping is available call to reserve space. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after hike. NP/NC. Meet at Bryne State Forest group campsite. entrance to forest is on Rt. 72 1/2 mile from jtc. of Rts. 70 & 72. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 evenings or pis1@cccnj.net Inclement weather cancels.

- NOVEMBER 15**
Saturday
7:30 p.m.
- GOSHEN BY GOSH HIKE.** 6-8 miles, moderate pace. We will try out the not-so-new bridge across the Mullica River. Meet at Goshen Pond access road. From route 206 at Atsion, turn west on Atsion Road. Go 1.3 miles to Goshen Pond camp sign. Turn onto dirt road for parking. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.
- NOVEMBER 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. Leader: Fran H., 856-786-0048, e-mail: franhorn@aol.com
- NOVEMBER 16**
Sunday
9.30 a.m.
- MENANTICO CREEK – MY LAST TRIP OF THE SEASON.** Broad St to Rt 47 or Ponds. Depending on water level, trip is for intermediate paddler's. If you like a paddle with lots of technical turns this it. You **MUST** be able to handle your boat and be able to get it over obstructions. There will be trees and shallow areas. Call leader for Meeting Place. John Kee 856-691-3047 Taxman56@aol.com Please put OCSJ in all email headers.
- NOVEMBER 17**
Monday
10:00 a.m.
- ATSION YELLOW TRAIL HIKE.** 5 miles, moderate pace. Meet at Atsion Rangers Station. Bad weather cancels. Leaders: Norm Lucas 609-654-5893 and Bill Schmitt 856-787-1838
- NOVEMBER 19**
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.
- SKIT BRANCH HIKE.** 7-8 miles, moderate pace. We'll hike over sand roads and trails. Meet at the Skit Branch Bridge 5.2 miles SE of Tabernacle on Carranza Rd.. Leaders: Christine Denneker, 856-461-5379 and Pat Burton, 856-767-8064. camperpat@hotmail.com
- NOVEMBER 19**
Wednesday
5:30 p.m.
- BRENDAN BYRNE RANGER STATION HIKE.** 6 miles. Moving at a very brisk pace on the red trail or roads depending on popular demand. No scheduled stops, we go in snow or rain, cookies available for hiker dogs. Call me at work no later than 4 p.m. the day of hike to make sure it is not cancelled due to illness, heavy snow fall, or lightning, I have no alternate. NC Leader: Faye, w 732-833-0613. pphaze60@aol.com or batonawalk@aol.com or h 732-363-9242 after 7 p.m. any other night.
- NOVEMBER 20**
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, S. Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Blvd. cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill 856-772-6465 or e-mail: Geofneil@aol.com.
- NOVEMBER 21**
Friday
7:00 p.m.
-  **FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE.** 8-10 miles, fast pace. See October 3 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison and Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com
- NOVEMBER 23**
Sunday
10:00 a.m.
- CEDAR CREEK TRAIL II HIKE.** 9-10 miles. Moderate pace. Second in a series to hike the entire proposed Cedar Creek Trail. Trail when completed will be estimated 20-22 miles to Double Trouble State Park. In this section we hike to Webb's Mill and back. Bring lunch, beverage. Meet at Bullock. From

the jct. of Rts. 70/72, take Rt. 72, 6.7 miles E to RR overpass. Turn left. Go 3.5 miles N to RR crossing. See part 1, November 2. Leaders: Joseph Trujillo, 856-468-4849. jnt1691@verizon.net and Christine Denneker, 856-461-5379.

NOVEMBER 23

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

GOSHEN POND HIKE. 9 miles, Moderate pace. Round about route to far side for lunch. May be wet in spots. Meet at Jackson. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

NOVEMBER 24

Monday
9:45 a.m.

ONGS HAT EXPLORER. 5 to 6 miles. Easy to moderate pace. Bring water & snack. Meet at start of Batona Trail a short distance down the dirt road opposite Café Apany on Magnolia Rd. (about 1½ miles from the Four Mile Circle – Rts. 70 & 72. “Spoke” on the circle has a sign to “Pemberton, Ft. Dix, Mt. Holly”) for start of hike at 9:45 AM SHARP. On this hike we’ll explore off the Batona Trail visiting Turkey Buzzard Bridge and Earlys Crossing among other places. Maybe some light bush-whacking. Leader: Milt Cannan, 856-983-9076.

NOVEMBER 28

Friday
10:00 a.m.

WELLS MILLS PUFFER HIKE. 5.5 or 10 miles, Moderate pace. This is our usual after Turkey Day hike, with a huffer and puffer up and down walk at Wells Mill Park. Meet at Wells Mill Park. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

NOVEMBER 28

Friday
7:00 p.m.

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NOVEMBER 30

Sunday
8:30 a.m.

WISSAHICKON GORGE HIKE. 6 miles, moderate pace over hills and valleys. Hike the Gorge in late fall 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 9:30 am at Valley Green parking lot in park. NP/NC. Leader Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve or pis1@cccnj.net Inclement weather cancels.

NOVEMBER 30

Sunday
10:00 a.m. and
10:45 a.m.

SOUTH WISSAHICKON VALLEY HIKE. 5 or 7 miles, moderate pace. Come explore one of the most awesome urban wilderness areas in the country, along with historic Rittenhouse Town, and the Hermits and Gorgas Lane Caves. Rugged terrain. Sturdy shoes required. Wimp out at 5 miles. *NO RESTROOMS!* Lunch at a new location. Bring lunch, beverage. NP. Meet before 10:00 a.m. at Crate + Barrel, Cherry Hill Mall for car pooling, or by 10:45 a.m. at Henry Avenue and Walnut Lane parking area. Leader: Rich Kranz, 856-316-6292 kranzdhr@verizon.net.





DECEMBER



"Nature never did betray the heart that loved her."

RESERVATIONS AND DEADLINES

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

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR ALL SKIING/SNOWSHOEING TRIPS AND MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS ASAP TO RESERVE A SPOT.

Note various trips require participants to contact leader to confirm participation including most Social Trips

OCSJ ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY. See entry December 6.

NEW YEAR'S DAY ON THE OSWEGO RIVER. See entry January 1, 2009.

CHECK THE OCSJ WEBSITE ON YOUR COMPUTER AT (WWW.OCSJ.ORG) OR ON YOUR CELL PHONE AT (W.OCSJ.ORG) * IF YOU HAVE INTERNET ACCESS) FOR LATEST TRIP INFORMATION.

CYCLISTS JOIN THE GOOGLE GROUPS FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION. FOR DETAILS GO TO THE BICYCLING HOME PAGE.

DECEMBER 3

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.



MULLICA RIVER HIKE. 6-7 miles, moderate pace. We'll hike to an old swimming hole from the "old days" for lunch. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet at Pleasant Mills Church Rt. 542 Between Hammonton and Batsto Village. Leaders: Christine Denneler, 856-461-5379 and Pat Burton, 856-767-8064 camperpat@hotmail.com

DECEMBER 3

Wednesday
5:30 p.m.

BRENDAN BYRNE RANGER STATION HIKE. 6 miles, moving at a very brisk pace on the red trail or roads depending on popular demand. No scheduled stops, we go in snow or rain, cookies available for hiker dogs. Call me at work no later than 4 p.m. the day of hike to make sure it is not cancelled due to illness, heavy snow fall, or lightening, I have no alternate. NC Leader: Faye, w 732-833-0613. pphaze60@aol.com or batonawalk@aol.com or h 732-363-9242 after 7 p.m. any other night.

DECEMBER 4

Thursday
6:00 p.m.

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DECEMBER 5

Friday
7:00 p.m.

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DECEMBER 6

Saturday
6:00-10:30 p.m.

OCSJ ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY. Always a gala affair. Bring your favorite covered dish to share and join your friends to dine and dance. A sellout for 2004-2007. If you do not already have reservations, check to see if there is a space and what food you can bring. Reservations Chair, Charles Cooke, 856-825-9126.

Dinner Chef, Kathleen Pearce, e-mail (preferred) bakerkp1@verizon.net or 856-767-2780.

DECEMBER 7

Sunday
9:00 a.m.
10:15 a.m.

UPPER BUCKS CO., PA – STATE GAME LANDS #56. About 10 miles. Easy to moderate pace. Meet at Frankford Avenue and Bridge St. – Walgreen’s parking lot (Northeast Phila.) for departure at 9:00 a.m. sharp or at D & R Canal parking area at the Delaware River bridge in Frenchtown, NJ at 10:15 a.m. There may be a short drive to an alternate starting point for the hike from Frenchtown. Otherwise, we will hike across the bridge to PA and then ascend the bluff into the game lands. This wild area in upper Bucks County provides a variety of hiking from little used country roads to unmarked trails bordering on bush-whacking. We will visit a secluded lake with an impressive beaver lodge. Be prepared for wet areas. Leader: Milt Cannan, 856-983-9076.

DECEMBER 7

Sunday
10:00 a.m. or
11:00 a.m.

CHESTNUT HILL HIKE. 4 or 8 miles, moderate pace. Explore Wissahickon and Cresheim Creeks and then on to the “trendy” shops of Chestnut Hill, all decorated in their Christmas finery. Rugged terrain and city sidewalks. Bring or buy lunch, browse, stay for dinner. NP. Meet before 10:00 a.m. at Crate + Barrel, Cherry Hill Mall, for car pooling; or by 11:00 a.m. at stables at Northwestern and Germantown Avenues, Philadelphia. Leader: Rich Kranz, 856-316-6292, kranzdnr@verizon.net

DECEMBER 10

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

HIKE BUCK RUN AND BEYOND. 9-10 miles, moderate pace. We’ll hike to a favorite place for lunch. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet at Harrisville Pond, Rt. 679 - 1.5 miles off Rt. 563 between Chatsworth and New Gretna. Leader: Christine Denneker, 856-461-5379.

DECEMBER 10

Wednesday

CANOE/KAYAK ON THE CROSSWICKS/CREEK/HAMILTON TRENTON MARSH. This is an 8-mile trip from Bordentown Beach to Roebling Park for lunch; walk to Spring Lake before returning with the tide. Bring lunch and hot beverage. Contact leaders to confirm trip and time. Leaders: George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or Leona@pineypaddlers.com

DECEMBER 11

Thursday
6:00 p.m.

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DECEMBER 11

Thursday
7:30 p.m.



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DECEMBER 12

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DECEMBER 13

Saturday
7:00 p.m.



MOONLIGHT HIKE, CAMPFIRE AND CAMPOUT. 7 miles, moderate pace. Enjoy a winter moonlight hike in the Pines under the Cold 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, Burl. 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 weather cancels.

DECEMBER 13

Saturday

7:30 p.m.



FULL COLD MOON HIKE. 6-8 miles, moderate pace. Enjoy the last full moon of 2008. We may see a few Geminid meteors in the North Sky, if not washed out by the bright moon. Meet at Atsion. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

DECEMBER 14

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

COOPER RIVER AND ADJOINING PARKS HIKE. 6 miles, brisk pace. A “get-it-over-early” hike with optional brunch with us afterwards at a reasonably priced restaurant. 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 Street. This intersection is at the corner of the old Garden State race track and has a Chili’s Bar and Grill. NP FS, NC. Leaders: Barb and Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com

DECEMBER 14

Sunday

10:30 a.m. Sharp

PIRATE!

PIRATE HIKE AND SEARCH FOR THE BLACK PEARL. 6.5 miles, moderate pace, if ya dare. Arrr, mates, search for the rest of the lost treasure of the ‘Pirates of the Forks.’ Wear ur eye patches, and bring ur pirate gear, and yee get a copy of the treasure map, or walk the plank! (Shh... we came across a new map to a sunken ship along the shore, across from ole forgotten Rabbit Isle. A terrific storm crashed the Black Pearl against de rocky shore and booty is all about; in the trees, on the ground, and under the sand, so be prepared to dig mates. - There are no ghosts, I tell ya! Bring along your sacks of lunch, and be ready to fill’em wit booty on the trip back out. Meet at Batsto Village parking area – I warn ya to tell no one...). NC/NP (NG – no grog). Hopelessly bad weather cancels the voyage. Crew: Captain Tom Neigel, 609-206-3389 tomncenter-outdoors@yahoo.com and first mate, Sue Brehm, and all you pirates.

DECEMBER 14

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

VALLEY FORGE NATIONAL PARK. 6 miles, moderate pace. Hike the National Park and experience the hardships of our forefathers. Revolutionary re-enactors will be present to portray life in the early days. We will go to Manayunk Brewery for their breakfast buffet after hike. Meet in rear parking lot of Crown Plaza Hotel on Rt. 70 Cherry Hill (former Hilton Hotel) to carpool/caravan at 8:00 a.m. or meet at upper level parking lot at park’s visitors center by restroom entrance at 9:00 a.m. Leader Paul Serdiuk 609-462-3593 evenings or pis1@cccnj.net Inclement weather cancels.

DECEMBER 15

Monday

10:00 a.m.

BATSTO EAST SIDE TRAIL HIKE. 5 miles, moderate pace. Meet at Batsto parking lot. Bad weather cancels. Lunch at Maplewood Inn Rt. 30. Leaders: Norm Lucas, 609-654-5893 and Bill Schmitt, 856-787-1838.

DECEMBER 17

Wednesday

10:00 a.m.

BATONA TRAIL TO ONG’S HAT HIKE. 11 miles, moderate pace. Hike from the Ranger Station to Deep Hollow Pond and on to Ong’s Hat. Lunch at Cafe Apany (formerly Anapa’s) is part of this hike. Those wishing to bring their own lunch are

welcome, but need to recognize that our hike will not resume until the lunch at Cafe Apary has been concluded. Or, they can elect to finish the hike on their own if they choose. Meet at Byrne Office parking lot. Bad weather cancels. LP. Leaders: Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609. Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817.

DECEMBER 17

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

PALYMRA NATURE CENTER HIKE. 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. NP, FS, NC. Leaders: Barb&Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com

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Thursday
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DECEMBER 19

Friday
7:00 p.m.



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DECEMBER 20

Saturday
10:00 a.m. for 10 mile hike
10:45 a.m. for 7 mile hike

NEW HOPE CHRISTMAS HIKE. 7 mile, and/or 10 miles – You pick. Moderate pace. Up the canal to visit the scenic village on the Delaware. View the decorations, maybe find a Christmas gift. Optional dinner trip.

10-mile hike: Meet across from The Golden Nugget Antique and Flea Market on Rt 29, one mile before Lambertville. Parking over wooden canal bridge. If you prefer a shorter hike you can opt for the 7 mile hike.

7-mile hike: Meet at the D&R Canal Parking, at Jimison Farm turn-off, Rt. 29. The 10 mile hike will hike by for pickup. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

DECEMBER 20

Saturday
7:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS IN HADDONFIELD HIKE. 7 miles. Moderate pace Our sixth annual Christmas hike Includes the Cooper River Nature area, several adjoining parks, the Haddonfield dinosaur, and a 30 minute stop in Haddonfield. Meet 7 p.m. at the Cherry Hill National Guard Armory parking lot at Park Avenue and Grove Street. NP, Children welcome Leaders: Barb & Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012 BarbnRayHikers@aol.com

DECEMBER 21

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. Leader: Fran H., 856-786-0048, e-mail: franhorn@aol.com

DECEMBER 21

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HIKE. 6-7 miles, Moderate pace. Began long ago, the tradition continues. All other hikers and hikes join together to get into a holiday mood. Old friendships are renewed, good times are recalled, as we look to see what's behind the tailgate. Meet at Pakim Pond parking, Byrne State Forest. Entrance is off Rt. 72, one mile SE of jct. Rts. 70/72. Follow signs. Leaders: Joseph Trujillo, 856-468-4849 jnt1691@verizon.net and Christine Denneler, 856-461-5379.

DECEMBER 21

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

CELEBRATE THE WINTER SOLSTICE ON THE WADING RIVER. We'll paddle 6 miles from Hawkins Bridge to Evans Bridge. Join us for our annual solstice celebration as the sun begins anew its journey to longer days. Contact leaders to confirm trip and participation. Leaders: George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com

DECEMBER 22

Monday
9:45 a.m.

SKIT BRANCH SERPENTINE. 5 to 6 miles. Easy to moderate pace. Bring water & snack. Meet at Skit for start of hike at 9:45 AM SHARP. Up, back and around on sand roads, trails and fire cuts. Could be some wet areas. Leader: Milt Cannan, 856-983-9076.

DECEMBER 26

Friday
10:00 a.m.

HIKE TO APPLE PIE HILL. 8-9 miles, moderate pace. Hike along the Batona Trail to/from Carranza. Note change of day from Wed. (Christmas Eve) to Friday to work off big meal. Meet at Carranza Memorial. Children who can hike this distance are welcome but require a designated responsible member adult be present. LP. Leaders: Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817 and Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609.

DECEMBER 26

Friday
7:00 p.m.



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DECEMBER 28

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

RETURN TO DEVIOUS DUCK HIKE. 9-10 miles. Moderate pace. Not a nefarious fowl, but places we'll visit. Maybe a wet spot or two. Bring Lunch. Meet at Carranza. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein 856-235-8792

JANUARY 1

Thursday
10:00 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S DAY ON THE OSWEGO RIVER. Begin the New Year with the Outdoor Club of South Jersey. Meet at Lake Oswego and paddle one of the most beautiful Pineland rivers. Tailgate picnic after the paddle – bring something to share! Please contact leaders to confirm trip and your participation. Leaders: George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com



Autumn is in the Air

Autumn's glorious dwindling days
Mirror sunset's scarlet rays.
The evening air now holds a chill
As Fall, her vibrant colors spill.
Yesterday summertime was king
But Fall today is in full swing.

October

October, with a lavish hand, now spills
Her wine of flame and gold upon the hills:



It splashes on the slopes and blends into
Rich colorings of almost every hue:
Deep red and russet, orange, yellow, jade,
Grape-blue and green and brown of every shade.

November

November marks the falling leaves,
A hunter's moon across the sky,
And wild geese up flying high.
November saves the best till last,
And fields and woods and leaf and tree
All join in the festivity.



December

When wintry winds and cold abound
And whiteness covers all the ground,
When days are clad in sleet and snow
And leafless trees sway to and fro,
We dream about a summer's morn
When all the world is sweet and warm.



Happy New Year!

To all our members: Here's to your health . . .
May it always be good! Here's to your plans . . .
May they go as they should! Here's to good luck
And the best of cheer! Here's to your happiness
In 2009, and year after year!





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Cool-max, 3 rear pockets, sun yellow,
Front zipper, blue club logo on back L...XL..... \$35.00 each + (*S&H \$3.00)

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