



OUTDOOR CLUB of SOUTH JERSEY

TREKKER

FALL 2009

*This issue of the TREKKER is dedicated to
our Leader, our Friend . . . Joe Trujillo*



*Nature's Peace will follow you, as
Sunshine flows into trees.*

Celebrating 42 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

This year the Outdoor Club celebrates the 42 year anniversary of being formed. From very humble beginnings that were conceived around a kitchen table to an organization that has about 2000 members. Over the years there were challenges that were overcome and the triumphs celebrated.

In this, my final message as president of the OCSJ, I look back at the last 3^{1/2} years in a very similar fashion. There were challenges to be overcome and moments to celebrate overcoming them. I have learned firsthand that the Outdoor Club has fantastic volunteers. I have also had the sad job of conveying sympathy to families of OCSJ leaders and board members who have passed away. It is difficult to convey in a few words what a leader has meant to the club.

This past July, it again was my responsibility to pass on to family members the sympathy that the club feels when we lose one of our own. Joe Trujillo, past president, activity coordinator, hiking leader, and an OCSJ cornerstone passed away. At his memorial service, I listened to how he was a friend, leader, mentor and lover of the outdoors. It is impossible to sum up in a few words the impact that a person like Joe has had on the OCSJ. He will be missed by many.

January 1, 2010, Tom Neigel takes over as OCSJ president. He has been vice-president for the past two years. Tom has a wide variety of interests including hiking, kayaking, geocaching and camping. I think that the club is in good hands.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve as the OCSJ president.

Kathleen Pearce, OCSJ President
Bakerkp1@verizon.net



Coming Events

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CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR ALL SKIING/SNOWSHOEING TRIPS.

OCSJ ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY, DECEMBER 5. A perennial sellout so make your reservations early for this gala event. Great food! Great dancing! Great conviviality! See page 10 for details. There is a deadline for reservations. Send in your order for tickets now!

Coming Events (continued from page 3)

COMPLETE BATONA TRAIL HIKE SERIES. If you've never hiked the entire Batona Trail, this is your chance. For 5 Fridays in a row, starting October 23 at Ongs Hat, we will hike progressive sections culminating November 20 at Coal Road. Read October 23 entry for details. Leaders: Jerry Goldstein, 609-859-8133. Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817.

OCTOBER 23-(#1) – ONGS HAT TO RT. 72. 9.4 miles.

OCTOBER 30-(#2) – ROUTE 72 TO CARRANZA MEMORIAL. 9.8 miles.

NOVEMBER 6-(#3) – CARRANZA ROAD TO BATSTO FIRE TOWER. 12.4 miles.

NOVEMBER 13-(#4) – BATSTO FIRE TOWER TO EVANS BRIDGE. 9.2 miles.

NOVEMBER 20- HIKE (#5) – EVANS BRIDGE TO COALROAD. 8.8 miles

OCTOBER 31-NOVEMBER 1, SATURDAY-SUNDAY HALLOWEEN BACKPACK. Low mileage, good for beginners. Wharton SF. We'll meet up with the canoe group to camp. A small camp fee is required. Must call or e-mail to sign up with the leaders, Christine Denneler, 856-461-5379 chrisdenn@webtv.net or Pat Burton, 856-767-8064, e-mail: camperpat@hotmail.com

HALLOWEEN CANOE AND CAMP. OCTOBER 31-NOVEMBER 1, 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 e-mail: timjs10@aol.com and Priscilla H., 609-953-8064.

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 PULASKI, NY DECEMBER 30 TO JANUARY 3. Call Eileen Greve, 609-267-3598 or egreve212@gmail.com

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.

OCTOBER 9 TO 12, COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND. Hiking and leaf peeping in Vermont. Stay in private chalet in Londonderry, VT, sleeps 10. \$32 per person per night includes breakfast. Possible kayaking on nearby lake. Eileen Greve, <mailto:egreve212@gmail.com> 609 267-3598

OCTOBER 16 ANNUAL FALL X/C SKI MEETING. Meet at 7:00 p.m. at 52 Sunset Dr, Mt Holly. Hear about trips for upcoming season, meet the leaders, bring checkbook for sign-up. Refreshments provided, bring your favorite beverage. Eileen Greve, e-mail: egreve212@gmail.com 609 267-3598.

NEW YEAR'S DAY HIKE. See January 1, 2010 entry.

NEW YEAR'S DAY ON THE OSWEGO RIVER. See January 1, 2010 entry.

NEWS AND NOTES

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

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 full OCSJ website is designed for best viewing using a 1024 by 768 pixel screen resolution.

BACKPACKING/CAMPING

A Message from the Backpacking/Camping Activity 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.

For backpacking trips, see the trip rating system elsewhere in this issue. Distances listed in trip descriptions are approximate. They can vary due to conditions and other factors. If you have questions about a hike, feel free to call the leader.

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

New addition - Backpacking and camping checklists of what to bring are now available at the club web site.

The backpacking section is in need of new leaders. If you have backpacked with the club, this is your chance to give back.

Bruce Steidel

Backpacking@ocsj.org



CANOEING/KAYAKING

A Message from the Canoeing/Kayak Activity Chair



In the 10 years that I have been Chair, I've seen leaders leave and new ones take over, new trips added, ACA training being offered, and participation in the creation of new trails. None of these things would have been possible without the leaders who volunteer their talent and time. I want to thank them. When you are on a trip take the time to thank them and consider becoming a leader.

Frank Pearce, 856-767-2780

E-mail: Hornet71@verizon.net

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-Don't wish to participate in organized shuttle - make your own arrangements.
- 11-You must assess the suitability and condition of your equipment and if a trip is within your abilities.

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- 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-Leaders have final say on trip participation involving safety concerns.
- 16-Leaders - if a trip is cancelled please notify the Chair.
- 17-Leaders -carry a copy of the incident report form. (can be obtained from website)
- 18-Leaders must submit (mail/fax) sign-in sheets to the Canoeing/Kayaking Chair in a timely manner.



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 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.

Also, there is a new addition to the club website under hiking – a list of what to bring on a hike.

Our leaders are all volunteers. Please thank them for their efforts while hiking with them. Speaking of that, we are always in need of new leaders. If you are interested, talk to a current leader and/or send an email to hiking@ocsj.org.

Hike leaders – please check the club web site for leader info. Remember, sign-in sheets must be turned in to the hiking chair.

Bruce Steidel
Hiking@ocsj.org

Thanks to Norm Lucas and Bill Schmitt

Norm and Bill have been leading club hikes for over fifteen years. They are pioneers of the Monday 5-mile hike, which filled an important club need. So popular were these hikes that at times there were up to fifty people on them. Through the years they led hundreds of hikes together, and their wives, Floss and Evelyn, almost always accompanied them. Their repertoire included more than 30 different individual hikes, including one of their favorites, the Pine Barrens 5-mile classic out of Pakim Pond. Norm was also the club store manager for several years.

Now after all these years of wonderful service to the club, they are retiring as hike leaders.

The Outdoor Club extends hearty thanks to these two great leaders.

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 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.

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 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.

X/C SKIING and SNOWSHOEING

A Message from the X/C Skiing & Snowshoeing Chair

Kudos to our leaders for putting together another great line up of cross country ski trips. Whether you are a beginner or expert, or if you like to snowshoe, there is something here for you. And speaking of leaders, you know that without our volunteer leaders, there would be no ski trips. Do you have a favorite place to ski? Would you be willing to step up and be a leader? If so, contact me, and I will help with all you need to run a successful trip.

Now is the ideal time to decide which snow adventures you want to join in. Select the trips that interest you and call the leaders for more information. Don't wait till the snow falls and be shut out because the trip is full. A list of trips is included here. Also the OCSJ website's X/C Ski Homepage has been improved to be more useful. Click on "X/C Ski", then "Schedules", then on "Current Schedule" to see a list of our 2010 trips. From here click on "more info" to see a detailed description of any trip. New! There is a series of articles on "Buying and caring for your X/C skis" and "Where to ski, both near and far" etc.

Finally, please come to our Fall social meeting, October 16, a Friday, at 7pm. Here is a chance to meet the leaders and hear more about the trips. An ideal time to sign-up. Call or email me for directions.

See you on the snow!

Eileen Greve, 609-204-6451, Chair for X/C ski and snowshoe
skiing@ocsj.org

- DEC. 27 TO JAN.1** **CRAFTSBURY, NORTHERN VERMONT.** 5 nights with all meals and trail fees. If interested contact leader, ASAP!! Fran Horn, 856 786-0048 franhorn@aol.com
- DEC. 30 TO JAN.3** **PULASKI, NY** north of Syracuse. 4 nights w breakfast and gala NY's eve dinner. Eileen Greve, 609 267-3598 egreve21@verizon.net
- JAN. 8 TO 10** **PROSPECT MTN, BENNINGTON, VT.** 2 nights. Free ski lessons. Dan McAuliffe, 215 630-7478. DNMLogistics@msn.com
- JAN. 15 TO 18** **KEENE VALLEY, NY NEAR LAKE PLACID.** MLK Weekend 3 nights ski or snowshoe. Charlie Phy, 609 567-0221 chalphy@comcast.net Can link to Stowe trip, below.
- JAN. 17 TO 22** **STOWE, VT.** 5 nights (option for 4). My favorite place to ski! Eileen Greve, 609 267-3598 Egreve21@verizon.net
- JAN. 22 TO 26** **LONDONDERRY, VT SOUTHERN VT.** 4 nights economical. Eileen Greve, 609 267-3598 Egreve21@verizon.net Can link to Stowe trip above.
- JAN. 30 TO FEB. 3** **MT. ORFORD, CANADA** located in the Laurentian Mountains, one hour drive from Bretton Woods. 4 nights with most meals. Luxury hotel. See full description on OCSJ website. Dan McAuliffe, 215 630-7478. DNMLogistics@msn.com
- JAN. 31 TO FEB. 3** **BLACKWATER FALLS LODGE, DAVIS, WV.** 3 nights (or option for longer stay). Pool & hot tub. Ann & John Palaitis, 856 810-2487 palaitis@verizon.net
- FEB. 3 TO 7** **QUEBEC CITY – WINTER CARNIVAL.** Sounds fantastic!! See full description on OCSJ Website. Dan McAuliffe, 215 630-7478 DNMLogistics@msn.com
- FEB. 12 to 15** **PULASKI, NY NORTH OF SYRACUSE.** 2 or 3 nights. Presidents Day weekend. Great skiing in Snowbelt. Eileen Greve, 609 267-3598. Egreve21@verizon.net
- FEB. 19 TO 21** **BOONVILLE, ON THE TUG HILL PLATEAU north of Rome, NY.** Ski on BREIA trails, lessons. Dogsled race on Sunday. Dan McAuliffe, 215 630-7478 DNMLogistics@msn.com
- MAR. 12 TO 14** **LAPLAND LAKES** in the southern Adirondack Mountains, NY. 2 nights. Dan McAuliffe, 215 630-7478. DNMLogistics@msn.com

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



**Don't miss out,
make your
reservations now!
This event is a
perennial sellout
DEADLINE FOR
RESERVATIONS IS
NOVEMBER 24!**

Any questions call
Charles Cooke,
856-825-9126
or
Frank Pearce
(Decorations Chair) at
hornet71@verizon.net
856-767-2780

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: bakerkp1@verizon.net (preferably) 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

**Include Self Addressed Stamped Envelope to receive your tickets
Check Payable to OCSJ**

Number of reservations _____ X \$15.00 = _____

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail _____



OCTOBER



"If you think you can, you can. If you think you can't, you're right."

RESERVATIONS AND DEADLINES

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

OCSJ ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY. See December 5 entry.

MOONLIGHT HIKE CAMPFIRE & CAMPOUT. See October 3 entry.

BACKPACK THUNDER SWAMP TRAIL IN NORTHEAST PA. See October 17-18 entry.

COMPLETE BATONA TRAIL HIKE. See October 23 entry.

HALLOWEEN BACKPACK. See Oct. 31- November 1 entry.

HALLOWEEN CANOE AND CAMP. See Oct. 31- November 1 entry.

APPALACHIAN TRAIL in NEW JERSEY BACKPACK. See November 7-8 entry.

CENTRAL JERSEY MYSTERY HIKE. See November 8 entry.

LEFTOVER TURKEY BACKPACK TRIP. See November 27-29 entry.

MILLSTONE AQUEDUCT/ CARNEGIE LAKE, PRINCETON, N.J. See November 28 entry.

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

Note various other trips require participants to contact leader to confirm participation.

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SEPTEMBER 13

Sunday
9:45 a.m.



NEW

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 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 info. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 evenings or pis1@ccnj.net. Inclement weather cancels.

OCTOBER 1

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 Boulevard 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 2

Friday
7:00 p.m.
**Recurring Every
Friday Night with
the Bakers**



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 3

Saturday
9:00 a.m.



CANOE/KAYAK THE N. BRANCH RANCOCAS CREEK - PEMBERTON TO MOUNT HOLLY. Enjoy an October paddle on the Rancocas Creek Canoe Trail. *For this trip we'll meet in Pemberton at the dam, behind Clarks' Canoe Rental, Hanover Street.* We'll stop for our lunch break at historic Smithville Park on the way to Mount Holly. Leader is an "early riser", so contact him between 4 a.m. and 7 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. *No rentals available.* Leader: Dave L. Cell 609-784-4066 or e-mail: dlynch50@verizon.net

OCTOBER 3

Saturday
9:00 a.m.

LEBANON WORKOUT. This is intended as a fitness activity in the woods. Approximately 10 miles at a 3 mph pace. We will walk mostly sand roads, trails and fire cuts - with one or two ten minute snack breaks. We go in almost all weather, if you can safely arrive at the start, you should expect the walk to proceed. Meet at the field at the camp ground in Brendan Byrne SF. Bring plenty of fluids. Leader: Jay Schoss, cell 908-692-5765, walkinginmud@aol.com.

OCTOBER 3

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.

OCTOBER 4

Sunday
9:00 a.m.

WHITES BOG VILLAGE HIKE. 5-6 miles at an easy pace with few stops. We should be done in time for lunch in the village. A good activity for novice hikers. Four legged hikers are welcome on leash. Bring food, plenty of fluids and a sense of humor. Meet at the parking area opposite the Whitesbog General Store. Leader: Faye, 732-363-9242, batonawalk@aol.com.

OCTOBER 4

Sunday
9.30 a.m.

MAURICE RIVER LIGHT HOUSE TRIP. We paddle down the tidal Maurice from Millville to Port Norris or tough it up and battle the bay to the Light House. Wind, tidal currents, some motorized boats along the way but, hopefully I got the tide chart right and we ride the tide down. Do you have the guts to follow me through one of my famous short cuts? Must have a 12 foot or longer boat and paddling experience. Limited stops, bring plenty of water and food. **ALL DAY TRIP.** Call leader for meeting place. John Kee, 856-691-3047.
e-mail: Taxman56@aol.com *Please put OCSJ in all email headers.*

OCTOBER 4

Sunday
9.30 a.m.

CANOE THE DELAWARE RIVER - FRENCHTOWN TO BULLS ISLAND. Possible takeout at New Hope. Meeting at Kingwood Access located on Rt. 29 near Frenchtown, NJ. Must

Call leader between 6 to 10 p.m. evenings or Sat - No Last Minute calls or e-mails. Leader: Harry Barok, 985-6172.

OCTOBER 4

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, Phila. Leader: Rich Kranz, 856-316-6292, kranzdnr@verizon.net.

OCTOBER 5

Monday
10:00 a.m.



BATSTO EAST SIDE TRAIL HIKE. 5 miles, moderate pace. Meet at Batsto parking lot. Bad weather cancels. Leaders: Norm Lucas, 609-654-5893 and Rose Barranger, 856-589-6807.

OCTOBER 7

Wednesday
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 on one of the prettiest Pines streams. Please contact leaders to confirm trip and meeting logistics. Leaders: George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or leona@pinepaddlers.com

OCTOBER 7

Wednesday
10:30 a.m.

NOTE START TIME

FRESH AIR AND SEA BREEZES. 7.5 miles, moderate pace. On the boardwalk from Spring Lake to Ocean Grove. We will search again for the elusive ice cream cone. Bring lunch and drink. Meet at the Ludlow Avenue boardwalk pavilion in Spring Lake. Take Garden State to Belmar exit, OR, take Rt 195 to Belmar. Drive east to the Belmar boardwalk. Then drive south to Spring Lake pavilion. This hike is dedicated to our friend Walt Stelmaszyk. Leaders: Manny Robbins, 856-428-4841 and Peppy Bath, 609-587-4849, mailto:pep157@optonline.net

OCTOBER 7

Wednesday
6:00 p.m. (Call)

**Recurring Every
Wednesday Night**

LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE. 3 miles, moderate pace with several opportunities to opt out early. Meet at Washington Lake Park, 626 Hurffville Cross Keys Road, Sewell, NJ (Washington Township). Enter the park from either Greentree Rd. or Hurffville Cross Keys Road. Meet at the ranger station in the middle of the park. Restrooms may not be opened. Leader: Rick Galster, H: 856-256-0379, C: 856-449-6636 or retslager55@hotmail.com. Call prior to hike.

OCTOBER 8

Thursday
7:30 p.m.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING. Election of officers to manage the Club in 2010. Come out and support your candidates. Board of Trustees, Activity Committees, Leaders. New Cherry Hill Library, 1100 Kings Highway (Rt. 41), North of Route 70 in Cherry Hill.

OCTOBER 8

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 Boulevard 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

Friday
10:00 a.m.

DOUBLE TROUBLE STATE PARK HIKE. 5 miles, easy pace. October is Pinelands Month and Cranberry Harvesting season.

Join us for a guided interpretive walk through Double Trouble Park. After hiking we'll have lunch along Cedar Creek, option to geocache. Meet at Double Trouble Park, Pinewald-Keswick and Double Trouble Rds. Leashed dogs are welcome! Bring lunch and beverage. Leaders: Leona and George F., 609-259-3734 or Leona@pineypaddlers.com.

OCTOBER 9

Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See OCTOBER 2 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 9-12

Fri.-Mon.

LONDONDERRY, VT. Easy hiking and leaf peeping. Columbus day wkend. Hike on AT/LT, Catamount Trail, or local trails. We rent a private home. Sleeps 10. Arrive Fri, Depart Mon. \$95 pp for 3 nights w breakfast. Eileen Greve, 609 204-6451 or egreve212@gmail.com

OCTOBER 10

Saturday
9:00 a.m.

LEBANON WORKOUT. This is intended as a fitness activity in the woods. Approximately 10 miles at a 3 mph pace. See the full description for October 3rd. Meet at the field at the campground in Brendan Byrne SF. Leader: Jay Schoss, cell 908-692-5765, e-mail: walkinginmud@aol.com.

OCTOBER 10

Saturday
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 to eat after the hike. Meet Harrisville Lake. Leader: Janet Horton, 856-461-5771. Cell # 609-706-5691, janeth1@comcast.net.

OCTOBER 10

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

THE WOODS OF WENONAH HIKE. 5.5 miles, moderate pace. Hike a circuitous route thru the woods around Wenonah, walking along the Mantua Creek and the Monongahela Brook. Experience hills, ravines and mud as we look alive being stalked by vultures. See the refurbished tea house and the ruins of an old amphitheater, as well as Victorian mansions on this little know gem of a trail. Boots are highly recommended. Bring lunch and drink for dining at the Wenonah War Memorial Park.

Directions from Philadelphia: Route 42 south to route 55 south, route 55 south to exit 53, route 553 (Woodbury Glassboro Road) north 1 mi., right onto Blackwood Barnsboro Rd, go .2 mi. (2/10 of a mile) left onto Tanyard rd go 1.3 mi. then turn right into tech. school parking lot. Meet at Gloucester County Tech School parking lot 10:00 a.m. 1360 Tanyard Rd., Sewell, NJ 08080. Leader: Rick Galster, h: 856-256-0379, c: 856-449-6636, retslager55@hotmail.com.

OCTOBER 10

Saturday
10:00 a.m.



BELLEPLAIN STATE FOREST HIKE. 8-9 miles, moderate to brisk pace. Rich variety of habitats: Atlantic White Cedar and mixed hardwood swamps, oak-hickory forest, old fields, and freshwater lakes. Possible view of Bald Eagles. Meet at Belleplain Main Office. Just south of Route 550, near Woodbine (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. Bad weather cancels, call day of hike or check website (www.ocsj.org) to confirm. Leader: Scott Eves, 609-805-1463, e-mail: cscotteves@gmail.com.

OCTOBER 10

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY AND CANAL HIKE. Approximately 9.5 miles. (Possible to leave off the canal segment for about a 5.5 mile walk). Walk through the University campus, with a short commentary on some of the buildings. Then enjoy fall colors on a walk on the canal and head back to cars. A break stop will be included. Canal is flat, some hills on campus. Meet at the parking area by the canal on Alexander Road. Or be green and take the train to Princeton and walk downhill .8 mile on Alexander Road to the parking lot. Directions if coming from south: From Rt. 1, use the jughandle to make a left turn onto Alexander Road. Go a little over half a mile. Parking is on the left, with a sign for Turning Basin Park. Leader: Lenore Brown, 609-924-6519.

OCTOBER 11

Sunday
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. Joe Logan, 609-634-1542, or mayandpops@aol.com

OCTOBER 11

Sunday
9:30 a.m.

DISCOVER THE MAURICE. Meet at Malaga Super WaWa Route 40 at Delsea Drive. Paddle will be from Willow Grove to Sherman Ave, all day trip. Remember the areas first residents at Indian Point, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Volunteer shuttle. Pack lunch. Leader: Vicki S., 856-256-9568 or ravingwriter@netzero.com

OCTOBER 11

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 during lunch. 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. Leaders: Glenn McCurdy & Donna, 856-764-1341. *Heavy rain cancels.*

OCTOBER 14

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. Bad weather cancels. LP. Leaders: Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609, Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817.

OCTOBER 14

Wednesday
6:00 p.m. (Call)
**Recurring Every
Wednesday Night**

LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE. 3 miles, moderate pace with several opportunities to opt out early. Meet at Washington Lake Park, 626 Hurffville Cross Keys Road, Sewell, NJ (Washington Township). Enter the park from either Greentree Rd. or Hurffville Cross Keys Road. Meet at the ranger station in the middle of the park. Restrooms may not be opened.

Leader: Rick Galster, H: 856-256-0379, C: 856-449-6636 or retslager55@hotmail.com. Call prior to hike.

OCTOBER 15

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.** Joe Logan, 609-634-1542, or mayandpops@aol.com

OCTOBER 16

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 16

Friday
7:00 p.m.

X/C SKI (SOCIAL) MEETING. Attend this meeting to learn about our trips for the 2010 X/C ski season. Here's a chance to meet others with this interest, hear from the leaders and for advance sign-up. Call or e-mail for directions. Eileen Greve, 609-204-6451 or egreve212@gmail.com

OCTOBER 17

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. Canoes and kayaks can be rented from Mick's Canoe and Kayak Rental, 800-281-1380 or www.mickscanoerental.com/ Contact leaders to confirm trip. Leaders: George & Leona F, 609-259-3734 or leona@pinepaddlers.com

OCTOBER 17

Saturday
9:00 a.m.

LEBANON WORKOUT. This is intended as a fitness activity in the woods. Approximately 10 miles at a 3 mph pace. See the full description for October 3rd. Meet at the field at the campground in Brendan Byrne SF. Leader: Jay Schoss, cell 908-692-5765, e-mail: walkinginmud@aol.com.

OCTOBER 17

Saturday
10:00 a.m.



MOORESTOWN LIBRARY TO POMPESTON CREEK HIKE. 5 miles, easy to moderate pace. Possible wet feet as we ford the creek. We start at the Moorestown Library, and track the Pompeston Creek through Moorestown. We will go through Maple Dawson Park, Pompeston Park, and the Pompeston Easement. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109. dbickin@yahoo.com.

OCTOBER 17-18

Sat. – Sun.

BACKPACK THUNDER SWAMP TRAIL IN NORTHEAST PA. About 14 miles. Novice. Good trip for beginners. Relatively level terrain. Enjoy fall backpacking in the Pocono Mountains. Fall foliage should be near peak. Leader: Bruce Steidel, 609-448-4361. E-mail: bsteidel@aol.com

OCTOBER 18

Sunday
8:15 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.

CARBON COUNTY, PA – BLUE MOUNTAIN & DEVIL'S PULPIT. About 10 miles, easy to moderate pace. Meet for car-pooling and/or caravan in Macy's parking lot adjacent to

Germantown Pike at Plymouth Meeting Mall (off PA turnpike interchange # 333 - Norristown) for departure at 8:15 AM SHARP or meet at the Shell Station/Subway (just off the PA Turnpike - Northeast Extension – Rt. 476 - Exit #74 – Mahoning Valley) on Rt. 209 on the right hand side going towards Leighton at 9:30 a.m. We will hike the ridge on top of the Blue Mountain in the area of the PA Turnpike tunnel out to the Devil's Pulpit overlook. Sturdy, over the ankle hiking boots are REQUIRED on this hike as a little over 1 mile of the trail is nothing but uneven and unstable rock. Hiking sticks are also strongly recommended. The early start & tough going is rewarded with magnificent views on both sides of the ridge. The fall colors should be around their peak. Leader: Milt Cannan, 856-983-9076. Note that this is a joint hike with the Batona Hiking Club and the Pocono Outdoor Club.

OCTOBER 18

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 18

Sunday
9.30 a.m.

MENANTICO CREEK - BROAD ST TO RT47. 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 e-mail: Taxman56@aol.com Please put OCSJ in all e-mail headers.

OCTOBER 18

Sunday
10:00 a.m.



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

OCTOBER 18

Sunday
10:00 a.m. &
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.

OCTOBER 21

Wednesday
10:30 a.m.

MONMOUTH BATTLEGROUND PARK. 6.5 miles easy pace. A park of small farms, orchards, easy trails. It was much the same way more than 200 years ago when the largest battle of the Revolution was fought over this ground: the longest in duration, the most participants on both sides, and the greatest artillery exchange of the war. For the first time, the Continental Army (the American Army), showed that it could match the British in maneuver and open combat. That battle, the last to be fought in the northern states, finally ensured Washington's position as commander against the murmuring of those who wanted him replaced. We will hike the grounds, and while doing so we will see the deployment of American and British combat

NOTE START TIME

forces. Bring lunch, drink, and a ground cloth. Go to Route 33 which runs east from Hightstown (north east of Trenton). Proceed east toward Freehold. Attention! Before Freehold the road forks. Take "Route 33 Business." Drive to the park entrance which is on left [north] side of road. Meet at the Park Headquarters half mile into the park. . (Route 33 is Reachable from Rt. 130, but the NJ Turnpike [exit 8] is easiest. See maps.) This hike is dedicated to our friend Richard Greve. Leaders: Peppy Bath, 609-587-4849, pep157@optonline.net and Manny Robbins, 856-428-4841.

OCTOBER 21
Wednesday
6:00 p.m. (Call)
**Recurring Every
Wednesday**

LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE. 3 miles, moderate pace with several opportunities to opt out early. Meet at Washington Lake Park, 626 Hurffville Cross Keys Road, Sewell, NJ (Washington Township). Enter the park from either Greentree Rd. or Hurffville Cross Keys Road. Meet at the ranger station in the middle of the park. Restrooms may not be opened. Leader: Rick Galster, H: 856-256-0379, C: 856-449-6636 or retslager55@hotmail.com. Call prior to hike.

OCTOBER 22
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 Boulevard cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill, 856-772-6465 or e-mail: Geofneil@aol.com.

OCTOBER 23
Friday
9:45 a.m.

COMPLETE BATONA TRAIL HIKE (#1) – ONGS HAT TO RT. 72. 9.4 miles, moderate pace. The Batona Trail (BAck TO NAture) is the premier hiking trail in South Jersey. It passes through typically forested Pine Barrens lands. It provides a sampling of the landscape of the region: slow moving clear, tea colored, meandering streams supporting cedar swamps and bogs; sandy high grounds anchoring tall pitch pines; deserted sand roads to once thriving towns & industries; oak-pine forests, cranberry reservoirs and blueberry farms. All are prominent features encountered along The Batona Trail. This is the first in a series of 5 hikes that will cover the entire trail (also see 10/30, 11/6, 11/13 and 11/20 for the other listings). Please be on time for shuttles. Meet on Rt. 72 between mileposts 4 & 5, on the south side where the trail crosses Rt. 72, for shuttle. Scenic highlights: Bispahms Mill Creek, Deep Hollow Pond, Pakim Pond. Leaders: Jerry Goldstein, 609-859-8133. Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817.

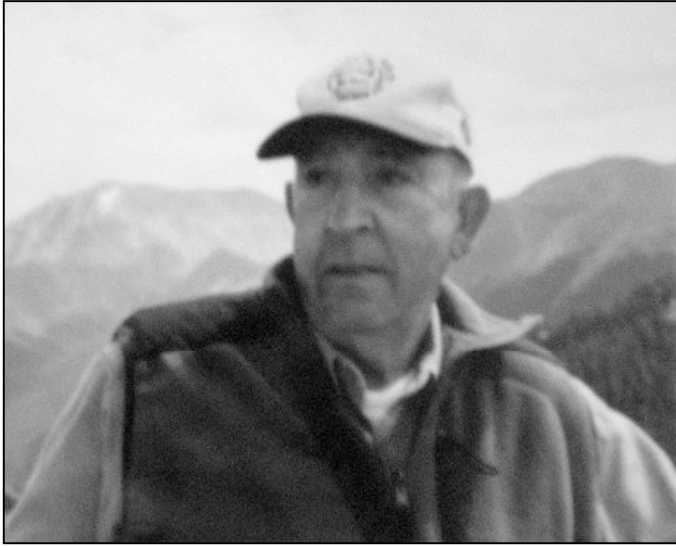
OCTOBER 23
Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See *OCTOBER 2 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.

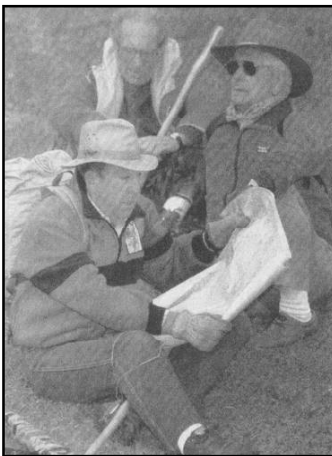
OCTOBER 24
Saturday
10:00 a.m.

BYRNE STATE FOREST. 9 miles, moderate pace. A pretty hike with varied terrain: Pakim (Native American for Cranberry) Pond; a cedar swamp, reservoirs and cranberry bogs. Hiking is mostly on sand roads and the Batona Trail, with perhaps a surprise or two. Probably dry. No planned bushwhacking. Normal stops. Meeting at Byrne Ranger Station. Leader: George Galcik, 856-783-8329, georgegalcik@comcast.net.



Joseph N. Trujillo
May 10, 1920-July 13, 2009

*Nobody sees a flower, really – it is so small –
We haven't time, and to see takes time,
Like to have a friend takes time.*



Joe was a 30-year veteran of the U.S. Army, having served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. He ended his career as a Sergeant Major at the Defense Personnel Support Center in Philadelphia. Shortly after retirement 1975, he began volunteering with the Outdoor Club of South Jersey. He had served as President and currently served as Activities Coordinator. Joe was an avid hiker and backpacker who had visited most of our 50 states during his travels. His favorite area, however, was the West; having grown up in New Mexico and Colorado. Joe loved all things outdoors especially wildflowers. His love of nature, poetry, John Wayne and the Dallas Cowboys will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Thoughts and Memories about Joe

My Grandfather

I just wanted to thank you all for your thoughts and prayers for my grandfather & our family. It gives me great pride & honor to hear my grandfather spoken so highly of. Living so far away I didn't really get to see him as much as I would have liked, but it was our last couple visits that I really got to see the passion he had not only for hiking, but for life. The last time I saw him he was out west going on a hike, and he told me how much the club meant to him, and how it gave him a new found life after retirement. As soon as I heard of his passing I immediately thought of his club. After reading all the wonderful things everyone had to say about him I thought you all should know that as much as he meant to you. You meant as much to him.

Thank You, Jim McAndrews

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My Best Friend

Joe loved the Pine Barrens, his legacy is that he shared that love with hundreds of people, hundreds of times, and loved every minute of it. He was my best friend, I'll think of him every time I hike in the Pines.

Thank you, Chris Denneler

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Heart and Soul

How could anyone not know Joe was the Outdoor Club's heart and soul? He wore the coolest hats, had great-looking knapsacks, and carried a trusty hiking stick. Man, he walked right out of an L.L. Bean catalog. Joe, however, was the real deal. He blows his whistle and says, "Come on, let's get moving!" We wave good-bye, saying "Happy trails to you – until we meet again." . . . Joe Sapia

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To me, he was The Outdoor Club, and if you had a question about anything that ever happened in the history of the club, he either knew the answer or would have it for you the next time you saw him. He spent untold hours putting the quarterly schedule book together - everything had to be perfect. Joe was ageless - he never seemed to grow any older. Joe did not live forever as I expected him to. I don't know how we will ever fill the empty spot in our lives and in our hearts, left behind by his passing . . . Millie Moore

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You have fought a brave fight and distinguished yourself with honor and dignity and have earned your right to rest now. . . . Paul Serdiuk

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"Joseph Trujillo. An outdoorsman with a long legacy in the OCSJ that shall continue on through others which have benefited from his contributions." . . . Tom Neigel

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I'll bet he's already asked St. Peter to submit his hikes for the Fall schedule . . . It's got to get to the printer, ya know!! . . . Donna Martin

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The Trekker

Joe spent his time scouting out new trails to make hikes more interesting and varied for everyone. Joe spearheaded our activity calendar, which has been our clubs trademark for years. His artwork, love of poetry and dedication is seen in every schedule. I have saved every issue since 1971. Some of the annual events enjoyed by members , such as, the Christmas and New Years hike, the hot dog hike and the Summer Camporee were Joe's. I could say so much more about my good friend, I will miss him. . . . Pat Burton

We fondly remember the happy times spent with Joe, hiking and enjoying the Pine Barrens in NJ. Our deep condolences to Joe's family and friends. . . . Joseph and Sharon Graham.

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Joe wrote trip reports for many activities that he led or co-led. His enthusiasm and great love of the outdoors shows through in them such as the one below, which was sadly his last. . . . Bruce Steidel, OCSJ Hiking Chair

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Joe and the Outdoor Club were important to me for reasons that go beyond hiking. At a very difficult personal time, I was able to experience companionship, fun, and a renewed sense of joy and wonder at what our beautiful and varied South Jersey environment has to offer. Thanks, Joe, for what you did for me. . . . George Galcik

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As newcomers to southern New Jersey and OCSJ in 1988, we quickly came to know Joe and considered him the personification of the best the Club had to offer. As a leader, he was highly knowledgeable of the hike areas and their history, and we always knew we were in good hands. We were also aware of the many hours he worked behind the scenes to make sure the Club functioned smoothly. In addition, chatting with him on the trail or at lunchtime made the time fly. We'll personally (and the Club) miss a "one-of-a kind" guy. Herb & Roz Rosenbluth

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If you have been involved with the OCSJ in any way in the last 23 years as I have, you probably know Joe. I would say from my own experience that there was never a dull time when I went on one of his hikes or bike rides. He was a very high spirited person with great stories to tell. I remember his infectious laugh. . . . David Super

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From Review Printing

We have been printing the OCSJ book for over 25 years. Joe was more than a customer. We looked forward to him coming to the office. His pleasant, uplifting attitude made it a pleasure to work with him. We would discuss football, OCSJ events, politics, etc. This printing of the TREKKER has been difficult; Joe will not be walking in the door to proofread and approve this issue. It will always be "Joe's Book" to us.

During the memorial services on July 24, just as the chaplain was ending the program, a thunderstorm raged outside. Even the heavens seemed angry. But, as we drove home, the rain ceased, the sun appeared and a beautiful rainbow appeared in front of us. It gave us chills . . . this was Joe saying, "it's ok."

Dot and Bonnie

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Excerpts taken from OCSJ website

OCTOBER 24

Saturday
7:00 p.m.

COME HIKE THE FORSYTHE REFUGE. Evening hike 5 miles with option for 8. Moderate pace walk the drive thru the park. Meet at 7 p. m. Bring bug spray and flashlights just in case. Let's see if we can scare any early ghosts or goblins out of the woods. Leaders Toni, 609-652-0112 and Jan, 609-404-4990.

OCTOBER 25

Sunday
8.00 a.m.

FOSSIL SHARK TOOTH TRIP to Big Brook or where ever we want to go. If you have knowledge of fossil sites along the Crosswicks Creek or other places, let me know. Spend a day sifting for Shark Teeth and other fossils from the Cretaceous Period. 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 meet and carpool up Rt. 206 along the way. You need to contact me to reserve a spot. I have sifters for everyone. 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. E-mail: Taxman56@aol.com Please put OCSJ is all email headers.

OCTOBER 25

Sunday
8:00 a.m.

SOCIAL HIKE. HAWK MOUNTAIN. 7 miles, moderate pace. Hike Hawk Mt. Bird Sanctuary, Hamburg, PA. Observe a variety of hawks and other migratory birds in a natural setting. Spectacular views of the valley and ridge. Good boots and physical shape required. Bring binoculars. NC/NP. Optional family style dinner at a local eatery after hike. Meet at 8:00 a.m. in the rear parking lot of Crown Plaza Hotel (formerly Hilton Hotel) on Rt 70, to carpool/caravan to site. Contact leader for carpool/caravan information. Meet at 9:30 a.m., Hawk Mt. Visitors center. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 evenings, Pis1@cccnj.net.

OCTOBER 25

Sunday
9:00 a.m.

SPRING HILL PYGMIES HIKES. 10-12 miles, moderate pace, above average level of fitness. The group will follow some less used routes to Spring Hill and may view two counties, spring flowers, dwarf pines, oaks and laurels of the Spring Hill Pygmy forest. Bring plenty of food and 2 quarts of fluids because the hike can be hot on a mild day. Meet at Oswego Lake parking lot. Leader: Jay Schoss, cell: 908-692-5765, walkinginmud@aol.com.

OCTOBER 25

Sunday
10:00 a.m.



HAWK MOUNTAIN. 8-10 miles. Moderate pace, no pets, bring lunch, and binoculars. Hike the AT to north lookout to watch the migration of birds which hopefully will include hawks. Hiking Boots are a must for rock climbing. This can be a strenuous hike. Take the PA Turnpike, NE Extension to exit #33. Go West on I-78 to exit #35. Take PA143 North. Follow signs for Hawk Mountain Road and park where the AT crosses. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792 or the day of hike call our cell 609-332-9262.

OCTOBER 25

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 Ave. and Walnut

Lane parking area. Leader: Rich Kranz, 856-316-6292.
kranzdnr@verizon.net.

OCTOBER 26

Monday
9:30 a.m.

BRENDAN T. BYRNE STATE FOREST. 5 to 6 miles. Easy to moderate pace. Bring water & snack. Meet at PAKIM POND (road off milepost 3 on Rt. 72) for start of hike at 9:30 a.m. 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 28

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.



HIKING the PASTORAL LANDSCAPES of BUCKS COUNTY.

5 miles, easy pace. Join us on a hike of the Bucks County Audubon's Honey Hollow Environmental Education Center and adjacent Tuckamony Farm, located in Solebury Township, Bucks County (2 miles outside of New Hope). Website www.bcas.org

BCAS Executive Director John Brunner will lead this interpretive hike in the Honey Hollow watershed. Designated a National Historic Landmark in 1969, Honey Hollow is the site of the nation's first watershed conservation effort by the USDA Soil Conservation Service. As such it is the birthplace of the watershed movement in the United States.

We'll walk the trails along Honey Hollow and visit the Audubon Visitor Center. Bring lunch and beverages.

After our lunch break at BCAS it's a short drive to the Bowman's Hill Wildlife Preserve in New Hope. We'll visit the Twinleaf Shop, hike the trails and then join Preserve staff for a one-hour Guided Wildflower Walk at 2 p.m.

Please contact leaders to confirm meeting time and your participation. Leaders: Leona and George Fluck 609-259-3734 or Leona@pineypaddlers.com.

OCTOBER 28

Wednesday
6:00 p.m. (Call)
**Recurring Every
Wednesday**

LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE. 3 miles, moderate pace with several opportunities to opt out early. Meet at Washington Lake Park, 626 Hurffville Cross Keys Road, Sewell, NJ (Washington Township). Enter the park from either Greentree Rd. or Hurffville Cross Keys Road. Meet at the ranger station in the middle of the park. Restrooms may not be opened. Leader: Rick Galster, H: 856-256-0379, C: 856-449-6636 or retslager55@hotmail.com. Call prior to hike.

OCTOBER 29

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 Boulevard cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill, 856-772-6465 or mailto:Geofneil@aol.com.

OCTOBER 30

Friday
9:45 a.m.

COMPLETE BATONA TRAIL HIKE (#2) – ROUTE 72 TO CARRANZA MEMORIAL. 9.8 miles, moderate pace. See *October 23* for full description. Scenic highlights: Apple Pie Hill, Tea Time Hill, the cedar lined Skit Branch with its beaver dams. Meet at Carranza for shuttle. Leaders: Jerry Goldstein, 609-859-8133. Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817.

OCTOBER 30

Friday
7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See OCTOBER 2 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 31

Saturday
9:00 a.m.

LEBANON WORKOUT. This is intended as a fitness activity in the woods. Approximately 10 miles at a 3 mph pace. See the full description for October 3rd. Meet at the field at the campground in Brendan Byrne SF. Leader: Jay Schoss, cell 908-692-5765, mail: walkinginmud@aol.com.

OCT. 31-NOV. 1

Sat.-Sun.
Registration is required.

HALLOWEEN BACKPACK. Low mileage, good for beginners. Wharton SF. We'll meet up with the canoe group to camp. A small camp fee is required. Must call or e-mail to sign up with the leaders, Christine Denneler, 856-461-5379 chrisdenn@webtv.net or Pat Burton, 856-767-8064, mailto:camperpat@hotmail.com

OCT. 31-NOV. 1

Sat.-Sun.
Registration is required.

HALLOWEEN CANOE AND CAMP. 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 e-mail: timjs10@aol.com and Priscilla H., 609-953-8064.



NOVEMBER



"A warm smile is the universal language of kindness."

RESERVATIONS AND DEADLINES

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

OCSJ ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY. See December 5 entry.

APPALACHIAN TRAIL in NEW JERSEY BACKPACK. See November 7-8 ENTRY.

CENTRAL JERSEY MYSTERY HIKE. See November 8 entry.

LEFTOVER TURKEY BACKPACK TRIP. See November 27-29 entry.

MILLSTONE AQUEDUCT/ CARNEGIE LAKE, PRINCETON, N.J. See November 28 entry.

Note various trips require participants to contact leader to confirm participation

**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.**

NOVEMBER 1

Sunday
9:00 a.m.

PLAINS BRANCH HIKE. 10-12 miles of sand roads and trails at a moderate pace. Plains Branch is one of the feeders of the Oswego, draining the area between Spring Hill and route 72. We will traverse a large portion of the Pygmy forest surrounding this stream. Meet at Lucille's Restaurant in Warren Grove. We will drive in to the starting point. Leader: Jay Schoss, cell: 908-692-5765, walkinginmud@aol.com.

NOVEMBER 1

Sunday
9:30 a.m.

FIRST RIVER, THE MAURICE. Exercise your right to paddle and spend your extra hour on the river, paddling towards

Millville. Meet at Garden Road, exit 35 off Rt. 55. End at Sherman Avenue. Pack lunch, hydration, and change of clothes in drybag. Volunteer shuttle. Leader: Vicki S., 856-256-9568 or ravingwriter@netzero.com

NOVEMBER 1

Sunday
10:30 a.m.

FAIRHILL NATURAL AREA, MD. About 10 miles, easy to moderate pace. Meet at the parking area on the west side of Appleton Road. (at Black Bridge Rd.) in MD at 10:30 a.m. Go about 1¹/₄ miles west of the DE border into MD on Rt. 273 and turn right at the traffic light onto Appleton Road, then a little over a mile to Black Bridge Road on the left. 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 fall colors will be near peak. Note that there is a parking charge. Leader: Milt Cannan, 856-983-9076.

NOVEMBER 2

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 Rose Barranger, 856-589-6807.

NOVEMBER 4

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

MARTIAN INVASION REMEMBRANCE DAY HIKE. 6.5 miles easy pace. On this day many years ago, the Martians came—to take over the Earth. The radio broadcast by Orson Welles in 1939 caused panic in the nation. We will hike along beautiful Lake Carnegie, starting near the observatory which first detected the launch from Mars, and within a few miles of Grover's Mill where the Martians landed. We will listen to a tape of part of the original broadcast. In Princeton, NJ, travel along Washington Rd. and on the southeast side of town. Take Faculty Rd (near the lake) left to Broadmeade St and park on Broadmeade. (Washington Road can be reached from S. Jersey by going N. on Rt. 206 to Princeton. In Princeton, Rt. 206 becomes Rt. 27 and crosses Washington. Go right onto Washington.) Bring lunch. Leaders: Manny Robbins 856-428-4841 and Peppy Bath 609-587-4849, pep157@optonline.net.

NOVEMBER 4

Wednesday
6:00 p.m. (Call)
**Recurring Every
Wednesday**

LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE. 3 miles, moderate pace with several opportunities to opt out early. Meet at Washington Lake Park, 626 Hurffville Cross Keys Road, Sewell, NJ (Washington Township). Enter the park from either Greentree Rd. or Hurffville Cross Keys Road. Meet at the ranger station in the middle of the park. Restrooms may not be opened. Leader: Rick Galster, H: 856-256-0379, C: 856-449-6636 or retslager55@hotmail.com. Call prior to hike.

NOVEMBER 5

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 e-mail: Geofneil@aol.com.

NOVEMBER 6

Friday
9:45 a.m.

COMPLETE BATONA TRAIL HIKE (#3) – CARRANZA ROAD TO BATSTO FIRE TOWER. 12.4 miles, moderate pace. See October 23 for full description. Scenic hiking along the Batsto River with some nice riverside overlooks. Meet at Batona Trailhead just below fire tower at Batsto, off Rt. 542 for long shuttle. Leaders: Jerry Goldstein, 609-859-8133. Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817.

NOVEMBER 6

Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See OCTOBER 2 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.

NOVEMBER 7

Saturday
9:00 a.m.

LEBANON WORKOUT. This is intended as a fitness activity in the woods. Approximately 10 miles at a 3 mph pace. **See the full description for October 3rd.** Meet at the field at the campground in Brendan Byrne SF. Leader: Jay Schoss, cell 908-692-5765, mail: walkinginmud@aol.com.

NOVEMBER 7

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

BEYOND BUCK RUN. 9-10 miles, moderate pace. We'll hike to a scenic lunch spot. Over trails and roads. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet at Harrisville Pond. Leader: Christine Denneler, 856-461-5379.

NOVEMBER 7-8

Sat. – Sun.



APPALACHIAN TRAIL in NEW JERSEY BACKPACK - 15 miles. Intermediate. Millbrook-Blairstown Road to US 206. Beautiful views and overlooks along the Kittatinny Mountain range. Saturday night camping at the Brink Shelter. Max 8 people. Leader: Kevin Drevik, 856-778-3817 kdrevik@aol.com Co-leader: Bruce Steidel. Email: bsteidel@aol.com

NOVEMBER 8

Sunday
8:30 am

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 a.m. in the rear parking lot of Crown Plaza Hotel (formerly Hilton Hotel) on Rt 70, to carpool/caravan to site or meet 9:30 a.m. at Valley Green parking lot in park. NP/NC. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve or pis1@cccnj.net. Inclement weather cancels.

NOVEMBER 8

Sunday
9:00 a.m.

PAKIM POND HIKE. 5-6 miles at an easy pace with few stops. We should be done in time for lunch at the pond. A good activity for novice hikers. Four legged hikers are welcome on leash. Meet at Pakim Pond in Brendan Byrne SF. Leader: Faye, 732-363-9242, batonawalk@aol.com.

NOVEMBER 8

Sunday
9:30 a.m.



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

NOVEMBER 8

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

WISSAHICKON GORGE TO MANAYUNK HIKE. 5 or 8 miles, moderate pace. This time we'll be exploring an overgrown, seldom used trail out of Rittenhouse Town and end up in Manayunk. 8 milers will continue on with the leader back through the gorge after lunch. 5 milers can browse, stay for dinner with an easy walk back to the cars. Rugged terrain and city sidewalks. Sturdy shoes required. Bring or buy lunch. Meet before 10 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 8

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

CENTRAL JERSEY MYSTERY HIKE. The mystery is just where we will be hiking. We are scouting a couple of new areas for hikes that are very interesting. Give us an e-mail a week or

**Individual
Registration
Required**

so before the date and we will let you know what we have decided. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS HIKE.** E-mail preferred. NP, NC, FS. Leaders: Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com, Beth Compagnucci, 973-879-0055.

NOVEMBER 9

Monday
9:30 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 9:30 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 11

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

ATSION BOGS. 7-8 miles, moderate pace. Hike around two pretty bogs. Dress for cold and wind in open areas. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet at ATSION. Leaders: Pat Burton, camperpat@hotmail.com, 856-767-8064, Chris Denneker, 856-461-5379.

NOVEMBER 11

Wednesday
6:00 p.m. (Call)
**Recurring Every
Wednesday**

LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE. 3 miles, moderate pace with several opportunities to opt out early. Meet at Washington Lake Park, 626 Hurffville Cross Keys Road, Sewell, NJ (Washington Township). Enter the park from either Greentree Rd. or Hurffville Cross Keys Road. Meet at the ranger station in the middle of the park. Restrooms may not be opened. Leader: Rick Galster, H: 856-256-0379, C: 856-449-6636 or retslager55@hotmail.com. Call prior to hike.

NOVEMBER 12

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 Boulevard cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill 856-772-6465 or e-mail: Geofneil@aol.com.

NOVEMBER 12

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.

NOVEMBER 13

Friday

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 Bordentown to Anchor Thread Park in Groveville. Kayaks must be 12 ft. 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 13

Friday
9:45 a.m.

COMPLETE BATONA TRAIL HIKE (#4) – BATSTO FIRE TOWER TO EVANS BRIDGE. 9.2 miles, moderate pace. See October 23 for full description. Scenic highlights: Bull Creek, white cedars. Meet at Evans Bridge for shuttle. Leaders: Jerry Goldstein, 609-859-8133. Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817.

NOVEMBER 13

Friday
7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See OCTOBER 2 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.

NOVEMBER 14
Saturday
9:00 a.m.

LEBANON WORKOUT. This is intended as a fitness activity in the woods. Approximately 10 miles at a 3 mph pace. See the full description for October 3rd. Meet at the field at the campground in Brendan Byrne SF. Leader: Jay Schoss, cell 908-692-5765, e-mail: walkinginmud@aol.com.

NOVEMBER 14
Saturday
10:00 a.m.

GOSHEN POND HIKE. 9-10 miles, moderate pace, bring lunch, LP. Hike a loop around Goshen Pond. See how well the re-cycled bridge is keeping up with time. Meet at Jackson Road. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

NOVEMBER 14
Saturday
10:00 a.m.

BATONA TRAIL MAINTENANCE. Come out and give a few hours of work to the trail you love to hike. Bring lunch, beverage, and clippers for brush and work gloves. Meet at the Batona Parking lot just off Stage Road, near Bass River St Forest, 3 miles E of Rt 679 from the W or 7 miles W of Tuckerton from the E. or 2.5 miles N of New Gretna. No experience necessary. Leader: Chris Denneler, 856 461 5379.

NOVEMBER 15
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 15
Sunday
9:00 a.m.

NORTH BRANCH HIKE. More than 12 miles at a moderate pace. North and east of North Branch. Old washed out dams, bogs, fire cuts, sand roads and bushwhacking to be expected. Meet at McDonald's in Brendan Byrne State Forest. Enter the forest at the traffic light about 1.5 miles east of Four Miles Circle on Route 70. Turn right at the light when travelling east on 70. Follow the road through the small Lebanon Lakes development, to parking area on the right near the cranberry bogs. Bring two lunches, plenty of fluids and a sense of humor. Leader: Jay Schoss, cell: 908-692-5765, walkinginmud@aol.com.

NOVEMBER 15
Sunday
9.30 a.m.

MENANTICO CREEK - BROAD ST TO RT 47. Trip is for intermediate paddler's. If you like a paddle with lots of technical turns this is 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 Keep, 856-691-3047. E-mail: Taxman56@aol.com. Please put OCSJ in all e-mail headers.

NOVEMBER 15
Sunday
10:00 a.m.

BELLEPLAIN STATE FOREST HIKE. 8-9 miles, moderate to brisk pace. Rich variety of habitats: Atlantic White Cedar and mixed hardwood swamps, oak-hickory forest, old fields, and freshwater lakes. Possible view of Bald Eagles. Meet at Belleplain Main Office. Just south of Route 550, near Woodbine (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. Bad weather cancels, call day of hike or check website (<http://www.ocsj.org/>) to confirm. Leader: Scott Eves, 609-805-1463, e-mail: cscotteves@gmail.com.

NOVEMBER 15

Sunday
10:00 a.m.



DOUBLE TROUBLE. 5 miles Easy to Moderate pace. Explore dirt roads, fire cuts, streams and bogs at historic Double Trouble State Park. Meet at main parking lot at Pinewald-Kesswick Rd and Double Trouble Road. Leaders: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com and Marilyn Miller, 732-240-0328, mreed24@thejerseyshore.net.

NOVEMBER 18

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

SKIT BRANCH HIKE. 7-8 miles, moderate pace. A beautiful hike any time of year. Meet at Skit Branch Bridge 5.2 miles SE of Tabernacle on Carranza Road. Bring lunch. Leaders: Christine Denneler, 856-461-5 379 and Pat Burton, 856-767-8064.

NOVEMBER 18

Wednesday
6:00 p.m. (Call)

**Recurring Every
Wednesday Night**

LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE. 3 miles, moderate pace with several opportunities to opt out early. Meet at Washington Lake Park, 626 Hurffville Cross Keys Road, Sewell, NJ (Washington Township). Enter the park from either Greentree Rd. or Hurffville Cross Keys Road. Meet at the ranger station in the middle of the park. Restrooms may not be opened. Leader: Rick Galster, H: 856-256-0379, C: 856-449-6636 or retslager55@hotmail.com. Call prior to hike.

NOVEMBER 19

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 e-mail: Geofneil@aol.com.

NOVEMBER 20

Friday
9:45 a.m.

COMPLETE BATONA TRAIL HIKE (#5) – EVANS BRIDGE TO COALROAD. 8.8 miles, moderate pace. See October 23 for full description. Scenic highlights: duck ponds, Oswego River, Beaver Branch, Ives Pond. Meet at Batona Trailhead on Coal Road, between the east and west branches of Bass River, just off Stage Road, 3 miles E. of Rt. 679 (from the W.), or 7 miles W. of Tuckerton (from the E.), or 2.5 miles N. of New Gretna (from the S.) for shuttle. Leaders: Jerry Goldstein, 609-859-8133. Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817.

NOVEMBER 20

Friday
7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See OCTOBER 2 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.

NOVEMBER 21

Saturday
9:00 a.m.

LEBANON WORKOUT. This is intended as a fitness activity in the woods. Approximately 10 miles at a 3 mph pace. See the full description for October 3rd. Meet at the field at the campground in Brendan Byrne SF. Leader: Jay Schoss, cell 908-692-5765, mail: walkinginmud@aol.com.

NOVEMBER 21

Saturday
9:30 a.m.

HAMPTON FURNACE. Approximately 10 miles, moderate pace. We will meet at Atsion Ranger Station and caravan 3 miles to Hampton Furnace. From there we will hike in the direction of High Crossing, and then follow the RR tracks to Deep Run. This is a hike with varied terrain, and the bog is quite scenic. Probably dry. No planned bushwhacking. Normal stops. Meeting place: Atsion Ranger Station. Leader: George Galcik, 856-783-8329, georgegalcik@comcast.net.

Note Meeting Time

NOVEMBER 21

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

MOORESTOWN LIBRARY TO SOUTH VALLEY WOODS. 5 miles, easy to moderate pace. We start at the Moorestown Library and follow the Mt Holly Branch railroad tracks to reach the South Valley woods. Wet feet likely. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com.

NOVEMBER 21

Saturday
10:30 a.m.



PHILADELPHIA MURAL HIKE. 5 Miles moderate pace. We will be walking in center city following the path of some of the early murals painted by Philadelphia's Mural Arts Program. How about lunch afterward, at the Reading Terminal? Meet at the Phila. Visitor Center (NE corner of 6th and Market Sts.) Suggest Patco Hi-Speed line or the River Line changing at Walter Rand Trans. Center onto Patco Hi-Speed line. Get off 8th and Market. Leader: Janet Horton 856-461-5771, Cell # 609-706-5691, janeth1@comcast.net.

NOVEMBER 21

Saturday
4:00 p.m.

SUNSET HIKE AND STAR GAZING. 6 miles at moderate pace. Hike between two rivers as we watch the sunset 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, and contact leader for information. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 evenings or Pis1@cccnj.net. Inclement weather cancels.

NOVEMBER 22

Sunday
8:00 a.m.

FOSSIL SHARK TOOTH TRIP to Big Brook or where ever we want to go. If you have knowledge of fossil sites along the Crosswicks Creek or other places, let me know. Spend a day sifting for Shark Teeth and other fossils from the Cretaceous Period. 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 meet and carpool up Rt. 206 along the way. You need to contact me to reserve a spot. I have sifters for everyone. 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 e-mail: Taxman56@aol.com Please put OCSJ is all email headers.

NOVEMBER 22

Sunday
10:00 a.m.



TURKEY SWAMP COUNTY PARK HIKE. 5 or about 10 miles, moderate pace. Get ready for turkey in Turkey Swamp! Nice trails nestled between Manasquan and Metadeconk Rivers. Five-mile loop before lunch and five after. As park name implies, expect swampy sections. Directions: I-195 to Exit 22. North on Jackson Mills Road, 2.8 miles towards Georgia and turn left on Georgia Road. Go 0.7 miles to park entrance on left. Go in 0.3 miles and turn left at Oak Point picnic area sign into parking lot. Leader: Bruce Steidel, 609-915-0956. bsteidel@aol.com.

NOVEMBER 25

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

NEW APPLE PIE HILL HIKE. 9.5 miles moderate pace. This is a new route, across the Parker Preserve to Apple Pie Hill, and then back to the starting point by a different route. Bring lunch. Meet at the gate to the preserve, 2.8 miles south of Chatsworth on rt 563. For those with a GPS it's N 39 46.733, W 074 32.472. Leader: Jack Dalton, 609-296-1805, w2hds@comcast.net.

NOVEMBER 25

Wednesday
6:00 p.m. (Call)

**Recurring Every
Wednesday**

LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE. 3 miles, moderate pace with several opportunities to opt out early. Meet at Washington Lake Park, 626 Hurffville Cross Keys Road, Sewell, NJ (Washington Township). Enter the park from either Greentree Rd. or Hurffville Cross Keys Road. Meet at the Ranger Station in the middle of the park. Restrooms may not be opened. Leader: Rick Galster, H: 856-256-0379, C: 856-449-6636 or retslager55@hotmail.com. Call prior to hike.

NOVEMBER 27

Friday
10:00 a.m.

WELLS MILLS PUFFER HIKE. 5.5 or 10 miles, moderate pace, LP. This is our usual day after Turkey Day Hike. Walk off that big dinner with a huffer and puffer up and down Wells Mills Park. Bring lunch no matter which length you choose to do. Meet at Wells Mills Park, Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792 or that day our cell 609-332-9262.

NOVEMBER 27

Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See *OCTOBER 2 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.

NOVEMBER 27-29

Fri.-Sun.

LEFTOVER TURKEY BACKPACK TRIP. 20 miles. Easy 3 day trip from Caledonia St Park to Pine Grove Furnace. Severe weather may change trip. Participants must be prepared for Winter conditions. Call or e-mail Pat Burton for details. camperpat@hotmail.com 856 767 8064

NOVEMBER 28

Saturday
9:00 a.m.

LEBANON WORKOUT. This is intended as a fitness activity in the woods. Approximately 10 miles at a 3 mph pace. See the full description for October 3rd. Meet at the field at the campground in Brendan Byrne SF. Leader: Jay Schoss, cell 908-692-5765, mail: walkinginmud@aol.com.

NOVEMBER 28

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

**Individual
Registration
Required**

MILLSTONE AQUEDUCT/ CARNEGIE LAKE, PRINCETON, N.J. 12 miles or less, drop out at any time, moderate to brisk pace. We will walk north on the D&R towpath to Rocky Hill and then return to the parking site for brunch/ snacks. Then south on the towpath to Alexander Street and return. 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 Scudders Mill Road exit and head back south on Route #1. Turn right at the first street, Mapleton Road which is just before the river. Entrance to the parking lot is on the left side. NP, FS, NC. Leaders: Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com, Beth Compagnucci, 973-879 0055 bcompagnucci@comcast.net.

NOVEMBER 29

Sunday
9:00 a.m.

WHITES BOG VILLAGE HIKE. 5-6 miles at an easy pace with few stops. We should be done in time for lunch in the village. A good activity for novice hikers. Four legged hikers are welcome on leash. Bring food, plenty of fluids and a sense of humor. Meet at the parking area opposite the Whitesbog General Store. Leader: Faye, 732-363-9242, batonawalk@aol.com.



DECEMBER



“Your expression is the most important thing you can wear.”

RESERVATIONS AND DEADLINES

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

OCSJ ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY. See December 5 entry.

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

Note various trips require participants to contact leader to confirm participation.

**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.**

DECEMBER 2

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

SHANE BRANCH HIKE. 6 miles, moderate pace. Pretty deep woods hike with a beautiful cedar swamp. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet at FRIENDSHIP. Leaders: Pat Burton, camperpat@hotmail.com and Chris Denneler, 856-461-5379.

DECEMBER 2

Wednesday
6:00 p.m. (Call)
**Recurring Every
Wednesday**

LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE. 3 miles, moderate pace with several opportunities to opt out early. Meet at Washington Lake Park, 626 Hurffville Cross Keys Road, Sewell, NJ (Washington Township). Enter the park from either Greentree Road. or Hurffville Cross Keys Road. Meet at the ranger station in the middle of the park. Restrooms may not be opened. Leader: Rick Galster, H: 856-256-0379, C: 856-449-6636 o retslager55@hotmail.com. Call prior to hike.

DECEMBER 3

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 Boulevard cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill, 856-772-6465 or e-mail: Geofneil@aol.com.

DECEMBER 4

Friday
7:00 p.m.



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DECEMBER 4

Friday
7:00 pm

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 5

Saturday
9:00 a.m.

LEBANON WORKOUT. This is intended as a fitness activity in the woods. Approximately 10 miles at a 3 mph pace. See *the*

full description for October 3rd. Meet at the field at the campground in Brendan Byrne SF. Leader: Jay Schoss, cell 908-692-5765, e-mail: walkinginmud@aol.com.

DECEMBER 5

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

PARTY!

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.

DECEMBER 6

Sunday
8.00 a.m.

FOSSIL SHARK TOOTH TRIP to Big Brook or where ever we want to go. *WEATHER DETERMINES TRIP.* If you have knowledge of fossil sites along the Crosswicks Creek or other places let me know. Spend a day sifting for Shark Teeth and other fossils from the Cretaceous Period. 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 meet and carpool up Rt. 206 along the way. You need to contact me to reserve a spot. I have sifters for everyone. 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 e-mail: Taxman56@aol.com Please put OCSJ in all e-mail headers.

DECEMBER 6

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



CHESTNUT HILL HIKE. 4 or 8 miles, moderate pace. Hiking and then lunch in the Wissahickon Gorge. After lunch, its your choice of an easy 4 mile walk back to the cars or 8 miles with the leader up the Cresheim Creek and into Chestnut Hill, all decorated in its Christmas finery. Browse, stay for dinner. Rugged terrain and city sidewalks. Bring or buy lunch at Valley Green Inn, NP. Meet before 10:00 a.m. at Crate and Barrel, Cherry Hill Mall, or by 11:00 a.m. at Bruno's at Northwestern and Germantown Aves, Phila. Leader: Rich Kranz, 856-316-6292, kranzdnr@verizon.net.

DECEMBER 9

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.
plus option

PALMYRA NATURE CENTER HIKE. 6-7 mile, 3 mph. Take Rt. 73 north to the stop light across from Kerbeck auto. Turn right and follow the sign to the Nature Center. Meet at the Center. For those who wish to do an additional 3 miles meet at the Riverton Yacht Club at 9:10 and we will walk to the Center. Yacht Club is on a pier extending into the River at the end of Main St (603) in Riverton. Meet at the parking lot. Lunch Optional. Leaders: Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817 and Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609.

DECEMBER 9

Wednesday
6:00 p.m. (Call)
**Recurring Every
Wednesday**

LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE. 3 miles, moderate pace with several opportunities to opt out early. Meet at Washington Lake Park, 626 Hurffville Cross Keys Road, Sewell, NJ (Washington Township). Enter the park from either Greentree Rd. or Hurffville Cross Keys Road. Meet at the Ranger Station in the middle of the park. Restrooms may not be opened. Leader: Rick Galster, H: 856-256-0379, C: 856-449-6636 or retslager55@hotmail.com. Call prior to hike.

DECEMBER 10

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 Boulevard cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill, 856-772-6465 or e-mail: Geofneil@aol.com.

DECEMBER 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.

DECEMBER 11

Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See OCTOBER 2 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.

DECEMBER 12

Saturday
9:00 a.m.

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DECEMBER 12

Saturday
10:00 a.m. or
10:45 a.m.

NEW HOPE CHRISTMAS HIKE. 7 mile and/ or 10 miles-you decide! Moderate pace, LP. Up the canal to visit the scenic village on the Delaware. View the decorations, maybe find a Christmas gift. Optional dinner afterwards. **10 mile hike:** Meet at 10:00 a.m. across from the Golden Nugget Antique and Flea Market on Rt. 29, one mile before Lambertville. Park over the wooden bridge. If you prefer a shorter hike, you can opt for the 7 mile hike. **7-mile hike:** Meet 10:45 a.m. at the D&R Canal parking, at the Jimison Farm; turn off Rt. 29 just before the 202 overpass. The 10 mile hike will pass by for a pickup. Leaders Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792 or the day of hike call our cell 609-332-9262.

DECEMBER 12

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

BELLEPLAIN STATE FOREST HIKE. 8-9 miles, moderate to brisk pace. Rich variety of habitats: Atlantic White Cedar and mixed hardwood swamps, oak-hickory forest, old fields, and freshwater lakes. Possible view of Bald Eagles. Meet at Belleplain Main Office. Just south of Route 550, near Woodbine (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. Bad weather cancels, call day of hike or check website (www.ocsj.org/) to confirm. Leader: Scott Eves, 609-805-1463, e-mail: cscotteves@gmail.com.

DECEMBER 12

Saturday
10:30 a.m.

CATTUS ISLAND COUNTY PARK. 4 or about 8 miles, moderate pace. This park is a jewel of the Jersey shore with great views of the bay and surrounding wetlands. Four-mile loop before lunch and four after. Directions: Rt. 37 East. Three miles east of Parkway, turn left onto Rt. 627 (Vaughn Avenue). Then right on Bay Avenue, left on Fischer Boulevard and right on Cattus Island Boulevard. Then turn left into park. Drive in 0.5 mil and park in third lot. Meet by large Cattus Island Park map. NC/NP. Leader: Bruce Steidel, 609-915-0956 bsteidel@aol.com.

DECEMBER 13

Sunday



CANOE/KAYAK ON THE CROSSWICKS/CREEK/H-T-B 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 13

Sunday
8:00 am

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 am 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 13

Sunday
9.30 a.m.

MENANTICO CREEK - WEATHER DETERMINES TRIP COULD CHANGE LOCATION. BROAD ST. TO RT. 47. 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 mailto:Taxman56@aol.com Please put OCSJ in all e-mail headers.

DECEMBER 13

Sunday
10:00 a.m.



THE WOODS OF WENONAH HIKE. 5.5 miles, moderate pace. Hike a circuitous route thru the woods around Wenonah, walking along the Mantua Creek and the Monongahela Brook. Experience hills, ravines and mud as we look alive being stalked by vultures. See the refurbished tea house and the ruins of an old amphitheater, as well as Victorian mansions on this little know gem of a trail. Boots are highly recommended. Bring lunch and drink for dining at the Wenonah War Memorial Park. Directions from Phila. Route 42 south to route 55 south, route 55 south to exit 53, Rt. 553 (Woodbury Glassboro Rd.) north 1 mile, right onto Blackwood Barnsboro Road, go .2 mi. (2/10 of a mile) left onto Tanyard rd go 1.3 mi. then turn right into tech. school parking lot. Meet at Gloucester County Tech School parking lot 10:00 a.m. 1360 Tanyard Road, Sewell NJ 08080. Leader: Rick Galster, h: 856-256-0379, c: 856-449-6636, retslager55@hotmail.com.

DECEMBER 13

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

FOLLY AT FRIENDSHIP. Up to 6 very wet and muddy miles across bogs, ponds, and streams. Join me as I explore the mucky world of the beaver and otter in this area of overgrown cranberry bogs. We may have to cross waist deep water without a bridge. It is recommended that you bring a clean, dry set of clothes for the ride home. Meet at the cellar holes at the intersection of Carranza and Friendship-Speedwell Roads. Leader: Jay Schoss, cell, 908-692-5765, walkinginmud@aol.com.

DECEMBER 13

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

SPRING HILL RIDGE. About 10 miles, easy to moderate pace. Meet at Oswego Lake parking 3.1 miles NE of Rt. 563 from Jenkins (left turnoff is 8.4 miles S of Rt. 532 in Chatsworth, between Pine Barrens Canoes & Mick's Canoes. Look for Lake Oswego Road sign nailed to a tree) at 10:00 a.m. There will be about a 3 mile car shuttle over mostly hard packed sand roads from Lake Oswego to the starting point of the hike in order to get closer to the ridge & spend more time there. We will explore the area around Spring Hill with its many sand roads, fire cuts, trails and take in some high up views of the Pinelands. Dress for possible windy & cold conditions. Leader: Milt Cannan, 856-983-9076.

DECEMBER 16

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

WHITESBOG HIKE. 7-8 miles, moderate pace. Bring Lunch. Meet at Whitesbog Village parking off Rt. 530. (Lakehurst Road). Leaders: Chris Denneler, 856-461-5379 and Pat Burton, 856-767-8064.

DECEMBER 16

Wednesday
6:00 p.m. (Call)
**Recurring Every
Wednesday**

LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE. 3 miles, moderate pace with several opportunities to opt out early. Meet at Washington Lake Park, 626 Hurffville Cross Keys Road, Sewell, NJ (Washington Township). Enter the park from either Greentree Rd. or Hurffville Cross Keys Road. Meet at the ranger station in the middle of the park. Restrooms may not be opened. Leader: Rick Galster, H: 856-256-0379, C: 856-449-6636 or ret-slager55@hotmail.com. Call prior to hike.

DECEMBER 17

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 e-mail: Geofneil@aol.com.

DECEMBER 18

Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See *OCTOBER 2 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.

DECEMBER 19

Saturday
9:00 a.m.

LEBANON WORKOUT. This is intended as a fitness activity in the woods. Approximately 10 miles at a 3 mph pace. **See the full description for October 3rd.** Meet at the field at the campground in Brendan Byrne SF. Leader: Jay Schoss, cell 908-692-5765, mail: walkinginmud@aol.com.

DECEMBER 19

Saturday
7:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS IN HADDONFIELD HIKE. 7 miles, moderate pace. Our seventh annual Christmas hike includes the Cooper River Nature area, several adjoining parks, the Haddonfield dinosaur, and a 30 minute stop in Haddonfield. Meet 7:00 p.m. at the Cherry Hill National Guard Armory parking lot at Park Avenue and Grove Street. Bring flashlight. NP, Children welcome. Leaders Barb & Ray Wittkop, 856 662 4012, BarbRayHikers@aol.com and Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817.

DECEMBER 19

Saturday
7:30 p.m.

MEET AT ATSION. Gold Moon, No Moon. Without the light of the full moon we might see the Geminids Meteor Shower in the North East sky. Leaders, Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

DECEMBER 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. Leader: Fran H., 856-786-0048, E-Mail: mailto:franhorn@aol.com

DECEMBER 20

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

JOE'S CHRISTMAS HIKE. 6-7 miles, moderate pace. A 20+ year tradition. A gathering of old friends and new to celebrate the holidays. Refreshments provided after the hike. Meet at Pakim Pond parking in the Byrne State Forest. Entrance off Rt 72, 1 mile SE of the jct of Rts. 70/72. Follow the signs to Pakim Pond. Leaders: Christine Denneler, 856-461-5379 and Jack Dalton, 609-296-1805, w2hds@comcast.net.

DECEMBER 21

Monday
9:30 a.m.

SKIT BRANCH SERPENTINE. 5 to 6 miles. Easy to moderate pace. Bring water & snack. Meet at Skit for start of hike at 9:30 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 21

Monday
10:00 a.m.

CELEBRATE THE WINTER SOLSTICE ON THE WADING RIVER. We'll paddle 6 miles from Hawkin 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

Tuesday
8:30 a.m.



BARB'S CHERRY HILL MALL WALK. 5 miles or drop out anytime. **Medium to brisk pace.** Meet at in front of Subway at the food court. Sign up and be ready to leave by 8:30 SHARP. This is not a window shopping walk but good exercise in a controlled environment with no ice, snow or cold. Leader Barb Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbRayHikers@aol.com

DECEMBER 23

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

HIKE TO ONG'S HAT. 11 miles, moderate pace. Hike from the Ranger Station to Deep Hollow Pond and on to Ong's Hat along the Batona Trail. 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 Apany has been concluded; or they can elect to finish the hike on their own if they choose. Return to Ranger Station by same route. Meet at Byrne Office parking lot. Bad weather cancels. LP. Leaders: Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609. Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817.

DECEMBER 23

Wednesday
6:00 p.m. (Call)
**Recurring Every
Wednesday**

LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE. 3 miles, moderate pace with several opportunities to opt out early. Meet at Washington Lake Park, 626 Hurffville Cross Keys Road, Sewell, NJ (Washington Township). Enter the park from either Greentree Road or Hurffville Cross Keys Road. Meet at the ranger station in the middle of the park. Restrooms may not be opened. Leader: Rick Galster, H: 856-256-0379, C: 856-449-6636 or retslager55@hotmail.com. Call prior to hike.

DECEMBER 26

Saturday
9:00 a.m.

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DECEMBER 27

Sunday
8:00 a.m.



COOPER RIVER AND ADJOINING PARKS HIKE. 6-7 miles, 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 Ave. and Grove St. in Cherry Hill. This meeting place is one block south from the intersection of Rt. 70 and Haddonfield Road/Grove St. This intersection is at the corner of the old Garden State Race Track. NP, NC, FS. Leaders: Barb&Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbRayHikers@aol.com, Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817.

DECEMBER 27

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

THREE TRESTLE HIKE. 9-10 miles. Meet at Atsion. Hike over three wooden bridges to Batsto for lunch. Bring lunch,

moderate pace, LP. Return via sand roads and trails. Leaders, Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

DECEMBER 28

Monday
10:00 a.m.



ONG'S HAT TO DEEP HOLLOW. 6 miles moderate pace. Hike along the Batona Trail to Deep Hollow returning by back roads. Meet at the Batona Trail head a short distance down a dirt road opposite Cafe Apany on Magnolia Road (about 1¹/₂ miles from Four Mile Circle). We will eat lunch on the trail. Leader: Janet Horton, 856-461-5771, Cell 609-706-5691, janeth1@comcast.net.

DECEMBER 30

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

HIKE TO APPLE PIE HILL. 8-9 miles, moderate pace. Hike the Batona Trail to/from Carranza. Bring lunch. Meet at the Carranza Memorial. Because of the school holiday children who can hike this distance are welcome to join us but will require a responsible member adult be present. Leashed pets OK. Leaders: Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817 and Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609.

DECEMBER 30

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DECEMBER 31

Thursday
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JANUARY 1

Friday
10:00 a.m.

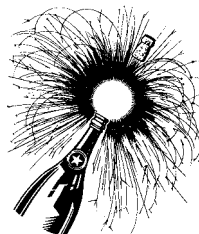
NEW YEAR'S DAY HIKE. 8-9 miles, moderate pace. Start the New Year hiking. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet at Atsion. Leaders: Christine Denneler, 856-461-5379 and Pat Burton, 856-767-8064.

JANUARY 1

Friday
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

**Happy New Year!
2010**





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