

OUTDOOR CLUB of SOUTH JERSEY

Trekker - Winter 2012

Save the date . . .

Friday- Sunday • March 9-11, 2012

BELLEPLAIN

HIKES CAMPOVER, AND CAMPFIRE



FRIDAY NIGHT CAMP SETUP AND EZ STROLL

2 miles / moderate pace.

Meet at the picnic area parking lot or campsite.



SATURDAY 5.5 MILE HIKE

10:30 a.m. / moderate pace.

Meet at the picnic area parking lot.



SATURDAY 8 MILE EZ HYBRID BIKE RIDE

3:30 p.m. / moderate pace.

Campfire in the evening.

We will hike 5 miles if it snows.



SUNDAY 6 MILE HIKE

10:30 a.m. / moderate pace.

Meet at the picnic area parking lot.



Celebrating 45 Years of Outdoor Experiences!

CHECK THE OCSJ WEBSITE ON YOUR COMPUTER AT WWW.OCSJ.ORG
FOR LATEST TRIP INFORMATION.
CYCLISTS JOIN THE GOOGLE GROUPS FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION.

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Outdoor Club of South Jersey

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

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

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

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

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

MEETINGS

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

A Message From The President

This is my first message as club President and I begin with a sincere thank you to Tom for leading the club for the last two years, and for training me to succeed. Likewise, I say thank you to the elected officers and board members for your dedicated service to the club. Last but not least, thanks to all the activity leaders for their leadership. I have been on many club activities and we really do have a great club thanks to the leadership of all these people.



A little about myself. I have been a backpacker for 30+ years. I joined OCSJ in the nineties to expand by backpacking horizons. Besides backpacking, I also do camping, hiking and some kayaking with the club. I became backpacking and camping chair in 2008, hiking chair the following year, and Vice-President in 2010. My wife, Marilyn and I live in Princeton Junction. We have two daughters. One lives in Hoboken and the other in Dallas, TX. I am a chemical engineer by education and have worked in the paper industry all of my working career, mostly in quality control. Please feel free to introduce yourself to me the next time you see me on a club activity.

Bruce Steidel
President@ocsj.org

Coming Events

**CHECK THE OCSJ WEBSITE ON YOUR COMPUTER AT (WWW.OCSJ.ORG) FOR LATEST TRIP INFORMATION.
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X/C SKI MEETING. January 11, 7:00 p.m. At REI in Conshocken, PA.

TWO DAY BACKPACK APPALACHIAN TRAIL IN PA. See January 14-15 entry.

FROZEN HIKE, CAMPOVER, AND CAMPFIRE. See January 21 entry.

BELLEPLAIN HIKES, CAMPOVER, AND CAMPFIRE. See March 9-11 entry.

BACKPACKING ON THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL. See March 10-11 entry.

THE "APEX 26-MILER" IS COMING APRIL 14. 26.5 mile trek, moderate pace. This is our "Hikers Marathon".

APRES SKI PARTY. Watch for the date and location of the Après Ski Party which will be held in the Spring.

RICHARD GREVE MEMORIAL VOLUNTEER TRIP to Harper's Ferry, WV. Friday, April 20 to Sunday, April 22. This is a volunteer trip to assist the Appalachian Trail Conservancy with whatever they need. Richard felt this was a way to "give back" to an organization that continues to make the trail such a wonderful experience. So if you can get into a little physical labor, or even boring office drudgery, we work on Saturday, plan on Sunday, and get 2 free nights at the hostel. Call Eileen Grevé, 609-877-1723. egreve212@gmail.com

THE LONG WALK IS MAKING A COMEBACK FOR MEMBERS -APRIL 21. It is the whole length of the Batona Trail from Onga's Hat to Bass River in ONE day. It starts at 5:30 a.m. and ends by 8:30 p.m. Every ten miles there will be a support vehicle. I will need people to help support the walkers by being on hand to drive them to their car if they cannot go any further. If anyone is interested, please contact Faye at

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Coming Events (continued from page 3)

batonawalk@aol.com, 912-433-8257 or Jay at walkinginmud@aol.com

The trainer hikes for January, February, March, and April will be web only, and I will contact parties interested by phone or e-mail.

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

We are doing the original 50 miles, not the new section. Hikers will start in the dark and finish in the dark. The requirements will be that participants have to be club members, and will have to have been able to do a club hike of at least 20 miles at a speed of 3.3 mph or better before December 31st to qualify. Qualifying hikes were offered every other weekend thru the end of December and for those who qualify, additional training opportunities thru April. Contact Faye at batonawalk@aol.com, 912-433-8257.

SAVE THE DATE –THE WASHINGTON DC TRIP WILL BE SATURDAY, MAY 5TH.

Details will be posted on the website and in the Spring Trekker. Packed with famous sights, celebrated symbols of patriotism, free attractions, The sights and sounds of the nation's capital offer inspiring experiences. Leader: Fran Katella, 856-234-1611, frankatella3@gmail.com

DETAILS COMING - JUNE HISTORIC CAPE MAY WEEKEND.

Friday to Sunday. You are invited to join us at the Chalfonte Hotel B&B in Cape May. Activities available include biking, hiking, kayaking, nature walks, bird watching and much, much more. Leaders: Jim Bodnar at 609-654-1507, e-mail: JRBodnar@verizon.net or Fran Horn at 856-786-0048, e-mail: FranHorn@aol.com Details will be posted on the website and in the Spring Trekker.

DETAILS COMING - JUNE BICYCLING ROAD COURSE. A Saturday in June. Exact date TBA will be placed on the website. Learn about bicycle handling and safety, and emergency maneuvers. Presenter Fran Horn, 856-786-0048.

PROPOSED DATES FOR SEPTEMBER IN WESTERN MAINE - SEPTEMBER 2-7 & SEPTEMBER 9-14 Price is \$1,236 all included, cabin, food, shuttles, guide, tax, tips. Location: Bald Mountain Camps, Oquossoc, ME.

(www.baldmountaincamps.com) Historic sporting camp located on pristine Mooselookmeguntic Lake.

Activities: several hiking options (mountaintops, water falls, backwoods roads, a piece of the A.T.), kayaking/canoeing, biking, golfing, tennis, photography, wildlife viewing, geocaching, sunsets, moonrises, starlight, loon calls to appreciate, or slip into Rangeley if civilization required.

Trip includes: guided kayaking or canoeing pristine lakes and rivers with our host and Registered Maine Guide, Steve Philbrick, log cabins with fireplace, wood, bath, linens, porch, meals in the lodge dining room for first class breakfasts and dinners, sack lunches for the trail. Happy to answer questions. Contact: Judy Norcross, 609-288-6737.

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

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

NEWS AND NOTES

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

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Note to all members: You may be aware that the Club has 2 meet-up sites for leaders. The hiking meet-up site and the canoe meet-up site are for leaders only. These sites permit Leaders to add trips and make changes if required. You see the results on the hiking and canoe schedule pages of our website. Only Leaders may join these sites. If you would like to become a leader, contact the respective Chairs or the Activities Coordinator Frank Pearce, hornet71@verizon.net, or 856-767-2780.

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TRAIL MAINTENANCE

The hiking trails our club enjoys are available primarily due the efforts of volunteers, just ordinary people. Among other things, our club helps to maintain the BATONA Trail. See the March calendar for scheduled trail maintenance, or if you can help for a morning or afternoon at another time, contact Jack Dalton or Rosemarie Mason for what needs to be done. You can contact Jack at w2hds@comcast.net. or Rosemarie at 609-404-9587, e-mail: romason@comcast.net

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

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.



BICYCLING



A Message From the Bicycling Activity Chair

Is it really winter already? It seems like I was just riding in shorts and a jersey; by the time you get this, we'll all be wearing jackets, booties and balaclavas. At least those of us crazy to ride year round. If you are riding outside, slow down, keep warm and look out for ice. If you're riding indoors, do whatever you can to keep from going crazy! Thanks to everyone who stepped to lead a ride this year. We're starting to see a few new faces leading – if they can do it, so can you. The listing of rides is only as strong as the number of members who step up to lead. So please consider leading a ride this year. If you have any questions or concerns about leading, contact me.

A special thanks to Bill Cline for organizing and leading the 7th annual Pretenders Tour this past November – this 5 day event over Thanksgiving weekend is always a highlight of the end of the year!

Finally, thanks to everyone who rode in this year's MS 150 City to Shore Bike Tour. Overall, almost 8,000 riders participated and as of this writing have raised just under \$5.0 million. That's pretty impressive in these trying economic times. Team OCSJ teamed up with RE/MAX Connection this year and raised over \$27,500 – good enough for 14th place among Corporation-based teams. Great job everyone!!

Thanks again and happy cycling!

Tony Marchionne

tonymarch@iwon.com 609-828-0268



CANOEING/KAYAKING



A Message from the Canoeing/Kayak Activity Chair

Always check the website for current information. None of these activities 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. Because of problems predicting weather condition during the Winter, all paddling trips will be web only listing.

Hope to see you on the water!

Frank Pearce

Hornet71@verizon.net 856-767-2780.

Guidelines:

1. All participants must sign-in.
2. PFD'S must be worn. (83% of canoeing fatalities were not wearing a PFD).
3. Stay between leader and sweep.
4. Wear appropriate clothes (Avoid Cotton) dress for water temperatures.
5. Have at least one change of clothing in a water- protected bag with you.
6. Flip flops are not appropriate footwear. (No bare feet - 90 % of paddling injuries).
7. Flashlight required for evening trips.
8. Whistle is required for Delaware River trips and recommended for all trips.
9. A helmet for whitewater may also be a good investment.
10. Carpooling, ride sharing or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among the participants and not part of the official Club Activity. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel. The choice to participate is yours.
11. You must assess the suitability and condition of your equipment and if a trip is within your abilities.
12. Please leave sufficient driving time to safely arrive.
13. If you have questions, especially if a trip is right for you, call the leader.
14. Check the Website –ocsj.org - for the latest information.
15. Minors (under 18) should be listed on sign-in sheets and parent or guardian sign for them.
16. Leaders have final say on trip participation involving safety concerns.
1. Leaders- if a trip is cancelled please notify the Chair.
18. Leaders -carry a copy of the incident report form. (can be obtained from website)
19. Leaders –send sign-in sheets and any incident reports to Canoe Chair.
20. Leaders must submit (mail/fax) sign-in sheets to the Canoeing/Kayaking Chair in a timely manner.

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



HIKING



A Message from the Hiking Chair

The Event Lists for the hiking/Camping/Backpacking sections on the website (www.ocsj.org) have changed. You may have already noticed that when you go to the scheduling page, you see our events listed in the Meetup tool. OCSJ uses this tool, so that Leaders can enter and manage their own events. There are many advantages. Leaders and viewers can now see events way into the future, even as they are being entered by the leaders. Leaders can now view open dates and place their trips accordingly. We suggest you view the listings via the calendar function, scrolling through months using the forward and reverse arrows next to the Month label. Then select an event to display more information, details, and contact information. Only leaders can be members of this meetup group at this time. The leaders have done a wonderful job, rushing through this transition to present you with the continuous stream of hundreds and hundreds of events throughout the year.

Tom Neigel

HIKE DESCRIPTIONS

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

HIKING GUIDE

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

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

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

GRAND MILE HIKING CLUB FOR 2012

The Grand Mile Club begins anew on January 1. Are you goal oriented? Looking for an interesting challenge? You should consider joining our Grand Mile Club. Our goal is to walk, jog, hike 1000 miles each calendar year. Get all the details from Bill Poulson at wpoul@comcast.net or 856-983-7609.

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.

STANDARD MEETING PLACES

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

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



X/C SKIING and SNOWSHOEING



A Message from the X/C Skiing & Snowshoeing Chair

After years of untiring devotion Eileen Greve has retired as Cross Country Chair. We want to thank her for a wonderful job. As the new Cross Country Chair I hope to serve you well. Our leaders have put together a great schedule; as you read this note we will be finishing our first two trips of the year. We have trips throughout the Northeast and one trip out West. See below for a list of upcoming trips and a short description. Check the website: www.ocsj.org for updates and details. Call or e-mail the leaders for the trips you are interested in. Watch for the date and location of the Après Ski Party which will be held in the spring.

Dennis McKane
Dennisfran1@verizon.net
609-707-5695

- DEC. 27-JAN. 1 CRAFTSBURY, VT.** – Ski out the door at this family oriented resort in northern VT. Approx \$495 pp dbl occ. includes 5 nights (Tuesday-Saturday) in college style dorm rooms with separate male and female bath. All meals (vegetarian available), trail passes for skiing and snowshoeing, sauna and weight room, NY's eve bonfire. Deposit \$200 to reserve. Balance due November 15. Call for details. Fran Horn. 856-786-0048 franhorn@aol.com
- DEC. 30-JAN. 2 PULASKI/TUG HILL, NY.** The Tug Hill region is New York's Snowbelt due to lake effect weather. Stay at 1880 House, a B&B. Ski at Osceola/Tug Hill, backcountry or snowshoe. \$249 pp for 3 nights (Friday-Sunday), 3 hearty breakfasts, soup each day, gourmet dinner NY's Eve, all taxes & gratuities. Deposit \$100, Full payment by November 26. Eileen Greve' 609-204-6451 egreve212@gmail.com
- JAN. 6-8 PROSPECT MTN, BENNINGTON, VT.** Learn to ski! Prospect is highest point in VT, snow guaranteed. Great flats and challenging hills. Lodge is full service with a restaurant, cozy lounge, waxing room, 40 km trails. Tour Bennington shops, museums. 5 hr drive. \$179 pp incl: 2 nights (Fri & Sat) lodging at nearby AAA motel (dbl occ.), 2 breakfasts, 1 dinner, trail fee Sat. Guided ski tour Sunday a.m. Saturday: Free ski lessons for beginners, or Intermediates-refresh your skills. Deposit \$90. Full payment by 12/05. Dan McAuliffe, PSIA, and Charie McAuliffe. 215-630-7478. DNMLLogistics@msn.com
- JAN. 11 X/C SKI MEETING.** 3rd Cross Country Skiing meeting to be held at REI in Conshocken, PA.
- JAN. 13-16 (MLK WEEKEND) KEENE VALLEY, NY.** Stay at Trail's End B&B in Lake Placid area, in the Adirondack Mtns. Ski at Mt. Van Hoevenburg Center, site of the 1980 Olympics and other X/C centers. Lots of back-country skiing or snowshoeing. All skill levels. Approx \$260 pp includes 3 nights (Fri, Sat, Sun), 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, 2 après ski parties, taxes and gratuities. Popular trip, fills quickly. Call for details. Paul and Sue Dice, home: 856-784-0164 or cell: 856-265-6207 pf701@comcast.net or srentd@comcast.net
- JAN. 20-22 MOHONK SCOTTISH XC WEEKEND (New Paltz, NY)** 4 hour drive \$289/person. Two nights lodging at Minnewaska Lodge (Adirondack style with breathtaking Vistas.– 2 full breakfasts. Spend Sat at last of the Great Mountain Houses (Mohonk). Enjoy Scottish festivities, dancing, gourmet lunch, high tea, valet parking. New state of the art full service Health SPA with Indoor pool and fitness center, gymnasium, massage, facials, etc., shops, New Adirondack Skating Rink, New XC Ski trails,

rentals available on site for snow shoeing, skiing, skating. On-site historical museum. Dinner on own at Mountain Brauhaus. Ski Minnewaska State Park on Sunday (not included). Some XC lessons
Deposit: \$100.00. Full payment by 12/20. Dan & Charie McAuliffe 215-630-7478 DNMLogistics@msn.com

JAN. 20-22 2ND SUCCESSFUL YEAR! MOUNTAIN MEADOWS LODGE, KILLINGTON, VT. Ski or snowshoe on 30 km right out the door or at nearby Mountain Top X/C, also Grafton Ponds. Catamount Trail, A/T. Lodge has hot tub, sauna, game room, bar, etc. **\$335.50 pp incl:** 2 nights (Friday-Saturday), 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, 3 day X/C ski pass at Mountain Meadows, taxes and meal gratuities. **To reserve: contact Mountain Meadows directly 802-775-1010.**
www.mountainmeadowslodge.com mention Fran McKane group.
Then contact leaders: Fran & Dennis McKane, 609-707-5695 Dennisfran1@verizon.net Can link to Stowe trip, below.

JAN. 22-27 COMMODORE INN, STOWE VT. Luxury accommodations w pool and Jacuzzi, and great skiing at Trapp Family Lodge, Stowe Mt. Resort, etc. Also backcountry options. Snowshoeing too. For skiers of all abilities. \$364 pp dbl occ for 5 nights (Sunday–Thursday), 5 dinners and breakfasts, taxes and tips. Deposit \$100. Full payment by December 15. Eileen Greve' 609-204-6451 egreve212@gmail.com Can *link to Mountain Meadows trip above, or to the Colonial House Inn trip below.*

JAN. 27-29 COLONIAL HOUSE INN, WESTON, VT. Several X/C centers and lots of backcountry or snowshoeing. Choose cozy Inn or modern motel (at same facility). **Prices range from \$186 to \$208** includes: 2 nights (Friday-Saturday) with 2 dinners, 2 breakfasts and 2 boxed lunches, all taxes and gratuities. **Deposit \$100. Full payment by December 15.** Eileen Greve, 609-204-6451 egreve212@gmail.com

JAN. 29-FEB. 1 BLACKWATER FALLS LODGE, DAVIS WV. 3 nights (Sunday-Tuesday) at state park lodge all rooms with private bath. Lodge has indoor pool, hot tub, full service restaurant. X/C centers at Blackwater Falls State Park and at White Grass Touring Center, snowshoe at Monangehela NF and Dolly Sods Wilderness. Nearby town of Davis has nightlife with live country music. Approximately **\$210 pp** (single room \$330) includes 3 nights lodging, 3 breakfasts and 2 dinners, tax and gratuity. Full payment due December 1. John and Ann Palaitis, 856-810-2487 palaitis@verizon.net

FEB. 5- 8 MT. WASHINGTON RESORT AT BRETTON WOODS, WHITE MOUNTAINS, NH. \$429/person (3 nights) One of Conde Nast's Premier Top 20 ski hotels in North America! All inclusive XC ski resort. 100 km trails. 3 heated cabins. Lift serviced XC ski and snowshoe trails. **North America's longest Winter Zip Line Canopy Tour (200 ft up) – what a thrill!** Stay at the Cozy B&B with luxurious room, 3 FULL COUNTRY breakfasts, 2 dinners, ski party, all taxes and tips, full use of all XC trails, ice skating (includes skates), snowshoe rentals, resort indoor/outdoor heated pools, free shuttle service to all areas. Full use of state of art sports club, super XC ski lodge. Free entertainment at Resort, guided tours, evening lectures and movies, nordic clinics, culinary demos, free valet parking, 4 restaurants, 3 pubs. Downhill skiing, dog sledding, zip line are extra. 8 hour easy drive **Deposit: \$100. Full payment by January 5th. Note: Jackson, NH XC ski area 1 hour drive. North Conway-90minutes.** Dan & Charie McAuliffe, 215-630-7478. DNMLogistics@msn.com

FEB. 10-12 PROSPECT XC CENTER - BENNINGTON, VT. Learn to ski hills (Learn to Ski) (up and down). **\$179/person** Prospect is highest point in Vermont and

snow guaranteed. Great flats and challenging hills. Lodge is full service with a restaurant, cozy lounge, rentals, Snow shoeing, waxing room. 40 km trails. Tour Bennington, VT shops, museums! 5 hour drive. Price Includes: Two nights lodging (Friday, Saturday) at nearby AAA motel (double occupancy), 2 breakfasts, dinner, trail fee Saturday. Guided ski tour on Sunday am. **Saturday free ski lessons for beginners or Refresh your skills as an intermediate.** Deposit: \$90.00. Full payment by 01/05/12. Dan & Charie McAuliffe, 215-630-7478 DNMLogistics@msn.com

FEB. 10-13 GREENWOOD HOUSE, LAKE PLACID, NY. Stay in private home with 6 bedrooms, 5 and half baths, lounge areas & library. One minute walk to Main St. Lake Placid. Includes 2 dinners, 3 breakfasts – communal cooking. Ski Jack Rabbit trail, Van Hoevenberg or Cascade ski centers or backcountry. Olympic Village has ice skating and toboggan rides. Cost \$150 pp based on double occupancy. \$25 deposit to leaders ASAP. Fran & Dennis McKane, 406 E 8th Avenue, North Wildwood, NJ 08260 609-707-569. E-mail: dennisfran1@verizon.net

FEB. 17-20 PULASKI/TUG HILL, NY - (PRESIDENT'S DAY). A repeat of our New Year's trip. Stay at 1880 House, a B&B. Ski at Osceola/Tug Hill Nordic center, or backcountry or snowshoe. **\$249pp for 3 nights** with hearty breakfast, 1 opulent dinner, all taxes and tips. **Deposit \$100. Full payment by January 15.** Eileen Greve, 609-204-6451. egreve212@gmail.com

FEB. 22-29 YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK – Experience the splendor and beauty of the park in the winter. See thermal pools, geysers, and wildlife in the snow. Ski, snowshoe at Mammoth Hot Springs and Old Faithful areas of the park. A unique experience. Includes 7 nights, 7 breakfasts and 6 box lunches plus roundtrip snow coach ride between Mammoth and Old Faithful areas. Double room cost about \$800 per person. John and Ann Palaitis, 856-810-2487 .palaitis@verizon.net. *Already filled! But taking a wait list.*

FEB. 23-26 MORNINGSTAR CHALET, LONDONDERRY VT. 3 nights (Thursday-Saturday) at private chalet with breakfast and dinner. X/C centers for all abilities include Viking, Wild Wings, Stratton, Okemo, Grafton Pond. Plenty of backcountry skiing (intermediate ski level), snowshoeing in Green Mt. Nat'l Forest. Approximately **\$100 pp dbl occ.** If we get 10 sign-ups for 3 nights w breakfast and dinner. Communal cooking. If less than 10, the cost will increase. Deposit \$90. Full payment by January 1. Eileen Greve',609-204-6451. Egreve212@gmail.com

MAR. 2-4 X/C SKI AT LAPLAND LAKES, NORTHVILLE, NY. Finntastic! Celebrate St. Urho's Day (Finnish Patron Saint). Enjoy Finnish splendor in the Adirondacks. 50 km trails, onsite restaurant. Waxing room, rentals and reindeer. Snow shoeing, kicksledding. **Price of \$175 pp** includes 2 nights (Friday-Saturday), 2 breakfasts at local diner. Belly-buster dinner at the Raindancer, free lessons, tip, tax XC trail fee included for Saturday. Après ski at Lanzi's on the Lake on own. 6 hour drive. **Deposit \$90. Full payment by February 15.** Dan and Charie McAuliffe, 215-630-7478, DNMLogistics@msn.com





JANUARY



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Sunday
10:00 a.m.

NEW YEARS DAY HIKE. 7-8 miles. Moderate pace. Bring in the New Year with a scenic hike. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet at Atsion by the office. Leaders: Christine Denneker, 856-461-5379, Pat Burton, 856-767-8064.

January 3
Tuesday
7:30 p.m.

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January 4
Wednesday
9:00 a.m.

WALK TO NORTH BRANCH. Ten miles more or less at a moderate pace along trails, fire cuts, and sand roads. We will find a route to the abandoned North Branch bogs for lunch, with an alternate route on the return. Proper gear for the weather conditions. Earthquakes and forest fires cancel. Bullock is reached from 72 by driving east on Savoy Boulevard (no sign 0 or from 539 driving west on Pasadena Road, about 6 miles from either side. Leaders: Jay S., walkinginmud@aol.com and Faye B., batonawalk@aol.com Phone 908-692-5765.

January 6
Friday
7:00 p.m.

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January 7
Saturday
9:00 a.m.



WALK THE PINK, WHITE, AND RED TRAILS. Join us for a moderate to brisk (3-mph) walk of 13-14 miles along the blazed trails of Byrne. This is a strenuous walk in the flatlands except for 2 small ups before the end. Sand hills, pine-oak woodlands and some functioning cranberry bogs will be crossed before our return. An optional return will reduce the distance by about 3.5 miles. Plan to arrive 15 minutes early, we leave on time. Lighting and unsafe driving conditions cancel, bad or ugly weather will alter the route and distance. We go in snow, if you can get there safely, bring snowshoes. Pakim Pond Parking at Brendan Byrne State Forest - Enter the Forest from either highway 70 or 72 and follow the signs towards camping. Pakim is on your left 0.7 miles before the campground on Cooper Road. Leader: Jay Schoss, walkinginmud@aol.com

January 7
Saturday
10:00 a.m.



SHORT AND SWEET HIKE. 3 mile Easy hike on the Yellow Trail at Bass River State Forest. Meet at the Lake Absegami parking area in Bass River State Forest, Stage Road, Tuckerton. Bring lunch/beverage for after the hike. Bad weather cancels. Leader: Rosemarie Mason, phone: 609-404-9587/cell: 609-271-2167. e-mail: romason@comcast.net

January 8
Sunday
11:00 a.m.

ATSION FROZEN HIKE. Up to 6 Miles (upon conditions). Moderate pace, several breaks. Do you really care where we go? Bring snacks and warm food to share after the hike for our tailgate pig-out. Hike is on, depending upon conditions. Dress in appropriate clothes and footwear. NC NP. Meet at Atsion parking area on Route 206. Leader: Tom Neigel tomncenter-ocsj@yahoo.com or 609-206-3389.

January 9
Monday
10:00 a.m.

WALK HOWARDSVILLE. A 5 mile easy paced walk in the woodlands around the abandoned cranberry town of Howardsville. All that remains of this old company town in Barnegat Township are a few bogs, a reservoir and some open fields and woodlands. Optional lunch after the walk at Lucille's in Warren Grove. Contact me Jay Schoss, walkinginmud@aol.com or 908-692-5765 for more info).

January 10
Tuesday
9:30 p.m.

YELLOW TRAIL. This time we will do from Atsion to Batsto. In parking lot far end from office. Bring lunch/drink. We will shuttle from Batsto to Atsion and start our hike by 10. Leaders: Toni, 609-652-0112 and Jan, 609-404-4990.

January 11
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

PENN SWAMP HIKE. 10-12 Miles at a moderate pace. Bring lunch, beverage and rain gear. Heavy rain or snow will cancel, check web page for cancellation. Leaders Pat Burton, camperpat@hotmail.com 856-767-8064 and Chris Denneler, 856-461-5379 cdenneler157@yahoo.com

January 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.

January 13
Friday
7:00 p.m.



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January 14
Saturday
10:00 a.m.

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

January 14
Saturday
10:00 a.m.



FUNNY HAT HIKE. 4 mile. Easy hike on the Pink and Joe's Trail at Bass River State Forest. Dig out your old Mickey Mouse ears or wear any funny or unusual hike to brighten up the day. Prizes will be awarded for the funniest and most creative hats. Bring lunch/beverage for the break at the picnic pavilion during the hike. Meet at the Visitor Center at Bass River State Forest, Stage Road, Tuckerton. Bad weather cancels. Leader: Rosemarie Mason romason @comcast.net Phone: 609-404-9587/Cell: 609-271-2167

January 14
Saturday
10:00 a.m.

BATSTO TO QUAKER BRIDGE HIKE. Distance: @12 miles Pace: Moderate Hike Conditions: Should be dry. Normal stops, NP. NC. . Description: We will hike the yellow trail out to Quaker Bridge. We will hike the Batona and Batsto Lake trails back. A pretty hike with a variety of terrains. Scenic views of river and stream. Batsto Visitor Center parking lot. Leader: George Galcik, 856-783-8329 georgegalcik@comcast.net

January 14-15
Saturday
8:00 a.m.

TWO DAY BACKPACK APPALACHIAN TRAIL IN PA. Loop Hike on the Appalachian Trail – 19.0 miles (9.5 Saturday and 9.4 Sunday). Start at Route 30 and Caledonia State Park. Hike south to Tumble Run Shelter (about 9.5 miles). Spend the night. Hike a side trail back (Old section of the AT) with some road walker, and end back up at Caledonia SP. Moderate hike with 100 ft. elevation gain on day 1 Since this is a winter trip you should be somewhat experienced hiking/camping in the winter. The shelter should have water flowing from it's spring. We will stay in the shelter provided there is room. Everyone attending should plan on NOT being able to stay in the shelter since they are first come first serve. So bring a tent or a buddy with a tent with room for you. Erick Panger erickpanger@erickpanger.com

January 15
Sunday
9:00 a.m.



WALK TO MARTHA AND BEYOND. 10-12 miles of moderate paced walking along old sand roads and trails. We will see the site of Martha Furnace and Pond, the remains of an old cabin, and lunch at an overlook on the bank of the Oswego River. If you have questions call by 6pm the night before. Leader: Jay Schoss, walkinginmud@aol.com or 908-692-5765.

January 16
Monday
10:00 a.m.

HISTORIC SMITHVILLE HIKE. 5 miles, moderate pace. Meet at the Smith's Woods parking lot (2nd parking lot) off of East Railroad Ave. Take Rt. 38 to Smithville Road. Bring lunch and water. If in doubt contact leaders: Janet Horton cell 609-706-5691. janeth1@comcast.net Jack Dalton, cell 609-287-3105 w2hds@comcast.net

January 18
Wednesday
9:00 a.m.

WALK BRENDAN BYRNE. Leader's choice. 8-10 miles of mostly sand roads and fire cuts at a moderate pace (3mph). Bring a lunch and dress for the weather. Enter the forest from either route 70 or 72 at the State Forest sign and follow signs to office. Jay walkinginmud @aol.com Faye batonawalk@aol.com Phone 908-692-5765.

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January 21
Saturday
11:00 a.m.



FROZEN HIKE, CAMPOVER, AND CAMPFIRE. Join us for the 5 mile moderate paced hike, tailgate, and campover. Bring snacks and hot food for the traditional pig-out after the hike, which starts sharply at 11:00 a.m. By 4:30 p.m. we will be at the campsites starting the fire. Bring a comfy chair the campfire. May do a night stroll as well. We may rent the lean-to cabins so we won't be too cold. Check in to see if we are camping Friday night as well. Be ready for the Sunday hike at Atsion at 11:00 a.m. Nasty snowy weather could cause a cancellation. Contact Leader for camping details and main campsite location, so you can obtain your own lean-to or site nearby. Leader: Neigel. tomncenter-ocsj@yahoo.com or 609-206-3389.

January 22
Sunday
11:00 a.m.

ATSION SNOW HIKE. Up to 6 miles (upon conditions). Moderate pace, several breaks. We'll hike the other side of the river and see how far we get. Who knows if there will be snow? Bring snacks and food and warm food to share after the hike for our tailgate pig out. This is the follow-up hike after the Bass River campout and night hike the night before to loosen you up. Hike will be on as long as we can drive to the meet-up point. Dress appropriately in clothes and footwear. Meet at Atsion parking lot on Route 206. NC NP Leader: Tom Neigel, tomncenter-ocsj@yahoo.com or 609-206-3389.

January 23

Monday

10:00 a.m.



LAKE OSWEGO. 5 miles. Easy pace. Walk the roads of the Penn State Forest and enjoy a winter view of the lake. Bad weather or icy conditions cancel. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

January 25

Wednesday

10:00 a.m.

OCEAN CITY HISTORIC DISTRICT HIKE. 7-1/2 miles. Meet at Transportation Center, 10th & Haven. Guided tour thru historic district. Up to boardwalk at 4th Street. Pizza at Mack & Manco's (or bring your own lunch). Continue up boardwalk to 18th St. Stop at Community Center and visit OC Historical Museum. Back to Transportation Center. Bad Weather cancels. Noel Wirth (609) 938-0418, ocncw101@comcast.net

January 25

Wednesday

10:00 a.m.

TWO RIVERS HIKE. Hike 10 miles moderate pace. We'll hike up the Batsto then down the Mullica. Hope to see Tundra Swans, a dusting of snow would make this very pretty. Bring lunch and beverage. Check web page for cancellation if weather is bad. Visitor Center parking at Batsto Village. Leaders Pat Burton camperpat@hotmail.com 856-767-8064 and Chris Dennele, 856-461-5379 cdenneler157@yahoo.com

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Friday

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January 28

Saturday

10:00 a.m.

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

January 28

Saturday

10:00 a.m.

HIKE TO NASH'S CABIN. Hike 10 miles at a moderate pace. Hike over sand roads to Nash's cabin for lunch with a scenic view. Bring lunch and beverage. Harrisville Pond on Rt. 679, a spur of Rt. 563. Check web page for cancellation due to bad weather. Leader: Chris Dennele, 856-461-5379. cdenneler157@yahoo.com

January 31

Tuesday

9:30 a.m.

RAINBOW TRAIL. 8 miles moderate pace. We will hike several trail and roads through the park. We will have some great view of the parkway and some very quiet areas. If there is snow the roads are plowed so we should be able to get 5 miles in. In parking lot in front of the office. Lunch is near end of hike so bring a snack for the trail. Leaders: Toni, 609-652-0112 and Jan 609-404-4990.



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Wednesday
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WALK TO RED OAK GROVE. About 10 miles of moderate paced walking with only necessary stops along sand roads and trails. We will walk back in time to the old settlement of Red Oak Grove in Greenwood Forest WMA. Bring lunch and dress for the weather. If conditions are bad, an alternate shorter hike will be led. Forest fires and undriveable roads cancel. Leaders: Jay Schloss, walkinginmud@aol.com and Faye Braye, batonawalk@aol.com, Phone 908-692-5765.

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February 4
Saturday
10:00 a.m.

DEJA-VU HIKE. Hey, doesn't that pine tree look familiar? Haven't we been here before? Just like Bill Murray did in the movie Groundhog Day, we'll relive the past by hiking the perimeter of Pakim Pond (easy 1.4 miles) three times. Bring lunch/beverage for after the hike. Meet at the Pakim Pond parking area in Brendon Byrne State Park off Rt. 72. Bad weather cancels. Leader: Rosemarie Mason romason@comcast.net Phone: 609-404-9587/Cell: 609-271-2167.

February 4
Saturday
7:30 p.m.

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

February 5
Sunday
10:30 a.m.

CARRANZA DUAL- DIRECTION 4x4 HIKE. About 8 miles, moderate pace. NC NP Can drop out after the first 4 or so miles at the starting point lunch break. Or after our lunch break, continue on other side of road to High Crossing and back. Meet at Carranza Memorial Parking lot. Bring warm toasty food to share at our mid-way lunch break by the cars at the parking lot. Leader: Tom Neigel, tomncenter-ocsj@yahoo.com or 609-206-3389.

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Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

HIKE TO MT MISERY. 9-10 miles, moderate pace (2.5-3mph). Hike from Pakim Pond to Mt. Misery on the White Trail through the forest and returning around the bogs. Bring lunch. Meet at the Pakim Pond Parking lot. Heavy rain/snow cancels. Leaders Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817 and Bill Poulson.

February 9
Thursday
7:30 p.m.



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February 11
Saturday
10:00 a.m.

EVERYBODY LOVES MARTHA HIKE. Who was Martha and why was a furnace named after her? These questions will be answered as we hike a 5 mile moderate loop to Martha via the Batona and Lake trails. Bring lunch/beverage for the break on the Oswego River. Meet at Harrisville Lake. Bad weather cancels. Leader: Rosemarie Mason romason@comcast.net Phone: 609-404-9587 /Cell: 609-271-2167.

February 12
Sunday
10:00 a.m.

BLUE BERRY MONUMENT HIKE. 9 miles, mod. pace. Meet at Friendship (ruins on Carranza Rd. 10 SE of Tabernacle). Bring lunch, LP. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein. Phone: 856-235-8792.

February 13
Monday
10:00 a.m.

WALK LEBANON HILLS AND ROADS. Meet at the campground at Brendan Byrne State Forest for an easy paced walk around the site of the old Lebanon Glassworks. 5-6 miles (Après hike picnic lunch optional at Pakim Pond). For more info contact me, Jay Schoss, walkinginmud@aol.com or 908-692-5765.

February 15
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

WHITE CLAY CREEK/MIDDLE RUN PARKS HIKE. 11 miles. Moderate pace. Forested hills and rolling meadows near DE, PA, MD corner. We'll see the starting reference point of the Mason-Dixon Line. Entrance to Middle Run trailhead (N39 42.96 W75 43.41) off Possum Hollow Road. Take I-95 south to exit at Del Rt. 896 north (exit 1B) – last exit before toll. Right turn after 0.5 mile on to Del Rt. 2/Rt 4. Remain on Rt. 2/Rt 72 with left turn in 0.9 mile. After 2.8 miles turn left to remain on Rt. 72. Turn right on to Possum Hollow Road (200 yards before traffic light). Entrance to Middle Run county park starting point is 0.4 mi. on left, and parking area is at end of gravel road. I can meet people at in South Jersey to lead caravan. Meet at the ShopRite shopping center off I-295 exit 17 (near Gibbstown/Paulsboro) for 9:00a departure and 45 minute drive to trailhead. Leader: Jack McMackin cell: 856-254-8702 home: 856-478-4336 jack_mac@verizon.net.

February 17
Friday
7:00 a.m.



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February 18
Saturday
10:00 a.m.

HARRISVILLE POND HIKE. Start Time 10:00 a.m. Distance: @10 miles. Pace: Moderate. Hike Conditions: Probably dry, Normal stops, NP. NC. No planned bushwacking. Normal stops. Description: A short portion on the Batona Trail. The rest a mix of sand road and forest trails. A trip around Harrisville Pond, a bog, and visit two swamp monsters. Harrisville Pond parking area. Leader: George Galcik, 856-783-8329, georgegalcik@comcast.net

February 18
Saturday
10:00 a.m.



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

February 19
Sunday
10:30 a.m.

FROZEN PIRATE HIKE TO THE FORKS. Up to 6 miles, moderate pace. Hey, Pirates hike in the cold too. Modest hike, with stops at scenic views of the Rivers, Rabbit Island, and the Shipyards. Bring warm toasty food to share for a tailgate social afterwards at the Batsto picnic benches. NC NP. It's all about the food. See the website listing regarding road closure

updates. Leader: Tom Neigel, tomncenter-ocsj@yahoo.com or 609-206-3389.

February 20
Monday
10:00 a.m.

PAKIM POND HIKE. 5 miles.moderate pace. We'll hike the Red Trail returning by the Batona Trail. Meet at the Pakim Pond parking lot. Bring water and lunch. If in doubt contact leaders: Jack Dalton cell 609-287-3105 w2hds@comcast.net and Janet Horton cell 609-706-5691. janeth1@comcast.net

February 21
Tuesday
9:30 a.m.

YELLOW TRAIL. 10 miles moderate pace. We will shuttle up to Atsion to start our hike. Bring lunch/drink. Far end of the parking lot in front of office. Please arrive a little early so you can sign in and we can figure out the shuttle. Leaders: Toni, 609-652-0112 and Jan, 609-404-4990.

February 22
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

HIKE SKIT BRANCH. Hike 7 miles at a moderate pace. See old cranberry bogs while we walk along the Skit branch of the Batsto River. Bring lunch and beverage. Check web page for cancelation due to bad weather. Meet at the Skit Bridge on Carranza Rd SE of Tabernacle. Leaders: Pat Burton camperpat@hotmail.com 856-767-8064 and Chris Denneler, 856-461-5379 cdenneler157@yahoo.com

February 24
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February 25
Saturday
10:00 a.m.

TWO BRIDGES HIKE. 8-10 milers. A little bushwhacking possible to find those long narrow shaky but exciting bridges. Bring lunch. Atsion ranger station. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

February 26
Sunday
10:00 a.m.



BACK AND FORTH HIKE. 3-6 Easy miles. We'll hike the Yellow Trail, have lunch at the picnic tables then hike the Yellow Trail again but start in the opposite direction. Do 3 miles or repeat for 6, your choice. Bring lunch/beverage. Meet at the Lake Absegami Parking area in Bass River State Forest, Stage Road, Tuckerton. Bad weather cancels. Leader: Rosemarie Mason romason@comcast.net Phone: 609-404-9587, cell: 609-271-2167.

February 27
Monday
10:00 a.m.

PEMBERTON RAIL-TRAIL. 5 miles. Easy Pace. Hike the trail from Pemberton to Birmingham and back. Meet at the RR station on Rt. 616. Bad weather or icy conditions cancel. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

February 29
Wednesday
9:00 a.m.

LOOKING FOR THE TUNDRA SWAN. If you're not a polar bear or musk ox, the tundra of northern Canada is a very inhospitable place in February. Join Faye and me as we search

the recesses of Brendan Byrne State Forest and try to find the migratory Canadian hogs in their winter abode. We should cover about 8-10 miles at a moderate pace (3mph). There is no guarantee that we will find any pigs, but we will have a break for lunch. Leaders: Jay walkinginmud@aol.com and Faye batonawalk @aol.com Phone 908-692-5765.



MARCH



"Doubt can only be removed by action."

RESERVATIONS AND DEADLINES

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

BELLEPLAIN HIKES, CAMPOVER, AND CAMPFIRE. See March 9-11 entry.

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THE "APEX 26-MILER" IS COMING APRIL 14.

THE LONG WALK IS MAKING A COMEBACK FOR MEMBERS -APRIL 21. See Coming Events.

WASHINGTON DC BUS TRIP & SELF-GUIDED TOUR. Saturday, May 5. See website for details.

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

JUNE TBA HISTORIC CAPE MAY WEEKEND. See website for details.

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

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

March 2
Friday
10:00 a.m.




SONG BIRD HIKE. 5 mile Moderate loop hike on the Song Bird Trail in the Edwin B. Forsythe Wildlife Refuge. Bring lunch/beverage to eat at the picnic tables after the hike. Meet at the Refuge parking lot off Great Creek Road and Rt. 9 in Galloway, NJ. Bad weather cancels. Leader: Rosemarie Mason romason @comcast.net Phone: 609-404-9587/Cell: 609-271-2167.

March 2
Friday
7:00 p.m.



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- March 3**
Saturday
10:30 a.m. **BATSTO 20 BRIDGES HIKE AND TAILGATE.** Around 6 miles. Modest pace with stops to look at scenic views. We will bounce around different trails. Bring food to share at the picnic tables after the hike. Meet at Batsto Parking lot. Leader: Tom Neigel, tomncenter-ocsj@yahoo.com or 609-206-3389.
- March 6**
Tuesday
9:00 a.m. **PARVIN.** 8 miles moderate pace around the lake and through the woods. May be some very wet areas, hiking sticks maybe useful. In the parking lot across from the office. Bring lunch/water. Leaders Toni, 609-652-0112 and Jan, 609-404-4990.
- March 6**
Tuesday
7:30 p.m. **MOORESTOWN WALKS.** Approximately 3 miles. Moderate pace. Different routes through Moorestown's historic streets. This isn't an endurance hike or a nature walk. This is a walk on suburban streets and sidewalks to stretch the legs after work on a mid-week night with good company and conversation. Meet outside the Moorestown Library. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com
- March 7**
Wednesday
10:00 a.m. **WINTERTIME DOWN THE SHORE.** 7 miles. Meet at 34th Street beach pavilion, Ocean City. Walk down Bay Avenue, through Wildlife Refuge. On to boardwalk (23rd Street), then beach (if not too windy). back to 34th St. Bad weather cancels. Noel Wirth, 609-938-0418. ocncw101 @ comcast.net
- March 7**
Wednesday
10:00 a.m. **WILLINGBORO HILL.** 6/7 miles (moderate pace). A loop including Crystal Lake and Mill Creek Park. Bring lunch. Take 130 north from Rt. 73. The entrance is slightly 1 mile on the right after crossing the Rancocas Creek. It is just beyond the intersection of Rt. 130 and Beverly Bridgeboro Road. Park in front of the iron fence. NP. Those wishing to do an additional couple of miles in an adjoining park should be there at 9:00 a.m. Leader, Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817.
- March 7**
Wednesday
7:30 p.m. **MARCH IN MARCH MOONLIGHT HIKE.** 9 miles, moderate pace. Goshen Pond Loop Hike. Round about route to the far side for lunch at Goshen Pond. Bring lunch. Meet at Jackson. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.
- March 8**
Thursday
7:30 p.m.  **CLUB MEETING.** Board of Trustees. Activity Committees Leaders. New Cherry Hill Library, 1100 Kings Hwy. (Rt. 41) North of Route 70 in Cherry Hill.
- March 9-11**
Friday
6:00 p.m. **BELLEPLAIN HIKES, CAMPOVER, AND CAMPFIRE.** Join us for a hiking and camping weekend. We will camp-over at Belleplain State park for Friday Night and Saturday Night, and do events for the three days, campout, and enjoy campfires.
1. Friday Night Camp Setup and EZ Stroll - 2 miles. Moderate pace. Meet at the picnic area parking lot or Campsite. Call and check.
2. Saturday: 5.5 Mile Hike, 10:30 a.m. Moderate pace. Meet at the picnic area parking lot.
3. Saturday: EZ Hybrid Bike: 3:30 p.m., 8 miles. Modest pace. Some early outs. Campfire in the evening of course. We will hike 5 miles if it snows.
4. Sunday: 10:30 a.m., 6 mile hike. Moderate pace. Meet at the picnic area parking lot.

Bring snacks and food for the Traditional Post-Event Tailgates. Nasty weather may cancel. Contact Leader; Tom Neigel, tomncenter-ocsj@yahoo.com or 609-206-3389.

March 9
Friday
7:00 p.m.



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March 10
Saturday
10:30 a.m.



BELLEPLAIN HIKE. 5.5 Mile Hike moderate pace. Meet at the picnic area parking lot. Nasty weather may cancel. Contact Leader: Tom Neigel, tomncenter-ocsj@yahoo.com or, 609-206-3389. For additional activities, see March 9-11 entry.

March 10
Saturday
3:30 p.m.

BELLEPLAIN EZ HYBRID BIKE. 8 miles, modest pace. Some early outs. Campfire in the evening of course. We will hike 5 miles if it snows. Meet at the picnic area parking lot. Nasty weather may cancel. Contact Leader: Tom Neigel, tomncenter-ocsj@yahoo.com or 609-206-3389. For additional activities, see March 9-11 entry.

March 10-11
Sat-Sun.
7:00 a.m.



BACKPACKING ON THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL. Pine Swamp Road to Port Clinton, PA - 14.9 miles (8.7 Saturday to Windsor Furnace Shelter, 6.2 Sunday). Strenuous. Hiking North-to-South, we'll hike to the Pinnacle and visit Pulpit Rock before descending to the Windsor Furnace Shelter (creek, privy). The next morning, we'll walk by Windsor furnace and past Pocohontas Spring, before descending the Blue Mt. ridge into Port Clinton. Welcome in the spring with a hike on the AT! Maximum 12 people. Hike Leader: Kevin Drevik, 856-778-3817 kdrevik@aol.com

March 11
Sunday
9:30 a.m.

BATONA TRAIL MAINTENANCE. Our club is responsible for maintaining the lower 17 miles of the Batona Trail and it is in need of maintenance! We need to cut back underbrush and tree branches that overhang the trail. Trail blazes also need repainting. Bring work gloves, clipping tools, tree loppers, bow saws and paint scrapers if you have them. Also bring water and lunch. Meet at Evans Bridge parking lot 9:30 a.m. Should be done by 2:00 pm. Leader: Bruce Steidel, 609-915-0956 bsteidel@gmail.com

March 11
Sunday
10:30 a.m.

BELLEPLAIN HIKE. 6 miles. Join us for the last hike of the camping weekend. Moderate pace. Meet at the picnic area parking lot. Bring snacks, food and hot food for the traditional table pig-out after the event. Nasty weather may cancel. Contact Leader: Tom Neigel, tomncenter-ocsj@yahoo.com or 609-206-3389. For additional activities, see March 9-11 entry.

March 12
Monday
10:00 a.m.

WALK TO THE PITS. We will walk to the old Woodmansie Clay Pits at an easy pace following some old sand roads and paths. The area is posted no swimming so none will be allowed, but you may wear your suits if you wish! 5-6 miles. Contact me at for additional information, Jay Schoss, walkinginmud@aol.com or 908-692-5765.

March 14
Wednesday
9:00 a.m.

WALK TO GOOSE POND. A short bushwhack is necessary to see this pinelands gem. Join us as we walk to this rarely visited pond in Brendan Byrne SF. Ten miles or so along sandy roads, trails and around mud puddles, at a moderate (3mph) pace. Bring lunch, and a sense of adventure. If it is a we winter, our feet may get wet. Leaders: Faye batonawalk@aol.com and Jay walkinginmud@aol.com phone 908-692-5765.

March 14
Wednesday
9:45 a.m.

MID-WISSAHICKON CREEK GORGE HIKE. 9-10 miles, moderate pace. We'll see Walnut Lane Bridge, Bluestone Bridge, 'Toleration' Statue, Fingerspan, Livezy House, Devil's Pool & Shakespeare Rock. Wear sturdy footwear for rocky terrain. A hiking stick is recommended. Bring lunch & beverage. Foul weather may cancel or reschedule. Call leader if in doubt. NC/NP. Meet at Henry Avenue & Walnut Lane parking in Philadelphia. Leader: Jerry Goldstein, 609-859-8133. jerryhyker@yahoo.com

March 16
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March 17
Saturday
10:00 a.m.

RALPH STOVER PARK. 8 miles. NP, good views from high cliffs. Meet at the visitor's parking lot, Washington crossing park. PA side of Rt. 32 for caravan to trailhead. We may see technical climbers. Bring lunch. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, Phone: 856-235-8792.

March 17
Saturday
10:00 a.m.

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

March 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. Call in case of inclement weather. Leader: Fran H., 856-786-0048, e-mail: franhorn@aol.com

March 19
Monday
10:00 a.m.

HIKE IN BRENDAN BYRNE STATE FOREST HIKE. Hiker to Deep Hollow Pond about 5 miles moderate pace. Hike from the Ranger Station to Deep Hollow Pond. Meet at the Ranger Station. Bring water and lunch. If in doubt contact leaders: Janet Horton, cell 609-706-5691 janeth1@comcast.net Jack Dalton, cell 609-287-3105 w2hds@comcast.net

March 20
Tuesday
10:00 a.m.

FORSYTHE WILDLIFE REFUGE. We will do 9 miles at a moderate pace. We will go into the woods and hike the songbird trail out to the road. People who only want to do 5 miles can take the road back to their cars from here. We will continue the hike along the drive. It can be very windy out on the drive so be prepared. Parking lot at start of wildlife drive. Bring lunch/drink. Leaders: Toni, 609-652-0112 and Jan, 609-404-4990.

March 21
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

HIKE ATSION AROUND THE LAKE. Hike 6-7 miles around the lake at a Moderate Pace. Bring lunch and beverage. Check Web page for cancellation or change of date due to bad weather. Meet in Field next to Atsion Office on Rt. 206 across from the lake. Leaders Pat Burton camperpat@hotmail.com 856-767-8064 and Chris Denneler, 856-461-5379. cdenneler157@yahoo.com

March 23
Friday
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March 24
Saturday
10:00 a.m.



HOT DOG HIKE. Hike 6-7 miles moderate pace. An OCSJ tradition. Hike in Bass River SF area, then come back for hot dogs from the grill. Bring your own beverage. Hot water will be provided. Bring snack or dish to share. Chefs, Chris Denneler cdenneler157@yahoo.com 856-461 5379 and Pat Burton camperpat@hotmail.com 856-767-8064. Hike Leaders: Toni and Jan. Rain date Sunday, March 25. Check web page for change.

March 25
Sunday
10:00 a.m.

ROUND VALLEY. 9-10 miles, MP. Good hilly hiking around one of New Jersey's largest and deepest man made reservoir. Meet at Round Valley Trail Head parking, South Lot, near the boat ramp. From South Jersey take Route 31 to Route 22 in Lebanon. Follow signs to park entrance. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792. Cell 609-332-9262.

March 26
Monday
10:00 a.m.

PALMYRA COVE. 5 Miles. Easy pace. Hike along the Delaware River and through the Nature Center. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

March 28
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

SHANE BRANCH HIKE. 6 miles at a moderate pace to view a beautiful cedar swamp and a small pond. Bring lunch and

beverage. As always, check web for cancellation due to bad weather. Meet at Friendship on Carranza Road, stay on Carranza Road, past the Memorial and Batona campsites and go straight onto the dirt road all the way to the end in the open field. Leaders: Pat Burton camperpat@hotmail.com 856-767-8064 and Chris Danneler (856) 461-5379 cdanneler157@yahoo.com

March 30
Friday
7:00 p.m.

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March 31
Saturday
10:00 p.m.

BATSTO BOUNCE. 5 miles Moderate. We'll bounce around Batsto utilizing several trails and maybe hike across the street to the Forks. Who knows where our boots will take us. Bring lunch/beverage for after the hike at the picnic tables. Meet at Batsto Village. Bad weather cancels. Leader: Rosemarie Mason romason@comcast.net Phone: 609-404-9587 / Cell: 609-271-2167.

March 31
Saturday
10:00 a..

URBAN WILDERNESS. 5 miles at a moderate pace. Come see the woods behind my house. Nothing fancy but a seldom used area of Atlantic County Park system. Meet at the library at ten for a very short car pool to the trailhead. Parking lot on the side of Library. Bring a snack/drink. Leaders: Toni, 609-652-0112 and Jan, 609-404-4990.

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Trip leaders are always needed. We can help -just contact appropriate Activity Chair to find out how to become a leader.

Would you like to be placed on a list to run an informational booth at an event? Contact Activities Coordinator to have your name added.

Do you have computer skills? Would you like to be added to a list of potential volunteers?

Volunteers are needed for Club Events such as our Picnics-would you be willing to volunteer in the future?

Here is an example of how you can help now.

THE LONG WALK IS MAKING A COMEBACK FOR MEMBERS IN APRIL. It is the whole length of the Batona Trail from Onga's Hat to Bass River in ONE day. It starts at 5:30 a.m. and ends by 8:30 p.m. Every ten miles will be a support vehicle. I will need people to help support the walkers by being on hand to drive them to their car if they cannot go any further. Check out the training hikes in schedule. If anyone is interested please contact Faye at batonawalk@aol.com, 912-433-8257 or Jay at walkinginmud@aol.com **See page 5 for details concerning carpooling**

JOIN THE VOLUNTEER LIST

- Yes** - I want to help.
- Yes** - I would like to lead an activity for _____
- Yes** - I have computer skills.
- Yes** - I would be willing to staff a booth.
- Yes** - I would be willing to volunteer at an event.

Name: _____

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