2020 Spring Activity Schedule
April/May/June

CHECK THE OCSJ WEBSITE ON YOUR COMPUTER AT WWW.OCSJ.ORG
FOR LATEST TRIP INFORMATION.
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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.
READ SPECIAL NOTICE BELOW.

The Outdoor Club of South Jersey has transitioned to Wild Apricot for our Membership Management. Please login to ocsj.wildapricot.org to join or see your current information. You can pay online via PayPal. PayPal link will allow you to pay with a credit card whether or not you have a PayPal account. Of course, you may also use your PayPal account if you have one.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The use of checks for membership payment will continue. The new mailing address is P.O. Box 46, Atco, NJ 08004. The Club will no longer send membership cards for new or renewed memberships. We will notify you of expiring membership by E-mail.

NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS: THE SPRING 2017 TREKKER WAS THE FINAL “MAILED” ISSUE. Changing habits have lead to this decision.

SPECIAL NOTICE: Starting with this Summer Issue Trekker, a printed version will be available at the Print Shop, 908 N White Horse Pike, Stratford, NJ 08084 and other locations TBA. The Trekker will also be available online. We encourage everyone to join the various Club meetup groups.

OCSJ Non-member Participation Policy

1. OCSJ is a member organization. Membership funds pay for insurance and other Club overhead. However, prospective members and guests of OCSJ members may try one regular activity from each of our activity sections without joining. Thereafter they must join to be eligible for the hundreds of activities and events available every year.

2. Participants on trips which charge money must be members of OCSJ, except where the trip is a joint trip** with another club and the participant is a member of that club. Members of OCSJ may bring guests on a day trip charging money. Participants on overnight trips charging money must always be an OCSJ member.

**Joint trips will only be permitted if the other entity has liability insurance. Proof of the coverage must be obtained by the OCSJ leader. Overnight activities, which charge money, require all participants to be OCSJ members.

You will notice that when you click on the Biking, Hiking and Canoeing Schedule pages, you are re-directed to our corresponding meetup sites. Meetup allows leaders to directly manage their activities.

Hiking Meetup site: meetup.com/Outdoor-Club-of-South-Jersey-Hiking/
Bicycling X/C Skiing Meetup site: meetup.com/Outdoor-Club-of-South-Jersey
Canoeing Meetup site: meetup.com/Outdoor-Club-of-South-Jersey-Canoeing/

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.

Paddlers - During months of Nov. thru March, paddlers must wear wet or dry suits subject to approval of leaders. We would encourage everyone to check our websites for updates. Since trips are posted months in advance changes may occur including additions. Some activities may require limits on participation due to safety concerns and potential participants should RSVP.
1000, 750 and 500 Mile Hiking Club

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 Jon Peterson at jonpeterson66@gmail.com. We also have 500 and 750 mile clubs. If those better suit you, contact Valerie Danzey at vdanzey1@verizon.net.

TRAIL MAINTENANCE

The hiking trails our club enjoys are available primarily due to the efforts of volunteers, just ordinary people. Among other things, our club helps to maintain the BATONA Trail. If you can help for a morning or afternoon at another time, contact Rosemarie Mason for what needs to be done. You can contact Rosemarie at romason@comcast.net.

JOIN THE 300, 400 & 500 MILE PADDLERS’ CLUBS

Any kayak trip counts with any group or individual.

The miles are sent in first week of January, but the last trip is December 31 of the previous year.

The people who do not make the 300, 400 or 500 miles, but turn in miles will get honorable mention on the website.

For details contact Ericka Blank powerofpink58@verizon.net or text 856-364-6029.

FOR LEADERS

Leaders should review items under “For Leaders “on the OCSJ Website. They should also review the “Policy and Budget Page “Listed below & under “About Us” on the OCSJ Webpage.

In particular, the Revised Group Activities Policy and the OCSJ Sign-in Waiver Policy.

Sign-in Sheets should be sent to appropriate Activity Chair or individuals designated by them – or Activities coordinator if the event involves more than 1 activity NO LATER THAN EACH CALENDAR QUARTER with few exceptions which are listed on website under “For Leaders”.

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 in with the leader at each activity.
SOME STANDARD MEETING PLACES

These are the some of the standard meeting places, but always check the meet up page for the latest up to date meeting spots and maps.

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 the intersection. Turn right, then immediately left, and park.

Byrnes 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.

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.

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.

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 Bridge - 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 (Schuykill Expressway) West to Lincoln Drive, exit #340 A. 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.

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).

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).

Pakim Pond - Meet at Pakim Pond parking, Byrne S.F. Turn off Rt. 72, 1 mile south-east of Rt. 70/72 intersection. After 0.4 miles, turn right. Pakim Pond is 2.7 miles beyond the Forest Office.

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.
A MESSAGE FROM THE CANOEING/KAYAKING CHAIR

During months of November thru March paddlers must wear wet or dry suits subject to approval of leaders.

Consider becoming a leader. We can offer any help you need. Remember the trips you enjoy are only made possible by those that volunteer as leaders. I want to thank them. When you are on a trip take the time to thank them and consider becoming a leader. Always check the website for current information. 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 & parent/guardian sign for them.
16- Leaders have final say on trip participation involving safety concerns.
17- Leaders - if a trip is cancelled please notify the Chair.
18- Leaders - carry a copy of the incident report form. (can be obtained from website)
19- Leaders - send sign-in sheets and any incident reports to Canoe Chair.
20- Leaders must submit (mail/fax) sign-in sheets to the Canoeing/Kayaking Chair in a timely manner.

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

A MESSAGE FROM THE CYCLING CHAIR

The cycling calendar and schedule can be found by clicking on the bicycling tab at www.ocsj.org or you can access the biking Meetup directly at www.meetup.com/outdoor-club-of-south-jersey/.

We offer road and trail riding all year long. Road rides are categorized by pace. We have D (10-12 mph), C (12-14 mph), C+ (14-16 mph), B (16-18 mph) and B+/A (18-20+ mph) rides ranging in distance from 15 – 100 miles.

We have easy hybrid rides on trails and towpaths and more aggressive trail riding in the Pine Barrens and other state parks.

Helmets are required on all OCSJ rides and riders should always carry 2 spare tubes, a pump and the tools necessary for minor repairs on the road or trails. Rules of the road, cycling etiquette along with group riding skills can be found by clicking on the bicycling tab on the OCSJ website.

Do you have an idea for a ride or a bike trip? Please consider volunteering to lead rides or trips! We can offer you help getting started. We have a repository of over 230 different routes on our Ride With GPS Club Account that you have access to or you can use your own. Without leaders there are no rides.

Contact Neil Kornhauser at nkornhauser@gmail.com if you have any questions or are interested in becoming a ride leader. See you on the roads and trails!
The OCSJ Follows the Leave No Trace Principles.

Leave No Trace is a national and international program designed to assist outdoor enthusiasts with their decisions about how to reduce their impacts when they hike, camp, picnic, snowshoe, run, bike, hunt, paddle, ride horses, fish, ski or climb.

The program strives to educate all those who enjoy the outdoors about the nature of their recreational impacts as well as techniques to prevent and minimize such impacts.

The Seven Principles
• Plan Ahead and Prepare
• Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
• Dispose of Waste Properly
• Leave What You Find
• Respect Wildlife
• Be Considerate of Other Visitors
• Minimize Campfire Impacts

Volunteer Opportunities

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

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

PLAN AND LEAD AN ACTIVITY.
HELP TO MAINTAIN THE TRAIL.
PLAN AND LEAD A “LITTER” CLEAN-UP DAY.
HELP THE TRAIL COORDINATOR BUILD A FOOT BRIDGE.
WRITE YOUR LEGISLATORS. A SIMPLE NOTE IN SUPPORT OF TRAILS, BIKE PATHS AND GREENWAYS IS ALL IT TAKES.
CHAIR A COMMITTEE. (See Christmas Party, Officer Nominations, etc.)
PLAN AND LEAD A TOUR TRIP.

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

***MEMBERSHIP & RENEWAL INFORMATION***

1. A notice of expiring membership will be e-mailed to you.
2. If your address has changed, please indicate new e-mail address. If you move, please file a change of address card with us.
3. Keep your membership current. Memberships must be renewed one month prior to March, June, September, and December.

Membership Cards are no longer being issued. You will receive renewal information by e-mail.

The OCSJ Board just voted to use the Wild Apricot System to manage our website and membership. To join or renew your membership, please go to OCSJ.org or OCSJ.wildapricot.org/join-us and follow the links to establish your connection to Wild Apricot. The PayPal link will allow you to pay with a credit card, whether or not you have a PayPal account.

Special Note: You will be able to pay via check or money order. Make check or money order payable to The Outdoor Club of South Jersey, Inc. New mailing address is: P.O. Box 46, Atco, NJ 08004

Individual Member - 1 year for $20  Family Member - 1 year for $25
Gift contributions to the Richard Greve Memorial Fund will be accepted by the Wild Apricot System.
April 2020

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Bicycling Meetup site: www.meetup.com/Outdoor-Club-of-South-Jersey
Canoeing Meetup site: www.meetup.com/Outdoor-Club-of-South-Jersey-Canoeing/

In search of the elusive Schizaea Pusilla (Curly Grass Fern)
Wednesday
09:30 AM

This will be a 6-7 mile hike that has lots to offer. Waterfalls, hills, rivers, streams, rocks, stream crossings, rock hopping etc. The address listed will get you to the park entrance. Follow the written directions after that (see below) You’ll know you at the parking area when you see the suspended walking bridge.

Maryland has some awesome state parks and this one is no different. Clean, well marked trails will lead the way.

The beginning is kind of a steep climb up to the Cascade falls. We’ll have to navigate over it to get to the trails. Once over it, we’ll do a loop around and ending back at the Cascade Falls. In between, some more streams, rivers, rocks etc!

Link to Patapsco State Park WebSite:
http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/central/patapsco.aspx

After the hike, if anyone is interested, we’ll grab a bite to eat at a local establishment and then Guinness has a brewery right up the street from the park. A stop in and a self guided tour and then for those who want, can taste some of the experimental beers being brewed on site. Guinness Blonde is brewed full time there. And a lot of history behind the site that they built on. Definitely worth the stop in and tour!

Link to the Guinness Brewery:
https://www.guinnessbrewerybaltimore.com/brewery

Directions:
It’s about a 2 hour drive from the Deptford mall area.

Friday Nite Fitness Hike
07:00 PM

Brisk Pace, 8-10 miles. The ongoing, every Friday night, all year round, Friday nite 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 3.5 mph, with few breaks. Bring water and wear well broken in boots, sneakers, or shoes (sneakers are adequate for dry conditions). Socks are also important foot gear; synthetics and wool being better at preventing blisters (avoid cotton socks).

Meet at Pakim Pond

Cascade Falls in Patapsco Valley State Park, MD
Saturday
09:30 AM

This got cancelled last year, so we’ll get it done this year!

This will be about a 6-7 mile hike that has lots to offer. Waterfalls, hills, rivers, streams, rocks, stream crossings, rock hopping etc. The address listed will get you to the park entrance. Follow the written directions after that (see below) You’ll know you at the parking area when you see the suspended walking bridge.

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https://www.guinnessbrewerybaltimore.com/brewery

Directions:
It’s about a 2 hour drive from the Deptford mall area.
exit 3 for Washington Boulevard/US 1 toward Elkridge (.04). Turn right onto S/Washington Blvd then make a quick right on the 1st cross street onto South Street (300 ft). Turn left onto river pake/ park entrance. Then go straight and you’ll have to pay a $3.00 park fee (honor system). Continue on that road until it ends at Gun rd. Make left, then a right onto River Rd. Go about 1 mile to parking. Again, you’ll know you at the parking area when you see the suspended walking bridge. (bathroom at parking)
Leader: Doug Hillebrecht 856-816-8824 (before 9pm)
Meet at 5120 South St

April 04
Goshen Pond
Goshen Pond. 5 miles, easy pace. A leisurely stroll through the woods and following the Mullica River. Meet at Group Campsite area. Look for the Goshen Pond Group Campsite sign on Atsion Rd 1 1/2 miles from Rt 206. Follow Road till you see another sign for the campground high in the trees.
Leader: David Bicking, (856) 249 - 0886, dbickin@yahoo.com
Meet at Goshen Pond Camping Area

April 05
Wissahickon Express by Rich Kranz
Wissahickon Express Hike. 6.5 miles. Moderate Pace... From the golf course, we will head north on the Yellow Trail then lunch at Valley Green. Then head south on the Orange trail and explore Shakespeare Rock, Devils Pool and the Fingerspan Bridge. This hike is a bit shorter than my regular Wissahickon hikes so there is no wimp-out available. Rugged Terrain. Sturdy shoes required. No Pets. Bring or buy lunch at Valley Green. Meet at the Golf Course parking lot at Henry Ave and Walnut Lane. Inclement weather may cancel so check Meetup for updates.
Leader; Rich Kranz 856 -316-6292.
Meet at Henry Ave. & Walnut Lane Parking Lot

April 05
Hike- Jockey Hollow
We’ll meet at 10am in the parking lot of the Visitor’s Center. Please arrive early so we can leave on time. Approximately 5 miles at a moderate pace; easy to moderate terrain with rolling hills. Trails have some rocks and tree roots. We will pass the overlook at Mt. Kemble and the soldier’s huts. Bring water and a snack. Hiking poles recommended. Hiking boots required. Bring traction devices if needed for ice/snow. Please no pets or children. Inclement weather cancels; any updates will be posted by 630am day of event.
Leader Donna
Meet at Jockey Hollow Visitor Center

April 06
Walk From Bullock
A 6-8 mile moderate paced walk on the roads, trails and fire-cuts in Greenwood Forest Wildlife Management Area and Brendan Byrne SF. There are dozens of possibilities suitable to almost all conditions. I’ll select a different one each time to keep it interesting. Leader: Jay Schoss (609) 283 0252 or tree2short@aol.com at least a day prior for more info.
Meet at RR Crossing in Bullock

April 07
Moorestown Walks by David Bicking
Moorestown Walks. approx 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 At library entrance.
Leader: David Bicking, (856) 249 - 0886, dbickin@yahoo.com
Meet at Moorestown Library

April 08
Hit the Boards!!! Atlantic City
Met on the boardwalk in front of the Showboat Hotel (casino).
8 mile moderate paced hike down to Ventnor fishing pier.
If tide is low we can get some walking done on the beach.
We usually stop for lunch together after the walk, FYI.
Be sure to bring snack and some thing to drink. Any questions please call. Always check web for any changes.  
NC/NP  
Leaders Toni 609-903-6775 and Jan 609-404-4990

**MONTHLY CLUB MEETING**

**April 09**  
Thursday  
07:00 PM  

**CLUB MEETING AT 7:00 pm. Board of Trustees. Activity Committees Leaders. New Cherry Hill Library, 1100 Kings Hwy. (Rt. 41) North of Route 70 in Cherry Hill. All welcome.**

**Meet at Showboat Atlantic City**

**OSWEGO RIVER PADDLE.**

**April 10**  
Friday  
10:00 AM  

We meet at Oswego Lake Put-In, Oswego Lake Road off Rte. 563, Chatsworth. Pack lunch and change of clothing in dry bag as cold water conditions may still apply, especially waterproof footwear for the mandatory portage.

Leader: Vicki S. 856-341-3901 or ravingwriter@gmail.com

**Meet at Oswego Lake**

**Friday Nite Fitness Hike**

**April 10**  
Friday  
07:00 PM  

Brisk Pace, 8-10 miles. The ongoing, every Friday night, all year ‘round, Friday nite 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 3.5 mph, with few breaks. Bring water and wear well broken in boots, sneakers, or shoes (sneakers are adequate for dry conditions). Socks are also important foot gear; synthetics and wool being better at preventing blisters (avoid cotton socks).

**Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds**

**Palisades Interstate Park...The GIANT STAIRS!**

**April 11**  
Saturday  
09:30 AM  

Join us for another spectacular hike along the Palisades. We’ll meet and start at the State Line Lookout area. We’ll head down to the Women’s Monument. Then continue down to the bottom of the trail and walk along the Hudson River. We’ll soon hit the “GIANT STAIRS”. This is about a mile long of climbing rocks as we get higher into the cliffs. Soon arriving and getting up close and personal with the bottom of the cliffs. This part can be a little challenging for some. Some really cool views of the cliffs here. We continue along the rocks and eventually come down back to the Hudson and to the Peanut Falls. Then a STEEP climb UP the cliffs and then make our way back to the parking area, a STRENUOUS last leg of the hike. Somewhere around 7 miles. But about half of those seven are tough miles. PLEASE KNOW YOUR LIMITS.

Bring lunch and plenty of water.

**Detailed Directions:**

Directions: NJ Turnpike to exit 72 on the left to rt 9/Palisades Pky. (this area is a little tricky, so follow your GPS and pay attention). Follow signs to Pky N. The state Line Lookup area is the exit in between exit 2 and exit 3 of the Palisades Interstate Parkway. It’ll take you right to the parking and meeting area. I’ll have on a bright fluorescent orange OR YELLOW shirt on. Look for me.

Car pool set up from SJ

Anybody interested in carpooling meet at 7:15 at the WaWa on Route 73 northbound, right before the turnpike entrance.

Leader - Doug Hillebrecht M-F 9 to 5 - 856-309-8817 (work)  
Cell# 856-816-8824 (till 9:30 pm)

**Meet at Palisades Interstate Park**

**ANNUAL HOT DOG HIKE**

**April 11**  
Saturday  
10:00 AM  

6 miles moderate pace. We’ll hike the trails in Bass River SF, then have hot dogs from the grill with all the fixen’s. Provided by OCSJ. Bring your own beverage, hot water will be available. Bring something to share. Meet at Lake Absegami parking in the Bass River SF, entrance off Stage RD. Chefs Chris Denneler, Pat and Bob Burton. Chris email-cdenneler157@yahoo.com , Pat email-camperpat@hotmail.com , Hike leader, Toni Stransky , 609-652-0112. Rain Date April 12. Check Meetup for changes and cancellation.

**Meet at Bass River State Forest**
Walk From Bullock
A 6-8 mile moderate paced walk on the roads, trails and fire-cuts in Greenwood Forest Wildlife Management Area and Brendan Byrne SF. There are dozens of possibilities suitable to almost all conditions. I’ll select a different one each time to keep it interesting.
Leader: Jay Schoss (609) 283 0252 or tree2short@aol.com at least a day prior for more info.
Meet at RR Crossing in Bullock

PADDLE THE WADING RIVER
We’ll meet at 9 AM, Route 563 and Godfrey Bridge Rd.
3065-3061 County Rd 563
Chatsworth, NJ 08019
39.693801, -74.528705
Look for Wadding River Camp Ground Sign. Call for info 609-893-9751 or mayandpops@aol.com. Leader: Joe Logan

Tyler st park 6.5 miles at Moderate pace Boat House Parking Lot
Moderate pace hike with frequent stops to see wild flowers which are in abundance in this park.
bring lunch and beverage we will stop half way at the covered bridge restrooms available before and after the hike. camperpat123@aol.com. 609 472 8128. Rain will cancel. ps. directions on the st web page may still be incorrect due to new road work. I 95 to intersection with I295. take 295 East. take exit 8. go west on Pa 332. go straight 4.7 miles. that stretch becomes 413. when 413 makes a sharp Right U. will turn left at the light into the main entrance and follow signs to Boat house parking
Meet at Tyler State Park - Boathouse Parking Lot

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Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds

Allaire State Park
5 miles, easy to moderate pace.
Leader: David Bicking, (856) 249-0886, dbickin@yahoo.com
Meet at Allaire State Park

OSWEGO RIVER PADDLE.
We meet at Oswego Lake Put-In, Oswego Lake Road off Rte 563, Chatsworth. Pack lunch and change of clothing in dry bag as cold water conditions may still apply, especially waterproof footwear for the mandatory portage.
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Meet at Oswego Lake

Palmyra - Riverline Town Walk
Palmyra - Riverline Town Walks. 3 miles, easy to moderate pace.
Meet at the Riverline station, from which we will explore the streets of this historic town.
Leader: David Bicking (856) 249 - 0886 dbickin@yahoo.com
Meet at Palmyra Riverline Station

Walk From Bullock
A 6-8 mile moderate paced walk on the roads, trails and fire-cuts in Greenwood Forest Wildlife Management Area and Brendan Byrne SF. There are dozens of possibilities suitable to almost all conditions. I’ll select a different one each time to keep it interesting.
Leader: Jay Schoss (609) 283 0252 or tree2short@aol.com at least a day prior for more info.
Meet at RR Crossing in Bullock
**The other side of Huber**

6-8 miles at a moderate pace down the main trail and this time we will cut off to the right and do the yellow, green and red loops.

Lunch on the trail. Any questions please call before hike day.

Always check web for any changes.

Leaders Toni 609-903-6775 and Jan 609-404-4990

Meet at Michael Huber preserve

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**Friday Nite Fitness Hike**

Brisk Pace, 8-10 miles. The ongoing, every Friday night, all year ‘round, Friday nite 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 3.5 mph, with few breaks. Bring water and wear well broken in boots, sneakers, or shoes (sneakers are adequate for dry conditions). Socks are also important foot gear; synthetics and wool being better at preventing blisters (avoid cotton socks).

Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds

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**Burn off some calories pre-picnic walk**

Get up early and burn some calories in preparation for the picnic feast. The plan is to walk about 10 miles at around a 3 MPH pace to earn our eats. We will be leaving the Pakim Pond parking lot at 8:30 am so get there early.

Leader: Jay 609-283-0252 call by Friday if you have any questions.

Meet at Pakim Pond

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**ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC BIKE RIDES**

Come join us for the annual club picnic at 12:00. There will be bike rides, both road and trail riding (starting at 9:00, 9:30 and 10:00). We are celebrating 53+ years of fun and memories. Food and drink provided. Meet at Pakim Pond in the Brendan Byrne State Forest. Entrance off Rt 72. All 4 rides will be back in plenty of time for the start of the picnic at 12:00.

There will be 3 road rides and 1 mountain bike ride:

- **9:00 AM**
  - 9:00 B (16 - 18+ mph) ride, 35 miles, leader, Ted Daily

- **9:00 AM**
  - 9:00 C/C+ (13 - 16 mph) ride, 28 miles, leader, John Neidzwski [https://ridewithgps.com/routes/31993148](https://ridewithgps.com/routes/31993148)

- **10:00 AM**
  - 10:00 D (10 - 12 mph) ride, 11 miles leader, Jerry Martina

- **9:30 AM**
  - 9:30 mtb ride, leader, Mike Engel mountain bikes only

Meet at Pakim Pond

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**OCSJ ANNUAL PICNIC AT PAKIM POND.**

Come join us at the annual club picnic! There will be paddling, bike rides, hikes ,and more. Details coming. We are celebrating 50+ years of fun and memories. Food and drink provided. Bring a chair and something to share, dessert, snacks etc. Membership not required. Meet at Pakim Pond in the Brendan Byrne State Forest. Entrance off Rt 72. Starting at 10:00 am your opportunity to ask questions about paddling and try canoes and kayaks

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**Pre Picnic Mid-length Hike**

Pre Picnic Hike. 6 miles. Easy to moderate pace. A mid length hike before the picnic to work up an appetite. Leader: David Bicking, dbickin@yahoo.com

Meet at Pakim Pond

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**Picnic Short Hike**

Picnic Short Hike. 3-4 miles. Easy pace.

Short hike before the picnic.

Leader: Janet Horton 609-706-5691, janeth1@comcast.net

Meet at Pakim Pond
Backpack the Appalachian Trail in Central Virginia!
Apr 25-26: Hike the Appalachian Trail in Central Virginia! Rockfish Gap to Dripping Springs Rock: 14.5 miles. Come hike the Appalachian Trail in April, before it starts getting too hot. This section is just south of Shenandoah National Park, with great views of the Wintergreen resort from Humpback mountain. We will be hiking south to North, so we’ll leave some cars at Rockfish gap, drive south, and then start the hike. Some major climbs but great scenery as we hike the 9.5 miles. Stay in the Paul Wolfe Memorial Shelter, on the bank of lovely Mill Creek (water, privy, shelter). The next morning we will get up and have breakfast, then head out along a nice tree-lined trail, 5 miles to Rockfish gap. Unlimited number of participants.
Hike Leader is Kevin Drevik (856) 630-2485 or kdrevik@aol.com. Please email questions to Kevin, or request pack list.

Annual Spring Picnic April 25
Come join us at the annual club picnic! There will be paddling, bike rides, hikes, and more. Details coming. We are celebrating 53+ years of fun and memories. Food and drink provided. Bring a chair and something to share, dessert, snacks etc. Membership not required. Meet at Pakim Pond in the Brendan Byrne State Forest. Entrance off Rt 72.
Meet at Pakim Pond

PADDLE CEDAR CREEK
We will meet at 09:00, in the Double Trouble State Park, parking lot. Bring lunch, PFD’s required. For info contact Leader: Joe Logan, 609-893-9751 or mayandpops@aol.com
Meet at Double Trouble State Park

Wissahickon Day Parade Hike by Rich Kranz
WISSAHICKON DAY PARADE HIKE. Miles: 5 or 7, moderate pace. We’ll hike down to the Valley Green Inn and have lunch while watching all of the trappings of the annual Equestrian Parade. The parade commemorates the closure of Forbidden Drive to vehicular traffic many years ago. We’ll also check out the Covered Bridge, The Falls and maybe a side trip on the Lavender Trail. Rugged terrain. Bring or buy lunch at Valley Green snack bar. No Pets. Meeting Place: Meet 10:30 at Andorra Nature Center, Ridge and Northwestern Avenues, Philadelphia.
Leader: Rich Kranz 856-316-6292.
Meet at Andorra Natural Area

Riverton - Riverline Town Walk
Riverton - Riverline Town Walks. 3 miles, easy to moderate pace. Meet at the Riverline station, from which we will explore the streets of this historic town.
Leader: David Bicking (856) 249 - 0886, dbickin@yahoo.com
Meet at Riverton Riverline Station

Walk From Bullock
A 6-8 mile moderate paced walk on the roads, trails and fire-cuts in Greenwood Forest Wildlife Management Area and Brendan Byrne SF. There are dozens of possibilities suitable to almost all conditions. I’ll select a different one each time to keep it interesting.
Leader: Jay Schoss (609) 283 0252 or tree2short@aol.com at least a day prior for more info.
Meet at RR Crossing in Bullock

Sandy Hook National Park
Meet up by the light house.
We will hike down the bike/walking path, explore some of the ruins of the old fort and maybe lunch on the beach. NO more than 8 miles slower moderate pace. Bring nourishment, dress for the weather. There should be no entrane fee yet. Any questions call/text.
Leader Toni 609-903-6775 Jan 609-404-4990
Meet at Sandy Hook Visitor Center
May 2020

CHECK THE OCSJ WEBSITE ON YOUR COMPUTER AT (WWW. OCSJ.ORG) FOR LATEST TRIP INFORMATION.

May 01
Friday
07:00 PM

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Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds

May 02
Saturday
10:00 AM

Clayton Park
CLAYTON PARK. 5 miles, easy to moderate pace. We explore the wooded trails along the Doctor’s Creek in this Monmouth County Park. Direction from I-195: take Exit 11 (Imlaystown/Cox’s Corner) and turn south on Rt 43. At first intersection make left on Rt 526 then immediate right back on to Rt 43. After a mile, turn left on Emley’s Hill Road. Park is on the left.
Leader: David Bicking, (856) 249 - 0886, dbickin@yahoo.com
Meet at Clayton Park

May 03
Sunday
10:00 AM

Wissahickon & Cresheim Explorer by Rich Kranz
8 miles. Moderate pace. Following the Orange Trail, we’ll traverse the Fingerspan Bridge and pass Devils Pool on our way to lunch spot at Valley Green Inn. Afterwards, we will head upland along the scenic Cresheim Creek and wander through a stand of majestic pine trees with the sound of pine needles crunching underfoot before returning to the rocks, sand and mud. Rugged terrain. Sturdy shoes required. Bring or buy lunch at Valley Green. No Pets. Meet at 10:00 a.m. at Henry Ave. and Walnut Lane parking area.
Leader: Rich Kranz, 856-316-6292. streetpilot58@gmail.com
Meet at Clayton Park

May 03
Sunday
10:00 AM

GET YOUR FEET WET ON THE GREAT EGG HARBOR PADDLE.
Weymouth Furnace to the Lake. Good run for less experienced paddlers and usually very well attended. 4 hour trip. Bring lunch and hydration. Volunteer shuttle. Meet at Weymouth Furnace Park.
Leader Vicki S. call 856-341-3901, or ravingwriter@gmail.com
Meet at Weymouth Furnace

May 03
Sunday
02:00 PM

Riverside - Riverline Town Walk
Riverside - Riverline Town Walks. 3 miles, easy to moderate pace.
Meet at the Riverline station, from which we will explore the streets of this historic town.
Leader: David Bicking (856) 249 - 0886, dbickin@yahoo.com
Meet at Riverside Riverline State

May 04
Monday
09:00 AM

Walk From Bullock
A 6-8 mile moderate paced walk on the roads, trails and fire-cuts in Greenwood Forest Wildlife Management Area and Brendan Byrne SF. There are dozens of possibilities suitable to almost all conditions. I’ll select a different one each time to keep it interesting. Leader: Jay Schoss (609) 283 0252 or tree2short@aol.com at least a day prior for more info.
Meet at RR Crossing in Bullock

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Moorestown Walks by David Bicking
Moorestown Walks. approx 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 At library entrance.
Leader: David Bicking, (856) 249 - 0886, dbickin@yahoo.com
Meet at Moorestown Library

Friday Nite Fitness Hike
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Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds

Bus Trip to Washington, DC
Packed with famous sights, celebrated symbols of patriotism, and free attractions, the sights and sounds of the nation’s capital offer an inspiring experience. Ride the DC Circulator to all the sights (www.dccirculator.com). The Bus departs promptly at 7:30 am, rain or shine, so please arrive early. We’ll arrive DC around 10 -11 a.m.; depart DC for home promptly at 5:30 pm. Return arrival from DC is approx. 8:30 p.m. There will be a gratuity collection for driver. Leader: Erin O’Hanlon-Keys: Phone 609-652-6132 ; email: erin.ohanlon@stockton.edu. Snacks and beverages to share with others are welcome. Note: Trip is only open to paid club members and their guest. Meeting area is commuter parking lot near Boscov’s
**NOTE Special Event : European Union Embassies open house.
$37.00 per person
Meet at Moorestown Mall

Week-long Backpacking trip in Southern Vermont
May 9-16: Weeklong Backpacking trip on the Appalachian Trail in Vermont: We will be hiking from North-to-South on the trip, averaging a little over 9 miles per day (longest day is 11.5 miles). We will start where we stopped last year, at VT 11 (near x) and head south (first day, Saturday, its only 2.8 miles to shelter, since its such a long drive). We will end after crossing into Massachusetts on Friday, at North Adams, MA. An optional trip for folks can be to continue to backpack up to the top of x and stay at the hostel up there (we did it as a weekend trip in 2019 and its pretty nice). There is also the potential for folks who want to do half of this (example, hike Sat - Mon), so just let me know. For those who hiked last year, Kevin is intending to travel back north and pick up the 6 mile section he missed before, and you are welcome to join him.
Hike Leader is Kevin Drevik (856) 630-2485 or kdrevik@aol.com.

PADDLE THE MULLICA ON MOTHERS DAY.
PADDLE THE MULLICA ON MOTHERS DAY. Paddle the meandering Mullica River, Listen for the frog calls on the marsh. Atsion to Pleasant Mills, 11 miles, all day trip. Meet at Atsion Ranger Station Parking Lot.
Leader Vicki S. call 856-341-3901, or ravingwriter@gmail.com
Meet at Atsion Office

Walk From Bullock
A 6-8 mile moderate paced walk on the roads, trails and fire-cuts in Greenwood Forest Wildlife Management Area and Brendan Byrne SF. There are dozens of possibilities suitable to almost all conditions. I’ll select a different one each time to keep it interesting.
Leader: Jay Schoss (609) 283 0252 or tree2short@aol.com at least a day prior for more info.
Meet at RR Crossing in Bullock
Bowmans Wild Flower Walk. Slow to Mod pace 4 miles
Frequent stops to view and identify wild flowers. Probably no more than 4 miles. Restrooms. available at start and lunch.
Leader: Pat Burton. 609 472 8128. camperpat123@aol.com.
Limited to 15 people due to parking and nature of hike. Bring lunch and beverage
Meet at Bowman’s Hill Wildflower Preserve

MONTHLY CLUB MEETING
CLUB MEETING AT 7:00 pm. Board of Trustees. Activity Committees Leaders. New Cherry Hill Library, 1100 Kings Hwy. (Rt. 41) North of Route 70 in Cherry Hill. All welcome.
Meet at Cherry Hill Library

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Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds

Friendship and Bull’s Branch
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 Bickin, (856)-249-0886, dbickin@yahoo.com
Meet at Friendship

SOUTHWEST WISSAHICKON HIKE with Rich Kranz
8 miles, moderate pace. Come on along and help layout a reconfigured Southwest hike in one of my favorite areas of the park. I get impatient having to wait until October to run this hike from the Philly Canoe Club only to have to cancel due to rain, so I’m going to try running it out of Henry and Walnut instead. If it works out then we can enjoy this area more often. Either way I’m sure a good time will be had by all as we head south from the golf course and explore historic Rittenhousetown, Lovers Leap, the Hermits Cave, the bamboo corridor, 100 steps and Billy Penn. Lunch will be... wherever. Bring your GPS for mileage verification... should be about 8. Hopefully mother nature will provide us with a dry day. Rugged terrain. Sturdy shoes required. Bring lunch, beverage and meet at 10:00 a.m. at Henry Avenue and Walnut Lane parking area, Philadelphia, Pa. No Pets. Inclement weather may cancel. Check Meetup for updates.
Leader: Rich Kranz, 856 -316-6292. streetpilot58@gmail.com
Meet at Henry Ave. & Walnut Lane Parking Lot

PADDLE ON THE MAURICE RIVER PADDLE
PADDLE ON THE MAURICE RIVER PADDLE. Start at Garden Rd and end at Sherman Ave. 8 miles. Can be strenuous, and hazards include poison ivy. Pack lunch and water, bug and sun protection. Volunteer shuttle Call or email to confirm participation.
Leader: Vicki S. 856-341-3901 or ravingwriter@gmail.com
Meet at Maurice River

Walk From Bullock
A 6-8 mile moderate paced walk on the roads, trails and fire-cuts in Greenwood Forest Wildlife Management Area and Brendan Byrne SF. There are dozens of possibilities suitable to almost all conditions. I’ll select a different one each time to keep it interesting.
Leader: Jay Schoss (609) 283-0252 or tree2short@aol.com at least a day prior for more info.
Meet at RR Crossing in Bullock

Paddle The Oswego
Changed from Cedar Creek because of blockages.
We meet at Oswego Lake Put-In, Oswego Lake Road off Rte 563, Chatsworth. OSWEGO LAKE PARKING LOT 39°44’04.5"N 74°29’27.9"W
Volunteer shuttle.
Leader: Joe Logan. Call for info 609-893-9751 or mayandpops@aol.com
Meet at Lake Oswego parking lot

May 22
Friday
07:00 PM

Friday Nite Fitness Hike
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Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds

May 23
Saturday
10:00 AM

SUMMER KICK OFF GREAT EGG HARBOR PADDLE.
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Meet at Weymouth Furnace Park. Volunteer shuttle.
Leader Vicki S. call 856-341-3901, or ravingwriter@gmail.com
Meet at Weymouth Furnace

May 24
Sunday
09:00 AM

PADDLE THE WADING RIVER
We’ll meet at 9 AM, Route 563 and Godfrey Bridge Rd.
3065-3061 County Rd 563
Chatsworth, NJ 08019
39.693801, -74.528705
Look for Wadding River Camp Ground Sign. Call for info 609-893-9751 or mayandpops@aol.com.
Leader: Joe Logan mayandpops@aol.com

May 24
Sunday
02:00 PM

Delanco - Riverline Town Walk
3 miles, easy to moderate pace.
Meet at the Riverline station, from which we will explore the streets of this historic town.
Leader: David Bicking (856) 249-0886, dbickin@yahoo.com
Meet at Delanco Riverline Station

May 25
Monday
09:00 AM

Walk From Bullock
A 6-8 mile moderate paced walk on the roads, trails and fire-cuts in Greenwood Forest Wildlife Management Area and Brendan Byrne SF. There are dozens of possibilities suitable to almost all conditions. I’ll select a different one each time to keep it interesting.
Leader: Jay Schoss (609) 283 0252 or tree2short@aol.com at least a day prior for more info.
Meet at RR Crossing in Bullock

May 25
Monday
10:00 AM

MEMORIAL DAY PADDLE ON THE MULLICA.
Please contact Leader Vicki S. phone 856-341-3901, or ravingwriter@gmail.com
Meet at Atsion Office

May 29
Friday
07:00 PM

Friday Nite Fitness Hike
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Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds
Pyramid Mountain Hike

Another good hike that we need to go back to. Pyramid Mountain Natural Historic Area is full of hiking trails. The area boast 1530 acres of rugged trails, fields, Forrest, rock outcroppings and wetlands. The highest point in the park is 934 feet with a beautiful view of the New York City Skyline. Pyramid Mountain is home to Tripod Rock, a 180 ton boulder balanced on 3 smaller boulders. Bear Rock is also nearby. We'll hike about 6 1/2 miles but some pretty rough terrain at times. Please know your hiking limits. Some steep climbs involved in this hike, but the sights are worth it. We'll meet at 10:00 am in the parking lot. This is a popular spot to hike, parking may be difficult. Wear hiking boots and hiking poles are recommended (but not necessary). Bring lunch and plenty of water.

After the hike, we can drive into nearby town of Boonton for some eats before the drive home.

DIRECTIONS:
A GPS may not take you to the parking area for this hike. Read the directions and follow this map here on Meet Up for exact location
NJ Turnpike North to exit 11. This is the Garden State Parkway exit. Continue on Parkway north to exit 142B for Interstate 78 W toward Springfield. Take exit 48 for NJ-24 W toward I-87/Springfield/Morristown. Follow to 287 north. Take 287 N to exit 45. Go to bottom of the ramp and make a left on to Wootton Street. Wootton St to Boonton Ave and make a right. Go to the end of that road and turn right onto Rockaway Valley Rd. Make an IMMEDIATE LEFT (100 FEET TOPS) onto Boonton Ave again. The Pyramid Mountain parking area is about .75 miles up on the left. This ride is about a 2 hr ride or so from rt 73 & the NJ Turnpike.

For those that want to car pool. We’ll meet at the Wawa on route 73 north, right before the Turnpike entrance. Meet here at 7:30 am. We’ll be parking in the parking lot of the office complex right across the street from Wawa (same side of 73). We roll out of Wawa at 7:45, please be on time.

Leader - Doug Hillebrecht, 856-816-8824

Meet at Pyramid Mountain

MID WISSAHICKON VALLEY HIKE by Rich Kranz

8 miles, moderate pace. From the golf course, we’ll head north on the yellow trail and stop for a quick break at Valley Green Inn before heading to the Indian Statue for lunch. On the way back we’ll check out the Devils Pool, traverse the Fingerspan bridge and maybe stop to gaze into the mesmerizing waters of the creek from the Kitchens Lane Bridge. Rugged terrain. Sturdy shoes required. Bring lunch, beverage and meet 10 a.m. at Henry Ave. and Walnut Lane parking area.

Inclement weather may cancel. Check Meetup for updates.
Leader: Rich Kranz, 856-316-6292,
Meet at Henry Ave. & Walnut Lane Parking Lot

O' WE GO PADDLE the OSWEGO.

We meet at Oswego Lake Put-In. Pack Lunch. Volunteer shuttle. Call or email to confirm participation with any guests.
Leader: Vicki S. 856-341-3901 or ravingwriter@gmail.com
Meet at Lake Oswego Road

Beverly/Edgewater Park - Riverline Town Walk

3 miles, easy to moderate pace.
Meet at the Riverline station, from which we will explore the streets of these historic towns.
Leader: David Bicking (856) 249 - 0886, dbickin@yahoo.com
Meet at NJ TRANSIT-Beverly & Edgewater Park
June 01
Monday
09:00 AM

Walk From Bullock

A 6-8 mile moderate paced walk on the roads, trails and fire-cuts in Greenwood Forest Wildlife Management Area and Brendan Byrne SF. There are dozens of possibilities suitable to almost all conditions. I’ll select a different one each time to keep it interesting. Leader: Jay Schoss (609) 283 0252 or tree2short@aol.com at least a day prior for more info.

Meet at RR Crossing in Bullock

June 02
Tuesday
07:30 PM

Moorestown Walks by David Bicking

Moorestown Walks. approx 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 At library entrance.

Leader: David Bicking, (856) 249 - 0886, dbickin@yahoo.com

Meet at Moorestown Library

June 05
Friday
07:00 PM

Friday Nite Fitness Hike

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Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds

June 06
Saturday
10:00 AM

Manasquan Reservoir

5 miles, easy to moderate pace. We will see the panoramic views of the Reservoir from the perimeter trail. Meet outside the Visitor center at the main entrance.

Leader: David Bicking, (856) 249 - 0886, dbickin@yahoo.com

Meet at Manasquan Reservoir

June 07
Sunday
10:00 AM

WADING RIVER NEWBIE RUN

Have a kayak but are new to paddling in a group? Then this trip is for you! Meeting at Godfrey Bridge, taking out at Beaver Branch. 8 miles. Pack lunch and water, bug and sun protection.

Volunteer shuttle Call or email to confirm participation.

Leader: Vicki S. 856-341-3901 or ravingwriter@gmail.com

June 07
Sunday
02:00 PM

Burlington South - Riverline Town Walk

Riverline Town Walks. 3 miles, easy to moderate pace.

Meet at the Riverline station, from which we will explore the streets of this historic town.

Leader: David Bicking (856) 249 - 0886, dbickin@yahoo.com

Meet at NJ TRANSIT-Burlington South

June 08
Monday
09:00 AM

Walk From Bullock

A 6-8 mile moderate paced walk on the roads, trails and fire-cuts in Greenwood Forest Wildlife Management Area. There are dozens of possibilities suitable to almost all conditions. I’ll select a different one each time to keep it interesting.

Leader: Jay Schoss (609) 283 0252 or tree2short@aol.com at least a day prior for more info.

Meet at RR Crossing in Bullock

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PADDLE CEDAR CREEK
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For info contact
Leader: Joe Logan, 609@893#9751 or mayandpops@aol.com
Meet at Double Trouble State Park

MONTHLY CLUB MEETING
CLUB MEETING AT 7:00 pm. Board of Trustees, Activity Committees Leaders. New Cherry Hill
Library, 1100 Kings Hwy. (Rt. 41) North of Route 70 in Cherry Hill. All welcome.
Meet at Cherry Hill Library

HISTORIC CAPE MAY WEEKEND Friday to Sunday JUNE 12, 13, and 14, 2020
To start the summer session, you are cordially invited to join us for our annual Cape May outing.
Our headquarters, as in years past, will be THE CHALFONTE HOTEL, 301 Howard Street, Cape
May, New Jersey, (1-800-678-8946). Check in any time after 3:00 PM on Friday; check out by
midday on Sunday. This is a perfect outing for all club members. Our weekend starts with a Friday
night Welcome Buffet (a time to plan what you want to do). Breakfast is provided on both Saturday
and Sunday. On Saturday evening, there is a party on the porch with Hors D’oeuvres and drinks
and then a limited menu dinner in the dining room followed by desert.
ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THIS OVERNIGHT EVENT MUST BE OCSJ
No alcohol is permitted on this trip.
Click for more details including price.
https://ocsj.org/TRIP-DETAILS
Meet at Chalfonte Hotel

TASTE OF THE GREAT EGG HARBOR PADDLE.
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Meet at Weymouth Furnace

Burlington Towne Center - Riverline Town Walk
Riverline Town Walks. 3 miles, easy to moderate pace.
Meet at the Riverline station, from which we will explore the streets of this historic town.
Leader: David Bicking (856) 249 - 0886, dbickin@yahoo.com
Meet at NJ Transit - Burlington Towne Center

Beginner’s Hike on the Appalachian Trail: Harriman State Park in New York
June 20-21: Beginner’s Hike on the Appalachian Trail: Harriman State Park and the “Lemon
Squeezer!” Easy hike for beginners. We’ll meet in Southfield NY (about 2 hours from Cherry Hill)
where we will drive to the end point, drop off ½ the cars, then drive to the start point. The hike
starts out with a 500ft climb up to the top of Green Pond Mountain, through some lovely wildflow-
ers. From there, its 3.5 miles along a ridgeline (some little ups & downs) to the Fingerboard
shelter. Along the way, we’ll pass through extensive wildflowers, and get the opportunity to pass
through the “lemon squeezer” a famous point on the AT where you go through two large granite
boulders. I’ve never seen a guy get through with his pack on (too tight) but I have seen some
ladies make it. We’ll spend the night at the Fingerboard shelter (note: no privy), and the next day
climb to the top of Fingeboard Mountain, catch some views, and then descend to the pickup point
(a total of 1.4 miles for Sunday). If folks like, it’s a short car trip from there to the Bear Mountain
Lodge, Zoo and bridge over the Hudson river, maybe catch a bite to eat prior to heading home.
Unlimited number of participants.
Hike Leader is Kevin Drevik (856) 630-2485 or kdrevik@aol.com. Please email questions to
Kevin, or request pack list. I want this to be fun for all the folks coming!
FATHER’S DAY ON THE MAURICE RIVER PADDLE.
FATHER’S DAY ON THE MAURICE RIVER PADDLE. Eat your Wheaties for a real man’s trip. Start at
Garden Rd and end at Union Lake boat ramp on the longest day of the year. 10 miles. Pack lunch
and water, bug and sun protection. Volunteer shuttle Call or email to confirm participation.
Leader: Vicki S. 856-341-3901 or ravingwriter@gmail.com

Roebling - Riverline Town Walk
Roebling - Riverline Town Walks. 3 miles, easy to moderate pace.
Meet at the Riverline station, from which we will explore the streets of this historic town.
Leader: David Bicking (856) 249-0886, dbickin@yahoo.com
Meet at NJ TRANSIT-Roebling

ANNUAL GIRLS KAYAK CAMPOUT
Girls only overnight kayak campout on the Mullica River. Club Policy. this is a members only event.
Every person is responsible to bring their own boat, and be able to fit in your camping gear, and
food. Leader will bring extra stove to share. We will do our own shuttle which is on paved road.
Cost of campsites will be shared among # of participants. but plan on $5. per person. If you have
questions or need directions please call or e mail me before the event. I will be busy that day with
camp site registration etc. thanks. camperpat123@aol.com. 609 472 8128. No Dogs or small
children. Life preserver is a must All gear should be packed in waterproof containers. Campsite
has a water pump and a pit toilet PS. don’t forget to bring a chair!

Pakim Pond
Pakim Pond Hike 5 miles..moderate pace. We’ll hike the Red and White Trails and around the
bogs. Meet at the Pakim Pond parking lot.
Leader: David Bicking (856) 249-0886 dbickin@yahoo.com
Meet at Pakim Pond

TOMS RIVER WITH JOE LOGAN
Contact leader for directions and the section of the river that we will cover. I have four sections of
the Toms that we paddle. The upper section from Route 547 by Lakehurst NAS to Riverwood Park.
The middle section, from Riverwood Park to Winding River Park. The lower section from Toms
River, Huddy Park, up river and return, and the Toms River Bay from Huddy Park out and
around. The section that I will run will depend on water level and river blockage.
LEADER: Joe Logan, 609-634-1542, or mayandpops@aol.com
Meet at TOMS RIVER PUT-IN

Bordentown - Riverline Town Walk
Bordentown - Riverline Town Walks. 3 miles, easy to moderate pace.
Meet at the Riverline station, from which we will explore the streets of this historic town.
Leader: David Bicking (856) 249 - 0886, dbickin@yahoo.com
Meet at NJ TRANSIT-Bordentown
The Outdoor Club of South Jersey is a not for profit organization dedicated to providing opportunities for extending the individual’s awareness, knowledge, appreciation, and enjoyment of the environment through experiences in outdoor activities.

The Club is committed to the wise use, preservation, and respect for the outdoors and its natural beauty.

The Club is made up of people of all ages who are involved with the outdoors. All activities are led by volunteer members. The Club offers all members an opportunity to be a part of or to create their own outdoor experience or activity. The activity in any one schedule represents what the advisory committees and leaders want to do for the general membership. The Club represents a 52 week, year round program of outdoor activities consisting of backpacking, bicycling, camping, canoeing/kayaking, cross country skiing, and hiking.

While most of the activities center around the South Jersey area in nearby state parks and forests, local rural roads, and small rivers of the pine barrens, they have also ranged north to Maine, south to Virginia, and as far west as California.

The individual members’ involvement, efforts, volunteer hours, and special contributions are what make the Outdoor Club of South Jersey unique.

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INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP
☐ $20.00 - 1 year

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP
(Include children under 18)
☐ $25.00 - 1 year

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Co-Applicant Last Name ________________________________ First Name __________ M.I.
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