

OUTDOOR CLUB of
SOUTH JERSEY

TREKKER

Autumn 2010

After a Sizzling Summer
Enjoy an Awesome Fall!

Cool Breezes, Crisp Nights!

Lots to do outdoors . . .

See inside . . .



Celebrating 43 Years of Outdoor Experiences!

CHECK THE OCSJ WEBSITE ON YOUR COMPUTER AT WWW.OCSJ.ORG
FOR LATEST TRIP INFORMATION.
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Outdoor Club of South Jersey

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

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

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

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

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

MEETINGS

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

A Message From The President

The Fall trips and events are here. The leaders have organized some great trips for the Fall cycle which covers October through December. It is a great time of the year when there are trips and events for every activity section.

We offer activities for all ranges and continue to offer beginner trips to attract new people as well as continue offering modest activities. We are also always on the lookout for new ideas and activities. Leaders come up with new activities all the time, and if you have an idea, let your trip leader know or write me about it.

As a member, you can become involved in the club from leading to participating in the club organization. The club appreciates help in many activities, committees, and board functions, which keeps the OCSJ going strong. If you would like to learn more, please contact me.

Have a great Fall season and enjoy the activities and thank the leaders for all the volunteer efforts.

Tom Neigel,
OCSJ President
tomncenter-ocsj@yahoo.com

NEWS AND NOTES

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

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

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

TRAIL MAINTENANCE

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

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.

Coming Events

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CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR ALL SKIING/SNOWSHOEING TRIPS.

OCSJ ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY, DECEMBER 4. A perennial sellout so make your reservations early for this gala event. Great food! Great dancing! Great conviviality! See page ___ for details. There is a deadline for reservations. Send in your order for tickets now!

OCTOBER 1–3 OCSJ FALL CAMPOREE – BASS RIVER STATE FOREST - Camping, hiking, kayaking, biking. Sleeping in the pines to the sounds of nature. Come on down! Join in the fun! We have a group campsite for the weekend. Check in Friday after 2:00 p.m. or Saturday a.m. Campfire each night. Saturday you can hike, bike or relax at the lake. Hike and canoe/kayak trips are planned for Saturday. On Sunday, after a leisurely breakfast you must break camp. Then you can spend the afternoon hiking, biking or paddling. Bring your bikes and canoes or kayaks! There will be a small per person campsite fee.

Campers must call or email the leader and make a reservation by September 26. Members not camping are welcome to join the daily activities. Check web site in September for more details.

Directions: Entrance is on Stage Road, 3.4 miles E. of Rt. 679 (from the W and NW) or 6 miles W of Tuckerton (from the E and N) or 3 miles N of New Gretna (from the S). From all points, follow signs. For GPS users: 762 Stage Road, Tuckerton, NJ 08087. GPS Coordinates DMS 39° 37' 14.30" N 74° 25'28. 83" W.

Leader: Scott Eves, 609-805-1463, cscotteves@gmail.com
Co-Leader: Bruce Steidel, 609-915-0956 backpacking@ocsj.org

OCTOBER 8–11 COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND IN LONDONDERRY. VT. Stay in private home (sleeps 10), hike, or sightsee. Last year was peak of fall colors. Cost approx \$90 pp for 3 nights incl. breakfast. Eileen Greve, 609-877-1723 or egreve212@gmail.com

OCTOBER IS PINELANDS MONTH. A month long celebration of the Pinelands with all kinds of activities on-going. Cranberry harvest fairs, festivals, wagon and walking tours, nature walks, and hikes. Pinelands month opening celebration is held at Whitesbog Village.

NEW YEARS DAY HIKE. See January 1, 2011 entry.

X/C SKIING AT NEW YEAR. What better way to ring in the New Year than on a X/C ski trip in a snowy wonderland? We have 2 trips and there might still be room available. Call the leaders right away for details. CRAFTSBURY, VT, DECEMBER 29 TO JANUARY 2. . Call Fran Horn, 856- 786 -0048 or franhorn@aol.com PULASKI, NY DECEMBER 30 TO JANUARY 2 Eileen Greve, 609-877-1723 or egreve212@gmail.com



BACKPACKING/CAMPING

A Message from the Backpacking/Camping Activity Chair



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

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

The backpacking section needs a couple of new assistant leaders. Please call or send an e-mail if interested. We will train you.

Bruce Steidel
backpacking@ocsj.org

BACKPACK TRIP RATING SYSTEM

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



BICYCLING

A Message From the Bicycling Activity Chair



By the time you're reading this, the unbelievable HEAT of the Summer of 2010 will have hopefully subsided. We can only wish that the Fall will bring some cooler riding weather.

While it was a very dry summer (which meant lots of riding for some) it ended up being a very accident-riddled season. Riders of all levels and various club affiliations were involved in numerous pile-ups, some very serious. We lost a great friend in Lee Jordan, who succumbed to serious injuries from his crash. It's imperative that everyone take a step back and evaluate not only themselves as a cyclist, but our group rides as a whole. What are we doing wrong? What can we do to be safer? While not every accident was caused by a cyclist, we all can certainly do a better job at keeping our rides safe. If you would like to personally improve your skills, consider taking a Safe Riding course like the one offered by our own Fran Horn. You would be surprised at how much you don't know despite your experience level. If you see anything that we can do to make our rides safer, please let your leader, Ride Coordinator or me know.

As always, we need more ride leaders in all classes. The more leaders we have, the more rides we have. Cue sheets are available on the website, and most leaders would be willing to give advice and assistance to a first-time leader.

Please step up to the challenge and lead a ride this fall.
Ride safely and ENJOY THE (hopefully) COOL FALL!

Tony Marchionne
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609-828-0268



CANOEING/KAYAKING



A Message from the Canoeing/Kayak Activity Chair

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

Thank your leader, they make trips possible.

Frank Pearce

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



HIKING



A Message from the Hiking Chair

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

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

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

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

Bruce Steidel

hiking@ocsj.org

HIKE DESCRIPTIONS

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

HIKING GUIDE

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

BW - Bushwhacking

WF - Wet feet possible

NS - No stops

NP - No pets

NC - No children

FS - Few stops

LP - Leashed Pet

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

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

The excitement of winter skiing and snowshoeing is only a few months away. Don't be left out. Your leaders have put together a wonderful schedule of trips for a weekend or a week. Check the website: www.ocsj.org for details, or call or Email the leaders listed for the trips you are interested in. Remember that a deposit holds your place on a trip.

Also, check the website for the location and date of the Fall X/C ski meeting. A good time to sign up for the trip of your choice.

Thanks

Eileen Greve

35 North Hill Dr, Westampton, NJ 08060-5723

home: 609 877-1723 cell: 609 204-6451

egreve212@gmail.com

- DEC. 29-JAN. 2 CRAFTSBURY, NORTHERN VERMONT.** 5 nights inc. all meals and trail fees. If interested contact leader, ASAP!! Fran Horn, 856-786-0048 or franhorn@aol.com
- DEC. 30 TO JAN. 2 PULASKI, NY north of Syracuse.** 4 nights with breakfast and gala NY's eve dinner. Eileen Greve, 609-877-1723 or egreve212@gmail.com
- JAN. 7 TO 9 PROSPECT MTN, BENNINGTON, VT.** 2 nights Free ski lessons. Dan McAuliffe, 215-630-7478 or DNMLogistics@msn.com
- JAN. 14 TO 17 KEENE VALLEY, NY NEAR LAKE PLACID.** MLK weekend 3 nights Ski or snowshoe. Steve Bailey, 609-737-7138 or sbailey@pds.org
- NEW TRIP JAN. 21 TO 23 MOUNTAIN MEADOWS, CENTRAL VT.** 2 nights, all meals, 3 day ski pass. Dennis & Fran McKane, 609-707-5695 dennisfran1@verizon.net Can link to Stowe trip, below.
- NEW DATES JAN. 23 TO 28 STOWE, VT.** 5 nights (option for 4 or 3). My fav place to ski! Eileen Greve, 609-877-1723 or Egreve212@gmail.com
Can link to Weston trip, below.
- JAN. 28 TO 30 COLONIAL HOUSE INN, WESTON, VT.** -southern VT. 2 nights. Revisit an old favorite. Eileen Greve, 609-877-1723 or Egreve212@gmail.com
Can link to Stowe, above.
- JAN. 30 TO FEB. 2 BLACKWATER FALLS LODGE, DAVIS, WV.** 3 nights with most meals. Pool & hot tub. Ann & John Palaitis, 856-810-2487 or palaitis@verizon.net
- FEB. 3 TO 6 LONDONDERRY, VT.** 3 nights in private chalet with breakfast & dinner. Eileen Greve, 609-877-1723 or egreve212@gmail.com
- FEB. 4 TO 9 QUEBEC CITY – WINTER CARNIVAL.** Sounds fantastic!! See full description on OCSJ website. Dan McAuliffe, 215-630-7478 or DNMLogistics@msn.com Link to Bretton Woods, below.
- FEB. 9 TO 13 BRETTON WOODS, NH.** One of the top X/C resorts in North America with 100 km trails. Too many amenities to list here. Dan McAuliffe, 215-630-7478 or DNMLogistics@msn.com
- FEB. 18 TO 21 PULASKI, NY NORTH OF SYRACUSE.** 3 nights Presidents Day weekend. Great skiing in Snowbelt. Eileen Greve, 609-877-1723 Egreve212@gmail.com
- MAR. 4 TO 6 LAPLAND LAKES IN THE SOUTHERN ADIRONDACK MTNS., NY.** 2 nights. Dan McAuliffe, 215-630-7478 DNMLogistics@msn.com

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



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

Any questions call
Millie Moore
856-468-9709, e-mail
mmoore7778@aol.com
or
Frank Pearce
(Decorations Chair) at
hornet71@verizon.net
856-767-2780

FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS: Bring your favorite "covered dish " to serve 8-10 people or if you prefer, \$10 extra per person will cover your food contribution. E-mail Kathleen Pearce: bakerkp1@verizon.net (preferably) or call 856-767-2780 as soon as possible to let her know what dish you are bringing or to find out what is needed.

BYOB: Soft drinks and set-ups will be provided. Dress up or be casual. DJ music will be provided for your dining and dancing pleasure.

Mail check and form below by November 24 to:

Millie Moore
31 Cape May Avenue Sewell, NJ 08080-1206

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

Number of reservations _____ X \$15.00 = _____

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail _____



OCTOBER



"The mind is everything, what you think, you become."

RESERVATIONS AND DEADLINES

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

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR ALL SKIING/SNOWSHOEING TRIPS.

OCSJ ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY, DECEMBER 4. See page 9 or details.

LAKE EFFECT SUNDAY EDITION HIKE. Call leader..

LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK WEDNESDAY HIKES. Call leader..

OCSJ FALL CAMPOREE. See October 1-3 entry.

COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND. See October 8-11 entry.

APPALACHIAN TRAIL BACKPACK: LEHIGH GAP TO 'THE CLIFFS' AND BEAR

ROCK. See November 6-7 entry.

COOL WEATHER BACKPACK. See November 20-21 entry.

NEW YEARS DAY HIKE. See January 1 entry.

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

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OCTOBER 1-3

Friday to Sunday

OCSJ FALL CAMPOREE – BASS RIVER STATE FOREST -

Camping, hiking, kayaking, biking. Sleeping in the pines to the sounds of nature. Come on down! Join in the fun! We have a group campsite for the weekend. Check in Friday after 2:00 p.m. or Saturday a.m. Campfire each night. Saturday you can hike, bike or relax at the lake. Hike and canoe/kayak trips are planned for Saturday. On Sunday, after a leisurely breakfast you must break camp. Then you can spend the afternoon hiking, biking or paddling. Bring your bikes and canoes or kayaks! There will be a small per person campsite fee. Campers must call or e-mail the leader and make a reservation by September 26. Members not camping are welcome to join the daily activities. Check web site in September for more details. Directions: Entrance is on Stage Road, 3.4 miles E. of Rt. 679 (from the W and NW) or 6 miles W of Tuckerton (from the E and N) or 3 miles N of New Gretna (from the S). From all points, follow signs. For GPS users: 762 Stage Road Tuckerton, NJ 08087. GPS Coordinates DMS 39° 37' 14.30" N 74° 25'28. 83" W Leader: Scott Eves, 609-805-1463, cscotteves@gmail.com Co-Leader: Bruce Steidel, 609-915-0956 backpacking@ocsj.org

OCTOBER 1

Friday

7:00 p.m.



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

preventing blisters (avoid cotton socks). The first Friday of each month there is a dessert/dinner stop after the hike at a local restaurant. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com

OCTOBER 3

Sunday
9:30 a.m.



BEGINNERS HIKE. 3 to 4 miles. Slow to moderate pace depending on everyone's ability. Brendan Byrne State Forest. Meet at Pakim Pond. We will walk trails and sand roads with only stops for clothing adjustments, drink or pit stops. Bring bug spray, the critters will still be about, plenty of fluids, kids, dogs and cats, all on leashes. Only cookies for dogs will be provided. There are tables for picnic lunch afterwards if you want to bring your lunch. Note start time. Leader: Faye, 732-363-9242 home.

OCTOBER 3

Sunday
11:00 a.m.



LAKE EFFECT SUNDAY EDITION HIKE. 3.5 miles, moderate/brisk pace, some hills, mud, and bushwhacking. Meet at the sports complex parking lot off East Holly Avenue, between Hurffville Cross Keys Road, (Rt. 654) and Delsea Drive (Rt. 47). This is adjacent to Washington Lake Park, 626 Hurffville Cross Keys Road, Sewell, NJ (Washington Township). Leader: Rick Galster, C: 856-449-6636 or retslager55@hotmail.com. Call prior to hike.

OCTOBER 5

Tuesday
9:30 a.m.



BYRNE STATE FOREST HIKE. 5 to 6 miles, moderate pace. Brendan Byrne State Forest ranger station. A walk along trails and sand roads, through a cool cedar swamp. Only stops for clothing adjustments, fluid breaks or pit stops. We will be back by lunchtime if you want to bring lunch and eat at the tables by the parking lot. Dogs welcome and cookies provided. Note start time. Leader: Faye, 732-363-9242 home.

OCTOBER 6

Wednesday
10:30 a.m.

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

OCTOBER 6

Wednesday
4:00 p.m.



LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE. 3.5 miles, moderate/brisk pace, some hills, mud, and bushwhacking. Meet at the sports complex parking lot off East Holly Av. between Hurffville Cross Keys Road, (Rt. 654) and Delsea Drive (Rt. 47). This is adjacent to Washington Lake Park, 626 Hurffville Cross Keys Road, Sewell, NJ (Washington Township). Leader: Rick Galster, C: 856-449-6636 or retslager55@hotmail.com. Call prior to hike.

OCTOBER 7

Thursday
6:30 p.m.

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

OCTOBER 8

Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NIGHT FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See October 1 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com.

OCTOBER 10

Sunday
9:30 a.m.

DISCOVER THE MAURICE. Meet at Malaga Super WaWa Route 40 at Delsea Drive. Paddle will be from Willow Grove to Sherman Avenue, about 4 to 5 hour route. Remember the areas first residents at Indian Point, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Volunteer shuttle. Pack lunch. Leader: Vicki S., 856-256-9568 or ravingwriter@netzero.com

OCTOBER 10

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

MID WISSAHICKON VALLEY HIKE. 5 or 7 miles, moderate pace. We'll check out Devils Pool, traverse the Fingerspan bridge, pause by "The Falls" and climb our way to the Indian Statue. Rugged terrain. Sturdy shoes required. Wimp out at 5 miles. Bring or buy lunch at the Valley Green Inn. NP. Meet before 10:00 a.m. at Crate & Barrel, Cherry Hill Mall, or by 10:45 a.m. at Henry Avenue and Walnut Lane parking area. Leader: Rich Kranz, 856-316-6292, kranzdnr@verizon.net

OCTOBER 10

Sunday
11:00 a.m.

LAKE EFFECT SUNDAY EDITION HIKE. 3.5 miles, Sewell, NJ. Moderate/brisk pace, some hills, mud, and bushwhacking. See October 3 listings for details.

OCTOBER 11

Monday
9:30 a.m.

WHITESBOG HIKE. 6-7 miles, moderate pace. Walking along sand roads with no scheduled stops. Picnic tables are available if you want to bring lunch. Dogs on leash are welcome and cookies will be provided. Leader: Faye, 732-363-9242 home.

OCTOBER 13

Wednesday
9:00 a.m.



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

OCTOBER 13

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

WASHINGTON CROSSING/ UNKNOWN SOLDIERS OF REVOLUTARY WAR HIKE. 10 miles, moderate pace (3mph). Meet at Washington Crossing, New Jersey side on Rt. 29 aprox. 8 miles north of Trenton. At Washington Crossing, turn left at light and then make an immediate right (before crossing into Pa.) into the parking lot. We will cross the river and continue along the towpath to site and lunch at the Pavilion. Bring your lunch. Heavy rain cancels. Leaders: Joe Hummel, 856-235-88170 and Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609.

OCTOBER 13

Wednesday
4:00 p.m.


LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE. 3.5 miles, Sewell, NJ. Moderate/brisk pace, some hills, mud, and bushwhacking. See October 6 listings for details.

OCTOBER 14


Thursday
6:30 p.m.



ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, S. Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Boulevard cancels. See October 7 listing for details.


OCTOBER 14  **ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING.** Election of officers to manage the Club in 2010. Come out and support your candidates. Board of Trustees, Activity Committees, Leaders. New Cherry Hill Library, 1100 Kings Highway (Rt. 41), North of Route 70 in Cherry Hill
Thursday
7:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 15
Friday
7:00 p.m.
FRIDAY NIGHT FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See October 1 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com.

OCTOBER 16
Saturday
9:00 a.m.
 **CANOE / KAYAK TOMS RIVER.** Follow the route of the Annual Toms River Canoe Race without the competition. Ten miles of changing scenery and river conditions from park and forest to open bay and river. Contact leaders to confirm participation. We will meet at Friendly's on Rt. 37, just past mile post 4, on the East bound side. Come early and join us for breakfast. Bring six quarters for the parking meter at the take out. Joe Logan, 609-634-1542, or mayandpops@aol.com

OCTOBER 16
Saturday
10:00 a.m.
MOORESTOWN LIBRARY TO POMPESTON CREEK HIKE. 5 miles, easy to moderate pace. Wet feet as we ford the creek. We start at the Moorestown Library, and track the Pompeston Creek through Moorestown. We will go through Maple Dawson Park, Pompeston Park, to the Pompeston Easement. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

OCTOBER 17
Sunday
9:00 a.m.
MICHAEL HUBER PRAIRIE WARBLER PRESERVE HIKE. 8-10 miles at a steady moderate pace. An interesting upland pine-oak woodland area crossed by a few feeder streams of Burr's Mill Creek. Some of the trails are blazed but not fully cleared, so expect some rough spots (boots are recommended and a stick for balance). Lunch along the way. Meet at the sign at the entrance to the preserve on Sooy Place Road about 4.3 miles from route 70. Sooy Place Road can also be accessed from 563 north of Chatsworth. Leader: Jay Schoss, e-mail: walkinginmud@aol.com phone: 908 -692-5765.

OCTOBER 17  **BATSTO FALL FESTIVAL HIKE.** 9 miles, moderate pace. Walk the nature trail p the Batsto River to Goodwater Bridge. Then return the Batsto Village to visit the festival. Bring lunch. Meet in the woods opposite Pleasant Mills Church, off Rt. 542, just before the entrance to Batsto. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

OCTOBER 17
Sunday
10:00 a.m.

**NEW HIKERS
WELCOME**

BELLEPLAIN FOREST BEGINNERS HIKE. 8-9 miles, moderate pace. This is a great hike at a moderate pace with a rich variety of habitats: Atlantic white cedar and mixed hardwood swamps, oak-hickory forest, old fields, and freshwater lakes, with a possible view of Bald Eagles. Meet at Belleplain Main Office. Off of Route 550, between Woodbine and Belleplain (DMS 39 14 36.85 N 74 50 58.29" W) (www.nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/parks/belle.html). NC/NP. Bring lunch and water. Really bad weather cancels, Call day of hike or check website (www.ocsj.org) to confirm. Leader: Scott Eves, 609-805-1463, Please e-mail me for directions at: cscotteves@gmail.com.

OCTOBER 17

Sunday
11:00 a.m.



LAKE EFFECT SUNDAY EDITION HIKE. 3.5 miles, Sewell, NJ. Moderate/brisk pace, some hills, mud, and bushwhacking. See October 3 listings for details.

OCTOBER 18

Monday
10:00 a.m.

PEMBERTON RAILS TRAILS HIKE. 5 miles, easy pace. A leisurely walk along and near the Rancocas River on open woodland trails and back through the town of Pemberton. Meet at Burger King parking lot on Hanover Street. in Pemberton. Pemberton is located east of Mount Holly. Check your map. From Rt. 206 take Rt. 530 East. Go to Hanover St, at traffic light.. Burger King is on the corner. Extreme weather cancels. Leaders: Manny Robbins, 856-428-4841. Peppy Bath, 609-587-4849. pep157@optonline.net.

OCTOBER 19

Tuesday
9:30 a.m.

MCDONALD BRANCH BOGS HIKE. 6 to 7 miles, moderate pace. No stops unless needed. Walk along some bogs, some wood roads. Dogs are welcome and cookies will be provided. Forest Drive is off Rt. 70 at the traffic light of Presidential and Lebanon Lakes. About 2 miles in is a parking area on the right with a large tree at a bog. We leave on time so allow extra time if your not sure where we will be. We start on time. Leader: Faye, 732-363-9242 home. Cell 908-692-5765.

OCTOBER 20

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

PARKER PRESERVE HIKE. 8-9 miles, moderate pace. Meet at Parker Preserve north gate, 0.7 miles west of Chatsworth on Rt. 532. Across from Chatsworth Lake. GPS N 39 48.831, W 074 32.860. This is a new hike on seldom used trails, may be a little brushy in a few places. We'll hike along a branch of the Wading River and see a beaver dam and a lodge. We'll also check out one of the wildlife observation platforms. Bring lunch. We'll stop at an old cabin that hopefully will still have a roof on it. Leader: Jack Dalton, 609 296 1805, w2hds@comcast.net.

OCTOBER 20

Wednesday
4:00 p.m.

LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE. 3.5 miles, Sewell, NJ. Moderate/brisk pace, some hills, mud, and bushwhacking. See October 6 listings for details.

OCTOBER 21

Thursday
6:30 p.m.

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, S. Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Boulevard cancels. See October 7 listing for details.

OCTOBER 22

Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NIGHT FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See October 1 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com.

OCTOBER 23

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

BEGINNER'S HIKE. 6 miles, moderate pace. We'll hike to the ruins of a CCC camp from the early 1930's. Then climb a hill with a view. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet at Lake Oswego parking. Leader: Christine Denneler, 856-461-5379.

OCTOBER 24

Sunday
9:30 a.m.
or 10:45 a.m.



CARBON COUNTY, PA HIKE. 8 to 10 miles. Easy to moderate pace. Meet for carpooling and/or caravan in Macy's parking lot adjacent to Germantown Pike at Plymouth Meeting Mall (off PA turnpike interchange # 333 - Norristown) for departure at 9:30 A.M. SHARP or meet at the Shell Station/Subway (just off

the PA Turnpike - Northeast Extension - Rt. 476 - Exit #74 - Mahoning Valley) on Rt. 209 on the right hand side going towards Lehighton at 10:45 a.m. We will hike somewhere in Carbon County, PA (exact location to be determined later). Possible water crossings and some bushwhacking. The fall colors should be around their peak. Leader: Milt Cannan, 856-983-9076. Note that this is a joint hike with the Batona Hiking Club. Check the OCSJ website about a week before for the exact location of the hike.

OCTOBER 24

Sunday
10:00 a.m.



HAWK MOUNTAIN HIKE. 8-10 miles, moderate pace. No Pets! Bring lunch, binoculars and something to sit on. Hike the AT to North Lookout to watch the migration of birds, which hopefully will include hawks. Hiking boots are a must for rock climbing. This can be a strenuous hike. Take the PA. Turnpike, NE Extension to exit #33. Go west on I-78 to exit # 35. Take PA 143 North. Follow signs for Hawk Mt. Road and park where the AT crosses. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792 or the day of hike call our cell, 609-332-9262. Optional dinner afterwards.

OCTOBER 24

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

SOUTH WISSAHICKON HIKE. 4 or 8 miles, moderate pace. We'll start out at a new meeting place, the Philadelphia Canoe Club and then hike up through the Gorge to meet with "Billy Penn" for lunch. I wonder what stories he can tell us? We'll also visit Devil's Pool and return via everyone's favorite footbridge, the "Fingerspan". Rugged terrain, sturdy shoes required. Bring lunch, beverage. NP at all times. Meet before 10:00 a.m. at the Crate & Barrel Store, Cherry Hill Mall, or by 10:30 a.m. at the Philadelphia Canoe Club. E-mail me for directions. Leader: Rich Kranz, 856-316-6292, kranzdnr@verizon.net.

NEW HIKE!

OCTOBER 24

Sunday
11:00 a.m.

LAKE EFFECT SUNDAY EDITION HIKE. 3.5 miles, Sewell, NJ. Moderate/brisk pace, some hills, mud, and bushwhacking. See October 3 listings for details.

OCTOBER 25

Monday
9:00 a.m.



PAKIM POND HIKE. 6 to 7 miles, moderate pace with limited stops. We will take the pink to the ranger station and the red and back. No stops except for fluids, clothing adjustments or pit stops. We will be back at the cars before lunch. Dogs welcome, cookies provided. Be on time, we leave promptly. Leader: Faye, 732-363-9242.

OCTOBER 27

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

ATLANTIC CITY BOARDWALK HIKE. 8 miles, moderate pace Hike the boardwalk in Atlantic City. The heat is over and the crowds are gone. Eat lunch on the beach on pick something up. Meet at Gardner's Basin at 10 a.m. Leaders: Jan, 609-404-4990 and Toni, 609-652-0112.

OCTOBER 27

Wednesday
4:00 p.m.

LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE. 3.5 miles, Sewell, NJ. Moderate/brisk pace, some hills, mud, and bushwhacking. See October 6 listings for details.

OCTOBER 28

Thursday
6:30 p.m.

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, S. Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Blvd cancels. See October 7 listing for details.

OCTOBER 29

Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NIGHT FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See October 1 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com.

OCTOBER 30

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

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

OCTOBER 31

Sunday
11:00 a.m.

LAKE EFFECT SUNDAY EDITION HIKE. 3.5 miles, Sewell, NJ. Moderate/brisk pace, some hills, mud, and bushwacking. See October 3 listings for details.



NOVEMBER



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

RESERVATIONS AND DEADLINES

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

OCSJ ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY, DECEMBER 4. See page 9 for details.

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR ALL SKIING/SNOWSHOEING TRIPS.

LAKE EFFECT SUNDAY EDITION HIKE. Call leader.

LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK WEDNESDAY HIKES. Call leader.

APPALACHIAN TRAIL BACKPACK: LEHIGH GAP TO 'THE CLIFFS' AND BEAR ROCK. See November 6-7 entry.

COOL WEATHER BACKPACK. See November 20-21 entry.

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

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

CYCLISTS JOIN THE GOOGLE GROUPS FOR THE LATEST TRIP INFORMATION.

FOR DETAILS GO TO THE BICYCLING HOME PAGE.

NOVEMBER 3

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.



APPLE HILL HIKE. 9 miles, moderate pace. Meet at Parker Preserve south gate. 2.7 miles south of Chatsworth on Rt. 563. GPS N 39 46.733 W 074 32.472. This will be a circuit hike to Apple Pie Hill and back, across the Parker Preserve. Bring lunch. We'll check out one of the new wildlife observation platforms on the way back. Jack Dalton, 609 296 1805, w2hds@comcast.net.

NOVEMBER 3

Wednesday
4:00 p.m.



LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE. 3.5 miles, moderate/brisk pace, some hills, mud, and bushwacking. Meet at the sports complex parking lot off East Holly Avenue between Hurffville Cross Keys Road, (Rt. 654) and Delsea Drive (Rt. 47). This is adjacent to Washington Lake Park, 626

Hurffville Cross Keys Road, Sewell, NJ (Washington Township).
Leader: Rick Galster, C: 856-449-6636 or
retslager55@hotmail.com. Call prior to hike.

NOVEMBER 4

Thursday
6:30 p.m.

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

NOVEMBER 5

Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NIGHT FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. The ongoing, every Friday night, all year round, Friday night fitness hike; where we try to work up a sweat exploring the sand roads and trails of Brendan Byrne State Forest. Be prepared to walk at an average of 4 MPH, 15 minutes per mile pace with few breaks. Bring water and wear well broken in boots, shoes, or sneakers (sneakers are adequate in dry conditions). Socks are also important footgear; synthetics and wool being better at preventing blisters (avoid cotton socks). The first Friday of each month there is a dessert/dinner stop after the hike at a local restaurant. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com alison@mikebaker.com.

NOVEMBER 6

Saturday
9:00 a.m.

SOUTH LEBANNON HIKE. 8-10 miles moderate paced walk - This is not the area south of the Litani River, but the southern portion of Brendan Byrne State Forest. Meet at the field in what was once the campground at Brendan Byrne, across from what once were the shower houses, near what was once the Lebanon Glassworks, where now more ghosts walk. Leader: Jay Schoss, e-mail: mailto:walkinginmud@aol.com phone by Friday: 908- 692-5765.

NOVEMBER 6-7

Sat.-Sun.



APPALACHIAN TRAIL BACKPACK: LEHIGH GAP TO 'THE CLIFFS' AND BEAR ROCK. 14 miles. Start at the Lehigh Gap and hike south, past 'The Devils Pulpit' with great views of the Lehigh Gap & Lehigh Valley. We'll spend the night at the Bake Oven shelter. The next morning, we'll head south to Bake Oven knob, then past Bear Rocks and 'The Cliffs' before descending to US309. (The Cliffs' and Bear rocks will require some rock scrambling.) Plenty of views and opportunities for Bird watching. Max 8 people. Leader: Kevin Drevik, 856-778-3817 kdrevik@aol.com

NOVEMBER 7

Sunday
9:30 a.m.

BYRNE STATE FOREST BEGINNERS HIKE. 3 to 4 miles. Slow to moderate pace accordingly. Brendan Bryne State Forest Ranger Station. We will walk on trails and sand roads with stops only for clothing adjustments, fluid or bathroom breaks. Leashed kids and pets are welcome with cookies provided only for the canine pets. Tables are available if you want to bring your lunch. Note start time. Leader: Faye, 732-363-9242 home.

NOVEMBER 7

Sunday
9:30 a.m.

VOTE FOR THE MAURICE. Exercise your right to paddle the wild and scenic Maurice River. Meeting at Garden Road, exit 35 off Rt. 55, Vineland. End at Sherman Avenue. Pack lunch, hydration, and change of clothes in drybag. Volunteer shuttle. Leader: Vicki S., 856-256-9568 or ravingwriter@netzero.com

NOVEMBER 7

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

**NEW HIKERS
WELCOME**

BELLEPLAIN FOREST BEGINNERS HIKE. 8-9 miles, moderate pace. This is a great hike at a moderate pace with a rich variety of habitats: Atlantic white cedar and mixed hardwood swamps, oak-hickory forest, old fields, and freshwater lakes, with a possible view of Bald Eagles. Meet at Belleplain Main Office. Off of Route 550, between Woodbine and Belleplain (DMS 39 14 36.85 N 74 50 58.29" W) (www.nj.gov/dep/park-sandforests/parks/belle.html). NC/NP. Bring lunch and water. Really bad weather cancels. Call day of hike or check website (www.ocsj.org) to confirm. Leader: Scott Eves, 609-805-1463, Please e-mail me for directions at: cscotteves@gmail.com

NOVEMBER 7

Sunday
11:00 a.m.

✓ **LAKE EFFECT SUNDAY EDITION HIKE.** 3.5 miles, moderate/brisk pace, some hills, mud, and bushwhacking. Meet at the sports complex parking lot off East Holly Avenue between Hurffville Cross Keys Road, (Rt. 654) and Delsea Drive (Rt. 47). This is adjacent to Washington Lake Park, 626 Hurffville Cross Keys Road, Sewell, NJ (Washington Township). Leader: Rick Galster, C: 856-449-6636 or retslager55@hotmail.com. Call prior to hike.

NOVEMBER 10

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

OLD HUNTERS TRAIL HIKE. 10-11 miles, moderate pace. We'll explore a trail used by hunters in the past. Return by the familiar Yellow Trail. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet at Atsion, next to the Wharton Office. Leaders: Christine Denneker, 856-461-5379, Pat Burton, 856-767-8064

NOVEMBER 10

Wednesday
4:00 p.m.

LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE. 3.5 miles, Sewell, NJ. Moderate/brisk pace, some hills, mud, and bushwhacking. See November 3 listings for details.

NOVEMBER 11

Thursday
6:30 p.m.

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, S. Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Boulevard cancels. See November 4 listing for details.

NOVEMBER 11

Thursday
7:30 p.m.



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

NOVEMBER 12

Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NIGHT FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See November 5 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com.

NOVEMBER 13

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

GOSHEN POND 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.

NOVEMBER 14

Sunday
9:00 a.m.

WEBB'S MILL HIKE. 10-12 miles, moderate pace. This walk will take us to the location of an 18th Century settlement which is now a natural area. We will follow some abandoned roads and ways lost in time. Walking conditions depend on weather, but should be good in normal conditions. There may be some wet patches, but they will be the exception and not the rule. We will stop for lunch near the mill pond. Park in grassy area at the

Bullock Railroad Crossing on the southern edge of Brendan Byrne State Forest. The meeting point is the intersection of Savoy Boulevard, Pasadena Road and Mt. Misery Road. You can access Savoy either from Chatsworth or Route 72 south of Four Mile Circle. Pasadena Road is accessed via McMahon Road off of Route 539 just south of Whiting. Mt. Misery Road is a local access south from Rt. 70 and is not recommended due to road conditions and lack of road markings. Leader: Jay Schoss e-mail: walkinginmud@aol.com Phone: 908-692-5765.

NOVEMBER 14

Sunday
9:30 a.m.



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

NOVEMBER 14

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

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

NOVEMBER 14

Sunday
11:00 a.m.

LAKE EFFECT SUNDAY EDITION HIKE. 3.5 miles, Sewell, NJ. Moderate/brisk pace, some hills, mud, and bushwhacking. See November 7 listings for details.

NOVEMBER 16

Tuesday
9:30 a.m.

RAINBOW HIKE. 8 miles, moderate pace. Meet 9:30am in parking lot at ranger station Bass River. We will hike through the pines and mountain laurel. Scenic view of the river and a parkway way toll booth!! Bring snacks and drink for the hike lunch will be near the end of the hike near the cabins. Leaders: Toni, 609-652-0112 and Jan, 609-404-4990.

NOVEMBER 17

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

YELLOW PURPLE GREEN TRAIL HIKE. 11miles, moderate pace (3mph). Meet Atsion field (Rt. 206). Bring lunch. Will hike all or part of the three mentioned above. Should return about 3 pm. Heavy rain cancels. Leaders: Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817 and Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609.

NOVEMBER 17

Wednesday
4:00 p.m.

LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE. 3.5 miles, Sewell, NJ. Moderate/brisk pace, some hills, mud, and bushwhacking. See November 3 listings for details.

NOVEMBER 18

Thursday
6:30 p.m.



ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, S. Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Blvd cancels. See November 4 listing for details.

NOVEMBER 19

Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NIGHT FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See November 5 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com.

- NOVEMBER 20**
Saturday
9:30 a.m.
- HAMPTON FURNACE HIKE.** 10 miles, moderate pace. We will caravan 3 miles to our starting point. We will view an old bog, pass the ruins at Hampton Furnace, have lunch at a scenic babbling brook, and make our way back to the starting point. A thoroughly pleasant excursion. Probably dry, Normal stops, Well-behaved pets OK. NC. No planned bushwacking. Normal stops. Meet at Atsion Ranger Station. Leader: George Galcik, 856-783-8329, georgegalcik@comcast.net.
- NOVEMBER 20**
Saturday
10:00 a.m.
- MOORESTOWN LIBRARY TO SOUTH VALLEY WOODS HIKE.** 5 miles, easy to moderate pace. We start at the Moorestown Library and follow the Mt. Holly Branch railroad tracks to reach the South Valley woods. Wet feet likely. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com
- NOVEMBER 20**
Saturday
7:30 p.m.
-  **FULL MOON HIKE.** 7-8 miles, moderate pace. Meet at Atsion. November skies offer the year's best views of the Milky Way. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.
- NOVEMBER 20-21**
Sat.-Sun.
- COOL WEATHER BACKPACK.** This trip will be suitable for new packers who want to try their gear in cold weather. Moderate pace hiking. Stay tuned to the UPDATE section on the web for more information Leaders Pat Burton, camperpat@hotmail.com and Rose Barranger rhosaa129@Yahoo.com
- NOVEMBER 21**
Sunday
9:00 a.m.
-  **CLASS C. FAMOUS BAGEL RIDE.** 30 miles. Great ride in Burlington County with a bagel stop. Meet at Moorestown High School, Bridgeboro Road, Moorestown. Call in case of inclement weather. Leader: Fran H., 856-786-0048, e-Mail: franhorn@aol.com
- NOVEMBER 21**
Sunday
10:00 a.m.
- TURKEY SWAMP COUNTY PARK HIKE.** 5 or 10 miles, moderate pace. Get ready for turkey in Turkey Swamp! Nice trails with views of Manasquan and Metadeconk Rivers. Five-mile loop before lunch and 5 miles after. As park name implies, expect swampy sections. Directions: I-195 to Exit 22. North on Jackson Mills Road 2.8 miles towards Georgia and turn left on Georgia Road. Go 0.7 miles to park entrance on left. Go in 0.3 mile. Turn left at Oak Point picnic area sign into parking lot. Leader: Bruce Steidel, 609-915-0956 bsteidel@aol.com
- NOVEMBER 21**
Sunday
11:00 a.m.
- LAKE EFFECT SUNDAY EDITION HIKE.** 3.5 miles, Sewell, NJ. Moderate/brisk pace, some hills, mud, and bushwhacking. See November 7 listings for details.
- NOVEMBER 22**
Monday
9:30 a.m.
- MICHAEL HUBER PRAIRIE WARBLER PRESERVE HIKE.** 6 to 7 miles, moderate pace with limited stops. We will be out by lunch time. Boots recommended. Portions of the trail are undeveloped, you may want sticks. There are 2 small water crossings, one can be jumped or a small bridge is accessible, the other is another small crossing on hummocks where sticks may be needed for balance, so dogs may not be too happy. Only necessary stops. Be on time. Directions, Sooy Road off of Route 70. A bit over 4 miles in on Sooy. Preserve is on left. Or Rt. 563 to Sooy Road about 4 miles in on the right. Leader: Faye, 732-363-9242 (H) or 908-692-5765 (C).

NOVEMBER 24

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

PENN SWAMP HIKE. 10-12 miles, moderate pace. If you do this hike, you can eat more on Thanksgiving! Bring lunch and beverage and meet at BATSTO. Leaders: Pat Burton, 856-767-8064 camperpat@hotmail.com and Chris Denneker, 856-461-5379.

NOVEMBER 24

Wednesday
4:00 p.m.

LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE. 3.5 miles, Sewell, NJ. Moderate/brisk pace, some hills, mud, and bushwhacking. See November 3 listings for details.

NOVEMBER 26

Friday
10:00 a.m.

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

NOVEMBER 26

Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NIGHT FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See November 5 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com.

NOVEMBER 28

Sunday
11:00 a.m.

LAKE EFFECT SUNDAY EDITION HIKE. 3.5 miles, Sewell, NJ. Moderate/brisk pace, some hills, mud, and bushwhacking. See November 7 listings for details.

NOVEMBER 30

Tuesday
10:00 a.m.



FORSYTHE REFUGE HIKE. The green heads should be dead, and we can hike the 8 miles moderate pace around the loop. Good bird watching, shorter hike possible for those who do not want to do the 8. Meet 10 a.m. at the refuge parking lot. Leaders: Jan, 609-404-4990 and Toni, 609-652-0112.

PREVENT LYME DISEASE

Don't avoid the "great outdoors"! Just remember to take the proper precautions!

While no one can guarantee that you will not be bitten by ticks or contact Lyme disease, here are some tips that may help protect you from tick bites.

WEAR THE PROPER CLOTHING

When in tick infested areas, light colored clothing will help you spot ticks.

- Wear long sleeved shirt tucked into pants.
- Tuck slacks into high socks or put elastic or tape around cuffs.
- Wear a hat and fully-closed boots or shoes.
- Apply a personal insect repellent according to the directions on the label.
- Check frequently for ticks. Use a buddy system
- After an outing, look for ticks on your skin, clothing and gear.
- Examine entire body carefully. Pay special attention to areas with bodyhair, scalp, back of neck, especially if you have long hair.



DECEMBER

"Cheers to the New Year and another chance to get it right!"



RESERVATIONS AND DEADLINES

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

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR ALL SKIING/SNOWSHOEING TRIPS.

OCSJ ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY, DECEMBER 4. See page 9 for details.

LAKE EFFECT SUNDAY EDITION HIKE. Call leader.

LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK WEDNESDAY HIKES. Call leader.

✓ NOTE VARIOUS OTHER TRIPS REQUIRE PARTICIPANTS TO CONTACT LEADER.

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

DECEMBER 1

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

WHITESBOG HIKE. 7-8 miles, moderate pace. We'll hike over bogs and old roads in this historic area. Bring lunch and beverage. Wear hiking boots, as we will encounter some wet and muddy areas. Meet Whitesbog Village parking. Leaders: Christine Denneker, 856-451-5379, Pat Burton, 856-767-8064.

DECEMBER 1

Wednesday
4:00 p.m.

✓ LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE. 3.5 miles, moderate/brisk pace, some hills, mud, and bushwhacking. Meet at the sports complex parking lot off East Holly Avenue, between Hurffville Cross Keys Road, (Rt. 654) and Delsea Drive (Rt. 47). This is adjacent to Washington Lake Park, 626 Hurffville Cross Keys Road, Sewell, NJ (Washington Twp.). Leader: Rick Galster, C: 856-449-6636 or retslager55@hotmail.com. Call prior to hike.

DECEMBER 2

Thursday
6:30 p.m.

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

DECEMBER 3

Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NIGHT FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. The ongoing, every Friday night, all year round. Friday night fitness hike; where we try to work up a sweat exploring the sand roads and trails of Brendan Byrne State Forest. Be prepared to walk at an average of 4 MPH, 15 minutes per mile pace with few breaks. Bring water and wear well broken in boots, shoes, or sneakers (sneakers are adequate in dry conditions). Socks are also important footgear; synthetics and wool being better at preventing blisters (avoid cotton socks). The first Friday of each month there is a dessert/dinner stop after the hike at a local restaurant. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com alison@mikebaker.com.

DECEMBER 4

Saturday

9:00 a.m.

PINK, WHITE AND RED HIKE. 13-15 miles at a moderate pace - Walk sections of the Batona, Mt Misery and Cranberry Trails in Brendan Byrne State Forest. We will walk some of the most popular sections of what was once Lebanon State Forest. A 10 mile option is possible. Meet at Pakim Pond parking lot. Leader: Jay Schoss, e-mail: walkinginmud@aol.com
Phone by Friday, 908 692-5765.

DECEMBER 4

Saturday

OCSJ ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY. A perennial sellout so make your reservations early for this gala event. Great food! Great dancing! Great conviviality!

DECEMBER 5

Sunday

9:30 a.m.



BYRNE STATE FOREST BEGINNERS HIKE. 3 to 4 miles. Slow to moderate pace. Brendan Byrne State Forest. Meet at field across from campsites. A pleasant walk on sand and paved roads. Stops only when necessary. Kids and dogs on leash are welcome. Cookies will be provided for dogs only. You can lunch at tables at campground or at Pakim Pond. Please note different start time. Leader: Faye 732-363-9242 home.

DECEMBER 5

Sunday

10:00 a.m.

THREE FOOT BRIDGES HIKE. 9-10 miles, moderate pace. Not to be confused with the 3-foot bridges. These three foot bridges are less than 3 feet wide and provide access to areas we seldom see. Bring lunch. Meet at Atsion. BW. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

DECEMBER 5

Sunday

10:00 a.m.

or 11:00 a.m.

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

DECEMBER 5

Sunday

11:00 a.m.






LAKE EFFECT SUNDAY EDITION HIKE. 3.5 miles, moderate/brisk pace, some hills, mud, and bushwhacking. Meet at the sports complex parking lot off East Holly Avenue between Hurffville Cross Keys Road, (Rt. 654) and Delsea Drive (Rt. 47). This is adjacent to Washington Lake Park, 626 Hurffville Cross Keys Road, Sewell, NJ (Washington Twp.). Leader: Rick Galster, C: 856-449-6636 or e-mail:retslager55@hotmail.com.Call prior to hike.



DECEMBER 8

Wednesday

10:00 a.m.

ONG'S HAT HIKE. 11 miles, moderate pace (3mph) Hike from Ranger Station (Byrne Office parking lot) to Ong's Hat along the Batona Trail. Lunch at Cafe Apany (formerly Anapa's) is part of the hike. Those wishing to bring their own lunch are welcome, but need to recognize that are hike will not resume until the lunch at Apany is completed; or they can, if they choose, to finish the hike on their own. Heavy rain/snow cancels. NP. Leaders: Bill Poulson, 856-983-76-09 and Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817.

- DECEMBER 8**
Wednesday
6:00 p.m. **LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE.** 3.5 miles, Sewell, NJ. Moderate/brisk pace, some hills, mud, and bushwhacking. See December 1 listings for details.
- DECEMBER 9**
Thursday
6:30 p.m. **ROUND ABOUT HIKE.** 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, S. Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Boulevard cancels. See December 2 listing for details.
- DECEMBER 9**
Thursday
7:30 p.m.  **CLUB MEETING.** Board of Trustees. Activity Committees Leaders. New Cherry Hill Library, 1100 Kings Hwy. (Rt. 41) North of Route 70 in Cherry Hill.
- DECEMBER 10**
Friday
7:00 p.m.  **FRIDAY NIGHT FITNESS HIKE.** 8-10 miles, fast pace. See December 3 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com.
- DECEMBER 11**
Saturday
10:00 a.m. **BELLEPLAIN FOREST BEGINNERS HIKE.** 8-9 miles, moderate pace. This is a great hike at a moderate pace with a rich variety of habitats: Atlantic white cedar and mixed hardwood swamps, oak-hickory forest, old fields, and freshwater lakes, with a possible view of Bald Eagles. Meet at Belleplain Main Office. Off of Route 550, between Woodbine and Belleplain (DMS 39 14 36.85 N 74 50 58.29" W) (www.nj.gov/dep/park-sandforests/parks/belle.html). NC/NP. Bring lunch and water. Really bad weather cancels, Call day of hike or check website (www.ocsj.org) to confirm. Leader: Scott Eves, 609-805-1463, Please e-mail me for directions at: cscotteves@gmail.com
- NEW HIKERS WELCOME**
- DECEMBER 11**
Saturday
10:00 a.m.
or 10:45 a.m.  **NEW HOPE CHRISTMAS HIKE.** 7 miles and or 10 miles, you decide. Moderate pace. Up the canal to visit the scenic village on the Delaware. View the decorations, maybe find a Christmas gift. Optional dinner afterwards at 5 p.m. 10 mile hike: meet at 10:00 a.m. across from the Golden Nugget Antique and Flea Market on Rt. 29, one mile before Lambertville. Park over the wooden bridge. If you prefer a shorter hike, you can opt for the 7 mile hike. 7 mile hike: meet at 10:45 a.m. at the D&R Canal, parking at the Jimison Farm, turn off Rt. 29 just before the 202 overpass. The 10:00 a.m. hike will pass by for a pickup. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792 or the day of hike call our cell, 1-609-332-9262
- DECEMBER 12**
Sunday
11:00 a.m. **LAKE EFFECT SUNDAY EDITION HIKE.** 3.5 miles, Sewell, NJ. Moderate/brisk pace, some hills, mud, and bushwhacking. See December 5 listings for details.
- DECEMBER 12**
Sunday
10:30 a.m. **CATTUS ISLAND COUNTY PARK HIKE.** 4 or 7 miles, moderate pace. This park is a jewel of the Jersey shore with great views of the bay and surrounding wetlands. Four-mile loop before lunch and three after. Directions: Rt. 37 East. Three miles east of Parkway, turn left onto Rt. 627 (Vaughn Avenue). Then right on Bay Avenue, left on Fischer Boulevard and right on Cattus Island Boulevard. Then turn left into park. Drive in 0.5 mile and park in third lot. Meet by large Cattus Island Park map. Leader: Bruce Steidel, 609-915-0956 bsteidel@aol.com.

- DECEMBER 14**
Tuesday
10:00 a.m. **ATSION TO BATSTO HIKE.** 12 miles, moderate pace. Follow the Yellow Trail from Atsion to Batsto. Meet in the parking lot at Batsto for reverse shuttle to Atsion. Get in the miles you need and keep the holiday pounds off. Leaders: Toni, 609-652-0112 and Jan, 609-404-4990.
- DECEMBER 15**
Wednesday
10:00 a.m. **SKIT BRANCH HIKE.** 7 -8 miles, moderate pace. We'll hike along the Skit and Batsto Rivers, in an area that is scenic anytime of year. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet at the Skit Bridge on Carranza Road. Check ocsj.org for cancellation if weather is bad. Leaders: Christine Denneker, 856-461-5379, Pat Burton, 856-767-8064
- DECEMBER 15**
Wednesday
4:00 p.m. **LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE.** 3.5 miles, Sewell, NJ. Moderate/brisk pace, some hills, mud, and bushwhacking. See December 1 listings for details.
- DECEMBER 16**
Thursday
6:30 p.m. **ROUND ABOUT HIKE.** 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, S. Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Boulevard cancels. See December 2 listing for details.
- DECEMBER 17**
Friday
7:00 p.m.  **FRIDAY NIGHT FITNESS HIKE.** 8-10 miles, fast pace. See December 3 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com.
- DECEMBER 17**
Friday
7:30 p.m. **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS OF MOORESTOWN HIKE.** 5 miles, easy pace. We start at the Moorestown Library and search the streets of Moorestown for the cheeriest holiday displays. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com.
- DECEMBER 18**
Saturday
10:00 a.m. **JOE'S CHRISTMAS HIKE.** 6-7 miles, moderate pace. We continue an OCSJ tradition of gathering to wish everyone a Happy Holiday. Refreshments served after the hike. Meet at Pakim Pond parking. Leaders: Christine Denneker, 856-461-5379, Jack Dalton, 609-296-1805, e-mail: w2hds@comcast.net, Pat Burton, 856-767-8064. Check ocsj.org if weather is bad.
- DECEMBER 18**
Saturday
7:30 p.m. **ALMOST FULL COLD MOON HIKE.** 7 miles, moderate pace. Meet at Atsion. Neither the longest night nor the longest hike. Look for Jupiter and Saturn to be in full brilliance. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.
- DECEMBER 19**
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
- DECEMBER 19**
Sunday
9:00 a.m. **CHAMBERLAIN BRANCH EXPLORATION HIKE.** 6-8 miles moderate pace with a possibility of bushwacking - Join me as I explore the uplands of this pineland stream. The area is part of Greenwood Wildlife Management Area today, but has a long history of human activity beginning in pre-colonial times. Meet at the large parking area just north of the Cedar Creek Fire Tower (mile marker 17) on Rt. 539. If coming from 72 turn north

onto 539 towards Whiting, parking area is on left after the fire tower. Leader: Jay Schoss, e-mail: walkinginmud@aol.com phone: 908-692-5765.

DECEMBER 19
Sunday
11:00 a.m.

LAKE EFFECT SUNDAY EDITION HIKE. 3.5 miles, Sewell, NJ. Moderate/brisk pace, some hills, mud, and bushwhacking. See December 5 listings for details.

DECEMBER 22
Wednesday
9:40 a.m.
or 10:45 a.m.

STOCKTON, NEW HOPE CANAL HIKE. 10 miles or 7; your choice. Moderate pace (3mph). Bring lunch or purchase at Stockton. For 10 mile hike meet at 9:40 across from the Golden Nugget and Flea Market on Route 29, approximately one mile south of Lambertville. Parking over wooden canal bridge. If you prefer a shorter hike the 7 mile is the option. 7 mile hike: Meet at 10:45 at he D & R Canal (a standard meeting place) Parking. Approximately one mile north of Lambertville on Rt. 29. Leader: Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817.

DECEMBER 22
Wednesday
4:00 p.m.

LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE. 3.5 miles, Sewell, NJ. Moderate/brisk pace, some hills, mud, and bushwhacking. See December 1 listings for details.

DECEMBER 23
Thursday
6:30 p.m.

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, S. Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Boulevard cancels. See December 2 listing for details.

DECEMBER 26
Sunday
11:00 a.m.

LAKE EFFECT SUNDAY EDITION HIKE. 3.5 miles, Sewell, NJ. Moderate/brisk pace, some hills, mud, and bushwhacking. See December 5 listings for details.

DECEMBER 29
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

APPLE PIE HILL HIKE. 8-9 miles, moderate pace (3mph). Hike the Batona Trail from/ to Carranza. Bring Lunch. Meet at the Carranza Memorial. Because of the school holiday children are welcome if they can handle the distance but will require a responsible adult member to keep control. Leashed pets ok. Leaders: Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817 and Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609.

DECEMBER 29
Wednesday
4:00 p.m.

LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE. 3.5 miles, Sewell, NJ. Moderate/brisk pace, some hills, mud, and bushwhacking. See December 1 listings for details.

DECEMBER 30
Thursday
6:30 p.m.

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, S. Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Blvd cancels. See December 2 listing for details.

DECEMBER 31
Friday
7:00 p.m.

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

JANUARY 1
Saturday
10:00 a.m.



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



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