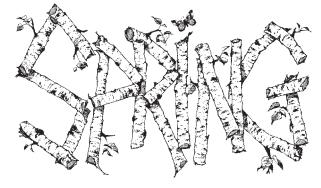


# SOUTH JERSEY

**Trekker** 

2010



Spring is the Year's Pleasant King.

The Sun Shines, Flowers Bloom, Birds Chirp. . It Is Spring

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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 club is actively looking for concerned, enthusiastic, and talented club members to become more involved with the monthly Board Activities of running the club (booth displays, special events, committees, and other functions.) We are looking for those with a desire to help support the club, leading to gained experience and holding offices at the monthly board meetings. We are especially looking for those with computer skills (Microsoft Office) and organizational skills, and an ability to work with board members to help continue the wonderful tradition and character of the Outdoors Club of South Jersey. If you are interested, please contact me.

Participation in events requires membership in the club. A new potential member may try an event as our guest as a prospective member, and required to become a member to continue participating. All participants must read and sign the event sign-in sheet provided by the leader.

Tom Neigel OCSJ President tomncenter-ocsj@yahoo.com 609-206-3389

## Coming Events

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.

APRIL 9-11 THE ANNUAL RICHARD GREVE MEMORIAL VOLUNTEER WORK TRIP TO HARPER'S FERRY. (ATC activity) Give something back! On this work trip we do whatever they need at the Trail HQ - yard work, wash windows, light carpentry, stuffing envelopes, etc. Work on Saturday. Sunday is free for hiking or exploring the historic area. Free accommodations at Bear's Den Hostel. Limited to 15 people. Leader: Eileen Greve, 609-204-6451 egreve212@gmail.com

**THE APRIL APEX**. The 26 mile marathon is the OCSJ'S longest hike. See April 10 entry for details.

**SPRING WARM-UP BACKPACK TRIP TO LOWER FORGE**. See April 17-18 entry.

**APPALACHIAN TRAIL BACKPACK: PENNSYLVANIA to HARPER'S FERRY**. See April 24-May 1 entry.

PENN STATE FOREST 100TH ANNIVERSARY HIKE. See April 25 entry.

MAY 1 WASHINGTON DC BUS TRIP & SELF-GUIDED TOUR. Packed with famous sights, celebrated symbols of patriotism, free attractions, the sights and sounds of the nation's capital offer inspiring experiences. Watch for details coming in the Spring Trekker and on the Website. Leader: Fran Katella, 856-234-1611. See page 37 for details.

SOCIAL INTRODUCTION TO FLATWATER KAYAK TRAINING. See May 2 entry.

BACKPACK THUNDER SWAMP TRAIL IN NORTHEAST PA. See May 8-9 entry.

MAY 15 ANNUAL APRÈS SKI PARTY. Mark the date!! Dennis and Fran Mc Kane have graciously consented to host this year's Party at their house in North Wildwood

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with a twist! - A pre-party activity. Hosts: Dennis and Fran Mc Kane, 609-707-3025 dennisfran1@verizon.net. See details under Ski Chair message and on OCSJ website

JUNE 5 BICYCLING ROAD COURSE. Learn about bicycle handling and safety, and emergency maneuvers. Presenter Fran Horn, 856-786-0048. See page 11 for details.

JUNE 11-13 HISTORIC CAPE MAY WEEKEND - Friday to Sunday. You are invited to join us at the Chalfonte Hotel B&B in Cape May. Activities available include biking, hiking, kayaking, nature walks, bird watching and much, much more. Jim Bodnar at 609-654-1507 e-mail: JRBodnar@verizon.net or Fran Horn, 856-786-0048 e-mail: FranHorn@aol.com For complete details and registration form go to page 10.

**BEGINNER'S BACKPACK TRIP: APPALACHIAN TRAIL IN PA**. See June 12-13 entry.

**JOSEPH TRUJILLO MEMORIAL HIKE**. We will recall our memories of Joe. See June 20 entry.

SUMMER CAMPOREE AT HAWKINS BRIDGE CAMPSITE, WHARTON FOREST. See June 25-27 entry.

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

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

PROPOSED DATES: SEPTEMBER 5-10TH & SEPTEMBER 12-17 SEPTEMBER IN WESTERN MAINE Location: Bald Mountain Camps, Oquossoc, ME. (www.baldmountaincamps.com) Historic sporting camp located on pristine Mooselookmeguntic Lake. Activities: several hiking options (mountaintops, water falls, backwoods roads, a piece of the A.T.), kayaking/canoeing, biking, golfing, tennis, photography, wildlife viewing, geocaching, sunsets, moonrises, starlight, loon calls to appreciate, or slip into Rangeley if civilization required. Trip includes: guided kayaking or canoeing pristine lakes and rivers with our host and Registered Maine Guide, Steve Philbrick, log cabins with fireplace, wood, bath, linens, porch, meals in the lodge dining room for first class breakfasts and dinners, sack lunches for the trail. Happy to answer questions. Contact: Judy Norcross, 856-235-8735.

#### **NEWS AND NOTES**

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



#### **BACKPACKING/CAMPING**

## A Message from the Backpacking/Camping Activity Chair



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

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

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

The backpacking group is in need of new leaders. Please call or e-mail me if you are interested in becoming a leader.

Bruce Steidel Backpacking@ocsj.org



#### **BICYCLING**

#### A Message From the Bicycling Activity Chair

With the arrival of warm weather (and hopefully the end of the cold winter winds!), our riding schedule is in full swing. Weekday rides will be starting up soon, and the weekends should be busy too. Hopefully, there's something on the schedule for everyone. If you don't find something that fits your needs, why not step up and lead a ride that does. Chances are there are others who would enjoy the same ride. Just contact the appropriate ride coordinator with the details. We always need new leaders, so please consider leading a ride.

Also, the club's team for the MS 150 City to Shore has a new captain this year. Nancy Pomilio, who has done a great job of bringing the team back, is turning the reins over to BJ Swingle. BJ isn't riding much with the new baby, so she has lots of time to devote to the C2S (right)! Hopefully by the time you read this, BJ will have already started working on getting a new jersey designed for this year's team and began recruiting riders. I'm sure she can use some help with some of her responsibilities as captain; if you have some time to help, contact BJ at barbra.jo@hotmail.com. Even if you don't have time to help, don't forget to register for the C2S at www.citytoshore.org.

Finally, let's not forget about safety out there. With all of the "distraction" that drivers have today (whether legal or not), there's even more of an impetus for us to watch out when we're riding. And what's goes for cars goes for us too; never use a cell phone when riding. Remember, "cyclists fare best when they act and are treated as vehicles". Obey all traffic laws, yield to cars, and make sure to communicate with each other out there.

To all leaders and coordinators, thanks for your continued efforts. To everyone, enjoy the roads!

Tony Marchionne tonymarch@iwon.com 609-828-0268

#### CANOEING/KAYAKING

#### A Message from the Canoeing/Kayak Activity Chair



Always check the website for current information. None of these activities would have been possible without the leaders who volunteer their talent and time. I want to thank them. When you are on a trip take the time to thank them and consider becoming a leader.

Frank Pearce

E-mail: 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-Don't wish to participate in organized shuttle make your own arrangements.
- 11-You must assess the suitability and condition of your equipment and if a trip is within your abilities.
- 12-Please leave sufficient driving time to safely arrive.
- 13-If you have questions, especially if a trip is right for you, call the leader.
- 14-Check the website ocsj.org for the latest information.
- 15-Leaders have final say on trip participation involving safety concerns.
- 16-Leaders if a trip is cancelled please notify the Chair.
- 17-Leaders -carry a copy of the incident report form (can be obtained from website)
- 18-Leaders -send sign-in sheets and any incident reports to Canoe Chair.

Leaders must submit (mail/fax) sign-in sheets to the Canoeing/Kayaking Chair in a timely manner.
(Guideline - No later than 2 weeks after quarterly schedule ends.)



#### HIKING

#### A Message from the Hiking Chair

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

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

Be sure to check the hiking section of the club's web site for updates, new trips and cancellation notices, including last minute ones. 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.

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

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

**NEW HIKES** – The Spring schedule includes three hikes in the William Huber Prairie Warbler Preserve: May 1, May 19 and June 13. Check them out to see something new.

Bruce Steidel Hiking@ocsj.org

#### 500, 750 and Grand Mile Hiking Clubs

Congratulations to the following high mileage hikers who achieved their goals for 2009:

500 Milers: Carol Bishop, Kevin Stransky, Carol Thompson

<u>750 Milers:</u> Millie Moore, Joan Mae Nock, Ann Palaitis, Wayne Sabota <u>Grand (1000) Milers:</u> Barbara Brandt, Faye Bray, Dave Chamberlain, Linda Chamberlain, Jack Dalton, Bruce Doorly, Jerry Goldstein, Vicky Gordon, Janet Hahn, Fran Horn, Joe Hummel, Jan Jorgenson, Norma Magargee, Joan Moretti-Seddon, Jeff Neil, Bill Poulson, Jim Puzo, Jay Schoss

#### Coordinators for the 500, 750 and Grand Mile hiking clubs for 2010 are:

500 Mile Club: Jean Stelmaszyk (babcia84@verizon.net) 856-429-9089

750 Mile Club: Toni Novak (bkpgplus@snip.net) 856-662-3740

Grand (1000) Mile Club: Bill Poulson (wpoul@comcast.net) 856-983-7609

Contact the coordinator of the club of your choice to sign-up or get more information.

#### WHAT TO BRING ON A SPRING HIKE

For spring we can put away our winter gloves, but it's time to remember insect repellent, even in April.

Spring can be the wettest time of the year, so think about waterproof hiking boots. Be sure to check the weather forecast to help you bring the right apparel. If you might get wet, think about extra dry clothes to change into for the drive home.

- O Sturdy hiking shoes, ideally waterproof
- Good thick wool or synthetic socks with a lightweight silk or synthetic inner sock
- O Dress in layers, especially in April
- O Sunglasses if bright out
- O Lip balm (Chapstick, Blistex)
- O Rain gear if chance of rain
- O Day pack or fanny pack
- O Water and/or other fluids (bring extra as weather gets warmer)
- Snacks and possibly lunch. (Hike description will indicate whether to bring lunch.)
- Optional Hiking poles and something to sit on (plastic bag, small piece of foam or stool)

#### THE SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF "LEAVE NO TRACE"

- 1. Plan ahead and prepare.
- 2. Travel and camp on durable surfaces.
- 3. Dispose of waste properly.
- 4. Leave what you find.
- 5. Minimize campfire impacts.
- 6. Respect wildlife.
- 7. Be considerate of other visitors.

## WALKING PACE DEFINITIONS WALKING PACE

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

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

#### HIKE DESCRIPTIONS

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

#### **HIKING GUIDE**

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

<b>BW</b> - Bushwhacking	WF - Wet feet possible	NS - No stops
NP - No pets	NC - No children	FS - Few stops
LP - Leashed Pet		

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

#### **BACKPACK TRIP RATING SYSTEM**

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

#### PARTICIPATION NOTICE

The Outdoor Club, its officers and leaders, shall not be liable for any injuries, illness, loss or damage to any person or property, as a result of participation in any Club outing. Each participant assumes all risk and liability connected therewith. All persons, MEMBERS ALIKE, are to sign with the leader at each activity.

#### 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, exiit #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 south-east of Rt. 70/72 intersection. After 0.4 miles, turn right. Pakim Pond is 2.7 miles beyond the Forest Office.
- **Byrne campsites -** Meet at Byrne (Lebanon) campsite. Turn off Rt. 72, 1 mile 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.



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, (1-888-411-1998). 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. In addition to our popular 15-50 mile bike rides, there are also other activities available. These include paddling a kayak, shopping on the mall, historic walking tours (guided or on you own), nature hikes, bird watching, local theater, or just sit and rock on the porch. You can also ride a train from Cape May to the zoo and back, or take a ferryboat ride to Lewes, Delaware, a quaint place to spend some time. Many of us attend a play on Friday after dinner.

Our weekend starts with a Friday night "Welcome Buffet Spaghetti/Pasta Party" (a time to plan what you want to do). Breakfast is provided on both Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday, there is a family style sit down dinner and followed by an ice cream party.

The entire cost for all of the above (room, meals, social gathering, and ice cream) is:

Room for 2 with shared bath (one bed)

Room for 2 with private bath (two beds)

Room for a single person with shared bath

Room for a single person with private bath

\$200 per person

\$240 per person

\$260 per person

If interested, Please Contact the Leaders ASAP

### Please sign up early, as this will help us complete our plans to make our 2010 trip enjoyable for all.

If you have any questions, or need more information, contact Jim Bodnar at 609-654-1507 e-mail:

JRBodnar@verizon.net or

Fran Horn at 856-786-0048 e-mail: FranHorn@aol.com

Please send the entire amount for the weekend with the form below no later than **April 10, 2010**. It is refundable up to **60 days** before the event. There is a \$25 service charge per room for cancellation.

YES! I want to participate in the Annual Historic Cape May Weekend. Enclosed is my payment.

#### Please make your check payable to OCSJ

Name:	Phone #:
Addrress:	
E-mail Address:	
I prefer (circle	selection):
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Please pair me with a roommate:	
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□ I am interested in leading an activity: □ hikin Will you lead an activity? □ Yes □ No	ng 🗖 biking 🗖 kayaking

RETURN THIS FORM TO: Jim Bodnar, P.O. Box 493, Medford, NJ

#### X/C SKIING and SNOWSHOEING

#### A Message from the X/C Skiing & Snowshoeing Chair

As I write this the cross-country season is in full swing. What a wonderful way to experience the joys of winter, and to share the camaraderie of friends who feel the same passion. If you've ever wondered what we do and would like to meet the leaders and hear about next year's trips, please come to the annual Après Ski Party.

NEW!! We have a new twist on the Après Ski party this year thanks to Fran and Dennis McKane. Fran and Dennis have offered their lovely new home in North Wildwood for the party and have suggested pre-party activities such as a back bay kayak trip of 1 to 2 hrs. A leaderless beach hike of 5 to 7 miles or a shorter seawall hike of 3 miles. Also there's tons to do in North Wildwood, especially the boardwalk. Date for the APRES SKI PARTY is May 15 at 4:00pm. Address 406 E 8th Avenue, North Wildwood 609 707 3025 dennisfran1@verizon.net Be sure to call Fran to let her know what dish you will bring to party. For those wanting to stay overnight:

The closest is Chateau Bleu Motel 609 522-2822 www.chateaubleu.com

The Alante Motor Inn 609-522-0733 www.Alantemotel.com

And the Jade East Motel 609-522-1867 www.jadeeastmotel.com

Check the website www.ocsj.org for directions and more information, or call me at 609 877-1723, or Dennis and Fran.

FINALLY, this year's Richard K. Greve Memorial trip to Harper's Ferry, WV is Friday, April 9 to Sunday April 11. This is a volunteer trip to assist the Appalachian Trail Conservancy with whatever they need. Richard felt this was a way to "give back" to an organization that continues to make the trail such a wonderful experience. So if you can get into a little physical labor, or even boring office drudgery, we work on Sat, play on Sun, and get 2 free nights at the Hostel. Call Eileen Greve, 609 877-1723. egreve212@gmail.com

IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY to plan next year's adventures. The following 2011 ski trips require early sign-up. Don't miss out.

Wed.-Sun.

DEC. 29-JAN. 2 CRAFTSBURY OUTDOOR CENTER, CRAFTSBURY, VT. Ring in the New Year. Contact leader to reserve your spot on this very popular trip. Suitable for beginners to advanced. Leader: Fran Horn, 856-786-0048 franhorn@aol.com

JAN. 14-17 Fri.-Mon.

TRAIL'S END B&B, KEENE VALLEY, NY. Leader beginning to take reservations for MLK weekend, very popular X/C skiing and snowshoeing in Adirondacks. Steve Bailey, 609 737-7138 sbailey@pds.org

#### **BICYCLING ROAD COURSE 1**

#### Registration before class required

INCLUDES: Bicycle handling & safety, Emergency maneuvers

Presented by: Fran Horn, 856-786-0048

Date: June 5, 2010

Cost: \$50.00 for Course Materials

To participate in the course, return this form with \$50 check. Fran Horn 2410 Laurel Drive, Cinnaminson, N.I.08077

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Name:
Address:
Phone Number:



## **APRII**"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.

WASHINGTON DC BUS TRIP & SELF-GUIDED TOUR. May 1. See page 37 for details.

HISTORIC CAPE MAY WEEKEND. June 11-13. See page 10 for details.

THE ANNUAL RICHARD GREVE MEMORIAL VOLUNTEER WORK TRIP TO HARPER'S FERRY. See April 9-11 entry.

THE APRIL APEX. See April 10 entry.

SPRING WARM-UP BACKPACK TRIP TO LOWER FORGE. See April 17-18 entry. APPALACHIAN TRAIL BACKPACK: PA. TO HARPER'S FERRY. See April 24-May 1 entry.

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**BEGINNER'S BACKPACK TRIP: APPALACHIAN TRAIL IN PA.** See June12-13 entry.

**CAMPOREE AT HAWKINS BRIDGE CAMPSITE, WHARTON FOREST**. See June 25-27 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.

APRIL 1 Thursday 6:00 p.m. Recurring Every Thursday ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Stop on the way home for a turn around The Cooper River Park. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, S. Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Blvd cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill, 856-772-6465 or Geofneil@aol.com. Recurring Hike on Thursday Nights as listed.

APRIL 2 Friday 10:00 a.m. **GOOD FRIDAY HIKE**. 9-10 miles, moderate pace. Hike along the Skit Branch and Batsto River. May be wet in spots. Meet at the junction of Carranza Road and Moore's Meadow Road, 4.3 miles SE of Tabernacle, moderate pace, bring lunch, LP. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

APRIL 2
Friday
7:00 p.m.
Recurring Every
Friday Night

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

APRIL 3 Saturday 9:00 a.m. BELLEPLAIN STATE FOREST HIKE. 8-9 miles, WELCOME NEW HIKERS! 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. Just south of Route 550, near Woodbine (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. 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.

APRIL 3 Saturday 9:30 a.m. GOOSE POND & NORTH BRANCH. 12-13 miles, moderate pace. Join the leader on an exploration of both of the Goose Ponds in Brendan Byrne. Other points of interest are Mary's Bridge, North Branch and Broken Arm. Sand roads, trails and paths will be followed. Bring food, plenty of fluids and an eye for nature. Meet at the railroad crossing at Bullock. (The intersection of Mount Misery, Savoy and Pasadena Roads on the south edge of Brendan Byrne SF). Leader: Jay Schoss, cell: 908-692-5765, Email: walkinginmud@aol.com.

APRIL 4 Sunday 10:00 a.m.



EASTER SUNDAY NATURE HIKE. 8 miles or less moderate pace. After many years of fruitless search, I have given up on finding that wascally wabbit. Join me on a reprise of last year's search for the Easter Beaver. When looking for the bunny you would expect to remain dry. You should not count on such when searching for beaver. Bring extra clean clothes for the drive home. Hopefully we will find a dry spot somewhere in the swamp for an un-catered Sunday lunch. Meet at Friendship. (The intersection of Carranza and Friendship-Speedwell Roads.) Leader: Jay Schoss, cell 908-602-5765, email: walkinginmud@aol.com.

APRIL 5 Monday 10:00 a.m.



APPLE PIE HILL. 5 miles, moderate pace. Meet at Bordentown Gun Club, Route 532, Tabernacle, NJ, 7.5 miles East of intersection of Routes 206 and 532. Bring snack and beverage. Rain or bad weather cancels. Leaders: Rose Barranger, 856-589-6807 and Norm Lucas, 609-654-5893.

APRIL 7 Wednesday 10:00 a.m. MT. MISERY HIKE. 9-10 miles, moderate pace (3mph). Hike from Pakim Pond to Mt. Misery on the White Trail through the woods, returning through the bogs. Bring lunch. Meet at Pakim Pond parking lot. LP. Bad weather cancels. Leaders: Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609 and Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817.

APRIL 7 Wednesday 4:00 p.m. (Call) Recurring Every Wednesday 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, H: 856-256-0379, C: 856-449-6636 or retslager55@hotmail.com. Call prior to hike.

APRIL 8 Thursday 6:00 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 April 1 Listing for details.

APRIL 8 Thursday 7:30 p.m.



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

APRIL 9 Friday 7:00 p.m. **FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE.** 8-10 miles, fast pace. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. See April 2 Listings for details.

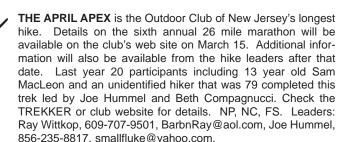
APRIL 9-11 Fri.-Sun. HARPER'S FERRY, WV – work trip. (Non-OCSJ Event) Annual volunteer trip to "give back " to the ATC. Work on Saturday hike or tour historic old town on Sunday. Stay Friday & Saturday nights free in hostel. Leader: Eileen Greve, 609-877-1723 or egreve212@gmail.com

APRIL 10 Saturday 10:00 a.m.



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

APRIL 10 Saturday



APRIL 11 Sunday 9:30 a.m. **KAYAK WOODBURY CREEK.** Meet at Riverwinds Boat Launch in West Deptford, NJ. Non shuttle trip. We will paddle a short distance on the Delaware and then go up Woodbury Creek with the tide. We will stop at Woodbury park for lunch before the return trip. Boat must be longer than 12 feet. Water temperature will still be cold, please dress accordingly. Contact Trina P. to confirm trp51@hotmail.com or call 609-221-9003.

APRIL 11 Sunday 10:00 a.m. PADDLE THE MAURICE RIVER. We will paddle from Willow Grove Lake to Almond Road. Meeting at the WaWa with the gas pumps, Rt.40 and 47 in Malaga or arrive early for breakfast at Pegasus Restaurant at 9:00. No rentals at this time. Call or e-mail to confirm. Leader: Tim Jowett, 856 464 2136, or timjs10@aol.com

APRIL 11 Sunday 10:00 a.m. **MANNIS DUCK POND HIKE.** 8 to 10 miles, moderate pace. Bring lunch and extra dry socks. Meet at Carranza Monument. BW, NC, WF Leader: Phil lapalucci, (H) 856-234-5298 (C) 609-744-4787.

APRIL 11 Sunday 10:00 a.m. or 10:45 **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 Ave. and Walnut Lane parking area. Leader: Rich Kranz, 856-316-6292, kranzdnr@verizon.net.

APRIL 11 Sunday 11:00 a.m. Recurring Every Sunday 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, H: 856-256-0379, C: 856-449-6636 or retslager55@hotmail.com. Call prior to hike.

APRIL 12 Monday 9:00 a.m.



BRENDAN BYRNE HIKE. 6 miles, moderate pace. A pleasant hike along trails, roads and fire cuts. We will only stop for clothing adjustments, fluid or pit stops. You will be back before noon, if you want to have lunch at the pond. Please bring drink, and bug spray. Cookies provided for four legged hikers on leash. Well behaved children are welcome. Meet at Pakim Pond and be on time. We leave promptly. Leader: Faye, 732-363-9242, batonawalk@aol.com.

APRIL 12 Monday 10:00 a.m. PINE BARRENS OUTLIER HIKE. Estimated 7 miles, moderate/brisk. Easy terrain in this disconnected section (the Middlesex County outlier) of the Pine Barrens. Hike woods where my family has walked for 100-plus years. NP, possible mild WF and BW. E-mail (or call) early for directions. Allow for driving time from SJ. Meet in the Jamesburg Park Conservation Area at Helmetta Pond, Maple Street, Helmetta. Leader: Joe Sapia, 732-406-4092, Snufftin@aol.com.

APRIL 14 Wednesday 10:00 a.m.



**PENN STATE FOREST HIKE.** 9 miles, moderate pace (2.5-3mph). View lake, sandy roads, dwarf pines, a hill with a view, and, of course with Jack's GPS a portion of the landing gear of the F105 jet that crashed in Jan. '71. Meet at Oswego Lake. Heavy rain cancels. Bring lunch and wet weather gear, if applicable. Leaders, Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817 and Jack Dalton, 609-296-1805.

APRIL 14 Wednesday 4:00 p.m. (Call) **LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE**. 3.5 miles, Sewell, NJ. Moderate/brisk pace, See April 7 listings for details.

APRIL 15 Thursday 9:00 a.m. CANOE / KAYAK TOMS RIVER. Follow the route of the Annual Toms River Canoe Race without the competition. Ten miles of changing scenery and river conditions from park and forest to open bay and river. Contact leaders to confirm participation. We will meet at Friendly's on Rt. 37, just past mile post 4, on the East bound side. Come early and join us for breakfast. Bring six quarters for the parking meter at the take out. Joe Logan, 609-634-1542, or mayandpops@aol.com

APRIL 15 Thursday 6:00 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 April 1 Listing for details.

APRIL 16 Friday 7:00 p.m.



**FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE.** 8-10 miles, fast pace. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. See April 2 Listings for details.

APRIL 17 Saturday 9:00 a.m. CANOE/KAYAK THE N. BRANCH RANCOCAS CREEK. It's the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day week - we'll pick up trash as we paddle 10 miles from Burlington County Community College to Smithville. Meet at the Canoe Trail launch ramp on W. Rancocas Rd., off Rt. 530 in Pemberton. Leader is an "early riser", so contact him between 4 am and 7 pm if you have questions. Participants MUST be ready to shuttle at 9:00 am so arrive early to unload your boat and gear. Rentals are not available. Leader: Dave Lynch cell, 609-784-4066 or e-mail dlynch50@verizon.net

APRIL 17 Saturday 10:00 a.m. FRANKLIN PARKER PRESERVE. 10 miles, moderate pace. We will hike the preserve on both sides of Rt. 563. We will pass the cars after @ 3.5 miles on the East side, so you can drop out at that point. The rest of us will continue on to the West side for another 6.5 miles. This is an interesting view of formerly active bogs reverting back to Mother Nature. Dress for walking in mostly open areas. Hike Conditions: Should be dry. Normal stops. Well-behaved pets OK. NC. Meeting place: Meet at the gate to the preserve, 2.8 miles south of Chatsworth on RT 563. Leaders: George Galcik, 856-783-8329, georgegalcik@comcast.net.

APRIL 17 Saturday 10:30 a.m. PHILADELPHIA MURAL HIKE. 5 miles moderate pace. We will be walking in center city following the path of some of the early murals painted by Philadelphia's Murals Arts Program. Meet at the Phila. Visitor Center, (NE corner of 6th and Market Sts.) Suggest Patco Hi-Speed line or the River Line changing at Walter Rand Trans. Center onto Patco Hi-Speed line. Get off at 8th and Market. Leader: Janet Horton, 856-461-5771. Cell # 609-706-5691. janeth1@comcast.net.

APRIL 17 Saturday 11:00 a.m. PADDLE THE TUCKAHOE RIVER. This is a tributary of the Great Egg Harbor Watershed. Meet at historic Head of the River Church. Paddle from Head of the River on Rt. 49 to Mosquito Landing in Tuckahoe. Bring a snack or lunch to enjoy along the way. Trip length approximately 3 hours. All participants must register with leader and be experienced and prepared for cold weather paddling. Leader: Nancy Thomson, E-mail nancythomson@comcast.net or call 609-628-3116.

APRIL 17-18 Sat.-Sun. Easy trip to a wilderness camp along the Batsto River. Good trip for beginners with prior hiking experience. MODERATE PACE, with stops to enjoy SPRING. Site has an outhouse but no water pump, be prepared to filter or treat water. This is a loop hike approx mileage 8 miles per day. Leader: Pat Burton, 856-767-8064 camperpat@hotmail.com

APRIL 18 Sunday 8:00 a.m. COOPER RIVER AND ADJOINING PARKS HIKE. 6/7 miles, moderate/brisk pace. A "get-it-over-early" loop hike. There is the option to have brunch with us afterwards at a nearby Old Country Buffet. Meet at the National Guard Armory parking lot at Park Avenue and Grove Street in Cherry Hill. This meeting

place is one block from the intersection of Rt. 70 and Haddonfield Road/Grove St. This intersection is at the corner of the old Garden State Racetrack and has a Chili's Bar and Grill. NP, NC, FS. Leaders: Barb &Ray Wittkop, 609-707-9501, BarbnRay@aol.com. Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, small-fluke@yahoo.com.

APRIL 18 Sunday 8.00 a.m. FOSSIL SHARK TOOTH TRIP to Big Brook or where ever we want to go. If you have knowledge of fossil sites along the Crosswicks Creek or other places let me know. Spend a day sifting for Shark Teeth and other fossils from the Cretaceous Period. Trip size is limited to 3 to 5 people and 1 to 2 cars due to limited parking. Shuttle time from Vineland Area is at least 2 hours one way. We can meet and carpool up RT206 along the way. You need to contact me to reserve a spot. I have sifters for everyone. Also I know several web sites to explore so you know what to look for. Don't wait till the last minute to sign up. Leader: John Kee, 856-691-3047 or Taxman56@aol.com Please put OCSJ is all email headers

APRIL 18 Sunday 8:30 a.m. SOCIAL HIKE. RALPH STOVER STATE PARK, PA - WELCOME NEW HIKERS! 7-8 miles. Moderate pace. Be prepared for rock scramble and steep climbs for spectacular views of the Tohickon Creek. Hiking boots required and good physical condition. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after hike. NP/NC. Meet at Crown Plaza (formerly Hilton Hotel) rear parking area, Rt. 70 Cherry Hill, to carpool/caravan. Leave at 8:30 am sharp! Or meet at Ralph Stover St. Park near the bridge on Tohickon Hill Rd. in Pt. Pleasant, PA at 10:00 am. Leader: Paul Serdiuk 609-462-3593 evenings only or pis1@cccnj.net Inclement weather cancels.

APRIL 18 Sunday 9:00 a.m. 0

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 incase of inclement weather. Leader: Fran H., 856-786-0048, E-Mail: franhorn@aol.com

APRIL 18 Sunday 10:00 a.m. CRANBERRY JAUNT. 6 miles, moderate pace. Hike a loop around Lebanon Lakes Area and the various scenic cranberry bogs. Explore the area and learn about the bogs. Bring binoculars for possible waterfowl sightings. Bring easy to carry picnic lunch to enjoy at halfway point. It is recommended to bring a plastic bag to sit on. Directions: From 70/72 circle, follow Rt. 70 East 1.7 miles. Turn right onto Forrest Road at the traffic light. Go 1.1 miles and turn right into a large sandy parking area. Look for OCSJ sign and group. NC, NP. Heavy rain cancels. Leaders: Glenn McCurdy & Donna, 856-764-1341.

APRIL 18 Sunday 10:00 a.m. **OSWEGO RIVER PADDLE**. We meet at Oswego Lake Put-In. Pack Lunch. Call or email to confirm. Leader: Vicki S., 856-256-9568 or ravingwriter@netzero.com

APRIL 18 Sunday 11:00 a.m. (Call)



LAKE EFFECT, SUNDAY EDITION HIKE. 3.5 miles, Sewell, NJ. Moderate/brisk pace, See April 11 listing for full details. Leader: Rick Galster, H: 856-256-0379, C: 856-449-6636 or retslager55@hotmail.com. Call prior to hike.

APRIL 19 Monday 9:00 a.m.



WHITES BOG WANDER. 6 miles, moderate pace. We will hike mostly sand roads in and out of the bogs. Bring plenty of fluids and bug spray. We will be back around noon if you want to bring lunch to have at the tables by the general store. The store will be open for bathrooms, drinks and some history. Bring your credit card! Four legged hikers on leash are welcome and cookies will be provided. Be prompt, we leave on time so note the start time. Meet in the parking area across from the store. Leader: Faye 732-363-9242, batonawalk@aol.com.

APRIL 21 Wednesday 10:00 a.m. APPLE PIE HILL HIKE. 9.5 miles moderate pace. We'll hike across the Parker Preserve to Apple Pie Hill, and back by a different route. The NJ Conservation Foundation is building wildlife observation platforms on the Parker Preserve. We'll look to see if any of those are completed. Meet at the south gate, 2.8 miles south of Chatsworth on Rt. 563. GPS coordinates are N 39 46.733, W 074 32.472. Bring lunch. Leader: Jack Dalton, 609 296 1805, w2hds@comcast.net.

APRIL 21 Wednesday 4:00 p.m. (Call) **LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE.** 3.5 miles, Sewell, NJ. Moderate/brisk pace, See April 7 listings for details.

APRIL 22 Thursday 10:00 a.m. PALMYRA NATURE CENTER HIKE. 6-7 miles, moderate /brisk pace. A loop hike. T ake Route 73 North to the light across from Kerbeck Auto and turn right. Follow the signs to the Nature Center. Meet in the parking lot at the Center. NP, FS, NC. For those who wish to do an additional pre-hike 3 miles meet at the Riverton Yacht Club at 9:10 and we will walk to the Nature Center. The Yacht Club is on a pier extending into the River at the end of Main St (603) in Riverton. Leaders: Ray Wittkop, 609-707-9501, BarbnRay@aol.com, Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, smallfluke@yahoo.com.

APRIL 22 Thursday 6:00 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 April 1 Listing for details.

APRIL 23 Friday 7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. See April 2 Listings for details.

APRIL 24 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

APRIL 24 Saturday 10:00 a.m.



SHAD FESTIVAL. 7-8 miles, moderate pace, LP. Many things to see at the festival. Try a Shad burger or the BBQ at River Horse Brewery. Guided hike until we reach Lambertville then hikers can go on their own. Meet at the D&R Canal and Jimison Farm. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792 or the day of hike cell 609-332-9262.

#### APRIL 24 Saturday 10:00 a.m. Registration Required

CARSON ROAD WOODS AND THE EDUCATIONAL TEST-**ING CENTER TRAIL** – Lawrence Township NJ, 6-7 Miles moderate pace - an exploration of an interesting and scenic area Bring lunch to eat on the trail. Directions and parking information is being developed and will be furnished upon registration. NP. NC. FS. Leaders: Ray Wittkop, 609-707-9501, BarbnRay@aol.com. Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, smallfluke@yahoo.com.

#### APRIL 24 Saturday 8:00 p.m. NEW

SILENT NIGHT HIKE. Approximately 6 miles, easy pace. This is a guiet walk in the woods to listen to the sounds of nature. For those who like to listen, rather than speak, this is the hike for you. The moon will not be out to guide your way and flashlights will be used for emergencies only. Expect to return to your car probably around 11:00 p.m. Bring a snack. Meet at the office of Brendan Byrne. Leader: Jay Schoss, cell: 908-692-5765, email: walkinginmud@aol.com.

### Sat – Sun.

APRIL 24- MAY 1 🗸 APPALACHIAN TRAIL BACKPACK: PENNSYLVANIA to HARPER'S FERRY - 90 miles over eight days. Start in central PA where Hwy 94 crosses the AT, and end in Harper's Ferry. Walk through Caledonia State Forest, Pen Mar County Park in Maryland, and end at the Appalachian Trail HQ in Harper's Ferry. Nightly camping at shelter's along the way. Max 8 people. Hike Leader: Kevin Drevik 856-778-3817 kdrevik@aol.com

#### APRIL 25 Sunday 9:00a.m. -12 noon

✓ PENN STATE FOREST 100TH ANNIVERSARY HIKE. OCSJ Volunteer In Park Program at Bass River. Meet at Lake Oswego parking lot Approx. 5 mile walking on mostly flat, sandy terrain. View remains of the Civilian Conservation Corps camp from the 1930s, famous Bear Swamp Hill and possibly the landing gear from the plane that hit the fire tower there years ago. Bring a lunch and enjoy the views of Lake Oswego from the picnic area or bring your canoe/kayak and go for a paddle after the hike. Fee: none; registration requested (609) 296-1114.

#### APRIL 25 Sunday 10:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m.

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. On the way back we'll 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. NP. Meeting Place: Meet before 10:00 am at Crate & Barrel, Cherry Hill Mall or 11:00 at Andorra Nature Center, Ridge and Northwestern Avenues, Philadelphia. Leader: Rich Kranz 856- 316-6292 kranzdnr@verizon.net.

#### APRIL 25 Sunday 10:00 a.m.

QUAKER BRIDGE HIKE. 12-13 miles, a steady, moderate pace with 2 or 3 stops. One way or another, we'll get to the bridge and back by 3:00 pm. Meet at the north end of the Batsto Village Parking lot. Leader: Jay Schoss, cell: 908-692-5765, email: walkinginmud@aol.com.

#### APRIL 25 Sunday 11:00 a.m. (Call)

LAKE EFFECT, SUNDAY EDITION HIKE. 3.5 miles, Sewell, NJ. Moderate/brisk pace, See April 11 listing for full details.

#### APRIL 26 Monday 10:00 a.m.

**PEMBERTON HIKE.** 5 miles moderate pace. Meet at the historic RR Station. We will hike to Birmingham. Rt. 38/530 Pemberton at light turn onto Rt. 616 N. 1/2 miles to station. Bring Water. Leader: Janet Horton 856-461-5771. Cell # 609-706-5691, Janeth1@comcast.net.

#### APRIL 28 Wednesday 10:00 a.m.

PENNYPACK-LORIMER PARKS LOOP HIKE. 11 miles, moderate pace. Come enjoy these lovely parks at a beautiful time of the year. Meet at Bustleton Avenue & Benton Street park entrance. Cross Tacony-Palmyra Bridge into Philadelphia; take Levick St. to Roosevelt Blvd. (Rt. 1). Turn right onto Rt.1-N center lanes; go about 2.5 miles (past Rhawn St) to Strahle Street and turn left. Take Strahle to Bustleton and turn right. Go 1/2 mile to Benton Street, turn left and park. NP. Check with leader if really bad weather is forecast. Leader: Jerry Goldstein, 609-859-8133, jerryhyker@yahoo.com.

#### APRIL 28 Wednesday 10:00 a.m.

**3B HIKE (BOARDWALK, BRIDGE AND BEACH) (OCEAN CITY).** 7 miles, moderate pace. Walk on OC boardwalk 1-1/2 m. north, 2-1/2 m. north through Gardens, over Longport Bridge. Picnic lunch at fishing pier on bridge. Back over bridge to beach (tides permitting), back on boardwalk to starting point. Meet at 12th Street pavilion on boardwalk. Leader: Noel Wirth, 609-938-0418 or ocncw101@comcast.net.

#### APRIL 28 Wednesday 11:00 a.m.

PADDLE CEDAR SWAMP CREEK. This is tributary of the Great Egg Harbor Watershed in Upper Township, Cape May County. ! Meet on Rt. 50, just before the put in. Canoe or Kayak the creek and explore California Mills, site of a 19th century flour and sawmill. Lunch at Bailey's Island (owner gives permission). Hopefully the bald eagle nest is still there. All participants must register with leader and be experienced and prepared for cold weather paddling. Leader: Nancy Thomson, E-mail nancythomson@comcast.net or call 609-628-3116.

#### APRIL 28 Wednesday 4:00 p.m. (Call)

**LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE**. 3.5 miles, Sewell, NJ. Moderate/brisk pace, See April 7 listings for details.

#### APRIL 29 Thursday 6:00 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 April 1 Listing for details.

#### APRIL 30 Friday 7:00 p.m.

**FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE**. 8-10 miles, fast pace. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. See April 2 Listings for details.

#### APRIL 30 Friday 7:30 p.m.

SOCIAL MOONLIGHT HIKE, CAMPFIRE AND CAMPOUT - NEW HIKERS WELCOME. 6-7 miles. Moderate pace. Hike over roads and trails lit by the Pink moon with a campfire at end. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after hike. Overnite camping is available, call leader to reserve space. NP/NC. Meet at parking area opposite Group campsite area, Bryne State Forest, enter forest off Rt. 72, 1 mile E. of jct. Rts. 70&72. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593, eve.or pis1@cccnj.net.



## MAY

"The most rewarding things you do in life are often the ones that look like they cannot be done."



#### **RESERVATIONS AND DEADLINES**

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

WASHINGTON DC BUS TRIP & SELF-GUIDED TOUR. May 1. See page 37 for details.

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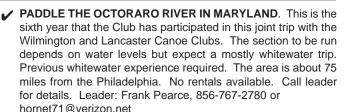
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#### MAY 1 Saturday TBA



MAY 1 Saturday 9:30 a.m.



PADDLE THE UPPER MULLICA. We'll paddle this more challenging section from Jackson Road to Atsion Lake. Meeting place will be the Jackson Road bridge near the Atco Dragway. Experienced paddlers only. May contain 3/4 blow downs. No rentals available. Leader Harry Barok, 856-985-6172 6 p.m. thru 10 p.m. or Harrykaraoke7@aol.com- no last minute e-mails, please.

MAY 1 Saturday 10:00 a.m.

MICHAEL HUBER PRAIRIE WARBLER PRESERVE. 5 miles, easy to moderate pace. We explore pitch pine and cedar forests along the four mile creek. May be wet and roots on the path. Direction from SR-70 east: 3.0 miles past the intersection with SR-206 at Red Lion Circle. Turn right toward Sooy Place. Follow this road 4.3 miles to the entrance on the left, a narrow sand road. Leaders: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com and Marilyn Miller, 732-240-0328, mreed24@thejerseyshore.net.

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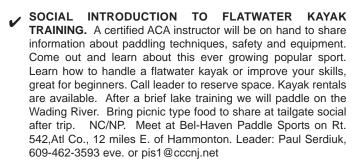
CARBON COUNTY, PA HIKE. 8 to 10 miles. Easy to moderate pace. Meet in Macy's parking lot adjacent to Germantown Pike at Plymouth Meeting Mall (off PA turnpike interchange # 333 - Norristown) for departure at 10:00 AM sharp or meet at the Shell Station/Subway (just off the PA Turnpike - Northeast Extension – Rt. 476 - Exit #74 – Mahoning Valley) on Rt. 209 on the right hand side going towards Lehighton at 11:15 AM. We will hike somewhere in scenic Carbon County, PA. The hike may include stream crossings, and some bushwhacking. Bring lunch & water. Leader: Milt Cannan, 856-983-9076.

MAY 1 Saturday 10:00 a .m.



BELLEPLAIN STATE FOREST HIKE. 8-9 miles, WELCOME NEW HIKERS! 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. Just south of Route 550, near Woodbine (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. 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.

MAY 2 Sunday 8:30 a.m.



MAY 2 Sunday 10:00 a.m. SOUTH OF BULLOCK EXPLORATION. 8-10 miles, moderate pace We will trace South Branch to its roots in the sands, out near Old Half Way. Let's see what we can find out there. Some sections will be off road, trail and path. Bring food, plenty of fluids and a sense of adventure. Meet at the railroad crossing at Bullock. (The intersection of Mount Misery, Savoy and Pasadena Roads on the south edge of Brendan Byrne SF). Leader: Jay Schoss, cell: 908-692-5765, email: walkinginmud@aol.com.

MAY 2 Sunday 10:00 a.m.



A MAY DAY ON THE GREAT EGG. Paddle Penny Pot to Weymouth Furnace. Bring lunch and hydration. Volunteer shuttle. Leader Vicki S., 856-256-9568, or ravingwriter@netzero.com

MAY 2 Sunday 10:00 a.m. or 10:45 SOUTH WISSAHICKON VALLEY HIKE. 5 or 7 miles, moderate pace. Come explore historic Rittenhousetown and the Hermits Cave and say hi to 'Billy Penn'. Rugged terrain. Sturdy shoes required. Wimp out at 5 miles. Lunch at new creek side location. Bring lunch, beverage. NP. Meet before 10:00 a.m. 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.

#### MAY 2 Sunday 11:00 a.m. (Call) Recurring Every Sunday Except May 23

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

#### MAY 3 Monday 10:00 a.m.

**TO MACDONALD POND. FIVE MILES, EASY.** We will mostly be on open roads as we visit this beautiful pond from a new (?) direction. A pleasant ramble. Bring lunch for end of hike, at picnic tables. Meet at Pakim Pond parking. See TREKKER for directions to Pakim Pond. Manny Robbins, 856-428-4841. Peppy Bath, 609-587-4849, pep157@optonline.net

#### MAY 5 Wednesday 9:00 a.m.

BRENDAN BYRNE HIKE. 6 miles, moderate pace. A pleasant hike along trails, roads and fire cuts. We will only stop for clothing adjustments, fluid or pit stops. You will be back before noon, if you want to have lunch at the pond. Please bring drink, and bug spray. Cookies provided for four legged hikers on leash. Well behaved children are welcome. Meet at Pakim Pond and be on time. We leave promptly. Leader: Faye, 732-363-9242, batonawalk@aol.com.

#### MAY 5 Wednesday 10:00 a.m.

SPRING WILDFLOWER HIKE AT TYLER STATE PARK. 6-7 mile hike at a MODERATE PACE, with time to look at flowers, the Schofield Ford Covered Bridge and the beautiful Neshaminy Creek. We'll try to find a new route this year. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet at Boat House Parking lot. Directions from 195 North, get off exit 49 Newtown/Yardley and drive West on the four lane bypass around Newtown. The park entrance is at the intersection of Swamp Rd and the bypass. Signs will take you all the way down to the creek and the parking lot. Pat Burton, 856-767-8064, camperpat@hotmail.com.

#### MAY 5 Wednesday 4:00 p.m. (Call) Recurring Every Wednesday Night

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

#### MAY 6 Thursday 6:00 p.m. Recurring Every Thursday

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

#### MAY 7 Friday 7:00 p.m. Recurring Every Friday Night

FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See APRIL 2 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com alison@mikebaker.com.

MAY 8 Saturday 10:00 a.m.



KNIFE'S EDGE, BEAR ROCKS AND BAKE OVEN KNOB. 8-10 miles, moderate pace, NP. Hike the AT. Great views and lots of rock climbing! Hike to Bear Rocks, with the option of continuing on to Bake Oven Knob. Bring lunch, plenty of water and good hiking boots are a must, maybe some strenuous areas. Optional dinner afterwards. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792 or cell the day of hike 609-332-9262. Meet at Blue Mountain Summit Inn, where Rt. 309 crosses the AT. 10 miles from Schnecksville.

MAY 8 Saturday 10:00am PADDLE MANTUA CREEK. Join us as we paddle 11 miles from Route 45 in Mantua to Riverwinds on the Delaware River. Wildlife is abundant on this creek. There a few places to stop along the way. We will eat lunch at a little beach when we reach the Delaware River. Boats must be longer than 12 feet. Meet at Hollywood Diner on Route 45 in Woodbury Heights, NJ. Please contact Trina P. to confirm trp51@hotmail.com or call 609-221-9003.

MAY 8-9 Sat.-Sun. ▶ BACKPACK THUNDER SWAMP TRAIL IN NORTHEAST PA. About 18 miles. Intermediate. Relatively level terrain. Enjoy spring backpacking in the Pocono Mountains. Great campsite Saturday night along Bushkill Creek. Leader: Bruce Steidel, 609-448-4361 bsteidel@aol.com

MAY 9 Sunday 9.30 a.m. ✓ MENANTICO CREEK - BROAD ST TO PONDS. Trip is for intermediate paddler's. If you like a paddle with lots of technical turns this it. You MUST be able to handle your boat and be able to get it over obstructions. There will be trees and shallow areas. Call leader for Meeting Place. Leader: John Kee, 856-691-3047 or Taxman56@aol.com Please put OCSJ is all email headers.

MAY 9 Sunday 10:00 a.m. FRIENDSHIP BOGS HIKE. 8 to 10 miles, moderate pace. Hike on the dike walls. Bring lunch and extra dry socks. Meet at Friendship Bogs – 2 miles east of Carranza Monument. BW, NC, WF Leader: Phil lapalucci, (H) 856-234-5298 (C) 609-744-4787.

MAY 9 Sunday ~ 10:00 a.m. MOTHER'S DAY ON THE MULLICA. Paddle the meandering Mullica River, Listen for the frog calls on the marsh. Atsion to Pleasant Mills, 11 mile, all day trip. Meet at Atsion Ranger Station Parking Lot. Leader Vicki S. call (856) 256-9568, or ravingwriter@netzero.com

MAY 9 Sunday 11:00 a.m. (Call) **LAKE EFFECT, SUNDAY EDITION HIKE**. 3.5 miles, Sewell, NJ. Moderate/brisk pace, See May 2 listing for full details.

MAY 9 Sunday 1:00 p.m. HOTDOG KAYAK TRIP EGG HARBOR RIVER. Meet at Weymouth Furnace. We will paddle from Weymouth Furnace to Lake Lenape. Hot dogs will be supplied by the leader, bring snacks to share with the group. For rentals contact Winding River Campground at 1-609-6253191. Call or e-mail to confirm. Leader: Tim Jowett, 856-464-2136, or timjs10@aol.com

MAY 10 Monday 10:00 a.m. **PAKIM POND.** 6 miles, moderate pace. Hike the Batona Trail to Pakim Pond return by the Cranberry Trail. Meet at Brendan Byrne Ranger Station. Leaders: Rose Barranger, 856-589-6807, rhosa129@yahoo.com & Janet Horton, 856-461-5771, Cell # 609-706-5691, janeth1@comcast.net.

MAY 10 Monday 10:00 a.m. **DELAWARE RIVER CANALS HIKE.** 9 or 15-mile options, brisk. Walk the Delaware & Raritan feeder canal (NJ side) and the Delaware Canal (PA. side) from Lambertville/New Hope to Stockton/Center Bridge (9 miles) or Bulls Island/Lumberville (15 miles). NP. E-mail (or call) early for directions. Allow for driving time from SJ. Meet in the FREE parking area along the riverfront BEHIND the Lambertville Station hotel. Leader: Joe Sapia, 732-406-4092, Snufftin@aol.com.

MAY 12 Wednesday 10:00 a.m.

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

MAY 12 Wednesday 4:00 p.m. (Call) **LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE.** 3.5 miles, Sewell, NJ. Moderate/brisk pace, See May 5 listing for details. Leader: Rick Galster, H: 856-256-0379, C: 856-449-6636 or retslager55@hotmail.com. Call prior to hike.

MAY 13 Thursday 6:00 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 May 6 Listing for details.

MAY 13 Thursday 7:30 p.m. **CLUB MEETING.** Board of Trustees. Activity Committees Leaders. New Cherry Hill Library, 1100 Kings Hwy. (Rt. 41) North of Route 70 in Cherry Hill.

MAY 14 Friday 7:00 p.m. **FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE**. 8-10 miles, fast pace. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. See May 7 Listing for details.

MAY 15 Saturday 9:00 a.m. PADDLE THE BRANDYWINE RIVER. Enjoy a scenic trip thru the historic Brandywine Valley starting from a Private Park; pass the Wyeth Museum paddle under a covered bridge to either Smith Bridge or Brandywine State Park in Delaware. Water level determines. No rentals available. Contact leader for details. Leader: Frank Pearce, 856-767-2780 or

hornet71@verizon.net

MAY 15 Saturday 9:30 a.m. **BALDPATE MOUNTAIN/WASHINGTON CROSSING STATE PARK**. Approximately 9 miles, moderate/brisk pace. Children who are accustomed to this speed and distance welcome.

Dogs on short leads ok. Snack or lunch stop en route. Directions: Get onto route 29 North. Go approximately 2 miles beyond Washington Crossing. Turn right onto Fiddlers Creek Rd. Parking area is on the left soon after the turning. Leaders: Lenore Brown, 609-883-5816, 609-672-4884, lifemaster2000@yahoo.com.

MAY 15 Saturday 10:00 a.m. PADDLE THE TUCKAHOE RIVER. This is a tributary of the Great Egg Harbor Watershed. Meet at historic Head of the River Church on Rt. 49 in Estell Manor, NJ at Paddle from Head of the River to Mosquito Landing in Tuckahoe. Bring a snack or lunch to enjoy along the way. Trip length approximately 3 hours. All participants must register with leader and be experienced and prepared for colder weather paddling All participants must register with leader. Leader: Nancy Thomson, E-mail: nancythomson@comcast.net or call 609-628-3116.

MAY 15 Saturday 4:00 pm.

APRES SKI PARTY. With a twist! Fran & Dennis McKane have generously offered their new home in North Wildwood for our annual bash, with pre-party activities of your choice. Come for the party, or come for the weekend. More details and directions on club website. As usual, bring a dish to share. Call Fran to let her know what that is. 609-707-3025 dennisfran1@verizon.net

MAY 16 Sunday 8.00 a.m. FOSSIL SHARK TOOTH TRIP to Big Brook or where ever we want to go. If you have knowledge of fossil sites along the Crosswicks Creek or other places let me know. Spend a day sifting for Shark Teeth and other fossils from the Cretaceous Period. Trip size is limited to 3 to 5 people and 1 to 2 cars due to limited parking. Shuttle time from Vineland Area is at least 2 hours one way. We can meet and carpool up Rt. 206 along the way. You need to contact me to reserve a spot. I have sifters for everyone. Also I know several web sites to explore so you know what to look for. Don't wait till the last minute to sign up. Leader: John Kee, 856-691-3047 or Taxman56@aol.com Please put OCSJ is all email headers.

MAY 16 Sunday 9:00 a.m. CLASS C. FAMOUS BAGEL RIDE. 30 miles. Great ride in Burlington County with a bagel stop. Meet at Moorestown High School, Bridgeboro Road, Moorestown. Call incase of inclement weather. Leader: Fran H., 856-786-0048, E-Mail: franhorn@aol.com

MAY 16 Sunday 10:00 a.m.

**HISTORY WALK.** 5 miles, moderate pace. We'll explore the ghost towns of Martha and Harrisville. Bring picnic type lunch for after the walk. Meet Harrisville Pond. Leader: Christine Denneler, 856-461-5379.

MAY 16 Sunday 10:00 a.m.

**MANNIS DUCK HIKE.** 8-10 miles, moderate pace, LP. Not named for some fowl, but refers to places we'll visit. Devious and the Duck Pond. Meet at Carranza, bring lunch. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

MAY 16 Sunday (Call) 11:00 a.m.

**LAKE EFFECT, SUNDAY EDITION HIKE.** 3.5 miles, Sewell, NJ. Moderate/brisk pace, See May 2 listing for full details.

MAY 17 Monday 10:00 a.m. **CRANBERRY BOGS HIKE.** Approximately 9 miles, moderate pace (3mph). Tour the pines and bogs in Lebanon. Bring lunch. Meet at Byrne office (Ranger Station). Heavy rain cancels. Leaders, Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817 and Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609.

MAY 19 Wednesday 9:00 a.m.

WILLIAM HUBER PRAIRIE WARBLER PRESERVE. 5 to 6 miles, moderate pace. A diverse hike along woodland roads and trails, among Mountain Laurel and Pine Barrens Golden Heather. There is a short section of the trail that is undeveloped, so boots are recommended. There will only be necessary pit stops, clothing adjustments and fluid breaks, no lunch on the trail. Meet at the preserve sign, 4.3 miles towards Chatsworth on Sooy Place Road south from Rt. 70. Note the start time and give yourself enough time to find the preserve. Leader: Faye, 732-363-9242, batonawalk@aol.com cell phone day of hike 908-692-5765.

MAY 19 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

MAY 19 Wednesday 10:00 a.m. WASHINGTON CROSSING/ UNKNOWN SOLDIERS OF REVOLUTIONARY WAR. 9-10 miles. Moderate pace (3mph). Meet at Washington Crossing, New Jersey side on Route 29 approximately 8 miles north of Trenton. At Washington Crossing, turn left at light and then make an immediate right (before crossing the bridge) into the parking lot. We will cross the Delaware River and continue along the towpath to the site and lunch at the picnic pavilion. Bring your lunch. Heavy rain cancels. Leaders: Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817 and Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609.

MAY 19 Wednesday 4:00 p.m. (Call) **LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE.** 3.5 miles, Sewell, NJ. Moderate/brisk pace, See May 5 listing for details. Leader: Rick Galster, H: 856-256-0379, C: 856-449-6636 or retslager55@hotmail.com. Call prior to hike.

MAY 20 Thursday 6:00 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 May 6 Listing for details.

MAY 21 Friday 7:00 p.m. **FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE**. 8-10 miles, fast pace. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. See May 7 Listing for details.

MAY 22 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

MAY 22 Saturday 7:30 p.m.



**FULL MOONLIGHT IN MAY HIKE**. 7-8 miles, moderate pace. Evening in the pines with maybe a whippoorwill serenade can be enjoyable. Meet at Atsion, Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

MAY 23 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 Ave. and Walnut Lane parking area. Leader: Rich Kranz, 856-316-6292, kranzdnr@verizon.net.

MAY 23 Sunday 10:00 a.m.

**THE MAURICE IN MAY RIVER PADDLE.** Start at Willow Grove and end at Sherman Ave take out. All day paddle, expect, obstructions, wood, twists and turns. Pack lunch and the usual. Volunteer shuttle. Leader: Vicki S. 856-256-9568 or ravingwriter@netzero.com

**MAY 24** Monday 10:00 a.m. *NEW*  CANAL HIKE FROM INTERSTATE I-295. 5 to 6 miles, easy to moderate pace. Start Point - The scenic overlook rest stop on route 295 just North of the Rt. 130 exit. Park and meet on the northbound side or park on the southbound side and walk across the highway via the overhead walkway. This is a "new hike" and a new trail along the historic Delaware and Raritan canal. We will see the remains of old locks and where the canal empties into the Crosswicks Creek and look for wild flowers. Bring lunch. Leaders: Peppy Bath, 609-587-4849, pep157@optonline.net or Manny Robbins, 856-428-4841.

MAY 26 Wednesday 9:30 a.m. KAYAK NESHAMINY CREEK. Approx 4 hour trip with a fairly easy shuttle. We need water to do this creek. All participants need to contact the leader prior to trip in case of low water cancellation. Meet at Tyler State park, Boat House parking for a reverse shuttle. A Pa boat sticker may be needed, and can be purchased at the Ranger station. 195 North, off Exit 49 Newtown/Yardly exit and drive West on the four lane bypass around Newtown. Entrance to Park is at the intersection of Swamp Road and the Bypass. Pat Burton, 856 767 8064 or e-mail camperpat@hotmail.com

MAY 26 Wednesday 10:00 a.m. ✔ PADDLE CEDAR SWAMP CREEK. This is tributary of the Great Egg Harbor Watershed in Upper Township, Cape May County. Meet on Rt. 50, just before the put in. Canoe or kayak the creek and explore California Mills, site of 19th century grist and sawmills. Lunch at Bailey's Island. Hopefully we will see the pair of bald eagles and their nest. Binoculars very helpful. All participants must register with leader. Leader: Nancy Thomson, E-mail nancythomson@comcast.net or call 609-628-3116.

MAY 26 Wednesday 10:30 a.m. **BACK TO BIVALVE HIKE.** 7 miles, moderate pace. Meet at 2800 High St. (BDP office) Bivalve (Port Norris). Walk to Shellpile, Bivalve Village and observation decks. Picnic at BDP

wharfs. Off Rt. 553 Cumberland Co. (check your map). Bring binoculars, cameras and bug repellent. Leader: Noel Wirth, 609-938-0418 or ocncw101@comcast.net.

MAY 26 Wednesday 4:00 p.m. (Call) **LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE.** 3.5 miles, Sewell, NJ. Moderate/brisk pace, See May 5 listing for details. Leader: Rick Galster, H: 856-256-0379, C: 856-449-6636 or retslager55@hotmail.com. Call prior to hike.

MAY 27 Thursday 5:30 p.m. SUNSET & FULL "FLOWER" MOON PADDLING TRIP. Captain Mike's Marina, Great Bay Blvd. Little Egg Harbor. This will be a joint trip with the Great Bay Paddlers Club. We will paddle in the beautiful Great Bay Wildlife Management Area. Bring "munchies" and refreshments to enjoy for our gathering after the paddle. Rentals are available @\$25.00 Single & \$40.00 Tandem. Contact Roger to make a rental reservation and/or confirm your attendance AT LEAST TWO (2) DAYS PRIOR TO THE TRIP! Trip Leaders: Roger Marcotte, rogercotte@comcast.net cell: 609-412-4137 & John Scott. For directions & additional information go to the Great Bay Paddler's Website:http://sites.google.com/site/greatbaypaddlers/Home

MAY 27 Thursday 6:00 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 May 6 Listing for details.

MAY 28 Friday 7:00 p.m. **FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE**. 8-10 miles, fast pace. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. See May 7 Listing for details.

MAY 29 Saturday 9:00 a.m. CANOE/KAYAK THE N. BRANCH RANCOCAS CREEK - PEMBERTON TO MOUNT HOLLY. Enjoy a spring paddle on the Rancocas Creek Canoe Trail. For this trip we'll meet in Pemberton at the dam, behind Clarks' Canoe Rental, Hanover St. We'll stop for our lunch break at historic Smithville Park on the way to Mount Holly. Leader is an "early riser", so contact him between 4am and 7pm if you have any questions. Participants MUST be ready to shuttle at 9am so arrive early to unload your boat and gear. Rentals are not available. Leader: Dave Lynch, Cell 609-784-4066 or e-mail dlynch50@verizon.net

MAY 30 Sunday 10:00 a.m. SUMMER KICK OFF GREAT EGG HARBOR PADDLE. Weymouth Furnace to the Lake. Good run for less experienced paddlers. 4 hour trip. Bring lunch and hydration. Volunteer shuttle. Leader Vicki S., (856) 256-9568, or ravingwriter@netzero.com

MAY 30 Sunday 11:00 a.m. (Call) **LAKE EFFECT, SUNDAY EDITION HIKE**. 3.5 miles, Sewell, NJ. Moderate/brisk pace, See May 2 listing for full details.

MAY 31 Monday 10:00 a.m. **MEMORIAL DAY ON THE MULLICA**. Line up for the paddle parade, Atsion to Pleasant Mills, 11 miles, No rentals. Meet at Atsion Ranger Station Parking Lot. Please contact Leader Vicki S. phone (856) 256-9568, or ravingwriter@netzero.com



### JUNE

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#### **RESERVATIONS AND DEADLINES**

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

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JUNE 2 Wednesday 10:00 a.m.



HISTORIC FAIRMOUNT PARK LOOP HIKE. 10-11 miles, moderate pace. See historic mansions of Fairmount Park (Hatfield House, Smith House, Rockland, Chamounix, Lemon Hill, Mount Pleasant, Ormiston, Laurel Hill, Woodford, and Strawberry). Cross Ben Franklin Bridge into Phila. Take Vine St. Expressway (I-676 West) to 22nd St. and go short distance, then left onto Ben Franklin Pkwy. Take Pkwy (right hand lanes) past Art Museum onto Kelly Drive. Turn left into the new Lloyd Hall public parking at the beginning of Boat House Row. If this parking is full or unavailable, park on either side of the road just across Kelly Drive & walk back to Lloyd Hall. Heavy rain cancels; call leader if in doubt. NP- Leader: Jerry Goldstein, 609-859-8133, mail to: jerryhyker@yahoo.com.

JUNE 2 Wednesday 4:00 p.m. (Call) Recurring Every Wednesday Night 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 Township). Leader: Rick Galster, H: 856-256-0379, C: 856-449-6636 or retslager55@hotmail.com. Call prior to hike.

JUNE 3 Thursday 6:00 p.m. Recurring Every Thursday ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Stop on the way home for a turn around The Cooper River Park. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, S. Park Drive. Rain or flooding on Admiral Wilson Blvd cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill 856-772-6465 or E-mail: Geofneil@aol.com.

#### JUNE 4 Friday 7:00 p.m. Recurring Every Friday Night

JUNE 5 Saturday 10:00 a.m. FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See APRIL 2 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com.

BELLEPLAIN STATE FOREST HIKE - WELCOME NEW HIKERS! 8-9 miles. 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. Just south of Route 550, near Woodbine (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. 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.

JUNE 5 Saturday 10:00 a.m. CLAYTON PARK. 5 miles, easy to moderate pace. We explore the wooded trails along the Doctor's Creek in this Monmouth Park. Direction from I-195: take Exit 11 (Imlaystown/Cox's Corner) and turn south on Rt. 43. At first intersecton 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. Leaders: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com and Marilyn Miller, 732-240-0328, mreed24@thejerseyshore.net.

JUNE 5 Saturday

✔ PADDLE THE S. BRANCH OF THE RARITAN. Water levels permitting, we will paddle from picturesque Clinton to Darts Mills. At this time of year the riverbanks should be covered in wild roses and other flowers. We stop for lunch near the pumping station for the Round Valley Reservoir then continue pass horse farms and country homes before paddling thru the remains of the dam at Darts Mills. No rentals available and there will be a fee for using the take-out. Leader: Frank Pearce. 856-767-2780 or e-mail hornet71@verizon.net

JUNE 6 Sunday 9:00 a.m. or 9:45 a.m.

MANAYUNK BIKE RACE/WISSAHICKON HIKE. 2 or 5 miles. Moderate Pace. Avoiding the parking hassles, we'll hike down through the Wissahickon Gorge, into a very festive Manayunk and get to experience THE spectacle that is the Philadelphia International Pro-Cycling Championship. Watch as they race down Main St. and then up "The Manayunk Wall". Bring or drink lunch. Stay for dinner if you like with an easy walk back to the cars. Rugged terrain and city sidewalks. Race detours in effect. E-mail leader for new driving directions. NP. Meet before 9:00am at Crate & Barrel; Cherry Hill Mall, or by 9:45 am at Henry and Walnut parking area. Leader: Rich Kranz, 856-316-6292 kranzdnr@verizon.net.

JUNE 6 Sunday 10:00 a.m. O' WE GO PADDLE the OSWEGO. We meet at Oswego Lake Put-In. Pack lunch. Call or email to confirm. Leader: Vicki S. 856-256-9568 or ravingwriter@netzero.com

**JUNE 6** Recurring Every Sunday

LAKE EFFECT, SUNDAY EDITION HIKE. 3.5 miles, moder-Sunday - 11:00 a.m. ate/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, H: 856-256-0379, C: 856-449-6636 or retslager55@hotmail.com. Call prior to hike.

JUNE 7 Monday 10:00 a.m. NEW

**VETERANS PARK – HAMILTON TOWNSHIP.** 5 miles, easy pace. Directions to park: Take Interstate 295 North and turn unto Interstate 195 heading to Shore Points direction [East]. Take exit 3 B [Hamilton Square] from 195. As you come off the ramp you will be on the Yardville Hamilton Square Road. At the first light turn left [Kuser Road] and continue for 1.2 miles and turn right into the park entrance near the tennis courts. We will look for a few new trails and look for wild flowers. Bring tick repellent. Bring a lunch for after the hike if you would like to join the group. Leaders: Peppy Bath pep157@optonline.net, 609-587 4849, Manny Robbins, 856 428 4841.

JUNE 9 Wednesday 4:00 p.m. (Call) LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE. 3.5 miles, Sewell, NJ. Moderate/brisk pace. See June 2 listing for details.

JUNE 10 Thursday 6:00 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 June 3 listing for details

JUNE 10 Thursday 7:30 p.m.



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

JUNE 11 Friday 7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. See June 4 listing for details.

JUNE 11-13 Fri.-Sun.

✓ HISTORIC CAPE MAY WEEKEND. See page 10 for details. 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,

**JUNE 12** Saturday 9:30 a.m. PRINCETON UNIVERSITY AND CANAL HIKE. Approx. 9.5 miles. (Possible to leave off the canal segment for about a 5.5 mi. walk.) Walk through the University campus, with a short commentary on some of the buildings. A break stop will be included. Canal is flat, some hills on campus. Meet at the parking area by the canal on Alexander Road. Or be green and take the train to Princeton and walk downhill .8 mile on Alexander Road to the parking lot. Directions if coming from south: From Route 1, use the jughandle to make a left turn onto Alexander Road. Go a little over half a mile. Parking is on the left, with a sign for Turning Basin Park. Leader: Lenore Brown, 609-883-5816.

JUNE 12-13 Sat.-Sun.

✓ BEGINNER'S BACKPACK TRIP: APPALACHIAN TRAIL IN PA - 8 miles. Beginner. Smith Gap Road to Wind Gap. See fine views of the Chicola Lake and Aquashicola Creek, as well as views from Hahn's lookout. Saturday night camping at the Lery A Smith Shelter. Max 10 people. Hike Leader: Kevin Drevik, 856-778-3817 kdrevik@aol.com

JUNE 13 Sunday 8.00 a.m. ✔ FOSSIL SHARK TOOTH TRIP to Big Brook or where ever we want to go. If you have knowledge of fossil sites along the Crosswicks Creek or other places let me know. Spend a day sifting for Shark Teeth and other fossils from the Cretaceous Period. Trip size is limited to 3 to 5 people and 1 to 2 cars due to limited parking. Shuttle time from Vineland Area is at least 2 hours one way. We can meet and carpool up RT206 along the way. You need to contact me to reserve a spot. I have sifters for everyone. Also I know several web sites to explore so you know what to look for. Don't wait till the last minute to sign up. Leader: John Kee, 856-691-3047 or Taxman56@aol.com Please put OCSJ is all email headers

JUNE 13 Sunday 9:00 a.m.



**EGG HARBOR RIVER PADDLE**. Meet at Harley Dawn Diner at 10:00 a.m. or arrive early at 9:00 for breakfast. We will paddle from Penny Pot (Folsom Put-in), to Weymouth Furnace. For rentals, contact Winding River Campground, 1-609-625 3191. Call or e-mail to confirm. Leader: Tim Jowett, 856-464-2136, or timjs10@aol.com

JUNE 13 Sunday 9.30 a.m. CANOE THE DELAWARE RIVER - FRENCHTOWN TO BULL'S ISLAND. Meeting at Kingwood Access located on Rt. 29 near Frenchtown, NJ. Will arrange for some folks to take out at Bulls Island. Prefer some whitewater exp. No rentals! (Must wear PFD, or don't show, and listen to safety talk on rapids.). Must call leader between 6 to 10 p.m. evenings or Saturday. No last minute calls or e-Mails. Leader: Harry Barok, 985-6172 or Harrykaraoke7@aol.com

JUNE 13 Sunday 10:00 a.m. "SOME PEOPLE CALL ME MAURICE" RIVER PADDLE, but it is pronounced like "Morris" the cat. Start at Willow Grove and end at Sherman Ave about 7 hours later. Pack lunch and water, bug and sun protection. Volunteer shuttle. Leader: Vicki S., 856-256-9568 or ravingwriter@netzero.com

JUNE 13 Sunday 10:00 a. m. WILLIAM HUBER PRAIRIE WARBLER PRESERVE HIKE. 8-10 miles, moderate pace. An area new to our club. Hike along woodland roads and trails, among Mountain Laurel and Golden Heather. Boots are preferred for this walk, as the trails though well blazed are still somewhat rough. We shall find a lunch spot along the way. Meet at the preserve sign, 4.3 miles towards Chatsworth on Sooy Place Road south of Rt. 70. Note the start time and give yourself enough time to find the preserve. Leader: Jay Schoss, cell 908-692-5765 walkinginmud@aol.com

**JUNE 13 (Call)** Sunday - 11:00 a.m. **LAKE EFFECT, SUNDAY EDITION HIKE.** 3.5 miles, Sewell, NJ. Moderate/brisk pace. See June 6 listing for full details.

JUNE 14 Monday 10:00 a.m. **GRIGGSTOWN-COLONIAL PARK ROSE GARDEN**. About 12 miles, brisk. Hike the Delaware & Raritan Canal between Griggstown and famous rose garden at Colonial Park. Will eat our lunch at the rose garden. NP. E-mail (or call) early for directions. Allow for driving time from SJ. Meet at the canal's Griggstown parking area. Leader: Joe Sapia, 732-406-4092, Snufftin@aol.com.

JUNE 16 Wednesday 9:00 a.m. **BRENDAN BYRNE HIKE.** 6 miles, moderate pace. A pleasant hike along trails, roads and fire cuts. We will only stop for

clothing adjustments, fluid or pit stops. You will be back before noon, if you want to have lunch at the pond. Please bring drink, and bug spray. Cookies provided for four legged hikers on leash. Well behaved children are welcome. Meet at Pakim Pond and be on time. We leave promptly. Leader: Faye, 732-363-9242, batonawalk@aol.com.

JUNE 16 Wednesday 4:00 p.m. (Call) **LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE**. 3.5 miles, Sewell, NJ. Moderate/brisk pace, See June 2 listing for details.

JUNE 17 Thursday 6:00 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 June 3 listing for details.

JUNE 18 Friday 7:00 p.m. **FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE.** 8-10 miles, fast pace. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. See June 4 listing for details.

JUNE 19 Saturday 9:00 a.m.

CANOE/KAYAK THE N. BRANCH RANCOCAS CREEK. Join me for a 10-mile trip on my favorite Pinelands waterway and look for turtles sunning themselves along the way. We'll paddle from the trailhead behind Burlington County Community College to Smithville. Meet at the Canoe Trail launch ramp on W. Rancocas Road, off Rt. 530 in Pemberton. Leader is an "early riser", so contact him between 4 am and 7 pm if you have any questions. Participants MUST be ready to shuttle at 9 am so arrive early to unload your boat and gear. Rentals are not available. Leader: Dave Lynch, Cell 609-784-4066 or e-mail dlynch50@verizon.net

JUNE 19 Saturday 9:00 a.m. PLAINS BRANCH HIKE. – 12+ miles of sand roads and trails at a moderate pace. Plains Branch is one of the feeders of the Oswego, draining the area between Spring Hill and route 72. We will traverse a large portion of the Pygmy forest surrounding this stream. Meet at Lucille's Restaurant in Warren Grove. We will drive in to the starting point. Leader: Jay Schoss, cell 908-692-5765 walkinginmud@aol.com

JUNE 20 Sunday 9:00 a.m.



CLASS C. FAMOUS BAGEL RIDE. 30 miles. Great ride in Burlington County with a bagel stop. Meet at Moorestown High School, Bridgeboro Road, Moorestown. Call in case of inclement weather. Leader: Fran H., 856-786-0048, E-Mail: franhorn@aol.com

JUNE 20 Sunday 10:00 a.m.

JOSEPH TRUJILLO MEMORIAL HIKE. 5 miles, moderate pace. We will hike to one of Joe's favorite spots, then come back for lunch at the pond, where we will recall our memories of Joe. Bring picnic or barbecue type food. Those not wanting to hike come at 12:30. Hikers should be back from the hike around that time. Meet Harrisville Pond. Leader: Christine Denneler, 856-461-5379.

JUNE 20 Sunday 11:00 a.m. (Call)

**LAKE EFFECT, SUNDAY EDITION HIKE.** 3.5 miles, Sewell, NJ. Moderate/brisk pace, See June 6 listing for full details.

#### JUNE 22 Tuesday 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 e-mail mayandpops@aol.com

#### JUNE 23 Wednesday 9:00 a.m.



BRENDAN BYRNE HIKE. 6 miles, moderate pace. A pleasant hike along trails, roads and fire cuts, so bring bug spray. We will only stop for mandatory clothing adjustments, fluid or pit stops. You will be back to the cars before noon, if you want to have your lunch at the pond. Bring plenty of fluids. Cookies will be provided for four legged hikers on leash, only children that are controlled, off leash. All ages are welcome. Meet at the field across from the campground. We leave on time so note the start time. Leader: Faye, 732-363-9242, batonawalk@aol.com.

#### JUNE 23 Wednesday 4:00 p.m. (Call)

**LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE.** 3.5 miles, Sewell, NJ. Moderate/brisk pace, See June 2 listing for details.

#### JUNE 24 Thursday 6:00 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 June 3 listing for details.

#### JUNE 25 Friday 9:30a.m.

WADING RIVER PADDLE. Spend a few hours on a beautiful, twisty and partially shaded river. Meet at Mick's Pine Barrens Canoes, Rt. 563, Chatsworth. Call 1-800-732-0793 to reserve a boat. Rain cancels. Bring lunch and water. Reservations with leader are appreciated but not required. If you discover at the last minute that you can join us, come on down! Well behaved dogs are welcome on this trip. Call or email Becky S. if you have questions. quasar@snip.net or 856-218-7725. This is a good trip for new kayakers. (please note, proper footwear required, no 'flip-flops'.)

#### JUNE 25 Friday 7:00 p.m.

**FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE.** 8-10 miles, fast pace. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. See June 4 listing for details.

### **JUNE 25-27** Fri -Sun.

SUMMER CAMPOREE AT HAWKINS BRIDGE CAMPSITE, WHARTON FOREST. Arrive anytime late Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. Group camping with a small fee per person. Please note, this site has outhouses, a water pump and NO PICNIC TABLES, PLAN ACCORDINGLY. A late afternoon kayak trip is planned for campers only. We're also hoping for an early Sat morning short hike. Space is limited to 25 people. Leader: Pat Burton, 856-767-8064 camperpat@hotmail.com

#### JUNE 26 Saturday 6:00 p.m.

SUNSET & FULL "STRAWBERRY" MOON PADDLING TRIP.
It's Finally Summer! Captain Mike's Marina, Great Bay Blvd.
Little Egg Harbor. This will be a joint trip with the Great Bay
Paddlers Club. We will paddle in the beautiful Great Bay Wildlife
Management Area. Bring "munchies" and refreshments to

enjoy for our gathering after the paddle. Rentals are available @\$25.00 Single & \$40.00 Tandem. Contact Roger to make a rental reservation and/or confirm your attendance AT LEAST TWO (2) DAYS PRIOR TO THE TRIP! Trip Leaders: Roger Marcotte, rogercotte@comcast.net cell: 609-412-4137 & John Scott. For directions & additional information go to the Great Bay Paddler's Website:http://sites.google.com/site/greatbay-paddlers/Home

JUNE 26 Saturday 7:30 p.m. NEW WELCOME NEW HIKERS! Bring food to share at the tailgate social after the hike, any firewood and a chair to sit on. Meet at Goshen Pond campsites, from Rt. 206 take Atsion Road. Go 1.5 miles to Goshen Pond campsite sign, turn onto dirt road and follow to campsites. Leader: Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve.or pis1@cccnj.net.

JUNE 26 Saturday 8:00 p.m. **JUNE MOON JAUNT HIKE.** 7-8 miles, moderate pace. With a full strawberry moon, we will be looking for a sunset and moonrise, possibly at the same time. Meet at Batsto parking area, bad weather cancels. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

JUNE 27 Sunday 9:00 a.m.



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

JUNE 27 Sunday 9.30 a.m.



**MENANTICO CREEK - BROAD ST TO PONDS.** Trip is for intermediate paddler's. If you like a paddle with lots of technical turns this it. You *MUST* be able to handle your boat and be able to get it over obstructions. There will be trees and shallow areas. Call leader for meeting place. Leader: John Kee, 856-691-3047 or Taxman56@aol.com put OCSJ is all e-mail headers.

JUNE 27 Sunday 10:00 a.m. **GREAT EGG HARBOR PADDLE**. Weymouth Furnace to the Lake. Good run for less experienced paddlers. 4 hour trip. Bring lunch and hydration. Volunteer shuttle. Leader: Vicki S., call (856) 256-9568, or ravingwriter@netzero.com

JUNE 27 Sunday 11:00 a.m. (Call) **LAKE EFFECT, SUNDAY EDITION HIKE.** 3.5 miles, Sewell, NJ. Moderate/brisk pace, See June 6 listing for full details.

JUNE 30 Wednesday 9:00 a.m. BRENDAN BYRNE MYSTERY HIKE. 6-7 miles. This will be a mystery hike. The temperature will tell us which way to go. This will be a steady walk, with no breaks unless necessary for clothing adjustments, fluid intake or pit stops. Bring bug spray, plenty of fluids and trail gorp to eat as you walk. We will be back to the cars by lunch time, there are picnic tables at the parking area if you want to bring lunch, and the bathrooms should be open. Meet at the ranger station, we leave on time so note the start time. Two and four legged hikers are welcome. Leader: Faye, 732-363-9242, batonawalk@aol.com.

#### JUNE 30 Wednesday 4:00 p.m. (Call)

**LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE.** 3.5 miles, Sewell, NJ. Moderate/brisk pace. See June 2 listing for details.

#### JULY 4 Sunday 10:00 a.m.

FOURTH OF JULY ON THE MAURICE RIVER. Meet at Garden Road, south side, we paddle to Union Lake thru the less populated stretch looking for shady spots. Pack lunch and hydration; also bug and sun protection. Be prepared to go for ice cream after. Leader: Vicki S. 856-256-9568 or raving-writer@netzero.com

#### JULY 11 Sunday 2:00 p.m.

✓ LATE AFTERNOON LOTUS BLOSSOM HUNT ON THE EGG HARBOR RIVER PADDLE. Meet at Weymouth Furnace Park. Paddle to the Lake to Lolly-gag. No time clock punchers, please. Leader: Vicki S., 856-256-9568 or ravingwriter@netzero.com

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## SEPTEMBER IN WESTERN MAINE - BALD MOUNTAIN CAMPS, ON PRISTINE MOOSELOOKMEGUNTIC LAKE, OQUOSSOC, ME.

Proposed Dates: September 5-10 & September 12-17, 2010

#### Trip includes:

Accommodations: Stay in Log cabin, heated by wood fireplaces, with porch. Wood, linens included.

#### Meals:

Dine in the lodge dining room for first class breakfasts and dinners, sack lunches for the trail.

#### **Activity Options:**

Guided kayaking or canoeing pristine lakes and rivers with our host and Registered Maine Guide, Steve Philbick.; other activities Include both guided and unguided hiking, paddling, biking, golf, tennis, photography and wildlife viewing to name a few.

#### Payments:

The total cost is \$1200. A deposit of \$240/person is due by May 1st., after that, as decided by the leader if space is available. Final payment of \$960, which includes Maine tax and all tips, is due to be paid to Bald Mt. Camps by August 1st.

Payment is by check to: Bald Mountain Camps, 125 Bald Mt. Road, Oquossoc, ME. 04964-0032 (Tele 207-864-3671).

Please include the week you are coming on the check. Cancellations will not be accepted after August 1st. and deposits will be forfeited.

There is a \$25 fee for pre-August 1st cancellation.

For complete details visit trip website below or contact leader. http://web.me.com/judynorcross/BMC\_Trekker\_Info/Trekker\_Information.html Contact: Judy Norcross (856)-235-8735, E-mail: jsnorcross@aol.com

#### **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.

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

WRITE YOUR LEGISLATORS. A SIMPLE NOTE IN SUPPORT OF TRAILS,

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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. If you elect to receive your Trekker via E-mail, a notice of expiring membership will be mailed to you.
- 2. If you elected to receive your Trekker via postal mail, check your address label. It's easy to renew. Check the membership desired, include a check for the proper amount, and <u>return this page</u> with your label intact on the reverse. We'll take it from there.
- 3. If your address has changed, please indicate new address. If you move, please file a change of address card with us.
- 4. Keep your membership current. Memberships must be renewed one month prior to March, June, September, and December. A current paid up membership card must be presented at each outing for free participation, except for fees for campsites, canoe or kayak rentals, transportation and the like.
- 5. Membership forms may be downloaded from the OCSJ website (www.ocsj.org)

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