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Winter 2014 Trekker

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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.

Coming Events

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OCSJ MEETUP SITES

Hiking Meetup site: <http://meetup.com/Outdoor-Club-of-South-Jersey-Hiking/>

Bicycling Meetup site: <http://www.meetup.com/Outdoor-Club-of-South-Jersey>

Canoeing Meetup site: <http://www.meetup.com/Outdoor-Club-of-South-Jersey-Canoeing/>

JANUARY 1 NEW YEARS DAY HIKE. 7-8 miles moderate pace. Start the New Year with a hike! We are a part of "America's State Parks First Day Hikes" All across America people will be hiking. So come and join us and start the New year with a day in our beautiful Pine Barrens. Meet in field next to the Atsion Office. Off RT. 206 Leaders; Christine Denneler, 609-351-2789, e-mail cdenneler157@yahoo.com. Pat Burton, 856-767-8064, e-mail. camperpat123@aol.com. Check Meetup and Ocsj.org. if Changes due to weather.

SKI TRIPS. Check the Ski Schedule page for changes since the last Trekker and the Website for any updates.

MARCH 8 ANNUAL BATONA TRAIL MAINTENANCE. OCSJ is responsible for maintaining the Batona Trail from the Carranza Memorial to the southern terminus at Bass River State Forest. As always we need as much help as possible to fulfill our obligation. Meet 9:30 am at Atsion Park Office on US 206. Expect to be done by 2:00 pm. Rain Date: MARCH 9, same time. Leader: Bruce Steidel, 609-915-0956 or bsteidel@yahoo.com

MARCH 8-9 BACKPACKING UP TO HIGH POINT FROM THE EAST. A couple of years ago, we backpacked up to High Point in NJ from the Southeast - now we'll climb it from the other side! See March 8-9 entry.

MARCH 22 ANNUAL HOT DOG HIKE: 6-7 miles moderate pace. We'll hike in the Bass River SF area. Then back for that all American favorite grilled hot dogs. Bring your own beverage. Hot water will be provided. Leaders will supply the hot dogs, rolls and condiments. Bring something to share. Meet at Lake Absegami parking in the Bass River SF. Entrance off Stage Road. 3.4 miles E of Rt. 679. Chfs Chris Denneler, -609-351-2789, e-mail cdenneler157@yahoo.com, Pat and Bob Burton, 856-767-8064, e-mail camperpat@hotmail.com. Hike leaders, Toni Stransky, 609-652-0112, Jan Jorganson, 609-404-4990. Rain date MARCH 23. Check Meetup and Ocsj.org for Changes.

APRÈS SKI PARTY - SOMETIME IN APRIL. Watch for the date and location of the Après Ski Party in Spring Trekker and on the website.

RICHARD GREVE MEMORIAL VOLUNTEER TRIP TO HARPER'S FERRY, WV. Friday, to Sunday, **no dates yet but probably late April or early May.** Dates will be on website early 2014. This is a volunteer trip to assist the Appalachian Trail Conservancy with whatever they need. Richard felt this was a way to "give back" to an organization that continues to make the trail such a wonderful experience. So if you can get into a little physical labor, or even boring office drudgery, we work on Saturday, play on Sunday, and get 2 free nights at the hostel. Call Eileen Grevé, 609-204-6451, egreve212@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE MAY 3 WASHINGTON DC BUS TRIP.

DETAILS COMING - JUNE HISTORIC CAPE MAY WEEKEND. Friday to Sunday. You are invited to join us at the Chalfonte Hotel B&B in Cape May. Activities available include biking, hiking, kayaking, nature walks, bird watching and much, much more.

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Coming Events (continued from page 3)

Leaders: Jim Bodnar at 609-654-1507, e-mail: JRBodnar@verizon.net or Fran Horn at 856-786-0048, e-mail: FranHorn@aol.com Details will be posted on the website and in the Spring Trekker.

JUNE 7-13 2014. THE 16 th SCHUYLKILL RIVER SOJOURN (NON-OCSJ EVENT) is a 112-mile guided canoe/kayak trip on the Schuylkill River. that begins in rural Schuylkill Haven and ends seven days later in Philadelphia's Boathouse Row. Sojourn participants register for as little as one day, or for the entire trip. Sometimes it is wet and wild. At other times it is peaceful and inspiring. There are a few rapids, calm water, plenty of laughs, songs at the campsites, and celebrations in the river towns. There is a little bit of everything in store for canoers and kayakers who take part in the week-long sojourn down the Schuylkill River that begins the first weekend of June. For details contact Frank Pearce, hornet71@verizon.net or 856-767-2780.

VOLUNTEER VACATIONS. Enjoy an inspiring and unforgettable week vacationing in America's national parks, forests, state parks, and other public lands, while repairing and restoring trails – and rejuvenating your mind, body, and spirit! Volunteer Vacations are a series of trail building projects on America's public lands. Experience the camaraderie and sense of accomplishment after building a bridge or restoring a neglected trail. For more information, <http://www.americanhiking.org/em-volunteer-vacations/>

PROPOSED DATES FOR SEPTEMBER IN WESTERN MAINE – SEPTEMBER 7-12 & SEPTEMBER 14-19. Price is \$1,300 all included, cabin, food, shuttles, guide, tax, tips. Kayaks are available if needed and requested at registration time. Location: Bald Mountain Camps, Oquossoc, ME. (www.baldmountaincamps.com) Historic sporting camp located on pristine Mooselookmeguntic Lake. Activities: several hiking options (mountaintops, waterfalls, backwoods roads, a piece of the A.T.), kayaking/canoeing, biking, golfing, tennis, photography, wildlife viewing, geocaching, sunsets, moonrises, starlight, loon calls to appreciate, or slip into Rangeley if civilization required. Trip includes: guided kayaking or canoeing pristine lakes and rivers with our host and Registered Maine Guide, Steve Philbrick, log cabins with fireplace, wood, bath, linens, porch, meals in the lodge dining room for first class breakfasts and dinners, sack lunches for the trail. Happy to answer questions.
Contact: Judy Norcross, 609-288-6737.

NEWS AND NOTES

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

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

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1000, 750 and 500 Mile Hiking Clubs for 2014

The Grand Mile Club begins anew on January 1. This will be its twelfth year. Are you goal oriented? Looking for an interesting challenge? You should consider joining our Grand Mile Club. Our goal is to walk, jog, hike 1000 miles each calendar year. Get all the details from Bill Poulson at wpoul42@gmail.com or 856-983-7609.

We also have 500 and 750 mile clubs. If those better suit you, contact Bill Schaefer weschaefer@verizon.net, or Vera Stek verastek@verizon.net

TRAIL MAINTENANCE

The hiking trails our club enjoys are available primarily due the efforts of volunteers, just ordinary people. Among other things, our club helps to maintain the BATONA trail. See the March calendar for scheduled trail maintenance. Or if you can help for a morning or afternoon at another time, contact Jack Dalton for what needs to be done. You can contact Jack at 609-287-3105 or w2hds@comcast.net.



CANOEING/KAYAKING

A Message from the Canoeing/Kayaking Chair



Thank you to all our leaders for another great year.

Consider taking the same step and become a leader. We can offer any help you need. Remember the trips you enjoy are only made possible by those that volunteer as leaders. I want to thank them. When you are on a trip take the time to thank them and consider becoming a leader.

Always check the website for current information

Hope to see you on the water,

Frank Pearce

Hornet71@verizon.net

856-767-2780.

Guidelines:

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

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

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

**A MESSAGE FROM THE
X/C Skiing & Snowshoeing Chair**

APRÈS SKI PARTY- SOMETIME IN APRIL. Watch for the date and location of the Après Ski Party in Spring Trekker and on the website.

Dennisfran1@verizon.net
609-707-5695

DEC. 27-JAN. 1
Fri.-Wed.

CRAFTSBURY, VT — \$950 per room, 2 people; \$550 single room includes 5 nights, all meals (vegetarian available), trail passes for skiing and snowshoeing are included. Deposit \$200 to reserve by 11/1/13 Call for details. Fran Horn, 856-786-0048. franhorn@aol.com

DEC. 29-JAN. 1
Sun.-Tues.

PULASKI/TUG HILL, NY - The Tug Hill region is New York's Snowbelt due to lake effect weather. Cost same as last year! \$247 for 3 nights (Sunday-Tuesday), option to stay Saturday night. (\$321 for 4 nights). Hearty breakfast and soup each day, gourmet dinner NY's Eve, all taxes & gratuities. There are a few spaces left. Eileen Greve, 609-204-6451 egreve212@gmail.com

JAN. 10-12
Fri.-Sun.

PROSPECT MTNXC CENTER, BENNINGTON, VT - 5 hour drive. Learn to ski! Hills (flat and hills) Prospect is highest point in VT, snow guaranteed. Great flats and challenging hills. Lodge is full service with a restaurant, cozy lounge, rentals, snow shoeing, waxing room. 40 km trails. Tour Bennington, VT. Shops, museums! Price Includes: Two nights lodging (Friday, Saturday) at Best Western (double occupancy), 2 breakfasts at hotel, Dinner, Trail fee Saturday only. Sat: Free ski lessons. Cost/Person: King: \$140, 2 queens: \$150, Single: \$225, Child \$50. Deposit: \$90.00. Full payment by 12/10/13. (If NO snow, trip will be cancelled 7-10 days in advance with full refund. Individual cancellation 14 days in advance for full refund minus \$5.00 processing fee. Prorated after depending on deposit policy of resort -Trips are designed for all levels of skiing ability. Rates based on Double occupancy (d/o) per room. Leaders Dan and Charie McAuliffe, 215-630-7478, DNMLogistics@msn.com

JANUARY 13-16
Mon.-Thurs.

NEW: ROCKY POINT CONDOS, INLET, NY IN THE CENTRAL ADIRONDACKS. Includes lodging in 3 bedroom, 3 bath condos with 3 breakfasts and 2 dinners. Participants will share meal preparation for breakfast and dinner. Lunch and trail passes not included. Groomed, skate and backcountry ski as well as snow shoe. Approximate cost is \$275. (View condos at rockypointproperties.com). Deposit \$50 refundable until November 30, 2013. Balance due by November. 30. Contact Ann & John Palaitis at palaitis@verizon.net

JAN. 16-19
Thurs.-Sun.
TRIP IS FULL

~~**LAKE PLACID TOWN TRIP.** Stay at Wildwood on the Lake Motel, www.wildwoodmotel.com Cost: \$164.00pp based on double occ., includes tax; tips extra. Rooms have two queen size beds, micro, fridge, coffeemaker. Amenities: indoor pool, hot tub, sauna, wax room, Wi Fi. All meals on own. Deposit \$50 pp due ASAP. Balance due 12/1/13. Leaders Dennis & Franny Mekane 609-707-3025 dennisfran1@verizon.net~~

JAN. 17-20
Fri.-Mon.

(MLK WEEKEND KEENE VALLEY, NY - Stay at Trail's End B & B in Adirondack High Peaks Region near Lake Placid. **\$290 pp includes 3 nights (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)**, 3 breakfasts, 1 dinner, 1 après ski party and taxes. Saturday night volunteer firemen spaghetti dinner and 2 trail lunches available at

additional cost. This long standing trip is jointly sponsored with the AMC and always fills quickly. Contact Evan Ernest 215-208-7480 , evn192@yahoo.com

JAN. 19-JAN. 26
Sun-Sun.

STONEHURST MANOR CONDOS, NORTH CONWAY NH. Located in a lovely town in the heart of the White Mountains Includes 7 nights lodging, 7 breakfasts, 5 dinners. Participants will share meal prep for breakfast & dinners. Lunch and trail passes are not included. Approximate cost \$350 pp dbl occ. **Deposit \$100. Balance by December 15. No refund after 12/15 unless replacement is found.** Contact: Barbara Brandt or bbrandt46@gmail.com or Jim & Virginia Magee mageejv@verizon.net

JAN. 24-26
Fri.-Sun.

MOHONK SCOTTISH XC WEEKEND, NEW PALTZ, NY. 4 hour drive. Two nights lodging at AAA rated motel & 2 breakfasts. Spend Saturday at last of the Great Mountain Houses (Mohonk). Enjoy Scottish festivities, dancing, gourmet lunch, high tea, valet parking, new Adirondack Skating Rink, new XC ski trails, rentals available on site for snow shoeing, skiing, skating. On-site historical museum. New state of the Art Full service Health SPA -massage, facial, extra. Saturday dinner on own at Golden Otter Brew Pub. Ski Minnewaska State Park on Sunday (Entrance fee not included). \$149/person. **Deposit: \$100.00. Full payment by 1/17.** (If NO snow, trip will be cancelled 7-10 days in advance with full refund. Individual cancellation 14 days in advance for full refund minus \$5.00 processing fee. Prorated after depending on deposit policy of resort –Trips are designed for all levels of skiing ability. Rates based on Double occupancy (d/o) per room. Leaders Dan and Charie McAuliffe, 215-630-7478, DNMLogistics@msn.com.

JAN.26-JAN. 31
Sun.-Fri.

COMMODORE INN, STOWE VT. For skiers of all abilities. \$384 pp dbl occ. for 5 nights (Sunday-Thursday), 5 buffet dinners and breakfasts, taxes and tips. Option to stay for 3 or 4 nights. Deposit \$100 Eileen Greve, 609-204-6451 egreve212@gmail.com

JAN. 31-FEB. 2
Fri.-Sun.

WAITSFIELD INN, VERMONT. Lovely B & B with private baths, cozy nooks. Several XC ski options nearby. Cost approximate \$170 pp double occupancy, including tax, 3rd & 4th person option. Includes 2 nights, breakfast daily, Dinner on own \$50.00 pp deposit by 12/1/13 Franny & Dennis McKane, 609-707-3025 dennisfran1@verizon.net

FEB. 7-11
Fri.-Tues.

WINTER CARNIVAL - QUEBEC CITY, CANADA (3 hours from Newport, VT). The Québec Winter Carnival www.carnaval.qc.ca promotes itself as the largest snow festival in the world. The character of "Bonhomme" the snowman acts as the figurehead of the carnival and Quebec goes snow crazy. Snow sculpture competitions fill the city with madcap scenery, a "snow bath" is created for the truly intrepid, attend an all day carnival with your pass, the frozen Saint-Laurent river acts as the venue for ice canoeing and dogsled races. Enjoy a winter carnival parade on Saturday at 7pm, dance with the fur trappers under the winter moon drinking Caribou at an Ice bar. See the Ice Castle - XC Ski M.t Sainte-Anne on Monday. Price includes: 4 nights lodging D/O, one dinner on Sunday 5:30 pm at Ancient Canadian" restaurant, Carnival pass. LODGING: The rooms are all 2 Queen beds, private bath, non-smoking. PARKING: On site Valet indoor parking is available for an extra \$20 CDN/day. Ski racks will Not fit in the garage. HOTEL: HOTEL MANOIR VICTORIA, newly renovated 2012 old world European hotel in heart of Old Quebec.

Indoor pool (10 am-9 pm, free), sauna, fitness center (hours vary), boutique, SPA. Two restaurants onsite, Lodging and taxes included. Convenient location inside city walls of Old Quebec Easy access via car, www.manoir-victoria.com MEALS: Full American breakfast available each day 7 am - 11 am for 18 CAD extra. Friday & Saturday dinner on own at Resto-Bistro "Le Saint-James". Lunch on your own each day. XC ski pass at Mont Sainte Anne Extra. **PASSPORTS ARE REQUIRED**---(If NO snow, trip will be cancelled 7-10 days in advance with full refund. Individual cancellation 14 days in advance for full refund minus \$5.00 processing fee. - Prorated after depending on deposit policy of resort –Trips are designed for all levels of skiing ability. **Rates \$379/USD.** Based on Double occupancy (d/o) per room. **Deposit: \$150 Full payment by December 15th.**

Optional TRIPS: Thursday night February 6th in ICE HOTEL. 425 CAD/couple (one night lodging, breakfast, gratuities, Welcome cocktail, access to Nordic hot tubs & Saunas). 10 minutes north of Quebec City on Four Points Sheraton resort. www.hoteldeglace-canada.com

Contact: Dan & Charie McAuliffe, 199 Old Mill Drive, Langhorne, PA 19047, 215-630-7478, DNMLogistics@MSN.Com

FEB. 14-7
Fri.-Mon.

PULASKI/TUG HILL, NY. Friday to Monday (President's Day) Approximate cost \$247 for 3 nights w hearty breakfast, 1 opulent dinner, all taxes and tips. Deposit \$100. Eileen Greve, 609-204-6451, egreve212@gmail.com

FEB. 20-23
Thur.-Sun.

MORNINGSTAR CHALET, LONDONDERRY VT. 3 nights (Thursday, Friday, Saturday) at private chalet with 3 breakfast and 2 dinners. Approximately \$105 pp dbl occ., if we get 10 sign-ups. If fewer than 10, price may increase. Deposit \$90. Eileen Greve, 609-204-6451. Egreve212@gmail.com

FEB. 21-23
Fri.-Sun.
NEW

(NEW) NOTCHVIEW RESERVATION – PITTSFIELD, MA. 4^{1/2} hour drive. Located in the Berkshires with elevation 2,300 ft with 30 KM XC trails, XC rentals, snowshoes rentals, very nice visitor center with masonry fireplace, toilets, waxing room, snacks, (bring own lunch). Piston bully groomed two nights lodging at AAA rated Quality Inn – Continental breakfasts at hotel, dinner at Dakota Steakhouse, Saturday trail fee only. King: \$135, 2 dbls: \$145, Child: \$45. Deposit: \$90.00. Full payment by Dec 30, 2013 Contact: Dan & Charie McAuliffe, 199 Old Mill Drive, Langhorne, PA 19047, 215-630-7478. DNMLogistics@MSN.Com

MARCH 7-9
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X/C SKI AT LAPLAND LAKES, NORTHVILLE, NY. (6 hour drive). Finntastic! Enjoy Finnish splendor in the Adirondacks. 50km trails, onsite restaurant, rentals, waxing room, Finnish reindeer onsite, snowshoeing, xc skiing. King or 2 queens: \$145, Single only: \$225, Child: \$65. Price includes: 2 nights lodging at Super 8 motel in Amsterdam, NY - 2 breakfasts, dinner at Rainedancer, trail fee Saturday only, tip, tax. Deposit: \$90. Full payment by Feb 1st. (If NO snow, trip will be cancelled 7-10 days in advance with full refund. Individual cancellation 14 days in advance for full refund minus \$5.00 processing fee - Prorated after depending on deposit policy of resort –Trips are designed for all levels of skiing ability. Rates based on Double occupancy (d/o) per room. Leaders Dan and Charie McAuliffe, 215 630-7478, DNMLogistics@msn.com.



JANUARY



"High expectations are the key to everything"

RESERVATIONS AND DEADLINE

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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JANUARY 1

Wednesday

10:00 am

NEW YEARS DAY HIKE. 7-8 miles moderate pace. Start the New Year with a hike! We are a part of "America's State Parks First Day Hikes" All across America people will be hiking. So come and join us and start the New year with a day in our beautiful Pine Barrens. Meet in field next to the Atsion Office, off Rt. 206 Leaders; Christine Denneler, 609-351-2789, e-mail cdeneler157@yahoo.com. Pat Burton, 856-767-8064, e-mail. camperpat123@aol.com. Check Meetup and ocsj.org. if Changes due to weather.




JANUARY 3

Friday

7:00 pm



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- JANUARY 4**
Saturday
9:00 am
- JEMIMA MOUNT HERE WE COME.** 12-15 walk at a moderate pace to the oddly placed and strangely named hill. The mileage is unsure due to unknowable weather conditions. We are expected, however, to get a work-out. Roads, paths, fire cuts and more devious routes may be followed, so be prepared for almost anything along the route. Meet at Carranza Memorial Parking area behind the monument.
Leader: Jay Schoss, phone 609-283-0252, walkinginmud@aol.com
- JANUARY 5**
Sunday
1:00 pm
-  **COOPER RIVER PARK WALK.** Walk 3.7 miles at a moderate pace. Meet at the Cooper River Yacht Club parking lot on South Park Drive. This is a paved walking and bike path. Dress for weather. Rain or snow on ground cancels. Leader: Paul Baumhauer, 609-706-3676, baumhapa@aol.com
- JANUARY 6**
Monday
10:00 am
- HILLS OF SOUTH LEBANON.** Walk with us along the sand roads and fire cuts south of the old Lebanon Glass Works. We'll cover about 6-8 miles at an easy to moderate pace. Meet at the campgrounds at Brendan Byrne SF Woodland Township NJ.
Leader: Jay Schoss, 609-283-0252, walkinginmud@aol.com
- JANUARY 7**
Tuesday
7:30 pm
- MOORESTOWN WALKS BY DAVID BICKING.** Approximately 3 miles. Moderate pace. Different routes through Moorestown's historic streets. This isn't an endurance hike or a nature walk. This is a walk on suburban streets and sidewalks to stretch the legs after work on a mid-week night with good company and conversation. Meet at Moorestown Library across 2nd St. in the Municipal Parking Lot. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com
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Wednesday
10:00 am
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- TWO BRIDGES HIKE.** 8-9 miles. Moderate pace. A little bush-whacking possible to find those long narrow shaky, but exciting, bridges. Bring lunch. No pets. Meet at Atsion Office.
Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, Phone: 856-235-8792. Cell 856-332-9262.

JANUARY 12

Sunday
9:00 am

WALK THE MT. MISERY TRAIL. We'll walk this 10 mile loop the hard way . . . barefoot! No just kidding, footwear optional. We go clockwise, with the hills and soft sand toward the end when we might be just a little tired. Meet at the Pakim Pond parking area, and be on time, I leave promptly. Leader: Jay Schoss phone: 609-283 0252 e-mail: walkinginmud@aol.com

JANUARY 13

Monday
10:00 am

WALK TO THE BOGS. Walk with us to Reeves Bogs at Brendan Byrne State Forest. We will cover 6-8 miles at a pace comfortable for the participants. Meet at the Brendan Byrne SF office. Leader: Faye, walkinginmud@aol.com 609-283-0252. Woodland Township. NJ.

JANUARY 14

Tuesday
10:00 am
NEW

HIKE HAMMONTON CREEK WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA. 6-8 miles. Come explore old sand roads and a new area. This area was once the town of Amatol that made munitions for WWI and the site a huge "wooden bowl" raceway built by Charles Schwab the head of Bethlehem Steel. We will hike at a moderate pace. Bring the usual lunch/drink and clothing to fit the weather. Only the worst of weather cancels. Meet at Hammonton Creek Wildlife Management Area on north side of Moss Mill Road 1.5 miles east of Rt. 30. Questions call Toni 609-652-0112 or Jan, 609-404-4990.

JANUARY 15

Wednesday
10:00 am

BATSTO NATURE TRAIL VIA THE BATONA TRAIL. 7 miles, moderate pace. This is an easy pleasant winter hike for all abilities. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet at Batsto Village parking off Rt. 542, between Hammonton and Green Bank. Leaders Christine Denneler, 609-351-2789, e-mail cdenneler157@yahoo.com. Pat Burton, 856-767-8064, e-mail camperpat@hotmail.com. Check Meetup and ocsj.org for changes if we have bad weather.

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9:00 am



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JANUARY 20

Monday
10:00 am

HIKE HISTORIC SMITHVILLE PARK. Hike 4-5 miles at a moderate pace. Meet at the Smith's Woods parking lot (2nd parking lot) off of East Railroad Avenue. Take Rt. 38 to Smithville Road. Bring lunch and water. If in doubt contact leader: Janet Horton (cell) 609-706-5691 janeth1@comcast.net

JANUARY 22

Wednesday

10:00 am

WASHINGTON CROSSING/BOWMAN'S TOWER. 9-10 Miles. Moderate Pace (3mph). Meet at Washington Crossing State Park, New Jersey side on Route 29 approximately 8 miles north of Trenton. At Washington Crossing, turn left and then make an immediate right (before crossing the bridge) into the parking lot. We will cross the Delaware River and continue along the tow-path and picnic at the tower. Bring your lunch. Heavy rain or snow cancels. Leaders: Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, and Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609.

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JANUARY 26

Sunday

9:00 am

WALK HUBER PRAIRIE WARBLER PRESERVE. Join me for 8-10 miles of moderately paced trail walking in this unique pinelands preserve. Lunch will be at the spung-side bleachers. Meet at Michael Huber Prairie Warbler Preserve on Sooy Place Road about 4 miles in from route 70, look for my car on the left, I should be there by 8:30 am. Leader: Jay Schoss phone: 609-283-0252 , e-mail: walkinginmud@aol.com

JANUARY 28

Tuesday

9:45 am



BASS RIVER- RAINBOW HIKE. 8 mile hike at a moderate pace. We take different trails and road to make the loop hike. Bring snacks for the hike, Lunch is near the end at a picnic table by the lake. Meet in parking lot in front of the Bass River State Forest Office. Toni, 609-652-0112.

JANUARY 29

Wednesday

10:00 am

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

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CYCLISTS JOIN THE GOOGLE GROUPS FOR THE LATEST TRIP INFORMATION. FOR DETAILS GO TO BICYCLING HOMEPAGE.

FEBRUARY 1

Saturday
9:00 am

HIKE TO NORTH BRANCH. 15 miles more or less of walking at a brisk pace along sand roads and trails. This walk will be a work-out suitable for a cold winter's day. Lunch at the beach. Meet at the Brendan Byrnes SF Campground in the field. Let me know if you are coming by the previous day. Leader: Jay Schoss: walkinginmud@aol.com, phone 609-283-0252.

FEBRUARY 1

Saturday
10:00 am

PADDLE THE OSWEGO. We meet at Oswego Lake Put-In. Volunteer shuttle. Pack lunch. Be prepared for winter paddling. Have protected change of clothes. Email to confirm. Leader: Vince Pernice, pernicev@yahoo.com

FEBRUARY 2

Sunday
9:00 am

ANOTHER WAY TO APPLE PIE. We'll return on the Batona, but will find another way to the tower. 10-12 miles of woodland walking along sand roads and trails at a steady moderate pace. Meet at Carranza Memorial in the parking area behind the monument. Carranza Road, Tabernacle, NJ. Leader: Jay and Faye Contact: 609-283-0252, walkinginmud@aol.com

FEBRUARY 3

Monday
10:00 am



WALK HOWARDSVILLE. Join us for an easy 5-6 mile walk from the site of this lost pinelands town. Meet at Howardsville

Greenwood Forest WMA on Howardsville Rd. where it meets Route 72 in Barnagat. Optional lunch at Lucille's afterward. Leaders: Jay & Faye, 609-283-0252, walkinginmud@aol.com

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FEBRUARY 5

Wednesday
10:00 am

SKIT BRANCH HIKE. 6-7 miles moderate pace. This is a great hike for winter. Nice views of the Batsto River and the Skit Branch. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet at the Skit Branch Bridge on Carranza Road, 5.2 miles SE of Tabernacle. Leader: Christine Denneler, 609-251-2789, e-mail cdenneler157@yahoo.com; Pat Burton, 856-767-8064, e-mail camperpat@hotmail.com.

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FEBRUARY 8

Saturday
10:00 am

TURKEY SWAMP COUNTY PARK HIKE. 5 or 10 miles, moderate pace. Nice trail with view of Manasquan River. We do two 5-miles loops, one before lunch and one after. You can do either 5 or 10 miles. As park name implies, there might be some swampy sections. Meet at Turkey Swamp Park. Directions: I-195 to Exit 22. North on Jackson Mills Rd 2.8 miles towards Georgia and turn left on Georgia Road. Go 0.7 miles to Park Entrance on left. Go in 0.3 mile. Turn left at Oak Point picnic area sign into parking lot. Bring lunch to eat by the lake after hike. Leader: Bruce Steidel, 609-915-0956. bsteidel@yahoo.com

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Sunday
1:00 pm



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FEBRUARY 10

Monday
10:00 am

WALK THE PYGMIES. The windiest section of the Pinelands, so be sure to dress for the weather. The trees provide next to no shade so bring sun screen. Join us for a 5-6 mile loop that includes the outer plains pygmies, Watering Place Pond and the headwaters of Governor's Branch. Optional lunch at Lucille's in Warren Grove after the walk. Leaders: Faye and Jay Contacts: 609-283-0252 walkinginmud@aol.com Meet at the small concrete block building on the west side of 539 about 2 miles south of Warren Grove, NJ.

FEBRUARY 12

Wednesday

10:00 am

HIKE AROUND THE LAKE. Nice 8 -9 miles around Atsion lake. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet in field next to the Atsion office off Rt. 206. Leaders: Pat Burton, camperpat@hotmail.com, 856-767-8064; Chris Denneler, cdenneler157@yahoo.com As usual, heavy rain or snow cancels.

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Saturday

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FEBRUARY 16

Sunday

9:00 am



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FEBRUARY 16

Sunday

10:00 am



LANDS END HIKE. 8 miles, easy pace. Hope for cold weather to make ice on that sometimes puddly road. Can be wet at times. Stop for lunch on pleasant place on the Mullica River. Bring lunch. Meet at Lands End. From Atsion Lake go South on Rt. 206, two miles, turn left onto a wide dirt road at the break in the steel guard rail. Then go two miles on the dirt road to Boot Hill, White Deer Club trailer for parking. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

FEBRUARY 17

Monday

10:00 am



HIKE BRENDAN BYRNE STATE FOREST. Hike to Deep Hollow Pond about 4-5 miles at a moderate pace. We will hike from the Ranger Station to Deep Hollow Pond. Bring water and lunch we will eat after hike. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest .If in doubt contact leader: Janet Horton, cell (609) 706-5691 janeth1@comcast.net

FEBRUARY 18

Tuesday

9:45 am

ATSION TO BATSTO HIKE. 10 mile hike at a moderate pace. It is the middle of winter but the days are getting longer so lets do a longer hike. Meet in parking lot at Batsto Visitor Center for shuttle to start point at Atsion. We will follow the yellow trail. Lunch at campsite along side of the river. Only deep snow or heavy rain cancels. Bring food, water, proper clothing. Leaders: Jan, 609-404-4990; or Toni, 609-652-0112.

FEBRUARY 19

Wednesday

10:00 am



YELLOW/PURPLE/GREEN TRAILS. 11 miles, moderate pace (3mph). Bring Lunch. Will hike all or part of the three mentioned

above. Should return about 3:00 pm. Heavy rain/snow cancels. Meet Atsion Office field (Rt. 206). Leaders: Joe Hummel, (856) 235-8817; and Bill Poulson (856) 983-7609.

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NEWTON LAKE AND KNIGHTS PARK. 5 miles, easy to moderate pace. We will follow Newton Lake then over to Knight's Park for a quiet walk in CCC era urban parks. Meet at Newton Creek Park. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

FEBRUARY 23

Sunday
9:00 am

HIKE TO YAKER AND CONSTABLE BRIDGES. A moderate to brisk walk of 13-15 miles from Batsto to the two bridges and more. Wear your walking shoes as we will truly be walking! Few stops other than lunch. Trails and sand roads will be followed at a pace of greater than 3 miles per hour. Call by the day before by 8 pm. Meet at the Batsto Village parking lot by 9:00 am. We leave promptly. Leader: Jay Schoss walkinginmud@aol.com phone 609-283 0252.

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Wednesday
10:00 am

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Sunday
10:00 am

GOSHEN POND EXTENDED. 8-9 miles, easy pace. Hike on a new section of Goshen Pond to old bogs and some old ruins. Maybe wet spots. Bring lunch. No pets. Meet at Goshen Pond Camping Area. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, phone: 856-235-8792. Cell 856-332-9262.

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Monday
10:00 am

WALK THE MIDDLE MISERY. 6-7 miles of easy paced wandering among the swamps and wetlands of the upper reaches of the Middle Branch of Mount Misery Brook. Sand roads, trails, and fire cuts will be followed. A brief stop at the tree is possible. Meet at the RR crossing in Bullock where Ocean and Burlington counties meet at the intersection of Pasadena Road in Manchester and Savoy Boulevard end. Leaders: Jay and Faye, 609-28-0252 walkinginmud@aol.com

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MARCH 8

Saturday

9:30 am

ANNUAL BATONA TRAIL MAINTENANCE. OCSJ is responsible for maintaining the Batona Trail from the Carranza Memorial to the southern terminus at Bass River State Forest. As always we need as much help as possible to fulfill our obligation. Meet 9:30 am at Atsion Park Office on US 206. Expect to be done by 2:00 pm. Rain date: MARCH 9, same time. Leader: Bruce Steidel, 609-915-0956 or bsteidel@yahoo.com

MARCH 8-9

Sat.-Sun.

BACKPACKING UP TO HIGH POINT FROM THE EAST. A couple of years ago, we backpacked up to High Point in NJ from the Southeast - now we'll climb it from the other side! We'll start near the state NY/NJ border on route 284, and slowly ascend through the Great Valley of the Appalachians to the High Point Shelter – 8.2 miles. The next day, we'll climb up to the High Point monument and visit the state park (1.6 miles) before heading home! We should have everyone out by the middle of the morning, plenty of time to hit a diner on the way home! Moderate hike, though there is a significant climb at the end to the top of the monument. Limited to 16 backpackers. Hike Leader Kevin Drevik, 856-630-2485 or kdrevik@aol.com.

MARCH 9

Sunday

1:00 pm



COOPER RIVER PARK WALK. Walk 3.7 miles at a moderate pace. Meet at Cooper River Yacht Club parking lot on South Park Drive. This is a paved walking and bike path. Dress for weather. Rain or snow on ground cancels. Leader: Paul Baumhauer, 609-706-3676, baumhapa@aol.com

MARCH 10

Monday

10:00 am

WOODLAND WANDER. Walk 5-7 miles at an easy pace. Follow sand roads and fire cuts south and east of the camp grounds. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campgrounds at the crossing of Glassworks and Cooper Leaders: Faye and Jay, 609-283-0252 walkingmud@aol.com .

- MARCH 11**
Tuesday
10:00 am
- FORSYTHE WILDLIFE REFUGE.** 6 or 9 mile hike depending on the group and the weather we will do the song bird trail and then either circle back to the parking lot or head out on the drive. It can be very windy on the drive so bring appropriate clothing and provisions for the hike. Meet at the Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge in the parking lot at the start of Wildlife Drive. Leaders: Toni, 609-652-0112; Jan, 609-404-4990.
- MARCH 12**
Wednesday
10:00 am
- HIKE TO APPLE PIE HILL.** 9-10 miles. We will use old trails and sand roads to gain the top of the hill. Great views of the Pine Barrens at the top. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet at Carranza Memorial parking, on Carranza Road. Check meetup and ocsj.org. for changes due to weather. Leaders, Christine Denneler, 609-351-2789. E-mail cdenneler157@yahoo.com.; Pat Burton, 856-767-8064, e-mail camperpat@hotmail.com
- MARCH 13**
Thursday
7:30 pm
-  **CLUB MEETING. BOARD OF TRUSTEES.** Activity Committees Leaders. New Cherry Hill Library, 1100 Kings Hwy. (Rt. 41) North of Route 70 in Cherry Hill.
- MARCH 14**
Friday
7:00 pm
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- MARCH 15**
Saturday
10:00 am
- FRIENDSHIP AND BULL'S BRANCH.** 5 miles, moderate pace. Walk along the old bogs on the Bull's Branch of the Tulpehocken Creek, with a short stop at the Blueberry Monument honoring the first commercial blueberry farm. Meet at Friendship. Leader: David Bicking, (609)-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com
- MARCH 16**
Sunday
9:00 am
- FRAN'S BAGEL RIDE - CLASS C.** 30 miles. 12-14 mph cruising pace. Fran's back for bagels! Meet at Moorestown HS. Leader: Fran H., 856-786-0048..
- MARCH 16**
Sunday
10:00 am
- SPRINGER BROOK HIKE.** 8-9 miles, easy pace. We'll zig-zag up to Springers Brook to see if we can get through to visit some new places. Meet at Atsion Park Office on US 206. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, phone: 856-235-8792. Cell 856-332-9262.
- MARCH 17**
Monday
10:00 am
- HIKE TO MARTHA FURNACE.** Hike to Martha Furnace. 5 miles easy pace. Hike to the site of the furnace that operated many years ago. Bring lunch and water. We will eat by the lake after the hike. Meet at Harrisville Pond. Leader: Janet Horton Cell 609-706-5691 janeth1@comcast.net
- MARCH 19**
Wednesday
10:00 am
- BATSTO BOP.** 8 miles moderate pace. Leaders choice. Using a combination of trail and roads, we will probably come back to

have lunch on the porch of the mansion, but no guarantees!
Meet at Batsto Village in the parking lot far end from the visitor center. Bring provisions for the hike and be ready to have fun. Leaders: Toni, 609-652-0112. Jan, 609-404-4990.

MARCH 21

Friday
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MARCH 22

Saturday
10:00 am

ANNUAL HOT DOG HIKE: 6-7 miles moderate pace. We'll hike in the Bass River SF area. Then back for that all American favorite grilled hot dogs. Bring your own beverage. Hot water will be provided. Leaders will supply the hot dogs, rolls and condiments. Bring something to share. Meet at Lake Absegami parking in the Bass River SF. Entrance off Stage Road, 3.4 miles E of Rt. 679. Chefs Chris Denneler, 609-351-2789, e-mail cdenneler157@yahoo.com, Pat and Bob Burton, 856-767-8064, e-mail camperpat@hotmail.com. Hike leaders, Toni Stransky, 609-652-0112, Jan Jorganson, 609-404-4990. Rain date MARCH 23. Check Meetup and Ocsj.org for changes.

MARCH 23

Sunday
9:00 am

WALK TO WEBB'S MILL. Moderate paced walk to the site of the 18th century settlement which is now a Natural Area. Depending on weather we will cover between 10 and 12 miles of sand roads, paths and trails. Meet at the RR crossing at Bullock at the junction of Pasadena Road, Mt. Misery Road and Savoy Boulevard on the Woodland/Manchester border. Be prompt, I leave on time. Leader: Jay Schoss, phone: 609-283-0252 Email: walkinginmud@aol.com.

MARCH 26

Wednesday
9:30 am

HIKE BATSTO. About 8 miles at a moderate pace on several of Batsto's many scenic trails. Roots make the footing a little tricky in spots. Bring snack/light lunch and water. Meet in the back of the Batsto Visitor's Center parking lot; we leave on time. Leaders: Vera C. Stek verastek@verizon.net and Bill Schaefer 908-337-7040.

MARCH 28

Friday
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MARCH 30
 Sunday
 10:45 am

MID WISSAHICKON VALLEY HIKE. 5 or 7 miles, moderate pace. Come celebrate the leader's birthday with a Wonderful Walk in the Wissahickon. 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 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

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
	less than 2.5 mph	2.5-3.0 mph	3.0 – 3.5 mph	over 3.5 mph
Avg. time per mile	25 or more minutes	20-25 minutes	17-20 minutes	17 or less minutes

HIKE DESCRIPTIONS

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

HIKING GUIDE

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

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

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

Volunteer Opportunities

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

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

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

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

* * * **MEMBERSHIP & RENEWAL INFORMATION** * * *

1. 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 **return this page** 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)

Individual - 1 Year \$20 **Family - 1 Year \$25**
2 Years \$40 **2 Years \$50**

Trekker (our club newsletter) sent by US Mail
1 Year - \$5 2 Years - \$10

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 Cherry Hill, NJ 08003-0455

- Check desired membership** Check one Check here if this is
- Individual \$_____ New an address or e-mail change
- Family \$_____ Renewal
- Trekker \$_____ (I choose to receive the Trekker via postal mail at \$5.00 per year
Note — Trekker is "FREE" via the club website at www.ocsj.org
- Gift \$_____ Gift contribution to **Richard Grevé Memorial Fund** (Not tax deductible).

Please review the "GUEST" policy on our club website at www.ocsj.org

Applicant Last Name _____ First Name _____ M.I. _____

Co-Applicant Last Name _____ First Name _____ M.I. _____

Street Address _____ P.O. Box or Apt. # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

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Area Code Telephone # _____ Check here if phone number is unlisted

E-mail Address _____

**Check activities in which you would participate
in order of preference: 1-2-3, etc.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Backpacking | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking | <input type="checkbox"/> Basic backpacking course |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling | <input type="checkbox"/> X-C Skiing | <input type="checkbox"/> Special activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camping | <input type="checkbox"/> Trail Maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Committees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing/Kayaking | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Projects |

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