



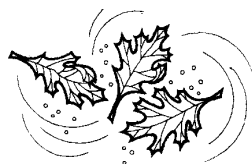
OUTDOOR CLUB of SOUTH JERSEY

TREKKER

Fall 2007



Autumn Days . . .



Air is Crisp and Chilly . . .

Nights Cool and Clear . . .

Gaze at Nature's Glorious Display!

Paddle the Rivers



Hike the Trails



Bike the Highways



Backpack the Mountains



Camp the Forests



Prepare the Skis



Celebrating 40 Years of Outdoor Experiences!

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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

Splendid colors, cool crisp air and a multitude of activities beckon us to the outdoors. As you peruse this issue of the Trekker you will find that our leaders have out done themselves once again. They are the very heartbeat of the Outdoor Club. In September, we gathered to say thank you for their very generous hard work.

In September, Team OCSJ, once again rode to derail MS in the MS City to Shore bike ride. Thank you especially to Tony Marchionne, cycling activity chair, and Nancy Pomilio, who stepped up to captain Team OCSJ; your hard work is appreciated.

Other OCSJ volunteers were busy assisting at the Opening of the Medford Canoe Trail and at Summerfest in Millville. And still others volunteered at Canoe/kayaking skills events. I know after the events your muscles ached, but your spirit was undaunted.

On the business side, please note that the proposed budget for 2007-2008 is on the website. A vote on the budget will take place at the September Board of Trustees meeting. Members are welcome to attend and comment on the proposed budget. Also, we are continuing to strive to improve the user friendliness of the website. I am told that the OCSJ website is the most visited outdoor activity website on Google in the United States.

Finally, remember the annual Holiday Party on December 1st. The past three years have been a sell out, so get you ticket request in. The party's chef, i.e. me, is requesting that members, who bring a dish, please do so in a disposable pan.

Again, to all of our volunteer leaders, THANK YOU!!! You make the activities happen.

Kathleen Pearce
OCSJ President
bakerkp1@verizon.net



NEWS AND NOTES

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

“HOT PAGE” OCSJ website information access by Cell phone.

The method that OCSJ communicates to members about additions, deletes or changes to our activities as printed in the quarterly Trekker is through the club website at www.ocsj.org. The OCSJ club website is accessed over 6,000 times per month.

The OCSJ “Update” or “HOT PAGE” messages can be accessed from your Cell phone if you have Internet access capability. The URL for the OCSJ Cell phone page is **w.ocsj.org**

The full OCSJ website is designed for best viewing using a 1024 by 768 pixel screen resolution. A Cell phone has a much smaller screen size. The OCSJ Cell phone page uses 176 by 184 pixel screen resolution and is very limited in what content can be displayed.

Additions in the future will include, real time information such as weather and water level (gauges).

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For details go to Bicycling Home Page.

Coming Events

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OCSJ ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY. December 1. A sellout in 2004, 2005 and again in 2006 so make your reservations early for this gala event. Great food! Great dancing! Great conviviality! See page 10 for details. There is a deadline for reservations. Send in your order for tickets now!

HALLOWEEN CANOE AND CAMP OCTOBER 27-28, Sat.-Sun. (Rain Dates NOVEMBER 3 & 4). An OCSJ annual event that has never failed to draw a great and jovial crowd of devils and ghouls. Backpackers welcome if they dare. Camping spaces are limited. Call early to reserve your spot. Small fee for campsites. Call for details. Leaders: Priscilla H., 609-953-8064 CINBEAR@SNIP.NET and Art M., 215-788-7451, 8-10 p.m.

BEGINNER'S BACKPACK WHARTON S.F. OCTOBER 27-28, Sat.-Sun The canoers and kayakers dared us to pack in. So here we are! Easy flat hiking along the river to join the canoers overnight. This trip is ideal for novices and beginners, but others are welcome to join in on the fun. It's still warm enough, so no elaborate equipment is needed. There will be stories of spooks and goblins and the Jersey Devil!! Call right away to sign up as spaces are limited. A small camping fee per person required. Leaders: Joseph Trujillo, 856-468-4849. Christine Denneker, 856-461-5379. Rating: Novice

X/C SKI MEETING. Thursday, October 4, 7 to 9 p.m. Meeting for X/C skiers. Hear about the wonderful line-up of trips we have put together for the 2008 season. Meet the leaders. Chance for early sign-up. Mt Laurel Library, 100 Walt Whitman Drive, Mt Laurel, NJ. Call Eileen Greve, 609-267-3598, cell, 609-204-6451, egreve2@verizon.net) or Dan McAuliffe, (215-630-7478, DNMLogistics@MSN.com) for more info, directions.

OCTOBER IS PINELANDS MONTH. A month long celebration of the Pinelands with all kinds of activities on-going. Cranberry harvest fairs, festivals, wagon and walking tours, nature walks, hikes. Pinelands month opening celebration is held at Whitesbog Village. The Pinelands Preservation Alliance (PPA) is in need of volunteers to staff information booths, lead nature walks, lead hikes, or just help out. To get on the volunteer list or find out more information call 609-859-8860.

E-mail: ppa@pinelandsalliance.org Web: www.pinelandsalliance.org

THE COMPLETE BATONA TRAIL SERIES. From the archives of Joe Trujillo come a series of hikes that make up a special program – "The Complete Batona Trail" – that Jerry Goldstein and Joe Hummel have put together. Five hikes on consecutive Saturdays, beginning Nov. 10, that covers the entire 50 mile Batona Trail. Those who complete the entire program will receive a Batona Trail patch to recognize the achievement. Check the Nov. 10th hike write-up for an excellent overview of what you will see on "the premier hiking trail in South Jersey."

SCOUT HIKE. 7 miles. November 17. This hike is designed for Girl and Boy Scouts who are earning their hiking badge. There will be instruction in basic hiking and trail reading. All Safety-Wise guidelines must be followed. Meet at the Brenden Byrne State Forest Park office. Bring water and lunch. Leader: Kathleen Pearce bakerkp1@verizon.net 856-767-2780.

NEW YEAR'S DAY ON THE OSWEGO RIVER. See January 1 entry.

NEW YEAR'S DAY HIKE. See entry January 1.

BACKPACKING & CAMPING

A Message from the Backpacking & Camping Chair

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone this Fall. Our schedule looks good and hopefully someone will add a trip to the hotline. Remember, call the leader for details about the trip and call me if you need equipment. I have 2 packs to lend etc. Thank you to all the leaders and friends who keep me company. Let's enjoy the Fall together. Pat Burton camperpat@hotmail.com



CANOEING/KAYAKING

A message from the Canoe/Kayak Activity Chair



A thank you to all of the trip leaders, skills instructors, and volunteers at cleanups and special events. You are what make the OCSJ such a special club. The Club thanks you and I thank you. I hope to see you all on the water more next year.

To help make everyone's paddling experience an enjoyable one, read the trip description. If you have questions, especially if a trip is right for you, call the leader. Factors such as trip length, pace, water classification, number of stops, river conditions (cleared, obstructions, rocks), weather conditions etc. should all be considered. You should stay between the designated leader and the sweep. Paddling can be fun but be prepared. Please leave sufficient driving time to safely arrive. Wear the appropriate clothing and have a water-protected dry change of clothes with you. Remember to dress for the water temperature and not the air temperature. Avoid cotton clothing, it will not keep you warm if wet and will be slow drying, a synthetic fabric such as polartec is a better choice.

CLUB POLICY NOW REQUIRES THAT PFD'S MUST BE WORN. PLEASE REMEMBER IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OCSJ ORGANIZED SHUTTLES YOU NEED TO MAKE YOUR OWN ARRANGEMENTS. NO EXCEPTIONS. A flashlight is required for evening trips. A whistle is required for Delaware River trips and recommended for all trips and painter lines are a good idea. A helmet for whitewater may also be a good investment. You must assess the suitability and condition of your equipment and if a trip is within your abilities. Water levels, weather, and leader availability may cause trip cancellations or changes including additions. Please check the Canoe Update Section on the OCSJ Website for the latest information. Leaders have final say on trip participation involving safety concerns. Everyone must sign in for liability reasons and **LEADERS MUST SUBMIT (MAIL, FAX) SIGN-IN SHEETS TO THE CANOE/KAYAK CHAIR ASAP – NO EXCEPTIONS, also If a trip is cancelled please notify the chair.** Need a form or address etc. please contact me.

See You on the Water!!
Frank Pearce
Hornet71@verizon.net
856-767-2780

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 AND NON-MEMBERS ALIKE, are to sign with the leader at each activity.

HIKING

A Message from the Hiking Activity Chair

While the wonderful boating trips have dominated the listings for the summer, the hiking leaders were very busy prepping some 90 hiking trips and events for the fall schedule for weekdays and every weekend. There continue to be the favorites, a Batona series of 5 consecutive hikes, after work hikes, and a variety of distance hikes, and at least one geocaching hike. The steady leaders continue with their trips and the new leaders surprise us with new and wonderful events. Be sure to keep an eye on the Updates section of the Club Website for hiking events at www.ocsj.org. Do check for new listings and changes or cancellations before you head out.

Feel free to contact trip leaders if you have any questions. There may be special requirements or equipment, or the hike leader may wish to confirm attendance.

We also welcome new members to hiking to the club. You are free to come on one hike to check things out, and then we ask you to join so that you can continue to enjoy the events. Check out the website at www.ocsj.org for the membership form.

We are always on the lookout for new responsible trip leaders. You are assisted as needed to help with your trip ideas, and to comply with basic requirements of the club. It is a rewarding achievement for those advancing in experience and have a desire to organize their own trips. Tom Neigel, 609-206-3389.

ACTIVITY CHOICES

A message from the Activity Coordinator

As you are outdoors this Fall, enjoying any one of the activities presented in the Trekker, you will behold the foliage rampant in our area from mid-October on. The river banks will be aflame with the reds of maples. Inland, along the trails or sand roads, you will see the greens of the pines and cedars broken by the autumn show of hardwoods—oaks (red), gum (blood red), tulip poplars (yellow), amid the scattered shades of brown. The summer haze will be gone and the skies will be bluer than blue with fleecy white clouds on high, wild geese flying over. Bright autumn skies above, the air so fresh and clean, one need not wander far in quest of beauty. Beauty can be found in the woods nearby.

Activity Chairs and Activity Leaders work hard to bring you an outstanding choice of activities. Take advantage and enjoy!! Give them your thanks for all of their time and effort.

Joseph Trujillo, 856-468-4849
jnt1691@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	25 or more	20-25	17-20	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.

MESSAGE FROM THE X/C SKI & SNOWSHOE CHAIR

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

Now a Preview of Next Year's Ski Schedule

DEC. 27-JAN. 1
Thurs. to Tues.

CRAFTSBURY, VT. – Includes trail passes. In addition to cross-country skiing, we will have snowshoeing, New Year's Eve bonfire and sauna. All skill levels. \$415 includes 5 nights in dorm-style rooms with shared bath. All meals included (vegetarian available). Deposit \$200 ASAP. Fran Horn, 856-786-0048 franhorn@aol.com

DEC. 28-JAN. 1
Fri. to Tues.

PULASKI/TUG HILL, NY. – The Tug Hill region is New York's snowbelt due to lake effect weather. Stay at 1880 House, a B&B. Ski at Osceola/Tug Hill and Salmon Hills nordic centers, backcountry or snowshoe. \$255 for 4 nights, 4 hearty breakfasts, gourmet dinner NY's Eve, all taxes & gratuities. - Call leader to reserve. Eileen Greve', 609-267-3598 egreve2@verizon.net

JAN. 18-21
Fri. to Mon.

(MLK WEEKEND) KEENE VALLEY, NY – Stay at Trail's End B&B in Lake Placid area. Great for all levels of skiers and snowshoers. Popular trip. \$250 includes 3 nights, 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, taxes and gratuities. Can be linked to the Stowe, VT trip listed below. Charlie Phy, 609-567-0221. chalphy@comcast.net

JAN. 11-13
Fri. to Sun.

PROSPECT XC CENTER – BENNINGTON, VT. Prospect is highest point in Vermont and snow is guaranteed! Lodge has a restaurant, rentals, snow shoeing, waxing room and 40 km trails. Tour Bennington, VT shops, museums! 5 hour drive. Price \$169: Two nights lodging (Fri, Sat) at AAA motel (dbl occ), 2 breakfasts, 1dinner, trail fees 2 days. Free ski lessons for beginners. Can be combined with Stowe trip below. Deposit: \$80.00. Full payment by 11/30. Dan & Charie McAuliffe, 215-630-7478. DNMLogistics@MSN.Com

JAN. 13-18
Sun. to Fri.

COMMODORE INN, STOWE VT. Luxury accommodations and great skiing. For skier of all abilities. Also backcountry. \$352 for 5 nights, 5 dinners and breakfasts, taxes and tips. Can be combined with the Bennington trip January 11 to 13, or the Trail's End trip January 18 to 21. Both trips described above. Eileen Greve', 609-267-3598 egreve2@verizon.net

JAN. 25-27
Fri to Sun

MOHONK SCOTTISH X/C WEEKEND, NEW PALTZ, NY - Enjoy Scottish festivities, dancing, gourmet meals, and skiing at this venerable resort. \$235 pp incl 2 nights at the Adirondack style Minnewaska Lodge with breakfast. Free beginner lessons from certified instructor. Leader: Dan & Charie McAuliffe, 215-630-7478 DNMLogistics@MSN.Com

JAN. 29- FEB. 1
Tue. To Fri.

BLACKWATER FALLS LODGE, DAVIS WV. (3) nights at state park lodge with motel style rooms with private bath, pool and hot tub. X/C centers at Blackwater Falls State Park and at White Grass Touring Center, snowshoe at Monangehela. National Forest. \$185 includes 3 breakfasts and 3 dinners. Option to arrive on Sunday, January 27, extending your stay to 5 days. Call John & Ann Palaitis 856-810-2487. Palaitis@verizon.net

JAN. 25- FEB. 1
Fri. to Fri.

MORNINGSTAR CHALET, LONDONDERRY VT. (7) nights at private chalet with breakfast. X/C centers for all abilities include Viking, Wild Wings, Stratton, Okemo, Grafton Pond. Plenty of backcountry skiing (intermediate ski level), snowshoeing in Green Mt. Nat'l Forest. Approx \$175. Eileen Greve', 609-267-3598, egreve2@verizon.net

FEB. 1-4
Fri. to Mon.

COLONIAL HOUSE INN, WESTON, VT. Rustic Atmosphere, intimate dining, Rooms in the Inn or the addition (motel). The Inn rooms share baths. The motel has private baths. Trip includes: all meals, Hors d'oeuvres before dinner on Saturday & Sunday Rooms in the Inn are approx \$270 - 2 twin beds. Rooms in the motel are approx \$290 for modern room with private bath. Final price is not yet determined. Phil and Sheila Molodow, 856-428-7668 pmpanel@aol.com

FEB. 8-12
Fri. to Tues.

BRETTON WOODS, NH MT WASHINGTON RESORT. Ski at one of the premier ski touring centers in the US, with the stunning backdrop of Mt. Washington and the Presidential range. \$370 pp incl 4 nights w breakfasts, 2 dinners, Apres ski party, all taxes & tips, X/C trail fees, ice skating, heated pools, guided tours, evening entertainment, etc. Leader Dan & Charie McAuliffe, 215-630-7478 DNMLogistics@MSN.Com

FEB. 22-25
Fri. to Mon.

LAKE PLACID AREA, NY. Great skiing at Mt. van Hoevenberg X/C, on the Jackrabbit trail, and backcountry. Stay at new location – the Spruce Lodge in Lake Placid. Modern townhouse, built in 2004. All amenities incl tv, fireplace, full kitchen. Approx \$180 or less for 3 nights with breakfast. Don't wait. Limited to 6 people. Eileen Greve', 609- 267-3598 egreve2@verizon.net

FEB. 22-24
Fri. to Sun.

BOONEVILLE, NY. On the Tug Hill Plateau (in Oswego County, NY which got 10 feet of snow this past season) and only a 5 hour drive from Mt. Holly, NJ. This is a perfect weekend trip. \$139 pp for 2 nights, 2 breakfasts, 1 dinner, X/C trail passes, beginner lessons by certified instructor. Contact leaders: Dan & Charie McAuliffe, 215-630-7478 DNMLogistics@MSN.Com

MAR. 2-5
Fri. to Mon.

COLONIAL HOUSE INN, WESTON, VT – If you missed this trip in February, here's your chance to enjoy this delightful B&B and great area for skiing. Other options are snowshoeing, ice skating & hiking. This is a great trip for new skiers. The food is great; 3 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners are included. The cost is approximately \$200 – 250 depending on lodging. Deposit \$100 by 11/15. Eileen Greve, 609-267-3598 egreve2@verizon.net

MAR. 8-16

ROYAL GORGE, CA. A dream vacation. Ski in the spectacular Sierra Nevada range on 200 km of groomed trails. Stay economically outside of, but close to the resort. Leader: Sue Lipski, 732-778-0552, lipskisue@yahoo.com

TBA

SUN VALLEY, IDAHO - Being planned – dates to be announced: A prestige destination. Kathleen McGuire is putting this together. Contact her for details, 609-267-6592 or MCGuirek@comcast.net.

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.
- Cherry Hill Mall Flagpole** – Meet at big flagpole, on the Haddonfield Road side of Cherry Hill Mall, Rt. 38, Cherry Hill, NJ.
- 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.
- 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 south-east 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.

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



IMPORTANT

*Advance reservations
are required.*

Mail the form below no later than
November 24, with check payable to
OCSJ.

*You must include a self-addressed,
stamped envelope to receive your
tickets and directions to the Club.*

FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS: Bring your favorite "covered dish" to serve 8-10 people, or if you prefer, \$10 extra per person will cover your food contribution.

E-mail **Kathleen Pearce** at hornet71@verizon.net (preferable) or call (856-767-2780) as soon as possible to let her know what dish you are bringing or to find out what is needed.

BYOB: Soft drinks and set-ups will be provided.

Dress up or be casual. DJ music will be provided for your dining and dancing pleasure.



Mail check and form below to

MILLICENT MOORE

31 Cape May Ave.

Sewell, NJ 08080



Other questions? Call Millie Moore at 856-468-9709

or Frank Pearce (Decorations Chair) at 856-767-2780

Number of reservations _____ X \$12.50each= _____

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

PhoneNumber _____ E-mail Address _____



OCTOBER



Life is the stringing together of many little passages."

RESERVATIONS AND DEADLINES

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

MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW FOR ALL X-SKIING AND SNOWSHOEING TRIPS.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING. See October 11 entry.

OCSJ ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY. See entry for December 1.

BACKPACK THE CLIFFS, BEAR ROCKS TO LEHIGH GAP. See October 13-14 entry.

HIKING & CAMPING WEEKEND LEHIGH GORGE SP, PA. See October 19-21 entry.

HALLOWEEN CANOE AND CAMP. See October 27-28 entry.

BEGINNER'S BACKPACK WHARTON S.F. See October 27-28 entry

BACKPACK THE AT IN NEW JERSEY CULVERS GAP TO HIGH POINT. See October 27-28 entry.

BACKPACK WEST RIM TRAIL GRAND CANYON OF PA. See November 2-4 entry.

SOCIAL MOONLIGHT HIKE, CAMPFIRE AND CAMPOUT. See November 24 entry.

Note various trips require participants to contact leader to confirm participation

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OCTOBER 3

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.



CELEBRATE PINELANDS MONTH - PADDLE THE MAURICE RIVER.

The Maurice River and its tributaries drain the southwest portion of the Pinelands National Reserve. Join us for a leisurely trip from Willow Grove Lake to Almond Road. Meet at the Wawa on Routes 40 and 47 in Malaga. Contact leaders to confirm trip and participation. Leaders: Trina & Charlie P., 856-224-1055 or trp51@hotmail.com

OCTOBER 3

Wednesday
10:30 a.m.

FRESH AIR AND SEA BREEZES.

7.5 miles, easy pace. On the boardwalk from Spring Lake to Ocean Grove. We will search again for the elusive ice cream cone. Bring lunch and drink. Meet at the Ludlow Avenue boardwalk pavilion in Spring Lake. Take Garden State to Belmar exit, OR, take Rt 195 to Belmar. Drive east to the Belmar boardwalk. Then drive south to Spring Lake pavilion. Manny Robbins, 856-428-4841 and Peppy Bath, 609-587-4849.

OCTOBER 5

Friday

CELEBRATE PINELANDS MONTH - CRANBERRY "CRUISE" ON CEDAR CREEK.

We'll stop to pick cranberries at old bogs as we canoe and kayak 10 miles from Dover Forge to Dudley Park. Geocaching is always an activity on our trips so bring your GPS!! Contact leaders to confirm trip participation, time and meeting location. Leaders: George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com

OCTOBER 5

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 foot gear; 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 the Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com
alison@mikebaker.com

OCTOBER 6

Saturday
9:00 a.m.



CANOE/KAYAK THE N. BRANCH RANCOCAS CREEK DURING PINELANDS MONTH. This is a great month to enjoy the Rancocas and fall scenery. We will paddle 10 miles from Burlington County Park's new trailhead behind Burlington County Community College and take the "Water Trail" to Smithville Park. Meet at the trailhead launch ramp - located toward the southeast corner of BCCC's Pemberton campus on Rancocas Road. Please contact leader to confirm trip. Leader: Dave L., Cell, 609-784-4066 or Home, 609-735-9109 or dlynch@dandy.net" dlynch@dandy.net

OCTOBER 6

Saturday
2:00 pm

KAYAK THE MAURICE RIVER WITH A BBQ AND BONFIRE. Do a late afternoon paddle on the Wild and Scenic Maurice River and then enjoy a BBQ and sit around a bonfire into the evening at a private home. You must register with leader. Kayak Rental's available. Contact leader for meeting time and place and rental availability. Bring picnic type food to share at bbq after trip. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 evenings or pis1@cccnj.net Inclement weather cancels.

OCTOBER 7

Sunday
10:30 a.m.

TOM'S SECRET TRAIL AND 5+ BRIDGES HIKE. 6 miles, easy to moderate pace – enjoy the scenery. Can you count the bridge crossings? At least 5+ bridges, secret Tom's trail, beaver lodges, river crossings (bridges), and lake views. Bring lunch. Meet at Batsto Village parking area (Rt. 542). NC, NP. Bad weather cancels. Leader: Tom Neigel, 609-206-3389. tom-neigel@ocsj.org

OCTOBER 8

Monday

PINELANDS MONTH TRIP ON THE WADING RIVER and BRING YOUR POOCH TOO! Celebrate Columbus Day paddling from Hawkin Bridge to Evans Bridge or Beaver Branch. This is a great trip for new and novice paddlers. Rentals available from Pine Barrens Canoe Rental <http://www.pinebarrenscanoe.com> or (800) 732-0793. Contact leaders to confirm trip participation, meeting time and location. Leaders: George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com

OCTOBER 8

Monday
10:00 a.m.

BATSTO – WEST SIDE HIKE. 5 miles, easy/moderate pace. October is Pinelands Month in NJ – join us for this special week-day hike! Meet at Batsto Village Visitors Center parking lot. Arrive early and stop in at the Visitors Center and Museum. There are maps, exhibits and a variety of items and books about the Pinelands. Bad weather cancels. Option for lunch at a local restaurant after the hike. LP. Leaders: Bill Schmitt, 856-767-1838. Norm Lucas, 609-654-5893.

OCTOBER 10

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

3B HIKE - BOARDWALK, BRIDGE, BEACH (OCEAN CITY).

7 miles, moderate pace. Walk on Ocean city boardwalk 1-1/2 m. north, 2-1/2 m. through Gardens, over Longport Bridge. Lunch at fishing pier picnic area on bridge. Back over bridge to beach (tides permitting), back on boardwalk to starting point. Meet at 12 th Street Pavilion on boardwalk. Park between 11th & 12th sts. on Ocean Avenue. Bad weather cancels. Leader: Noel Wirth 609-938-0418. ocncw101@comcast.net.

OCTOBER 10

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

STOCKTON – NEW HOPE CANAL HIKE. 8 miles, moderate pace. Hike the Stockton – New Hope – Lambertville loop along the D&R canal towpath. Bring lunch. Meet at D&R Canal parking. LP. Leaders: Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817. Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609.

OCTOBER 11

Thursday
7:30 p.m.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING. Election of officers to manage the Club in 2008. Come out and support your candidates. Board of Trustees. Activity Committees, Leaders. New Cherry Hill Library, 1100 Kings Hwy. (Rt. 41) North of Route 70 in Cherry Hill.

OCTOBER 12

Friday
7:00 p.m.



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

OCTOBER 13

Saturday
9:00 a.m.

MOUNTAIN BIKING / GEOCACHING. We will meet at the Main Office for Brendan Byrne State Forest, Turn off at Milepost 1 on Route 72. (N 39 53.699, W 74 34.479). Experienced geocachers will be on hand to help newcomers get started. We will then break up into small groups to seek out the many geocaches available in this State Forest. The caches can be reached on foot or the park provides excellent opportunities to geocache on Mountain Bikes (Helmets Required). Pack your lunch or visit the nearby WaWa at the Route 70/72 Circle. *YOU DO NOT NEED TO OWN A GPS UNIT TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EVENT.* For more information about geocaching go to www.geocaching.com. Trip Leaders are Charlene, 609-561-7160 or e-mail at CDrewry813@comcast.net and Skip, 609-877-5733 or e-mail at tjarey@tjarey.com

OCTOBER 13

Saturday
10:30 a.m.



WEST SIDE OF THE MULLICA HIKE. 7 miles, moderate pace. Travel down the less traveled west side of the Mullica River to the other side of Beaver Pond and the mysterious 'bridge to nowhere'. Bring full lunch. Meet on the grass field at Atsion. NC, NP. Bad weather cancels. Leader: Tom Neigel, 609-206-3389, tom-neigel@ocsj.org

OCTOBER 13-14

Sat.-Sun.

BACKPACK THE CLIFFS, BEAR ROCKS TO LEHIGH GAP. Short trip of 15 total miles up and over the PA Turnpike on the AT. Moderate pace, beginners with hiking experience welcome. 6 Miles on Sat, car shuttle required. For more information call Pat Burton, 856-767-8064 or e-mail camperpat@hotmail.com

OCTOBER 14

Sunday
9:30 a.m.

PADDLE THE BATSTO. Meet at Atsion Ranger's Station on 206. We paddle Hampton Furnace to Batsto Village Pond. About 11 miles, an all day trip on what has been called the most

remote river of the pine barrens. Pack lunch. Leader: Vicki S., 856-256-9568 or ravingwriter@netzero.com

OCTOBER 14
Sunday
9:45 a.m.

PEACE VALLEY AND LAKE GALENA. 8-9 mile, moderate pace. Near Doylestown, PA. Bring ground cover for lunch, chance for after-hike visit to Doylestown and a local bistro. Boots recommended. Sticks optional. Meet at the Peace Valley Nature Center Visitors center lot just off PA. St. Rt. 313 (Northwest of Doylestown) at 9:45 a.m. Will be at Mt. Ephraim Super Wawa on NJ Rt. 168 (the Black Horse Pike 1 mile north of Kings Highway) from about 8:25 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. sharp. Let us know you'll be meeting us here. NP, WF, NC. Leaders: HykyrJoe Maryanski, Jmaryanski@msn.com 609-929-7498 eve. after 7:00 p.m. and morning. of hike Or Joan Foltz, Rfoltz@aol.com 609-335-9675.

OCTOBER 14
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 the 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 Forest Road at the light. Go 1.1 miles and turn right into large sandy parking area. Look for OCSJ Sign and group. NC, NP. Heavy rain cancels. Leaders: Glenn McCurdy & Donna, 856-764-1341.

OCTOBER 14
Sunday
10:00 a.m.

HAWK MOUNTAIN HIKE. 9-10 miles, moderate pace. Hike the A.T. to north lookout to watch the hawk migration. Hiking boots a must for rock climbing. This can be a strenuous hike. Bring lunch and binoculars. PA Turnpike, NE Extension to exit #33. Go west on I-78 to exit #35. Take PA143 North. Follow sign for Hawk Mountain Road where A.T. crosses. Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

OCTOBER 15
Monday
10:00 a.m.

BRENDAN T. BYRNE STATE FOREST. 5 to 6 miles. Easy to moderate pace. Bring water & snack. Meet at Pakim Pond for start of hike at *10:00 AM SHARP*. Hike some of the trails in this area that are normally not taken on the Monday hikes. Maybe we'll see some of the tail end of the cranberry harvest as we did last year. Leader: Milt Cannan, 856-983-9076.

OCTOBER 17
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

TYLER PARK HIKE. Explore new areas. 6-7 miles, moderate pace. Bring lunch and beverage. Take 1-95 and get off at exit 49, (Newtown/Yardley) and travel toward Newtown (not Yardley). Continue on the Newtown bypass and turn left into the park at the intersection of Swamp Road. Meet the group at the Boat House parking lot. Peppy Bath, 609-587-4849, pep157@optonline.net. Manny Robbins, 856-428-4841, proteus@snip.net

OCTOBER 19
Friday
7:00 p.m.



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

OCTOBER 19-21

Friday-Sunday
10:00 a.m.

**HIKING & CAMPING WEEKEND LEHIGH GORGE SP, PA.**

6 miles mod-strenuous. Hike Mt. Pisah Sat. with it's beautiful views of the Lehigh River and the town of Jim Thorpe. Sunday hike or mountain bike the Switch back trail along the river. Contact Leader for meeting place and time for both hikes. Camping Friday & Sat. nights at Mauch Chunk Lake SP. Or just come up for hike or bike portion. NP/NC. Great time to be in the Pocono Mts. Contact leader for additional info. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve. or pis1@cccnj.net

OCTOBER 21

Sunday
9:15 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

CARBON COUNTY, PA HIKE. 8 to 10 miles. Easy to moderate pace. Depart from Germantown & Rex Avenues in Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia at 9:15 a.m. or meet in Macy's parking lot adjacent to Germantown Pike at Plymouth Meeting Mall (off PA turnpike interchange # 333 - Norristown) for departure at 9:30 a.m. sharp. We will hike somewhere in scenic Carbon County, PA. Possibility of some water crossings and bushwhacking. Fall colors should be around their peak in this area. Leaders: Milt Cannan, 856-983-9076.

OCTOBER 21

Sunday
9:30 a.m.



PADDLE ON THE GREAT EGG HARBOR RIVER. Route 54 to Piney Hollow. Plenty of twists and turns, branches and portages. We meet at Route 54 north of the ramp from 322. Sorry no rentals, experienced only. Leader: Vicki S., 856-256-9568 or ravingwriter@netzero.com

OCTOBER 21

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

THREE TRAILS HIKE. 10 miles, moderate pace. We go through the Atsion woods using a combination of trails. Fall foliage may be in color. Bring lunch, beverage. Meet at Atsion, in field off Rt. 206, just past the recreation area sign. Leader: Joseph Trujillo, 856-468-4849.

OCTOBER 21

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

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

OCTOBER 22

Monday
10:00 a.m.

MEDFORD SCARECROW HIKE. 5 miles, moderate pace. We'll hike along Rancocas Creek and then loop through Medford Village to see the scarecrows along Main Street. The scarecrows are created by youth, school and community organizations and are a real treat to see. Meet at Freedom Park on Union Street in Medford. Leader Evelyn Goldner, 609-654-9210, ekgoldner@cs.com.

OCTOBER 24

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 five quarters for the parking meter at the take out. Joe Logan, 609-634-1542, or mayandpops@aol.com, or Judy Champion, jkchampion@msn.com

OCTOBER 24

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.



AROUND THE LAKE HIKE. 7-8 miles. Moderate pace. Bring lunch and rain gear and meet us at Atsion in the field by the ranger station. Leaders Pat Burton, 856-767-8064 camperpat@hotmail.com and Christine Denneler, 856-461-5379.

OCTOBER 25

Thursday



PINELANDS MONTH – PADDLE AND GEOCACHE ON THE N. BRANCH RANCOCAS CREEK. October is Pinelands Month and the Rancocas will have beautiful foliage on this trip. We'll stop on the way to find 4 geocaches as we paddle the 14-mile Canoe Trail from the BCCC trailhead to Mt. Holly. Bring your portage wheels. Meet at the Vincentown Diner – arrive early for breakfast. Contact leaders for trip logistics and meeting time. Leaders: Charlene D., 609-561-7160 or CDrewry813@comcast.net or Leona F., 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com

OCTOBER 26

Friday

7:00 p.m.

HALLOWEEN FULL MOON HIKE. 4-5 +/- miles. Easy pace. Come out. See if you can spot the witch on her broomstick as she flies across the full moon. Moonlight hike on private property. Established trails. Bring a flashlight. No pets (NP) No alcoholic beverages. Family oriented hike. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Meet at the US Post Office parking lot in Cinnaminson at Rt. 130 and Andover Road. Coming from the N on Rt. 130 turn right onto Andover Rd. jug handle to cross Rt. 130. Coming from the South turn right onto Andover Road. Leader: Carole Magill, 856-662-7758.

OCTOBER 26

Friday

7:00 p.m.



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

OCTOBER 27

Saturday

9:30 a.m.

CANOE/KAYAK SPLITROCK RESERVOIR. Splitrock is a hidden gem in Morris County that supplies water to Jersey City. It is 625 acres surrounded by hills, forests, and hiking trails. Check website for TOPO map. www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/pdf/wmmaps/splitrock_access.pdf. Join us for a special late fall foliage trip as we paddle around the reservoir. Cameras are a must! Kayaks over 12 ft recommended. Please contact Leona for trip logistics and confirmation. Leaders: Leona F., 609-259-3734, leona@pineypaddlers.com or Jim G., 732-946-4545 jgahler@verizon.net

OCTOBER 27

Saturday

7:30 p.m.



FULL MOON HIKE. 6-8 miles, moderate pace. With the light of the full moon, October provides the years best view of the Milky Way. Meet at Atsion. Dave & Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

OCTOBER 27

Saturday

7:30 p.m.



SOCIAL MOONLIGHT HIKE: CAMPFIRE AND CAMPOUT. 6 miles moderate pace. Open to everyone. Hike under the Hunter moon as we walk on moonlit sand roads and return to a roaring fire. Camping is available, call to reserve space. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after hike. NP/NC. Meet at Bryne State Forest group campsite. Entrance to forest is on Rt. 72 1/2 mile from jtc. of Rts. 70 & 72 . Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve. pis1@cccnj.net Inclement weather cancels.

OCTOBER 27-28
Sat.-Sun.

HALLOWEEN CANOE AND CAMP. (Rain Dates NOV. 3 & 4)
An OCSJ annual event that has never failed to draw a great and jovial crowd of devils and ghouls. Backpackers welcome if they dare. Camping spaces are limited. Call early to reserve your spot. Small fee for campsites. Call for details. Leaders: Priscilla H., 609-953-8064 CINBEAR@SNIP.NET and Art M., 215-788-7451 .8-10 p.m.

OCTOBER 27-28
Sat-Sun.

BEGINNER'S BACKPACK WHARTON S.F. The canoers and kayakers dared us to pack in. So here we are! Easy flat hiking along the river to join the canoers overnight. This trip is ideal for novices and beginners, but others are welcome to join in on the fun. It's still warm enough, so no elaborate equipment is needed. There will be stories of spooks and goblins and the and the Jersey Devil!! Call right away to sign up as spaces are limited. A small camping fee per person required. Leaders: Joseph Trujillo, 856-468-4849 Christine Denneler, 856-461-5379, Rating: Novice.

OCTOBER 27-28
Sat to Sun

BACKPACK THE AT IN NEW JERSEY CULVERS GAP TO HIGH POINT. 14.5 miles. Enjoy fall foliage. This section is mostly ridge top and has several great viewpoints along the way. Back to cars by noon Sunday. See web site or call leader for more details. Intermediate. Leader: Bruce S., 609-448-4361 bsteidel@aol.com

OCTOBER 29
Monday
10:00 a.m.

ATSION YELLOW TRAIL HIKE. 5 miles, easy/moderate pace. Join us for the continuing celebration of Pinelands Month in NJ as we enjoy beautiful fall foliage hiking the Yellow Trail in Wharton State Forest. Meet at Atsion Ranger Station (E. side of Rt. 206). Bad weather cancels. LP. Leaders: Norm Lucas, 609-654-5893. Bill Schmitt, 856-767-1838.

OCTOBER 31
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

COOPER RIVER PARK HIKE. 9-10 miles, moderate pace. Urban hiking along river and park trails between Rt. 130 and Kings Highway. Meet at Cooper River Yacht Club parking lot on South Park Drive. From Rt. 70 take Cuthbert Road South. Go to 2nd traffic light. Turn right onto South Park Drive. After a short distance, parking lot is on right. LP. Leaders: Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609 and Heinz Knaupp, 609-801-1168.

HIKING GUIDE

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

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

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





NOVEMBER



"Punctuality is the thief of time."

RESERVATIONS AND DEADLINES

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

MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW FOR ALL X-SKIING AND SNOWSHOEING TRIPS.

OCSJ ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY. See entry for December 1.

BACKPACK WEST RIM TRAIL Grand Canyon of PA. See November 2-4 entry.

SOCIAL MOONLIGHT HIKE, CAMPFIRE AND CAMPOUT. See November 24 entry.

Note various trips require participants to contact leader to confirm participation

**CHECK THE OCSJ WEBSITE ON YOUR COMPUTER AT (WWW.OCSJ.ORG) OR ON YOUR CELL PHONE AT (W.OCSJ.ORG) * IF YOU HAVE INTERNET ACCESS) FOR LATEST TRIP INFORMATION.
CYCLIST JOIN THE GOOGLE GROUPS FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION.**

NOVEMBER 1

Thursday

6:00 p.m.

NEW

ROUND ABOUT HIKE (RECURRING). 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 mailto:Geofneil@aol.com. Recurring Hike on Thursday Nights as listed. (Tuesday After-Work Walker recommends this hike.)

NOVEMBER 2

Friday

7:00 p.m.



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

NOVEMBER 2-4

Friday-Sunday

BACKPACK THE WEST RIM TRAIL. The Grand Canyon of PA Approximately 30 miles, moderate to fast pace. Approximately 12 miles Friday, Saturday 8 miles and out on Sunday. Limited to 10 Trekkers. Interested parties can call Kevin Vandergrift, 856-415-148 after 6 p.m. for details or e-mail crazyvan@hotmail.com

NOVEMBER 3

Saturday

10:30 a.m.

BATSTO TWISTER – NEW ROUTE. 5 mile stroll, easy to moderate pace. Just come out and enjoy a walk out back of Batsto and we'll twist and turn and just enjoy the hike. Meet at Batsto Parking Lot, Rt. 542. NC, NP. Bad weather cancels. Leader: Tom Neigel, 609-206-3389, tom-neigel@ocsj.org

NOVEMBER 4

Sunday

8:30 a.m.

SOCIAL HIKE WISSAHICKON GORGE. 8 miles. Moderate pace over hills and valleys. Open to everyone. Hike the Gorge in late fall with its spectacular views. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after hike. Proper hiking shoes required. Meet at 8:30 a.m. in the rear parking lot of Crown Plaza Hotel (formerly Hilton Hotel) on Rt 70, to carpool/caravan to site or meet 9:30 a.m. at Valley Green parking lot in park. NP/NC. Leader Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 evening or pis1@cccnj.net Inclement weather cancels.

NOVEMBER 4

Sunday
 9:00 a.m.
 10:30 a.m.

FAIRHILL NATURAL AREA, MD. About 10 miles. Easy to moderate pace. We will explore this 5600+ acre natural area in the northeast corner of MD which includes a varied terrain of hills, fields, woods and streams. Hopefully there will still be some fall colors. Meet at Broad & Arch Streets in Philadelphia (by Dunkin Donuts) for departure at 9:00 a.m. sharp or at the parking area on the west side of Appleton Road (at Black Bridge Road) in MD at 10:30 a.m. Go about 1¼ miles west of the DE border into MD on Rt. 273 and turn right onto Appleton Road to Black Bridge Road. on the left. There is a parking charge. Leader: Milt Cannan, 856-983-9076.

NOVEMBER 4

Sunday
 9:00 a.m.



PADDLE THE WEST BRANCH OF THE BRANDYWINE. We'll paddle approximately 9 miles from Embreeville to Shaw's Bridge. Please bring dolly if have for take out. Directions: From the Commodore Barry Bridge take Rt. 322 West. Rt. 322 will turn Left at Rt. 1 and then in about a mile, right at Rt. 202. Follow the signs for West Chester for approximately 7 miles till you see sign for High Street (before the by-pass). Do not take the by-pass-take High street. Into town of West Chester. Look for Iron Brewery on your left and when past it make a left onto Chestnut St (Rt 322) follow till come Lukoil (this is the only one in town) on your right side. For Mapquest directions click on <http://www.mapquest.com/> and use destination 455 Hannum ave, West Chester, PA. We meet there for put-in. Contact Leader to confirm trip. If water is low, you will be wading at times.) Leader Eric Spiecker e-mail preferred spiecker@tmail.com or 856-667-3750. (To contact Leader on trip weekend Saturday or Sunday of trip only call 610-836-2455.after 4:00 p.m.)

NOVEMBER 5

Monday
 10:00 a.m.

BYRNE STATE FOREST DEEP HOLLOW POND HIKE. 5 miles, easy/moderate pace. This trail takes us through some of the most scenic areas in the Pinelands. Learn about Jacob Ong and the history of the tiny town of Ongs Hat! Meet at the Byrne State Park Ranger Station. Bad weather cancels. LP. Leaders: Norm Lucas, 609-654-5893. Bill Schmitt, 856-767-1838.

NOVEMBER 6

Tuesday



VOTE AND FLOAT PADDLE ON THE GREAT EGG HARBOR RIVER. We'll canoe and kayak from Penny Pot to Weymouth Furnace. Meet at the Harley Dawn Diner; arrive early for breakfast. Please contact leaders to confirm trip and participation. Leaders: George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or Leona@pineypaddlers.com

NOVEMBER 7

Wednesday
 10:00 a.m.

SKIT BRANCH WANDER. 7-8 miles, moderate pace. We will hike on trails and old woods roads along the Skit Branch of the Batso River. Bring lunch. Meet at the Skit Run Bridge, 5.2 miles SE of Tabernacle on Carranza Road. Leaders: Christine Denneler, 856-461-5379, Pat Burton, 856-767-8064.

NOVEMBER 7

Wednesday
 10:00 a.m.

BACK TO BIVALVE. 7 miles, moderate pace. Meet at 2800 High Street Bivalve (Port Norris). Walk to Shellpile, Bivalve village and observation decks. Picnic at BSDP wharfs. Off Rt. 553, Cumberland County. Check your maps. Bad weather cancels. Leader: Noel Wirth, 609-938-0418. ocncw101@comcast.net

NOVEMBER 8

Thursday
10:00 a.m.



CLAYTON PARK HIKE. 5 miles, easy/moderate pace. This rustic 421-acre site in rural Upper Freehold is located amidst the rolling farmland of western Monmouth County. The property is known for stately stands of red and white oak, beech, ash and birch trees. Bring lunch. **PARK DIRECTIONS:** Interstate 195 to exit 11 (Imlaystown/Cox's Corner). Eastbound, turn right and follow to end; westbound, turn left and follow to end. Turn left onto Rt. 526 and make immediate right onto Imlaystown-Davis Station Road. Follow to Emley's Hill Road, turn left. Follow to Park on left. Dogs are welcome! Leaders: Leona and George F., 609-259-3734 or Leona@pineypaddlers.com

NOVEMBER 8

Thursday
6:00 p.m.

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Stop on the way home for a turn around The Cooper River Park. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, 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 to: Geofneil@aol.com.

NOVEMBER 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 Rt. 70 in Cherry Hill.

NOVEMBER 9

Friday
7:00 p.m.

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

NOVEMBER 10

Saturday
9:45 a.m.

NOVEMBER 10 Saturday 9:45 a.m. COMPLETE BATONA TRAIL HIKE (#1) – ONGS HAT TO RT. 72. 9.4 miles, moderate pace. The Batona Trail (BAck TO NAture) is the premier hiking trail in South Jersey. It passes through typically forested Pine Barrens lands. It provides a sampling of the landscape of the region: slow moving clear, tea colored, meandering streams supporting cedar swamps and bogs; sandy high grounds anchoring tall pitch pines; deserted sand roads to once thriving towns & industries; oak-pine forests, cranberry reservoirs and blueberry farms. All are prominent features encountered along The Batona Trail. This is the first in a series of 5 hikes that will cover the entire trail (also see 11/17, 11/24, 12/1 and 12/15 for the other listings). Please be on time for shuttles. Meet on Rt. 72 between mileposts 4 & 5, on the south side where the trail crosses Rt. 72, for shuttle. Scenic highlights: Bisphams Mill Creek, Deep Hollow Pond, Pakim Pond. Leaders: Jerry Goldstein, 609-859-8133. Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817.

NOVEMBER 10

Saturday
4:00 p.m.

SOCIAL SUNSET HIKE, STAR GAZE AND CAMPING. 6 miles at moderate pace. Open to everyone. Hike between two rivers as we watch the sun set over the pines. We come back to our tailgate social and then meet with the Willingboro Astronomical Society to view Uranus, Neptune, stars and galaxies. NP/NC. Bring picnic type food to share, blanket or chair to sit on. Dress for the weather. Meet at the northern parking lot Batsto Village, Rt. 542, 8 miles east of Hammonton, Burl. Co., Overnight camping is available at Bass River SP contact leader for information. Leader Paul Serdiuk 609-462-3593 eve. or pis1@cccj.net Inclement weather cancels.

NOVEMBER 11

Sunday
9:30 a.m.

OSWEGO RIVER PADDLE. We meet at Oswego Lake Put-In. Volunteer shuttle. Paddle to Harrisonville Lake. Pack Lunch. Leader: Vicki S., 856-256-9568 or ravingwriter@netzero.com

NOVEMBER 11

Sunday
10:00 a.m.



HIKE TO BUCK RUN. 7-8 miles. Moderate pace. Up the Oswego River to Buck Run and Nash's Cabin ruins. Bring lunch, beverage. Meet at Evans Bridge, Rt. 563, between Chatsworth and Green Bank. Leaders: Joseph Trujillo, 856-468-4849. Christine Denneler, 856-461-5379.

NOVEMBER 12

Monday
10:00 a.m.

ONGS HAT EXPLORER. 5 to 6 miles. Easy to moderate pace. Bring water & snack. Meet at start of Batona Trail a short distance down the dirt road opposite Café Apany on Magnolia Rd. (about 1 1/2 miles from the Four Mile Circle) for start of hike at 10:00 AM SHARP. On this hike we'll explore off the Batona Trail visiting Turkey Buzzard Bridge and Earlys Crossing among other places. Maybe some light bushwhacking. Leader: Milt Cannan, 856-983-9076.

NOVEMBER 14

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

D&R CANAL HIKE TO CADWALADER PARK. 12 miles, moderate pace. Hike the N.J. side towpath from Washington Crossing Park to Scudders Falls bridge then Cadwallader Park (Trenton). Have lunch at park picnic area (benches and tables, covered pavilion) and return. Meet at Washington Crossing S.P. parking lot off Rt. 29, N.J. Turn left at traffic light at Rts. 29/546 intersection, then sharp right just before bridge. Bad weather cancels. LP. Leaders: Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609, Joe Hummel 856-235-8817.

NOVEMBER 14

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

EVANS BRIDGE TO MARTHA'S FURNACE. 6/8 miles, moderate pace. Hike along the Batona trail to Martha then by pine roads to Harrisville Lake. Meet at Evans Bridge. Bring lunch. Bad weather cancels. Leader: Janet Horton, 856-461-5771 janeth1@comcast.net

NOVEMBER 15

Thursday
6:00 p.m.

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

NOVEMBER 16

Friday
7:00 p.m.



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

NOVEMBER 17

Saturday
9:30a.m.

MANASQUAN RESERVOIR HIKE WITH GEOCACHING. 5+ miles. Moderate pace. Primarily a hike, we will take our time to find 10 local geocaches, some easy, some not, some a high muggle factor. Stroll along side trails, and visit the Environmental Center, with a short history. Bring your GPS, team up, or just enjoy the hike. Email leader for list of the caches before the hike. Meet at the Manasquan Reservoir Visitors Center on Windeler Road. See www.monmouthcounty-parks.com/parks/manasquan_park.asp NC, Leader: Jim G., 732-946-4545 or jgahler@verizon.net

NOVEMBER 17

Saturday
9:45 a.m.

COMPLETE BATONA TRAIL HIKE (#2) – ROUTE 72 TO CARRANZA MEMORIAL. 9.8 miles, moderate pace. See November 10 for full description. Scenic highlights: Apple Pie Hill, Tea Time Hill, the cedar lined Skit Branch with its beaver dams. Meet at Carranza for shuttle. Leaders: Jerry Goldstein, 609-859-8133. Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817.

NOVEMBER 17

Saturday
10:00a.m.



SCOUT HIKE. 7 miles. This hike is designed for Girl and Boy Scouts who are earning their hiking badge. There will be instruction in basic hiking and trail reading. All Safety-Wise guidelines must be followed. Meet at the Brenden Byrne State Forest Park office. Bring water and lunch. Leader: Kathleen Pearce bakerkp1@verizon.net 856-767-2780.

NOVEMBER 17

Saturday
7:30 p.m.

GOSHEN BY GOSH HIKE. 8 miles. Moderate pace. We try to find our way across the Mullica with the help of the half moon. Goshen Pond campsite access road. From Rt. 206 at Atsion Lake, turn West on Atsion Road. Go 2 miles to Goshen Pond sign. Turn onto dirt road to parking. Dave & Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

NOVEMBER 18

Sunday

BAGEL RIDE. 12-14 mph cruising pace. Fran's famous ride – bagels anyone? Fran keeps the warm front in town for one more day! Meet at Moorestown High School, Bridgeboro Road, Moorestown. Leader: Fran H., 856-786-0048.

NOVEMBER 18

Sunday



CANOE/KAYAK OSWEGO RIVER. Paddle the "Jewel of the Pinelands". We'll float through the extensive white cedar and pitch pine forests that border the Oswego River. Meet at Lake Oswego. Contact leaders to confirm trip participation and meeting time. Leaders: George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com

NOVEMBER 18

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

BASS RIVER HIKE. 7-8 miles. Moderate pace. From Lake Absegami in between the east and west branches of Bass River. Bring lunch, beverage. Meet at Lake Absegami parking at the kiosk, Bass River State Forest. Entrance is on Stage Road, 3.4 miles E of Rt. 679 (from N & W) or 6 miles W of Tuckerton (from N, E, or S) or 3 miles N of New Gretna (from the S). Leader: Joseph Trujillo, 856-468-4849.

NOVEMBER 19

Monday
10:00 a.m.

PAKIM POND. 6 miles moderate pace. We'll hike along the Batona Trail to Pakim Pond, returning by the Cranberry Trail. Bring lunch to eat after hike. Meet at Brendan Byrne Ranger Station. Bad weather cancels. Leader: Janet Horton, 856-461-5771 janeth1@comcast.net

NOVEMBER 23

Friday
10:00 a.m.

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

NOVEMBER 23

Friday
7:00 p.m.



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

NOVEMBER 24Saturday
9:00 a.m.

WISSAHICKON PARK. Hike 8-10 miles. Moderate/brisk pace. Leader's Choice. Bring lunch, sturdy shoes and a walking stick. Meet at Henry Avenue & Walnut Lane parking area. Call or email to confirm participation. Call for more info. Leader: Joel P, 609-313-2376, jpenncpa@comcast.net.

NOVEMBER 24Saturday
9:45 a.m.

COMPLETE BATONA TRAIL HIKE (#3) – CARRANZA ROAD TO BATSTO FIRE TOWER. 12.4 miles, moderate pace. See November 10 for full description. Scenic hiking along the Batsto River with some nice riverside overlooks. Meet at Batona Trailhead just below fire tower at Batsto, off Rt. 542 for long shuttle. Leaders: Jerry Goldstein, 609-859-8133. Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817.

NOVEMBER 24Saturday
9:45 a.m.

LUMS POND ADVENTURE. 10 miles, moderate pace. Hike Lums Pond in the late fall to gaze upon the last leaves. Easy hike on dirt and gravel trails with some muddy sections and plenty of roots, offering fine views of the largest fresh water pond in Delaware. Small hills, wooden foot bridges, facilities available at the visitor center. 50 miles from Cherry Hill. Meet at Lums Pond Park Office, just off Howell School Rd @ DE St Rt. 896. (Will be at the Glasgow, DE Super Wawa, ~1 mile west on US Rt 40 from the intersection of DE St. Rt. 896 from aprox. 9:10 till 9:30 am SHARP, and will leave for the Park Office.) NC, WF, LP, Leaders: HykyrJoe Maryanski, Jmaryanski@msn.com, 609-929-7498 eve. aftr. 7p and morn. of hike Or Joan Foltz, Rfoltz@aol.com, 609-335-9675.

NOVEMBER 24Saturday
7:00 p.m.

SOCIAL MOONLIGHT HIKE, CAMPFIRE AND CAMPOUT. 7 miles moderate pace. Open to everyone. Hike the Pines under the Beaver Moon on a new route and return to a roaring campfire. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after hike. NC/NP. Meet at Atsion Lake, Burl. Co., From Rt. 206 take Atsion Rd. west 1 miles, go to Goshen Pond Group site sign turn left go to camping area. Camping is available; Saturday, call to reserve space. Leader, Paul Serdiuk, 609-463-3593 evening or pis1@cccnj.net Inclement weather cancels.

NOVEMBER 26Monday
10:00 a.m.

BYRNE STATE FOREST/PAKIM POND. Hike 5 miles, easy/moderate pace. We'll hike the Red Trail. Pakim Pond is considered a crown jewel within the state forest. Pakim Pond, once a cranberry reservoir, is now a quiet retreat. The name "Pakim" was probably derived from Pakimintzen, a Delaware Indian chief's name. New Jersey's Delaware or Lenape Indians believed cranberries were a symbol of peace. Their chief, Pakimintzen, distributed the red berries at tribal peace feasts. His name came to mean "cranberry eater". We'll meet at Pakim Pond. Bring lunch – there are picnic tables. Bad weather cancels. LP. Leaders: Norm Lucas, 609-654-5893. Bill Schmitt, 856-767-1838.

NOVEMBER 28Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

SHANE BRANCH HIKE. 6-8 miles, moderate pace. We will hike deep woods and view old bogs. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet at Friendship, on Carranza Road, SE of Tabernacle. Leaders: Chris Denneler, 856-461-5379. Pat Burton, 856-767-8064.

NOVEMBER 29

Thursday
10:00 a.m.

CANOE/KAYAK THE WILD AND SCENIC MAURICE RIVER.

The Maurice River and its tributaries drain the southwest portion of the Pinelands National Reserve. Join us for a fall foliage trip from Willow Grove Lake to Almond Road. Meet at the Wawa on Routes 40 and 47 in Malaga. Contact leaders to confirm trip and participation. Leaders: Trina & Charlie P., 856-224-1055 or trp51@hotmail.com

NOVEMBER 29

Thursday
6:00 p.m.

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Stop on the way home for a turn around The Cooper River Park. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, 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 mailto:Geofneil@aol.com.

NOVEMBER 30

Friday
7:00 p.m.



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



DECEMBER



“If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.”

RESERVATIONS AND DEADLINES

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

MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW FOR ALL X-SKIING AND SNOWSHOEING TRIPS.

OCSJ ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY. See December 1.

Note various trips require participants to contact leader to confirm participation

CHECK THE OCSJ WEBSITE ON YOUR COMPUTER AT (WWW.OCSJ.ORG) OR ON YOUR CELL PHONE AT (W.OCSJ.ORG) * IF YOU HAVE INTERNET ACCESS) FOR LATEST TRIP INFORMATION. CYCLIST JOIN THE GOOGLE GROUPS FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION. FOR DETAILS GO TO THE BICYCLING HOME PAGE.

DECEMBER 1

Saturday
9:45 a.m.

COMPLETE BATONA TRAIL HIKE (#4) – BATSTO FIRE

TOWER TO EVANS BRIDGE. 9.2 miles, moderate pace. See Nov.10 for full description. Scenic highlights: Bull Creek, white cedars. Meet at Evans Bridge for shuttle. Leaders: Jerry Goldstein, 609-859-8133. Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817.

DECEMBER 1

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

GOSHEN POND JAUNT.

9 miles, moderate pace. Hike a loop around Goshen Pond. See how well the re-cycled bridge is keeping up with time. Bring lunch. Don't forget the Christmas party. Meet at Jackson. Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

DECEMBER 1

Saturday
6:00 to 10:30 p.m.
*Hope you have
your reservation!*

OCSJ ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY. Always a gala affair. Bring your favorite covered dish to share and join your friends to dine and dance. A sellout for 2004-2006. If you do not already have reservations, check to see if there is a space and what food you can bring. Reservations Chair, Millie Moore, 856-468-9709 or E-mail MMoore7778@aol.com. Dinner Chef, Kathleen Pearce, E-mail (preferred) hornet71@verizon.net or 856-767-2780.

DECEMBER 3

Monday
10:00 a.m.

HISTORIC SMITHVILLE PARK HIKE. 5 miles, easy/ moderate pace. Hike the grounds of this historic Smithville village, known for the Smithville-Mt. Holly Bicycle Railroad. The 290-acre park features a diverse collection of habitats and terrain, upland forests and meadows. Meet at the Smith's Woods access parking lot. Take Rt. 38 to Smithville Road in Easthampton Twp. Follow signage along Smithville Road to East Railroad Avenue. Bad weather cancels. LP. Leaders: Norm Lucas, 609-654-5893. Bill Schmitt, 856-767-1838.

DECEMBER 5

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

D & R CANAL HIKE. 8 miles, moderate pace. Hike along the canal to Stockton cross over to PA and return through New Hope. Bring lunch. Meet at the D & R Canal parking. Bad weather cancels. Leader Janet Horton, 857-461-5771 janeth1@comcast.net

DECEMBER 5

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

UPPER MULLICA HIKE. 10-12 miles at a MODERATE pace. We are hoping to find nice lunch spot at goshen pond. Bring lunch and rain gear and meet us at JACKSON. Leaders Pat Burton, 856-767-8064 camperpat@hotmail.com and Jack Dalton W2hds@comcast.net

DECEMBER 6

Thursday
6:00 p.m.

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Stop on the way home for a turn around The Cooper River Park. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, 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 mail to: Geofneil@aol.com.

DECEMBER 7

Friday
7:00 p.m.



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

DECEMBER 8

Saturday
9:30 a.m.

WELLS MILLS - PENNS HILL TRAIL PLUS 10 MILES. Moderate pace. Hike the entire Penn's Hill Trail loop thru this 900 acre park and catch the Blue Blaze Trail to boot. These intimate sand trails are often covered with a carpet of spongy pine needles. Walk thru the cedar swamps on these trails, not around them like in most places, one of the nicest areas in the pine, several real "jersey" hills, and Wells Mills Lake. Bring ground cover or hiking seat for lunch. Boots recommended, but not required. Just 3 miles west of Waretown exit Rt. 532 off the NJ Parkway in Ocean County.. Meet at Visitor Center parking area, south side Ocean County Rt. 532. NC, LP, WF Leader: HykyrJoe Maryanski, Jmaryanski@msn.com (preferred) or evening. after 7 p.m., 609-929-7498 co-leader Joan Foltz, Rfoltz@aol.com or 609-335-9675.

DECEMBER 9

Sunday



CANOE/KAYAK CEDAR CREEK. Cedar is a very pretty waterway in the winter; especially with the riverbanks covered in snow. We'll keep our fingers crossed for an early snowfall. The trip will be 7 miles from Ore Pond to Dudley Park. Contact leaders to confirm trip participation, time and meeting location. Leaders: George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com

DECEMBER 9

Sunday

10:00 a.m.

NEW HOPE CHRISTMAS HIKE. 9 miles, moderate pace. Up the canal to visit the scenic village on the Delaware. View the decorations, maybe find a Christmas gift. Optional side trip for dinner. Meet at D&R Canal Parking. Dave & Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

DECEMBER 9

Sunday

10:00 a.m.

FEATHERBED FOLLIES and SHANE SHENANAGANS – PART 2. Mileage is secondary but should be no more than about 10 miles. Easy to moderate pace. Meet at Friendship at 10:00 a.m. We ran out of daylight last year to fully navigate the Featherbed Bogs. This year we will head straight to where we left off and try to find the way across the Featherbed. Then who knows where we will go! There will be at least two water crossings not for the faint of heart as we will cross a beaver dam and bog outlet (although if you don't lose your balance, you won't get wet! i.e. bring sticks!). In addition expect bushwhacking, dead ends and disorientation. Expect an all day hike as some areas may be difficult to negotiate. Hopefully we'll make it back before dark! Leader: Milt Cannan, 856-983-9076.

DECEMBER 10

Monday

10:00 a.m.

HIKE TO MARTHA. 5 miles moderate pace. Hike to the site of the furnace that operated many years ago. Bring lunch to eat after hike. Meet at Harrisville Lake. Bad weather cancels. Leader: Janet Horton, 856-461-5771, janeth1@comcast.net

DECEMBER 12

Wednesday

10:00 a.m.

HIKE TO BUCK RUN AND BEYOND. 9-10 miles, moderate pace. We will hike to one of our favorite spots for lunch, with a view of a beaver lodge. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet at Harrisville Pond Rt 679, 1.5 miles south of Rt 563, between Chatsworth and New Gretna. Leaders: Chris Denneker, 856-461-5379. Pat Burton, 856-767-8064.

DECEMBER 13

Thursday

6:00 p.m.

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Stop on the way home for a turn around The Cooper River Park. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, 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.

DECEMBER 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.

DECEMBER 14

Friday

7:00 p.m.



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

DECEMBER 15

Saturday
9:45 a.m.

COMPLETE BATONA TRAIL HIKE (#5) – EVANS BRIDGE TO COAL ROAD. 8.8 miles, moderate pace. See November 10 for full description. Scenic highlights: duck ponds, Oswego River, Beaver Branch, Ives Pond. Meet at Batona Trailhead on Coal Road, between the east and west branches of Bass River, just off Stage Road, 3 miles E. of Rt. 679 (from the W.), or 7 miles W. of Tuckerton (from the E.), or 2.5 miles N. of New Gretna (from the S.) for shuttle. Leaders: Jerry Goldstein, 609-859-8133. Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817.

DECEMBER 16

Sunday
8:00 a.m.

SOCIAL VALLEY FORGE NATIONAL PARK HIKE. 6 miles moderate pace. Open to everyone. Hike the National Park and experience the hardships of our forefathers. Revolutionary re-enactors will be present to portray life in the early days. We will go to Manayunk Brewery for their breakfast buffet after hike. Meet in rear parking lot of Crown Plaza Hotel on Rt. 70 Cherry Hill (former Hilton Hotel) to carpool/caravan at 8:00 a.m. or meet at upper level parking lot at park's visitors center by restroom entrance at 9:00 a.m. NC/NP Leader Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve pis1@cccnj.net Inclement weather cancels.

DECEMBER 16

Sunday
9:00 a.m.

BAGEL RIDE. 12-14 mph cruising pace. Fran's famous ride – bagels anyone? Fran keeps the warm front in town for one more day! Meet at Moorestown High School, Bridgeboro Road, Moorestown. Leader: Fran H, 856-786-0048.

DECEMBER 16

Sunday
10:30 a.m.

BATSTO – PIRATES OF THE FORKS HIKE. 6.5 miles, moderate pace. Arrr mates, this is the one. Hike through Batsto Village and south of Rt 542 to the end of "The Forks", where the Mullica and Batsto Rivers converge to create The Forks area. Search for gold, pirates, ship wrecks, treasure, Batsto Landing, Rabbit Island, and walk the plank at the historic Van Sant Ship Yards, as you go back through history. A Treasure map will be provided. Bring full lunch and eye patches. Meet at Batsto Village parking area (Rt. 542). NC, NP. Bad weather cancels. Leader: Tom Neigel 609-206-3389, tom-neigel@ocsj.org

DECEMBER 17

Monday
10:00 a.m.

VETERANS PARK, MERCER COUNTY. 5 miles, easy/moderate pace. Enjoy our hike in 350 acres of wooded and open habitats in Mercer County. Meet at Mastoris Diner parking lot, 144 Rt. 130, Bordentown. Veterans Park is a short drive from the diner. Option for lunch at a local restaurant after the hike. Bad weather cancels. LP. Leaders: Norm Lucas, 609-654-5893. Bill Schmitt, 856-767-1838.

DECEMBER 19

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.



BATONA TRAIL TO ONG'S HAT HIKE. 10 miles, moderate pace. Hike from the Ranger Station to Deep Hollow Pond and on to Ong's Hat. Lunch at Cafe Apany (formerly Anapa's) is part of this hike. Those wishing to bring their own lunch are welcome, but need to recognize that our hike will not resume until the lunch at Cafe Apany has been concluded. Or, they can elect to finish the hike on their own if they choose. Meet at Byrne Office parking lot. Bad weather cancels. LP. Leader: Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609, Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817.

DECEMBER 20

Thursday
6:00 p.m.

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Stop on the way home for a turn around The Cooper River Park. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, S. Park Drive. Rain or flood-

ing on Admiral Wilson Blvd cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill 856-772-6465 or <mailto:Geofneil@aol.com>.

DECEMBER 21
Friday

CELEBRATE THE WINTER SOLSTICE ON THE WADING RIVER. We'll paddle 6 miles from Hawkin Bridge to Evans Bridge. Join us for our annual solstice celebration as the sun begins anew its journey to longer days. Contact leaders to confirm trip. Leaders: George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com

DECEMBER 21
Friday
7:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS IN HADDONFIELD HIKE. 7 Miles, moderate pace. Our fifth annual Christmas hike includes the Cooper River Nature Center, several adjoining parks, and a 30 minute stop in Haddonfield. Meet at the Cherry Hill National Guard Armory parking lot at Park and Grove Streets in Cherry Hill. NP, FS Leaders: Barb & Ray Wittkop, BarbnRay@aol.com 856-662-4012 (email preferred –no calls after 8 p.m.

DECEMBER 21
Friday
7:00 p.m.



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

DECEMBER 22
Saturday
10:00 a.m.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HIKE. 7-8 miles. Moderate pace. The tradition continues. A festive hike as we renew old friendships, recollect past events, partake of holiday treats on the tailgate, get in to a holiday mood. Meet opposite the campsite, Byrne State Forest. Entrance is off Rt. 72, one mile SE of jct. Rts. 70/72. Follow signs. Leaders: Joseph Trujillo, 856-468-4849 Christine Denneler, 856-461-5379.

DECEMBER 22
Saturday
7:00 p.m.



SOCIAL MOONLIGHT HIKE AND CAMPFIRE. 6 miles moderate pace. Open to everyone. Hike the Pines under the Cold Moon and return to a campfire. Bring picnic type food to share at our tailgate social after hike. NC/NP. Meet at Atsion Lake, Burl. Co., From Rt. 206 take Atsion Rd. west 1 mile, go to Goshen Pond Group site sign turn left go to camping area. Camping is available Saturday, call to reserve space. NC/NP Leader, Paul Serdiuk, 609-463-3593 eve. or pis1@ccnj.net Inclement weather cancels.

DECEMBER 23
Sunday
8:00 a.m.

COOPER RIVER PARK HIKE. 6-7 miles, brisk pace. A "get it over early" loop hike around the Cooper River Park. Optional brunch afterwards at a reasonably priced restaurant. Meet at the National Guard Armory parking lot at Park Ave. and Grove St. in Cherry Hill. This meeting place is one block from the intersection of Rt. #70 and Haddonfield Rd/Grove Street. The intersection is at the corner of the old Garden State race track and has a Chili's Bar and Grill. NP, FS, NC. Leaders: Barb & Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com.

DECEMBER 24
Monday

SEARCH FOR SANTA ON THE NORTH BRANCH RANCO-CAS CREEK. Wear your Santa hat as we look for Santa on the 10-mile Canoe Trail from Burlington County Community College to Smithville. Meet at the Vincentown Diner – arrive early for breakfast. Contact leaders for trip participation, meeting time

and logistics. Leaders: George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com

DECEMBER 26

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

HIKE TO APPLE PIE HILL. 8-9 miles, moderate pace. Hike along the Batona Trail from/to Carranza. Meet at Carranza Memorial. Kids who can hike this distance are welcome (but require that a designated responsible adult be present). LP. Leaders: Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817. Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609.

DECEMBER 27

Thursday
6:00 p.m.

ROUND ABOUT HIKE. 3.8 miles, moderate to brisk. Stop on the way home for a turn around The Cooper River Park. Meet at The Cooper River Yacht Club, 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 mail to: Geofneil@aol.com.

DECEMBER 28

Friday
7:00 p.m.



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

DECEMBER 29

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

FRIENDLY FRIENDSHIP HIKE. 9-10 miles, moderate pace. Hike the old bogs and a side trip to the blueberry monument. Could be wet in spots. Bring lunch. WF Meet at Friendship. Dave & Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

DECEMBER 30

Sunday
9:30 a.m.

RIDLEY CREEK RAMBLE. 10 miles or so. We will take in the park using a combination of marked and unmarked unpaved trails . . . attain about 2000' of elevation gain for the day over its many rolling hills and see the creek from up close and far above...our pace will be moderate. . . our footing sure. End '07 with a "bang" of a hyke. Ridley Creek is only about 30 minutes SW of Philly and has a wonderful mansion and grounds. We will leave from the Mt. Ephraim Super Wawa, NJ Rt.168 (about 1 mile North of Kings Highway) at 8:50 a.m. to caravan to Ridley. - Or meet at the Hunting Hill Mansion Lot by 9:30 a.m. (#1023 Sycamore Mills Rd, Media, PA 19063) Hike in conjunction with PTC. LP, NC. Some splashes possible. Hike will go depending on favorable trail and weather conditions. Please register by e-mail so I can update you with info if need be. HykyrJoe Maryanski Jmaryanski@msn.com or 609-929-7498 evenings after 7 p.m. and day of hike.

JANUARY 1

Tuesday
10:00 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S DAY ON THE OSWEGO RIVER. Begin the New Year with the Outdoor Club of South Jersey. Meet at Lake Oswego and paddle one of the most beautiful Pineland rivers. Tailgate picnic after the paddle – bring something to share! Please contact leaders to confirm trip and your participation. Leaders: George & Leona F, 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com

JANUARY 1

Tuesday
10:00 a.m.



NEW YEAR'S DAY HIKE. 7-9 miles. Moderate pace. Welcome the New Year by hiking. A great way to begin the hiking year! We'll hit regular trails and old fire cuts to find us a nice lunch spot. Bring lunch, beverage. Meet in field E side of Rt. 206, Atsion, just beyond the Recreation Area sign. Leader: Joseph Trujillo, 856-468-4849.



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5. Membership forms may be downloaded from the OCSJ website (www.ocsj.org)

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