



OUTDOOR CLUB of SOUTH JERSEY

TREKKER

SPRING 2009

COME ONE! COME ALL!

*** Open House - OCSJ Club Day ***

All Members Invited!

Music . . . Food . . . Seminars . . . Displays

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.
CHERRY HILL NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY
Grove Street at Park Boulevard
Cherry Hill, NJ

BACKPACKING



CANOEING

BIKING



HIKING

CAMPING



**X-C SKIING/
SNOWSHOEING**

Your chance to observe and participate in a club meeting and to meet the officers and activity chairs. After the meeting, local outdoor outfitters will give demonstrations on a variety of outdoor topics.

See coming events and May 9 entry for more details.

SEE YOU THERE!

Celebrating 42 Years of Outdoor Experiences!

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ON YOUR CELL PHONE AT W.OCSJ.ORG,
IF YOU HAVE INTERNET ACCESS, FOR LATEST TRIP INFORMATION.
CYCLISTS JOIN THE GOOGLE GROUPS FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION.



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

Snowflakes landing gently on the ground are but a faint memory as the sun's golden rays bathe our skin. Cross-Country skiers are recalling memories of the winters past and canoeists are dusting off their crafts.

As we approach the ending of Winter and the coming of Spring, the Trekker is filled with a vast cornucopia of activities. With the publishing of each Trekker we are reminded of the volunteer hours that it takes to make the Trekker come to life. Thank you to each activity chair who collects, collates and submits their activities' events. Since the hiking activity chair position is vacant, Beth Compagnucci and Bruce Steidel have teamed up to submit the hiking activity's schedule. Kudos to Beth and Bruce. Frank Pearce compiles all the submissions and puts them into a form that the printer can use. Leona Fluck takes care of proofing the text. If you see any of the people who put together the Trekker, please take a moment to say thank you.

Christine Denneler, hike leader, former hiking activity chair and board member, has concluded her service on the board this past December. Chris has given literally thousands of hours of service to the Outdoor Club. We say thank you to her with a grateful heart.

Save May 9th!!!! Club volunteers have been busy planning Club Day at the Cherry Hill Armory. Activities will be taking place from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This is a great opportunity to talk with activity chairs about those activities you have been meaning to participate in. We are hoping to have vendors from outdoor equipment companies and outfitters there. We are also hoping for some food vendors. Check out the cover of the Trekker and the May 9th entry.

For the members that normally do not receive a paper version of the Trekker, welcome to this issue. The Board made a decision to send the paper Trekker out to each member once per year. As always, activity updates will be posted on the website.

Hope to see you at Club Day on May 9th!
Kathleen Pearce, President OCSJ
E-mail: Bakerkp1@verizon.net



Coming Events

**CHECK THE OCSJ WEBSITE ON YOU COMPUTER AT (WWW.OCSJ.ORG) OR ON YOUR CELL PHONE AT (W.OCSJ.ORG) * IF YOU HAVE INTERNET ACCESS) FOR LATEST TRIP INFORMATION.
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ANNUAL APRÈS SKI PARTY: Some Saturday in April, check website for date and location. Our annual bash is a chance for us to get together, share photos and reminisce about the season just past, and also to learn about the trips planned for next season, with a chance for early sign-up. Covered dish, BYOB. If you've ever wondered what the X/C ski group does, or if you have any interest in skiing or snowshoeing, please join us! Call Eileen Greve, 609-267-3598 egreve2@verizon.net

VOLUNTEER WORK TRIP at ATC HDQTRS in HARPERS FERRY, WV - April 24 to 26 Our annual trip in memory of Richard Greve, benefits the Appalachian Trail Conservancy. We do whatever they need, gardening, cleaning, stuffing envelopes or sometimes light repairs. Carpentry or plumbing skills especially appreciated. We arrive Fri.; work Sat., and have Sun. free for hiking or exploring the historic town of Harper's Ferry. Stay free at ATC's hostel. Call Eileen Greve, 609-267-3598.

Coming Events *(continued from page 3)*

WASHINGTON DC BUS TRIP & SELF-GUIDED TOUR. Saturday, May 2, 2009. Packed with famous sights, celebrated symbols of patriotism, free attractions, the sights and sounds of the nation's capital offer inspiring experiences. **COST: \$30.00 per person.** TO ORDER: Send check payable to OUTDOOR CLUB OF SOUTH JERSEY to Fran Katella, 905 Yarmouth Lane, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054. **All payments must be made by April 25, 2009. ADVANCE RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST.** Order tickets as soon as possible. We need an early response, in order not to disappoint anyone. First come, first serve. No reserved seats. Please include your telephone number and E-mail address (also cell phone number for the day of the trip). For a receipt, include self addressed stamped envelope. All sales final. For refund, tickets must be re-sold. **Meet by big flagpole, front of Macy's, Moorestown Mall, off Rt. 38 at 7:00 a.m.** Bus departs promptly at 7:30am, rain or shine. Arrive DC 10 -11 a.m. Depart DC 5:00 p.m. Arrival time from DC approx. 8:30 p.m. (Volunteer gratuity for driver) Leader: Fran Katella, 856-234-1611.

OCSJ CLUB DAY AT THE CHERRY HILL ARMORY. Saturday May 9 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Meet at the New Jersey National Guard Armory at Grove Street and Park Blvd. Cherry Hill, NJ 08002-2797. General meeting starts at 10:00 a.m. Directions are on the club website.

Join us as we hold an open house and general meeting for all the members of OCSJ. Meet the Executive Board and the Activity Chairpersons. This is your opportunity to observe and participate in the club meeting. After the meeting we will have seminars, demonstrations and static displays on all types of outdoor activities; biking, hiking, camping, skiing, kayaking and canoeing. Local outdoor outfitters will be giving demonstrations on a variety of outdoor topics. Ask questions specific to your needs and demo new equipment. Outdoor equipment representatives will be present to demo/discuss their equipment. We will have kayaking and hiking activities planned for the day. Listen to live music all day and enjoy hot food from local vendors or pack a lunch. Free parking on Armory grounds.

**Any additional questions can be directed to:
Paul Serdiuk, evenings only - 609-462-3593
or e-mail: pis1@cccnj.net**

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

HISTORIC CAPE MAY WEEKEND - Friday to Sunday-June 19, 20 and 21, 2009. 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. Pat or Bruce Carey, 609-877-5872 e-mail foxii08@gmail.com For complete details and registration form go to page 10.

BICYCLING ROAD COURSE – June 13. Learn about bicycling handling & safety, and emergency maneuvers. Presenter Fran Horn, 856-786-0048. See page 5.

VOLUNTEER VACATIONS. Get outside. Have fun. You can make a difference. Sign up now for trail projects in spectacular locations around the country. Volunteer vacation dates are available now for April in AZ, KY, IN, CA, NJ; for May in KY, MI, OR, CA, NY, TN, WV; for June, July and August in UT, VA, CA, AK, WA, WV, MT, NV, ID, OR, VT, WY, MN. To find out more email Volunteer@AmericanHiking.org or contact AHS at 800-972-8608, ext. 206.

SEPTEMBER IN WESTERN MAINE

Location: Bald Mountain Camps, Oquossoc, ME. (www.baldmountaincamps.com)
Historic sporting camp located on pristine Mooselookmeguntic Lake. Activities: several hiking options (mt. tops, water falls, backwoods roads, a piece of the A.T.), kayaking/canoeing, biking, golfing, tennis, photography, wildlife viewing, geocaching, sunsets, moonrises, starlight, loon calls to appreciate, or slip into Rangeley if civilization required. Trip includes: guided kayaking or canoeing pristine lakes and rivers with our host and Registered Maine Guide, Steve Philbrick, log cabins with fireplace, wood, bath, linens, porch, meals in the lodge dining room for first class breakfasts and dinners, sack lunches for the trail. Price: 5 days/\$900 plus tax for lodging, meals, guide, shuttles. Bikes, canoes, kayaks, maps and other gear is included and available on request. Happy to answer questions.

Contact: Judy Norcross (856)-235-8735, e-mail: jsnorcross@aol.com.

Two dates proposed: Sunday, September 6th – Friday, September 11th and Sunday, Sept. 13th – Friday, September 18th.

www.ocsj.org/ocsj-maine-photos.htm

www.ocsj.org/ocsj-maine-guides.htm

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).

THE GRAND MILE CLUB began its 8th year this January. Our goal is to walk 1000 miles during the year. Members agree that they are walking more now than they had before, and that being in the Club has provided the spark that made this happen. So if you like a challenge, want to get in better shape, or simply enjoy walking, give joining us some thought. Our membership fee is very competitively priced - ZERO! Contact Bill Poulson for more details, 856-983-7609, wpoul@comcast.net).

750 MILE CLUB - All hikers planning to participate in the 2009 750 mile Club contact Janet Horton, janeth1@comcast.net 856-461-5771.

500 MILE CLUB - All hikers who plan on participating in the 2009 500 mile Club should send their information to Jean Stelmaszyk babcia84@verizon.net (E-mail preferred) or 856-429-9089. Jean will tabulate mileage submitted.

BICYCLING COURSE ROAD 1

Registration before class required

Includes: bicycle handling & safety. Emergency maneuvers

Presented by: Fran Horn, 856-786-0048

Date: June 13 **Cost:** \$50.00 for Course Materials

To participate in the course, return this form with a \$50 check payable to OCSJ.

Fran Horn, 2410 Laurel Drivem Cinnaminson, NJ 08077

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

BACKPACKING

A Message from the Backpacking/Camping Activity Chair

I am the new backpacking/camping chair, succeeding a long list of capable prior chairs. We have an April and a June trip in this Trekker. If you have always wanted to try backpacking, the June trip would be a good choice. The weather should be pleasant and the walking is mostly easy and quite scenic. We are also in need of a new trip leader. If you have backpacked with the club before, this is your chance to give back. Call or e-mail me.

Bruce Steidel, 609-915-0956
bsteidel@aol.com



CANOEING/KAYAKING

A Message from the Canoe/Kayak Activity Chair



Thank you to all the Leaders who have made this schedule so great. I hope to see you on the water more this Spring.

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 must 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 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. Leaders have final say on trip participation involving safety concerns. Check the website – ocsj.org - for the latest information. 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. Carry a copy of the incident report form. Need a form or address etc. please contact me?

See You on the Water!!

Frank Pearce, 856-767-2780, Hornet71@verizon.net

www.ocsj.org

HIKING

A Message from the Hiking Coordinator

O Spring, how we've missed you. Stir us from our slumber. Blow away the dark storms of winter with your gentle breezes so we can see again the mountains of challenge that inspire us to climb higher. They've been there all winter, but we've been inside. The promise of change is all around-may we greet the new beginning with renewed energy and vigor.

Anonymous

Well, we have not been inside all winter because of the great hikes offered in the winter TREKKER, but once again, the OUTDOOR CLUB of SOUTH JERSEY hike leaders' list of activities for Spring '09 offer a wide variety of hikes to welcome the spring season. A new weekly recurring hike joins the venue as a "must do" for the week. New leader, Rich Galster is leading this hike on a weekly basis, as well as a weekend day hike in June.

It's time to thank all of our leaders. Without their commitment and knowledge, we would not be able to offer the following spring hike selection.

We thank you...Bill Poulson, Bruce Steidel, Bill Paulson, Bill Schmitt, Christine Denneler, Dave & Julie Hegelein, David Bicking, Faye Bray, Glenn & Donna McCurdy, Heinz Knaupp, Jack Dalton, Jan Jorgenson, Janet Horton, Jay Schoss, Jeff Neill, Jerry Goldstein, Jim Gahler, JoAnn Wright, Joe Hummel, Joe Sapia, Joel Penn, Joseph Trujillo, Manny Robbins, Mike Baker & Alison Baker, Milt Cannan, Noel Wirth, Norm Lucas, Pat Burton, Paul Foged, Paul Serdiuk, Peppy Bath, Ray Wittkop, Rich Kranz, Rick Galster, Scott Eves, Tom & Sue Neigel, Toni Stransky.

Beth Compagnucci
Hike Coordinator
bcompagnucci@comcast.net

X/C SKIING AND SNOWSHOEING

A Message from the X/C Skiing & Snowshoeing Chair

Wow! What a great season this has been with so much snow everywhere. Thanks to all the leaders without whom there would be no trips. Can I take this moment to encourage all of you who have a favorite place to ski to step up to the plate and volunteer to lead a trip there. I would be happy to help you develop a successful plan.

Of course we are all looking forward to our annual bash – the Apres Ski Party. It will be sometime in April. Exact date and location will be given on the website, so keep an eye out. Bring a dish, your photos and stories of your adventures and hear about the trips we have planned for next season. See you there!

Eileen Greve
egreve2@verizon.net
609-267-3598

ACTIVITIES

A Message from the Activity Coordinator

Springtime---and earth awakens
Nature clothes herself anew:
After winter's bleakness
Spring comes smiling through.
---E.L. Powers

What better time than now to get out and hit the trails----backpacking, biking, paddling, hiking. The woods are inviting, lush and green; the rivers fresh and shimmering; mountain trails, cool and shady. The schedule is filled with activities just waiting for your participation. It's Springtime! Come out! Enjoy a great time of the year.

Joseph Trujillo, 856-468-4849, jnt1691@verizon.net
Coordinator, Activities Committees

WALKING PACE DEFINITIONS

WALKING PACE

These are averages only; actual results may vary due to factors such as 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:

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.

BACKPACK TRIP RATING SYSTEM

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

PARTICIPATION NOTICE

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

STANDARD MEETING PLACES

If the meeting place is one of the standard meeting places shown below, no directions will appear in the hike listing.

- Atsion** - Meet in field on east side of Rt. 206 just north of Wharton State Forest Office.
- Batsto** - Meet at Batsto village parking, off Rt. 542, between Hammonton and Green Bank.
- Bullock** - Meet on north side of road in Bullock. Turn east from Rt. 72 at railroad bridge 6.5 miles southeast of Rt. 70/72 intersection. Continue 3.3 miles to tee intersection. Turn right, then immediately left, and park.
- Carranza** - Meet at Carranza Memorial parking, 6.7 miles SE of Tabernacle on Carranza Road.
- Cemetery** - Meet at cemetery on Rt. 563, 0.6 miles south of Rt. 532 in Chatsworth.
- Moorestown Mall** – Meet at big flagpole, front of Macy's, off Rt. 38. See May 10 entry.
- D & R Parking** - a mile N of Lambertville on Rt. 29, just before the Rt. 202 Bridge. Turn left and drive to the parking.
- Evans** - Meet just to the north of Evans Bridge (on east side of Rt. 563), 0.7 miles south of the Rt. 563/Rt. 679 split (about 10 miles south of Chatsworth).
- Friendship** - Meet at Friendship ruins on Carranza Road, 10 miles SE of Tabernacle.
- Harrisville** - Meet at Harrisville Pond, on Rt. 679, 1.5 miles south of Rt. 563, between Chatsworth and New Gretna.
- Henry Avenue & Walnut Lane parking area, Philadelphia** – Take Rt. 76 (Schuylkill Expressway) West to Lincoln Drive, exit #340A. Turn right at bottom of ramp, cross short bridge and take Ridge Avenue West exit. Proceed to 2nd traffic light and bear right. Go two more lights and bear left. At the next light, turn right onto Walnut Ln. Go to 2nd light and turn left onto Magdalena and a quick left into parking area. Approximately 9 miles from Ben Franklin Bridge.
- Jackson** - Meet just north of small bridge on Rt. 534 (Jackson Road), 1.7 miles northeast of Atco Raceway.
- Kingston** - Meet at Kingston Lock parking, off Rt. 27. Take I-295N / 95S to Exit 8 (Princeton Pike, Rt. 583) to Rt. 27 in Princeton. Follow Rt. 27, 3.3 miles to Kingston Lock parking on right.
- Lake Absegami** - Meet at Lake Absegami parking, Bass River State Forest. Entrance is on Stage Road, 3.4 miles E of Rt. 679 (from the N & W); or 6 miles W of Tuckerton (from the N & E); or 3 miles N of New Gretna (from the S).
- Byrne office** - Meet at Byrne (Lebanon) forest office. Turn east off Rt. 72, 1 mile southeast of Rt. 70/72 intersection. After 0.4 miles, turn right. Forest office is on the left.
- Pakim Pond** - Meet at Pakim Pond parking, Byrne S.F. Turn off Rt. 72, 1 mile southeast of Rt. 70/72 intersection. After 0.4 miles, turn right. Pakim Pond is 2.7 miles beyond the Forest Office.
- Byrne campsites** - Meet at Byrne (Lebanon) campsite. Turn off Rt. 72, 1 mile southeast of Rt. 70/72 intersection. After 0.4 miles, turn right. Campsite parking is 3.5 miles beyond the Forest Office.
- Oswego** - Meet at Oswego Lake parking, 3.1 miles northeast of Rt. 563 from Jenkins. (Turnoff is 8.4 miles south of Rt. 532 in Chatsworth, between Pine Barrens Canoes and Mick's Canoes).
- Skit** - Meet at the Skit Branch bridge, 5.2 miles SE of Tabernacle on Carranza Road.
- Tyler Park** - Take 1-95 and get off at exit 49, (Newtown/Yardley) and travel toward Newtown. Continue on the Newtown bypass and turn left into the park at the intersection of Swamp Road. Meet the at the Boat House parking lot.
- Wells Mills** - Meet at Wells Mills Park, off Rt. 532 (which is 16 miles southeast of the Rt. 70/72 intersection), 3.6 miles northeast of Rt. 72.
- Whitesbog** - Meet at Whitesbog village parking. Go east on Rt. 70 6.9 miles from Rt. 70/72 intersection. Make a sharp left on Lakehurst Road, go 1.3 miles, turn right for the village.



OUTDOOR CLUB of SOUTH JERSEY

Historic Cape May Weekend Friday to Sunday - June 19-21, 2009

To start the summer session, you are cordially invited to join us for our annual Cape May outing. Our headquarters, as in years past, will be **THE CHALFONTE HOTEL**, 301 Howard Street, Cape May, New Jersey, (1-888-411-1998). Check in any time after 3:00 PM on Friday; check out by midday on Sunday.

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

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

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

Room for 2 with shared bath	\$195 per person
Room for 2 with private bath	\$240 per person
Room for a single person with shared bath	\$260 per person

Please send the **entire amount** for the weekend with the form below no later than **April 25, 2009**. It is refundable up to **45 days** before the event. There is a \$25 service charge per room for cancellation.

*Please sign up early, as this will help us complete our plans to make our 2009 trip enjoyable for all. If you have any questions, or need more information, please call Pat or Bruce Carey at (352) 523-9651 e-mail: foxii08@gmail.com
38327 Callaway Blvd. Dade City, FL 33525.
We have led this trip for 5 years for the club.*



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

Please make your check payable to Patricia Carey

Name:Phone # _____

Address:_____

E-mail address:_____

I will be sharing my room with:_____

Please pair me with a roommate: _____

I am interested in riding my bike to Cape May on Friday. (Bikers leave from Medford area)_____

I am interested in leading an activity:.. hiking____biking____kayaking____ Will you lead an activity? _____

Return this form to Patricia Carey 38327 Callaway Blvd. Dade City, FL 33525



APRIL



*"The dawn of each new day brings us a chance
to become more than we ever imagined"*

RESERVATIONS AND DEADLINES

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

WASHINGTON, DC TRIP. See Coming Events May 2 entry.

OCSJ CLUB DAY AT THE CHERRY HILL ARMORY. See May 9 entry and page 23.

OCSJ ANNUAL CAPE MAY OUTING. June 19-21. See page 10.

BALDPATE MOUNTAIN HIKE. See April 4 entry.

SOCIAL MOONLIGHT HIKE, CAMPFIRE AND CAMPOUT. See April 11 entry.

APRIL APEX – Fifth annual marathon hike. 26.5 miles. See April 18 entry.

APPALACHIAN TRAIL in NEW JERSEY BACKPACK. See April 25-25 entry.

TUCKAHOE RIVER PADDLE. See May 9 entry.

FOSSIL SHARK TOOTH TRIP TO BIG BROOK. See May 17 entry.

CANOEING/ KAYAKING SKILLS REFRESHER ON LAKE OSWEGO.

See May 31 entry.

OLD LOGGERS PATH BACKPACK. See June 6-7 entry.

BICYCLING ROAD COURSE. June 13. See page 6.

SLICK 2ND ANNUAL MAURICE RIVER CLEANUP! See June 20 entry.

MAURICE RIVER PADDLE, BBQ AND BONFIRE. See June 20 entry.

FOSSIL SHARK TOOTH. See June 21 entry.

CANOEING/ KAYAKING SKILLS REFRESHER ON LAKE OSWEGO.

See June 27 entry.

SEPTEMBER IN WESTERN MAINE. See coming events.

Note various trips require participants to contact leader to confirm participation

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APRIL 1
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.



ONG'S HAT. 11 miles, moderate pace. Hike from the Ranger Station to Deep Hollow Pond and on to Ong's Hat along the Batona Trail. Lunch at Café 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 Café Apany has been concluded. Or, they can elect to finish the hike on their own if they choose. Return to Ranger Station by same route. Meet at Byrne Office parking lot. Bad weather cancels. LP. Leaders: Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609 and Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817.

APRIL 1
Wednesday
6:00 p.m. (Call)

**NEW HIKE
NEW LEADER
Recurring Every
Wednesday Night**

LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE. 3 miles, moderate pace with several opportunities to opt out early. Meet at Washington Lake Park, 626 Hurffville Cross Keys Road, Sewell, NJ (Washington Township). Enter the park from either Greentree Rd. or Hurffville Cross Keys Road. Meet at the ranger station in the middle of the park. Restrooms may not be opened. Leader: Rick Galster, H., 856-256-0379, C: 586-449-6636 or retslager55@hotmail.com. Call prior to hike.

APRIL 2
Thursday
6:00 p.m.
**Recurring Every
Thursday Night**



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

APRIL 3
Friday
7:00 p.m.
**Recurring Every
Friday Night with
the Bakers**

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

APRIL 4
Saturday
10:00 a.m.

NEW

LEBANON SERPENTINE HIKE. 10-12 miles at moderate pace. The group will experience sand roads, paths and fire-cuts during this hike. By the end you might think the leader is more than a little dizzy, but you'll be thankful that he didn't make you follow the entire 62 mile route. Some parts may be a little brushy, but no real bush-whacking. Meet at the field of Brendan Byrne State Forest camp ground. Bring food, plenty of fluids and a sense of humor. Leader: Jay Schoss, leave message, 732-363-9242, walkinginmud@aol.com.

APRIL 4
Saturday
10:00 a.m.
**Individual
pre-registration
required**



BALDPATE MOUNTAIN HIKE. 7-8 miles, located about two miles from Washington Crossing NJ. This is the highest point in Mercer County. Our guide Steve Bailey will give us a workout similar to last year that will help us prepare for the Apex. Moderate pace. NP, FS, NC This is a loop hike. Bring lunch to eat on the trail. Individual pre- registration for this hike is required. E Mail preferred. Time and directions will be supplied. Leaders: Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com and Beth Compagnucci, 973-879-0055, bcompagnucci@comcast.net.

APRIL 4
Saturday
10:00 a.m.

MOORESTOWN LIBRARY TO SOUTH VALLEY WOODS. 5 miles, easy to moderate pace. We start at the Moorestown Library and follow the Mt Holly Branch railroad tracks to reach the South Valley woods. Wet feet likely. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

APRIL 5
Sunday
9:30 a.m.

PAKIM POND HIKE. 3-5 mile at beginner's pace, with stops as needed. I would like to dedicate my first beginner hike to one of the original hikers and presidents of our fine club, Bert Nixdorf. I've had many happy trails thanks to his love of the outdoors. The group will follow sand roads and trails and should be back to the cars in time for lunch. Cookies will be supplied for four legged hikers on leash. This is a rain or shine event; dress appropriately for the weather and bring bug spray, sun screen and drink. Meet at the Pakim Pond Parking area. Leader: Faye, for further information call, 732-363-9242, walkinginmud@aol.com.

APRIL 5
Sunday
10:00 a.m.

MAURICE RIVER PADDLE. Meet at the Super Wawa on Delsea Drive – Malaga 5 Points. A trip for experienced paddlers on this river, expect surprise conditions. Pack Lunch. Call or email to confirm route. Leader: Vicki S. 856-256-9568 or rav-ingwriter@netzero.com

APRIL 5
Sunday
10:00 a.m.
or
11:00 a.m.

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

APRIL 6
Monday
10:00 a.m.



PEMBERTON HIKE. 5 miles moderate pace. Meet at the historic RR Station. We will hike to Birmingham. Rt 38/530 Pemberton at light turn onto Rt. 616 N. 1/2 mile to station. Leader: Janet Horton 856-461-5771, Cell # 609-706-5691, janeth1@comcast.net. If in doubt call prior to the hike.

APRIL 7
Tuesday
10:00 a.m.

FORSYTHE REFUGE HIKE. 5 miles, moderate pace. It was so much fun last time, let's do it again. An easy five miles over the road and through the woods. Birds, views of Atlantic City and the Wind Turbines. Close to Historic Smithville for lunch, or shopping. Can add more mileage if you want after the regular hike. Meet in the parking lot of refuge off route 9 in Galloway. Leaders: Toni and Jan. Call Toni 609-652-0112 with any questions.

APRIL 8
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

PENN STATE FOREST HIKE. 9 miles, moderate pace (3 mph). View lake, sandy roads, dwarf pines, a hill with a view, and if Jack can find it, a landing gear from an F105 jet that crashed on 1/17/71. Meet at Oswego Lake. Bring lunch and wet weather gear, if applicable. Leaders: Joe Hummel, 856-235-817 and Jack Dalton, 609-296-1805.




APRIL 8
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.
NEW

WILLINGBORO NATURE CENTER HIKE. 6 -7 miles, moderate pace, a loop hike that Includes Olympia Lakes, Crystal Lake and Mill Creek Park. Bring lunch to eat on the trail. Take route #130 north from route #73. The entrance is slightly less than 1 mile on the right after you cross Rancocas Creek. It is just beyond the intersection of Route 130 and Beverly Bridgeboro Road and directly across from Willingboro RV sales. Look for the sign and park in front of the iron fence. NP, NC, FS. Leaders: Ray Wittkop 856-662-4012, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com.

APRIL 8
Wednesday
6:00 p.m.
(Call)

NEW HIKE
NEW LEADER
Recurring Every
Wednesday Night

LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE. 3 miles, moderate pace with several opportunities to opt out early. Meet at Washington Lake Park, 626 Hurffville Cross Keys Road, Sewell, NJ (Washington Township). Enter the park from either Greentree Rd. or Hurffville Cross Keys Road. Meet at the ranger station in the middle of the park. Restrooms may not be opened. Leader: Rick Galster, H., 856-256-0379, C: 586-449-6636 or retslager55@hotmail.com. Call prior to hike.

- APRIL 9**
Thursday
9:00 a.m. **CANOE/KAYAK CEDAR CREEK.** We'll paddle 10 miles from Dover Forge to Dudley Park. Rentals not available. Please contact leaders to confirm trip and meeting logistics. Leaders: George & Leona F, 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com
- APRIL 9**
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 Geofneil@aol.com. Recurring Hike on Thursday Nights as listed.
- APRIL 9**
Thursday
7:30 p.m.  **CLUB MEETING.** Board of Trustees. Activity Committees Leaders. New Cherry Hill Library, 1100 Kings Hwy. (Rt. 41) North of Route 70 in Cherry Hill.
- APRIL 10**
Friday
10:00 a.m. **GOOD FRIDAY HIKE.** 9-10 miles, moderate pace. Hike along the Skit Branch and Batsto River. May be wet in spots. Meet at the junction of Carranza Road and Moore's Meadow Road, 4.3 miles SE of Tabernacle. MP, bring lunch. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.
- APRIL 10**
Friday
7:00 p.m. **FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE.** 8-10 miles, fast pace. See APRIL 3 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com.
- APRIL 11**
Saturday
9:30 a.m. **WHITESBOG HIKE.** 3-5 mile at beginner's pace, with stops as needed. The group will follow sand roads and trails and should be back to the cars in time for lunch. Cookies will be supplied for four legged hikers on leash. This is a rain or shine event; dress appropriately for the weather and bring bug spray, sun screen and drink. Meet at the Whitesbog village parking area. Leader: Faye, for further information call, 732-363-9242, walkinginmud@aol.com.
- APRIL 11**
Saturday
7:30 p.m. **SOCIAL MOONLIGHT HIKE, CAMPFIRE AND CAMPOUT.** 6-7 miles. Moderate pace. Hike over roads and trails lit by the Pink moon with a campfire at end. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after hike. Overnight camping is available Friday & Saturday, call leader to reserve space. NP/NC. Meet at parking area opposite Group campsite area, Bryne State Forest, enter forest off Rt. 72, 1 mile E. of jct. Rts 70&72. Leader, Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593, eve, or pis1@cccnj.net
- APRIL 11**
Saturday  **CALL FOR TIME FORSYTHE REFUGE NIGHT HIKE.** 5 miles, moderate pace. Come see the moon rise over the water, the twinkling lights of Atlantic City. Hike out on to the drive of the Forsythe. Dress appropriately. Bring snacks and a drink. We will have a clear view of the moon as it rises above the water of the bay. Meet in the parking lot of the Noyes Museum. Call for time and to make sure trip is not cancelled. Leaders: Toni and Jan 609-652-0112.
- APRIL 12**
Sunday
8:00 a.m. **EASTER SUNDAY NATURE HIKE.** 8 miles or less moderate pace, ends by 1:00 p.m. After many years of fruitless search, I have given up on finding that wascally wabbit, so I'm starting a
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new tradition. Join me as I search for the Easter Beaver. When looking for the bunny you would expect to remain dry. You should not count on such when searching for beaver. Bring extra clean clothes for the drive home. Hopefully we will find a dry spot somewhere in the swamp for an un-catered Sunday brunch. Meet at Friendship. Jay Schoss, leave message, 732-363-9242, walkinginmud@aol.com

APRIL 13
Monday
10:00 a.m.



CONSTABLE BRIDGE HIKE. 6 miles, easy pace. We will go up along Batsto Pond and then down along the Mullica River. We will cross at Constable Bridge and over a small footbridge, with views of the Mullica. This hike provides a very nice (and pretty) variety of Pine Barrens terrain. Sandy roads and trails, mostly firm. Bring lunch and drink. Meet at the Batsto headquarters parking lot. Leaders: Manny Robbins 856-428-4841, Peppy Bath 609-587 4849 or email pep157@optonline.net

APRIL 15
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

HIKE TO MT. MISERY. 9 – 10 miles, moderate pace. Hike from Pakim Pond to Mt. Misery on the White Trail through the woods, returning through the bogs. Lunch on the trail. Meet at Pakim Pond parking lot. LP, NC. Bad weather cancels. Leaders: Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609 and Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817.

APRIL 15
Wednesday
6:00 p.m. (Call)
NEW HIKE
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LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE. 3 miles, moderate pace with several opportunities to opt out early. Meet at Washington Lake Park, 626 Hurffville Cross Keys Road, Sewell, NJ (Washington Township). Enter the park from either Greentree Rd. or Hurffville Cross Keys Rd. Meet at the ranger station in the middle of the park. Restrooms may not be opened. Leader: Rick Galster, H: 856-256-0379, C: 586-449-6636 or retslager55@hotmail.com. Call prior to hike.

APRIL 16
Thursday
9:00 a.m.



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

APRIL 17
Friday
7:00 p.m.

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

APRIL 18
Saturday
6:00 a.m.
Individual
pre-registration
required

APRIL APEX – Fifth annual marathon hike. 26.5 miles, moderate expeditionary pace – one that gets us there. This is not a competition; we start and finish as a group. This year the OCSJ's longest and most challenging trek will return to the same route used for the second and third Apex hikes. We will park and start at Washington Crossing State Park in NJ. No car shuttle will be necessary. Further information and details will be provided to all those inquire and/or attend. INDIVIDUAL Pre-registration is required for this hike. Email preferred. No registration after Thursday April 16. NP, FS, NC Leaders: Ray Wittkop 856-662 -4012. BarbnRayHikers@aol.com and Joe

Hummel, 856-235-8817, smallfluke@yahoo.com. Note: there is a 15 mile hike scheduled for March 21 that involves part of the Apex route. There also is a Baldpate Mountain hike in the same area on April 4 that is an excellent conditioner for the Apex.

APRIL 18
Saturday
9:00 a.m.

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

APRIL 18
Saturday
10:00 a.m.



BATONA AND HIGH CROSSING. 5 miles, moderate pace. Meandering walking by the Batona campground and High Crossing. Meet at Carranza. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

APRIL 19
Sunday
8:00 a.m.



EARTH DAY PADDLE AND CLEANUP IN THE HAMILTON-TRENTON-BORDENTOWN MARSH. It is Earth Day week and we'll canoe and kayak on the Marsh while we pick up trash on the way to Watson Woods. There is plenty of trash in the reeds at Watson to pick up too! There will be a "barge trash canoe" on the trip – we'll need it!! Bring work gloves. Trash bags will be provided. Bring lunch and beverage. Contact leaders to confirm trip and your participation. Leaders: George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com

APRIL 19
Sunday
9:00 a.m.

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

APRIL 19
Sunday
9:30 a.m.
NEW

THE THREE MISERIES HIKE. Approximately 13 miles at a steady moderate pace. The name of this hike derives from the three branches of Mount Misery Brook that the group will cross using trails and sand roads. Be prepared for bush-whacking and wet feet even in the driest of seasons. This hike is for fit and trail tested walkers and only two rest breaks are planned. Most of the route follows trails and sand roads. Meet at Bullock. Leader: Jay Schoss, leave message, 732-363-9242, walkinginmud@aol.com.

APRIL 19
Sunday
10:00 a.m.

OSWEGO RIVER PADDLE. We meet at Oswego Lake Put-In. Pack Lunch. Call or e-mail to confirm. Leader: Vicki S., 856-256-9568 or ravingwriter@netzero.com

APRIL 19
Sunday
10:00 a.m.
and
10:45 a.m.



SOUTH WISSAHICKON VALLEY HIKE. 5 or 7 miles, moderate pace. Come explore one of the most awesome urban wilderness areas in the country, along with historic Rittenhouse Town, and the Hermits and Gorgas Lane Caves. Rugged terrain. Sturdy shoes required. Wimp out at 5 miles. NO RESTROOMS! Lunch at a new location. Bring lunch, beverage. NP. Meet before 10:00 a.m. at Crate & Barrel, Cherry Hill Mall for car pooling, or by 10:45 a.m. at Henry Avenue and Walnut Lane parking area. Leader: Rich Kranz, 856-316-6292 kranzdnr@verizon.net.

APRIL 20
Monday
10:00 a.m.



HISTORIC SMITHVILLE HIKE. 5 miles, moderate pace. Meet at Smith's Woods parking lot. Take Rte. 38 to Smithville Road in Easthampton Township. Follow signs along Smithville Road to parking area. Bad weather cancels. Leaders: Norm Lucas, 609-654-5893 and Bill Schmitt, 856-767-1838.

APRIL 22
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

TYLER STATE PARK WILDFLOWER HIKE. 6-7 miles, MODERATE pace with time to view the flowers, the Schofield Ford Covered Bridge and the beautiful Neshaminy Creek. Bring lunch and beverage. Leader: Pat Burton 856 767 8064 or camperpat@hotmail.com. Directions: From I-95 North get off Exit 49 Newtown/Yardley and drive West on the four lane bypass around Newtown. The Park entrance is at the intersection of Swamp Road and the bypass. Come all the way down to Boat House Parking lot next to the creek.

APRIL 22
Wednesday
6:00 p.m. (Call)
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LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE. 3 miles, moderate pace with several opportunities to opt out early. Meet at Washington Lake Park, 626 Hurffville Cross Keys Road, Sewell, NJ (Washington Township). Enter the park from either Greentree Road or Hurffville Cross Keys Road. Meet at the ranger station in the middle of the park. Restrooms may not be opened. Leader: Rick Galster, H: 856-256-0379, C: 586-449-6636 or retslager55@hotmail.com. Call prior to hike.

APRIL 23
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 Boulevard cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill, 856-772-6465 or e-mail: Geofneil@aol.com.

APRIL 24
Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See APRIL 3 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.

APRIL 25
Saturday
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PADDLE THE OCTORARO RIVER IN MARYLAND. This is the fifth year that the Club has participated in this joint trip with the Wilmington and Lancaster Canoe Clubs. The section to be run depends on water levels but expect a mostly whitewater trip. Previous whitewater experience required. The area is about 75 miles from the Philadelphia. No rentals available. Call leader for details. Leader: Frank Pearce, 856-767-2780 or hornet71@verizon.net

APRIL 25
Saturday
9:00 a.m.

CANOE/KAYAK THE NORTH BRANCH RANCOCAS CREEK. The N. Branch Rancocas has beautiful forests of tall hickory, oak, red maple and tulip poplar that will be showing signs of spring!! We'll see Great Blue Herons and sunning turtles as we enjoy a paddle on my favorite Pinelands stream. Depending on water levels we'll paddle either from Greenwood Bridge to Pemberton or from the trailhead behind Burlington County Community College to Smithville. Meet at the Canoe Trail launch ramp on W. Rancocas Road, off Rt. 530 in Pemberton. Leader is an "early riser", so contact him between 4 a.m. and

7 p.m. if you have any questions. No Rentals available. Leader: Dave L. Cell 609-784-4066 or e-mail dlynch@dandy.net

APRIL 25
Saturday
10:00 a.m.



PADDLE THE EGG HARBOR RIVER. We will paddle from Penny Pot to Weymouth Furnace. Meet at the Harley Dawn Diner at 10:00 or arrive early for breakfast, no rentals at this time, call or e-mail to confirm, Tim Jowett, 856-464-2136 or e-mail: Timjs10@aol.com

APRIL 25
Saturday
10:00 a.m.

3-B HIKE BOARDWALK, BRIDGE, BEACH (OCEAN CITY) HIKE. 7 miles, moderate pace. Walk on Ocean City boardwalk 1 1/2 miles north, 2 1/2 miles 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 12th Street pavilion on boardwalk. Leader: Noel Wirth, 609-938-0418 or ocncw101@comcast.net.

APRIL 25
Saturday
10:30 a.m.

ATSION - WEST SIDE OF THE MULLICA HIKE. 7 miles, moderate pace. Down the less traveled west side of the scenic Mullica River to the other side of beautiful views of Beaver Pond and the mysterious 'bridge to nowhere.' Bring a lunch and a camera for our half-way lunch break, and a sheet of plastic to sit on. Stuff some treats in your backpack for your fellow hikers. NP NC. Meet on the grass field at the Atsion Ranger station (Rt. 206). Bad weather cancels – check the website for updates www.ocsj.org. Leaders: Tom and Sue 609-206-3389 or tomncenter-outdoors@yahoo.com

APRIL 25
Saturday
4:45 p.m.

SUNSET HIKE AND STAR GAZING. 6 miles, moderate pace. Hike between two rivers as we watch the sun set over the pines. We will come back to our tailgate social and view Saturn, Mars and far off galaxies with Willingboro Astronomical Society. NC/NP. Meet at the northern parking lot at Batsto Village, Rt. 542, 8 miles east of Hammonton, Burl. Co. Please bring picnic type food to share at the tailgate. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve. or pis1@cccnj.net

APRIL 25
Saturday
8:00 p.m.
NEW

NIGHT SOUNDS WALK HIKE. Approximately 6 miles, easy pace. This is a quiet walk in the woods to listen to the sounds of nature. For those who like to listen, rather than speak, this is the hike for you. The moon will not be out to guide your way and flashlights will be used for emergencies only. Expect to return to your car probably around 11:00 p.m. Meet at the office of Brendan Byrne. Leader: Jay Schoss, leave message, 732-363-9242, walkinginmud@aol.com.

APRIL 25-26
Saturday-Sunday

APPALACHIAN TRAIL in NEW JERSEY BACKPACK. 14 miles. Intermediate. Millbrook-Blairstown Road to Delaware Water Gap. This beautiful section contains great views along the Kittatinny Mountain Ridge, including Sunfish Pond. Saturday night camping at the backpacker site. Max 6 people. NC/NP. Leader: Bruce Steide, 609-915-0956 bsteidel@aol.com

APRIL 26
Sunday
10:00 a.m.

CRANBERRY JAUNT HIKE. 6 miles, moderate pace. Hike a loop around Lebanon Lakes Area and the various scenic cranberry bogs. Explore the area and learn about the bogs. Bring binoculars for possible waterfowl sightings. Bring easy to

carry picnic lunch to enjoy at halfway point. It is recommended to bring a plastic bag to sit on. Directions: From 70/72 circle, follow Rt 70 East 1.7 miles. Turn right onto 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.

APRIL 26
Sunday
10:00 a.m.

BASS RIVER UPLANDS HIKE. 6-8 miles. Moderate pace. We hike to the head-waters of the East Branch of Bass River checking for early wild flowers. Bring lunch, beverage. Meet at Lake Absegami parking, Bass River State Forest. Entrance is off Stage Road, 3.4 miles E of Rt. 679 (from the W and N); or 6 miles W of Tuckerton (from the E and N); or 3 miles N of New Gretna (from the S). From all points follow signs. Leaders: Joseph Trujillo, 856-468-4849, jnt1691@verizon.net Christine Denneler, 856-461-5379.

APRIL 26
Sunday
10:00 a.m.

SHAD FESTIVAL HIKE. 8 miles, moderate pace. Many things to see at the festival. Must try a shad burger or a BBQ at the River Horse Brewery. Guided hike until we reach Lambertville then hikers can go on their own. Meet at the D&R Canal, Jimison Farm. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

APRIL 27
Monday
12:00 p.m.

CEDAR SWAMP CREEK UPPER TOWNSHIP, CAPE MAY COUNTY. Cedar Swamp Creek is a branch of the Tuckahoe River and part of the Great Egg Harbor River Watershed. Paddle from Rt. 50 bridge a privately owned island, have lunch, then paddle to California Mills, where there are no longer ruins but is the site of a 19th century grist and sawmill. There is a geocache on the creek. No shuttle is necessary. Total trip time is approximately 3 hours. Please sign up in advance. Meeting time 12 p.m. Leader: Nancy Thomson. e-mail nancythomson@comcast.net or call 609-628-3116 to register.

APRIL 27
Monday

CANOE/KAYAK THE MAURICE RIVER. The Maurice River and its tributaries drain the southwest portion of the Pinelands National Reserve. Join us for a leisurely paddle on a section of the river to be determined depending on river conditions. We may paddle from Willow Grove Lake to Almond Road or from Almond Road to Sherman Avenue. Meet at the Pegasus Diner on Routes 40 and 47 in Malaga for breakfast before the trip. Please contact leaders for meeting time and to confirm trip. Co-Leaders: Dawn P-D, (856) 453-1007 or daybreakdelights@verizon.net or Trina P., (856) 224-1055 or trp51@hotmail.com

APRIL 29
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

PENNYPACK-LORIMER PARKS LOOP HIKE. 10 miles, moderate pace. Come enjoy these lovely parks at a beautiful time of the year. Meet at Bustleton Avenue and Benton Street park entrance. Cross Tacony-Palmyra bridge into Philadelphia; take Levick St. to Roosevelt Blvd. (Rt. 1). Turn right onto Rt.1-N center lanes; go about 2.5 miles (past Rhawn St) to Strahle Street and turn left. Take Strahle to Bustleton and turn right. Go 1/2 mile to Benton Street, turn left and park, NP. Check with leader if really bad weather is forecast. Leader: Jerry Goldstein, 609-859-8133, jerryhyker@yahoo.com.

APRIL 29
Wednesday
6:00 p.m. (Call)

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APRIL 30
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 Boulevard cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill, 856-772-6465 or e-mail: Geofneil@aol.com.



MAY



"There are many paths to the top of the mountain, but only one view."

RESERVATIONS AND DEADLINES

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

WASHINGTON, DC TRIP. See coming events May 2 entry.

OCSJ CLUB DAY AT THE CHERRY HILL ARMORY. See May 9 entry and page 23.

OCSJ ANNUAL CAPE MAY OUTING. June 19-21. See page 10.

TUCKAHOE RIVER PADDLE. See May 9 entry.

FOSSIL SHARK TOOTH TRIP TO BIG BROO. See May 17 entry.

CANOEING/ KAYAKING SKILLS REFRESHER ON LAKE OSWEGO.

See May 31 entry.

OLD LOGGERS PATH BACKPACK. See June 6-7 entry.

BICYCLING ROAD COURSE. June 13. See page 6.

SLICK 2ND ANNUAL MAURICE RIVER CLEANUP! See June 20 entry.

MAURICE RIVER PADDLE, BBQ AND BONFIRE. See June 20 entry.

FOSSIL SHARK TOOTH. See June 21 entry.

CANOEING/ KAYAKING SKILLS REFRESHER ON LAKE OSWEGO.

See June 27 entry.

SEPTEMBER IN WESTERN MAINE. See coming events.

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.
CYCLISTS JOIN THE GOOGLE GROUPS FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION.
FOR DETAILS GO TO THE BICYCLING HOME PAGE.**

MAY 1
Friday
7:00 p.m.



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

MAY 2
Saturday
9:00 a.m.

CANOE/KAYAK CEDAR CREEK. We'll paddle 13 miles from Cedar's headwaters at Bamber Lake to Dudley Park. This is a trip for experienced Pines paddlers. Rentals not available. Please contact leaders to confirm trip, meeting location and participation. Leaders: George & Leona F, 609-259-3734 leona@pineypaddlers.com

MAY 2
Saturday

WHEATON ARTS 3RD ANNUAL ECO-FAIR! Join us at Wheaton Arts and Cultural Center on Glasstown Road in Millville. Looking for club members to help man an OCSJ information booth from 10 am to 5 pm. Come out and meet new people and tell them what you like about our great club! Last year's Eco-Fair was a very nice event and the booth volunteers had a great time. Anytime you could give us to come out and spread the word about the OCSJ would be greatly appreciated. For more information about the Eco-Fair go to www.wheatonarts.org/. Contact leaders to confirm participation and time. Leaders: Dawn Perry-Dunnam, (856)-453-1007 or e-mail daybreakdelights@verizon.net; or Emily Rottkamp, (856)-455-2309

MAY 2
Saturday
10:00 a.m.



FRIENDSHIP AND BULL'S BRANCH. 5 miles, moderate pace. Walk along the old bogs on the Bull's Branch of the Tulpehocken Creek. Meet at Friendship. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

MAY 2
Saturday
10:00 a.m.



TUSCARORA STATE PARK, PA HIKE. About 10 miles, easy to moderate pace. Meet for carpooling and/or caravan in Macy's parking lot adjacent to Germantown Pike at Plymouth Meeting Mall (off PA turnpike interchange # 333 - Norristown) for departure at 10:00 AM sharp. We will explore this Pennsylvania state park northwest of Allentown (near Tamaqua) with its lake, fields, streams, woods and hills. Maybe some wet areas and bushwhacking. Leader: Milt Cannan, 856-983-9076.

MAY 2
Saturday

WASHINGTON, DC BUS TRIP. See coming event.

MAY 3
Sunday
9:30 a.m.

WHITESBOG HIKE. 3-5 miles at beginner's pace, with stops as needed. The group will follow sand roads and trails and should be back to the cars in time for lunch. Cookies will be supplied for four legged hikers on leash. This is a rain or shine event; dress appropriately for the weather and bring bug spray, sun screen and drink. Meet at the Whitesbog village parking area. Leader: Faye, for further information call, 732-363-9242, walkinginmud@aol.com.

MAY 3
Sunday
9:00 a.m.

SOCIAL KAYAK TRIP. PADDLE THE OSWEGO RIVER. One of the most picturesque rivers in the Pines. Bring lunch and water with you. We will stop to explore along the way. Limited space, call leader to confirm participation and trip status. NP/NC. Meet at Bel-Haven Paddle Sport Rt. 542, Greenbank, Burl. Co., Leader: Paul Serdiuk 856-697-3870 or mailto:pis1@cccnj.net

MAY 3
Sunday
10:00 a.m.

THE MULLICA IN MAY. Paddle the meandering Mullica River, Listen for the frog calls on the marsh. Atsion to Pleasant Mills, 11 miles, all day trip. Meet at Atsion Ranger Station Parking Lot. Leader Vicki S. call (856) 256-9568, or e-mail: ravingwriter@netzero.com

MAY 3
Sunday
10:00 a.m.
and
10:45 a.m.

MID WISSAHICKON VALLEY HIKE. 5 or 7 miles, moderate pace. We'll check out one of the most awesome urban wilderness areas in the country, traverse the Fingerspan bridge 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. LP at all times. Meet before 10:00 a.m. at Crate and Barrel, Cherry Hill Mall for car pooling, or by 10:45 a.m. at Henry Avenue and Walnut Lane parking area. Leader: Rich Kranz, 856-316-6292, kranzdnr@verizon.net.

MAY 4
Monday
10:00 a.m.



ONG'S HAT TO DEEP HOLLOW. 6 miles, moderate pace. We'll hike along the Batona Trail to Deep Hollow returning by back roads. Meet at the Batona Trail head a short distance down a dirt road opposite Cafe Apany on Magnolia Road (about 1 1/2 miles from Four Mile Circle). We will eat lunch on the trail. Leader: Janet Horton 856-461-5771. Cell 609-706-5691, janeth1@comcast.net. If in doubt, call prior to the hike.

MAY 5
Tuesday

CANOE/KAYAK THE HAMILTON-TRENTON-BORDENTOWN MARSH ON CINCO DE MAYO! This is an 8-mile round trip from Bordentown Beach to Watson Woods and back. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet at Bordentown Beach, end of Park St. in Bordentown City. Contact leaders to confirm trip, time and participation. Geocachers are welcome!! Leaders: George & Leona F. 609-259-3734 or Leona@pineypaddlers.com

MAY 6
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.



CANOE/KAYAK THE DELAWARE RIVER. Meet at Kingwood access on Rt. 29, and we'll paddle 8 miles to Bulls Island. Expect class 1 and possibly II rapids. Bring lunch and beverage. Please call or e-mail to confirm your participation. Pat Burton 856- 767- 8064 camperpat@hotmail.com

MAY 6
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

CRANBERRY BOGS HIKE. 8-9 miles, moderate pace (3 mph.) Tour the pines and bogs in Lebanon. Bring lunch. Meet at Byrne Office (Ranger Station). Heavy rain cancels. Leaders: Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817 and Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609.

MAY 6
Wednesday
6:00 p.m.
(Call)

LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE. 3 miles, moderate pace with several opportunities to opt out early. Meet at Washington Lake Park, 626 Hurffville Cross Keys Road, Sewell, NJ (Washington Township). Enter the park from either Greentree Rd. or Hurffville Cross Keys Road. Meet at the ranger station in the middle of the park. Restrooms may not be opened. Leader: Rick Galster, H: 856-256-0379, C: 586-449-6636 or retslager55@hotmail.com. Call prior to hike.

MAY 7
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 Boulevard cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill, 856-772-6465 or e-mail: Geofneil@aol.com.

MAY 8
Friday
7:00 p.m.

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

MAY 9
Saturday
10:00am -2:00pm

**Open
House!
OCSJ
Club Day**

All Welcome!

OCSJ CLUB DAY AT THE CHERRY HILL ARMORY. Join us as we hold an open house and general meeting for all the members of OCSJ. Meet the Executive Board and the Activity Chairpersons. This is your opportunity to observe and participate in the club meeting. After the meeting we will have seminars, demonstrations and static displays on all types of outdoor activities; biking, hiking, camping, skiing, kayaking and canoeing. Local outdoor outfitters will be giving demonstrations on a variety of outdoor topics. Ask questions specific to your needs and demo new equipment. Outdoor equipment representatives will be present to demo/discuss their equipment. We will have kayaking and hiking activities planned for the day. Listen to live music all day and enjoy hot food from local vendors or pack a lunch. Free parking on Armory grounds. Meet at the New Jersey National Guard Armory at Grove Street and Park Boulevard, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002-2797. General meeting starts at 10:00am. Directions are on the club web site. Any additional questions can be directed to: Paul Serdiuk, evenings only, 609-462-3593 or pis1@cccnj.net

MAY 9
Saturday
10:30 a.m.

TUCKAHOE RIVER PADDLE. Meet at the Head of the River Church & Cemetery on Rt. 49 in Estell Manor to prepare for shuttle. We'll paddle the outgoing tide to Mosquito Landing with a stop at Corbin City Beach for lunch. Approximate trip time: 3 hours. PFDs required. Please sign up in advance with leader Nancy Thomson. e-mail nancythomson@comcast.net or call 609-628-3116.

MAY 9
Saturday
9:00 a.m.

LEBANON WORKOUT. This is intended as a fitness activity in the woods. Approximately 10 miles at a 3 mph pace. We will walk mostly sand roads, trails and fire cuts - with one or two ten minute snack breaks. We go in almost all weather, if you can safely arrive at the start, you should expect the walk to proceed. Meet at Pakim Pond parking lot in Brendan Byrne SF. Bring plenty of fluids. Leader: Jay Schoss, cell, 908-692-5765, walkinginmud@aol.com.

MAY 9
Saturday
7:30 p.m.

MARCH IN MAY MOONLIGHT HIKE. 7-8 miles, moderate pace. Come out, listen to nature's sounds, gaze at the moon. Meet at Atsion. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792

MAY 9
Saturday
CALL FOR TIME

FORSYTHE REFUGE NIGHT HIKE. 5 miles, moderate pace. Come see the moon rise over the water, the twinkling lights of Atlantic City. Hike out on to the drive of the Forsythe. Dress appropriately. Bring snacks and a drink. We will have a clear view of the moon as it rises above the water of the bay. Meet in the parking lot of the Noyes Museum. Call for time and to make sure trip is not cancelled. Leaders: Toni and Jan, 609-652-0112.

MAY 9
Saturday
7:30 p.m.



SOCIAL MOONLIGHT HIKE. 6 miles, moderate pace. Hike under the Flower moon as we walk along old cranberry bogs and listen to the evening serenade. Bring snack type food to share for our tailgate social after the hike. NC/NP. Meet in parking lot at Whitesbog Village, Burlington County., From Rt. 70E take Rt. 530 N. go 1 mile, turn right onto village entrance road. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve. or pis1@cccnj.net

MAY 10
Sunday
9:30 a.m.

MENANTICO CREEK. Broad St to Rt 47 or the Ponds. Depending on water level, trip is for intermediate paddler's. If you like a paddle with lots of technical turns this it. You MUST be able to handle your boat and be able to get it over obstructions. There will be trees and shallow areas. Call leader for Meeting Place. John Kee 856-691-3047 or taxman56@aol.com Please put OCSJ is all email headers.

MAY 10
Sunday
10:00 a.m.



HIKE INTO HISTORY. 5-6 miles, easy pace. We'll explore the "lost" towns of Harrisville and Martha's Furnace. Bring lunch and beverage to picnic at Harrisville Pond. Meet at Harrisville Pond, Rt. 679, a spur of Rt. 563, between Chatsworth and New Gretna. Leader: Christine Denneker, 856-461-5379.

MAY 11
Monday

CANOE/KAYAK THE MAURICE RIVER. The Maurice River and its tributaries drain the southwest portion of the Pinelands National Reserve. Join us for a leisurely paddle on a section of the river to be determined depending on river conditions. We may paddle from Willow Grove Lake to Almond Road or from Almond Road to Sherman Avenue. Meet at the Pegasus Diner on Routes 40 and 47 in Malaga for breakfast before the trip. Please contact leaders for meeting time and to confirm trip. Co-Leaders: Dawn P-D, 856-453-1007 or daybreakdelights@verizon.net or Trina P., 856-224-1055 or trp51@hotmail.com

MAY 11
Monday
10:00 a.m.

DINOSAUR AND LUNCH HIKE. 5 miles, easy pace. The first large and nearly complete dinosaur fossil ever found was discovered in Haddonfield, NJ. What! You didn't know that? (A feature story and great photo appeared about this in the November 24 2008 Inquirer.) We will hike to the find-site, and briefly hear about the discovery. We will also hear about the "dinosaur wars" which pitted two great naturalists against one another in a bitter rivalry over dino finds. After lunch (Pizza in town. No picnic places available). Open woodland trails and town streets. Take Kresson Road in Cherry Hill to Brace Road, then north on Brace 1/3 mile to Bortons Mill Road. Left down to parking. Or, Rt. 70 in Cherry Hill 1 mile west of 295 to Rt. 154 South. Watch signs. Take 154 South to Bortons Mill Road. Go right on Bortons 1/4 mile. Leaders: Manny Robbins 586-428-4841 Peppy Bath, 609-587 4849 or e-mail pep157@optonline.net.

MAY 13
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

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

MAY 13
Wednesday
6:00 p.m.
(Call)

LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE. 3 miles, moderate pace with several opportunities to opt out early. Meet at Washington Lake Park, 626 Hurffville Cross Keys Road, Sewell, NJ (Washington Township). Enter the park from either Greentree Rd. or Hurffville Cross Keys Road. Meet at the ranger station in the middle of the park. Restrooms may not be opened. Leader: Rick Galster, home, 856-256-0379, cell, 586-449-6636 or retslager55@hotmail.com. *Call prior to hike.*

MAY 14
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 Boulevard cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill 856-772-6465 or e-mail: Geofneil@aol.com.

MAY 15
Friday
7:00 p.m.



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

MAY 16
Saturday
9:00 a.m.

LEBANON WORKOUT. This is intended as a fitness activity in the woods. Approximately 10 miles at a 3 mph pace. We will walk mostly sand roads, trails and fire cuts - with one or two ten minute snack breaks. We go in almost all weather, if you can safely arrive at the start, you should expect the walk to proceed. Meet at Pakim Pond parking lot in Brendan Byrne SF. Bring plenty of fluids. Leader: Jay Schoss, cell 908-692-5765, walkinginmud@aol.com.

MAY 16
Saturday
10:00 a.m.





MOUNT MINSI HIKE. 9-10 miles, moderate pace. Hike along the AT to the high cliffs of Mt. Minsi. Great views of the Delaware River. Wear good, sturdy footwear. Optional dinner after hike. Allow for drive time. Meet at visitor's center, off Rt. I-80 W. Get off I-80 W before last exit to toll booth. MP, bring lunch. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

MAY 16
Saturday
1:00 p.m.

HOT-DOG KAYAK TRIP ON THE EGG HARBOR RIVER FROM WEYMOUTH FURNACE TO LENAPE LAKE. Meet at Weymouth Furnace. Leader will supply hot-dogs. Bring something to share with the group. Call or e-mail to confirm Tim Jowett, 856-464-2136, mailto:Timjs10@aol.com. Rentals will be available from Winding River Campground, at 1-609-625-3191.

MAY 17
Sunday
8.00 a.m.

FOSSIL SHARK TOOTH TRIP TO BIG BROOK or where ever we want to go. If you have knowledge of fossil sites along the Crosswicks Creek or other places let me know. Spend a day sifting for Shark Teeth and other fossils from the Cretaceous Period. Trip size is limited to 8-10 people and 2 cars due to limited parking. Shuttle time from Vineland Area is at least 2 hours one way. We can meet and carpool up Rt. 206 along the way. You need to contact me to reserve a spot. I have sifters for everyone. Also I know several web sites to explore so you know what to look for. Don't wait till the last minute to sign up. John Kee 856-691-3047 or taxman56@aol.com. Please put OCSJ is all e-mail headers

- MAY 17**
Sunday
9:00 a.m.
- PADDLE THE BRANDYWINE RIVER.** Enjoy a scenic trip thru the historic Brandywine Valley starting from a Private Park; pass the Wyeth Museum paddle under a covered bridge to either Smith Bridge or Brandywine State Park in Delaware. Water level determines. No rentals available. Contact leader for details. Leader: Frank Pearce, 856-767-2780 or hornet71@verizon.net
- MAY 17**
Sunday
9:00 a.m.
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- CLASS C. FAMOUS BAGEL RIDE.** 30 miles. Great ride in Burlington County with a bagel stop. Meet at Moorestown High School, Bridgeboro Road, Moorestown. Leader: Fran H., 856-786-0048, e-mail: franhorn@aol.com
- MAY 17**
Sunday
10:00 a.m.
- DAY ON THE GREAT EGG.** Paddle Penny Pot to Weymouth Furnace. Leader Vicki S., call (856) 256-9568, or e-mail: ravingwriter@netzero.com
- MAY 17**
Sunday
10:00 a.m.
- SPRING HILL PYGMIES HIKE.** 10-12 miles, moderate pace, above average level of fitness. The group will follow some less used routes to Spring Hill and may view two counties, spring flowers, dwarf pines, oaks and laurels of the Spring Hill Pygmy forest. Bring plenty of food and 2 quarts of fluids because the hike can be hot on a mild day. Meet at Oswego Lake parking lot. Leader: Jay Schoss, leave message, 732-363-9242, walkinginmud@aol.com
- MAY 18**
Monday
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- PADDLE MANTUA CREEK.** Paddle from Wenonah with the tide out to Riverwinds on the Delaware. We will wind our way along the creek and up the Delaware to our lunch spot and take out. Few spaces to stop. Experienced kayakers. Kayaks must be at least 12 ft. Time and meeting place to be determined. Contact Trina P. trp51@hotmail.com. Phone 856-224-1055.
- MAY 18**
Monday
10:00 a.m.
- PAKIM POND HIKE.** 5 miles, moderate pace walk in the woods. Meet at Pakim Pond parking lot. Byrne State Forest, Rte. 70. *Bad weather cancels.* Leaders: Norm Lucas, 609-654-5893 and Bill Schmitt, 856-767-1838.
- MAY 20**
Wednesday
10:30 a.m.
- BACK TO BIVALE HIKE.** 7 miles, moderate pace. Meet at 2800 High St. (BSDP) Bivalve, Port Norris. Walk to Shellpile, Bivalve Village and observation decks. Picnic at BSDP wharfs. Off Rt. 553 Cumberland Co. (check your map.) Bring binoculars and bug repellent. Leader: Noel Wirth, 609-938-0418 or ocncw101@comcast.net.
- MAY 20**
Wednesday
6:00 p.m.
(Call)
- LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE.** 3 miles, moderate pace with several opportunities to opt out early. Meet at Washington Lake Park, 626 Hurffville Cross Keys Road, Sewell, NJ (Washington Township). Enter the park from either Greentree Road or Hurffville Cross Keys Rd. Meet at the ranger station in the middle of the park. Restrooms may not be opened. Leader: Rick Galster, H: 856-256-0379, C: 586-449-6636 or retslager55@hotmail.com. Call prior to hike.
- MAY 21**
Thursday
9:00 a.m.
- CANOE / KAYAK TOMS RIVER.** Follow the route of the Annual Toms River Canoe Race without the competition. Ten miles of changing scenery and river conditions from park and forest to open bay and river. Contact leaders to confirm participation.

We will meet at Friendly's on Rt. 37, just past mile post 4, on the East bound side. Come early and join us for breakfast. Bring six quarters for the parking meter at the take out. Joe Logan, 609-634-1542, or mayandpops@aol.com

MAY 21
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, South 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.

MAY 22
Friday
7:00 p.m.



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

MAY 23
Saturday
9:00 a.m.

LEBANON WORKOUT. This is intended as a fitness activity in the woods. Approximately 10 miles at a 3 mph pace. We will walk mostly sand roads, trails and fire cuts - with one or two ten minute snack breaks. We go in almost all weather, if you can safely arrive at the start, you should expect the walk to proceed. Meet at Pakim Pond parking lot in Brendan Byrne SF. Bring plenty of fluids. Leader: Jay Schoss, cell 908-692-5765, walkinginmud@aol.com.

MAY 23
Sunday
10:00 a.m.

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

MAY 23
Saturday
10:00 a.m.



YELLOW/PURPLE/GREEN TRAIL HIKE. 11 miles, moderate pace. Meet at Atsion Field. Bring lunch and water. Should return about 3 p.m. We will hike on parts of the three trails mentioned in the title which hopefully return us to Atsion. Weather could be hot. Heavy rain cancels. Leaders: Joe Hummel, 856 -235-8817 and Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609.

MAY 24
Sunday
9:30 a.m.

PADDLE THE UPPER MULLICA. We'll paddle this more challenging section from Jackson Road to Atsion Lake. Meeting place will be the Jackson Road bridge near the Atco Dragway. Experienced paddlers only. No rentals available. Leader Harry Barok, 856-985-6172 6 p.m. thru 10 p.m. e-mail: Harrykaraoke7@aol.com

MAY 24
Sunday
10:00 a.m.

HIKE FRANKLIN PARKER PRESERVE. 6-8 miles. Moderate pace. We'll hike the sand roads of the preserve taking in 360° views of the bogs surrounded by pitch pine forests. Looking for wildflowers and maybe see a hawk or two. Bring lunch, beverage. Meet on Rt. 563 between mile posts 37 and 38, about two miles south of Chatsworth. Leaders: Joseph Trujillo, 856-468-4849, jnt1691@verizon.net Christine Dennele. 856-461-5379, chrisdenn@webtv.net.

- MAY 25**
Monday
10:00 a.m.
- MEMORIAL ON THE MULLICA.** Line up for the paddle parade, Atsion to Pleasant Mills, 11 miles, no rentals. Meet at Atsion Ranger Station Parking Lot. Please contact Leader: Vicki S., phone 856-256-9568, or ravingwriter@netzero.com
- MAY 27**
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.
- HIKE TO BUCK RUN.** 7-8 miles, moderate pace. We will hike over trails and sand roads, with a chance of seeing early orchids and other Pine Barren plants. Meet at Harrisville Pond, Rt. 679 a spur of Rt. 563 between Chatsworth and New Gretna. Bring lunch and beverage. Leader: Christine Denneler, 856-461-5379.
- MAY 27**
Wednesday
6:00 p.m.
(Call)
- LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE.** 3 miles, moderate pace with several opportunities to opt out early. Meet at Washington Lake Park, 626 Hurffville Cross Keys Road, Sewell, NJ (Washington Township). Enter the park from either Greentree Road or Hurffville Cross Keys Road. Meet at the ranger station in the middle of the park. Restrooms may not be opened. Leader: Rick Galster, H: 856-256-0379, C: 586-449-6636 or retslager55@hotmail.com. Call prior to hike.
- MAY 28**
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 Boulevard cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill 856-772-6465 or e-mail: Geofneil@aol.com.
- MAY 29**
Friday
7:00 p.m.
- FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE.** 8-10 miles, fast pace. See APRIL 3 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.
- MAY 30**
Saturday
9:00 a.m.
- CANOE/KAYAK THE NORTH BRANCH RANCOCAS CREEK.** The N. Branch Rancocas has beautiful forests of tall hickory, oak, red maple and tulip poplar that will be showing signs of spring!! We'll see Great Blue Herons and sunning turtles as we enjoy a paddle on my favorite Pinelands stream. Depending on water levels we'll paddle either from Greenwood Bridge to Pemberton or from the trailhead behind Burlington County Community College to Smithville. Meet at the Canoe Trail launch ramp on W. Rancocas Road, off Rt. 530 in Pemberton. Leader is an "early riser", so contact him between 4 a.m. and 7 p.m. if you have any questions. No Rentals available. Leader: Dave L. Cell, 609-784-4066 or e-mail dlynch@dandy.net
- MAY 30**
Saturday
10:00 a.m.
- LEBANON WORKOUT.** This is intended as a fitness activity in the woods. Approximately 10 miles at a 3 mph pace. We will walk mostly sand roads, trails and fire cuts with one or two ten minute snack breaks. We go in almost all weather, if you can safely arrive at the start, you should expect the walk to proceed. Meet at Pakim Pond parking lot in Brendan Byrne SF. Bring plenty of fluids. Leader: Jay Schoss, cell 908-692-5765, walkinginmud@aol.com.

MAY 31
Sunday
9:00 a.m.

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MAY 31
Sunday
9:00 a.m.



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MAY 31
Sunday
10:00 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



JUNE



*"Begin each day with a bright outlook
and renewed enthusiasm."*

RESERVATIONS AND DEADLINES

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

OCSJ ANNUAL CAPE MAY OUTING. June 19-21. See page 10.

OLD LOGGERS PATH BACKPACK. See June 6-7 entry.

BICYCLING ROAD COURSE. June 13. See page 6.

SLICK 2ND ANNUAL MAURICE RIVER CLEANUP! See June 20 entry.

MAURICE RIVER PADDLE, BBQ AND BONFIRE. See June 20 entry.

FOSSIL SHARK TOOTH. See June 21 entry.



CANOEING/ KAYAKING SKILLS REFRESHER ON LAKE OSWEGO.

See June 27 entry.

SEPTEMBER IN WESTERN MAINE. See coming events.

Note various trips require participants to contact leader to confirm participation including most Social Trips

**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.
CYCLISTS JOIN THE GOOGLE GROUPS FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION.
FOR DETAILS GO TO THE BICYCLING HOME PAGE.**

- JUNE 1**
Monday
10:30 a.m.  **GLASS IN THE PINES HIKE.** 6 miles, easy pace. A mixed woodland near water with a nice picnic area. Explore the almost vanished remains of this WWI munitions factory town, now all but overgrown. Examine the remains of an abandoned pinelands glass works. Open dirt roads, boardwalk. Learn of glass making technology. Bring lunch and drink. Meet at Estell Manor Park south of Mays Landing, 3.5 miles south of junction Rt 50 and Rt 40. Tricky turn on Rt 50, watch signs. Manny Robbins, 856-428-4841 Peppy Bath 609-587 4849, e-mail: pep157@optonline.net.
- JUNE 3**
Wednesday
CANOE/KAYAK ON THE CROSSWICKS CREEK. This is a 14-mile shuttleless trip on the Crosswicks Creek Canoe Trail. We paddle with the tide from Bordentown to Anchor Thread Park in Groveville. Longer kayaks only – 12ft or over. Bring your lunch and beverage. Meet at Bordentown Beach, end of Park St. in Bordentown City. Please contact leaders to confirm trip, meeting time and participation. Leaders: George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or e-mail: Leona@pineypaddlers.com
- JUNE 3**
Wednesday
10:00 a.m. **HISTORIC FAIRMOUNT PARK LOOP HIKE.** 10-11 miles, moderate pace. See historic mansions of Fairmount Park (Hatfield House, Smith House, Rockland, Chamounix, Lemon Hill, Mount Pleasant, Ormiston, Laurel Hill, Woodford, and Strawberry). Cross Ben Franklin Bridge into Phila. Take Vine St. Expressway (I-676 West) to 22nd St. and go short distance, then left onto Ben Franklin Pkwy. Take Pkwy (right hand lanes) past Art Museum onto Kelly Drive. Turn left into the new Lloyd Hall public parking at the beginning of Boat House Row. If this parking is full or unavailable, park on either side of the road just across Kelly Drive & walk back to Lloyd Hall. Heavy rain cancels; call leader if in doubt. Leader: Jerry Goldstein, 609-859-8133, e-mail to: jerryhyker@yahoo.com.
- JUNE 3**
Wednesday
6:00 p.m.
(Call) **LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE.** 3 miles, moderate pace with several opportunities to opt out early. Meet at Washington Lake Park, 626 Hurffville Cross Keys Road, Sewell, NJ (Washington Township). Enter the park from either Greentree Road or Hurffville Cross Keys Road. Meet at the ranger station in the middle of the park. Restrooms may not be opened. Leader: Rick Galster, H: 856-256-0379, C: 586-449-6636 or retslager55@hotmail.com. Call prior to hike.
- JUNE 4**
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 Boulevard cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill, 856-772-6465 or mailto:Geofneil@aol.com.
- JUNE 5**
Friday **PADDLE DARBY CREEK.** Paddle from Ridley Park Marina through The John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge. We will paddle with the tide and have lunch in the refuge. There will be some free time to look for some late spring birds. Boat Launch fee will apply. This will be a non shuttle trip. Time and meeting place will be determined. Contact Trina, trp51@hotmail.com Phone, 856-224-1055.

JUNE 5
Friday
7:00 p.m.



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

JUNE 6
Saturday

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

JUNE 6
Saturday
10:00 a.m.

LAKE OSWEGO. 5 miles, moderate pace. Meet at Oswego. Leader: David Bicking, 609-332-2109, e-mail: dbickin@yahoo.com.

JUNE 6
Saturday
8:00 p.m.



STRAWBERRY MOON HIKE. 7-8 miles, moderate pace. Hear a symphony of spring, quackers, screamers, whistlers, croakers, whip-poor-wills. Also, we look for sunset and moonrise at the same time. Bad weather cancels. Meet at Atsion. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792 or cell that day, 609-332-9262.

JUNE 6-7
Sat - Sun

OLD LOGGERS PATH BACKPACK. 17 miles. Novice-Intermediate. The OLP is one of Pennsylvania's premier trails with sweeping vistas. It passes several streams, including Rock Run, a stream of exceptional beauty. Optional Friday night camping at nearby World's End State Park. Max 6 people. Good trip for beginners in good physical condition. NC/NP Leader: Bruce Steidel, 609-915-0956 bsteidel@aol.com

JUNE 7
Sunday
9.30 a.m.

MENANTICO CREEK. Broad Street to Rt 47 or the Ponds. Depending on water level, trip is for intermediate paddler's. If you like a paddle with lots of technical turns this it. You MUST be able to handle your boat and be able to get it over obstructions. There will be trees and shallow areas. Call leader for Meeting Place. John Kee, 856-691-3047. Taxman56@aol.com Please put OCSJ in all e mail headers.

JUNE 7
Sunday
10:00 a.m.

TUCKAHOE RIVER PADDLE. Meet at the Head of the River Church and Cemetery on Rt. 49 in Estell Manor to prepare for shuttle. We'll paddle the outgoing tide to Mosquito Landing with a stop at the Corbin City Beach for lunch. Approximate trip time: 3 hours. PFDs required. Please sign up in advance with trip leader, Nancy Thomson, e mail: nancythomson@comcast.net or call 609-628-3116.

JUNE 7
Sunday
10:00 a.m.

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY HIKE. 5-6 miles. Good hike for beginners. Easy /Moderate pace. Celebrate National Trails Day with an easy hike to Ives Pond. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet at Trailhead on Stage Road, 1.2 miles E of Rt. 679 (from the W and N); or 8 miles W of Tuckerton (from the E and N); from S and New Gretna go 2.3 miles to Stage Road, turn left,

go 5 mile. From all points follow BRSF signs.. Leaders: Joseph Trujillo, 856-468-4849, jnt1691@verizon.net
Christine Denneler, 856-461-5379.

JUNE 8

Monday
9:00 a.m.



CANOE/KAYAK CEDAR CREEK. We're paddling 10 miles and will enjoy an always-spectacular paddle in the amber colored waters of Cedar Creek from Dover Forge to Dudley Park. Rentals are not available. Contact leaders to confirm trip, meeting location and participation. Leaders: George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com

JUNE 8

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. Bring water and bug spray. Meet Harrisville Lake. Leader: Janet Horton, 856-461-5771, Cell 609-706-5691, janeth1@comcast.net. If in doubt call prior to the hike.

JUNE 10

Wednesday
9:45 a.m. for
10 mile hike

10:45 a.m. for
7 mile hike
Wednesday

STOCKTON, NEW HOPE CANAL HIKE. 7 miles or 10 miles, moderate pace, your choice. Bring lunch or purchase at Stockton. **10 mile hike:** Meet across from the Golden Nugget Antique and Flea Market on Route 29, one mile before Lambertville. Parking over wooden canal bridge. If you prefer a shorter hike the 7 mile is an option. **7 Mile hike:** Meet at the D&R Canal parking at the Jimison Farm turn off, Rt. 29. The 10 mile hike will pass and pick up the 7 milers. Leaders: Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817 and Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609.

JUNE 10

Wednesday
6:00 p.m.
(Call)

LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE. 3 miles, moderate pace with several opportunities to opt out early. Meet at Washington Lake Park, 626 Hurffville Cross Keys Road, Sewell, NJ (Washington Township). Enter the park from either Greentree Road or Hurffville Cross Keys Road. Meet at the ranger station in the middle of the park. Restrooms may not be opened. Leader: Rick Galster, H: 856-256-0379, C: 586-449-6636 or retslager55@hotmail.com. Call prior to hike.

JUNE 11

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 Boulevard cancels. Contact leader before 8:30 p.m. Leader: Jeff Neill 856-772-6465 or e-mail: Geofneil@aol.com.

JUNE 11

Thursday
7:30 p.m.



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

JUNE 12

Friday
7:00 p.m.



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

JUNE 13

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

PADDLE THE MAURICE RIVER FROM GARDEN ROAD TO SHERMAN AVENUE. Meet at Garden Road and the river off of Rt. 55, Call or e-mail to confirm, Tim Jowett, 856-464-2136, or, e-mail: Timjs10@aol.com no rentals available for this trip.

- JUNE 13**
Saturday
10:00 a.m.
- SOURLAND MOUNTAIN PRESERVE HIKE.** Somerset County. 5 miles moderate pace. Hike in the shade on Ridge Trail – rocky terrain in some areas. Meet in the parking area off of East Mountain Road. Leader: Beth Compagnucci, 973-879-0055, bcompagnucci@comcast.net.
- JUNE 14**
Sunday
9:00 a.m.
- GREENWOOD EXPLORER HIKE.** 8-10 miles moderate pace - Join me in an exploration of the part of Greenwood Wildlife Management Area south of Bullock. Bushwhacking is likely, as many of the roads may be heavily overgrown. Leader: Jay Schoss, phone 732-263 9242, cell 908 692-5765, walkinginmud@aol.com.
- JUNE 14**
Sunday
10:00 a.m.
- “SOME PEOPLE CALL ME MAURICE” RIVER PADDLE,** but it is pronounced like “Morris” the cat. Start at Willow Grove and end at Sherman Avenue about 7 hours later. Pack lunch and water, bug and sun protection. Volunteer shuttle. Leader: Vicki S., 856-256-9568 or ravingwriter@netzero.com
- JUNE 15**
Monday
- CANOE/KAYAK THE GREAT EGG HARBOR RIVER.** Enjoy an early summer paddle from Penny Pot to Weymouth Furnace. Meet at the Harley Dawn Diner; arrive early for breakfast. Please contact leaders to confirm trip. Leaders: Dawn P-D, 856-453-1007 or daybreakdelights@verizon.net or Trina P., 856-224-1055 or trp51@hotmail.com
- JUNE 15**
Monday
10:00 a.m.
- ATLANTIC CITY HIKE.** 5 miles, moderate pace. Meet at Gardner’s Basin parking lot. Take Atlantic City Expressway, turn left onto Atlantic Avenue, and turn left onto New Hampshire. Bring lunch or buy lunch at Irish Pub. Bad weather cancels. Leaders: Norm Lucas, 609-654-5893, Bill Schmitt, 856-767-1838.
- JUNE 17**
Wednesday
6:00 p.m.
(Call)
- LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE.** 3 miles, moderate pace with several opportunities to opt out early. Meet at Washington Lake Park, 626 Hurffville Cross Keys Road, Sewell, NJ (Washington Township). Enter the park from either Greentree Rd. or Hurffville Cross Keys Road. Meet at the ranger station in the middle of the park. Restrooms may not be opened. Leader: Rick Galster, H: 856-256-0379, C: 586-449-6636 or retslager55@hotmail.com. Call prior to hike.
- JUNE 18**
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.
- JUNE 19**
Friday
9:30 a.m.
- WADING RIVER PADDLE.** Spend a few hours on a beautiful, twisty and partially shaded river. Meet at Pine Barrens Canoes, Rt. 563, Chatsworth. Call 1-800-732-0793 to reserve a boat. Rain cancels. Bring lunch and water. Reservations with leader are appreciated but not required. If you discover at the last minute that you can join us, come on down! Well behaved dogs are welcome on this trip. Call or email Becky S. if you have questions. quasar@snip.net or 856-218-7725.

JUNE 19
Friday
7:00 p.m.



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JUNE 19 -21
Fri.-Sun.



ANNUAL HISTORIC CAPE MAY WEEKEND. Join us for OCSJ's annual Cape May weekend! The Chalfonte Hotel is our "home base". You'll enjoy vacationing at this charming landmark hotel, dining in the acclaimed Magnolia Room and "rocking on the porch". Activities include: walking tours, bicycling, kayaking, local theater and much more. Don't miss a spectacular and fun weekend in Cape May with Leaders: Pat and Bruce Carey. See page 10 in this Spring Trekker for more information and registration form. The registration form is also on the OCSJ website. If you have any questions, please contact Pat and Bruce at 352-523-9651 or foxii08@gmail.com

JUNE 20
Saturday
9:00 a.m.

CANOE/KAYAK THE NORTH BRANCH RANCOCAS CREEK. The N. Branch Rancocas has beautiful forests of tall hickory, oak, red maple and tulip poplar that will be showing signs of spring!! We'll see Great Blue Herons and sunning turtles as we enjoy a paddle on my favorite Pinelands stream. Depending on water levels we'll paddle either from Greenwood Bridge to Pemberton or from the trailhead behind Burlington County Community College to Smithville. Meet at the Canoe Trail launch ramp on W. Rancocas Road, off Rt. 530 in Pemberton. Leader is an "early riser", so contact him between 4am and 7pm if you have any questions. No Rentals available. Leader: Dave L., cell 609-784-4066 or dlynch@dandy.net

JUNE 20
Saturday
9:00 a.m.

LEBANON WORKOUT. This is intended as a fitness activity in the woods. Approximately 10 miles at a 3 mph pace We will walk mostly sand roads, trails and fire cuts - with one or two ten minute snack breaks. We go in almost all weather, if you can safely arrive at the start, you should expect the walk to proceed. Meet at Pakim Pond parking lot in Brendan Byrne SF. Bring plenty of fluids. Leader: Jay Schoss, cell 908-692-5765, walkinginmud@aol.com.

JUNE 20
Saturday
10:00 a.m.



THE TRENTON CITY MUSEUM ELLARSLIE MANSION IN CADWALADER PARK HIKE. Approximately 12 miles, moderate pace. The group hikes south on the D&R Canal towards Trenton where we will lunch at Cadwalader Park and spend 45 minutes to an hour visiting Ellarslie's current and permanent collection. The City Museum highlights Trenton's pottery and industrial history. Bring lunch, water, a hat and sunscreen. NP & FS. Parking: meet at Washington Crossing parking on the NJ side of Route 29. Leader: Beth Compagnucci, 973-879-0055, bcompagnucci@comcast.net.

JUNE 20
Saturday

SLICK 2ND ANNUAL MAURICE RIVER CLEANUP! Help support National River Cleanup Week while enjoying a paddle on the Maurice River. The Maurice River and its tributaries drain the southwest portion of the Pinelands National Reserve. The main focus of our cleanup will be the section of the river between Almond Road and Sherman Avenue. If we have enough volunteers to split into two groups, we will also cleanup

the section of the river between Willow Grove Lake and Almond Road. Gloves and trash bags will be provided. Wear close-toed shoes, no sandals or flip-flops. Bring sunscreen and water. Contact leaders at least 2 days before trip date to confirm trip participation, time and meeting place. Leaders: Dawn Perry-Dunnam, 856-453-1007 or e-mail: daybreakdelights@verizon.net; Emily Rottkamp, 856-455-2309 or 856-362-1205 (cell phone for last minute directions).

JUNE 20
Saturday
2:00 p.m.

MAURICE RIVER PADDLE, BBQ AND BONFIRE. Do a late afternoon paddle on the Wild and Scenic Maurice River. This is a pristine river with undisturbed banks, beaches and wildlife sightings. Then enjoy a BBQ and sit around a bonfire lingering into the evening at a private nearby home. You must register with leaders. Kayak rentals are available. Meet at Al & Sam's Canoe Rental on Rt. 47, Delsea Drive, 2 miles S. of Rt. 40. Bring picnic type food to share at bbq after trip. Leaders: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve. or pis1@cccnj.net

JUNE 21
Sunday
8.00 a.m.

FOSSIL SHARK TOOTH. Trip to Big Brook or where ever we want to go. If you have knowledge of fossil sites along the Crosswicks Creek or other places let me know. Spend a day sifting for Shark Teeth and other fossils from the Cretaceous Period. Trip size is limited to 8-10 people and 2 cars due to limited parking. Shuttle time from Vineland Area is at least 2 hours one way. We can meet and carpool up Rt. 206 along the way. You need to contact me to reserve a spot. I have sifters for everyone. Also I know several web sites to explore so you know what to look for. Don't wait till the last minute to sign up. John Kee, 856-691-3047 Taxman56@aol.com Please put OCSJ in all e-mail headers.

JUNE 21
Sunday
9:00 a.m.

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

JUNE 22
Monday
10:00 a.m.

CEDAR SWAMP CREEK, UPPER TWP. CAPE MAY COUNTY. Paddle the Creek from the Rt. 50 Bridge to California Mills and learn about the history of this area. We will stop at a private island for lunch (owner gave permission). PFDs are mandatory. No shuttle is necessary. Trip time approximately 3 hours. Please sign up in advance with trip leader, Nancy Thomson at nancythomson@comcast.net or call 609-628-3116.

JUNE 24
Wednesday
6:00 p.m.
(Call)

LAKE EFFECT AFTER WORK HIKE. 3 miles, moderate pace with several opportunities to opt out early. Meet at Washington Lake Park, 626 Hurffville Cross Keys Road, Sewell, NJ (Washington Township). Enter the park from either Greentree Rd. or Hurffville Cross Keys Road. Meet at the ranger station in the middle of the park. Restrooms may not be opened. Leader: Rick Galster, H: 856-256-0379, C: 586-449-6636 or retslager55@hotmail.com. *Call prior to hike.*

JUNE 25
Thursday
9:00 a.m.

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JUNE 25
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.

JUNE 26
Friday
7:00 p.m.

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JUNE 27
Saturday
9:00 a.m.



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Saturday
9:00 a.m.

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JUNE 27
Saturday
10:00 a.m.



NEW HIKE
NEW LEADER

THE WOODS OF WENONAH HIKE. 5.5 miles, moderate pace. Hike a circuitous route thru the woods around Wenonah, walking along the Mantua Creek and the Monongahela Brook. Experience hills, ravines and mud as we look alive being stalked by vultures. See the refurbished tea house and the ruins of an old amphitheater, as well as Victorian mansions on this little know gem of a trail. Boots are highly recommended. Bring lunch and drink for dining at the Wenonah War Memorial Park. From Philadelphia: Take Walt Whitman Bridge, Route 42 South to Route 55 South; Route 55 South to exit 53B. Take Route 553 (Woodbury Glassboro Road) North 1 mile. Right onto Blackwood Barnsboro Road and travel .2 miles. Make left

on Tanyard Road and travel 1.3 miles turning right into Gloucester County Tech school parking lot. (Pass the Gloucester County Community College entrance). The address for the Gloucester County Tech school is: 1360 Tanyard Road, Sewell, NJ 08080. Leader: Rick Galster, H: 856-256-0379, C: 586-449-6636 or retslager55@hotmail.com.

JUNE 28
Sunday
9:00 a.m.



PADDLE HAINES CREEK (MEDFORD CANOE TRAIL). We'll paddle the 2 mile Medford Canoe Trail on the Southwest Branch of the Rancocas Creek from historic Kirby's Mill to Medford Park and back for a total of 4 miles. It offers superb scenery with lush vegetation and tranquil waters. Meet at Kirby's Mill on Church Road. No shuttle/No rental. Check out the trails www.medfordcanoetrail.wordpress.com/ Leader Harry Barok, 856-985-6172 6 p.m. thru 10 p.m. e-mail: Harrykaraoke7@aol.com

JUNE 28
Sunday
10:00 a.m.

O' WE GO PADDLE the OSWEGO. We meet at Oswego Lake Put-In. Pack Lunch. Call or email to confirm. Leader: Vicki S. 856-256-9568 or ravingwriter@netzero.com

JUNE 28
Sunday
10:00 a.m.

HARRISVILLE POND HIKE. 5-7 miles. Moderate pace. Hike up to Calico Ridge and back for lunch. Bring picnic or barbecue food, beverage, insect repellent and spend as long as you like at the pond. Meet at Harrisville Pond, Rt. 679, a spur off Rt. 563, between Chatsworth and New Gretna. Leaders: Joseph Trujillo, 856-468-4849, jnt1691@verizon.net Christine Denneler, 856-461-5379.

JULY 5
Sunday
10:00 a.m.

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

Volunteer Opportunities

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

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

PLAN AND LEAD AN ACTIVITY.

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.



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Enamel, colors as above, for hat, lapel, pack \$1.00 each + (*S&H \$.45)
- CLUB SWEATSHIRTS** Qty _____ Size _____
Grey, Club logo on back in green M \$12.00 each + (*S&H \$3.00)
**Red, Club logo on back in white L...M...S \$13.00 each + (*S&H \$3.00)
- CLUB T-SHIRTS** Qty _____ Size _____
Tan, Club logo on back in green... XL \$8.00 each + (*S&H \$3.00)
Red, Club name on front... S \$8.00 each + (*S&H \$3.00)
**Tan, logo on back in red...S...M...XL \$8.00 each + (S&H \$3.00)
**Green, logo on back in white... S \$8.00 each + (S&H \$3.00)
Green Mist, Club name on front in dk. Green . . S \$8.00 each + (*S&H \$ 3.00)
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Light Yellow S . . . M . . . L \$18.00 each + (S&H \$ 3.00)
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Front zipper, blue club logo on back L...XL. \$35.00 each + (*S&H \$3.00)
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