

OUTDOOR CLUB of SOUTH JERSEY

Trekker

Winter 2006

HIGHLIGHTS . . .

Cross country skiing

Snowshoeing

Hiking/Backpacking

Paddling

Biking

Camping

*Enjoy the challenge
of winter outdoors!*

**All that and more . . .
just for you! Inside . . .**



Celebrating 39 Years of Outdoor Experiences!



Outdoor Club of South Jersey

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

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

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

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

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

MEETINGS

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

COMING EVENTS

**CHECK OCSJ WEBSITE, www.ocsj.org, OR HOTLINE 856-427-7777,
FOR UP-TO-DATE LATEST INFORMATION.
ALL BICYCLE RIDES ARE ON THE WEB SITE. ADDED OR CANCELED
ACTIVITIES WILL BE ON LINE ALSO. CHECK THEM OUT!**

WASHINGTON DC BUS TRIP & SELF-GUIDED TOUR. WHEN: May 6, 2006.
COST: \$22.00 per person. **TO ORDER:** Send check payable to **OUTDOOR CLUB OF SOUTH JERSEY to DAVID J. CROZIER, 35 Albany Road, Marlton, NJ 08053-3519. All payments must be made by April 22, 2006.** Order tickets as soon as possible. We need an early response, in order to not disappoint anyone, if we have to cancel a bus. First come, first served. No reserved seats. Please include your telephone number and E-mail address. For a receipt, include self addressed stamped envelope. **All sales final. For refund, tickets must be resold.** All trip details and schedules will be published in the Spring issue of the Trekker. Leaders: David and Doris Crozier, **856-424-6334.**

SKIERS TAKE NOTE: Deposits for the New Years trip to Craftsbury, VT are needed a full year in advance. We're talking 01/01/07. Don't miss out on this very popular trip. Call Fran Horn, 856 786-0048 or email franhorn@aol.com ASAP.

ANNUAL APRES SKI PARTY. Check the website for the date and location of our annual Après Ski Party. It will be posted as soon as details are worked out. All are welcome, even if you don't ski yet. Meet the leaders and hear about trips planned for next season. For Infocall Eileen G., **609-267-3598.**

THE GRAND MILE CLUB begins anew on January 1. Are you goal oriented? Looking for an interesting challenge? You should consider joining our Grand Mile Club. Our Goal is to walk, jog, or even crawl (although no members have been reduced to that yet) 1000 miles each calendar year. Get all the details from Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609.

HISTORIC CAPE MAY WEEKEND - Friday to Sunday-June 9,10, and 11, 2006. 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 foxii25@comcast.net For complete details and registration form go to page 9.

BICYCLING ROAD COURSE – March 11 & 18 and June 10 & 17. Learn about bicycle handling & safety, and emergency maneuvers. Presenter: Fran Horn, **856-786-0048.** See page 6.

VOLUNTEER VACATION. Join dedicated volunteers and experience the joy and camaraderie of working on a trail and conserving a legacy. Volunteers restore deteriorating trails and build new ones around the U.S. while enjoying unique one or two week vacations. Call or write American Hiking Society, 1422 Fenwick Lane, Silver Springs, MD 20910 or call Shirley Horn, Volunteer Program Manager, **301-565-6704, x 206,** Fax 301-565-6714, e-mail: volunteer@AmericanHiking.org www.americanhiking.org info@americanhiking.org

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23rd ANNUAL VOLUNTEERS TRIP TO HARPER'S FERRY, WV. In Memory of Richard K. Greve. Sometime in April. Volunteers help to spruce up the Appalachian Trail Headquarters before their annual meeting. Rake leaves, wash windows, assemble info packets. Time for sightseeing or hiking. Leader: **Eileen Greve, 609-267-3598.**

CANOE/KAYAKING 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 length of stay. For more details contact Frank Pearce, **856-767-2780** before 8 p.m. e-mail hornet71@verizon.net



CAMPING

A Message From The Camping Activity Chair

I want to thank all of the people who took the time to plan and run a camping trip. I think we have had a wonderful year. I have especially enjoyed camping with everyone and getting to know you on a more personal level. Think Spring and Summer! Lets all get together again!

Pat Burton
camperpat@hotmail.com
856-767-8064



A Message From The X-C Skiing/ Snowshoeing Chair

Winter is upon us, and with it the fun of cross country skiing and snowshoeing. The peace and beauty of the woods when covered with snow cannot be explained with words.

If you have not already signed up for one of our trips it may not be too late. Check with the leader of your chosen trip for availability or last minute cancellations. And thanks to all our leaders who have put together a terrific winter schedule. Based on the number of trips, I believe ours is the largest of any X/C ski club on the East Coast.

Beginners, note that many of the trips are described as "suitable for all skill levels" or "Learn to ski". Dan McAuliffe is a certified professional ski instructor, and all of our leaders are capable of getting a beginner off on the right foot (or ski boot).

Ever wonder about the difference between waxable or no-wax skis? Or why some skis are "compact"?

Are all metal edge skis "telemark" skis? Want to know how to select snowshoes, or where to buy skis in our area? Learn the answers to these and other questions on our Website. Go to www.ocsj.org, click on X/C skiing, then on "learning center".

Also on the website: updates on schedule changes. One change of note: the trip to the Swiss Inn Scheduled for Feb 5 to 10 has been cancelled.

And look on the website for the date (probably April) and location for the Après Ski Party, our annual bash!

Eileen Grevé, 609-267-3598.



CANOEING/KAYAKING

A message from the Canoe/Kayak Activity Chair



I want to Welcome all the New Members to Canoeing/Kayaking. I hope you had the opportunity to enjoy one of the many activities offered.

Paddling can be fun but be prepared. Please leave sufficient driving time to safely arrive. Wear the appropriate clothing and have a water- protected dry change of clothes with you. Remember to dress for the water temperature and not the air temperature. Avoid cotton clothing, it will not keep you warm if wet and will be slow drying, a synthetic fabric such as polartec is a better choice.

CLUB POLICY NOW REQUIRES THAT PFD'S MUST BE WORN. PLEASE REMEMBER IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OCSJ ORGANIZED SHUTTLES YOU NEED TO MAKE YOUR OWN ARRANGEMENTS. NO EXCEPTIONS. A flashlight is required for evening trips. A whistle is required for Delaware River trips and recommended for all trips and painter lines are a good idea. A helmet for whitewater may also be a good investment. You must assess the suitability and condition of your equipment and if a trip is within your abilities. Water levels, weather, and leader availability may cause trip cancellations or changes including additions. Please check the telephone hotline. If you have E-mail, get added to the Paddling E-mail list by contacting Frank Pearce at hornet71@verizon.net. Leaders have final say on trip participation involving safety concerns. **Everyone must sign in for liability reasons and LEADER'S MUST SUBMIT (MAIL, FAX) SIGN-IN SHEETS TO THE CANOE/KAYAK CHAIR ASAP – NO EXCEPTIONS, also if a trip is cancelled please notify the chair.** Need a form or address etc. please contact me.

See You on the Water!!

Frank Pearce

Hornet71@verizon.net

856-767-2780 before 8 p.m.



WALKING DISTANCE AND TIMES

Time	Easy Pace	Moderate Pace	Fast Pace
1 hour	2 1/2 mph	3 mph	4 mph

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

BICYCLING

A Message From the Bicycling Activity Chair



The cycling activity does most of its communicating via the web page (ocsj.org). All Class A, B, D, ATB and most C rides are listed only on the web page. I encourage you to check the ride listings often, as rides are added/changed during the month. We now have a new topica mailing list for OCSJ members only - ocsj-rides@topica.com. This new list can be used by members to list new, late breaking rides and/or ride changes in their entirety without any approval by the Activity Chair. If you are interested in joining, please sent me your name and email address.

Check out Fran' s "Bicycling Road Course", March 11and 18 and June 10 and 17. Learn about bicycle handling & safety, and emergency maneuvers.

Alan Horowitz

basket@uscom.com

609-410-2365

SCHEDULE SUBMISSION DEADLINES

MONTHLY LISTINGS: up to the 15th of the prior month.

TREKKER: Winter - October 15; Spring - January 15; Summer - April 15;

Fall - July 15.

A Rides	Tony Marchionne	856-869-0473
B Rides	Alan Horowitz	856-235-1804
C Rides	Claire Farnham	856-672-0204
D Rides	Bob Harris	609-859-8857
D Rides	Maggie Heinman	609-518-8906
ATB Rides	Jim McCabe	856-797-2365
Tandem Rides	Burt Nussbaum	856-667-8757
Ride Librarian	Jim Bodnar	609-654-1507
Touring	Don Villanova	856-235-2457

BICYCLING COURSE ROAD 1

Registration before class required

INCLUDES: Bicycle handling and safety
Emergency maneuvers

Presented by: Fran Horn, 856-786-0048

Dates: MARCH 11 & 18, 2006
June 10 & 17, 2006

Cost: \$50.00 for course material

To participate in the course, return this form
With \$50 CHECK by March 1 OR June 1, 2006

**FRAN HORN, 2410 LAUREL DRIVE,
CINNAMINSON, NJ 08077**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____



HIKING

A Message from the Activity Chair



Don't let the cold weather keep you indoors this Winter. There's nothing quite as invigorating as a walk through the woods on a crisp, cold day. And after a newly fallen snow can be a particular treat. An added plus to a winter woods hike? You don't feel the wind. So come on out!

We again have a full calendar of hikes for you, thanks to the efforts of a group of leaders who do an excellent job for us every year, all year long. There is at least one hike scheduled every Monday, Wednesday, Friday evening, Saturday, and Sunday...And take a look at the January 6th "Friday Nite Fitness" hike description (courtesy of Alison and Mike Baker) for a nice tip on footwear.

Remember to check the Hotline and the Hiking Updates section of our website for schedule changes. These can be newly added hikes as well as cancellations/changes. Keep in mind that while most cancellations are weather related, that is not always the case. So take a few seconds just to be sure that what's in the Trekker is still accurate.

Hope to see you on the trails!

Bill Poulson, **856-983-7609**
wpoul@comcast.net

HIKING GUIDE

1. Hikers must bring sufficient water or other liquids.
2. Hikers may bring snacks or a meal on any hike. You will not be reminded in the schedule listing to do so.
3. Bring insect repellent to use, if needed. Products containing DEET are more effective than others.
4. Pace is only listed if it is slower than moderate (under 2.5 mph) or faster than moderate (3.5 mph).
5. Hike distances are in miles, and may optionally be followed by hike duration in hours.
6. 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
7. Refer to the page listing Standard Meeting Places for directions to hikes.

BACKPACKING

A Message From The Backpacking Activity CHAIR.

Winter Backpacking is not for the faint of heart. It takes advanced skills to be safe and enjoy the wilderness this time of year. If you have the proper equipment, sign up for one of our trips. Hope to see you on the trail. Don't forget to check out the OCSJ website for additional trips.

Crysti Jackson
856-629-0414

STANDARD MEETING PLACES

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

- Atsion** - Meet in field on east side of Rt. 206 just north of Wharton State Forest Office.
- Batsto** - Meet at Batsto village parking, off Rt. 542, between Hammonton and Green Bank.
- Bullock** - Meet on north side of road in Bullock. Turn east from Rt. 72 at railroad bridge 6.5 miles southeast of Rt. 70/72 intersection. Continue 3.3 miles to tee intersection. Turn right, then immediately left, and park.
- Carranza** - Meet at Carranza Memorial parking, 6.7 miles SE of Tabernacle on Carranza Road.
- Cemetery** - Meet at cemetery on Rt. 563, 0.6 miles south of Rt. 532 in Chatsworth.
- Cherry Hill Mall Flagpole** – Meet at big flagpole, on the Haddonfield Road side of Cherry Hill Mall, Rt. 38, Cherry Hill, NJ.
- D & R Parking** - a mile N of Lambertville on Rt. 29, just before the Rt. 202 Bridge. Turn left and drive to the parking.
- Evans** - Meet just to the north of Evans Bridge (on east side of Rt. 563), 0.7 miles south of the Rt. 563/Rt. 679 split (about 10 miles south of Chatsworth).
- Friendship** - Meet at Friendship ruins on Carranza Road, 10 miles SE of Tabernacle.
- Harrisville** - Meet at Harrisville Pond, on Rt. 679, 1.5 miles south of Rt. 563, between Chatsworth and New Gretna.
- Henry Avenue & Walnut Lane parking area, Philadelphia** – Take Rt. 76 (Schuylkill Expressway) West to Lincoln Drive, exit #340A. Turn right at bottom of ramp, cross short bridge and take Ridge Avenue West exit. Proceed to 2nd traffic light and bear right. Go two more lights and bear left. At the next light, turn right onto Walnut Ln. Go to 2nd light and turn left onto Magdalena and a quick left into parking area. Approximately 9 miles from Ben Franklin Bridge.
- Jackson** - Meet just north of small bridge on Rt. 534 (Jackson Road), 1.7 miles north-east of Atco Raceway.
- Kingston** - Meet at Kingston Lock parking, off Rt. 27. Take I-295N / 95S to Exit 8 (Princeton Pike, Rt. 583) to Rt. 27 in Princeton. Follow Rt. 27, 3.3 miles to Kingston Lock parking on right.
- Lake Absegami** - Meet at Lake Absegami parking, Bass River State Forest. Entrance is on Stage Road, 3.4 miles E of Rt. 679 (from the N & W); or 6 miles W of Tuckerton (from the N & E); or 3 miles N of New Gretna (from the S).
- Byrne office** - Meet at Byrne (Lebanon) forest office. Turn east off Rt. 72, 1 mile southeast of Rt. 70/72 intersection. After 0.4 miles, turn right. Forest office is on the left.
- Pakim Pond** - Meet at Pakim Pond parking, Byrne S.F. Turn off Rt. 72, 1 mile 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.
- 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.



JANUARY

"There is no success without hardship."



RESERVATIONS AND DEADLINES

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

SKIING/SNOWSHOEING. Check out entries for information or spaces available.

SOCIAL MOONLIGHT HIKE: CAMPFIRE & CAMPOUT. See January 14.

BACKPACKING CATSKILLS, NY. See entry January 21-22.

BACKPACKING PINCHOT TRAIL. See entry February 25-26.

BICYCLING COURSE-ROAD 1. See entries March 11&18 and page 6.

WASHINGTON DC BUS TRIP & SELF-GUIDED TOUR. See coming events.

OCSJ 17 TH ANNUAL CAPE MAY OUTING. See coming events and page 9.

VOLUNTEER VACATIONS. Various locations in U.S. See coming events.

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RECURRING ACTIVITIES

MONDAYS

10:30 a.m.



CLASS C+/B. MILD DAY MONDAY RIDE. 35-50 miles. 14-17 mph cruising pace. A leisurely ride with a lunch break. Play hooky and help me find out who has the best pizza in South Jersey. Meet at Lumberton Municipal Bldg. Municipal Drive between Rte 541 and Eayerstown Road. Leader: Jimmy M., 609-518-0744.

FRIDAYS

9:00 a.m.

CLASS C. FRIDAY MORNING RIDE. 30 miles. Come out and ride some of the original OCSJ routes (originally developed by Ruth Huking and Les Williams). This is a social ride. Please call if the weather is questionable. Meet at St. Peter's Church, Hartford Rd. and Taunton Blvd., Medford. Leader: Fran H., 856-786-0048, franhorn@aol.com.

JANUARY 1

Sunday

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME 2006 HIKE. 7-9 miles, moderate pace. We continue the tradition to start the New Year with a hike. Bring lunch, beverage. Meet in field, off Rt. 206, Atsion, just beyond Recreational Area sign. Leader: Joseph Trujillo, 856-468-4849.

JANUARY 1

Sunday

10:00 a.m.

CELEBRATE NEW YEAR'S DAY ON THE OSWEGO RIVER. Bring in the New Year with the Outdoor Club of South Jersey. Meet at Lake Oswego and paddle one of the most beautiful Pineland streams. Enjoy a get together after we takeout at Harrisville Lake. Bring something to share. Please call to confirm participation. Leaders George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com

JANUARY 2

Monday

10:00 a.m.

COOPER RIVER HIKE. 6 miles, moderate pace. Hike from the National Guard Army to, and around, the Cooper River "loop" (from Cuthbert Rd. to Rt. 130). Meet at the Army parking lot, Grove St. and Park Blvd., Cherry Hill. Take Rt. 70 to Grove, then go South to Park Blvd. Army parking is on the right. LP. Leader: Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609.

JANUARY 4

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

WELLS MILLS PARK & NATURE CENTER HIKE. 6 or 10 miles, moderate pace. Hike some hilly terrain and along picturesque lake and cedar swamps. Option to do "short" or "long" hike. Lunch at end of "short" hike near starting point, on the lake. Meet at Wells Mills Park entrance. FS/LP. Severe weather cancels. Heinz Knaupp, 609-801-1168. Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609.

JANUARY 6

Friday
7:00 p.m.

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.

JANUARY 6-8

Fri.-Sun.

PROSPECT MTN, BENNINGTON, VT – Learn to ski! Suitable for all skill levels. Lodge is full service with a restaurant, ski rentals, waxing room, snowshoeing, 40 km trails. Estimated cost \$179 pp. Includes: 2 nights lodging at AAA motel (dbl occupancy), 2 breakfasts, dinner, trail fees 2 days. May be some last minute openings. Dan & Charie McAuliffe. 215-630-7478 DNMLogistics@MSN.com

JANUARY 7

Saturday
9:00 a.m.



PADDLE THE WADING RIVER FROM SPEEDWELL TO BEAVER BRANCH. This is a long trip and for experienced paddlers. Meet at Buzby's General Store, Route 563 & First Street in Chatsworth. Life vests required. Please call to confirm trip participation. Leaders: George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com

JANUARY 7

Saturday
9:00 a.m.

PADDLE THE BATSTO RIVER–HAMPTON TO QUAKER BRIDGE. Meet at: Rt 206 Atsion Park Office. Joint trip with South Jersey Canoe Club. Experienced paddlers only, no rentals available. Time listed is shuttle start time. Contact person: Joan 732-542-5773 or John 856-778-0889. OCSJ Leader: Frank Pearce, 767-2780 before 8 p.m., hornet71@verizon.net

JANUARY 7

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

THUNDERGUST LAKE TRAIL HIKE. 5 miles, moderate pace. We will hike the lake trails. Meet at Parvin Park parking lot, across from office on Almond Rd. (Rt 540), 6 miles W. of Vineland. LP,WF. Leader: Chuck Cooke, 856-825-9126 or cell 609-870-9331, kayaker650@aol.com.

JANUARY 8

Sunday
8:00 a.m.

COOPER RIVER PARK HIKE. 6 miles, moderate pace. A "get-it-over-early" hike with optional brunch afterwards at a reasonably priced restaurant. Meet at National Guard Armory parking lot at Park Avenue and Grove St. in Cherry Hill. Meeting place is one block south from intersection of Rt 70 and Haddonfield Rd/Grove St. (at a corner of the old Garden State race track, has a Chili's bar and grill). NP/FS. Leaders: Barb & Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRay@aol.com.

JANUARY 8

Sunday
9:00 a.m.

SOCIAL HIKE APPLE PIE HILL. 7-8 miles, moderate pace. Hike the highest point in S.J. for a great panoramic view of the pines. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after hike. Meet at Carranza Memorial parking lot, 6.7 miles SE of Tabernacle, Burl. Co., on Carranza Road. Inclement weather cancels. NP/NC. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve. pis1@cccj.net.

JANUARY 8-15

Sun.-Sun.

PINESTEAD FARM LODGE, FRANCONIA, NH – Stay in small, self-catering apartment on working farm. Ski or snowshoe in White mountains backcountry or in XC centers. Trip best for intermediate skiers. Approx \$175 for one week, incl breakfast. Eileen Greve. 609 267-3598 egreve@prodigy.net

JANUARY 9

Monday
10:00 a.m.



BATSTO HIKE. 5 miles, moderate pace. Hike the east side of the lake, one of the most picturesque sites in the Pine Barrens. Meet at Batsto Village parking lot. Bad weather cancels. LP, FS. Leaders: Bill Schmitt, 856-767-1838. Norm Lucas, 609-654-5893.

JANUARY 10-13

Tues. - Fri.

ZEALAND HUT, NH – backpack by skis or snowshoe to rustic AMC lodge in Presidentials. Can combine with Pinestead trip above. Norm Cook, 215 836-2718 nnn1@comcast.net

JANUARY 11

Wednesday
9:00 a.m.

THREE PARK HIKE. 7 miles, moderate pace. Cooper River, Newton Lake and Knight's Park will be included in this loop hike. Meet in parking lot of the Lobster Trap Restaurant on North Park drive in Pennsauken. Take Rt 70 to Cuthbert Blvd. Go South on Cuthbert to first light, which is North Park Drive. Turn right and proceed 1/2 mile to restaurant parking lot (on left side). NP/FS. Leaders: Barb and Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRay@aol.com.

JANUARY 11

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

LANDS END HIKE. 8 miles, moderate pace. We'll be looking for a short cut to Lands End, as we walk out that sometimes puddly road to our lunch stop, a pleasant place on the Mullica River. Bring lunch. From Atsion, go south on Rt. 206 for 2 miles and turn onto the wide dirt road at the break in the steel guard rail. Leaders: Dave & Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

JANUARY 12

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.

JANUARY 13

Friday
7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See January 4 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison and Mike Baker, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com.

JANUARY 13-16

Fri.-Mon.

TRAIL'S END LODGE, KEENE VALLEY, NY (MLK wkend) – Popular annual trip. Stay at Trail's End Lodge near Lake Placid. Great for all levels of skiers and snowshoers. \$228 incl 3 nights, 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, tax & tip. Can be linked to Stowe, VT trip below. Probably filled, but check with leader for last minute openings. Charlie Phy. 609 567-0221 Chalphy@comcast.net

JANUARY 14

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

MERCER COUNTY CENTRAL PARK HIKE. 9 miles, moderate pace. A figure 8 hike around Lake Mercer. Bring lunch; we will eat on the trail. Meet at Marina parking lot. Take Rt. 130 North to Robbinsville and follow the directions from there, or take the N.J. Turnpike to exit 7A (Rt. 195). Take Rt 195 West about 2 miles to exit 5 (Rt 130). Follow Rt 130 North about 1 mile, past a large shopping center, to intersection with Rts. 33/526 in Robbinsville. Turn left at traffic light and right at next light (Rt 526 Robbinsville-Edinberg Road). Travel 3 miles to dead end at Rt 535 (Edinberg Rd). Turn left on Rt 535 and go just a bit to entrance of park on right. Enter and continue straight ahead slightly over 1 mile. Marina driveway is on right, across from Park Ranger headquarters. WF/NP/FS. Leaders: Barb and Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRay@aol.com.

JANUARY 14

Saturday
7:00 p.m.



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

JANUARY 14

Saturday
7:30 p.m.

JANUARY MOON JAUNT HIKE. 7-8 miles, moderate pace. First Full moon of 2006. A winter night, companionship, a full moon, all add up to fun in the night. Meet at Atsion. Leaders: Dave & Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

JANUARY 15

Sunday
9:00 a.m.



COLLIERS MILLS WINTER HIKE. 12 miles, moderate pace. Walk rolling terrain in the extreme north section of the main Pine Barrens. Snow would add nicer views with all the green pines and mountain laurel. Bring lunch. Meet at Prospertown Lake, Rt. 537 (1 mile west of Six Flags Great Adventure theme park), Jackson (Ocean County). From S.J., take Rt. 537 all the way or take I-195 to the Six Flags/Freehold exit, go 1 mile past S.F. entrance to lake. Be on time for car shuttle. Minor BW/NP. Leader: Joe Sapia, 732-406-4092, Snuffin@aol.com.

JANUARY 15

SUNDAY
9:00 a.m.



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

JANUARY 15

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

CANOE/KAYAK THE WADING RIVER. We'll paddle from Hawkin's Bridge to Beaver Branch. Meet at Hawkin's Bridge. Life vests must be worn. Please call to confirm trip. Leader: John K, 609-412-2617 or mrjnk347@msn.com

JANUARY 15-20

Sun.-Fri.

COMMODORE INN, STOWE, VT – Luxury accommodation and great skiing at Trapp Family Lodge, Stowe Mt Resort, Edson Hill, etc.also good backcountry, and snowshoeing. For skiers of all abilities. \$338 for 5 nights, with breakfast and dinner, taxes and tips. Can also do 4 nights. Eileen G., 609-267-3598 egreve@prodigy.net

JANUARY 16

Monday
10:00 a.m.

CANOE/KAYAK CEDAR CREEK. It's a long holiday weekend, so enjoy a winter paddle from Ore Pond to Dudley Park. Meet at the Double Trouble Park headquarters. Life vests must be worn. Call to confirm trip. Leaders: George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com

JANUARY 16

Monday
10:00 a.m.

HIKE PARVIN PARK TRAILS. 5 miles, moderate pace. We will hike the Parvin Lake, Long & Black Oak Trails. Meet at parking lot opposite office on Almond Road, 6 miles W. of Vineland. WF, NP, FS. Leader: Chuck Cooke, 856-825-9126 or cell 609-870-9331, kayaker650@aol.com.

JANUARY 18

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

HIKE PARVIN PARK TRAILS. 8 miles, moderate pace. We will hike the Parvin Lake, Long & Black Oak & Parvin Lake Trails. Meet at parking lot opposite office on Almond Rd, 6 miles W. of Vineland. Bring lunch. WF, NP. Leader: Chuck Cooke, 856-825-9126 or cell 609-870-9331, kayaker650@aol.com.

JANUARY 19

Thursday
10:00 a.m.

CANOE/KAYAK THE GREAT EGG HARBOR RIVER. We'll paddle from Penny Pot to Weymouth Furnace. Meet at the Harley Dawn Diner; arrive early for breakfast. Life vests must be worn. Please call to confirm trip. Leaders: George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com

JANUARY 20

Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See January 4 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison and Mike Baker, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com.

JANUARY 20-22

Fri.-Sun.

"A TASTE OF EUROPE" AT MOHONK, NEW PALTZ, NY – 4 hour drive. Two nights lodging at Minnewaska Lodge (Adirondack style with breathtaking vistas) and 2 full breakfasts. Spend Saturday at the last of the Great Mountain Houses, Mohonk. Enjoy European festivities, dancing, gourmet lunch, spa, pool, massage, etc. New skating rink, new X/C ski trails, snowshoeing, all with rentals. Suitable for all levels of ability. Free lessons by PSIA certified instructor. Estimated cost \$225 pp. Check with leader for openings. Dan & Charie McAuliffe, 215-630-7478. DNMLogistics@MSN.com

JANUARY 21

Saturday
10:00 a.m.



CANOE/KAYAK THE OSWEGO RIVER. Meet at Oswego Lake and enjoy a winter wonderland paddle on a beautiful Pineland stream. Call to confirm trip. Life vests must be worn. Leader: John K., 609-412-2617 or mrjnk347@msn.com

JANUARY 21

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

BYRNE S.F./MT. MISERY LOOP HIKE. 9 miles, moderate pace. We will follow the White Trail all the way, maybe a little red trail thrown in. Very interesting and varied scenery from bogs being reclaimed by nature to cedar swamps. Keep your eyes peeled for many kinds of waterfowl. Meet at Pakim Pond. NC/NP. Leader: George Galcik, 856-783-8329, georgegalcik@comcast.net. Jack H., 856-784-8104.

JANUARY 21-22

Sat.- Sun.

BACKPACK TO HUGGINS LAKE. WESTERN CATSKILLS, NY. Middle Mountain Wild Forest. 5 miles, beginner winter hike. Easy hike to pond, set-up, then explore. Back to cars by 12:00 on Sunday. Leader: Andy H., 609-932-7119, andyhyde2001@yahoo.com

JANUARY 22

Sunday
8:30 a.m. or
9:30 a.m.



SOCIAL HIKE RALPH STOVER S.P., PA. 7-8 miles, moderate pace. Be prepared for rock scramble and steep climbs for spectacular views of the Tohickon Creek. Hiking boots recommended and good physical condition. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after hike. Meet at Hilton Hotel rear parking area, Rt. 70 Cherry Hill, to carpool/caravan. Leave at 8:30 a.m. sharp! Or meet at Washington Crossing State Park, Rt. 32, Pa. at 9:30 a.m. Inclement weather cancels. NP/NC. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve. pis1@cccnj.net

JANUARY 22

Sunday
9:00 a.m. or
10:15 a.m.

WEST PLAINS & PYGMY PINES HIKE. 10 miles, easy/moderate pace. Explore this confusing area of the Pinelands which includes the mysterious Pygmy Pines. With the Warren Grove Bombing Range nearby we better not explore too far off the myriad unmarked trails and sand roads. Parts of this hike may not have been scouted beforehand. As usual, be prepared for water hazards in this area. Meet at Olga's Diner at the Marlton Circle (intersection of N.J. routes 70 & 73) for departure at 9:00 a.m. sharp, or at Lucille's restaurant (in parking area) on Rt. 539 in Warren Grove (3.4 miles S of Rt. 72) at 10:15 a.m. There will be a short drive to the starting point from Lucille's. WF. Leader: Milt Cannan, 856-983-9076.

JANUARY 22

Sunday
10:00 a.m.



HIKE TO BUCK RUN. 7-9 miles, moderate pace. Up the Oswego to Buck Run and the ruins of the old Nash's cabin for lunch. Truth or legend? Did Ogden ever hang out here? Only Tom Murray knows! Bring lunch, beverage. Meet at Harrisville Pond, Rt. 679, 1.5 miles S. of Rt. 563 between Chatsworth and New Gretna. Deep snow or icy road conditions cancel. Leaders: Joseph Trujillo, 856-468-4849. Christine Denneler, 856-461-5379.

JANUARY 23

Monday
10:00 a.m.

BYRNE STATE PARK HIKE. 5 miles, moderate pace. We will hike the Red Trail. Meet at Ranger Station. Bad weather cancels. LP, FS. Leaders: Norm Lucas, 609-654-5893. Bill Schmitt, 856-767-1838.

JANUARY 24-27

Tues.-Fri.

***New Trip!* BLACKWATER FALLS LODGE, DAVIS, WV** –Canaan Valley. 3 nights at State Park Lodge with motel style rooms with private bath, pool and hot tub. XC centers at Blackwater Falls State Park and at White Grass Touring Center, snowshoe at Monangehela Nat'l Forest. Approximately \$175 includes 3 nights, 3 breakfasts and 3 dinners. Call John and Ann Palaitis, 856-810-2487 PALAITIS@comcast.net

JANUARY 25

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

HIKE BUCK RUN AND BEYOND. 8-9 miles, moderate pace. We'll take old sand roads to the site of Nash's Cabin for lunch. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet at Harrisville Pond. Deep snow or icy roads cancels. Leaders: Christine Denneler, 856-461-5379. Joseph Trujillo, 856-468-4849.

JANUARY 25

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

PALMYRA NATURE CENTER HIKE. 6 miles, moderate pace. If tide is out we can visit "the bridge to nowhere". Meet at the Visitor Center parking lot. Nature Center is located at the foot of the Tacony/Palmyra bridge, NJ side. Take Rt. 73 to last traffic light before the bridge, turn right and follow signs. NP/FS. Leaders: Barb and Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRay@aol.com.

JANUARY 27Friday
7:00 p.m.**FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE.** 8-10 miles, fast pace. See January 4 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison and Mike Baker, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com.**JAN. 27-FEB. 3**

Fri.-Fri.

MORNINGSTAR CHALET, LONDONDERRY, VT – 7 nights at private chalet. Self catering. At least 5 XC centers for all abilities, and backcountry skiing (intermediate level), or snowshoeing in Green Mountains Nat'l Forest. Approximately \$175 for one week with breakfast, or \$35 pp per night Eileen Grevé, 609- 267-3598 egreve@prodigy.net**JANUARY 28**Saturday
9:00 a.m.**CANOE/KAYAK THE MULLICA RIVER.** We'll paddle from Atsion to Pleasant Mills. Meet at the Wharton Forest Atsion Ranger Station on Rt. 206. Life vests must be worn. Call to confirm trip. Leaders: George & Leona F, 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com**JANUARY 28**Saturday
10:00 a.m.**PENNYPACK AND LORIMER PARKS HIKE.** 8 miles, moderate pace. A figure 8 hike. Option to join us for lunch afterwards at the Austrian Village. Meet at the Pennypack Park parking lot off Pine Road, Philadelphia (approximately 20 minutes from the Tacony/Palmyra bridge). Cross bridge and take second right at base onto State Rd (Rt. 73). Go 1.7 miles to Rhawn St. Stay to left when you come to fork in road. Turn left onto Rhawn and go to deadend at Huntington Pike (approximately 4 miles). Pine Road is first street on the right (Dunkin Doughnuts on corner). Turn right onto Pine and go slightly over 1 mile to entrance of parking lot on right (just before you would cross Pennypack Creek). NP/FS. Leaders: Barb and Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRay@aol.com.**JANUARY 29**Sunday
10:00 a.m.**BLUEBERRY MONUMENT HIKE.** 9-10 miles, moderate pace. Hike to the stone monument dedicated to the famous New Jersey blueberry. Bring lunch. Meet at Friendship. BW (possible). Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.**JANUARY 29**Sunday
8:30 a.m. or
9:30 a.m.**SOCIAL HIKE WISSAHICKON GORGE.** 8 miles, moderate pace. Hike the Gorge in winter with it's spectacular views. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after hike. Meet in rear parking lot Hilton Hotel on Rt. 70, Cherry Hill to carpool/caravan. Or meet at 9:30 a.m. at Valley Green parking lot in park. Dress for the weather. Inclement weather cancels. NP/NC. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 evenings. pis1@cccnj.net**JANUARY 30**Monday
9:00 a.m. or
10:00 a.m.**EVANS BRIDGE AREA HIKE.** 5 miles, easy/moderate pace. Meet at the Red Lion Diner (parking area on the west side) at the circle – intersection of Rts. 70 and 206 -- for departure at 9:00 a.m. sharp (we can carpool from here for those interested) or meet at Evans at 10:00 a.m. We'll explore this interesting area of lowlands and marshes in mid-winter. Dress for possible windy conditions. Leader: Milt Cannan, 856-983-9076.



FEBRUARY

"If better is possible, good is not enough."



RESERVATIONS AND DEADLINES

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

SKIING/SNOWSHOEING. Check out entries for information or spaces available.

SOCIAL MOONLIGHT HIKE, CAMPFIRE & CAMPOUT. See entry February 11.

FAMILY CAMPING AT BYRNE STATE FOREST. See entry February 18-19.

BACKPACKING PINCHOT TRAIL. See entry February 25-26.

BICYCLING COURSE-ROAD 1. See page 6 and entries March 11&18.

WASHINGTON DC BUS TRIP & SELF-GUIDED TOUR. See coming events.

OCSJ 17 TH ANNUAL CAPE MAY OUTING. June 9-11. See page 9.

VOLUNTEER VACATIONS. Various locations in U.S. See coming events.

**CHECK OCSJ WEBSITE, www.ocsj.org, OR HOTLINE 856-427-7777,
FOR UP-TO-DATE LATEST INFORMATION.**

**ALL BICYCLE RIDES ARE ON THE WEB SITE. ADDED OR CANCELED
ACTIVITIES WILL BE ON LINE ALSO. CHECK THEM OUT!**

RECURRING ACTIVITIES

MONDAYS

10:30 a.m.



CLASS C+*B*. MILD DAY MONDAY RIDE. 35-50 miles. 14-17 mph cruising pace. A leisurely ride with a lunch break. Play hooky and help me find out who has the best pizza in South Jersey. Meet at Lumberton Municipal Bldg. Municipal Drive between Rte 541 and Eayerstown Road. Leader: Jimmy M., 609-518-0744.

FRIDAYS

9:00 a.m.

CLASS C. FRIDAY MORNING RIDE. 30 miles. Come out and ride some of the original OCSJ routes (originally developed by Ruth Huking and Les Williams). This is a social ride. Please call if the weather is questionable. Meet at St. Peter's Church, Hartford Rd. and Taunton Blvd., Medford. Leader: Fran H., 856-786-0048, franhorn@aol.com.

FEBRUARY 1

Wednesday

10:00 a.m.



BYRNE S.F. – PAKIM POND CAMPGROUNDS HIKE. 9 miles, moderate pace. Hike from Byrne S.F. Ranger Station to Campgrounds, along Batona Trail. Loop to Pakim Pond for lunch. Return on Red Trail. Meet at Byrne office. FS/LP. Severe weather cancels. Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609. Heinz Knaupp, 609-801-1168.

FEBRUARY 2

Thursday

10:00 a.m.

CANOE/KAYAK CEDAR CREEK on GROUNDHOG DAY. The river section we paddle will depend on weather conditions. Meet at Double Trouble State Park headquarters. Life vests must be worn. Please call to confirm trip. Leaders: George and Leona F., 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com

FEBRUARY 3

Friday

7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See January 4 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison and Mike Baker, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com.

FEBRUARY 3-5
Fri.-Sun.

MERCK FOREST CABIN, NEAR MANCHESTER, VT – for the Adventurous. Trip is currently filled. Dennis and Fran McKane. 856 547-1617. Dennisfran@att.net

FEBRUARY 3-6
Fri.-Mon.

COLONIAL HOUSE, WESTON, VT – An old favorite. Stay in modern motel or charming inn. Great skiing and snowshoeing near Londonderry (see trip listed above). Manny and Judy Ayala, 267-468-0697 judykmanya@cs.com

FEBRUARY 4
Saturday
9:00 a.m.



PADDLE THE WADING RIVER-SPEEDWELL TO EVANS BRIDGE. Meet at Speedwell Bridge on Rt 563 - South of Chatsworth - Long - Rugged - Joint trip with South Jersey Canoe Club. Experienced paddlers only, no rentals available. Time listed is shuttle start time. Call Contact person: Joan and Jerry, 732-542-5773. OCSJ Leader: Frank Pearce, 767-2780 before 8 p.m., hornet71@verizon.net

FEBRUARY 4
Saturday
10:00 a.m.

CANOE/KAYAK THE GREAT EGG HARBOR RIVER FROM PENNY POT TO WEYMOUTH FURNACE. Meet at the Harley Dawn Diner, RT 322, Penny Pot. Life vests must be worn. Please call to confirm trip. Leader: John K, 609-412-2617 or mrjnk347@msn.com

FEBRUARY 4
Saturday
10:00 a.m.



STONY BROOK-MILLSTONE WATERSHED NATURE PRESERVE HIKE. 6 miles, moderate pace. A Pennington NJ hike. See Wargo Pond and Stony Brook. Hiking boots suggested. Bring lunch to eat on trail. Meet at Nature Center parking lot. Use mapquest: 31 Titus Mill Road, Pennington NJ 08534, or the following directions: Take Rt 95 to exit #4 (Rt. 31). Go North for 4.5 miles. Turn right onto Titus Mill Road (look for large business called Rosedale Mills on the corner and sign "Watershed Reserve") and to approx 1/2 mile to Watershed entrance on the left. Parking lot is at end of driveway across from Nature Center. Severe weather may cancel. WF/NP/FS. Leaders: Barb and Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRay@aol.com.

FEBRUARY 5
Sunday
10:00 a.m.

WINTER AT BATSTO HIKE. 9-10 miles, moderate pace. We'll see how the nature trail looks in Winter time. Then to Penn swamp for lunch, and back to see the new Batsto History Center. BW(possible). Meet at Batsto. Dave & Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

FEBRUARY 5
Sunday
10:00 a.m.

SOCIAL TUNDRA SWAN HIKE. 6 miles, moderate pace. Hike the wintry beauty among ponds filled with Tundra Swans. Bring binoculars. Dress for the cold weather. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after hike. Meet at Whitesbog Village parking lot. Take Rt. 70 east to Rt. 530 north (Browns Mills/Ft Dix), go 1 mile, turn right onto Whitesbog Road. Go to parking lot. Inclement weather cancels. NP/NC. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve. pis1@cccnj.net

FEBRUARY 6
Monday
10:00 a.m.

BYRNE STATE PARK HIKE. 5 miles, moderate pace. Hike the Red Trail. Meet at Pakim Pond. Bad weather cancels. LP, FS. Leaders: Bill Schmitt, 856-767-1838. Norm Lucas, 609-654-5893.

FEBRUARY 8

Wednesday

10:00 a.m.

PALMYRA NATURE CENTER HIKE. 6 miles, moderate pace. If the tide is out we can visit “the bridge to nowhere”. If there is sufficient snow we will cross country ski. Meet at visitor center parking lot, which is located at the foot of the Tacony/Palmyra bridge. Take Rt 73 to last traffic light before the bridge, turn right and follow the signs. NP/FS. Leaders: Barb and Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRay@aol.com.

FEBRUARY 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.

FEBRUARY 10

Friday

7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See January 4 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison and Mike Baker, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com

FEBRUARY 10-13

Fri.-Mon.

LAKE PLACID AREA, NY – Great skiing at Mt van Hoevenberg XC, on the Jackrabbit Trail, and backcountry. Stay in the bunkhouse at Cascade XC center, \$25pp per night including breakfast. Eileen G., 609 267-3598. Egreve@prodigy.net

FEBRUARY 11

Saturday

10:00 a.m.



CARRANZA TO MANNIS DUCK POND HIKE. 9 miles, moderate pace. Are there ducks at Mannis Duck Pond? You'll have to join us to find out. This hike takes us to a really well hidden body of water using woodland trails and firecuts. Also, we will no doubt see evidence of The Phantom. Meet at Carranza. NC/NP. Leader: George Galcik, 856-783-8329, georgegalcik@comcast.net. Jack H., 856-784-8104.

FEBRUARY 11

Saturday

7:30 p.m.

SOCIAL MOONLIGHT HIKE, CAMPFIRE & CAMPOUT. 6 miles, moderate pace. Hike sand roads around the lake under the full Snow moon and return to a warm campfire. Overnight camping is available; call leader to reserve space. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after hike. Meet at Goshen Pond group campsite, Atsion Lake, Burl Co. From Rt. 206 turn west onto Atsion Road; go 1.5 miles to Goshen Pond sign, follow road to campsite. Inclement weather cancels. NP/NC. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve. pis1@cccny.net

FEBRUARY 12

Sunday

10:00 a.m.



CANOE/KAYAK THE OSWEGO RIVER. Meet at Oswego Lake in Penn State Forest. Enjoy an early Valentine's Day paddle with homemade brownies and chocolate candy to sweeten the trip. Life vests must be worn. Please call to confirm trip. Leaders: George and Leona F., 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com

FEBRUARY 12

Sunday

10:00 a.m.

ROSEDALE PARK HIKE. 9 miles, moderate pace. A Pennington NJ hike. This 1300 acre area includes three streams, a lake, two ponds and lots of wildlife. This can be a challenging hike, depending on the condition of the terrain; it is not for wimps. There will be some off trail walking, so hiking boots are recommended. Use mapquest: 420 Federal City Road, Pennington NJ or the following directions: Take Rt 95 to exit #4 (Rt. 31). Take Rt 31 north for 1.3 miles to Rt. 546 (which comes in from the right). There is a large Mobil Station and a sign to Lawrenceville on the corner. Turn right onto Rt 546 and proceed for 1.8 miles (NOTE: this is Rt. 546 for a block, then

turns into Blackwell Rd). Road dead ends into Federal City Road. Turn left and go 3/10 miles to park entrance on right (on sharp curve). Look for large sign at park entrance. Registration is required for this hike. Severe weather may cancel. WF/NC/NP/BW/FS. Leaders: Barb & Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRay@aol.com

FEBRUARY 13

Monday
9:15 a.m. or
10:45 a.m.



TUCKAHOE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA HIKE. No more than 7 miles, easy pace. Meet at Olga's Diner at the Marlton Circle – intersection of Rts 70 and 73 for departure at 9:15 a.m. sharp (we can carpool from here for those interested) or meet at Corbin City, corner of Rt. 50 and Griscom Mill Road at 10:45 a.m. There is a short shuttle from here as this is the ending point of the hike. We will hike the sand road that is the nature trail and possibly some side trails in this area between the great Egg Harbor and Tuckahoe Rivers. This will be a leisurely hike with stops to observe any wintering wildlife. If inclined, bring binoculars and/or camera with telephoto lens. Dress for possible windy conditions. NP. Leader: Milt Cannan, 856-983-9076.

FEBRUARY 13-17

Mon-Fri.

GARNET HILL LODGE, NORTH CREEK, NY – Enjoy Adirondack ambience and ski one of the best in the East. Also good backcountry at Siamese Ponds Wilderness, etc. \$395 pp includes 4 nights at lodge, 4 breakfasts and dinners, trail fees, all taxes and tips. Can link with Lake Placid, above. Eileen G., 609-267-3598 egreve@prodigy.net

FEBRUARY 15

Wednesday
9:30 a.m.

BATSTO TO QUAKER BRIDGE HIKE. 12.5 miles, moderate pace. WILL HELP YOU WORK OFF THE HOLIDAY FIGURE YOU MAY HAVE ACQUIRED! Stops to view the river and birds. Bring lunch, beverage, and rain gear! Meet at Batsto. Leader: Pat Burton, 856-767-8064, camperpat@hotmail.com.

FEBRUARY 17

Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See January 4 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison and Mike Baker, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com

FEBRUARY 18

Saturday
9:00 a.m.

PADDLE THE MAURICE RIVER - ALMOND TO SHERMAN. Meet at: Almond & River - Explore Lake. Joint trip with South Jersey Canoe Club. Experienced paddlers only, no rentals available. Time listed is shuttle start time. Call Contact person: Vicki 856-256-9568 or Howard 856-691-8609. OCSJ Leader: Vicki, Vicki 856-256-9568

FEBRUARY 18

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

PENNYPACK PARK HIKE. 7-8 miles, moderate pace. A loop hike. Meet at parking lot off Rhawn St. by the small stone building (about 5 mins. from Tacony-Palmyra bridge). Use Mapquest – Rhawn Street and Holmehurst Avenue, Philadelphia PA, or the following directions: Cross T-P bridge and take second right at base (State Road (Rt. 73)). Go 1.7 miles to Rhawn St. (stay to the left (New State Road) when you come to fork in road). Turn left on Rhawn and go about 1.6 miles to entrance of the park on your left. Severe weather may cancel. NP/FS. Leaders: Barb & Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRay@aol.com.

FEBRUARY 18-19
Sat.-Sun.

FAMILY CAMPING AT BRENDAN BYRNE STATE FOREST. Add a little excitement to your winter doldrums. We will hike during the day and keep warm by the fire at night. Bring plenty of firewood and a good sleeping bag. If there's enough snow on the ground, bring your snowshoes or cross country skis. No Pets. A fee will be charged for the campsite and shower facilities should be open. Leaders: Crysti J. and Joe D 856-629-0414.

FEBRUARY 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 H.S., Bridgeboro Rd., Moorestown. Fran will be on a cross-country trip. Please volunteer to lead. Leader:

FEBRUARY 19
Sunday
9:30 a.m.

SOCIAL ORANGINA HIKE. 7 miles, moderate pace. Annual classic hike to old clay pits used to make pottery. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after hike. Meet at mile marker #12 on Rt. 72 E. on dirt road opposite Auto Wreckers. Allow for extra driving time. Inclement weather cancels. NP/NC. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve. pis1@cccnj.net

FEBRUARY 19
Sunday
10:00 a.m.

TULPEHOCKEN CREEK HIKE. 9-11 miles, moderate pace. Annual visit to the creek over a combination of sand roads and fire cuts. Bring lunch, beverage. Meet at Evans Bridge, Rt 563, between Chatsworth and Green Bank. Deep snow or icy road conditions cancel. Leader: Joseph Trujillo, 856-468-4849.

FEBRUARY 19
Sunday
10:00 a.m.

WHITESBOG HIKE. 8 to 10 miles, easy/moderate pace. Hike around this old village and adjacent cranberry bogs in search of the Tundra swans and a possible new (to OCSJ) trail. Possible wet areas and water crossings. Bring binoculars and/or camera with telephoto lens if so inclined. Meet at Whitesbog Village. WF. Leader: Milt Cannan, 856-983-9076.

FEBRUARY 20
Monday
10:00 a.m.



CANOE/KAYAK THE GREAT EGG HARBOR RIVER ON PRESIDENTS' DAY. We'll paddle from Penny Pot to Weymouth Furnace. Meet at the Harley Dawn Diner, Rt. 322; arrive early for breakfast. Life vests must be worn. Please call to confirm trip. Leaders: George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com

FEBRUARY 20
Monday
10:00 a.m.

APPLE PIE HILL HIKE. 5 miles, moderate pace. Meet on Rt. 532, 4 miles east of Tabernacle next to Bordentown Gun Club. Bad weather cancels. LP, FS. Leaders: Norm Lucas, 609-654-5893. Bill Schmitt, 856-767-1838.

FEBRUARY 22
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.



HIKE PARVIN PARK TRAILS. 8 miles, moderate pace. We will hike the Parvin Lake, Long & Black Oak and Parvin Lake Trails. Meet at parking lot opposite office on Almond Rd, 6 miles W. of Vineland. Bring lunch. WF, LP. Leader: Chuck Cooke, 856-825-9126 or cell 609-870-9331, kayaker650@aol.com

FEBRUARY 22
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

COOPER RIVER PARK AND ADJOINING PARKS HIKE. 10 miles, moderate pace. A figure eight hike with a drop off at the mid-way point. Meet at the National Guard Armory parking lot in Cherry Hill. Take Rt. 70 to Haddonfield Road/Grove St; go south

on Grove St. one block to North Park Blvd. Turn right for Armory parking lot. NP/FS. Leaders: Barb & Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRay@aol.com.

FEBRUARY 24

Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See January 4 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison and Mike Baker, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com

FEBRUARY 25

Saturday
9:00 a.m.

CANOE/KAYAK THE MULLICA RIVER. Paddle 14 miles from Atsion to Pleasant Mills. Meet at the Wharton Forest Atsion Ranger Station on RT. 206. Life vests must be worn. Call to confirm trip participation. Leaders: George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com

FEBRUARY 25

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

RETURN TO DEVIOUS DUCK HIKE. 10-11 miles, moderate pace. Not a nefarious fowl, but places we will visit. Bring lunch. BW(possible). Meet at Carranza. Dave & Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

FEBRUARY 25-26

Sat to Sun

BACKPACK PINCHOT TRAIL. 12 miles, class 2. Lackawanna State Forest. Loop hike with about 6 miles each day and creek side camping. Trail is rocky in sections with one big climb. Leader Andy H., 609-932-7119, andyhyde2001@yahoo.com

FEBRUARY 25-28

Sun.-Tues.

MT ORFORD, EASTERN TOWNSHIPS, CANADA – (45 min north of VT.) Eastern Canada's closest Premier XC ski resort. 80 km trails. 5 heated cabins and Lodge. Snowshoeing. Rentals. Lodging at foot of mountain in full service hotel & SPA. Estimated price \$519 pp/dbl occupancy for 4 nights lodging, 4 full breakfasts, 4 gourmet dinners, tax, tip; use of all sports facilities, one day winter activities at Des Sables, back massage in SPA, XC trail fees for 3 days. Guided tours, XC lessons each day. Sleigh ride. Dog sledding available. SPA extra. 8 hr. drive. Option for 3 xtra days, or transfer to Quebec for 3 days. Call for availability. Dan & Charie McAuliffe. 215-630-7478 DNMLogistics@MSN.com

FEBRUARY 26

Sunday
10:00 a.m.



CANOE/KAYAK THE WADING RIVER. We'll paddle from Hawkin's Bridge to Beaver Branch. Meet at Hawkin's Bridge. Life vests must be worn. Please call to confirm trip. Leader: John K., 609-412-2617 or mrjnk347@msn.com

FEBRUARY 26

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

SOCIAL HIKE PARVIN'S S.P. 6 miles, moderate pace. Hike the hidden jewel of S.J. parks. No bug, ticks, or mosquitoes. Just the quiet splendor of winter on the lake. A historical site will be viewed. Park naturalist has been invited to give a guided tour. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social with possible campfire after hike. Take Rt. 55 South to exit 35; follow signs to park. At blinking light, Almond Road & Parvin Mills Road, turn left. Park at Fisherman's Landing parking area on right. Inclement weather cancels. NP/NC. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve. pis1@cccjh.net

FEBRUARY 26

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

CARRANZA MEMORIAL-APPLE PIE HILL HIKE. 10 miles, moderate pace. Walk the Batona Trail and maybe some other trails. Bring lunch. Meet at Carranza Memorial. Minor BW/NP. Leader: Joe Sapia, 732-406-4092, Snufftin@aol.com.



MARCH



"Success is how high you bounce when you hit bottom."

RESERVATIONS AND DEADLINES

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

SKIING/SNOWSHOEING. Check out entries for information or spaces available.

SOCIAL MOONLIGHT HIKE, CAMPFIRE & CAMPOUT. See entry March 11.

BICYCLING COURSE-ROAD 1. See page 6 and entries March 11&18.

WASHINGTON DC BUS TRIP & SELF-GUIDED TOUR. See coming events.

OCSJ 17 TH ANNUAL CAPE MAY OUTING. See coming events and page 9.

VOLUNTEER VACATIONS. Various locations in U.S. See coming events.

**CHECK OCSJ WEBSITE, www.ocsj.org, OR HOTLINE 856-427-7777,
FOR UP-TO-DATE LATEST INFORMATION.**

**ALL BICYCLE RIDES ARE ON THE WEB SITE. ADDED OR CANCELED
ACTIVITIES WILL BE ON LINE ALSO. CHECK THEM OUT!**

RECURRING ACTIVITIES

MONDAYS

10:30 a.m.



CLASS C+/B. MILD DAY MONDAY RIDE. 35-50 miles. 14-17 mph cruising pace. A leisurely ride with a lunch break. Play hooky and help me find out who has the best pizza in South Jersey. Meet at Lumberton Municipal Bldg. Municipal Drive between Rte 541 and Eayerstown Road. Leader: Jimmy M., 609-518-0744.

FRIDAYS

9:00 a.m.

CLASS C. FRIDAY MORNING RIDE. 30 miles. Come out and ride some of the original OCSJ routes (originally developed by Ruth Huking and Les Williams). This is a social ride. Please call if the weather is questionable. Meet at St. Peter's Church, Hartford Road and Taunton Boulevard, Medford. Leader: Fran H., 856-786-0048, franhorn@aol.com.

MARCH 1

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

SHANE BRANCH HIKE. 6-8 miles, moderate pace. Deep woods and bogs. Bring lunch, beverage, and rain gear. Meet at Friendship. Leader: Christine Denneler, 856-461-5379, Pat Burton, 856-767-8064, camperpat@hotmail.com.

MARCH 1-3

Wed.-Fri.

DUCHESNAY, QUEBEC CITY REGION, CANADA (2 1/2 hr from Mt. Orford) Resort on Lac St Joseph forest preserve just 30 min from Quebec City. 190 km XC trails, 60 km snowshoe trails, ice fishing, snowmobiling, dog sledding, skating. Site of the world famous "Ice Hotel" (the only other one is in Finland). 3 nights at hotel Auberge Duchesnay. Breakfast & dinner, all taxes & tips. Use of all sports facilities & trails. Free tour of Ice Hotel. (Note: a night's lodging in Ice Hotel can be arranged). \$299/pp. Call for availability. Dan & Charie McAuliffe, 215-630-7478 DNMLogistics@MSN.com

MARCH 3

Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See January 4 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison and Mike Baker, mike@mikebaker.com
alison@mikebaker.com

MARCH 3-6
Fri.-Mon.

COLONIAL HOUSE, WESTON VT. If you missed this trip in Feb, here's your chance to enjoy this delightful B&B and great area for skiing. Many XC centers, also snowshoeing, ice skating, or hiking. Great trip for new skiers. 3 nights, 3 hearty breakfasts, 3 lunches, 2 dinners, approx \$200 to \$250, depending on room. Deposit \$100 by check to leader by 11/15. Fran Horn. 856-786-0048 franhorn@aol.com

MARCH 4
Saturday
9:00 a.m.

PADDLE CEDAR CREEK-DOVER FORGE TO RT. 9. Meet at: Near Whiting - Rt 70 & Rt 539. - Joint trip with South Jersey Canoe Club. Experienced paddlers only, no rentals available. Time listed is shuttle start time. Call Contact person: George & Ginny 732-286-5116.OCSJ Leader: Frank Pearce, 767-2780 before 8 p.m., hornet71@verizon.net

MARCH 4
Saturday
10:00 a.m.



CANOE/KAYAK THE GREAT EGG HARBOR RIVER. We'll paddle from Penny Pot to Weymouth Furnace and maybe see early signs of spring. Meet at the Harley Dawn Diner. Life vests must be worn. Please call to confirm trip. Leader: John K, 609-412-2617 or mrjnk347@msn.com

MARCH 4
Saturday
10:00 a.m.

SHANE BRANCH HIKE. 6-8 miles, moderate pace. Deep woods and bogs. Bring lunch, beverage, and rain gear. Meet at Friendship. Leader: Christine Denneker, 856-461-5379, Pat Burton, 856-767-8064, camperpat@hotmail.com.

MARCH 5
Sunday
9:00 a.m.



SOCIAL HIKE AND BIRTHDAY BRUNCH. 5 miles, moderate pace. Hike between two rivers in late winter, wildlife sighting possible. Then help celebrate the leader's birthday as we enjoy an all you can eat buffet at Renault Winery Restaurant. Meet at Atsion Office on Rt. 206, between Hammonton and Red Lion Circle, Burl Co. **Inclement weather cancels. NP/NC.** Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve. pis1@cccj.net

MARCH 5-10
Sun.-Fri.

VAL DAVID, - LE CHALET BEAUMONT, LAURENTIANS, CANADA. 5 nights in chalet north of Montreal. Formerly a private lodge, chalet is owned by the Canadian Hostelling Assoc., but run like a hotel. Ski out the door onto a huge network of groomed trails. 5 nights in private rooms with or w/o bath, with breakfast and dinner, pass for ski trails, local guide for 2 days, sleigh ride. Economical! For details call Dan Dittmar, 856-235-4548, or Pat Kalinowski 856 547-7057

MARCH 6
Monday
10:00 a.m.

DEEP HOLLOW POND HIKE. 5 miles, moderate pace. Meet at Byrne State Park Ranger Station. Bad weather cancels. LP, FS. Leaders: Bill Schmitt, 856-767-1838. Norm Lucas, 609-654-5893.

MARCH 8
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

HIKE RALPH STOVER S.P. 8 miles, moderate pace. Hike high along Tohickon Creek on high cliffs, with hilly and rocky terrain, to Ralph Stover S.P. Good hiking boots required. Lunch at park picnic area. Meet at Tohickon Valley County Park. Take PA. Rt. 32 north to Point Pleasant. Go over bridge, then left onto Cafferty Road. Proceed to Park parking area on the left. FS/LP. Severe weather cancels. Heinz Knaupp, 609-801-1168. Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609.

MARCH 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.

MARCH 9-14
Thurs.-Tues.

New Trip! PEMBROOK, NH – private home, sleeps 14, near Lincoln. Ski Waterville Valley X/C, Bretton Woods, others, or backcountry in White Mountains or Kanckamangus Hwy. Also snowshoeing. Transfer here from Val David (see trip listed above). 5 nights \$100 if 14 sign up. Some spaces may still be available. Call ASAP. Pat Carey 609 877-5872
foxii@comcast.net

MARCH 10
Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See January 4 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison and Mike Baker, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com

MARCH 11
Saturday
10:00 a.m.

CANOE/KAYAK UPPER CEDAR CREEK. Water level permitting we'll paddle from Cedar's headwaters at Bamber Lake to Dudley Park – 13 miles. This is a trip for experienced paddlers. Life vests must be worn. Please call to confirm trip participation. Meet at Double Trouble Park headquarters. Leaders: George and Leona F., 609-259-3734 or leona@pinepaddlers.com

MARCH 11
Saturday
7:30 p.m.

MARCH IN MARCH MOONLIGHT HIKE. 7-8 miles, moderate pace. March is the month for moonies. Come out, meander in the streaks of moonbeams. Meet at Atsion. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

MARCH 11
Saturday
7:30 p.m.



SOCIAL MOONLIGHT HIKE, CAMPFIRE & CAMPOUT. 6 miles, moderate pace. Hike sand roads around the lake under the full Sap moon and return to a warm campfire. Overnight camping is available; call leader to reserve space. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after hike. Meet at Goshen Pond group campsite, Atsion Lake, Burl Co. From Rt. 206 turn west onto Atsion Road; go 1/5 miles to Goshen Pond sign, follow road to campsite. Inclement weather cancels. NP/NC. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve. pis1@cccnj.net

MARCH 12
Sunday
10:00 a.m.

BATSTO SPRING OR WINTER HIKE. 15 miles, moderate pace. Hike out on the Batona Trail to Quaker Bridge, then back along the Batsto River. Will winter weather still be around or will spring have sprung? Bring lunch. Meet at Batona Trail Head on Washington Pike. Minor BW/NP. Leader: Joe Sapia, 732-406-4092, Snufftin@aol.com.

MARCH 13
Monday
10:00 a.m.

THE OTHER JACKSON ROAD & CEDAR RUN WILDLIFE REFUGE HIKE. 5 miles, easy/moderate pace. We will hike in the environs of the Jackson Road which runs between Tuckerton Road and Atco, including the loop trail in the Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge. This is a good chance to see this refuge dedicated to the preservation of wildlife. A \$1.00 per person donation to the refuge will be collected. Meet at the rear parking area (just off Jackson Road about 2.8 miles south of Tuckerton Road or about 3.2 miles north of Rt. 534) of Woodford-Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge. If coming in from the Sawmill Rd. (west) entrance, do not park in the area in front of the Nature Center, but proceed to the next area. NP. Leader: Milt Cannan, 856-983-9076.

MARCH 15
Wednesday
9:15 a.m. &
10:00 a.m.

HISTORIC FAIRMOUNT PARK LOOP HIKE. 9-10 miles, moderate pace. See the historic mansions of East Fairmount Park (Lemon Hill, Mount Pleasant, Ormiston, Laurel Hill, Woodford, Chamounix, and Strawberry). Meet before 9:15 a.m. at big flag-pole at Cherry Hill Mall for carpooling, or at hike start (Phila.) at 10:00 a.m. Cross Ben Franklin Bridge into Phila., take Vine St. Expressway (I-676 West) to 22nd Street (Art Museum) exit. Turn right onto 22nd Street 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. Leader: Jerry Goldstein, 609-859-8133, jerryhyker@yahoo.com.

MARCH 17
Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See January 4 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison and Mike Baker, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com

MARCH 18
Saturday
9:00 a.m.

CANOE/KAYAK THE MULLICA RIVER. It's the day after St. Patrick's Day – we'll look for 4-leaf clovers from Atsion to Pleasant Mills. Meet at the Wharton Forest Atsion Ranger Station on Rt. 206. Life vests must be worn. Please call to confirm trip participation. Leaders: George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com

MARCH 18
Saturday
10:00 a.m.

HOT DOG HIKE. 6-8 miles, moderate pace. Hot dog! The vernal equinox is just a few days away!! Come celebrate our annual rite of Spring. We dine on hot dogs al fresco. Bring your own beverage, chips, etc. We bring the hot dogs and accompaniments. Share the cost with a small donation. 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). Leaders: Joseph Trujillo, 856-468-4849. Christine Denneler, 856-461-5379.

MARCH 19
Sunday
10:00 a.m.



MARCH INTO SPRING AT SPRING HILL HIKE. 9-11 miles, moderate pace. Always a good place to stop for lunch on top of Spring Hill. Return via Bear Swamp Hill, maybe to find landing gear from 1971 airplane crash. Meet at Oswego. BW (possible). Leaders: Dave & Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

MARCH 19
Sunday
10:00 a.m.

SOCIAL SPRING HIKE. 6 miles, moderate pace. Hike in celebration of the rebirth of nature and spring. We hike Sandy Ridge area of Pine Barrens. Spring flowers possible. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after hike. Meeting point is 11 miles south of Tabernacle on Carranza Road, Burl Co. Look for Outdoor Club sign. Inclement weather cancels. NP/NC. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve. pis1@cccnj.net

MARCH 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 H.S., Bridgeboro Rd., Moorestown. Leader: Fran H., 856-786-0048, franhorn@aol.com.

MARCH 20
Monday
10:00 a.m.

CANOE/KAYAK THE GREAT EGG HARBOR RIVER AND CELEBRATE THE VERNAL EQUINOX. It's the start of spring and we'll paddle from Penny Pot to Weymouth Furnace. Meet

at the Harley Dawn Diner. Life vests must be worn. Please call to confirm trip. Leader: John K., 609-412-2617 or mrjnk347@msn.com

MARCH 20

Monday
10:00 a.m.

RAILS TO TRAILS PEMBERTON HIKE. 5 miles, moderate pace. Visit museum, then hit the tracks to Birmingham. Meet at historic RR Station. Head E. on Rt. 38/530, then left (N) up Rt. 616; 1/2 mile to station. Bad weather cancels. LP, FS. Leaders: Norm Lucas, 609-654-5893. Bill Schmitt, 856-767-1838.

MARCH 22

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

EVANS TO BATSTO HIKE. 9.5 miles, moderate pace. On the Batona Trail. Be on time for a short car shuttle; this is a one-way hike. Bring lunch, beverage, and rain gear. Meet at Evans. Leader: Pat Burton, 856-767-8064, camperpat@hotmail.com.

MARCH 24

Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See January 4 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison and Mike Baker, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com

MARCH 25

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

PENN STATE FOREST HIKE. 9 miles, moderate pace. See Bear Swamp Hill from Spring Hill. Follow lovely fire cuts through this lush forest. Perhaps see fallen airplane landing gear (if I can find it). Experience a scrub pine forest. All this and more. NC/NP. Leader: George Galcik, 856-783-8329, georgegalcik@comcast.net. Jack H., 856-784-8104.

MARCH 26

Sunday
9:30 a.m.

SOCIAL HIKE AND HADDONFIELD TOUR. 5 miles, easy pace. We will hike Cooper River Park and then have a guided tour of historic Haddonfield; fee possible. We will eat lunch at a local eatery. Learn about the first dinosaur skeleton find in the U. S. Local historian is invited to speak. Meet at Coastline Lounge, Brace Road off Rt. 561, Cherry Hill to caravan to park starting point. Inclement weather cancels. NP/NC. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve. pis1@cccnj.net

MARCH 26

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

RALPH STOVER S.P. HIKE. 8-9 miles, moderate pace. Good views from the high cliffs at Stover park along the Tohicken Creek. We may see whitewater kayaks and technical climbers. Meet at Washington Crossing Visitors Center (PA. side) off Rt. 32 to carpool to trailhead. **WF, BW.** Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

MARCH 26

Sunday
10:30 a.m.

CANOE/KAYAK THE SOUTH BRANCH RANCOCAS CREEK. Burlington County is a leader in open space preservation and the Rancocas Creek watershed is the largest in south central NJ. Bring your binoculars to look for returning migratory birds. We'll meet at Flo's Lakeside Tavern in Hainesport. Life vests must be worn. Please contact leaders to confirm trip participation. Leaders: Leona and George F., 609-259-3734 or Leona@pineypaddlers.com

MARCH 27

Monday
10:00 a.m.

HIKE PARVIN PARK TRAILS. 5 miles, moderate pace. We will hike the Parvin Lake, Long & Black Oak Trails. Meet at parking lot opposite office on Almond Rd, 6 miles W. of Vineland. **WF, NP, FS.** Leader: Chuck Cooke, 856-825-9126 or cell 609-870-9331, kayaker650@aol.com.

MARCH 29
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

HIKE PARVIN PARK TRAILS. 8 miles, moderate pace. We will hike the Parvin Lake, Long & Black Oak & Parvin Lake Trails. Meet at parking lot opposite office on Almond Road, 6 miles W. of Vineland. Bring lunch. **WF, NP.** Leader: Chuck Cooke, 856-825-9126 or cell 609-870-9331, kayaker650@aol.com

MARCH 30
Thursday
1:00 p.m.

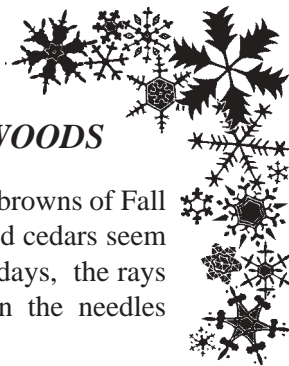
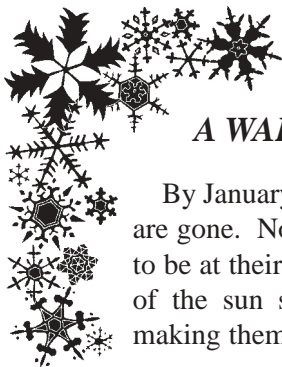
CANOE/KAYAK WITH THE CROSSWICKS CREEK/HAMILTON-TRENTON-BORDENTOWN MARSH. Paddle from Bordentown up the Crosswicks to Roebling Park. Native Americans thrived on these lands more than 10,000 years ago. Meet at Bordentown Beach, end of Park St in Bordentown. This is a shuttleless trip. After paddling, option to join us for a walk in town and dinner at one of Bordentown's historic restaurants. Please call to confirm trip and participation. Leaders: George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or Leona@pineypaddlers.

MARCH 31
Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See January 4 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison and Mike Baker, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com





A WALK IN THE WINTER WOODS

By January all of the reds, yellows and browns of Fall are gone. Now the greens of the pines and cedars seem to be at their best. On clear, cold, sunny days, the rays of the sun sprinkle glistening jewels on the needles making them lustrous.

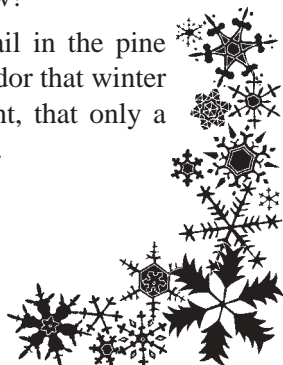
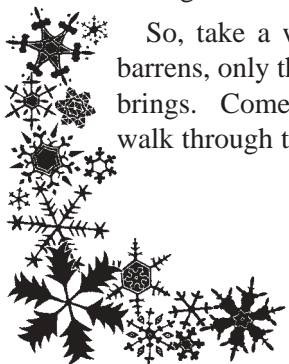
A winter walk in the pines is every bit as lovely as in the springtime. As you walk down a trail, the tall pines swaying in the breeze, you can find solitude where sun and shadows meet. In silence, you follow the trail as it traces every twist and turn of the creek. Ahead, a pond glistens with ice. The view has no price, more so, if there happens to be some snow, and it's late in the days' afterglow.

In the swamps and along the sluggish stream the wild blueberry and mountain laurel buds are beginning to swell. On a sunny, south slope, around a spring, the grass seems as fresh and green as in Spring. But, it's only January! Reality brings you back.

In a grove of tall pines, the aroma is exhilarating and the fallen dried needles make a luxurious carpet to walk upon. You stand and listen to the pines whisper softly. Pines are inspiring. They feel the lash of winds, the burden of ice, the weight of snow, they endure.

Once in awhile you walk through the woods in winter's snow. Every tree top capped; every bush a ball of white; branches bent to form sheltered nooks. A walk in the winter woods at night when the moon is all aglow is magical. You see diamonds in the snow!

So, take a walk along a woodland trail in the pine barrens, only there can you find the splendor that winter brings. Come home with a heart content, that only a walk through the winter woods can bring.



Outdoor Club of South Jersey Store

(Store Manager: Norm Lucas, 609-654-5893)

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Notice. We can no longer accept telephone calls for schedule information. If your dues are paid, but for some reason you did not receive your activity schedule, send your request for a replacement, along with \$1.00 to cover the cost of mailing, to the address below. Cost for extra schedules to non-members is \$3.00 by mail request.

If you appreciate the outdoors and like to get out . . . stay with us! Keep your membership on-going.

Make sure you get every issue . . . You must be in paid up status at least one month prior to our mailing in **March, June, September, and December.**

Help us to cut costs. Your early renewal will keep your schedules coming without interruption. Expiration dates can be found on your member card or address label.

It's easy to renew. Just return the reverse side of this page with your label intact. We'll take it from there!

BE SURE TO INCLUDE PROPER AMOUNT. CHECK ONLY, PLEASE!

Please file a change of address card with us if you move.

A current membership card must be presented at each outing for free participation, except for fees for campsites, canoe rentals, transportation, and the like.

You can make a difference. Your volunteer involvement in Club activities are unique and special contributions that will improve your Club. Why not plan and lead an activity?

*** * * MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE * * ***

Individual - 1 Year \$13 • 3 Years \$36 • Family - 1 Year \$15 / 3 Years \$42

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