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Celebrating 40 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.

A Message From The President

Just as nature has changed from the brilliantly colored leaves of Fall to the crisp, cold air of Winter, change has also come to the Outdoor Club.

Dennis McKane, OCSJ president has resigned effective January 1st. Dennis and his wife Fran will be enjoying the freedom of retirement and traveling. Dennis has seen the club thru a succession of club presidents and has kept OCSJ on a straight course. Secondly, Bill Poulson, our hiking activity chair, has also resigned. Bill has not only contributed by coordinating the hiking activity, but also by assisting in the updating of several club policies and procedures.

Toni Novak, our Treasurer, has fulfilled her term and has handed the checkbook over to Fran Horn, who has graciously accepted the Treasurer position. Toni has helped the club navigate thru insurance issues, state and federal forms that needed to be completed. All of these individuals have, in their own way, contributed to making the Outdoor Club the vibrant and strong organization that it is. To them, we own a debt of gratitude.

Kathleen Pearce
Bakerkp!@verizon.net

Coming Events

WASHINGTON, DC TRIP & SELF GUIDED TOUR. Saturday, May 5. Cost: \$24.00 per person. You plan your own visit. ADDED SPECIAL ATTRACTION THIS YEAR. An optional all day tour of the new, vast National Air and Space Museum at Dulles International Airport.. See the great historical aircraft of the twentieth century. The Enola Gay, the B-29 that dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima; the space shuttle, Enterprise; the SR-71 Blackbird, the fastest, highest flying jet ever built, plus many, many more. TO ORDER: Send check payable to OUTDOOR CLUB OF SOUTH JERSEY to DAVID CROZIER, 62 Bastian Drive, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054. All payments must be made by **April 21**. We need an early response. Order tickets as soon as possible. First come, first served. No reserved seats. Please indicate on your check if you want the optional tour to NA&S Museum. Please include your telephone number and E-mail address. You must include a self addressed, stamped envelope to receive your tickets. All sales final. Tickets must be resold for refund. Leaders: David and Doris Crozier, **856-234-2153**.

HISTORIC CAPE MAY WEEKEND - Friday to Sunday-June 15,16 and 17, 2007. 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 11.

OCSJ AWARDS DINNER. Friday, April13, 2007. Our get-together to award certificates of appreciation for leadership service to the Club. We have a new location this year. The buffet banquet will be served by Vitarelli's in their banquet room on King's Highway, Cherry Hill, next to the library. Look for the formal announcement and list of awardees in the Spring issue of the Trekker due out in mid March 2007.

THE GRAND MILE CLUB begins its 6th year this January. And we continue to grow in number each year. To give you some idea, in 2003 we had just 7 members, with 5 reaching our 1000 mile goal. This year we have grown to 23 members, with 21 on or ahead of plan through 9 months. 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).

ANNUAL APRIL APEX. This is our "Hikers Marathon", a 26 mile hike that is the ultimate for those really seeking a challenge. Participation has grown in each of the past 3 years, and in 2006 we had 10 who completed the hike. This year we will offer a 15 mile "tune-up" on March 24th. Any questions contact Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRay@aol.com. Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, smallfluke@yahoo.com

AMERICAN RED CROSS WATER SAFETY AND RESCUE COURSE. Coming in May. For details contact Kathleen Pearce at bakerkp1@verizon.net

BICYCLING ROAD COURSE – June 16 & 23. Learn about bicycling handling and safety, and emergency maneuvers. Presenter Fran Horn: 856-786-0048. See page 5.

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

24th ANNUAL VOLUNTEERS TRIP TO HARPER FERRY, WV. in memory of Richard K. Greve. March 30-April 1. Volunteers help spruce up the Appalachian Trail Headquarter s before their annual meeting. Rake leaves, wash window, assemble info. Packets. Time for sightseeing or hiking. Leader: Eileen Greve, 609-267-3598.

ANNUAL APRES SKI PARTY. All those who are skiers, or even just think they might be interested, mark your calendars for Sat, April 21 to attend the Apres Ski Party, our annual social event. You can meet other skiers and our leaders, and hear what we have planned for next season. Call Eileen G., 609-267-3598

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.

BACKPACKING

Message From The Backpacking Activity Chair

Winter is here and backpack trips are few and far between. We do have one trip for those who like to get out in the clean crisp air for a weekend.

Crysti Jackson 856-629-0414.

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.



BICYCLING



A Message From The Bicycling Activity Chair

We have established an OCSJ MEMBER ONLY TOPICA LIST that will provide an opportunity to post and immediately disseminate new OCSJ rides and ride changes in their entirety without any prior approval. If you are interested in joining this new list, please follow the instructions below. Our intent is to get all OCSJ member cyclists on the list.

1. Send a blank e-mail to ocsj-rides-subscribe@topica.com with "Subscribe" in the subject and nothing in the body.
2. In a few minutes, you will get an e-mail with a link to confirm your request. This is for your security. Click on link to confirm.
3. You will get an email saying your request is awaiting approval.
4. Send your name and mailing address to tonymarch@iwon.com so your membership can be confirmed.
5. After your membership has been confirmed you will get an email saying your request has been approved..

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

BICYCLING COURSE ROAD 1

Registration before class required

INCLUDES: Bicycle handling and safety
Emergency maneuvers

Presented by: Fran Horn, 856-786-0048

Dates: June 16 & 23, 2007

Cost: \$50.00 for Course Materials

*To participate in the course, return this form
with a \$50 check by June 1, 2007*

**Fran Horn
2410 Laurel Drive
Cinnaminson, NJ 08077**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

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.



CANOEING/KAYAKING

A message from the Canoe/Kayak Activity Chair



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

CLUB POLICY NOW REQUIRES THAT PFD'S MUST BE WORN. PLEASE REMEMBER IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OCSJ ORGANIZED SHUTTLES YOU NEED TO MAKE YOUR OWN ARRANGEMENTS. NO EXCEPTIONS. A flashlight is required for evening trips. A whistle is required for Delaware River trips and recommended for all trips and painter lines are a good idea. A helmet for whitewater may also be a good investment. You must assess the suitability and condition of your equipment and if a trip is within your abilities. Water levels, weather, and leader availability may cause trip cancellations or changes including additions. Please check the 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.

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.



X/C SKI & SNOWSHOEING

Message From The X/C Skiing & Snowshoeing Chair

Don't hibernate! Have fun in the winter. It's surprising how warm and happy you can be on X/C skis and snowshoes. Our leaders have put together an array of trips to wintry places, even Minnesota, Wyoming and Canada. Check the website: www.ocsj.org for details, or call or e-mail the leaders listed for the trips you are interested in. Remember that a deposit holds your place on a trip.

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

If you haven't already reserved a spot on the trip of your choice, don't miss out.

Please call the leader ASAP to ask about openings. Look for these trips:

PROSPECT XC CENTER – BENNINGTON, VT LEARN TO SKI! See entry Jan-12-14.

(MLK weekend) KEENE VALLEY, NY See entry January 12-15.

COMMODORE INN, STOWE VT. See entry January 14-19.

BLACKWATER FALLS LODGE, DAVIS WV. See entry. January 23-26.

LAKE PLACID, NY – (Mt Van Hoevenberg). See entry January 26-28.

MORNINGSTAR CHALET, LONDONDERRY VT. See entry Jan. 26-February 2.

X/C SKI and DOGSLED in the LAURENTIANS, north of Montreal, Canada. See entry January 28-30.

MERCK FOREST CABIN NEAR MANCHESTER, VT. See entry February 2-4.

COLONIAL HOUSE INN, WESTON, VT. See entry February 2--5.

A FULL WEEK IN MINNESOTA. See entry February. 9-16.

LAKE PLACID AREA, NY. See entry February 9-12.

GARNET HILL LODGE, NORTH CREEK, NY. See entry February 12-16.

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK. See entry February. 18-25.

SALMON HILLS X/C and PA/NJ Dog Sled Race, Winona State Forest, NY. See entry February 23-25.

COLONIAL HOUSE INN, WESTON, VT – COLONIAL HOUSE INN, WESTON, VT. See entry March 2-5.

X/C SKI AT LAPLAND LAKES, NORTHVILLE, NY. Finntastic! See entry March 9-11.

SKIERS' RESPONSIBILITY CODE

This is a *partial list*, be safety conscious. There are elements of risk in skiing that common sense and personal awareness can help reduce.

1. Ski under control and in such a manner you can stop or avoid other skiers or objects.
2. When skiing downhill or overtaking another skier, you must avoid the skier below you.
3. You must not stop where you obstruct a trail or are not visible from above.
4. When entering a trail or starting downhill, yield to other skiers.
5. All skiers use devices to help prevent runaway skis.
6. You shall keep off closed trails and posted areas and observe all posted signs.
7. Don't ski past your limit. Stop! Skiing when you are overly tired can cause you to push too hard.

TRAIL MAINTENANCE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

ADOPT A SECTION OF TRAIL

The BATONA Trail needs your help! It's that time of the year! The Spring growth of shrubbery reaches a climax during this period, reaching out into the trails and impeding our passage. Trail blazes have faded or are obscured by branches. Your help is needed to put the trail back into shape for the increased traffic during the main hiking season.

We need **YOU** to adopt-a-section of trail any where it is convenient to you. The trail runs south and east through Burlington County from Ong's Hat in Byrne State Forest through Wharton State Forest to Bass River State Forest. You can pick a section of any length along the trail to maintain at your convenience. You can do it by yourself, or get friends to help out. You can ask for a section close to home or any where else along the 50 miles of trail. Right now, most of the 30 miles of trail from Ong to Batsto fire tower are available for assignment.

This is **YOUR** chance to give something back for the many hours of pleasure you have enjoyed hiking on or in other nearby trails throughout the state forests. To volunteer for this much needed activity along a section in Byrne or Wharton State Forest, contact Trail Maintenance Coordinator, **Milt Cannan, 856-983-9076**. To check the availability of adopting an open section between Batsto Fire Tower and Bass River, contact Trail Maintenance Supervisor, **Dennis Hull, 609-804-0025**.

Get involved with **YOUR** club. Don't just take all the time, do something good for trails, the woods, yourself. You'll feel great if you contribute. Call now to Adopt-a-section of trail!

Remember, **No volunteers, NO activities.** It's that simple.

CHECK THIS OUT

Don't want to volunteer to trim vegetation from our trails? How about this, then? We need a volunteer or volunteers to re-fresh and re-paint blazes along the BATONA Trail from the Batsto Fire Tower trailhead to trails end at Bass River. Just think, at your convenience, you can hike the trail, restore the blazes, and best of all, rejuvenate, your mind, body and soul!. Trails need to be marked. They keep hikers from going off trail and becoming lost. New hikers, especially, need the assurance of a well marked trail to explore. This will be your contribution to give something back. Call **Dennis**, at the above number, to volunteer. As we hike we will enjoy your work!

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

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- see hike walking definitions.
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
LP - Leashed Pet
7. Refer to the page listing Standard Meeting Places for directions to hikes.

THE SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF “LEAVE NO TRACE”

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



OUTDOOR CLUB of SOUTH JERSEY

HISTORIC CAPE MAY WEEKEND



Friday to Sunday — June 15, 16 and 17, 2007

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, (609/884-8409). Check in any time after 2:00 PM on Friday and check out 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 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 \$190
- Room for 2 with private bath \$230(hurry) only have a few
- Room for a single person with shared bath \$265

Please send the **entire amount** for the weekend with the form below no later than April 14, 2007. It is refundable up to four weeks 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 2007 trip enjoyable for all. If you have any questions, or need more information, please call Pat or Bruce Carey at (609) 877-5872 e-mail: [HYPERLINK "mailto:foxii25@comcast.net"](mailto:HYPERLINKmailto:foxii25@comcast.net)

25 Edgely Lane, Willingboro, NJ 08046



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 25 Edgely Lane, Willingboro, NJ 08046

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.

WINTER HIKING

PLAYING IT SAFE ON THE WINTER TRAIL

Before you grab your fleece and head for the door, there are a few things you should know about winter hiking.

Layered clothing and a waterproof shell are key. Be sure to cover as much of your body as possible to avoid dangers of frostbite and hypothermia.

A wool sweater or shirt, waterproof shell, a light parka or jacket are essential. Together, these can keep you warm well below freezing. You can remove one layer at a time to keep from overheating when you strut down the trail or up a hill. In low temperatures, add a primary layer of long underwear made of lightweight breathable material like polypropylene, polyester, lycra or silk.

Layering system holds true for head, hands and feet. A scarf, hat, and adding a hood combination up top will allow you to become your own thermostat, removing your hat when you start to heat up and adding a hood when you stop to rest. Mittens will allow your fingers to generate more heat. Silk glove liners are a viable option for fingered gloves. Don a pair of warm socks with polypropylene liners, a sturdy pair of waterproof hiking boots, and for added protection in snow, a pair of gaiters. Sun glasses, sunscreen, lip balm, are necessary indispensable items.



Winter Woods Song

Faye Phillips Niles

The wind blows loud tonight and bitter cold;
The trees are bending, sighing like the seas,
Their leaves are fallen now in mounds of gold,
And all the woods are waiting for the freeze,

The pond will don a cap against the wind s blow,
Black bass inhabit frozen paradise;
The woods will be a fairyland of snow
When echoes wrap the silver hills of ice.

In company with wind and snow I ll walk,
My heart will sing with swaying stem and stalk.



JANUARY



“Success is never final and failure never fatal.”

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 on spaces available.

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

OCSJ 18 TH ANNUAL CAPE MAY OUTING. See coming events and page 11.

OCSJ AWARDS DINNER. See coming events.

SOCIAL MOONLIGHT HIKE, CAMPFIRE & CAMPOUT. See entry January 6.

WISSAHICKON PARK HIKE. See entry January 14.

BALDPATE MOUNTAIN HIKE. See entry February 25.

BACKPACK/SNOWSHOE FRICK POND (WESTERN CATSKILLS). See entry March 3-4.

ROSEDALE PARK HIKE. See entry March 10.

BICYCLING ROAD COURSE. See coming events section and page 5.

RAILS TO TRAILS HIKE. See entry March 21.

WASHINGTON CROSSING/YARDLEY/TRENTON HIKE. See entry March 24.

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JANUARY 1
Monday
10:00a.m.

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

JANUARY 1
Monday
10:00 a.m.

NEW YEAR DAY HIKE. 7-9 miles, moderate pace. The best way to begin the New Year – hiking. We'll hit old and new trails and fire cuts to a nice lunch spot. Bring lunch, beverage. Meet in field, E. side of Rt. 206, Atsion, just beyond the Recreation area signs. Bad weather cancels. Leader: Joseph Trujillo, 856-468-4849.

JANUARY 3
Wednesday
9:15 a.m. &
10:00 a.m.

HISTORIC FAIRMOUNT PARK LOOP HIKE. 9-10 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). Meet before 9:15 a.m. at big flagpole 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 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. Accumulating snow or icy road conditions may cancel; call leader if in doubt. Leader: Jerry Goldstein, 609-859-8133, jerryhyker@yahoo.com.

JANUARY 5

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 S.F. 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 footwear, 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 S.F. Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com.

JANUARY 6

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 opposite office on Almond Rd (Rt 540), 6 miles W. of Vineland. LP, WF. Leader: Chuck C., 856-825-9126, kayaker650@aol.com.

JANUARY 6

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

BEAVER BRANCH BOUNCE HIKE. 10 miles, moderate pace. We explore small streams and trails in the area southeast of Harrisville pond. Bring lunch. Meet at Batona Trailhead near mile marker 8 on Rt 679 between Rt 563 and Harrisville Pond. Leaders: Dave & Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

JANUARY 6

Saturday
7:00 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 Rd, go 1.5 miles to Goshen Pond sign. Follow road to campsite. Inclement weather cancels. NC, NP. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve., pis@cccjn.net.

JANUARY 7

Sunday
8:00 a.m.



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

JANUARY 7

Sunday
9:00 a.m.

SOCIAL APPLE PIE HILL HIKE. 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 Rd. Inclement weather cancels. NC, NP. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve., pis@cccjn.net

JANUARY 7

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

CANOE/KAYAK THE WADING RIVER. We'll paddle 9+ miles from Hawkin's Bridge to Beaver Branch, option for Evans Bridge 6-mile takeout. Please contact leader to confirm trip and participation. Leader Frank P., hornet71@verizon.net 856-767-2780

JANUARY 8

Monday
10:00 a.m.

BATSTO WEST SIDE HIKE. 5 miles, easy/moderate pace. Meet at Batsto parking lot. Bad weather cancels. Leaders: Norm Lucas, 609-654-5893. Bill Schmitt, 856-767-1838.

JANUARY 10

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

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

JANUARY 10

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

CARRANZA MEMORIAL TO LOWER FORGE HIKE. 11 miles, moderate/brisk pace. Hike from Carranza Memorial to Lower Forge and back on the Batona Trail. Severe weather cancels hike. Meet at Carranza. FS, LP. Leaders: Heinz Knaupp, 609-801-1168. Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609.

JANUARY 10

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

PALMYRA NATURE CENTER HIKE. 6-7 miles, brisk pace. Take Rt 73 North to the last light before the Tacony Palmyra Bridge and turn right. Follow the signs to the Nature Center. Meet in the parking lot at the Center. NP, FS, NC. Leaders: Barb & Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRay@aol.com. Paul Foged, 732-988-5273.

JANUARY 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.

JANUARY 12

Friday
7:00 p.m.

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

JANUARY 12-14

Fri-Sun.



PROSPECT XC CENTER – BENNINGTON, VT LEARN TO SKI! Prospect is highest point in Vermont and snow is guaranteed! Great flats and challenging hills. Lodge is full service with a restaurant, cozy lounge, rentals, Snow shoeing, waxing room and 40 km trails. Tour Bennington, VT shops, museums! 5 hour drive. Price \$169/person includes: Two nights lodging (Fri, Sat) at nearby AAA motel (double occupancy), 2 breakfasts, 1 dinner, trail fees 2 days. Free ski lessons for beginners both days! Or Refresh your skills as an intermediate. Can be combined with Stowe trip below. Deposit: \$80.00 Full payment by 11/30. Dan and Charie McAuliffe, 215-630-7478 DNMLogistics@MSN.Com

JANUARY 12-15
Fri.-Mon.

(MLK weekend) KEENE VALLEY, NY – Stay at Trail's End B&B in Lake Placid area. Great for all levels of skiers and snowshoers. Popular trip. \$228 includes 3 nights, 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, taxes and gratuities. Can be linked to the Stowe, VT trip listed below. Call for details. Charlie Phy 609 567-0221 chalphy@comcast.net

JANUARY 13
Sunday



PADDLE THE GREAT EGG HARBOR RIVER. We paddle this beautiful river in great company from Penny Pot to the historic site of Weymouth Furnace. Meet at the Harley Dawn Diner Rt. 322 and 8th St. for details call John K., 412-2617 or e-mail mrjnk347@msn.com

JANUARY 13
Saturday
10:00 a.m.

STONY BROOK – MILLSTONE WATERSHED NATURE PRESERVE HIKE. 7 miles, brisk pace. See Wargo Pond, Stony Brook and visit the Nature Center after this loop hike. Hiking boots may be needed. May be water on some trails. Bring lunch for eating on the trail. Take Rt 95 to exit 4 (Rt 31). Take Rt 31 North to a fork (known as the Pennington Circle). Go to your left at the fork and stay on Rt. 31 for approx. 2.5 miles. Titus Mill Rd will be on you right. Look for the sign "Watershed Reserve". Turn right onto Titus Mill Road and go approx. 1.4 miles to the Watershed entrance on the left. The parking lot is at the end of the driveway across from the Nature Center. **NP, FS, NC.** Leaders: Barb & Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRay@aol.com. Paul Foged, 732-988-5273.

JANUARY 14
Sunday
10:00 a.m.



WISSAHICKON PARK HIKE. 8-10 miles, moderate/brisk pace. Leader's Choice (we will likely hike the Orange Trail from Walnut to Bells Mill Road. Lunch at the picnic area overlooking the creek and return on the Yellow Trail). Bring lunch, sturdy shoes and a walking stick. Meet at Henry Ave & Walnut Lane parking area. Call or e-mail to confirm participation. Call for more info. Leader: Joel Penn, 856-354-6293H, 856-627-2100W, 609-313-2376C, jpenncpa@comcast.net.

JANUARY 15
Monday
10:00 a.m.

CANOE/KAYAK THE GREAT EGG HARBOR RIVER. It's a long holiday weekend, so enjoy a winter paddle from Penny Pot to Weymouth Furnace. Meet at the Harley Dawn Diner; arrive early for breakfast. Please contact leader to confirm trip. Leader: Dawn P-D (856) 453-1007 or daybreakdelights@verizon.net

JANUARY 15
Monday
10:00 a.m.

COOPER RIVER HIKE. 5 miles, easy/moderate pace. Hike the "big loop" between Rt. 130 and Cuthbert Roads, plus a short loop across Cuthbert to the "dog-walk park" to make our 5 miles. Meet in the parking lot of the Lobster Trap restaurant on North Park Drive in Pennsauken. Take Rt. 70 to Cuthbert Blvd. Go South on Cuthbert to the first traffic light (North Park Drive). Turn right and go approx 1/2 mile to restaurant parking lot (on left). **LP, NC.** Bad weather cancels. Leader: Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609.

JANUARY 14 -19
Sun.-Fri.

COMMODORE INN, STOWE VT. Luxury accommodations and great skiing at Trapp Family Lodge, Stowe Mt. Resort, Edson Hill, etc. For skier of all abilities. Also backcountry options. \$346 for 5 nights, 5 dinners and breakfasts, taxes and tips. Option for 4 nights (\$280) for those coming from Trail's End trip above. Eileen Greve, 609-267-3598 egreve2@verizon.net

JANUARY 17

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

PENN SWAMP HIKE. 12 miles, brisk pace. Hike up the Batona Trail and over to the swamp for lunch. Bring lunch and rain gear. Meet at Batsto. Leaders: Pat Burton, 856-767-8064, camperpat@hotmail.com. Christine Denneker, 856-461-5379.

JANUARY 19

Friday
7:00 p.m.



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

JANUARY 20

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

BEAR SWAMP HILL HIKE. 10 miles, moderate pace. Hike to Bear Swamp Hill to find yet a third piece of the downed F-105 Thunderchief super sonic jet that struck a fire tower in 1971. Bring lunch. Leaders: Dave & Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

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

JANUARY 21

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

BATONA TRAIL HIKE. 8-9 miles, moderate pace. Ong to Four Mile. Down the trail to forest hq. Return via sand roads. Join us for breakfast before the hike at the restaurant opposite the trail head. Bring lunch, beverage. Meet at Batona Trail trailhead, Pemberton-Magnolia Road (CR644), 1 1/2 miles N of jct. Rts. 70/72. Bad weather cancels. Leader: Joseph Trujillo, 856-468-4849.

JANUARY 21

Sunday
10:00 a.m.



PENNYPACK PARK HIKE. 7-8 miles, brisk pace. A N.E. Phila loop hike. Bring lunch to eat on the trail or when we finish, depending on the weather. Meet at the parking lot off Rhawn St. by the small stone building at (??). This meeting place is only about 5 minutes from the Tacony Palmyra bridge. Cross bridge and take the second right at the base, which is State Rd (Rt 73). From this point it is 1.7 miles to Rhawn St. Stay to the left (New State Road) when you come to fork in the road. Continue on New State Road until you see Rhawn St on your left. Turn onto Rhawn and go about 1.6 miles to entrance of park on your left. Leaders: Barb and Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRay@aol.com. Paul Foged, 732-988-5273.

JANUARY 22

Monday
10:00 a.m.

ATSION VILLAGE HIKE. 5 miles, easy/moderate pace. Meet at Atsion Ranger station. Bad weather cancels. Leaders: Bill Schmitt, 856-767-1838. Norm Lucas, 609-654-5893.

JAN. 23-26

Tues.-Fri.

BLACKWATER FALLS LODGE, DAVIS WV, (3) nights at state park lodge with motel style rooms with private bath, pool and hot tub. X/C centers at Blackwater Falls State Park and at White Grass Touring Center, snowshoe at Monangehela. National Forest. \$185 includes 3 breakfasts and 3 dinners. Deposit of \$50 by July 15, or call. John and Ann Palaitis, 856-810-2487 PALAITIS@Comcast.net

JANUARY 24

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

COOPER RIVER AND ADJOINING PARKS HIKE. 5 or 10 miles, brisk pace. A Cherry Hill, NJ figure eight hike. Bring lunch to eat on the trail. Meet at the National Guard Armory parking lot at Park Ave. and Grove St. in Cherry Hill. This meeting place is

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JANUARY 26

Friday
10:00 a.m.

CANOE/KAYAK THE WADING RIVER. We'll paddle 9+ miles from Hawkin's Bridge to Beaver Branch, option for Evans Bridge 6-mile takeout. Please contact leaders to confirm trip and participation. Leaders: George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com

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JANUARY 26 -28

Fri.-Sun.

LAKE PLACID, NY – (Mt Van Hoevenberg) I have to get recertified with PSIA, so we are going to sponsor a ski on your own, stay at AAA rated motel in Saranac Lake, NY. Price to be determined – will include dinner and trail fees. Dan and Charie McAuliffe 215 630-7478.
Email: [HYPERLINK "mailto:DNMLogistics@msn.com"](mailto:DNMLogistics@msn.com)
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JAN. 26-FEB. 2

Fri-Fri.

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

JANUARY 27

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

BYRNE STATE FOREST/PAKIM POND HIKE. 9 miles, moderate pace. A pretty hike with varied terrain: Pakim (Native American for cranberry) Pond (a cedar swamp), reservoirs and cranberry bogs. Hiking is mostly on sand roads and the Batona trail, with perhaps a surprise or two. Probably dry, normal stops. No planned bushwacking. **NC, NP.** Meet at Byrne office. Leader: George Galcik, 856-783-8329, georgegalcik@comcast.net.

JANUARY 27

Saturday
10:00 a.m.



MERCER COUNTY CENTRAL PARK HIKE. 9 miles, brisk pace. An Edinberg, NJ figure eight hike around Lake Mercer. Bring lunch to eat on the trail. Take the N.J. Trnpke to Rt 195 (exit 7A). Take Rt 195 West about two miles to Rt 130 (exit 5). Follow Rt 130 North about 1 mile past a large shopping center to intersection with Rts. 33/526 in Robbinsville. Turn left at intersection (traffic light) then right at next light (Rt 526 Robbinsville-Edinberg Rd). From this point 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 one mile. Marina driveway is on right, across from Park Ranger headquarters. **NP, NC, FS.** Leaders: Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRay@aol.com. Anne Hower annehower@hotmail.com.

JANUARY 28

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

SOCIAL WISSAHICKON GORGE HIKE. 8 miles, moderate pace. Over hills. Hike the Gorge in winter with its spectacular views. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after hike. Meet in rear parking lot of 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 weather. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve., pis@cccjn.net

JANUARY 28

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

ATSION HISTORIC TOUR AND WEST SIDE OF THE MULLICA HIKE. 7 miles, moderate pace. Explore the historic buildings of the Atsion area (old Atsion store, mansion, red school house, grist mill, old log home, cotton mill, 4-foot slag ball, RR era homes, etc.). Then continue down the less traveled west side of the Mullica River to the other side of Beaver Pond and the mysterious 'bridge to nowhere'. Bring full lunch. Meet on the grass field at Atsion. NC, NP. Bad weather cancels. Leader: Tom Neigel, 856-495-9618, tomncenter-outdoors@yahoo.com.

JANUARY 28

Sunday
10:15 a.m.

New!

A new hike: ESTELL MANOR HIKE. 10 miles, easy/moderate pace. A new hike for OCSJ. We'll explore this 1700 acre park bordered on the east by the South and Great Egg Harbor Rivers and on the west by Rt. 50. This Atlantic County Park has an extensive trail network with a couple miles of boardwalk through the real swampy areas. The Nature Center has a lot of information on the area. Meet at the Nature Center off Rt. 50 south of May's Landing (watch for the Estell Manor Park sign). Leader: Milt Cannan, 856-983-9076.

JANUARY 28 -30

Sun-Mon.



X/C SKI AND DOGSLED IN THE LAURENTIANS, NORTH OF MONTREAL, CANADA. 2 nights (Sun and Mon) at Hotel L'Esterel (2 1/2 hrs drive from Lake Placid, above). 60km ski trails on site, rentals, indoor pool, gym, spa, sauna. 100 sled dogs on site for thrilling 2 hour ride on your own sled (guided). Price to be determined – will include lodging 2 nights, all meals, tax and tips. Domestic deer herd freely roams the grounds. Dan and Charie McAuliffe, 215 630-7478. DNMLogistics@msn.com

JANUARY 29

Monday
10:00 a.m.

CANOE/KAYAK the MAURICE RIVER. We'll paddle from Route 40 to Willow Grove Lake or from Willow Grove Lake to Almond Road. Please contact leader for meeting place and to confirm trip. Leader: Dawn P-D (856) 453-1007 or daybreakdelights@verizon.net

JANUARY 31

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.



SHANE BRANCH HIKE. 6-7 miles, brisk pace. Nice hike with lunch at pond. Bring lunch and rain gear. Meet at Friendship. Leaders: Christine Denneler, 856-461-5379, Pat Burton, 856-767-8064, camperpat@hotmail.com.





FEBRUARY

“The greatest of faults is to be conscious of none.”



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 on spaces available.

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

OCSJ 18 TH ANNUAL CAPE MAY OUTING. See coming events and page 11.

OCSJ AWARDS DINNER. See coming events.

BALDPATE MTN. HIKE. See entry February, 25.

BACKPACK/SNOWSHOE FRICK POND (WESTERN CATSKILLS). See entry March 3-4.

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FEBRUARY 2
Friday
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 Park headquarters. Please contact leaders to confirm trip and participation. Leaders: George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com

FEBRUARY 2
Friday
7:00 p.m.



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FEBRUARY 2 -4
Fri.-Sun.

MERCK FOREST CABIN NEAR MANCHESTER, VT. For the adventurous. Stay in Rustic cabin with woodstove, no electric or running water. Ski/snowshoe in forest preserve. Approx \$40 incl meals. Call for details. Leaders: Dennis and Fran McKane 856 547-1617. Dennisfran@att.net

FEBRUARY 2-5
Fri.-Mon.

COLONIAL HOUSE INN, WESTON, VT – COLONIAL HOUSE INN, WESTON, VT Delightful B&B and good area for skiing. 3 nights, 3 breakfasts, 2 dinners. Approx \$200 – 250 depending on lodging. Deposit \$100 by 11/15. Leader: Fran Horn 856-786-0048 franhorn@gmail.com

FEBRUARY 3

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

BASS RIVER HIKE. 7-8 miles, moderate pace. Great hiking in this area as we follow a combination of trails around Lake Absegami. Bring lunch, beverage. Meet at the trail head kiosk, Lake Absegami parking. Entrance is on Stage Road, 3.4 miles E of Rt. 679 (from the W & NW); or 6 miles W of Tuckerton (from the E & N); or 3 miles N of New Gretna (from the S). From all points, follow signs to Bass River S.F. **Bad weather cancels.** Leader: Joseph Trujillo, 856-468-4849.

FEBRUARY 3

Saturday
7:00 p.m.



SOCIAL MOONLIGHT HIKE, CAMPFIRE AND 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 S.F. group camp site. Entrance to forest is on Rt. 72, 1/2 mile from jct. Rts 70 & 72. **Inclement weather cancels. NC, NP.** Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve., pis@cccjn.net.

FEBRUARY 3

Saturday
7:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY FROSTY MOON. 7-8 miles, moderate pace. Savor a full moon breaking through the pines and reflecting off white sand. Meet at Atsion. Leaders: Dave & Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

FEBRUARY 4

Sunday



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Sunday
8:00 a.m.

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FEBRUARY 4

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 E to Rt. 530 N (Browns Mills/Ft Dix); go 1 mile, turn right onto Whitesbog Rd and go to parking lot. **Inclement weather cancels. NC, NP.** Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve., pis@cccjn.net.

FEBRUARY 5

Monday
10:00 a.m.

PAKIM POND WHITE TRAIL HIKE. 5 miles, easy/moderate pace. Meet at Pakim Pond. Bad weather cancels. Leaders: Norm Lucas, 609-654-5893. Bill Schmitt, 856-767-1838.

FEBRUARY 7

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

WELLS MILLS PARK & NATURE CENTER HIKE. 6 or 10 miles, moderate/brisk pace. This is a more difficult hike, due to some very hilly terrain. It also includes walks along picturesque lake and cedar swamps. Option to do short hike and sign out

after lunch stop, or continue to do the rest of the hike. Lunch stop is near starting point. **Severe weather cancels. FS, LP.** Leaders: Heinz Knaupp, 609-801-1168. Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609.

FEBRUARY 7

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

PALYMRA NATURE CENTER HIKE. 6-7 miles, brisk pace. Take Rt 73 North to the last light before the Tacony Palmyra Bridge and turn right. Follow the signs to the Nature Center. Meet in the parking lot at the Center. NP, FS, NC. Leaders: Barb&Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRay@aol.com. Paul Foged, 732-988-5273.

FEBRUARY 8

Thursday
7:30 p.m.



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

FEBRUARY 9 -12

Fri.-Mon.

LAKE PLACID AREA, NY. Great skiing. Stay in the bunkhouse at Cascade X/C center, \$25pp per night includes breakfast. Leader: Eileen Greve 609 267-3598 egreve2@verizon.net

FEBRUARY 9

Friday
7:00 p.m.

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

FEBRUARY 9-16

Fri.-Fri.



A FULL WEEK IN MINNESOTA. (real snow country with a Finnish accent). **MAPLELAG X/C SKI RESORT**, 60 km groomed classic and skate. Various lodges depending on group. Rate \$675.00 pp includes 3 meals per day, all taxes, tips, use of saunas, hot tub, steam room and trail fees. Ski lessons, waxing and massages available for an additional fee. Coffee, tea, hot chocolate, homemade cookies and fruit are available 24 hrs. a day in the lodge. mcguirek@comcast.net **Openings may still be available. Check with leader ASAP.** Deposit \$200.00 pp - Maplelag cancellation policy - deposit refunded only if your space is filled, less a \$20.00 service charge. Fly into Fargo, ND, then 1 hr drive. Kathleen McGuire, 609-267-6592

FEBRUARY 10

Saturday
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 & chocolate candy to sweeten the trip. Contact leaders to confirm trip and participation. Leaders: George and Leona F., 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com

FEBRUARY 10

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

PRINCETON, NJ HIKE. 10 miles, brisk pace. A loop hike that includes Princeton Battlefield State Park, the Institute Woods, and the D&R Canal. Two drop out points for those that wish to do less miles. The park is located on Mercer Road (Princeton Pike) 3.8 miles north from exit 8B of Rt. 95. Bring lunch to eat on the trail. Meet in the parking lot of the Battlefield. **NP, FS, NC.** Leaders: Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRay@aol.com. Anne Hower, annehower@hotmail.com.

FEBRUARY 11

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

TULPENHOCKEN CREEK HIKE. 9-11 miles, moderate pace. Annual winter time visit to this tributary of the Wading river, particularly scenic if there is snow on the ground. Bring lunch, beverage. Meet at Evans Bridge, Rt. 563, between Chatsworth and Green Bank. **Snow or icy road conditions cancel.** Leader: Joseph Trujillo, 856-468-4849.

FEBRUARY 11

Sunday
10:00 a.m.



BATSTO – PIRATES OF THE FORKS HIKE. 6.5 miles, moderate pace. Hike through Batsto Village and south of Rt 542 to the end of “The Forks”, where the Mullica and Batsto Rivers converge to create The Forks area. Arrr, mates, search for gold, pirates, ship wrecks, treasure, Batsto Landing, Rabbit Island, and the historic Van Sant Ship Yards, as you walk through history. A Treasure map will be provided. Bring full lunch. Meet at Batsto Village parking area (Rt 542). **NC, NP. Bad weather cancels.** Leader: Tom Neigel, 856-495-9618, tomncenter-outdoors@yahoo.com.

FEBRUARY 12

Monday
10:00 a.m.

BRENDAN T. BYRNE STATE FOREST. 5 to 6 miles. Easy to moderate pace. Bring water & snack. Meet at Byrne Office for start of hike at 10:00 AM SHARP. Hike some of the trails in this area that are normally not taken on the Monday hikes. Maybe some light bushwhacking. Leader: Milt Cannan, 856-983-9076.

FEBRUARY 12

Monday
10:00 a.m.

SOCIAL CANOE/KAYAK THE MAURICE RIVER. We'll paddle from Route 40 to Willow Grove Lake or from Willow Grove Lake to Almond Rd. Enjoy an early Valentine's Day paddle and bring something dessert to share at the park on Almond Rd after the trip. Please contact leader for meeting place and to confirm trip. Leader: Dawn P-D (856) 453-1007 or daybreakdelights@verizon.net

FEBRUARY 12 -16

Mon.-Fri.

GARNET HILL SKI LODGE, NORTH CREEK, NY – Enjoy Adirondack ambience and ski one of the best in the East. Also good backcountry at Siamese Ponds Wilderness, etc \$415 pp incl 4 nights at lodge, 4 breakfasts, dinners, trail fees, all taxes & tips. Can link with Lake Placid, see above. Eileen Greve'. 609 267-3598 egreve2@verizon.net

FEBRUARY 14

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

BATSTO TO QUAKER BRIDGE HIKE. 12.5 miles, brisk pace. Hike up the Batona Trail and back along the river. Bring lunch and rain gear. Meet at Batsto. Leaders: Pat Burton, 856-767-8064, camperpat@hotmail.com. Christine Denneker, 856-461-5379.

FEBRUARY 16

Friday
7:00 p.m.

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

FEBRUARY 17

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

MT. MISERY HIKE. 9-10 miles, moderate/brisk pace. Hike from Pakim Pond to Mt. Misery on the White Trail through the woods; return through the bogs. Lunch on the trail. Meet at Pakim Pond parking lot. LP, NC. Bad weather cancels. Leader: Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609.

FEBRUARY 18

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 Road, Moorestown. Leader: Fran H., 856-786-0048, franhorn@aol.com.

FEBRUARY 18

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. NC, NP.** Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve., pis@cccjn.net.

FEBRUARY 18

Sunday
10:00 a.m.



CANOE/KAYAK THE GREAT EGG HARBOR RIVER. We'll celebrate Mardi Gras with our own "river parade" from Penny Pot to Weymouth Furnace. Mardi Gras beads and masks are optional!! Meet at the Harley Dawn Diner, Rt. 322; arrive early for breakfast. Please contact leaders to confirm trip. Co-Leaders: Leona F., 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com and Patti L., 609-748-8219 or cajunpl@hotmail.com

FEBRUARY 18

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

WHITESBOG HIKE. 8-10 miles, easy/moderate pace. Hike around this old village, woods and adjacent cranberry bogs. We'll explore some areas not often visited by OCSJ. Maybe we'll catch a glimpse of the Tundra Swans. Possible wet areas, water crossings and light bushwhacking. Bring binoculars and/or camera with telephoto lens if so inclined. Meet at Whitesbog Village. WF. Leader: Milt Cannan, 856-983-9076.

FEBRUARY 18

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

PENNYPACK AND LORIMER PARKS HIKE. 5 or 10 miles, brisk pace. A figure eight hike through the parks. Bring lunch; we will eat at the half way point. Meet at the Pennypack Park parking lot off Pine Road. This meeting place is about 20 minutes from the Tacony/Palmyra bridge. Come over the bridge and take the second right at the base onto State Road (Rt 73). (From there it is 1.7 miles to Rhawn Street). Stay to the left when you come to the fork in the road. Turn left onto Rhawn St. and drive approx 4 miles to where the street dead ends into Huntington Pike. Pine Rd is the first street on the right. There is a Dunkin Doughnuts on the corner. Turn right onto Pine Rd and go slightly over 1 mile to the entrance of the parking lot on the right, just before you cross Pennypack Creek. **NP, FS, NC.** Leaders: Barb & Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012. BarbnRay@aol.com.

FEBRUARY 18-25

Sun.-Sun.

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK. X/C skiing and snowshoeing amidst spectacular scenery and wildlife. Stay in the lodges at Mammoth Springs and at Old Faithful. Approximately \$650 pp for lodging (dbl occ), includes shuttles within the park, breakfast and box lunch for one week, use of hot tub and ice skating. Fly into Bozeman, MT (at own expense). Transport to Park extra. **Check for openings** - call John and Ann Palaitis, 856 810-2487 palaitis@aol.com

FEBRUARY 19

Monday
10:00 a.m.

BEAR SWAMP HILL HIKE. 5 miles, easy/moderate pace. Meet at Lake Oswego. **Bad weather cancels.** Leaders: Bill Schmitt, 856-767-1838. Norm Lucas, 609-654-5893.

FEBRUARY 21

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

THREE PARK HIKE. 7 miles, brisk pace. A Pennsauken, NJ loop hike that includes Cooper River Park, Newton Lake Park, and Knight's Park. There is an option to join us for lunch at a nearby restaurant after the hike. Meet in the parking lot of the Lobster Trap restaurant on North Park Drive in Pennsauken. Take Rt. 130 to Cuthbert Blvd. Go south on Cuthbert to the first light, which is North Park Drive. Turn right and go to the restaurant parking lot, about half a mile on the left. NP, FS, NC. Leaders: Barb&Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRay@aol.com.

FEBRUARY 21

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. From Atsion, go South on Rt 206 for two miles. Turn left onto wide dirt road at break in steel guard rail. Then go 2 miles on dirt road to (Boot Hill) white deer club trailer for parking. **WF.** Leaders: Dave & Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

FEBRUARY 23

Friday
7:00 p.m.



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

FEBRUARY 23-25

Fri.-Sun.

SALMON HILLS X/C and PA/NJ Dog Sled Race, Winona State Forest, NY \$130/person (est.) 2 nights lodging at AAA rate motel, Pulaski, NY. 2 breakfasts and 1 dinner. XC ski passes at Salmon Hills for Saturday. Guided XC ski trip with on-trail lessons. Dog sled race and passes on Sunday. The race includes ski joring, weight pull and races similar to the Iditirod in Alaska. Deposit: \$50.00 by Dec 1st. Balance by Jan 15th. Dan & Charie McAuliffe 215-630-7478 DNMLogistics@MSN.Com

FEBRUARY 24

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

HARRISVILLE LOOP HIKE. 10+ miles, moderate pace. We will begin and end at Harrisville Pond. In between we will explore firecuts and woodland trails and see what we can see. Probably dry, normal stops, no planned bushwhacking. Meet at Harrisville. NC, NP. Leader: George Galcik, 856-783-8329, georgegalcik@comcast.net.

FEBRUARY 24

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 opposite office on Almond Rd (Rt 540), 6 miles W. of Vineland. **LP, WF.** Leader: Chuck C., 856-825-9126, kayaker650@aol.com.

FEBRUARY 25

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

BALDPATE MTN. HIKE. 6-8 miles, moderate pace. A scouting hike of a new area. Must contact leader to register and fo meeting place and time. E-mail preferred. *LIMITED TO SIX HIKERS.* Leaders: Barb&Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRay@aol.com.

FEBRUARY 25

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

GREAT SWAMP HIKE. 8-10 miles, moderate pace. From the Nescochoque Creek into the great swamp. If we're lucky we

may find the monster or what's left. Bring lunch. Meet at jct of Routes 206 and 536, 4 miles North of Hammonton. WF. Leaders: Dave & Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

FEBRUARY 25

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

CANOE/KAYAK THE GREAT EGG HARBOR RIVER. Enjoy a winter paddle from Penny Pot to Weymouth Furnace. Meet at the Harley Dawn Diner; arrive early for breakfast. Please contact leader to confirm trip. Leader: Dawn P-D (856) 453-1007 or daybreakdelights@verizon.net

FEBRUARY 26

Monday
10:00 a.m.

SKIT BRANCH SERPENTINE. 5 to 6 miles. Easy to moderate pace. Bring water & snack. Meet at Skit for start of hike at 10:00 AM SHARP. Up, back and around on sand roads, trails and fire cuts. Maybe some light bushwhacking. Leader: Milt Cannan, 856-983-9076

FEBRUARY 27

Tuesday
10:00 a.m.

CANOE/KAYAK THE WADING RIVER. We'll paddle 9+ miles from Hawkin's Bridge to Beaver Branch, option for Evans Bridge 6-mile takeout. Please contact leaders to confirm trip and participation. Leaders: George & Leona F, 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com

FEBRUARY 28

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

ATSION BOGS HIKE. 8-10 miles, brisk pace. Hike around 2 bogs. Could be a cold hike if it's windy. Bring lunch and rain gear. Meet at Atsion. Leaders: Pat Burton, 856-767-8064, camperpat@hotmail.com. Christine Deneeler, 856-461-5379.

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Trail Etiquette

- ◆ Be courteous to all other trail users.
- ◆ Respect private property. Do not venture onto private land without the owner's permission.
- ◆ Never spook animals. This could be dangerous for you, other trail users, and the animal.
- ◆ Leash your dog when on the trail. A loose dog could spook horses or encounter other animals not under your control.
- ◆ Leave no trace. Tread lightly to minimize damage to vegetation or erosion to slopes. Do not litter the trails, waterways, or surrounding areas.
- ◆ The Batona Trail is for hiking only. On multiple use trails, please observe the code of yielding:

(Information, courtesy of Division of Parks and Forestry, NJDEP)





MARCH



"If you can imagine it, you can achieve it."

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 on spaces available.

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

OCSJ 18 TH ANNUAL CAPE MAY OUTING. See coming events and page 11.

OCSJ AWARDS DINNER. See coming events.

BACKPACK/SNOWSHOE FRICK POND (WESTERN CATSKILLS). See entry March 3-4.

ROSEDALE PARK HIKE. See entry March 10.

BICYCLING ROAD COURSE. See coming events section and page 5.

RAILS TO TRAILS HIKE. See entry March 21.

WASHINGTON CROSSING/YARDLEY/TRENTON HIKE. See entry March 24.

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

****NOTE CHECK EACH LISTED ACTIVITY FOR DETAILS –**

Some trips require confirmation. **

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

RECURRING RIDE

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@gmail.com

MARCH 2
Friday
7:00 p.m.



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

MARCH 2- 5
Fri-Mon.

COLONIAL HOUSE INN, WESTON, VT – COLONIAL HOUSE INN, WESTON, VT. Delightful B&B and good area for skiing. 3 nights, 3 breakfasts, 2 dinners. Approx \$200 – 250 depending on lodging. Deposit \$100 by 11/15. Leader: Fran Horn, 856 786-0048 franhorn@gmail.com

MARCH 3-4
Sat. to Sun.

BACKPACK/SNOWSHOE FRICK POND (WESTERN CATSKILLS) 6 to10 Miles, depending on conditions. We will snowshoe to Frick Pond, set up camp and explore the 14 mile network of relatively new trails sans packs. Early March usually has good snow, and days are starting to lengthen. Excellent trip for experienced 3- season backpackers who would like to try winter backpacking. Intermediate. Co-leaders: Bruce S. 609-448-4361 mailto:bsteidel@aol.com, and Dennis M. 856-547-1617.

MARCH 3
Saturday
7:30 p.m.

TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE MOON HIKE. 7-8 miles, moderate pace. Hope for a clear night, so we all can enjoy and see the total eclipse. Meet at Atsion. Leaders: Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

MARCH 3
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. NC, NP. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve., pis@cccjn.net.

MARCH 3
Saturday

SUNSET LAKE FULL MOON SOCIAL PADDLE. Enjoy a winter paddle on Sunset Lake while watching the sunset and the full moon rise. Bring something dessert to share on the beach after the trip. Please contact leader for time, meeting place and to confirm trip. Leader: Dawn P-D (856) 453-1007 or daybreakdelights@verizon.net

MARCH 4
Sunday



PADDLE THE GREAT EGG HARBOR RIVER. We paddle this beautiful river in great company from Penny Pot to the historic site of Weymouth Furnace. Meet at the Harley Dawn Diner Rt. 322 and 8th St. for details call John K 412-2617 or e-mail mrjnk347@msn.com

MARCH 4
Sunday
8:00 a.m.

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

MARCH 4
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. Limited seating; call early to reserve place. Meet at Atsion Office on Rt 206 between Hammonton and Red Lion Circle, Burl. Co. Inclement weather cancels. NC, NP. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve., pis@cccjn.net.

MARCH 5
Monday
10:00 a.m.

HARRISVILLE POND HIKE. 5 miles, easy/moderate pace. Meet at Harrisville. Bad weather cancels. Leaders: Norm Lucas, 609-654-5893. Bill Schmitt, 856-767-1838.

MARCH 7
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.



PALYMRA NATURE CENTER HIKE. 6-7 miles, brisk pace. Take Rt 73 North to the last light before the Tacony Palmyra Bridge and turn right. Follow the signs to the Nature Center. Meet in the parking lot at the Center. **NP, FS, NC.** Leaders: Barb&Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRay@aol.com. Paul Foged, 732-988-5273.

MARCH 8
Thursday
7:30 p.m.



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

MARCH 9
Friday
7:00 p.m.

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MARCH 9 -11
Fri.-Sun.



X/C SKI AT LAPLAND LAKES, NORTHVILLE, NY. Finntastic! Celebrate St Urho's Day (Finnish Patron Saint). Enjoy Finnish splendor in the Adirondacks. 50 km trails, onsite restaurant. Waxing room, rentals and reindeer. Snow shoeing, kicksledging. A top resort!! Price of \$175 pp includes 2 nights lodging at AAA motel in Amsterdam, NY, 2 breakfasts at local diner, Belly-buster dinner at the Raindancer, Apres Ski at Lanzi's on the Lake, trail fee for 2 days, free lessons, tip, tax. 5 1/2 hour drive. Deposit \$60. Full payment by January 30th. Dan and Charie McAuliffe, 215 630-7478, DNMLogistics@msn.com.

MARCH 10
Saturday
9:00 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. Contact leaders to confirm trip and meeting location. Leaders: George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com

MARCH 10
Saturday
10:00 a.m.

ROSEDALE PARK HIKE. 5 or 12 miles, moderate pace. A Pennington, NJ figure eight loop hike that includes Rosedale Park, the Mercer County Equestrian Center, and the Pole Farm. This 1300 acre area includes three streams, a lake, two ponds and lots of wildlife. This can be a challenging hike depending on the conditions of the terrain. There will be some off-trail walking, so hiking boots are recommended. Bring lunch to eat at the half way point. Meet at the main parking lot by the lake near the children's playground. Use Mapquest – 420 Federal City Road, Pennington, NJ or the following directions: Take Rt 95 to Rt 31 N (exit 4) and proceed 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 and go straight ahead for 1.8 miles. (This road is Rt 546 for a block, then turns into Blackwell Rd). The road dead ends into Federal City Road. Turn left and go 3/10 of a mile to the park entrance on the right (sharp curve). There is a large sign at the entrance to the park. *REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS HIKE.* E-mail preferred. **NP, NC, FS.** Leaders: Barb&Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRay@aol.com.

MARCH 10
Saturday
10:00 a.m.



TOM'S SECRET TRAIL AND 5+ BRIDGES HIKE. 7 miles, moderate pace. Can you count the bridge crossings? At least 5+ bridges, secret Tom's trail, beaver lodges, river crossings (bridges), scenic beaches, and lake views. Bring full lunch. Meet at Batsto Village parking area (Rt 542). **NC, NP.** Bad weather cancels. Leader: Tom Neigel, 856-495-9618, tomncenter-outdoors@yahoo.com

MARCH 11

Sunday
9:30 a.m.

Batona trail

BATONA TRAIL MAINTENANCE. In conjunction with the Batona Hiking Club. An easy work trip to help keep the section of the Batona Trail from Ong's Hat to Batsto in top shape. Bring lunch and clipping tools (if you have them, or use ours). Depending on the number of people that show up, we'll separate into groups of four, each assigned to approximately 6-8 mile sections of the trail. Since opening in 1961 as a 30-mile trail, it has become a well-used part of New Jersey's trail system. With the help of volunteers like you, the trail has grown to 50 miles. Meet at Red Lion Diner parking lot (west side) at the circle – intersection of Rts. 70 and 206. Leader: Milt Cannan, 856-983-9076.

MARCH 11

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME HIKE. 8-9 miles, moderate pace. Set your clocks to be on time as we celebrate more daylight in which to hike! Up the BATONA Trail to Penn Swamp Branch and return via trails along Batsto Lake. Bring lunch, beverage. Meet at Batsto village parking, off Rt. 542, between Hammonton and Green Bank. Icy road conditions cancels. Leader: Joseph Trujillo, 856-468-4849.

MARCH 12

Monday
10:00 a.m.

ATSION LOOP. 5 to 6 miles. Easy to moderate pace. Bring water and snack. Meet at Atsion for start of hike at 10:00 AM SHARP. This will be a loop hike incorporating the scenic Yellow Trail along the Mullica River. Leader: Milt Cannan, 856-983-9076

MARCH 12

Monday
10:00 a.m.

CANOE/KAYAK THE MAURICE RIVER. We'll paddle from Route 40 to Willow Grove Lake or from Willow Grove Lake to Almond Road. Come celebrate the start of Daylight Savings Time and bring something dessert to share at the park on Almond Rd after the trip. Please contact leader for meeting place and to confirm trip. Leader: Dawn P-D (856) 453-1007 or daybreakdelights@verizon.net

MARCH 14

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

EVANS BRIDGE TO MARTHA AND BEYOND HIKE. 8-10 miles, brisk pace. Hike up the Batona Trail to Martha's pond and back along the river and Harrisville pond. Bring lunch and rain gear. Leaders: Pat Burton, 856-767-8064, camperpat@hotmail.com. Christine Denneker, 856-461-5379.

MARCH 16

Friday
11:30 a.m.

CANOE/KAYAK ON THE CROSSWICKS CREEK/HAMILTON-TRENTON-BORDENTOWN MARSH. Paddle from Bordentown to Roebling Park. Meet at Bordentown Beach, end of Park St in Bordentown. This is a shuttleless trip. After the trip, option to join a 6:30pm guided Beaver walk at Roebling Park with Friends for the Marsh. Please contact leaders to confirm trip, time and participation. Leaders: George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or Leona@pineypaddlers.com

MARCH 16

Friday
7:00 p.m.



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

MARCH 17
Saturday
9:00 a.m.

CANOE/KAYAK THE MULLICA RIVER. It's St. Patrick's Day – we'll look for 4-leaf clovers from Atsion to Pleasant Mills. This is a long trip and for experienced paddlers. Contact leaders to confirm trip participation, time and logistics. Leaders: George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com

MARCH 17
Saturday
10:00 a.m.

A HOT DOG ST. PARTRICK'S DAY HIKE. 7-8 miles. Wear green. We tramp a wee bit o' emerald woods looking for the elusive shamrock and arbutus. We then celebrate the day by dining on hot dogs al fresco. Bring your beverage, chips, etc. We bring and grill the hot dogs and furnish the accompaniments. Share the cost with a small donation. Meet at Lake Absegami parking, Bass River S.F. Entrance is on Stage Road, 3.4 miles E of Rt. 679 (from the W & NW); or 6 miles W of Tuckerton (from the E & N); or 3 miles N of New Gretna (from the S). From all points, follow signs. Bad weather cancels. Leader: Joseph Trujillo, 856-468-4849.

MARCH 18
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 18
Sunday
10:00 a.m.

PRINCETON, NJ HIKE. 10 miles, brisk pace. A loop hike that includes Princeton Battlefield State Park, the Institute Woods, and the D&R Canal. Two drop out points for those that wish to do less miles. The park is located on Mercer Road (Princeton Pike) 3.8 miles north from exit 8B of Rt. 95. Bring lunch to eat on the trail. Meet in the parking lot of the Battlefield. **NP, FS, NC.** Leaders: Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRay@aol.com. Anne Hower, annehower@hotmail.com.

MARCH 18
Sunday
10:00 a.m.

SOCIAL ESTELL MANOR HIKE. 6 miles, moderate pace. Hike old munitions plant of WW II. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after hike. Dress for weather. Pets permitted. Meet at Playground parking lot, Atlantic County Park, at Estell Manor, off Rt 50, 3 miles south of Mays Landing, Rts. 40 & 50. Inclement weather cancels. **NC.** Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve., pis@cccjn.net.

MARCH 19
Monday
10:00 a.m.

BYRNE STATE FOREST LOOP HIKE. 5 miles, easy/moderate pace. Meet at Byrne State Forest Office. **Bad weather cancels.** Leaders: Bill Schmitt, 856-767-1838. Norm Lucas, 609-654-5893.

MARCH 20
Tuesday
10:00 a.m.



CANOE/KAYAK THE N. BRANCH RANCOCAS AND CELEBRATE THE VERNAL EQUINOX. It's the start of spring and we'll paddle the 10-mile canoe trail from the trailhead behind Burlington County Community College to Smithville Park. Meet at the launch ramp - located toward the southeast corner of BCCC's Pemberton campus on Rancocas Road. Please contact Leona or Trina to confirm trip and participation. Leaders: Leona F., 609-259-3734 or Leona@pineypaddlers.com and Trina P. (856) 224-1055 or trp51@hotmail.com

MARCH 21
Wednesday
9:00 a.m.

RAILS TO TRAILS HIKE. 8-9 miles, moderate pace. Meet at the River Line station on River Road just off Rt. 73 in Pennsauken. There are large signs for both River Road and the train station on the right hand side of Rt. 73 just past Roger Wilco. We will take the 9:21 train to the Cass St. stop in Trenton. You can also join us en route at any stop along the way. From Cass St we will hike to the Hamilton – Trenton Marsh/Watson Woods, an interesting and historic area that includes White City Lake, Roebling Park, the Watson house, and Abbott's Bluff. Bring lunch to eat in the park. We will return on a later train. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS HIKE** (e-mail preferred). NC, NP. Leaders: Barb&Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRay@aol.com.

MARCH 21
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

RED, WHITE, AND PINK HIKE. 11 miles, moderate/brisk pace. Hike in the Pine Barrens and out in the cranberry bogs. Meet at Byrne Office parking lot. LP. **Severe weather cancels.** Leaders: Heinz Knaupp, 609-801-1168. Bill Poulson, 856-983-7609.

MARCH 23
Friday
7:00 p.m.



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

MARCH 24
Saturday

TUNE UP FOR THE ANNUAL APRIL APEX.. The Apex is our 26 mile challenge “ This is a 15 mile “tune-up”. Any questions contact Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRay@aol.com. Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, smallfluke@yahoo.com.

MARCH 24
Saturday
10:00 a.m.

WASHINGTON CROSSING/YARDLEY/TRENTON HIKE. 15 miles, moderate pace. A loop hike along the D&R Canal and Delaware River. This is the same route as the larger segment of the April Apex 26 mile hike, and is an excellent opportunity for orientation/training for that hike. Bring lunch to eat on the trail. Meet at the Washington Crossing Parking lot on the NJ side. Take Rt I-295 N/I-95 S to last exit on NJ side. Take Rt 29 N to the traffic light at Washington Crossing Park and turn left. Make a sharp right (before crossing the bridge) into the parking lot. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS HIKE.** E-mail preferred. NP, NC, FS. Leaders: Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRay@aol.com. Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, smallfluke@yahoo.com. .

MARCH 25
Sunday
10:00 a.m.

RALPH STOVER PARK HIKE. 8-9 miles, moderate pace. Hike the high cliffs at Ralph Stover park along the Tohicken Creek. We may see whitewater kayaks and technical climbers. Meet at Visitors Parking at Washington Crossing State Park, PA. off Rt 32 to carpool to trailhead. **BW.** Leaders: Dave & Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

MARCH 25
Sunday
10:00 a.m.

SOCIAL PARVIN'S STATE PARK HIKE. 6 miles, moderate pace. Hike the hidden jewel of South Jersey parks. No bugs, 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 fire after hike. Take Rt. 55 S to exit

35. Follow signs to park. At blinking light, Almond Road and Parvin Mills Road, turn left. Park at Fisherman's Landing parking area on right. Inclement weather cancels. NC, NP. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve., pis@cccjn.net.

MARCH 25

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

CANOE/KAYAK THE WADING RIVER. We'll paddle 9+ miles from Hawkin's Bridge to Beaver Branch, option for Evans Bridge 6-mile takeout. . Please contact leader for meeting place and to confirm trip. Leader: Dawn P-D (856) 453-1007 or daybreakdelights@verizon.net

MARCH 26

Monday
10:00 a.m.

PALMYRA COVE NATURE PARK. 5 to 6 miles. Easy to moderate pace. Bring water & snack. Meet in the parking lot at the Nature Center for start of hike at 10:00 AM SHARP. Take Rt. 73 North to the last light before the Tacony Palmyra Bridge and turn right. Follow the signs to the Nature Center. Explore this 350 acre park adjacent to the Delaware River just south of the Tacony Palmyra Bridge. With its woodlands, wetlands, tidal cove and river shore line, the park is an important feeding site for migratory birds. Bring binoculars and/or camera with telephoto lens if so inclined. Leader: Milt Cannan, 856-983-9076.

MARCH 28

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

TWO RIVERS HIKE. 9-10 miles, moderate pace. We'll hike up the Batsto, down and up the Mullica on old sand roads and trails. Meet in the woods in front of the Pleasant Mills Church off Rt. 542, between Hammonton and Greenbank. Leaders: Christine Denneler, 856-461-5379. Pat Burton, 856-767-8064, camperpat@hotmail.com.

MARCH 30

Friday
7:00 p.m.



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

MARCH 31

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

EAST OF CARRANZA HIKE. 10+ miles, moderate pace. We will explore the area between Carranza and Friendship. Friendship is always risky, but can be quite satisfying. We will try to avoid wet spots, but one never knows. However, we will have a fun and scenic hike. Normal stops, no planned bushwacking. **WF.** Leader: George Galcik, 856-783-8329, georgegalcik@comcast.net.

MARCH 31

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

CANOE/KAYAK THE OSWEGO RIVER. Meet at Lake Oswego and paddle one of the most beautiful Pineland streams. Contact leader to confirm trip and participation.F., Pearce, hornet71@verizon.net or 856-767-2780





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