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FOR LATEST TRIP INFORMATION.

CYCLISTS JOIN THE GOOGLE GROUPS FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION.



Outdoor Club of South Jersey

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

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

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

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

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

MEETINGS

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

A Message From The President

Let us love winter, for it is the spring of genius.

Pietro Aretino

Once again, we find ourselves at the turning of the seasons. Canoeists have put away their canoes, hikers are enjoying the cool crisp air and cross country skiers are looking forward to the first flakes of snow.

Just as the seasons change, the Outdoor Club is changing too. John Palaitis, an OCSJ board member, has concluded his two year term on the board.

Peppy Bath has joined the OCSJ board for a two-year term that began on November 1st.

We are still in need of someone to chair the Camping and Backpacking activities.

Several members have agreed to help with the Hiking activity, even though we are still in need of a chairperson.

Thank you to Chuck Cooke, Millie Moore and Hiking activity members for a great Holiday Party. What a great way to meet other OCSJ members.

Congratulations to Tom Neigel and Sue Brehm on their recent marriage!

Take a moment to enjoy the winter seasons and the many activities that the Outdoor Club has to offer. Thank you to our volunteers that make it possible!

Kathleen Pearce

OCSJ President

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Coming Events

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

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

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR ALL SKIING/SNOWSHOEING TRIPS.

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

500 MILE CLUB. Try for the Trekker 500 mile Club. It's easy. It's fun. It's healthy. It's great to have an objective to strive for. Sign up now for 2009. The purpose is to get out and about and do 500 miles a year! Mileage will be counted by you. Make a good attempt to be accurate. You can accumulate mileage on hikes, walking, running, cross-country skiing, or a treadmill. Minimum of 1 mile per outing/segment. No limit to how many segments you can do in a day. (So if you walk the dog 1 mile in the AM, you can walk the dog 1 mile in the PM) Please be accurate in your count and email me your total for the month by the 7th of each month. I will keep a running record.

Janet Horton janeth1@comcast.net

January 30-Feb. 1 Friday-Sunday Social Getaway Weekend at AMC's Mohican Center, Blairstown, NJ. Enjoy an all inclusive weekend in a rustic lodge, with modern amenities, situated in the mountains of Northern Jersey. We will do a hike along the Appalachian Trail on the Coppermine and Rattlesnake trails with their great vistas into the valley. We will do a short hike the next day to explore old mining caves. Cost will be dependant on number of participants and will cover food and lodging. Snow is a

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possibility, bring snowshoes and cc skies. Limited openings, contact leader now! Payment due by December 31. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 evenings or pis1@cccnj.net

THE 'APRIL APEX 26-MILER' is coming in the spring Trekker cycle. For those of you that want to get in shape, a 15-miler warm-up is offered on March 21st.

THE ANNUAL RICHARD GREVE MEMORIAL VOLUNTEER WORK TRIP TO HARPER'S FERRY, WV will be **April 24 to 26**, arriving on Friday and leaving on Sunday. Our work supports the Appalachian Trail Conference and may involve raking or planting, cleaning or stuffing envelopes. They have been very appreciative of our efforts in past years. We work on Saturday; on Sunday we hike or explore the historic town of Harpers Ferry. Free accommodations at the ATC's hostel. Call Eileen Greve, 609-267-3598.

ANNUAL APRÈS SKI PARTY. Some Saturday in April, check website for date and location. Our annual bash is a chance for us to get together, share photos and reminisce about the season just past, and also to learn about the trips planned for next season, with chance for early sign-up. Covered dish, BYOB. If you've ever wondered what the X/C ski group does, or if you have any interest in skiing or snowshoeing, please join us! Call Eileen Greve, 609-267-3598 egreve2@verizon.net

WASHINGTON DC BUS TRIP & SELF-GUIDED TOUR. Hold the date May 2, 2009. Packed with famous sights, celebrated symbols of patriotism, free attractions, the sights and sounds of the nation's capital offer inspiring experiences. Watch for details coming in the Spring Trekker and on the website.

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

HISTORIC CAPE MAY WEEKEND - Friday to Sunday-June 19, 20 and 21, 2009. You are invited to join us at the Chalfonte Hotel B&B in Cape May. Activities available include biking, hiking, kayaking, nature walks, bird watching and much, much more. Pat or Bruce Carey, 609-877-5872 e-mail foxii08@gmail.com. For complete details and registration form go to page 12.

BICYCLING ROAD COURSE – March 14 and June 13. Learn about bicycle handling and safety, and emergency maneuvers . Presenter Fran Horn, 856-786-0048. See page 6.

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 email at Volunteer@AmericanHiking.org

SEPTEMBER IN WESTERN MAINE

Location: Bald Mountain Camps, Oquossoc, ME.

(www.baldmountaincamps.com) Historic sporting camp located on pristine Mooselookmeguntic Lake.

Activities: several hiking options (mt. tops, water falls, backwoods roads, a piece of the A.T.), kayaking/canoeing, biking, golfing, tennis, photography, wildlife viewing, geocaching, sunsets, moonrises, starlight, loon calls to appreciate, or slip into Rangeley if civilization required.

Trip includes: guided kayaking or canoeing pristine lakes and rivers with our host and Registered Maine Guide, Steve Philbrick, log cabins with fireplace, wood, bath,

linens, porch, meals in the lodge dining room for first class breakfasts and dinners, sack lunches for the trail.

Price: 5 days/\$900 plus tax for lodging, meals, guide, shuttles. Bikes, canoes, kayaks, maps and other gear is included and available on request. Happy to answer questions.

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

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

http://web.mac.com/judynorcross/OCSJ_BMC_web_page/BMC_PHOTOS/BMC_PHOTOS.html

NEWS AND NOTES

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR ALL SKIING/SNOWSHOEING TRIPS AND MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS ASAP TO RESERVE A SPOT.

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

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

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

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

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

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

BACKPACKING

A Message from the Backpacking/Camping Activity Chair

There is nothing more beautiful then packing down some snow and putting up your tent in the winter. Backpacking is so beautiful this time of year. Everything is white, animal tracks are everywhere, and no bugs! Even a lite overnight trip is an exciting adventure.

Remember we are always looking for responsible individuals to host more backpacking trips. We can help you learn how to do this and become a backpacking leader or co-leader for the OCSJ.

Tom Neigel, VP/Hike Chair
609-206-3389

BICYCLING

A Message from the Bicycling Activity Chair

What a fantastic season we had this year. I think we had some of the best weather I can remember in years. And probably one of the warmest, driest falls ever – we didn't even need tights until late October. It is getting colder, but many of us will continue to ride through the winter.

Thanks to everyone who stepped up to lead a ride this year. We're starting to see a few new faces leading – if they can do it, so can you. We are still looking for more people to step up and lead, especially B riders. If you are thinking about leading but are unsure, contact the appropriate ride coordinator or myself. We can help you with routes, advice – anything you need to know to lead your first ride.

Finally, thanks to everyone who rode in this year's MS 150 City to Shore Bike Tour. Overall, almost 8,000 riders participated and as of this writing have raised over \$5.2

million and could hit \$5.5 million, securing us as the second largest MS Bike Ride in the country. Team OCSJ is looking for a captain to take over the reigns from Nancy Pomilio, who has done a fantastic job over the last few years getting the team up and running again. If you think you can help, please let me know. Thanks again and happy cycling!

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

BICYCLING COURSE ROAD 1

Registration before class required

Includes: bicycle handling & safety. Emergency maneuvers

Presented by: Fran Horn, 856-786-0048

Dates: March 14 and June 13

Cost: \$50.00 for Course Materials

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

Fran Horn,
2410 Laurel Drive
Cinnaminson, NJ 08077

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Camping

A Message from the VP/Hiking Activity Chair

A few brave individuals will be camping in the 'cool' weather this winter cycle. Actually it's beautiful at this time of year. No bugs, no crowds. We need more camping adventures.

Remember we are always looking for responsible individuals to host more camping trips. We can help you learn how to do this and become a camping leader or co-leader for the OCSJ.

Tom Neigel
VP/Hike Chair
609-206-3389



CANOING/KAYAKING

A message from the Canoe/Kayak Activity Chair



Winter paddling isn't for everyone but with the proper gear, and skill level, it can be safely enjoyed. Wet / Dry suits aren't mandatory but you should bring more than 1 protected change of clothes.

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

CLUB POLICY REQUIRES THAT PFD'S MUST BE WORN. PLEASE REMEMBER IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OCSJ ORGANIZED SHUTTLES YOU NEED TO MAKE YOUR OWN ARRANGEMENTS. NO EXCEPTIONS. A flashlight is required for evening trips. A whistle is required for Delaware River trips and recommended for all trips and painter lines are a good idea. A helmet for whitewater may also be a good investment. You must assess the suitability and condition of your equipment and if a trip is within your abilities. Water levels, weather, and leader availability may cause trip cancellations or changes including additions. Leaders have final say on trip participation involving safety concerns. Check the website – ocsj.org - for the latest information. Everyone must sign in for liability reasons and **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. Carry a copy of the incident report form. Need a form or address etc., please contact me.**

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

Hiking

A Message from the VP/Hiking Activity Chair

This winter schedule of trips is spilling over the brim. The hike leaders are presenting a wonderful array of activities of over 110 trips this winter cycle. Be sure to check the website at www.ocsj.org for updates.

The 'April Apex 26-miler' is coming in the spring Trekker cycle. For those of you that want to get in shape, a 15-miler warm-up is offered on March 21st. Also, contact those leaders to obtain an April Apex Patch. Please join me in welcoming new leaders, Beth Compagnucci, Scott Eves, and David Bicking. Please support and assist them on their first hiking trips for the club. Welcome back Jay Schoss, a leader from earlier days leading the Friday night hikes.

Remember we are always looking for responsible individuals to host hiking trips, and just as importantly to co-lead. We can help you learn how to do this and become a hiking leader for the OCSJ. Get your name in the book. Contact us for details.

Tom Neigel
VP/Hike Chair
609-206-3389

WALKING PACE DEFINITIONS

WALKING PACE

These are averages only; actual results may vary due to factors such as surfaces (e.g., trails, vs roads), terrain (e.g., bushwhacking vs clear), elevation changes, (e.g., hilly vs flat), and weather.

PACE:	EASY	MODERATE	BRISK	FAST
	less than 2.5 mph	2.5-3.0 mph	3.0 – 3.5 mph	over 3.5 mph
Avg. time per mile	25 or more minutes	20-25 minutes	17-20 minutes	17 or less minutes

HIKE DESCRIPTIONS

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

HIKING GUIDE

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

BW - Bushwhacking

WF - Wet feet possible

NS - No stops

NP - No pets

NC - No children

FS - Few stops

LP - Leashed Pet

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

BACKPACK TRIP RATING SYSTEM

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

PARTICIPATION NOTICE

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

STANDARD MEETING PLACES

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

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

TAKE ACTION

A message from the Activity Coordinator

"Brother, can you spare some time?"

As mentioned by the president and vice-president in their messages, the Club needs volunteers for many activities. The Club is more than volunteering to chair or lead an activity. One of my concerns is trail maintenance. We are responsible for 20 miles of the Batona Trail to groom and maintain. It is a year around job to cut back the growth of shrubbery to keep the trail in good, hike-able., well-blazed condition.

The bulk of the work to keep the trail groomed is done by volunteers with hand tools. This is part of the lure of trail work: a job that can only be accomplished by the care and labor of individuals working singly or as a team with their hands. For me, after I TAKE ACTION, each session of clipping and lopping, or sawing, I feel a sense of satisfaction and accomplishment.

The standard we adopted for our section of trail is a trail cleared, marked, signed and enjoyable for hiking. We are not keeping up to standard. The few trail maintainers we have are overwhelmed with the fantastic amount of growth along certain sections of the trail. We need to bring the trail up to an acceptable level

This is where **YOU**, our members, need to step up to volunteer to **TAKE ACTION**. I'm always talking about "giving back" for all of the pleasure I get out of hiking in our beautiful pine woods. Just think of the difference you can make with a contribution of a few hours of your time. All we need is for **YOU** to **TAKE ACTION**. Plan now to come out on March 22 and March 29 to help us get the trail in shape for great hiking.

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

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

A Message From The X/C Ski & Snowshoe Chair

The excitement of X/C skiing and snowshoeing is here, now! Don't be left behind. There is still room available on some trips. Please call the leader to be sure the trip is appropriate for you. And if you find that these winter sports thrill you, start thinking about next year. Many of these trips are annual events, but for some of them the leader needs to arrange accommodations well in advance. In fact, it is not unusual that at the conclusion of a trip, the leader is asked to book the rooms for the following year and to place a deposit. So you will understand why some leaders ask you about next year even before this ski season ends.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the leaders who put these trips together. Without their hard work there would be no ski trips. What about you? Would you be willing to step up to the plate and lead a trip? Perhaps you know of some wonderful place you always love to ski. If you want to give it a try, contact me and I will help with all you need to run a successful trip.

A list of this year's trips follows, but for the most current info, go to our website and click on "X/C ski" and "current schedule"

Have a great winter. See you on the snow.

Eileen Greve



- DEC. 27 TO JAN. 1 CRAFTSBURY, NORTHERN VERMONT.** 5 nights. If interested contact leader, ASAP!! Fran Horn, 856-786-0048 franhorn@aol.com
- DEC. 31 TO JAN. 4 PULASKI, NY NORTH OF SYRACUSE.** 4 nights. Eileen Greve, 609-267-3598 egreve2@verizon.net
- JAN. 16 TO 19 KEENE VALLEY, NY near LAKE PLACID.** 3 nights (MLK weekend) with 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners. Charlie Phy 609-567-0221 chalphy@comcast.net Can link to Stowe trip, below.
- JAN. 18 TO 23 STOWE, VT.** 5 nights (option for 4) \$358 pp for 5 nights, 5 breakfasts, 5 dinners, Taxes and tip. Eileen Greve 609-267-3598 [Egreve2@verizon.net](mailto:egreve2@verizon.net)
- JAN. 23 TO 27 LONDONDERRY, VT. SOUTHERN VT.** 4 nights with breakfast in modern chalet. \$130 pp. Currently filled, but check with leader. Eileen Greve 609-267-3598 [Egreve2@verizon.net](mailto:egreve2@verizon.net) Can link to Stowe trip above.
- JAN. 30 TO FEB 1 PROSPECT MTN., BENNINGTON, VT.** 2 nights w 2 breakfasts, 1 dinner Free ski lessons. \$179pp Dan McAuliffe 215-630-7478 DNMCAULIFFE@msn.com
- FEB. 1 TO 6 BLACKWATER FALLS LODGE, DAVIS, WV.** 5 nights (or option for shorter stay) \$310 for 5 nights, 5 breakfasts, 3 dinners taxes and tip. Ann & John Palaitis 856-810-2487 palaitis@verizon.net
- FEB. 6 TO 9 COLONIAL HOUSE, WESTON, VT., SOUTHERN VT.** 3 nights with all meals. \$276 to \$322 pp depending on room. Sheila & Phil Molodow, 856-428-7668 pmolodow@verizon.net
- FEB. 6 TO 8 PULASKI, NY NORTH OF SYRACUSE.** 2 nights w breakfasts, 1 dinner tax and tip \$152. Eileen Greve 609-267-3598 [Egreve2@verizon.net](mailto:egreve2@verizon.net)
- FEB. 13 TO 17 BRETTON WOODS, NEAR MT. WASHINGTON, NH.** 4 nights at luxury resort. \$419 pp incl 4 nights with breakfasts, 2 dinners, après ski party, trail passes, many amenities, w taxes and tip. Dan McAuliffe 215-630-7478 DMNLogistics@msn.com
- FEB.17 TO 21 MT. ORFORD, CANADA** located in the Laurentian Mtns, one hour drive from Bretton Woods. 4 nights, 4 breakfasts, 2 dinners, many other amenities, w tax and tip. \$460pp if couple w one queen bed. Or \$515 pp if dbl occ w 2 double beds. Dan McAuliffe 215-630-7478 DNMLogistics@msn.com
- FEB. 19 TO MAR 1 CANADIAN ROCKIES.** 11 days. Call for details. Eileen Greve 609-267-3598 egreve2@verizon.net
- MAR. 13 TO 15 LAPLAND LAKES** in the southern Adirondack Mtns, NY 2 nights w 2 breakfasts, 1 dinner, après ski party, trail fee 2 days, tax and tip. Free lessons! Dan McAuliffe 215-630-7478 DNMLogistics@msn.com



OUTDOOR CLUB of SOUTH JERSEY

Historic Cape May Weekend

Friday to Sunday - June 19-21, 2009

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

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

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

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

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

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

Please sign up early, as this will help us complete our plans to make our 2009 trip enjoyable for all. If you have any questions, or need more information, please call

Pat or Bruce Carey at (352) 523-9651 e-mail: foxii08@gmail.com

38327 Callaway Blvd. Dade City, FL 33525.

We have led this trip for 5 years for the club.



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

Please make your check payable to Patricia Carey

Name:Phone # _____

Address:_____

E-mail address:_____

I will be sharing my room with:_____

Please pair me with a roommate: _____

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

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

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



JANUARY

*"Accept that some days you're the pigeon,
and some days you're the statue"*



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JANUARY 1
Thursday
10:00 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S DAY HIKE. 7-9 miles, moderate pace. For the 21st year, we salute the new year by hiking. A great way to begin the hiking year. Old and new trails, fire cuts. Bring lunch, beverage. Meet in field E side of Rt. 206, Atsion, just beyond the recreation area sign. Snow or icy roads cancels. Check www.ocsj.org for updates. Leader: Joseph Trujillo, 856-468-4849. jnt1691@verizon.net

JANUARY 1
Thursday
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 the "Jewel of the Pinelands". Enjoy a get together after we takeout at Harrisville Lake. Bring something to share. Please call to confirm trip and participation. Leaders: George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com

JANUARY 2
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 footwear; synthetics and wool being better at

**Recurring Every
Friday Night with
the Bakers**

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 3
Saturday



Individual Reg. Required

BALDPATE MOUNTAIN HIKE. 6-8 miles, Moderate pace. Located about two miles from Washington Crossing NJ. This is the highest point in Mercer County. NP, FS, NC This is a loop hike. Bring lunch to eat on the trail. Individual registration for this hike is required. Email preferred. Time and directions will be supplied. Steve Bailey will be our guide. Leaders: Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com. - Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, smallfluke@yahoo.com

JANUARY 4
Sunday
9:00 a.m.

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

JANUARY 4
Sunday
10:15 a.m.

LAKE OSWEGO AREA. About 10 miles, easy to moderate pace. We will explore the area around Lake Oswego with its many sand roads, fire cuts and trails perhaps making it to the Spring Hill ridge for some high up views of the Pinelands. Dress for windy conditions on Spring Hill. Meet at Oswego Lake parking 3.1 miles NE of Rt. 563 from Jenkins (left turnoff is 8.4 miles S of Rt. 532 in Chatsworth, between Pine Barrens Canoes & Mick's Canoes). Leader: Milt Cannan, 856-983-9076.

JANUARY 5
Monday
10:00 a.m.
NEW

VICTORIA'S SECRET IN MERCHANTVILLE. 5 miles, easy pace. Tour the historic The Oaks and Cattell Tract. Back to town centre via old railroad line for optional lunch. Park along Chestnut Avenue and meet at pavilion corner of Centre and Chestnut. Leader: Noel Wirth, 609-938-0418. OCNW101@comcast.net

JANUARY 7
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.



PALMYRA NATURE CENTER HIKE. 6-7 miles, moderate to brisk pace. *The Ed Marargee memorial hike. A long time member of the OCSJ, Ed loved this place and hiked here with us and alone on most Sundays.* Take Rt. 73 North to the last light before the Tacony Palmyra Bridge. Follow the signs to the Nature Center. Meet in the parking lot at the Center. Eat lunch at the center after the hike if you wish. NP, FS, NC. Leaders: Barb & Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, smallfluke@yahoo.com

JANUARY 7
Wednesday
5:30 p.m.

HOLIDAY FLAB NIGHT HIKE. Beat those Christmas cookies and holiday hearts into the ground. 6 miles, give or take, very brisk, bordering on fast, on roads and trails, in rain or snow. Potty stops only and cookies for the phat pooches. Call work no later than 4 p.m. the day of the hike to make sure it's not cancelled due to illness, heavy snow or lightning. There's no alternate. Meet at Brendan Byrne ranger station. Be on time, we leave promptly. NC. Leader: Faye, w 732-833-0613. Any other night after 7 p.m., 732-363-9242. pphaze60@aol.com, or batonawalk@aol.com

JANUARY 8

Thursday
6:00 p.m.

**Recurring Every
Thursday Night**

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

JANUARY 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.

JANUARY 9

Friday
7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See JANUARY 2 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison and Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com

JANUARY 10

Saturday
9:30 a.m.



REDISCOVERING FRIENDSHIP. 6-8 miles, moderate pace, heavy bushwhacking. Come join this former hike leader as he rediscovers Friendship. Confused wanderings IN and around the bogs at Friendship. Go where four wheelers and normal people fear to tread. If it rains heavily you will come out cleaner than if the weather is boring. If you don't like dirt, you should not garden or come on this hike. *(BRING A DRY CHANGE OF CLOTHING FOR THE DRIVE HOME).* Trails will be used as reference points only. Bushwhacking will be the norm. Water crossings are expected, waterproof boots unlikely to help. Be ready to leave promptly at 9:30 a.m. at the foundations at Friendship. Expect to be back at about 3:00 p.m. Leader: Jay Schoss and Co-leader: Faye, contact by Friday, January 9th, 3:30 p.m. walkinginmud@aol.com or leave a message at 732-363-9242.

Note: Jay is a former leader of hundreds of trips for the club and the Friday Night hikes for over 5 years. Be sure to say hello to this founding leader.

JANUARY 10

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

Reg. Required

MERCER COUNTY CENTRAL PARK HIKE. 12 miles or drop off after 5, moderate pace. A figure eight hike around Lake Mercer. Bring lunch to eat on the trail. Take the N.J. Turnpike 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-Edinburg Road). From this point travel 3 miles to dead end at Rt. 535 (Edinburg Road). 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. The Marina driveway is on the right, across from Park Ranger headquarters. Individual registration is required for this hike. Email preferred NP, NC, FS. Leaders: Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com - Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, smallfluke@yahoo.com

JANUARY 10

Saturday
7:00 p.m.

MOONLIGHT HIKE, CAMPFIRE AND CAMPOUT. 7 miles, moderate pace. Hike the Pines under the Wolf Moon on a new route and return to a roaring campfire. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after hike. NC/NP. Meet at Atsion Lake, Burl. Co., From Rt. 206 take Atsion Road west 1 miles, go to

Goshen Pond Group site sign turn left go to camping area. Camping is available, call to reserve space. Leader, Paul Serdiuk, 609-463-3593 eve. or pis1@cccnj.net Inclement weather cancels. Contact leader to confirm hike.

JANUARY 11

Sunday
8:00 a.m.

**A Classic
Standard**



COOPER RIVER AND ADJOINING PARKS HIKE. 6 miles, brisk pace. A "get-it-over-early" loop hike plus an option to have brunch with us afterwards at a nearby Old Country Buffet. Meet at the National Guard Armory parking lot at Park Avenue and Grove Street in Cherry Hill. This meeting place is one block south from the intersection of Rt. 70 and Haddonfield Road/Grove Street. This intersection is at the corner of the old Garden State racetrack. NP, NC, FS. Leaders: Barb&Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com - Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, smallfluke@yahoo.com

JANUARY 11

Sunday
11:00 a.m.

SOCIAL HIKE PARVIN'S STATE PARK. 6 miles, moderate pace. Hike the hidden jewel of South Jersey parks. No bug, ticks or mosquitoes. Just the quite 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. NP/NC. Take Rt. 55 South 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. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 evenings or pis1@cccnj.net Inclement weather cancels.

JANUARY 14

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

JANET'S 29 (AGAIN!)...HELP HER CELEBRATE! PAKIM POND. 6.8 miles moderate pace. We'll hike the Batona trail to Pakim Pond. Return by Cranberry Trail. Bring Lunch. Meet Brendan Byrne Ranger Station. Leader: Janet Horton, 856-461-5771 - Cell, 609-706-5691. In doubt call. janeth1@comcast.net

JANUARY 14

Wednesday
5:30 p.m.

HOLIDAY FLAB NIGHT HIKE. Beat those Christmas cookies and holiday hearts into the ground. 6 miles, give or take, very brisk, bordering on fast, on roads and trails, in rain or snow. Potty stops only and cookies for the phat pooches. Call work no later than 4 p.m. the day of the hike to make sure it's not cancelled due to illness, heavy snow or lightning. There's no alternate. Meet at Brendan Byrne ranger station. Be on time, we leave promptly. NC. Leader: Faye w, 732-833-0613. Any other night after 7 p.m., 732-363-9242. pphaze60@aol.com, or batonawalk@aol.com

JANUARY 15

Thursday
6:00 p.m.

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

JANUARY 16

Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See JANUARY 2 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison and Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com

JANUARY 17
Saturday
10:00 a.m.
NEW HIKE,
NEW LEADER

BELLEPLAIN STATE FOREST HIKE. 8-9 miles, moderate to brisk pace. Rich variety of habitats: Atlantic White Cedar and mixed hardwood swamp forests, oak-hickory forest, old fields, and freshwater lakes. Possible view of Bald Eagles. Meet at Belleplain Main Office. Just south of Route 550, near Woodbine. NC/NP. Bad weather cancels, call day of hike or check website (www.ocsj.org) to confirm. Leader: Scott Eves, 609-805-1463, cscotteves@gmail.com

JANUARY 18
Sunday
8:30 a.m.



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

JANUARY 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, mailto:franhorn@aol.com.

JANUARY 18
Sunday
10:00 a.m.

LAND'S END HIKE. 8-10 miles, moderate pace. We'll be looking for a new way to Land's End, as we walk out that sometimes puddley road to our lunch stop, a pleasant place on the Mullica River. Bring lunch. From Atsion Lake go south on Rt. 206 two miles. Turn left onto wide dirt road at the break in the steel guardrail. Then go two miles on the dirt road to Boot Hill which is the White Deer Club trailer for parking. Leaders Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

JANUARY 18
Sunday



CANOE/KAYAK CEDAR CREEK. The river section we paddle will depend on weather conditions. Meet at Double Trouble Park headquarters. Contact leaders to confirm trip and meeting time. Leaders: George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com

JANUARY 19
Monday
10:00 a.m.

EVANS BRIDGE AREA. 5 to 6 miles. Easy to moderate pace. Meet at Evans at 10:00 a.m. Bring water & snack. We'll explore this interesting area of lowlands and marshes in mid-winter. Leader: Milt Cannan, 856-983-9076.

JANUARY 21
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

LUNCH IN HADDONFIELD. 8 miles, moderate pace. A loop hike through several Cooper River parks with a stop at a pizza pie restaurant for lunch. Meet at the National Guard Armory parking lot at Park Ave. and Grove St. in Cherry Hill. This meeting place is one block south from the intersection of Rt. 70 and Haddonfield Road/Grove Street. This intersection is at the corner of the old Garden State race track NP, FS, NC. Leaders: Barb & Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com - Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, smallfluke@yahoo.com

JANUARY 21
Wednesday
5:30 p.m.

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JANUARY 22

Thursday
6:00 p.m.

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

JANUARY 23

Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See JANUARY 2 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com

JANUARY 24

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

RETURN TO THE SWAMP MONSTER. 9-10 miles, moderate pace. Hike down the Nescochague Creek looking for the Swamp Monster. Hope the water is low. Wet feet possible. Meet on Route 206 at jct. Rt. 536, 3 miles south of Atsion Lake. Bring lunch. Leaders Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

JANUARY 24

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

Reg. Required

PRINCETON, NJ HIKE. 10 miles, moderate to 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. Individual registration is required for this hike. E mail preferred. Leaders: Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, smallfluke@yahoo.com

JANUARY 24

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

**NEW HIKE
NEW LEADER**

MOORESTOWN LIBRARY TO STRAWBRIDGE LAKE HIKE. 5 miles, easy to moderate pace. We start at the Moorestown Library, and head to Strawbridge Lake and Waterworks woods. Bad weather or icy conditions cancels. Check Website www.ocsj.org for updates. Leader David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

JANUARY 25

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

BATONA TRAIL EAST. 6-7 miles, moderate pace. Seldom does OCSJ hike east on the BT. A hike to acquaint members with the possibilities. Bring lunch, beverage. Meet at Batsto village parking, off Rt. 542, between Hammonton and Green Bank. Snow or icy roads cancels. Check www.ocsj.org for updates. Leader: Joseph Trujillo, 856-468-4849. jnt1691@verizon.net

JANUARY 25

Sunday
10:30 a.m.

CARANZZA HIDDEN LOOP TO NO MANS LAND. 7 miles, moderate pace to the absolute end of the pines where the roads end at impassible water crossings and you are boxed in by the cold streams and endless swamps. Out there, you are the only one around. Start out on the familiar Batona trail and then to find old lost connections and a secret hidden detour to no-mans land. Scenic beautiful view for the lunch break. Look and listen

for deer, and remember the hungry bears look for the last in line. Leader – Tom Neigel, 609 206-3389 or tomncenter-outdoors@yahoo.com and Sue Brehm. NP-NC. Bad weather cancels. Meet at Carranza Memorial parking area on Carranza Road.

JANUARY 28
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

AROUND THE LAKE HIKE. 6-7 miles around Atsion Lake at a MODERATE pace. Bring lunch and rain gear (*Heavy rain cancels*). We'll look for signs of beaver activity on Goshen Pond. Meet at ATSION RANGER STATION. Leaders Pat Burton, 856-767-8064 camperpat@hotmail.com, and Chris Denneler 856-461-5379.

JANUARY 28
Wednesday
5:30 p.m.

HOLIDAY FLAB NIGHT HIKE. Beat those Christmas cookies and holiday hearts into the ground. 6 miles, give or take, very brisk, bordering on fast, on roads and trails, in rain or snow. Potty stops only and cookies for the phat pooches. Call work no later than 4 pm the day of the hike to make sure it's not cancelled due to illness, heavy snow or lightning. There's no alternate. Meet at Brendan Byrne ranger station. Be on time, we leave promptly. NC. Leader: Faye, w 732-833-0613. Any other night after 7 p.m., 732-363-9242. pphaze60@aol.com, or batonawalk@aol.com

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Thursday
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JANUARY 30-FEB. 1
Friday-Sunday

SOCIAL GETAWAY WEEKEND AT AMC'S MOHICAN CENTER, BLAIRSTOWN, NJ. Enjoy an all inclusive weekend in a rustic lodge, with modern amenities, situated in the mountains of Northern Jersey. We will do a hike along the Appalachian Trail on the Coppermine and Rattlesnake trails with their great vistas into the valley. We will do a short hike the next day to explore old mining caves. Cost will be dependant on number of participants and will cover food and lodging. Snow is a possibility, bring snow shoes and cc skies. Limited openings, contact leader now! Payment due by December 31. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 evenings or pis1@cccnj.net

JANUARY 31
Saturday
10:00 a.m.
NEW

OCEAN CITY HISTORIC DISTRICT HIKE. 7 miles, easy pace. A walking tour of the historic district, then on to boards for Saturday lunch (bring or buy at Mack and Manco's). Meet at the Transportation Center, 10th & Haven, next to McDonald's off 9th Street entrance to Ocean City. Continue on boards to 18th Street, where we'll walk to the Ocean City Historical Museum for a free tour. Leader: Noel Wirth, 609-938-0418 OCNCW101@comcast.net

JANUARY 31

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

PRINCETON MOUNTAIN LAKES. 7-8 miles. Moderate pace. This hike includes the Princeton Day School, and John Witherspoon Woods. Steve Bailey who teaches at Princeton Day will be our host and co-guide this hike. Individual registration is required. Directions and the meeting place will be supplied. Bring lunch to eat at the midway point. NP, NC, FS. Leaders: Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817 smallfluke@yahoo.com



FEBRUARY

*"Think big thoughts but
relish small pleasures."*



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FEBRUARY 1

Sunday
10:00 a.m.



THREE BRIDGES HIKE. 9-10 miles, moderate pace. Bushwhacking possible. These three foot bridges provide access to areas we seldom see. May be wet areas. Bring lunch. Atsion. Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

FEBRUARY 1

Sunday
10:00 a.m.
NEW LEADER
NEW HIKE

WASHINGTON CROSSING STATE PARK HIKE. 6-7 miles, moderate to brisk pace. Hike through history following the path of the Continental Army as we explore the Continental Lane and surrounding area. This will be a combination of trail and paved roads and will highlight the cultural, historical and natural activities of the park. Rain, snow or shine. After the hike, enjoy the Visitor Center Museum and or Nature Center. Meet at Washington Crossing State Park parking area off of Route 29. Travel Route 29 North, left at Washington Crossing – Pennington Road and a quick right into the parking area. Leader: Beth Compagnucci - bcompagnucci@comcast.net or 973-879-0055.

FEBRUARY 2
Monday

CANOE/KAYAK THE WADING RIVER ON GROUNDHOG DAY. The river section we paddle will depend on weather conditions. Contact leaders to confirm trip and meeting time. Leaders: George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or leona@pineypaddlers.com

FEBRUARY 4
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.



JEMIMA MOUNT HIKE. 6-7 miles, have lunch on top of the mount! A deep woods hike at a moderate pace. Bring lunch and rain gear (heavy rain cancels) Leaders Pat Burton, 856-767-8064 camperpat@hotmail.com, and Chris Denneler, 856-461-5379. Meet at BATSTO.

FEBRUARY 4
Wednesday
5:30 p.m.

HOLIDAY FLAB NIGHT HIKE. Beat those Christmas cookies and holiday hearts into the ground. 6 miles, give or take, very brisk, bordering on fast, on roads and trails, in rain or snow. Potty stops only and cookies for the phat pooches. Call work no later than 4 pm the day of the hike to make sure it's not cancelled due to illness, heavy snow or lightning. There's no alternate. Meet at Brendan Byrne ranger station. Be on time, we leave promptly. NC. Leader: Faye w 732-833-0613. Any other night after 7 p.m., 732-363-9242. pphaze60@aol.com, or batonawalk@aol.com

FEBRUARY 5
Thursday
6:00 p.m.

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

FEBRUARY 6
Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See JANUARY 2 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com

FEBRUARY 7
Saturday
10:00 a.m.

GOOSE POND HIKE. 8-10 miles, moderate pace, few breaks. A cross country and sand road hike to visit Goose Pond and some old timber clear cuts 10-12 years later. Short bush-wacks, and a possibly wet section near Goose Pond that can be avoided. Infrequent breaks unless we find neat stuff to look at. Meet at Bullock railroad crossing. Leader: Jay Schoss walkinginmud@aol.com or leave a message at 732-363-9242.

FEBRUARY 7
Saturday Night
7:00 p.m.

SOCIAL MOONLIGHT HIKE, CAMPFIRE AND CAMPOUT. 6-7 miles. Moderate pace. Hike over roads and trails lit by the Pink moon with a campfire at end. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after hike. Overnight camping is available Fri. & Sat., call leader to reserve space. NP/NC. Meet at parking area opposite Group campsite area, Bryne State Forest, enter forest off Rt. 72, 1 mile East of jct. Rts. 70&72. Leader, Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593, eve., or pis1@cccnj.net Inclement weather cancels.

FEBRUARY 7
Saturday Night
7:30 p.m.

SNOW MOON HIKE. 7-8 miles moderate pace. Savor a full moon breaking through pine trees and reflecting off white sand or snow. Meet at Atsion. Leaders: Joseph Trujillo, 856-468-4849, Chris Denneler, 856-461-5379. *Bad weather cancels.*

FEBRUARY 8

Sunday
8:00 a.m.

COOPER RIVER AND ADJOINING PARKS HIKE. 6 miles, brisk pace. A “get-it-over-early” loop hike plus an option to have brunch with us afterwards at a nearby reasonably priced restaurant. Meet at the National Guard Armory parking lot at Park Avenue and Grove Street in Cherry Hill. This meeting place is one block south from the intersection of Rt. 70 and Haddonfield Road/Grove St. This intersection is at the corner of the old Garden State race track and has a Chili’s Bar and Grill. NP, NC, FS. Leaders: Barb&Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com. Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, smallfluke@yahoo.com

FEBRUARY 8

Sunday
10:30 a.m.



SOCIAL HIKE ESTELL MANOR. 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. NC. Leader, Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve. PIS1@CCCNJ.NET Inclement weather cancels.

FEBRUARY 9

Monday
10:00 a.m.

ONG’S HATTO DEEP HOLLOW. 6 miles moderate pace. We’ll hike along the Batona Trail to Deep Hollow returning by back roads. Meet at the Batona Trail head a short distance down a dirt road opposite Cafe Apany on Magnolia Road (about 11/2 miles from Four Mile Circle). We will eat lunch on the trail. Leader: Janet Horton, 856-461-5771. Cell# 609-706-5691. In doubt call. janeth1@comcast.net

FEBRUARY 11

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

PALMYRA NATURE CENTER HIKE. 6-7 miles, brisk pace. The Ed Marargee memorial hike. A long time member of the OCSJ, Ed loved this place and hiked here with us and alone on most Sundays. 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, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com - Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, smallfluke@yahoo.com

FEBRUARY 11

Wednesday
5:30 p.m.



HOLIDAY FLAB NIGHT HIKE. Beat those Christmas cookies and holiday hearts into the ground. 6 miles, give or take, very brisk, bordering on fast, on roads and trails, in rain or snow. Potty stops only and cookies for the phat pooches. Call work no later than 4 pm the day of the hike to make sure it's not cancelled due to illness, heavy snow or lightning. There's no alternate. Meet at Brendan Byrne ranger station. Be on time, we leave promptly. NC. Leader: Faye, w 732-833-0613. Any other night after 7 p.m., 732-363-9242. pphaze60@aol.com, or batonawalk@aol.com

FEBRUARY 12

Thursday
6:00 p.m.

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

FEBRUARY 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.

FEBRUARY 13Friday
7:00 p.m.**FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE.** 8-10 miles, fast pace. See JANUARY 2 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison and Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com**FEBRUARY 14**Saturday
10:00 a.m.**PENNYPACK AND LORIMER PARKS HIKE.** 5 or 10 miles, moderate pace. A figure eight hike through the parks. Bring lunch; we will eat lunch 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 Street and drive approx 4 miles to where the street dead ends into Huntington Pike. Pine Road is the first street on the right. There is a Dunkin Doughnuts on the corner. Turn right onto Pine Road 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: Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com - Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, smallfluke@yahoo.com**FEBRUARY 14**

Saturday

**CANOE/KAYAK THE OSWEGO RIVER ON VALENTINE'S DAY.** Meet at Lake Oswego, Lake Oswego Road in Penn State Forest. This is a trip to celebrate our "Love of the Pinelands Rivers" with brownies and chocolates. Contact leaders to confirm trip, meeting time and participation. Leaders: George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or leona@pinepaddlers.com**FEBRUARY 15**Sunday
9:00 a.m.**NEW HIKE
NEW LEADER****TYLER STATE PARK, PA HIKE.** 10-miles, moderate to brisk pace. Hike using paved roads and horse trails. We will visit a covered bridge, hike up the mountain and through the woods, and maybe see some fish. Meet at the boathouse parking lot at Tyler State Park 101 Swamp Road, Newtown, PA 18940. Leader: Beth Compagnucci – bcompagnucci@comcast.net or 973-879-0055.**FEBRUARY 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 Road, Moorestown. Leader: Fran H., 856-786-0048, email: franhorn@aol.com.**FEBRUARY 15**Sunday
9:00 a.m.**PINELANDS EXPLORER.** 8 to 10 miles. Easy to moderate pace. We will explore an area of the Pinelands at least part of which should be new to OCSJ, following trails, fire cuts, sand roads and possible bushwhacking. Parts of this hike may not have been scouted beforehand. As usual, be prepared for possible water hazards in this area. Meet at Olga's Diner - Marlton Circle, Intersection of Routes 70 & 73 for departure at 9:00 a.m. sharp. Watch the website for further details, including meeting place and time at the trailhead. Leader: Milt Cannan, 856-983-9076.**FEBRUARY 15**Sunday
10:00 a.m.**SOCIAL TUNDRA SWAN HIKE.** 6 miles, moderate pace. All are welcomed. Hike the wintry beauty among ponds filled with Tundra Swans. Bring binoculars. Dress for the cold weather. NP/NC. 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. Leader: Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve., pis1@cccnj.net Inclement weather cancels.

FEBRUARY 16

Monday
10:00 a.m.

WADING RIVER TO BULL CREEK. 6-7 miles, moderate pace. West on the BT. Bring lunch, beverage. Meet at Evans Bridge on Rt. 563, between Chatsworth and Green Bank. Snow or icy roads cancels. Check www.ocsj.org for updates. Leader: Joseph Trujillo, 856-468-4849. jnt1691@verizon.net

FEBRUARY 16

Monday
10:00 a.m.

BATSTO AREA. 5 to 6 miles. Easy to moderate pace. Meet at Batsto Village parking area at 10:00 a.m. Bring water & snack. Hike the area around this village and it's lake. We'll try to hit some new areas not normally taken on the Monday hikes. Leader: Milt Cannan, 856-983-9076.

FEBRUARY 18

Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

SHANE BRANCH HIKE. 6-7 miles on a pretty hike thru bogs and swamps at a MODERATE pace. Bring lunch and rain gear (heavy rain cancels) Leaders Pat Burton, 856-767-8064 camperpat@hotmail.com and Chris Denneler, 856-461-5379 Meet at FRIENDSHIP.

FEBRUARY 18

Wednesday
5:30 p.m.

HOLIDAY FLAB NIGHT HIKE. Beat those Christmas cookies and holiday hearts into the ground. 6 miles, give or take, very brisk, bordering on fast, on roads and trails, in rain or snow. Potty stops only and cookies for the phat pooches. Call work no later than 4 pm the day of the hike to make sure it's not cancelled due to illness, heavy snow or lightning. There's no alternate. Meet at Brendan Byrne ranger station. Be on time, we leave promptly. NC. Leader: Faye, w 732-833-0613. Any other night after 7 p.m., 732-363-9242. pphaze60@aol.com, or batonawalk@aol.com

FEBRUARY 19

Thursday
6:00 p.m.

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

FEBRUARY 20

Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See JANUARY 2 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison and Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com

FEBRUARY 21

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

**Individual
Registration
Required**

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 gas 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 Road). 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. **INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS HIKE.** E-mail preferred. NP, NC, FS. Leaders: Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com - Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, smallfluke@yahoo.com

FEBRUARY 21
Saturday
10:00 a.m.
NEW HIKE
NEW LEADER

MOORESTOWN LIBRARY TO POMPESTON CREEK HIKE. 5 miles, easy to moderate pace. Possible wet feet as we ford the creek.. We start at the Moorestown Library, and track the Pompeston Creek through Moorestown. We will go through Maple Dawson Park, Pompeston Park, and the Pompeston Easement. Bad weather or icy conditions cancels. Check the website www.ocsj.org for updates. Leader David Bicking, 609-332-2109, dbickin@yahoo.com

FEBRUARY 22
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. Possible bushwhacking. Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

FEBRUARY 22
Sunday
10:00 a.m.
NEW



SIX MILE RUN PARK HIKE. 8 miles, moderate pace. We will hike through varied terrain, with many small streams and narrow footbridge crossings. Note, it may be wet in some areas. Bring lunch and water. Dress appropriately for the weather. Meet at D&R Canal parking area 625 Canal Road, Franklin Township, Somerset. Bad weather cancels. Leader: Paul Foged hikerpaul@verizon.net

FEBRUARY 25
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.
NEW

WILLINGBORO NATURE CENTER. 6 miles, moderate pace. A loop hike that Includes Crystal Lake and Mill Creek Park. Bring lunch to eat on the trail. Take 130 north from route #73. The entrance is slightly less than 1 mile on the right after you cross Rancocos Creek. It is just beyond the intersection of Route 130 and Beverly Bridgeboro road and directly across from Willingboro RV sales. Park in front of the iron fence. NP, NC, FS. Leaders: Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com - Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, smallfluke@yahoo.com

FEBRUARY 25
Wednesday
5:30 p.m.

HOLIDAY FLAB NIGHT HIKE. Beat those Christmas cookies and holiday hearts into the ground. 6 miles, give or take, very brisk, bordering on fast, on roads and trails, in rain or snow. Potty stops only and cookies for the phat pooches. Call work no later than 4 p.m. the day of the hike to make sure it's not cancelled due to illness, heavy snow or lightning. There's no alternate. Meet at Brendan Byrne ranger station. Be on time, we leave promptly. NC. Leader: Faye, w 732-833-0613. Any other night after 7 p.m., 732-363-9242. pphaze60@aol.com, or batonawalk@aol.com

FEBRUARY 26
Thursday
6:00 p.m.

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

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

FEBRUARY 27

Friday
7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See JANUARY 2 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison and Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com

FEBRUARY 28

Saturday
9:00 a.m.

JOE'S PINE BARRENS LORE. Estimated 5 miles, easy pace. 9 a.m. to noon. A nature walk of about 3 hours, covering Pine Barrens history, ecology, and folklore. Children with an adult and beginners very welcome, along with experienced Pineys to assist. If we get a light snow, we may turn this into simply a walk. Bring water. NP, BW. Meet at Evans Bridge. Joe Sapia, 732-406-4092, Snufftin@aol.com

FEBRUARY 28

Saturday
10:00 a.m.

BELLEPLAIN STATE FOREST HIKE. 8-9 miles, moderate to brisk pace. Rich variety of habitats: Atlantic White Cedar and mixed hardwood swamp forests, oak-hickory forest, old fields, and freshwater lakes. Possible view of Bald Eagles. Meet at Belleplain Main Office. Just south of Route 550, near Woodbine. NC/NP. Bad weather cancels, call day of hike or check website (www.ocsj.org) to confirm. Leader: Scott Eves, 609-805-1463, cscotteves@gmail.com





MARCH



"A cloudy day is no match for a sunny disposition."

RESERVATIONS AND DEADLINES

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

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR ALL SKIING/SNOWSHOEING TRIPS AND MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS ASAP TO RESERVE A SPOT.

SOCIAL MOONLIGHT HIKE, CAMPFIRE AND CAMPOUT. See February 7 entry.
ROSEDALE PARK HIKE. See February 21 entry.

MOONLIGHT HIKE, CAMPFIRE AND CAMPOUT. See March 7 entry.

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

BICYCLING ROAD COURSE – March 14 and June 13. See page 6.

OCSJ ANNUAL CAPE MAY OUTING June 19-21. See page 12.

SEPTEMBER IN WESTERN MAINE. See Coming Events.

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MARCH 1
Sunday
8:00 a.m.



COOPER RIVER AND ADJOINING PARKS HIKE. 6 miles, brisk pace. A "get-it-over-early" loop hike plus an option to have brunch with us afterwards at a nearby Old Country Buffet. 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 Road/Grove St. This intersection is at the corner of the old Garden State racetrack and has a Chili's Bar and Grill. NP, NC, FS. Leaders: Barb&Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com - Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, smallflake@yahoo.com

MARCH 1
Sunday
9:30 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 leaders' birthday as we enjoy an all you can eat buffet at Renault Winery Restaurant. NC/NP. Meet at Atsion Office on Rt. 206. Between Hammonton and Red Lion Circle, Burl. Co. Leader. Paul Serdiuk, 609-462-3593 eve., or pis1@cccj.net Limited seating, call early to reserve place. Inclement weather cancels.

MARCH 2
Monday
9:45 a.m.

THE OTHER JACKSON ROAD AND CEDAR RUN WILDLIFE REFUGE. About 5 miles. Easy to 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 for start of hike at 9:45 A.M. SHARP. 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 4
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.



COOPER RIVER AND ADJOINING PARKS HIKES. 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 Avenue and Grove Street in Cherry Hill. This meeting place is one block from the intersection of Rt. 70 and Haddonfield Road/Grove Street. This intersection is at the corner of the old Garden State racetrack and has a Chili's Bar and Grill. NP, NC, FS. Leaders: Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com - Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, smallfluke@yahoo.com

MARCH 4
Wednesday
5:30 p.m.

BRENDAN BYRNE RANGER STATION HIKE. 6 miles, moving it with a very brisk pace on the red trail or roads depending on popular demand. No scheduled stops, we go in snow or rain, cookies available for hiker dogs. Call me at work no later than 4 p.m. the day of hike to make sure it is not cancelled due to illness, heavy snow fall, or lightning, I have no alternate. Leader: Faye, w 732-833-0613. Any other night after 7 pm 732-363-9242. pphaze60@aol.com, or batonawalk@aol.com

MARCH 5
Thursday
6:00 p.m.

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

MARCH 6
Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See JANUARY 2 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com

MARCH 7
Saturday
10:00 a.m.

STONY BROOK – MILLSTONE WATERSHED NATURE PRESERVE HIKE. 7 miles, moderate pace. Wargo Pond, Stony Brook and visit the Nature Center after this loop hike. Hiking boots suggested as there may be water on some trails. Bring lunch to eat 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 your right. Look for the sign "Watershed Reserve". Turn right onto Titus Mill Rd and go approx. 1.4 miles to the Watershed entrance on the left. The parking lot is at end of the driveway across from the Nature Center. NP, FS, NC. Leaders: Ray Wittkop, 856-662-4012, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com - Joe Hummel, 856-235-8817, smallfluke@yahoo.com

MARCH 7
Saturday Night
7:00 p.m.



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

MARCH 7
Saturday Night
7:30 p.m.



MARCH, IN MARCH MOONLIGHT HIKE. 7-8miles, 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 8
Sunday
10:00 a.m. DLST
NEW

CARRANZA TO PINE CREST HIKE. 7.5 or 8 miles, moderate pace. We will hike up the railroad to Pine Crest and then to Apple Pie Hill for lunch, and then back to Carranza on the Batona trail. Meet at Carranza Memorial. Rain/Snow cancels. Leader: Jack Dalton, w2hds@comcast.net 609-296-1805.

MARCH 8
Sunday
10:30 a.m. DLST

TOM'S SECRET TRAIL AND 9+ BRIDGES HIKE. 6 miles, moderate pace. Blue to red to yellow to orange and who knows where else. NC/NP. Meet at Batsto Village parking area. Bad weather cancels – check the website for updates at www.ocsj.org Leaders: Tom Neigel, 609-206-3389. tomncenter-outdoors@yahoo.com and Sue Brehm

MARCH 8
Sunday



SPRING AHEAD WITH A CANOE/KAYAK TRIP ON THE HAMILTON-TRENTON-BORDENTOWN MARSH. This is an 8 mile round trip with the tide!! Bring lunch and beverage. After lunch, option for hike to Spring Lake. Meet at Bordentown Beach. Contact leaders to confirm trip and logistics. Leaders: George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or Leona@pineypaddlers

MARCH 9
Monday
10:00 a.m.

EVANS BRIDGE TO MARTHA'S FURNANCE. 6 miles moderate pace. Hike along the Batona Trail to Martha then by pine roads to Harrisville Lake. Meet at Evans Bridge. Bring Lunch. Leader: Janet Horton 856-461-5771. Cell # 609-706-5691. In doubt call, janeth1@comcast.net

MARCH 11
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

HIKE APPLE PIE HILL. 7-8 miles at a MODERATE pace. We'll climb the "hill" from a different approach. Bring lunch and beverage. Leaders Christine Denneker, 856-461-5379 and Pat Burton, 856-767-8064 camperpat@hotmail.com Meet at CARRANZA.

MARCH 11
Wednesday
5:30 p.m.

BRENDAN BYRNE RANGER STATION HIKE. 6 miles, moving at a very brisk pace on the red trail or roads depending on popular demand. No scheduled stops, we go in snow or rain, cookies available for hiker dogs. Call me at work no later than 4 p.m. the day of hike to make sure it is not cancelled due to illness, heavy snow fall, or lightning, I have no alternate. Leader: Faye, w 732-833-0613. Any other night after 7:00 p.m., 732-363-9242. pphaze60@aol.com, or batonawalk@aol.com

MARCH 12
Thursday
6:00 p.m.

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

MARCH 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.

MARCH 13
Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See JANUARY 2 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison and Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com

MARCH 14
Saturday
10:00 a.m.

HOT DOG HIKE. 6-8 miles, moderate pace. Around Lake Absegami and through the big pine woods. Upon return, we sizzle hot dogs, and socialize. Bring your own beverage and chips. We bring beef hot dogs, rolls, and condiments. Share the cost with a small donation. Meet at Lake Asegami parking, Bass River State Forest. Entrance is on Stage Road, 3.4 miles East of Rt. 679, coming from the W & NW; or 6 miles West of Tuckerton, coming from the East & North; or 3 miles North of New Gretna coming from the S. Leaders: Christine Denneker, 856-461-5379. Joseph Trujillo, 856-468-4849. jnt1691@verizon.net

MARCH 14
Saturday
10:00 a.m.
NEW HIKE
NEW LEADER

SOURLAND MOUNTAIN PRESERVE HIKE. Somerset County 5-miles, moderate pace. Enjoy a hike on Ridge Trail - rocky terrain in some areas. Meet in the parking area off of East Mountain Road. Beth Compagnucci bcompagnucci@comcast.net or 973-879-0055.

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

MARCH 15
Sunday
10:00 a.m.

RALPH STOVER PARK. 9 miles, moderate pace. Good views from High Cliffs. Meet at visitor's parking lot, Washington Crossing State Park, PA side off Rt. 32 for caravan to trailhead, possible option to carpool. We may see whitewater kayakers and technical climbers. Bring lunch. Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

MARCH 15
Sunday
9:30 a.m.

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 Batona's). Depending on the number of people that show up, we'll separate into groups of four, each assigned to approximately 6 to 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 at 9:30 a.m. Leader: Milt Cannan, 856-983-9076.

MARCH 18
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. Meet in the parking lot of the Lobster Trap restaurant on North Cuthbert Blvd. 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, BarbnRayHikers@aol.com

MARCH 18

Wednesday
5:30 p.m.

BRENDAN BYRNE RANGER STATION HIKE. 6 miles, moving at a very brisk pace on the red trail or roads depending on popular demand. No scheduled stops, we go in snow or rain, cookies available for hiker dogs. Call me at work no later than 4 p.m. the day of hike to make sure it is not cancelled due to illness, heavy snow fall, or lightning, I have no alternate. Leader: Faye, w 732-833-0613. Any other night after 7 p.m., 732-363-9242. pphaze60@aol.com, or batonawalk@aol.com

MARCH 19

Thursday
6:00 p.m.

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

MARCH 20

Friday

CANOE/KAYAK THE N. BRANCH RANCOCAS AND CELEBRATE THE VERNAL EQUINOX. Welcome spring with a paddle on Burlington County's 10-mile canoe trail. Option to meet for breakfast at the Vincentown Diner. Contact leaders to confirm trip, logistics and meeting time. Leaders: George & Leona F., 609-259-3734 or Leona@pineypaddlers.com

MARCH 20

Friday
7:00 p.m.



FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See JANUARY 2 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison & Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com

MARCH 21

Saturday
10:00 a.m.
*Individual
Registration
Required*

WASHINGTON CROSSING HIKE NJ. 15 miles, moderate pace. A loop hike along the NJ and PA sides of the D&R Canal and Delaware River. This is the same route as the April Apex 26 mile hike this year, 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. *Individual 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 21

Saturday
10:30 a.m.

CATTUS ISLAND COUNTY PARK. 6 miles, moderate pace. This park is a jewel of the Jersey shore with great views of the bay and surrounding wetlands. Bring lunch. Directions: Rt. 37 East. Three miles east of Parkway, turn left onto Rt. 627 (Vaughn Ave). Then right on Bay Avenue, left on Fischer Boulevard and right on Cattus Island Blvd. Then turn left into park. Drive in 0.5 mile and park in third lot. Meet by large Cattus Island Park map. NC/NP. Leader: Bruce Steidel, 609-915-0956, bsteidel@aol.com

MARCH 22

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

Batona trail

BATONA TRAIL MAINTENANCE. Volunteering is such an important part of giving back to your Club. We need you badly to come out to fulfill our obligation to cut and brush overgrown sections of the trail. We are attacking the worst sections. With enough members coming out, we can be through in no more

than four hours. Wear old clothing, bring rain gear, day pack, water, beverage, lunch, and a cutting tool, such as lopping shears, pruning shears,, hedge shears, folding saw, pruning saw, work gloves. This is your opportunity to "give back" for all of the enjoyment you get from hiking the trail. Meet at the BATONA trailhead on Rt. 679, one-half mile below junction with Rt. 563 or one half mile N of Harrisville Pond. This is your volunteer opportunity. Support your Club! Leaders: Joseph Trujillo, Activity Coordinator, 856-468-4849, jnt1691@verizon.net Christine Denneker, 856-461-5379.

MARCH 22
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. NP/NC. Meeting point is 11 mile south of Tabernacle on Carranza Road, Burl. Co., look for outdoor club sign. Leader Paul Serdiuk 609-462-3593 eve., pis1@cccj.net Inclement weather cancels.

MARCH 25
Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

HIKE WHITESBOG. 7-8 mile hike at a MODERATE pace. We'll traverse the bogs at this historic village. May see geese, swans or an Eagle! Bring lunch and Beverage. Leaders Chris Denneker 856-461-5379 and Pat Burton, 856-767-8064, camperpat@hotmail.com Meet at WHITESBOG.

MARCH 25
Wednesday
5:30 p.m.



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MARCH 26
Thursday
6:00 p.m.

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MARCH 27
Friday
7:00 p.m.

FRIDAY NITE FITNESS HIKE. 8-10 miles, fast pace. See JANUARY 2 listing for full hike description. Meet at Brendan Byrne State Forest Campground. Leaders: Alison and Mike Baker, 609-758-4768, 609-577-9004, mike@mikebaker.com, alison@mikebaker.com

MARCH 28
Saturday
10:00 a.m.

ROUND VALLEY. 9-10 miles, moderate pace. Good hilly hiking around one of NJ's longest and deepest man made lakes. Meet at Round Valley trailhead parking, south lot, near the boat ramp. From SJ take Rt. 31 to Rt. 22 in Lebanon. Follow signs to park entrance. Allow for drive time. Bring lunch. Dave and Julie Hegelein, 856-235-8792.

MARCH 28
Saturday
10:30 a.m.

PHILADELPHIA MURAL HIKE. 5 miles moderate pace. We will be walking in center city following the path of some of the early murals painted by Philadelphia's Murals Arts Program.

Some of the sites we will see are, City Hall and Love Park. How about lunch afterwards, at Reading Terminal. Meet at the Phila. Visitor Center. (NE corner of 6th and Market Streets.) Suggest Patco Hi-Speed line or the River Line changing at Walter Rand Transportation Center onto Patco Hi-Speed line. Get off 8th & Market. Call to confirm: Janet Horton, 856-461-5771. Cell # 609-706-5691, janeth1@comcast.net

MARCH 29

Sunday
10:00 a.m.

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MARCH 30

Monday
9:45 a.m.

MID WISSAHICKON CREEK GORGE LOOP HIKE. 8-10 miles, moderate pace. We'll see Walnut Lane Bridge, Lover's Leap, Bluestone Bridge, Historic Rittenhouse Town, Rinker's Rock, 'Toleration' Statue, Fingerspan, Livezy House, Devil's Pool & Shakespeare Rock. Wear sturdy footwear for rocky terrain. A hiking stick is a good idea. Bring lunch & beverage. Foul weather cancels, call leader if in doubt. NC/LP Meet at Henry Ave. & Walnut Lane parking, Philadelphia. Leader: Jerry Goldstein, 609-859-8133, jerryhyker@yahoo.com

Spring

Cold March winds blow and there is snow,

But April will bring showers,

White fields will turn to shades of green

And flourish with bright flowers.

Leaf buds will cover barren trees,

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