

### **THURSDAY, APRIL 1 — Appalachian Trail, Wantage 9:30AM**

*Leader:* Joyce Breach, 973-875-4376 (cell on day of hike only 973-229-9140)

*Meet:* 9:30AM. Liberty Loop trailhead for shuttle to AT. This is a moderately strenuous hike of about 8 miles on the AT from Rt. 519 near High Point to the Walkkill River National Wildlife Refuge (Liberty Loop trail). We will be hiking through woods, pastures and rolling hills in a mostly downward direction. Lunch with friendly mules at the secret shelter. DIRECTIONS: RT. 23 north to the town of Sussex. Right on RT. 284 for 7.2 miles going toward Unionville. Turn right on State Line Road by gas station. Go 1.9 miles to the Liberty Loop trailhead on right.

### **ALT. THURSDAY, APRIL 1 — Edison Bog, Ogdensburg**

*Leader:* Peter Beck, petebeck\_00@yahoo.com, 201-274-4471

*Meet:* 10AM Edison Mine parking lot. DIRECTIONS: Take I-80W to Rt.15 N exit; to the Sparta exit; follow CR517 to Ogdensburg; just after Gallagher's Medical Supplies on the right ,turn right on Edison Rd(street sign is missing) for 2.4 miles past Heaters Pond. The parking lot for the Edison Mine is on the LEFT. . We will hike 5+miles on fairly level terrain; we will include a visit to the Edison Bog, and the area of Edison mine. Bring lunch and water. **You MUST REGISTER with the leader the day before the hike.**

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 3 — Jockey Hollow National Park, Morristown**

*Leader:* Mae Deas, 908-233-6641

*Meet:* 10AM Visitor Center parking lot. See Directions. Four plus miles on the ups and downs of this lovely park, including the Mt. Kemble trail. Perhaps visit the historic family cemetery that overlooks the trail. Moderately fast pace.

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 4 — Lewis Morris Park, Mendham Rd, Morristown**

*Leader:* Louise White, 973-746-4319

*Meet:* 10AM Sunrise Lake at the LOWEST parking lot (right turn down hill below boathouse). Enjoy a 4- to 5-mile moderate hike on various colored trails.

### **MONDAY, APRIL 5 — Cedar Grove Community Park, Cedar Grove**

*Leader:* Roz Bloom, 973-364-0186

*Meet:* 10AM A railroad bed, a hemlock gorge, and the reservoir. An easy, level hike . Rain, snow, icy conditions cancels.

### **TUESDAY, APRIL 6 — Lake Sebago Boat Launch, Harriman State Park, NY**

*Leader:* Bob Bieri, 201-664-3813

*Meet:* 10AM at Lake Sebago boat launch which is approximately 4.2 miles from Sloatsburg using the Seven Lakes Drive. We'll hike approximately 6-7 miles having lunch near or at Pine Meadow Lake. This moderate hike will include several climbs up Diamond Mountain

### **TUESDAY, APRIL 6 — Jockey Hollow, Morristown**

*Leader:* Gail Biggs 973-401-1262 biggsgail@yahoo.com (day of hike only cell 973-769-6860)

*Meet:* 10AM Visitor Center parking area. Hike to Audubon Headquarters and lunch at Cross Gardens. Moderate 6 miles. Bring lunch and water. See Directions

### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7 — Pyramid Mt., Kincaid area**

*Leaders:* Jim and Theresa McKay, 973-538-0756 jrmmckay@verizon.net

*Meet:* 10AM Pyramid Mt. Kincaid parking lot. A moderately paced 4 to 5 mi. hike on the Kincaid (yellow) and Black Dot trails to Bear Rock (bring snacks) and back. Directions : I-287 North to exit 45 (Wooton Ave., Boonton). Make first left and go under I-287. Follow

Wooton Ave. straight up hill to blinker light. Turn right onto Boonton Ave. (Rt. 511) and go about 2 miles to Rockaway Valley road (where Rt. 511 jogs to the right and left to go to the main Pyramid Mt. parking lot). Turn left on Rockaway Valley Rd. and go about 1.3 miles to stop sign at Powerville Rd. Turn right onto Powerville Rd. and go about 1.2 miles to Kincaid Rd. on right. Turn right on Kincaid Rd. and immediately right into parking lot.

#### **THURSDAY, APRIL 8 — Buttermilk Falls (Mendham, NJ) to Lewis Morris Park**

*Leader:* Jim McKay, 973-538-0756, jmmckay@verizon.net

*Meet:* 9:30AM Lewis Morris Park, Sunrise Lake Lower Lot for shuttle to start. A hike of about 8 miles starting in the Buttermilk Falls Natural Area in Mendham Twp. and proceeding past Buttermilk Falls, down India Brook to the Patriots' Path and Lewis Morris Park.

*Note:* Meeting at 9:30am.

#### **ALT. THURSDAY, APRIL 8 — Ramapo Lake. Oakland**

*Leader:* Bob McCluskie, rwueasecy@msn.com

*Meet:* 10AM LOWER parking lot on Skyline Drive. We will hike 5-6 moderate miles around Ramapo Lake, and maybe more. Bring lunch and water, to enjoy by the lake. Rain will cancel the hike.

#### **SATURDAY, APRIL 10 — Watchung Trail Maintenance, 9:30am — Noon**

Pre-register by calling Betty Kelly @ 908-789-3683. Bring water, gloves, clippers, lopping shears or a bag for trash. Have fun "giving back" a little something to those hiking trails! Meet new people, learn a new skill while working in the out of doors. Trail work is held unless severe weather occurs.

#### **SATURDAY, APRIL 10 — Pyramid Mountain, Montville**

*Leader:* Jay Dibble, 908-289-8813

*Meet:* 10AM in the Pyramid Mountain. See Directions Moderate 4.5-mile hike on various trails. Some steep sections. We pass Bear and Tripod Rocks along the way.

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 11 — Watchung Reservation, Mountainside**

*Leader:* Ellen Jeydel, 908-232-2413

*Meet:* 10AM Trailside Nature Center parking lot on Coles Ave., where it intersects with New Providence Rd. Enjoy a moderately paced 5- to 6-mile hike suitable for intermediate hikers, on a variety of scenic trails. Hiking boots strongly recommended.

#### **MONDAY, APRIL 12 — Oakdale, So. Mtn. Reservation**

*Leader:* Cherryll Short, 973-299-0212

*Meet:* 10AM Oakdale parking area. See map in Directions. In search of the Blood Root.

#### **TUESDAY, APRIL 13 — Spring on the Palisades**

*Leader:* Margo Moss, 201-568-5325/ acephoto@verizon.net

*Meet:* 10AM. State Line Lookout, Alpine, NJ. About 6 miles of flowers, river views, butterflies, etc. etc. Let's enjoy the beauties of springtime on this most special 'flower' loop along the Palisades. We should see many varieties of wild flowers at this time, so bring your flower i.d. books and we will try to identify all.

#### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14 — Hedden Park, Dover**

*Leader:* Len Shnitzer and Norma Cohen, 732-499-9176

*Meet:* 10AM at parking lot at the lake. A walk at a relaxed pace along a lake and a brook, to enjoy the early signs of spring. Steady rain cancels.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 15 — Bearfort Ridge, Hewitt State Park, West Milford**

*Leader:* George Smith, 973-778-3586

*Meet:* 10AM A&P parking lot for a short caravan to the trailhead. We will go up the Orange trail to Surprise Lake and the Greenwood Lake overlook. Going back on the Yellow and White trails with a possible stop at West Pond. A 7- to 8-mile hike. Follow direction to meeting locations for Hewitt State Forest at the front of the schedule

**ALT. THURSDAY, APRIL 15 — Kittatinny Valley State Park, Andover**

*Leader:* Mae Deas, deasmae@juno.com, 908-233-6641

*Meet:* 10AM KVSP visitor center off Goodale Rd. We will do a fairly level hike of about 5.5 miles, on some new and some old, more familiar trails. Bring lunch and water. **You MUST REGISTER with the leader the day before the hike.**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 17 — Locust Grove, So. Mountain Reservation, Millburn**

*Leader:* Joan Lepselter, 908-273-4188

*Meet:* 10AM Locust Grove parking lot , corner of Glen Ave. and Lackawanna Pl., across from Millburn RR station. Enjoy a 4- to 5-mile moderately brisk hike with some rocky sections and possibly a steep climb at the beginning, done at your own pace.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 18 — Branch Brook Park, Lenape Trail, Newark**

*Leader:* Lynn Gale, 973-763-7230

*Meet:* 10AM parking lot on the east side of Franklin Ave. about 0.4 mile north of corner of Franklin St/Heller Parkway. This hike travels the length of Newark's beautiful gem designed by John Charles Olmstead. If the weather is right, we may see cherry blossoms as well as herons and cormorants. Take exit 148 from GSP north. After 25-cent toll, make second right on Franklin STREET and follow it for about 1.3 miles. At the light by the Shell gas station and the Burger King, turn left, north, onto Franklin AVENUE. About 0.4 miles on the right, soon after the railroad trestle, park in the poorly paved free parking lot, just before Clara Maas Hospital. Bring \$1.10 for the one way subway fare. Some trails, some sidewalks.

**MONDAY, APRIL 19 — Boonton Falls, Grace Lord Park**

*Leader:* Cherryll Short, 973-299-0212

*Meet:* 10AM A treat for the eyes with low water, spectacular with high water.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 20 — Lewis Morris Park, Morristown**

*Leader:* Susan Jacobs, 973-402-2555.

*Meet:* 10AM Mendham Overlook (just before the Sugar Loaf parking area) about 1 mile in on the entry road. This will be a moderate hike with ups and downs. Steady rain cancels.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21 — Patriots' Path, Morristown, NJ**

*Leaders:* Jim and Theresa McKay, 973-538-0756 jrmmckay@verizon.net

*Meet:* 10AM at Speedwell Lake, Morristown.. A moderately paced hike of about 5 relatively easy miles to Washington Valley Road and back on the Patriots' Path.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 22 — Lake Sonoma, West Milford, NJ**

*Leader:* Bob Bieri, 201-664-3813

*Meet:* 10AM Hewitt parking lot across from East Shore Road on Greenwood Lake Tpk (Rt. 511) in W. Milford. This will be a moderately strenuous hike about 7 - 7.5 miles long starting at Burnt Meadow Road. We'll hike past Lake Sonoma and Overlook Rock and return on the Hewitt Butler Trail.

**ALT. THURSDAY, APRIL 22 — Beulahland, DWGNRA**

*Leader:* Lili Brohal, jackandlili@att.net, 908-362-9563

*Meet:* 10AM Delaware Water Gap visitor center parking area. We will hike 5-6 miles along the Dunnfield Creek Trail; the Holly Springs Trail; and the Beulahland Trail; we will have lunch overlooking the Delaware River; then we will return along the rail-to-trails to the parking lot. Bring lunch and water. **You MUST REGISTER with the leader the day before the hike.**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 24 — Turtleback Rock, South Mountain Reservation, West Orange**

*Leader:* Ted Sendler, Cell: 862-219-30911

*Meet:* 10AM Turtleback Rock Parking area, off Walker Rd. in West Orange — See Directions. This will be a brisk 4-mile hike for 2 to 2.5 hours from the Turtleback Parking area on the Upper Orange Trail to Hemlock Fall, returning on the Lower Orange Trail. There are some gradual ups and downs. Rain cancels hike.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 25 — Locust Grove, South Mountain Reservation, Milburn**

*Leader:* Ted Sendler, Cell: 862-219-30911

*Meet:* 10AM Locust Grove Parking area, off Glen Ave/ near Milburn Train Station, Milburn-. This will be a brisk 4-mile hike for 2 to 2.5 hours from the Locust Grove Parking area. The initial hike climb is up a steep grade for about 0.5 mile, thereafter the hike is mostly on a level grade on the White Trails. Rain cancels hike.

**MONDAY, APRIL 26 — Branch Brook Park, Newark**

*Leader:* Dave Hogenauer, 973-762-1475 (day of hike only cell: 973-901-0824)

*Meet:* 10AM. Let's hope Mother Nature is on our side and we see the cherry blossoms at their peak

**TUESDAY APRIL, 27 — Ramapo State Forest, Oakland**

*Leader:* George Smith, 973-778-3586

*Meet:* 10AM at the upper parking lot on Skyline Drive. A 6-mile hike at a moderate pace on various trails. We will visit the castle.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28 — Tourne Park, Boonton**

*Leader:* Susan Jacobs, 973-402-2555

*Meet:* 10AM. See Directions This will be a moderate hike through this lovely park, through the wildflowers and beyond for two hours, with some ups and downs. Steady rain cancels.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 29 — Sterling Forest**

*Leader:* Irene Logan, 845-753-5651 (No calls after 9pm or 8:30am day of hike)

*Meet:* 10AM Sterling Forest Visitor Center. See UCHC website for directions. This is a moderately strenuous 8-mile hike that will climb to the fire tower, then along the ridge, descend to the lake, and continue around the lake. Showers/rain or forecast of same

**ALT. THURSDAY, APRIL 29 — Campgaw Mountain, Mahwah 9:45AM**

*Leader:* Bob McCluskie, rwueasecy@msn.com

*Meet:* 9:45AM Ramapo Valley County Reservation on Ramapo Rd, Darlington. We will be leaving promptly at 10AM, to caravan to Campgaw. We will hike at a moderate pace, on marked and unmarked trails. Bring lunch and water. Rain will cancel the hike.