

Notice: Hikes are subject to change of location or cancellation and sometimes hikes or trips are added. For the most current information see how to subscribe to the Yahoo group for notice of changes on 'Schedules' page. Non-members and those in doubt should call the leader to be sure the hike is on.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1 -- South Mountain Roundabout, Millburn

Leader: Lee Fanger, 973-376-3160

Meet: 10 AM at Locust Grove Parking Lot, Glen Ave., opposite Millburn RR Station. (see map in back of schedule) A 4+ mile up and down hike lasting 2+ hours. Boots recommended. Rain cancels.

 **SUNDAY, APRIL 1 — Bike Ride through Sandy Hook, Gateway National Park,**

Highlands

Leader: Ada Ruesch, 732-548-2869. Call Leader by 9 PM Sat. to ensure ride is still on. Leave CLEAR message if no answer.) NOVICES WELCOME.

Meet: 10 AM at first parking lot after entrance, where bathrooms are available. Bike to Fort Hancock and back, using the new bicycle trail one way, and making some interesting side trips, e.g., the birding platform, the lighthouse, Fort Hancock Museum on return. Bring LUNCH to eat in a sheltered spot. An easy 10-12 miles. HELMETS REQUIRED. Rain cancels.

MONDAY, APRIL 2 — Loantaka Brook Reservation, Morristown

Leader: Theresa McKay (973) 538-0756

Meet: 10 AM at South Street entrance parking area. Enjoy a three-mile level walk on paved path and horse trails along a stream.

TUESDAY, APRIL 3 — Sterling Forest State Park, Tuxedo, NY

Leader: Vivian Szabo, 973-335-9410

Meet: 10 AM at Sterling Forest Visitor Ctr. We will do a 4-mile loop hike mostly on the Blue Trail.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4 — Fosterfields to Lewis Morris Park, Morristown

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

Meet: 10 AM at Lewis Morris Sunrise Lake lower parking lot. A moderately paced hike of around 3 miles from Fosterfields to Lewis Morris on the Patriots' Path. Shuttle is required.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5 — Stony Lake, Stokes State Forest, Branchville

Leader: Alan Breach, (H) 973-875-4376, (C) 973-875-4376, abreach@ptd.net

Meet: 10 AM at Kittle Field parking lot. We will do a moderate to strenuous 8- to 9-mile loop including Brown, Blue Mountain, Tinsley, AT, and Tower Trails. We will have a slightly early lunch at Spring Cabin. An early out would be taking the Swensen Trail after lunch back to parking area.

ALT. THURSDAY, APRIL 5 — Hartshorne Woods, Northern Monmouth County

Leader: Mae Deas, cell 908-405-1016

Meet: 10 AM at the Rocky Point parking lot. A hike of about 5-6 miles in Hartshorne Woods. DIRECTIONS: Take the Garden State Parkway to exit 117; follow Rt. 36 east for about 13 miles to Portland Road on the right (the last road intersection before the new bridge to Sandy Hook). Follow the curvy road to the top of the hill and into the parking lot at the left. We will hike up-and-down hills, (this is the highest point on the eastern seaboard, it is said) and on different terrains. Bring lunch and water. Perhaps we can make an early visit to the shore at Sandy Hook after the hike.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5 — Eldridge Street Synagogue and Lower East Side, NYC

Leader: Rita Cohen, 908-303-4726, ritagarden@gmail.com

Contact leader to register and get location.

Meet: 8 AM at Union Station OR at 10:30 in front of The Eldridge Street Synagogue, Manhattan. The Eldridge Street Synagogue was built in 1887 at the peak of Eastern European Jewish immigration into New York City. Come and discover the rich history that lives within the walls of this building. Learn about the architecture and history of the building, their 20-year renovation and new stained glass rose window designed by artist, Kiki Smith. We will walk in the area after the tour. Bring lunch. Entrance/tour fee: \$10/\$8.

FRIDAY, April 6-- Watchung Reservation Mountainside **JUST ADDED**

Leader: Ellen Jeydel 908-232-2413 (day of hike only)

Meet: Trailside Nature Center Parking lot on Coles Ave.

A 4-5 mile hike at a brisk pace. Boots Strongly recommended.

SATURDAY, April 7 — Watchung Reservation, Mountainside

Leader: Eck Khoon Goh, 908-790-0939

Meet: 10 AM at Trailside Nature Center parking lot on Coles Ave. A 4-mile hike at a brisk pace. Boots strongly recommended. Rain cancels.

SUNDAY, APRIL 8 — South Mountain Reservation, Millburn

Leader: Naomi Shapiro, 973-564-8780

Meet: 10 AM at Locust Grove parking lot, Glen Ave., opposite Millburn RR Station (see map in back of schedule). A moderate hike of 2 hours with steep up at beginning. Boots recommended. Bring water and snack food, spray to keep ticks away. Wear crampons if icy. Rain cancels.

MONDAY, APRIL 9 — Cherry Blossoms at Branch Brook Park, Newark

Leader: Dave Hogenauer, 973-762-1475

Meet: 10 AM. Let's hope Mother Nature is on our side and we see the cherry blossoms at their peak. DIRECTIONS: Rt. 280 east to first Newark exit (three lanes branching off to left). At end of ramp, turn left on First St. Go 0.6 mile and turn right onto Park Ave. at a traffic light. Then make immediate right to go left into park. Follow main road through the park for about 2 miles to parking lot on right, 0.4 mile beyond Heller Pkwy.

TUESDAY, APRIL 10 — Mahlon Dickerson Reservation, Jefferson

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

Meet: 10 AM at Saffin Rock Rill parking lot for a 5- to 6-mile moderately paced loop hike mainly on the yellow trail.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11 — Ramapo Lake, Ramapo Mountain State Forest, Oakland

Leader: Mickey Siegel, 201-797-7054

Meet: 10 AM on Skyline Dr. at the first parking lot on the left at the bottom of the hill. This is a very scenic, casual hike, well worth the commute. View beautiful Ramapo Lake. Bring your lunch or a snack to eat at a 20-minute rest stop. Call leader if in need of additional directions or in doubt due to inclement weather.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12 — Ramapo Mountain State Forest, Oakland

Leader: George Smith, 973-778-3586

Meet: 10 AM at upper parking lot on Skyline Drive. Approximately 7-mile hike at a moderate pace on various trails. We will visit the castle.

ALT. THURSDAY APRIL 12 — Kincaid Trail/Pyramid Mountain, Boonton

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

Meet: 10 AM Kincaid parking area. Moderate 5- to 6-mile out-and-back hike in pleasant new area of Pyramid Mountain. Lunch at lovely overlook. Bring lunch and water. NOTE: New directions to Kincaid Trail, not at main parking lot.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14 — Manasquan Reservoir, Howell

Leader: Mae Deas, cell 908-405-1016. Please register for this walk.

Meet: 10 AM at the Visitors' Center at Manasquan Reservoir. DIRECTIONS: Take GSP's Exit 98 to I-195. Proceed to Exit 28 (Rt. 9 North). Immediately after this exit, turn Right on Georgia Tavern Road and another quick right onto Windeler Road. Continue for probably a mile or 2, to the entrance on your left. Enjoy a level 5-mile walk around this lovely reservoir, with lots of opportunities for sighting birds and other wildlife. Afterward, you can explore the Environmental Center, and/or make an early visit to the shore. Bring water and a lunch to enjoy after the walk.

SUNDAY, APRIL 15 — Lewis Morris Park, Morristown

Leader: Louise White, 973-746-4319

Meet: 10 AM at lowest parking lot at Sunrise Lake. Come out for a moderate hike. Some sections of trail rough, with ups and downs. Moderate 4+ miles hike. Steady rain cancels.

SUNDAY, APRIL 15 — Hartshorne Woods, Monmouth County

Leader: Jay Dibble, 908-289-8813

Meet: 10 AM. DIRECTIONS: GSP Exit 117, follow Rt. 36 E for 12.6 miles. At the sign for Bay Ave., Highlands (just before Sandy Hook bridge), turn right onto Portland Rd. Follow Portland Rd. for 0.7 mile to parking area. It's a moderate 5-mile hike with hilly terrain.

SUNDAY, APRIL 15 — Columbia Trail, High Bridge

Leader: Marianne Vlazny, 908-753-0656 or cell 917-882-1612. Call to ensure ride is on.

Meet: 10 AM in High Bridge Park across from the Columbia Trail start. About 15 miles on the trail, hybrid or better tires recommended. Lovely countryside; bring snack (or lunch) to enjoy along the way. Rain cancels. HELMETS REQUIRED.

MONDAY, APRIL 16 — Tourne Park, Boonton

Leader: Susan Jacobs, 973-402-2555

Meet: 10AM. A moderate hike in a beautiful park, through wildflowers to the lake and back.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17 — Cherry Blossom Time, Branch Brook Park, Newark

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

Meet: 10 AM at the park building in the northern part of the park. This is the largest display of cherry blossoms in the USA and it has recently been upgraded with many new plantings. We will walk on mostly level ground to the southern end of the park and back, enjoying this extraordinary display of cherry trees.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 18 — Pyramid/Turkey Mountain, Montville

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

Meet: 10 AM at Pyramid Mountain parking lot. We will hike at a moderate pace for about 4 miles on Pyramid Mt., passing some glacial erratic, including the largest one in New Jersey, and returning along the shores of the reservoir.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19 — Schunemunk Mountain, Mountainville, NY

Leaders: Carolyn and Jim Canfield, 973-728-9774

Meet: 10 AM, Schunemunk Mountain parking lot. A loop along the Long Path and Jessup gives us views along the ridge and unforgettable conglomerate rock beneath our feet. Moderately strenuous 8+ miles.

ALT. THURSDAY, APRIL 19 — High Mountain Preserve, Wayne

Leader: Ed Mancuso, 973-744-4788, emancuso7@aol.com

Meet: 10AM. See UCHC directions for parking lot high above William Paterson U. Recreation Center. A moderate 5- to 6-mile hike with some ups and downs and some water crossings. A mostly very pleasant walk in the woods with a lunch stop at High Mt., Great views of New York and north Jersey. Bring lunch & water. **You MUST REGISTER** with the leader the day before the hike.

SATURDAY, April 21 — Branch Brook Park, Lenape Trail, Newark

Leader: Lynn Gale, 973-763-7230

Meet: 10 AM at parking lot on the EAST side of Franklin Ave. about 0.4 mile north of center of Franklin St./Heller Parkway. We shall walk the length of Newark's beautiful gem designed by John Charles Olmstead. If weather is right, we shall see cherry blossoms as well as herons and cormorants. DIRECTIONS: Exit 148 from GSP North. After the toll area, make second right on Franklin St. and follow it for about 1.3 miles. At the light by 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 Mass Hospital. Bring about \$2 for the one-way subway fare. We will walk on some trails and sidewalks. If the parking lot is closed, we can park at Clara Mass Hospital ahead for a charge or on the street.

SUNDAY, April 22 — Pyramid Mountain, Montville

Leader: Gail Waimon, 973-467-4761

Meet: 10 AM at Pyramid Mountain parking lot. A 4- to 5-mile hike with some steep sections. We will walk at a brisk pace. Rain cancels.

 **SUNDAY, APRIL 22 — D&R Canal Towpath, from So. Bound Brook**

Leader: Mae Deas, cell 732-922-4251. Call to ensure ride is on.

Meet: 10 AM in parking lot just off of Main St. on Canal Road, South Bound Brook. Ride this hard-packed section of the towpath toward New Brunswick and back and then toward E. Millstone and back. Ride will be between 20-25 miles, depending on the wishes and abilities of the group. Either take the bridge over the Raritan from Bound Brook and turn right at first light, at Canal Rd. to lot on your right; or from Rt. 287, take exit 12 and turn onto Canal Rd. toward South Bound Brook. In about a mile, lot will be on your left. No restrooms available at start. HELMETS REQUIRED. Rain cancels. Bring lunch.

MONDAY, APRIL 23 — Willowood and Bamboo Brook, Gladstone

Leader: Joe McLaughlin, 973-263-2799

Meet: 10 AM Willowood parking lot. Words cannot describe the beauty of this arboretum. Pleasant, informal paths through open fields and woodlands; 3,500 kinds of native and exotic plants and lilacs everywhere. This will be a stroll suitable for all.

TUESDAY, APRIL 24 — Terrace Pond, Pequannock Watershed, West Milford

Leader: George Smith, 973-778-3586

Meet: 10 AM at parking lot 7 on Clinton Road. Hike of about 6 miles at a moderate pace with lunch at scenic Terrace Pond.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 25 — Tulip Springs, South Mountain Reservation, South Orange

Leader: Gail Waimon, 973-467-4761

Meet: 10 AM at Tulip Springs. A nice gentle hike along the orange trail with additions if time permits.

 **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25 — Colonial Park, Franklin/Somerset, to Princeton**

Leader: Ed Leibowitz, 201-332-1709. Call leader to register/confirm ride is on.

Meet: 10:30 AM at Colonial Park off Amwell Rd./Rte.514, Somerset, Lot F. Ride to Princeton and back on the D&R towpath, mostly flat. Rain cancels. HELMETS REQUIRED. Bring lunch. Note time.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26 — Lake Skannatati , Harriman State Park, NY

Leader: Bob Bieri, 201-664-3813

Meet: 10 AM at Lake Skannatati parking lot off Seven Lakes Drive in Harriman. This will be a moderately strenuous hike approximately 7-8 miles long. We will hike the Long Path, AT, and Hurst trail, among others.

ALT. THURSDAY, APRIL 26-

Pocono Environmental Education Center, Dingmans Ferry, Pa.

Leader: Chuck Pollack, 973-584-5913, cell on day of hike only 973-714-7070

Co-Leader: Bill Montick, 973-239-1045

Meet: 10 AM at the visitor center parking lot at P.E.E.C. A 6+-mile hike with an easy out for those wanting a shorter hike. We will hike a variety of trails, see waterfalls, a hemlock forest, views of the Delaware Valley and the Kittatinny Mts. Bring lunch and water. **You MUST REGISTER** with the leader the day before the hike.

SATURDAY, April 28 — Tourne Park, Booton

Leader: Susan Jacobs, 973-402-2555

Meet: 10 AM. See front of schedule for directions. A moderate hike through this beautiful park, to the top of the Tourne, through the wildflowers, along a stream, around the lake and back, with ups and downs. Steady rain cancels.

SUNDAY, APRIL 29 — Stokes State Forest, Branchville

Leader: Gregg Hudis, cell anytime 551-404-5461, GrHudis@verizon.net / gregg.hudis@citi.com

Meet: 10 AM at Rt. 15 to 206N, after Culver's Gap, turn right onto Mattison School Road and left onto Sunrise Mountain Road. Appalachian Trail parking is on left. Moderate paced 6-mile loop, about 4 hours. We will start on the Appalachian Trail, then take Stony Brook Trail to the lake. We will have lunch at the picnic area. Bring lunch and liquid. Heavy rain cancels.

MONDAY, APRIL 30 — Cooper Mill/Black River, Chester

Leader: Clotilde Lanig, 732-549-4977

Meet: 10 AM at Cooper Mill on Rte. 24/513. A veritable forest of wildflowers along this rushing stream; how many can you identify?