

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1— Ramapo Mountain State Forest, Oakland

Leader: Mickey Siegel, 201-797-7054

Meet: 10AM Lower Lot on Skyline Drive--the first lot on the left at the bottom of the hill. This is a very scenic, casual hike. View beautiful Ramapo Lake. Bring lunch or a snack to enjoy at a 20-minute rest stop. Call leader if in need of additional info or in doubt about the weather.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 2- Sterling Lake Circular, Sterling Forest State Park, Tuxedo, NY

Leader: Vivian Szabo applevivian2001@yahoo.com 973-335-9410

Meet: 10AM Visitor Center parking lot. Moderately paced 5 miles around the lake.

ALT. THURSDAY DECEMBER 2 - Wyanokie /Weiss Ecology Center, Wanaque

Leader: Ellie King 908-233-8411

Meet: 10AM Weiss Ecology Center parking lot. Hike to Chickahokie Falls for lunch and back. Terrain will be rocky-and-rolling- you will need hiking boots. We will hike 5-6miles at a moderate pace. Bring lunch and water...and any additional footgear you may need for icy/snowy conditions. **You MUST REGISTER with the leader BY PHONE** the day before the hike. **Please, no calls the day of the hike !**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4 - Watchung Trail Maintenance, 9:30am - Noon

Pre-register by calling Betty Kelly @ 908-789-3683. Meet at the old Trailside Museum Building (left side of building). 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, DECEMBER 4 – Ramapo Lake, Ramapo Mountain State Forest, Oakland

Leader: Whoever volunteers

Meet: 10AM lower parking lot on Skyline Drive. Leader's choice of a moderate 4 to 5 mile hike on a variety of scenic marked trails including the beautiful Ramapo Lake. Send list of participants to Terry Kulmane after hike.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5 – FARNY AREA, Rockaway, NJ

Leader: Jean Fletcher, 973-285-5263 jrflecth@optonline.net to register and/or questions.

Meet: 9:00AM Boat Launch area at Split Rock Reservoir

Hike the 4-Birds trail in the Farny Highlands from Split Rock Reservoir to Jacob's Road, about 6 miles. Walk along the Reservoir and then turn North following the 4 Birds to Timberbrook Pond. Several short sharp hills but mostly flat. Almost all weather hike. DIRECTIONS: From Rte 80 East or West, take Exit 37, Rockaway / Hibernia. Follow ramp to the light at Green Pond Road. Coming from the East, turn right; coming from the West, turn left onto Green Pond Road North through the hamlet of Hibernia. After passing a small golf course on the left, look for the Marcella Fire House on the left. Turn Right onto Upper Hibernia Road which is across from the fire house. Follow Upper Hibernia several miles to a left turn onto Split Rock Road. Follow Split Rock Road to the Reservoir (becomes dirt road), cross over the dam and look for the car top boat launch area on the left. Park in the lot. **NOTE 9AM START TIME.** Caravan required

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6 Loantaka Brook Reservation, South Street Entrance, Morristown

Leader: Len Shnitzer, 732-499-9176

Meet 10 AM South St. entrance parking area. Enjoy a level walk on paved and unpaved trails along a stream. DIRECTIONS: I-287 to Exit 35. From southbound, turn right onto South St. and go .75 mile; from northbound, proceed to first light (Rt.24/124), turn right then left at next light onto South St. and go 1 mile to park on left.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 7 - Harriman State Park, New York

Leader: Bob Bieri 201-664-3813

Meet: 10AM Reeves Meadow parking lot. A 6 mile hike with a lot of up hills in the morning, possibly the Russian Bear for lunch, and an easier afternoon. Returning on the Stony Brook Trail and others.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8—Turtle Back, South Mountain Reservation, W. Orange

Leader: Louise White, 973-746-4319

Meet: 10AM Turtleback Rock parking area, Walker Road off Northfield Ave. We will enjoy a moderate hike of 4-5 miles on various trails.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 9 , Harriman, State Park, NY Note Change of Location

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

Due to the bear hunt occurring in Ramapo State Forest and Ringwood State Forest this week, the hike scheduled to meet this Thursday at the upper parking lot on Skyline Drive is changed to a different location out of NJ.

Meet 10 a.m. at Lake Skannatati Parking lot on 7 Lakes Drive in Harriman State Park, New York. We will hike up Pine Swamp Mt. through Times Square to the Lichen Trail and then over Black Rock Mt. and back to the parking area -- 9 miles at a moderate to fast pace (moderate on the steep up & downhills, fast on the level and slightly up & down hill segments). If you know of people who usually come on Thursday hikes but who might not see this notice, please let them know. Dave Hogenauer

ALT. THURSDAY DECEMBER 9 - Kittatinny Valley State Park, Newton, NJ Note change due to hunting at DWG.

Leader: Lili Brohal 908-362-9563; jackandlili@centurylink.net

Meet: 10AM Kittatinny Valley State Park continue to second parking lot across from stone Visitor Center. Bring lunch and water.

You MUST REGISTER with the leader the day before the hike.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11-- Holiday Party -- Hike -- Business Meeting

Where: Lewis Morris Park Cultural Center, Morristown.

Contact: Carol O'Keefe, 973-328-7395

Hike Leader: Al Mac Lennan 973 451 1435 (Brisk pace),

Hike Leader: Louise White (Moderate Pace)

Hikers Meet: 10AM Lewis Morris Park Cultural Center,. Directions To Cultural Center: Follow the directions for Lewis Morris Park, If you are coming via Tempe Wick Road after you turn onto Rte 24 go approximately 1.2 miles to the Cultural Center on the right. If you are coming from Morristown continue about 1/2 mile past the park entrance.. The Cultural Center is on the left side of Route 24. The address is 300 Mendham Road. It is a sharp steep uphill turn

Hikers please note that no hiking boots will be permitted at the party. Please remember to bring a change of shoes. If you forget you can attend but your boots cannot.

There will be 2 two-hour hikes, one at a brisk pace and one at a moderate

pace. The holiday party and a short business meeting will follow in the Cultural Center, at 12:30

Non-hikers are invited to join us for the party and the business meeting. Bring lunch and your favorite goodies to share. Beverages will be provided. Party will go on rain or shine. Steady rain or snow may cancel hikes..

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12 – Jockey Hollow National Park, Morristown

Leader: Pat Curley, 908-868-7510

Meet: 10AM Visitor Center parking area. A moderate 4 to 5 mile hike on a variety of trails. Inclement weather cancels.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13 – Great Swamp Nature Center, Chatham

Leader: Len Shnitzer, 732-499-9176

Meet: 10AM A level walk along the boardwalk and the Laurel Trail. can be wet.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 14 - Ramapo State Forest, Oakland

Leader: Carol O'Keefe 973 328 7599

Meet: 10AM Ramapo State Forest Oakland Upper Parking Lot. Hike about 7 miles on various trails on both sides of Skyline Drive (leaders choice depending on conditions). Moderately (Tuesday) paced hike with a couple of moderately strenuous climbs affording nice views. Possible stop at the 'castle'. Lunch or snack, water and boots required. Steady rain cancels

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15—Somerset County Environmental Education Center, Basking Ridge

Leader: Cherryll Short, 973-299-0212

Meet: 10AM Education Center lot. We will walk to the Raptor Trust Center run by Len and Diane Soucy. A private, nonprofit corp. dedicated to the preservation and well-being of birds-of-prey. Bring a lunch to eat inside. A great way to begin the holiday season. Don't miss it! (This will be a short road walk.)

THURSDAY DECEMBER 16 - Harriman State Park, NY

Leader: George Kalosieh 973-200-0969

Meet: 10AM Lake Sebago Boat Launch We hike approximately 6-7 miles having lunch near Pine Meadow Lake. Moderately strenuous hike including several steep climbs up Diamond Mountain.

ALT. THURSDAY DECEMBER 16 - Jockey Hollow National Historical Park, Morristown

Leader: Gail Biggs biggs_gail@yahoo.com; 973-401-1262, CELL: 973-769-6860 (day of hike only)

Meet: 10AM Visitor Center parking lot. Hike approx. 6 moderate miles on various trails depending on conditions. Bring lunch, water, and appropriate foot-gear for ice/snow. REGISTER FOR HIKE DAY BEFORE.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18 - Pyramid Mountain, Montville

Leader: Angela Coble, 908-420-7915

Meet: 10 AM Pyramid Mountain. Directions in front of schedule. A moderate 4.5 mile hike on various trails. Rain cancels.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19 – Watchung Reservation, Mountainside

Leader: Mae Deas, 908-233-6641

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20 - Tulip Springs, South Mountain Reservation, West Orange

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

Meet: 10AM Tulip Springs (see map back cover). Hike over to Hemlock Falls and back by way of the Painters Point Trail.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 21 - Schunemunk Mt., Mountainville, NY

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

Meet 10AM Hil-Mar Resort parking area. Moderately paced hike up the western ridge for about 6-7 miles with some steepness, but much gradual ridge walking and spectacular views. DIRECTIONS: Follow directions for Schunemunk Mt. but pass the parking area on Taylor Rd and continue for another one and a half miles to a T in road. Turn left onto Otterkill Rd. and then left on Clove Rd. On Clove Rd drive 0.6 miles to the hikers' parking on the left just beyond Hil-Mar Resort.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22—Cranberry Lake, Byram

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

Meet: 10AM We will hike along the dam that forms the lake, then along the blue trail and return on South Shore Rd. A short bushwhack. A stroll down memory lane for Dave.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 23 - Allamuchy Mountain State Park, Hackettstown

Leader: Eric Singer 973-744-7147

Meet: 10AM Rest Area on Route 80 EAST bound. DIRECTIONS: From west bound Rt 80 get off at Exit 19 then U -TURN to East bound and go about 1/2 mile. A 5 to 7 mile hike depending on snow conditions. It is more fun if it snowed a few days before - but if Rt 80 is not clear - hike is cancelled

ALT. THURSDAY DECEMBER 23 - Pyramid Mt., Kinnelon/Montville

Leader: Dave Hogenauer 973-762-1475; CELL 973-901-9824 (day of hike only).

Meet: 10AM Pyramid Mt. parking lot for a 5-6mile moderately paced hike along the reservoir, and up-and-over the mountain. The route and length will vary if there is snow on the ground. The hike might include: Tripod Rock; Bare Rock, and the Whale's Head. Bring lunch and water, and appropriate foot gear for ice/snow.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25 - Tourne Park, Boonton

Leader: Whoever volunteers

Meet: 10AM See front of schedule for directions. Leader's choice of a moderate 5 mile hike through this beautiful county park. Send list of participants to Terry Kulmane after hike.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26 – Pyramid Mountain, Montville

Leader: Whoever volunteers

Meet: 10AM Pyramid Mountain Parking lot. See front of schedule for directions. Leader's choice of a moderate 5 mile hike through this beautiful county park. Send list of participants to Terry Kulmane after hike.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27 – Deer Paddock, South Mountain Reservation, West Orange

Leader: Joe McLaughlin, 973-263-2799

Meet: 10AM Deer Paddock. (see map back cover). A fairly level hike to Washington Rock. Rain, snow, icy conditions cancels.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 28 - Ramapo Valley County Reservation, (Darlington) Mahwah

Leader: Carol O'Keefe 973-328-7599 okcarol@optonline.net

Meet: 10AM Moderately paced hike of 6-7 miles. Hike to Bear Swamp Lake for lunch and back. We may snowshoe if snow on the ground. Falling snow or rain may cancel Call the leader if in doubt.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29—Watchung Reservation, Mountainside

Leader: Mae Deas, 908-233-6641

Meet: 10AM Trailside Nature and Science Center parking lot on Coles Ave. where it intersects with New Providence Road. Pace and route will depend on trail and weather conditions. Deep snow may call for snowshoes. Steady rain or snow cancel

THURSDAY DECEMBER 30 - Lake Kanawauke, Harriman State Park, NY

Leader: Jim Conlon, 914-591-6079

Meet: 10AM Kanawauke parking lot. Moderately strenuous hike on various trails.

Seven Lakes Drive to Kanawauke Circle--go $\frac{3}{4}$ way around circle and take Rt. 106 West for 0.3 mi. to parking lot on left.

ALT. THURSDAY DECEMBER 30 - Tourne Park, Boonton Note change

Leader: Diane Willer 973-627-4046; Cell 973-713-3066; dwiller34@gmail.com

Meet: 10 AM We will warm-up with a climb to the top of the Tourne, and continue on a 5 mile loop, with lunch along the way. We will snowshoe if there is sufficient snow. Bring lunch and water, hiking boots and traction devices and/or snowshoes. You must register with the leader the day before the hike.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1 - Our Traditional New Year's Day Hike

Leader: Whoever Volunteers

Meet: 10AM at the Tulip Springs parking lot, Brookside Ave., in South Orange, 0.4 miles north of South Orange Ave. Entrance is on the east side of the road. Leader's choice of a moderate 2 hour hike through the pine forest. Please send list of participants to Terry Kulmane after hike.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2 – Jockey Hollow National Park, Morristown

Leader: Whoever Volunteers

Meet: 10AM Visitor Center parking lot. Leader's choice of a 4–5 mile hike in this historical national park. Send list of participants to Terry Kulmane after hike.

HAPPY NEW YEAR HIKERS...Hope to see you all on the trails again in 2011