

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1 — Mills Reservation, Cedar Grove

Leader: Joe McLaughlin, 973-263-2799

Meet: 10AM We will follow a section of the Lenape Trail, then back on the Blue Trail. Directions: From Bloomfield Ave. and Rt. 23 intersection in Verona, go north on Rt. 23 to 4th traffic light and turn right onto Ridge Rd. Go 1.2 mi. to Reservoir Dr. Turn right and go 0.6 mi. to entrance on right (between stone pillars).

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2 — Johnstown Mystery Hike, Harriman State Park.

Leader: Dave Sutter, dsuttr@aol.com (no phone)

Meet: 10AM Johnstown road parking, Where we go is a mystery to me but enjoy the big fun. Precip may cancel.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3 —

Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge Wilderness Area, Meyersville

Leaders: Don and Jeane McLellan, 908-464-6246

Meet: 10AM at parking area for trails and information at Great Swamp NOR. The Wilderness Area comprises about half the total area of the Refuge. A 4-mile moderate hike on level terrain. Trail maintenance restrictions may mean stepping over more logs and branches than usual. Also trail could be wet and muddy after rain. Heavy rain cancels. DIES: I-287 to exit 33, Harter Rd. Right off ramp, to traffic light at James St. Turn rt. for one mile, to stop sign at Blue Mill Road. Right, for 1.3 miles (name changes to Lee's Hill Road) through traffic light, to junction with Long Hill Road on the left, opposite a school. Go left on Long Hill Road toward Meyersville for 2.1 miles. Then turn right on unpaved road into the parking area.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4 — Sapphire Trail and South

Leader: KW Hanson, 732-530-5213 (no calls after Wed. noon)

Meet: 10AM Sterling Forest Wildcat Mountain parking lot for shuttle to north trail head. We will hike about 8 miles past Indian Hill and Wildcat Mountain. Hikers must bring minimum of 2 liters of water, foot gear for ice, and also snowshoes if potholing is possible.

ALT. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4 — Jockey Hollow to Audubon

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

Meet: 10AM Jockey Hollow visitor center parking area. We will hike a moderate 6 miles to the Audubon Center; we will eat lunch along the way, at Cross Estate Gardens. Bring lunch and water.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6 — South Mountain Reservation, Millburn

Leader: Naomi Shapiro, 973-564-8780. Call before 9pm.

Meet: 10AM Locust Grove parking lot, corner of Glen Ave. and Lackawanna Pl. across from Millburn RR station. This will be a 4- to 5-mile hike, Steady pace, uneven terrain, Boots recommended. Rain cancels.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7 — 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 5-6 hike suitable for intermediate hikers, on a variety of scenic trails. Rain, falling snow or icy conditions cancels.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8 — Grover Cleveland Park, Essex Fells and Caldwell

Leader: Cherryll Short, 973-299-0212

Meet: 10AM Enjoy the best of two parks. Directions: From Bloomfield Ave. in West Caldwell turn onto Roseland Ave. at light by big church. Turn right onto Runnymede Rd. at Essex Fells Police sign. Turn left onto Buttonwood Rd. At first stop sign, turn right onto Oak Lane and keep right, going around soccer field on your left. At far end of field turn left into large gravel parking lot. Rain, snow, ice cancels.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9 — Ramapo Mountain State Forest, Oakland, NJ

Leader: Vin Dryer 201-264-0976

Meet: 10AM at the upper lot on Skyline Drive. We will hike approximately 6 miles on hilly terrain using various trails north towards Glen Gray. Directions to the parking lot are as follows: I-287 North to Exit 57 (Skyline Drive). Turn left at light onto Skyline Drive pass lower lot and go an additional 1.14 miles on Skyline Drive to lot at top of hill. Upper Lot: Coordinates: N41°02.853', W74°15.087'

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10 —

Turtleback Rock Park, So. Mountain Reservation, West Orange

Leader: Louise White, 973-746-4319

Meet: 10AM Turtleback Rock parking area in West Orange. Lot is on Walker Road near corner of Northfield Ave. near Essex House Restaurant and Turtleback Zoo. We will enjoy a moderate hike of 4-5 miles on various trails.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11— Harriman State Park

Leader: Ron Kuhns, 201-836-5256

Meet: 10AM Reeves Meadow parking lot off of Seven Lakes Drive in Harriman State Park. We will hike about 7 miles on various trails depending on the trail conditions. This will be a moderately strenuous hike.

ALT. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11 — Watchung Reservation

Leader: Ellie King, 908-233-8411

Meet: 10AM Trailside Museum parking lot on Coles Ave, where it intersects with New Providence Rd. We will do about 5 miles on various trails. Bring lunch and water — as well as stabilizers; crampons; or snowshoes — as the conditions warrant. **You MUST REGISTER with the leader the day before the hike.**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13 — Watchung Reservation, Mountainside

Leader: Ellen Jeydel, 908-232-2413

Meet: 10AM Trailside Nature and Science Center parking lot on Coles Ave. where it intersects with New Providence Rd. This will be a brisk hike of about 4-5 miles with some rocky trails, often muddy. Steady rain cancels.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14 — Watchung Reservation, Mountainside

Leader: Mae Deas, 908-233-6641

Meet: 10AM Trailside Nature and Science Center on Coles Ave. where it intersects with New Providence Rd. Bring your Valentine along for a stroll through the woods. Then perhaps treat him/her to a romantic lunch. There'll be a candy heart for each hiker on this moderate walk. Route and pace will be dictated by ground conditions. Steady rain and/or snow will likely cancel.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15 — Great Swamp Nature Center, Chatham

Leader: Len Shnitzer, 732-499-9176

Meet: 10AM A level walk along the boardwalk and the Laurel Trail (which can be wet). Directions: From Short Hills Mall (Rt. 24 and Kennedy Parkway) follow signs to Summit and River Rd. After traffic light in Summit bear right across bridge onto Watchung Ave. (which soon becomes Shunpike Rd). Go 2 mi. to traffic light at Noe Ave, turn left. At end of Noe, turn left onto Southern Blvd. Park entrance is a short way on the right at the sign for Morris County Education Center. Rain, snow, ice cancels.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16 — Allamuchy State Park, Hackettstown

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

Meet: 10AM at I-80scenic overlook We will hike around the lake. Route and pace will vary according to snow conditions. About 5 miles at a moderate pace.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17 — Farny Highlands, Rockaway Twp.

Leader: Pete Beck, 201-274-4471

Meet: BEFORE 10 AM at Farny Visitors Center lot. Hike will begin at 10AM. Go north on Greenpond Road for 6.5 miles. Opposite Marcella Comm. Center (at a Firehouse sign) turn right onto Upper Hibernia Road. Go about 2.6 miles to parking lot on the left. We will hike the Oreland rail bed, which is paved with cinders. A nice walk through forest and wetlands.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18 — Lake Sebago, Harriman State Park

Leader: Jim Conlon, 914-591-6079

Meet: 10AM Lake Sebago Boat Launch for a moderately strenuous hike.

ALT. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18 — Somerset County Environmental Center

Leader: Al MacLennan, ajmaclennan@verizon.net, 973-451-1435

Meet: 10AM SCEC parking lot. The hike will be an easy 5-6 miles through lowland forest; alongside a river; and over swampland on a boardwalk trail. We will be able to ski or snowshoe if there is enough snow — bring your own equipment, a snack and water. The leader suggests we lunch after the hike at The Ridge restaurant in Basking Ridge. **You MUST REGISTER with the leader the day before the hike.**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20 — Watchung Reservation, Mountainside

Leader: Pat Curley, 908-868-7510

Meet: 10AM Trailside Nature Center parking lot on Coles Ave., where it intersects with New Providence Rd. This hike will be 4-5 miles at a brisk pace. The hike can be split in two, if someone else is willing to lead a moderate paced hike. Boots are strongly recommended. Steady rain cancels.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21 — Tulip Springs, So. Mountain Reservation, So. Orange

Leader: Louise White, 973-746-4319

Meet: 10AM Tulip Springs main parking lot to the right and back by the picnic area off Cherry Lane, a continuation of Brookside Ave, Millburn, just north of South Orange Ave. A mix of trails depending on conditions, for about 4 miles and 2 hours.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22 — Jockey Hollow Visitors Center, Morristown

Leaders: Don and Jeane McLellan, 908-464-6126

Meet: 10AM An easy ramble over to the newly renovated Girl Scout Camp. Steady rain, snow or ice cancels.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23 — Hook Mountain, Nyack, NY

Leader: Ron Kuhns, 201-836-5256

Meet: 10AM for a 6-mile hike with a fair amount of climbing, but the views of the Hudson River make it all worthwhile.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24 — Watchung Reservation, Mountainside

Leader: Joan Lepselter, 908-273-4188

Meet: 10AM Trailside Museum parking lot on Coles Ave. where it intersects with New Providence Rd. See map front cover. A 4- to 5-mile hike at a moderately fast pace, but dictated by trail conditions. Could be icy, or muddy. Steady rain, snow or icy trails will cancel.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25 — South Mountain Reservation

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

Meet: 10AM Bramhall Terrace on Crest Drive (see map in 'Directions'). We will follow the boundary of the park as closely as possible, following a combination of old woods roads, an abandoned and long forgotten road, marked trails, and even sidewalks for an 11-mile hike over mostly level or slightly sloped ground with only a few steep areas. This will be a moderately fast paced hike. Ice and slippery snow conditions will alter the length and tempo of the hike.

ALT. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25 — Kincaid Trail, Boonton Twp

Leader: Diane Willer, 973-627-4046; (Cell 973-713-3066 day of hike only); dwiller34@gmail.com

Meet: 10AM Kincaid Trail parking lot on Powerville Rd. and Kincaid Rd. in Boonton Twp. This will be a 5-6 mile, out-and-back on this new Pyramid Mt. trail. We will snowshoe if there is sufficient snow. Bring lunch and water. You MUST REGISTER with the leader the day before the hike. DIRECTIONS: I287N to exit 45, Wooton St, Boonton; make the first LEFT, go under I287; follow Wooton St. straight uphill to blinker; turn RIGHT onto CR511, Boonton Ave; follow 2 miles; turn LEFT onto Rockaway Valley Rd; follow 1.3 miles; turn RIGHT onto Powerville Rd; follow 1.2 miles to Kincaid Rd; turn RIGHT into parking lot.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27 — Watchung Reservation, Mountainside

Leader: Pat Curley, 908-868-7510

Meet: 10AM Trailside Nature Center parking lot on Coles Ave., where it intersects with New Providence Rd. This hike will be 4-5 miles at a brisk pace. The hike can be split in two, if someone else is willing to lead a moderate paced hike. Boots are strongly recommended. Steady rain cancels.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28 — Jockey Hollow National Park, Morristown

Leader: Dave Bennett, 973-701-0246

Meet: 10AM Visitor Center parking lot. (See Directions). Enjoy a scenic 4- to 5-mile hike in this historical national park, with a selection of trails depending on the weather.