

MONDAY, MARCH 1 — Tourne Park, Boonton

Leader: Susan Jacobs, 973-402-2555

Meet: 10AM A pretty hike to Birchwood and Crystal Lakes, and a bubbling spring. See front of schedule for directions. Steady rain, snow or ice cancels.

TUESDAY, MARCH 2 — Indian Hills, Smithfields, N.Y.

Leader: Arnie Seymour-Jones: 201-768-3864

Meet: 10AM Indian Hills parking area. Directions: Take Route 17 north to Southfields. Just beyond the Red Apple Rest turn left onto the Orange Turnpike and go 1.3 miles to a dirt road on the right. Take the dirt road 0.2 miles to the parking area. Indian Hills and Sapphire Trails.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3 — Ramapo State Forest, West Side, Haskell, NJ

Leader: Ron Kuhns, 201-836-5256

Meet: 10AM Back Beach Park, on the west side of Ramapo State Forest. This will be a hike of about 5 miles on the Red-on-White trail that goes up to the Red circular trail to and around Ramapo Lake, and back.

THURSDAY, MARCH 4 — Johnsonstown Madness

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

Meet: 10AM Johnsonstown Circle, precipitation may cancel. Hike will include Kelly's Slide, Dater's Mine, Hamill Hill, Pei Yi Wu route up Claudius Smith's Den, Smith's horse stable, Fox Trail and many other confused places dimly remembered by aged leader.

ALT. THURSDAY, MARCH 4 — Ghost Lake, Allamuchy

Leader: Jim Turner, jimturner99@gmail.com, 908-852-7724, (Cell 862-812-2082 day of hike only)

Meet: 10AM Ghost Lake parking lot. We will do a moderate hike of 4.5 miles, with an elevation gain of 950 ft. Bring lunch and water. You MUST REGISTER with the leader the day before the hike — preferably by e-mail. DIRECTIONS: Take I-80 to exit 19, Hackettstown, Allamuchy; turn RIGHT onto CR517, then immediately bear LEFT onto CR667 heading downhill; go 0.2 mile; turn LEFT before reaching the Allamuchy General Store, onto CR612(Johnsonburg Rd); follow 1.1 mile; turn LEFT onto CR615 (Long Bridge Rd); follow 1.2 miles; turn RIGHT onto Shades of Death Rd; follow 3.1 miles to parking lot for Ghost Lake on the right — with Jenny Jump State Park sign.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6 — 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, MARCH 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, MARCH 7— Cheesequake State Park

Leader: Jay Dibble, 908-289-8813

Meet: 10AM GSP commuter parking lot at exit 120. We shall drive to the park from here. Moderate 4-mile hike on both flat and hilly terrain.

MONDAY, MARCH 8 — Turtle Back Rock, South Mountain Reservation

Leader: Len Shnitzer, 732-499-9176

Meet: 10AM A level hike to the Girl Scout oval and back. See map on back cover. Rain, snow, ice cancels.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9 — Cheesequake State Park, Matawan

Leader: Mae Deas, 908-233-6641

Meet: 10AM first parking lot on left after passing the Visitor Center. From the GSP LOCAL lanes, take exit 120 and make 3 right turns following signs to the park. A moderate-paced hike of 5-6 miles, with some hills (mostly on steps) and some wet spots. We'll hike a mixed terrain of pine barrens, freshwater swamp and sandy soils, and enjoy lunch near the lake.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9 — Wawayanda State park, Highland Lakes, NJ.

Leader: Kathie Grifone, 201-891-5161

Meet: 10AM Boat launch parking area. Go through the main gate and drive about 4 miles to the left hand turn off when you see the lake. Go to the second parking lot which is on the left and down the hill. We will hike about 7 miles over moderate terrain.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10 — Jockey Hollow National Park, Morristown

Leader: Mae Deas, 908-233-6641

Meet: 10AM Visitor Center parking lot. See directions near front of this schedule. This will be a 4- to 5-mile moderately paced hike in a beautiful area, before leafed trees hide much of the lovely terrain. Steady rain cancels.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11 — Stony Lake, Stokes State Forest

Leader: Alan Breach 973-875-4376 (cell day of hike only 973229-9140)

Meet: 10AM Stony Lake parking lot 2.5 miles into the park. We will do a 7- to 8-mile loop including the newer brown, Blue Mountain, Tinsley, AT, and Tower Trails. I hope to eat lunch at Spring cabin. The views on the AT can be beautiful. Option after lunch for a early out via Swensen Trail.

ALT. THURSDAY, MARCH 11 — Lake Wonosink Circular, Harriman

Leader: Arnie Seymour-Jones, caaasj@aol.com, 201- 768-3864

Meet: 10AM Reeves Meadow parking lot, on Seven Lakes Drive in Harriman. We will do a 6- to 7-mile hike over easy trails, along the way we will have lunch at the lake. Bring lunch and water.

SATURDAY, MARCH 13 — 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, MARCH 14 — DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS. Set clocks ahead one hour!

SUNDAY, MARCH 14 — 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. Rain, falling snow or icy conditions cancels.

MONDAY, MARCH 15 — Locust Grove, South Mountain Reservation

Leader: Cherryll Short, 973-299-0212

Meet: 10AM Locust Grove. We'll follow the Rahway River past Diamond Mill Pond. See map on back cover. Steady rain, snow or ice cancels.

TUESDAY MARCH 16 — Lewis Morris and Jockey Hollow Parks, Morristown

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

Meet: 10AM Lewis Morris Sugar Loaf Parking Area. This will be a 6-mile moderately paced hike on various trails in Lewis Morris, Jockey Hollow, and the adjacent Girl Scout Reservation where we will eat lunch.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17 — Lewis Morris Park, Morristown

Leader: Louise White, 973-746-4319

Meet: 10AM at lower parking lot at Sunrise Lake. See directions in front of schedule. Come out for a moderate hike. Some sections of trail are rough, with ups and downs. Steady rain cancels

THURSDAY, MARCH 18 — Reeves Meadow, Harriman State Park

Leader: Bob Bieri, 201-664-3813

Meet: 10AM Reeves Meadow parking lot for a moderately strenuous 8-mile hike along the Stony Brook, HTS, and TMI trails to Claudius Smith Rock and back using different trails and unmarked woods road.

ALT. THURSDAY, MARCH 18 — High Mountain Preserve, Wayne

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

Meet: 10AM. We will do a moderate 5- to 6-mile hike with some ups-and-downs, and some water crossings; a mostly very pleasant walk in the woods; we will lunch atop High Mt., with great views of New York and north Jersey. Bring lunch and water. **You MUST REGISTER with the leader the day before the hike.**

SATURDAY, MARCH 20 — Watchung Reservation, Mountainside

Leader: Joan Lepselter, 908-273-4188

Meet: 10AM Trailside Nature Center parking lot on Coles Ave., where it intersects with New Providence Rd. Enjoy a moderately brisk paced 4- to 5-mile hike on a mix of terrains. Steady rain cancels.

SATURDAY, MARCH 20 — Richard W. DeKorte Park, Meadowlands

Leader: Lynn Gale, 973-763-7230

Meet: 10AM parking area near the Visitor Center, located at 2 DeKorte Park Plaza, Lyndhurst, NJ 201-460-8300. From the parkway take Rt. 3 East to the exit for Rt. 17 South, Ridge Rd. (Lyndhurst Ave). Down the hill at a traffic light, make a right onto Polito Ave. Continue past Medieval Times to the end of Polito Ave. At the stop sign, make a left turn onto Valley Brook Ave. Follow this road all the way to its end over a mile. Cross the railroad track and keep to the left. Go through the security gate and turn right at the stop sign into the parking lot. Leader will be at the end by the security gate. This Environmental Center has almost 4 miles of salt marsh and upland trails. The views are beautiful and wild. Lots of birds. The topography is very different from our normal hilly woods in this area. Some floating boardwalk. Heavy rain cancels.

SUNDAY, MARCH 21 — Locust Grove, So. Mountain Reservation, Millburn

Leader: Lee Fanger, 973-376-3160

Meet: 10AM Locust Grove parking lot, corner of Glen Ave. and Lackawanna Pl., across from Millburn RR station. Steady pace, boots recommended, rain cancels.

MONDAY, MARCH 22 — Hudson River Palisades, Fort Lee

Leader: Ben Sterman, 201-797-0468

Meet: 10AM Englewood Boat Basin, Fort Lee. Flat hike along Hudson River to George Washington Bridge. To avoid GWB traffic take I-80 East to Exit 71N to Palisades Ave. Right turn to Boat Basin. Bring trail lunch. Rain, snow, ice cancels.

TUESDAY, MARCH 23 — Breakneck Pond, Harriman State Park

Leader: Marilyn Varley, 914-698-2339

Meet: 10AM Fishing Parking Lot at Lake Sebago A moderately, steady pace of 5-6 miles. Exact route TBD, but expect off trail, marked and unmarked trails, with some climbs. Inclement weather cancels. Call morning of hike if in doubt.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24 — Lewis Morris Park, Morristown

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

Meet: 10AM lower parking area of Sunrise Lake. Directions. The Sunrise Lake Road is about 0.6 mile from the Park entrance. This will be a moderate hike on various trails with some ups and downs likely. Steady rain cancels.

THURSDAY, MARCH 25 — Reeves Brook Circular, Harriman State Park

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

Meet: 10AM Reeves Meadow Parking Lot. Join Margo Moss on her favorite hike in the area of Harriman. We will do at least 3 trails from end to end. There will be some climbing and we will enjoy great views. Hike will be moderately strenuous and we will do about 8 miles. Rain cancels. Call leader if in doubt.

ALT. THURSDAY, MARCH 25 — Blue Heron Lake, Mahlon Dickerson

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

Meet: 10AM Saffin Pond parking area in Mahlon Dickerson. This will be a moderate hike of about 6.5 miles to Blue Heron Lake in the Weldon Brook Wildlife Management area, on mostly unmarked trails. We will return on trails in Mahlon Dickerson Reservation. An easy-out is possible after lunch, on the Ogden Mine RR path, cutting the hike to 5.5 miles. Bring lunch and water.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27 — Garret Mountain, Paterson

Leader: Walter Koenig, 973-684-5528

Meet: 10AM. Directions: Take Valley Rd. 2 miles north from Rt. 46 in Clifton to the 3rd light (Fenner Ave). Make a sharp left up the hill on Mountain Park Rd. Go 0.3 mile to the park entrance on the right, then 0.8 mile on the one-way loop to the 2nd paved parking lot on the left. Enjoy an easy circular hike with splendid views of historic Paterson. Optional lunch at Libby's Diner after the hike and a visit to the Great Falls and/or the Paterson Museum. Steady rain cancels.

SUNDAY, MARCH 28 — South Mountain Reservation, Turtle Back

Leader: Louise White, 973-746-4319

Meet: 10AM Turtleback Rock parking area in West Orange. Lot is on Walker Rd. 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.

MONDAY, MARCH 29 — Bramhall Terrace/Crest Drive, So. Mtn. Reservation

Leader: Len Shnitzer, 732-499-9176

Meet: 10AM Terrace parking area on Crest Drive. A lovely, level circular on and off this scenic drive. Steady rain, snow or ice cancels.

TUESDAY, MARCH 30 — Lenape Ridge (NEW HIKE)

Leader: Alan Breach 973-875-4376 (day of hike 973-229-9140)

Meet: 10AM High Point State Park Sussex, NJ. We will go together to trailhead. Approx. 4 miles 6 stars on a loop trail, moderate with few ups. OPTION the White trail continues to a Historic area of Port Jervis to extend hike 1.5 mile

TUESDAY, MARCH 30 — Wyanokie, Stonetown

Leader: Ellie King, 908-233-8411

Meet: 10AM Weiss Ecology. A 5- to 6-mile hike on a variety of trails. Possibly a steep climb up High Point just before lunch. Be prepared for snow and ice.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31 — Ramapo Lake trails, Oakland

Leader: Micky Siegel, 201-797-7054

Meet: 10AM on Skyline Dr. at the first parking lot on the left at the bottom of the hill. Take I-287 to Exit 57, Skyline Dr. in Oakland. This is a very scenic, casual hike, well worth the commute. View beautiful Ramapo Lake. Bring 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.