

SATURDAY, MAY 1 — DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, MAY 1 — 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, MAY 1 — Hawkwatch, Fanny Area, Rockaway, NJ

Leader: Al Verdi, 973-263-8569

Meet: 10AM Wildcat Ridge parking lot An easy-to-moderate hike of 3 miles over rocky trails with moderate ups and downs. Beginning at Wildcat Ridge Parking Lot on Upper Hibernia Rd, we follow the Red Trail to White up to Hawkwatch, where we take a break and Spring views. Orange takes us back to the cars. Bring water.

SUNDAY, MAY 2 — Jockey Hollow National Park, Morristown

Leader: Pat Curley, 908-868-7510

Meet: 10AM Visitor Center parking lot. A moderate 4- to 5-mile hike on a variety of trails. Rain cancels.

MONDAY, MAY 3 — Willowwood and Bamboo Brook, Gladstone

Leader: Joe McLaughlin, 973-263-2799

Meet: 10AM Willowwood 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,**

MAY 4 — Sterling Lake Circular

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

Meet: 10AM at the Sterling Forest Visitor Center parking lot. We will hike 6 miles around the lake on the Blue and Yellow trails at a moderate pace.

TUESDAY, MAY 4 — Schooley’s Mountain Park, Long Valley

Leader: Bill Barton 908-647-6658

Meet: 10AM Cooper Mill. Follow club printed directions. We will then take a short shuttle to a small parking lot. The hike is up to the main part of the park and returning. Rain cancels

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5 — Duke Island County Park, Raritan, Somerset County

Leader: Mae Deas, 908-233-6641

Meet: 10AM Visitor Center parking lot. An easy, moderately-paced walk along the canal and Raritan River. Bring lunch or a snack to enjoy either at a short break or when we finish the hike. We are hoping for an awesome display of Virginia Bluebells by this date. From Rts. 22 and 206, (at the Somerville “circle”) take Rt. 206 south and at the second traffic light (Somerset St.) turn right; follow a mile or two to the park entrance on your left. Steady rain cancels.

THURSDAY, MAY 6 — Terrace Pond, West Milford

Leader: George Smith, 973-778-3586

Meet: 10AM Parking Lot #7 on Clinton Road. We will start on the Yellow trail, Red trail, Yellow again, and White trail to lunch overlooking the Pond. Taking the White and Blues trails back to the cars. Approx. 6-mile hike.

ALT. THURSDAY, MAY 6 — Sourland Mountain Preserve, Hillsborough Twp.

Leader: Wayne Frey, 732-537-9190, (Cell 973-214-9657 day of hike only)

Meet: 10AM SMP reserve parking area. We will do an easy-to-moderate 5mile loop in this undisturbed natural woodland preserve.

The area includes streams, boulder fields, and rolling hills. We will have lunch overlooking Roaring Brook. Bring lunch and water.

SATURDAY, MAY 8 — Cooper Mill to Kay Environmental Center, Chester

Leader: John Gilris, 973-386-1168

Meet: 10AM Cooper Mill. We will hike on the trail along the Black River to the Kay Environmental Center. We will see historic markers and can have a snack break at Kay. This will be a casual to moderate hike at a moderate speed suitable for beginners. Trail is half flat and half uphill and slightly rough in some spots. Total miles of about 4+ with optional extension of 2 miles at end. Rain cancels.

SUNDAY, MAY 9 — Willowood/Bamboo Brook, Morris and Somerset County

Leader: Lynn Gale, 973-763-7230

Meet: 10AM Willowood parking lot. Enjoy a 3- to 4-mile walk through two estates with interesting gardens, and woods and fields in between. This park is located at the border of Morris and Somerset counties. Bamboo Brook is in the Highlands geological province, while Willowood is in the Piedmont province. Steady rain cancels.

MONDAY, MAY 10 — Maloney Meander, Wayne

Leader: Cherryll Short, 973-299-0212

Meet: 10AM A stunning display of Spring blooms and flowering shrubs. Directions: Rt. 23 N to Rt. 202 N (Black Oak Ridge Rd.). Follow to T and turn left on Hamburg Tpk. At next light, turn right onto Terhune Dr. Take first right onto Colfax. Go about 1/3 mi. to Vale Rd. on left, go to stop sign and turn right to Pine Lake Dr. Park on street at Marion's house # 614.

TUESDAY, MAY 11 — High Point State Park, Sussex, NJ

Leader: Joyce Breach 973-875-4376 Cell (day of hike only — 973-229-9140)

Meet: 10 AM. at Lake Marcia beach/swimming area parking lot. 6-mile hike with spectacular views.

TUESDAY, MAY 11 — Jockey Hollow and Cross Estate, Morristown

Leader: Dave Bennett 973-701-0248

Meet: 10AM Visitors Center Parking Lot. A 5- to 6-mile hike on various trails, going through the Cross Estate on the way, taken at a moderate pace.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12 — Ramapo Lake, Oakland

Leader: Mickey Siegel, 201-797-7054

Meet: 10AM 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, MAY 13 — Harriman, Seven Hills Trail

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

Meet: 10AM Reeves Meadow Parking lot in Harriman State Park. A 6.8-mile hike from Lake Sebago to Reeves Meadow following the entire 7 Hills Trail. Some very steep ups and downs, with many wonderful views. Opportunity for an early out at two points. Finishing at 3:15 p.m.

ALT. THURSDAY, MAY 13 — Millbrook A.T. to Fairview, DWGNRA

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

Meet: 10AM AT parking area on Millbrook Rd. We will hike north to overlook Fairview Lake; a moderately strenuous out-and-back, on a rocky up-and-down section of the AT; then out on an old woods road — a total of 6.5 miles. Bring lunch and water. **You MUST REGISTER with the leader the day before the hike.**

SATURDAY, MAY 15 — Tourne Park, Boonton

Leader: Susan Jacobs, 973-402-2555

Meet: 10AM . This will be 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, MAY 16 — Pyramid Mountain, Montville

Leader: Gail Waimon, 973-467-4761

Meet: 10AM Pyramid Mountain. Visitor Center Lot. This will be a 4- to 5-mile hike with some steep sections. We will walk at a brisk pace. Rain cancels.

MONDAY, MAY 17 — Skylands, Ringwood

Leader: Joe McLaughlin, 973-263-2799

Meet: 10AM Meet at Manor House parking lot A Strictly a flower stroll through the gardens. Bring cameras and trail lunch.

TUESDAY, MAY 18 — Ringwood State Park and Mt. Defiance

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

Meet 10AM Ringwood Manor area but not at the first parking lot. Drive through the first lot to the second one. We will hike up the red and blue trails to Shepherd Lake, up Mt. Defiance, and then take our time in the wildflower garden of Skylands Manor before heading back to the cars. About 6.5 miles at a moderate pace.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19 — Helyar Woods and Rutgers Gardens, New Brunswick

Leaders: Alan Marks (cell 908-202-8757) and Pierre Rein

Meet: 10AM . An old-growth, virgin oak and hickory forest preserve, on a campus of Rutgers University. Rutgers Display Garden and Rhododendron Garden are adjacent and may be enjoyed after the hike. Directions: Take Route 287 south to Exit 9 (River Road) and make a right. Pass Rutgers Stadium on the left and before the overpass, take a right onto Route 18South. Continue thru New Brunswick and turn right onto Route 1 South. Take the second exit, Ryders Lane to East Brunswick. Quickly move into the left lane and MAKE THE FIRST LEFT onto Log Cabin Road. Go left at the end and follow signs to the Log Cabin, which is just past the Display Gardens. Route 1 South can also be accessed by the NJ Turnpike Exit 9. (GPS users: 112 Ryders Lane, New Brunswick, 08901) Steady rain cancels. Bring a lunch to eat after the hike.

THURSDAY, MAY 20 — Schunemunk Mountain

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

Meet: 10AM A loop along the Long Path and Jessup gives us views to the east and west. Moderately strenuous 8+ miles

ALT. THURSDAY, MAY 20 — Lewis Morris Park

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

Meet: 10AM Sunrise Lake parking area. We will do a 5- to 6-mile hike, on various trails. Bring lunch and water. **You MUST REGISTER the day before the hike.**

SATURDAY, MAY 22 — 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.

SUNDAY, MAY 23 — Jockey Hollow National Park, Morristown

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

Meet: 10AM Visitor Center parking lot. A moderate 5-mile hike on a variety of trails. Rain cancels.

MONDAY, MAY 24 — Cooper Mill/Black River, Chester

Leader: Clotilde Lanig, 732-549-4977

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

TUESDAY, MAY 25 — Tory Rocks, Ringwood, NJ

Leader: Diane Grunthal, dgrunthal@yahoo.com 973-728-8057, MUST REGISTER DAY BEFORE

Meet: 10AM Stonetown Recreation Complex. for Stonetown Circular Will drop off some cars at the end of the hike 2.5 miles up the road. We will hike the red Stonetown Circular trail to Harrison Mt. and then the white Horse Pond trail to Lake Riconda at a moderate pace.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26 — Mountain Way Park, Parsippany

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

Meet: 10AM Mountain Way Park for a 4- to 5-mile moderately paced hike on several trails. We may try some geocaching if there is interest. Optional lunch after the hike. Dir.: Rt. 10 west; about 1 mile west of Rt. 53 turn left on Powder Mill South, using jug handle. Go south about 0.5 mile to end and turn left on Mountain Way. Go about 0.6 mile to parking lot on right. Rain cancels.

THURSDAY, MAY 27 — Harriman from Lake Skannatati

Leader: Mike Handelsman, 718-633-6129

Meet: 10AM Lake Skannatati Parking Area. (See directions page.) A moderate to strenuous 9 miles over the varied terrain of west-central Harriman, with frequent stops to take in the mid-spring greenery.

ALT. THURSDAY, MAY 27 — PepsiCo Sculpture Gardens, Purchase, NY

Leader: Bob McCluskie, rwueasecy@msn.com

Meet: 10AM visitor parking lot at PepsiCo. We will take a 4- to 5-mile stroll through the gardens, ponds and sculptures — by Rodin, Calder, and others. Bring lunch and water. DIRECTIONS: Take I-287, 87 EAST toward the Tappan Zee Bridge; onto the Cross Westchester Parkway (I-287) to exit 8E; take Westchester Ave. NORTH, staying on the left side, for a very short Distance, to Anderson Hill Rd; turn LEFT and continue 3 miles, to sign for PepsiCo's main entrance on the right, opposite SUNY; follow signs to the sculpture garden parking. STEADY RAIN WILL CANCEL.

SATURDAY, MAY 29 — Watchung Reservation, Mountainside

Leader: Jennifer J. Chen, 732-763-3531

Meet: 10AM Trailside Nature Center parking lot on Coles Ave., where it intersects with New Providence Rd. This will be brisk 4- to 5-mile hike with some rocky trails. Boots strongly recommended. Rain cancels.

SUNDAY, MAY 30 — Tulip Springs, So. Mountain Reservation, So. Orange

Leader: Whoever Volunteers

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. Leader's choice of a mix of trails depending on conditions, for about 4 miles and 2 hours. Send list of participants to Terry Kulmane.

MONDAY, MAY 31 (Memorial Day) — Iris Garden—Mills Reservation, Cedar Grove

Leader: Cherryll Short, 973-299-0212

Meet: 10AM Mills Reservation, Cedar Grove. Our Memorial Day visit to the Presby Memorial Iris Gardens, a national historic landmark.