

These are AMC sponsored hikes. Non members may try a hike and are encouraged to join the AMC. Hike codes, e.g., 2B7 and Meeting place e.g. Trans. 1D can be found in the AMC printed guide or you can check with the leader.

Mon., Feb. 4. Sociables 50+ Wandering Around Sterling Lake 2B7(S). We will follow a medley of trails in this new hiking area, around and about the lake, including the Bear Rock trail, and stop at the Visitor Center with its modern facilities and exhibits, including a video documentary about the area and its history. Map #100/NY-NJ Trail Conference. Trans. 1D. L Dean Gletsos 845-354-0738.

Mon., Feb. 18. Sociables 50+ Ramapo Darlington Reservation 3C6(S). We will hike to Bear Swamp Lake, then around the lake and back after lunch. Meet 10 a.m. at the Ramapo Darlington parking lot on Rte 202 in Ramapo. No public trans. Possibility of a snowshoe if there is sufficient snow on the ground. Heavy rain, snow, or poor road conditions cancel. Call if in doubt. L Carol O'Keefe 973-328-7395 cell 973-714-5378 carol@carolok.com.

Mon., Mar. 3. Sociables 50+ Specialty Hike 2B6(S). Photography emphasized. Bring your film or digital camera. Pine Meadow Trail to Sterling Valley Loop to Sterling Lake Loop, then past the old iron mine ruins. Trans. 1D (meet in lower dirt parking lot next to traffic light, then shuttle to Sterling Forest). L Carol O'Keefe 973-328-7395 cell 973-714-5378 carol@carolok.com.

Mon., Mar. 17. Sociables 50+ Silvermine 2C8(S). Great viewpoints on a variety of trails. Exact route and number of climbs to be determined based on weather. Meet at Silvermine parking lot. Hike starts 10 a.m. No public trans. Severe icy conditions or inclement weather could cancel; if in doubt, call by 7:30 a.m. day of hike. L. Margo Moss acephoto98@prodigy.net CL Carol Ann Benton 914-762-7347 8-10 p.m.

Mon., Mar. 17. Sociables 50+ Specialty Hike 2B6(S). See Mar. 3. Join Hal and take some great late winter shots. Trans. 1D. L Hal McLaughlin 718-428-1154 halmcl@mac.com.

Mon., Apr. 7. Sociables 50+ Specialty Hike: Joke Hike 2C7(S). Back by popular demand, we will do a lovely Reeves Circular scenic loop with stops for jokes. Be prepared to tell at least two. Old and new jokes in good taste are welcome. Registration only; deadline Apr. 5. Inclement weather cancels. L Margo Moss 201-568-5325 (land line) acephoto98@prodigy.net

Mon., Apr. 7. Sociables 50+ Skannatati Circular 3C10(S). A brisk exploration, on generally easy terrain, of a very scenic area of West Central Harriman. Have 2 l. water, sturdy footwear, and recent level-3 experience. Rain cancels; call L 6:15-7:15 a.m. of hike if it's in the forecast. Trans. 1B. L Mike Handelsman 718-633-6129 hikermike7@yahoo.com

Mon., Apr. 21. Sociables 50+ Bear Mtn/Popolopen Circular 2D9(S). We may not be the marines, but we'll go from the halls of Perkins Tower to the shores of Popolopen Gorge. Bus riders call to reg. by Sun. 9 p.m. Trans. 4E. L Chris Connolly c.connolly7@verizon.net 201-816-9465.