

Notice: Hikes are subject to change of location or cancellation and sometimes hikes or trips are added. For the most current information see how to subscribe to the Yahoo group for notice of changes on the Schedules Page. Non-members and those in doubt should call the leader to be sure the hike is on.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1-- Old Short Hills Park, Millburn Leader: Dave Hogenauer 973-762-1475 (cell # on day of hike: 973-901-0824) Meet: 10AM at Old Short Hills Park, 274 Old Short Hills north of Millburn center. We will walk from Old Short Hills park over the newly created Painter's Point trail to Painter's Point and then over to Dog Wood Hill on the newly blazed trails that were unblazed previously and, after a bit of an up hill climb of about 3 tenth of a mile, return to our cars. Total distance about 3 miles.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2-- Sterling Forest State Park, Tuxedo, NY

Leader: Ray Adam, 973-476-9897, adamr43s@hotmail.com

Meet: 10AM Sterling Forest visitors center. Hike about 7.5 miles, moderately strenuous on various trails including new bare rock trail section.

ALT. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2-- Jockey Hollow National Historical Park, Morristown

Leader: Gail Biggs; 973-401-1262; biggsqail@yahoo.com

Meet: 10AM at visitor center parking area. There are many delightful trails to chose from in this favorite park and we will find just the right one for the weather conditions of the day. Hike 5-6miles at a moderate pace. Bring lunch and water.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4-- Tallman Mountain State Park, Piermont, NY

Leader: John Jurasek 845-519- 4247(no calls after 10pm) or Jurasek@optonline.net

Meet: 10 AM in front of 450 Piermont Ave. (building with mural, on the corner of Tate & Piermont Aves.) in Piermont NY. Park across the street in parking lot D. 5 miles. We will hike through the Park and view the berms and salt marsh. We will then walk the mile-long Piermont pier halfway across the Hudson! Trails including the Long Path. Bring lunch and water. Must register with leader by the evening before the hike. Adverse conditions will alter the route.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6 - Grover Cleveland Park, Essex Fells/Caldwell

Leader: Marie Taranto, (973) 226-6738

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 7 – Stokes Winter Wonderland Hike, Branchville

Leader: Alan Breach 973-875-4376 (C)973-229-9140 abreach@ptd.net

Meet: 10 AM Stokes State Park office off route 206. We will do a 5+ mile hike, route depends on trail conditions - bring crampons. If snow covered a snowshoe hike is an option, I will send out a notice prior to Tuesday if that becomes an option.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8-- Eagle Rock Reservation, West Orange

Leader: Ron Kuhns, 201-836-5256

Meet: 10AM in hikers' parking area off Eagle Rock Ave. and just past Highlawn Pavillion. We'll do 4-5 miles of ups and downs on marked and unmarked trails.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9--Ramapo Valley County Reservation, Mahwah

Leader: George Kalosieh, 973-200-0969

Meet: 10AM Ramapo Valley County Reservation parking lot on Route 202. This hike traverses lesser used areas of the reservation, passing Mac Milan Reservoir and attractive cascades . Climb to a panoramic viewpoint over the Manhattan skyline. Proper foot traction may be required.

ALT. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9 -- Copperas Mt. South, Rockaway Township

Leader: Pete Beck; 201-274-4471; petebeck_00@yahoo.com

Meet: 10AM at Egbert Lake. DIRECTIONS: I-80 to exit 37; CR513/Greenpond

Road; go toward Hibernia for 7.1 mile. Parking lot will be on the left, just past the lake...the sign is hard to see. We will hike about 6 miles, with a 600' elevation gain.

There are two viewpoints: first about an hour out, and the second at the lunch spot...about 2 hours out. Bring lunch and water. **You MUST REGISTER with the leader the day before the hike.**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11 – Round Valley Recreation Area, Lebanon

Leader: Pat Horsch, cell 908-693-8331

Meet: 10AM South Parking Area (stay to the right after passing through the main gate, no entrance fee off-season). This will be a moderate hike of 4-5 miles on the Cushetunk Trail, with scenic views of the reservoir. It is a mixture of level terrain, ups and downs, and one substantial hill. Traction devices will be needed if there has been recent snowfall. Bring water.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13 – 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). Rain, snow, ice cancels.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 – Kincaid Trail/Pyramid Mt., Boonton

Leader: Pat Curley 908-868-7510

Meet: Kincaid parking area. Moderate 5-6 mile out and back hike in pleasant new area of Pyramid Mountain. Bring lunch and water. NOTE: New Pyramid Mtn. directions to Kincaid Trail, not at main parking lot.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15- Watchung Reservation Seeley's Pond, Mountainside

Leader: Lynda Goldschein 908-757-7058. Cell on day of hike only 908-347-5012

Meet: 10AM at Seeley's Pond parking lot. From Trailside parking lot, go straight onto Coles Road (becomes Skytop). At just under 3 miles and before traffic light, make a left at the parking lot. If you live West of Watchung Res., take exit 41 off 78.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16-- Reeves Meadow, Harriman State Park, NY

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

Meet: 10AM at Reeves Brook Visitors Center on 7 Lakes Drive. We will hike 7-8 miles on routes that will depend on snow coverage, but will definitely include Pine Meadow Lake.

ALT. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16--Somerset County Education Center, Basking Ridge

Leader: Alistair MacLennan 732-412-7092; maclennan_al@comcast.net

Meet: 10AM at the SCEC parking area. The hike will be an easy 5-6 mile walk through lowland forest, along a river, and over swampland on a boardwalk trail. We will be able to ski or snowshoe if conditions are right...please bring your own equipment. Bring a SNACK and water...the leader suggests that we lunch at The Ridge Restaurant in Basking Ridge after the hike.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18--Mid-Winter 3 Boardwalks Seaside to Lavallette

Leader: Gary Petrie, 732-257-0137 Call leader if you are coming

Meet: 10:30 AM at entrance to Island Beach State Park. We will move to other parking space.

DIRECTIONS: Take Garden State Exit 82 (Toms River). We will walk on three different boardwalks (Seaside, Ortleigh Beach, Lavallette). We will visit a 'mystery' point of interest, where you will see the leader in pictures. Things will be quiet on the Eastern Front. This trip will not be a bored walk and not as a last resort. The coast will be clear and a sight for shore eyes. About 8-9 miles. Bad weather may cancel.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19 -- South Mountain Reservation, So. Orange

Leader: Jim Schlegel, 973-731-4339 or cell 973-477-6952

Meet: 10 AM Tulip Springs main parking lot to the right and back by the picnic area of Cherry Lane, and continuation of Brookside Ave. See map on back cover. A mix of trails depending on conditions, for about 4 miles and 2 hours. We will use snowshoes if called for.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 – Ramapo Valley Reservation, Mahwah

Leader: Jim McKay 973-538-0756 jimmckay@verison.net

Meet: 10 AM Ramapo Darlington parking lot for a 5 to 6 mile moderately paced loop hike mainly on the yellow trail

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22—Lake Ames, Rockaway Township

Leader: Pete Beck, 201-274-4471, petebeck_00@yahoo.com

Meet: 10AM at the playground (RT Castle) on Lake Ames.

DIRECTIONS: Exit 37 I-80 Greenpond Road (513) towards Hibernia. At 3.1 miles (just after the firehouse on the right) make a left to the RT Castle (Snakehill road) parking. Description: 2 hr hike with gentle ups & downs. MAP: TC highlands central region. Apres' Hike: bagel shop in Beach Glen, Greenpond road & Merriden road.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23-Harriman State Park, NY

Leader: Ron Kuhns, 201-836-5256

Meet: 10AM Sebago Boat Launch off Seven Lakes Drive. We will hike approx 8 miles on various trails depending on snow coverage.

ALT. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23 Duke Island Park, Somerville

Leader: Breda May cell:732-236-9576; bredamay@hotmail.com

Meet: 10AM in first parking lot on the left as you enter the park. We will walk an easy, flat 5+miles along the Raritan River, on property once owned by the James B. Duke family. Bring lunch and water; and if conditions are icy, wear stablicers. DIRECTIONS: I-287south to exit 17 (for Rt.202/206south); follow signs for "Flemington/Somerville"; go 1.5miles then follow RIGHT ramp; at the bottom of the ramp, bear left toward the circle; follow Rt.206south; at the third (?)traffic light turn right onto Somerset Street (CR 626) for 2.3miles; Duke Island Park will be on your left.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25 -- South Mountain Reservation, Millburn

Leader: Angela Coble, 908-420-7915-call morning of after 8 AM

Meet: 10 AM at Tulip Springs parking lot to the right and back by the picnic area. We'll do a mix of trails at a moderate to brisk pace, depending on conditions. Around 2 hours. Boots recommended. Severe rain, ice cancels.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26-- South Mountain Reservation, Millburn

Leader: Naomi Shapiro, 973-564-8780

Meet: 10 AM at Locust Grove Parking Lot, Glen Ave., opposite Millburn RR Station. (see map in back of schedule) A moderate hike of 2 hours with steep up at beginning. Boots recommended. Bring water and snack food. Wear crampons if icy. Rain cancels.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27 - 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, FEBRUARY 28 -- Loantaka Brook Reservation, Morristown

Leader: Al MacLennan, 732-412-7902

Meet: 10 AM at South Street entrance. Great location for a winter hike as the park is flat. We will pass the famous and beautiful Loantaka Duck Pond, and perhaps see swans and other water fowl. Distance to be determined by weather conditions and group. Bring lunch and water.

~~**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29—Watchung Reservation, Mountainside—Cancelled**~~

~~Leader: Marcia Sheldon 732-574-1144. Cell on day of hike only 908-380-0867.~~

~~Meet: 10AM at Trailside Nature Center We will hike 4-5 miles at a moderate pace. Heavy rain cancels.~~