

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.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

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MONDAY, JANUARY 2 – Watchung Reservation, Mountainside

Leader: Clotilde Lanig (732) 549-4977

Meet: 10AM Trailside parking on Coles Ave. where it intersects with New Providence Road. See map on front cover. A pleasant, nearly level walk over to the horse stables and around Surprise Lake. Rain, snow or icy conditions cancels.

TUESDAY JANUARY 3--STOKES STATE PARK BRANCHVILLE,

STEFFEN TRAIL TO AT Note Change of hike location & Hike

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

Meet: 10AM DIRECTIONS; take Rt. 206 just past Stokes State Forest Park Office turn-off, turn left onto Struble Road. Almost immediately find parking area on left. We will begin on Steffen trail to Jacobs Ladder trail to AT, eating lunch at first viewpoint. We will return taking the Red Maple trail to Steffen and back to our cars. Approx 6.5 miles 600 ft elevation gain in 3 miles. This is a moderately strenuous hike up to the AT. Weatherman says cold (20's) and windy, bring layers as we will warm up as we climb.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4 -- Saddle River County Park, Ridgewood Area

Leader: Bob McCluskie rwueasecy@msn.com

Meet: 10 AM in the first parking lot DIRECTIONS: Take GSP to exit 165. Go towards Ridgewood (west) crossing over Rt. 17. About one mile after Rt. 17, Wild Duck Pond Area will be on your right. Park in the first parking lot, or in parking area A, beyond the building if first lot is filled. Walk will be 5 miles on paved paths. Restrooms are available.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5-- Elk Pen, Harriman State Park, NY

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

Meet: 10AM Arden (Elk Pen) parking lot off Rt. 17. Hike about 8 miles, moderately strenuous on various trails.

ALT. THURSDAY, JANUARY 5-- Kincaid Trail/Pyramid Mountain, Boonton

Leader: Diane Willer; 973-627-4046; cell: 973-713-3066; dwiller34@gmail.com

Meet: 10AM Kincaid parking area. This will be a 5-6mile, out and back hike. The route will be determined by the winter trail conditions. Bring lunch, water, hiking boots and traction devices. **You MUST REGISTER with the leader the day before the hike.**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7 – Parlin-Sayreville Roundabout, East Brunswick

Leader: Gary Petrie, 732-257-0137 Call leader the day before hike to register.

Meet: 9:30 AM at East Brunswick Rte. 18 and Tices Lane at Boston Market in Mid-State Mall. This 6-7 miles walk will begin and end in a park. We will be walking on a railroad, in a secluded wooded area off the beaten path, residential areas, and along the Raritan river waterfront, where you will see a former sight of the largest brick manufacturer in the country. This extinct company had miles of kiln sheds producing brick in everlasting quantities. You'll read all about it, when you are there.

Saturday January 7--Pyramid Mountain, Kinnelon/Montville, NJ Just Added

Leader: Angela Coble 908-420-7915

Meet: 10AM in the parking lot-Hike will be 2-2 1/2 hours-some climbing & scrambling..brisk pace. If needed call morning of hike

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 -- Harlem NYC Walk

Leader: Nancy Holland 973-980-9306, email atuona@optonline.net

Meet: 10:30 am at New York Penn Station, 7th Avenue & 34th Street. If riding the train, go to the front of the train which stops at 7th Avenue. Meet in the waiting room where restrooms are located. After a subway ride up to Harlem, we'll stop at several historical churches and other architectural gems such as Doctor's Row, Astor Row and Hale House. We'll discuss historical sites, such as the Apollo Theater plus the art of Harlem. About a 3 hour walk with a stop for lunch at a local "soul food" restaurant. Inclement weather may cancel. Contact leader if a question.

MONDAY, JANUARY 9 -- Loantaka Brook Reservation, Morristown

Leader: Terry Kulmane 908-665-2672, terrykayhiker@yahoo.com

Meet: 10AM South Street entrance for a level walk in a pleasant park.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10 -- ALLAMUCHY Mountain State park, Allamuchy

Leader: Eric Singer, 973-744-7147

Meet: 10 AM at parking lot on Deer Park Road. A relatively flat hike of 5+ miles. Bad road conditions on Route 80 cancels.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11 - Rockland Lake State Park, Congers, NY

Leader: Bob McCluskie rwueasecy@msn.com

Meet: 10 AM at the 2nd parking lot. We will walk on the paved path that circles the lake. Restrooms are available.

DIRECTIONS: 287 EAST to exit 11 toward US 9W Nyack. Turn an immediate left onto NY-59E, then the next left on US 9W. Continue to follow 9W North 4.2 miles to the second welcome sign at Rockland State Park. Make a right. Go into the large parking lot. (the road curves). Bad weather will cancel.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12-- Harriman State Park, NY

Leader: George Kalosieh, 973-200-0969

Meet: 10 AM Lake Sebago Boat Launch off Seven Lakes Drive. We hike approximately 6-7 miles with lunch near Pine Meadow Lake. Moderately strenuous hike including several steep climbs up Diamond Mountain.

ALT. THURSDAY, JANUARY 12 -- Pyramid Mountain, Montville

LEADER: Ed Mancuso; emancuso7@aol.com ; 973-744-4788

Meet: 10AM Pyramid Mt visitor center parking lot. Hike 5-6miles at a moderate pace, on various trails. Bring lunch and water. **You MUST REGISTER with the leader the day before the hike.**

SATURDAY, JANURAY 14 – Watchung Reservation, Mountainside

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

Meet: 10 AM at Trailside parking lot. It will be an up and down hike at moderate to brisk pace, depending on conditions. About 2 hours. Boots recommended. Severe rain, ice, wind cancels.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 – Brooklyn Bridge Park, NY

Leader: Ed Leibowitz, 201-332-1709, Cell on day of walk only between 9-10AM

Meet: 10 AM at Hotel Millenium, 55 Church Street, NYC directly across from WTC. Walk over Brooklyn Bridge, through Brooklyn Bridge Park to Atlantic Ave, Brooklyn. Lunch at a Middle-Eastern restaurant on Atlantic Avenue. Rain or snow on day of walk cancels. Must register with leader via telephone to do this walk. Distance 3-4 miles.

MONDAY, JANUARY 16 – Hemlock Falls in winter, South Mountain Reservation

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

Meet: 10AM Tulip Springs parking lot. We will hike to the falls on the Lenape Trail and hope to see the beautiful ice the falls turns into in winter. Rain, snow, ice cancels.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17 – Jockey Hollow National Historic Park, Morristown

Leader: Pat Curley 908-868-7510

Meet: 10 PM Visitor's Parking area. We will hike about 5-6 miles on various trails depending on weather conditions. Bring lunch and water

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18 --Schiff Reservation, Mendham

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

Meet: 10AM at the visitors' center. DIRECTIONS: Use the "CONTACT US" tab on the Schiff website. Otherwise: Take Rte 24 from Morristown into Mendham and make a left onto Hilltop Road (at the light with the Black Horse Pub on the corner). Travel about 1.5 miles and make a right onto Pleasant Valley Road. Travel 1.4 miles and make a right between the stone pillars into the Schiff Natural Lands Trust. Make a left at the "T" at the far end of the roadway and follow the winding road for 0.5 miles to the top of the hill. Pass the two houses and follow the road into the parking lot.

Description: 2 hr hike with gentle ups & downs, easy footing and one viewpoint.

Check it Out: <http://www.schiffnaturepreserve.org/aboutus.htm>

Apres' Hike: Cocoluxe - <http://www.cocoluxepastry.com/>

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19 -- Ramapo State Forrest, Oakland

Leader: Vin Dryer, 201-264-0976

Meet: 10AM at upper lot on Skyline Drive. We will hike 7-8 miles on hilly terrain on the North side of Skyline Drive

ALT. THURSDAY, JANUARY 19 WATCHUNG Reservation, Mountainside

LEADER: Marcia Sheldon; 732-574-1144; marcia-s@comcast.net;

cell: (day of hike only) 908-380-0867

Meet: 10AM Trailside Nature Center parking lot. A hike of 5-6miles on a variety of trails, at a moderate pace. Bring lunch and water, and ice creepers if conditions warrant it.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 -- Hemlock Falls in ice, South Mountain Reservation

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

Meet: 10AM at Tulip Springs off of Cherry Lane (see map on cover). A 4-5 mile hike at a moderate pace. Route will vary according to snow conditions, but will definitely include Hemlock Falls.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22 -- Tulip Springs, South Mountain Reservation, So. Orange

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

Meet: 10AM 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.

MONDAY, JANUARY 23 - Loantaka Brook Reservation, Morristown

Leader: Len Shnitzer, 732-499-9176

Meet: 10AM Kitchell Rd parking near the pond. A stroll where you can talk and not watch your feet.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24 -- High Point State Park, Wantage

Leader: Alan Breach 973-875-4376 (C)973-229-9140

Meet: High Point Visitors Center RT. 23. A 5-6 mile hike, conditions will determine trails. If snow covered bring snowshoes or rent at X-C sky Center where hot food or beverage can be purchased.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 25-- Turtle Back Rock, South Mountain Reservation, West Orange

Leader: Louise White 973-746-4319 between 9AM and 9PM

Meet: 10 AM at parking lot. We will enjoy a moderate hike of 4-5 miles. Stabilizers may be needed if icy conditions.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26-- Ramapo State Forest, Oakland

Leader: Bob Bieri, 201-664-3813

Meet: 10 AM at the upper parking lot on Skyline Drive

This hike will be approx. 7 miles long and will bring us through various scout camps. The route will be determined by weather conditions. Be sure to bring appropriate winter weather gear.

ALT. THURSDAY, JANUARY 26 Ramapo Valley County Reservation, Mahwah Note; Leader Change

Leader: Terry Kulmane 908 665-2672 terrykayhiker@yahoo.com

Meet: 10AM at the parking lot. Hike 5-6miles on a variety of marked and scenic trails. Bring lunch and water. You must wear traction devices if conditions are icy. Bad weather will cancel.

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Leader: Louise White, 973-746-4319

Meet: 10AM at Turtleback Rock parking area. Enjoy a moderate hike of 4-5 miles and 2 hours on various trails

MONDAY, January 30 -- 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 & 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, JANUARY 31 – Sterling Forest, Tuxedo, NY

Leader: Eric Singer, 973-744-7147

Meet: 10 AM at visitors parking lot. A 6 mile hike with some easy climbing over various trails depending on ground conditions. Poor road conditions of Route 287 cancels.