

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.



Saturday June 2, 2012 Culvers Gap to High Point Circular Bike Ride Strenuous Joint with IHC

We cycle through Stokes Forest and High Point State Park on paved roads via Sawmill Pond to Steeny Kill Lake and return on quiet, little traveled country roads. About 33 miles, but can be shortened if need be.

You must call & register to ensure ride is still on. Helmets Required Rain postpones the ride.

Leader: Ursula Davis 973-786 7087

Meet: 10:00 am AT Parking Lot, Sunrise Mountain Rd, (Stokes State Forest), Branchville, NJ 07826

See 'Directions' Stokes State Park

SATURDAY, JUNE 2 — Watchung Reservation, Mountainside

Leader: Ellen Jeydel, 908-232-2413

Meet: 10 AM at Trailside Nature Center parking lot on Coles Avenue. We'll walk on path in the woods, at a brisk pace depending on the weather. Steady rain cancels. About 2+ hours.

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

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SUNDAY, JUNE 3 — D&R Canal, Stockton to Washington's Crossing

Leader: Mae Deas, 732-922-4251. **Must register. Call Leader and leave number.**

Meet: 10 AM at Prallsville Mill, Stockton, on Rt. 29, just north of junction with Co. Rt. 523. This will be a moderately paced ride on a hard-packed gravel surface (hybrid tires recommended), for about 21 round-trip miles of beautiful scenery. Bring lunch and water. HELMETS REQUIRED. Steady rain cancels.

MONDAY, JUNE 4 — Old Fashioned Picnic, Mayapple Hill, South Mountain Reservation

Leader: Cherryll Short, 973-299-0212

Meet: 10 AM. Bring your own picnic goodies and a bit extra. See DIRECTIONS: Picnic area parking is at the top of the hill.

TUESDAY, JUNE 5 — Historic Lusscroft Farm, Wantage

Leader: Joyce Breach, 973-875-4376, cell 973-229-9140 day of hike only

Meet: 10 AM at the Manor House on 50 Neilson Road, Wantage, NJ. This hike is located at a restored dairy farm. We will hike about 6 miles through grassland, hardwood forest and wetlands, passing near historic buildings and interesting geology. DIRECTIONS: Rt. 15 North to Ross's Corner in Augusta. Turn right onto Rt. 565 North and go 7.3 miles. Turn left onto Rt. 628 at gas station, just before Sussex Branch Library, go 2.8 miles. Turn right onto Rt. 519 (by Plumbsock Farm) and go 2.3 miles. Turn left (just past By-Acres Farm) onto Neilson Rd. Go 0.8 mile. Other directions and info available at Lusscroft Farms website. Alternatively, from Rt. 206 North to Ross's Corners, go straight across intersection to Rt. 565 North etc.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6 — Lewis Morris Park, Morristown

Leader: Louise White, 973-746-4319

Meet: 10 AM at lowest parking lot at Sunrise Lake. Some sections of trail are rough, with ups and downs. Moderate 4+-mile hike. Steady rain cancels.

THURSDAY, JUNE 7 — Lake Sebago, Harriman State Park, NY

Leader: Jim Conlon, 914-591-6079

Meet: 10 AM at Lake Sebago boat launch for an 8-mile moderately strenuous hike.

ALT. THURSDAY, JUNE 7 — Appalachian Trail/Millbrook Road, Blairstown

Leader: Anne Mattei, 610-837-7066, abmattei@aol.com cell day of hike only 732-763-6627

Meet: 10 AM at AT parking area on Millbrook Road. Hike about 6 miles from Millbrook Road on the AT along the ridge, past the fire tower to Camp Mohican, where we will have lunch. Return by way of the Orange Trail. Moderate pace with ups and downs. Bring lunch and water. **You MUST REGISTER with the leader the day before the hike.**



Friday June 8, 2012 Passaic River at Essex County Environmental Center Joint with IHC

Spend the day paddling the mighty Passaic River, NJ's longest river. We will paddle downstream and upstream from the Environmental Center, (no shuttle). Lunch will be at the Environmental Center. **Life Jackets**

Required

See "General Canoeing Information at 'About Canoeing' for additional canoe information

Leader: Carol Czajkowski 973-539-4084 **Must call and register.**

Meet: 10:00 am Essex County Environmental Education, 621 Eagle Rock Ave, Roseland, NJ 07068

From I-80 & I-287 Intersection: Go East on I-80 exiting right for I-280. Continue eastward on I-280 to Exit 4A, Eisenhower Pkwy southbound. Continue on Eisenhower Pkwy ½ mi to Eagle Rock Ave. Turn right and drive ½ mi to ECEE on the left.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9 — Sunfish Pond, Delaware Water Gap National Recreational Area

Leader: Pat Horsch, cell 908-693-8331

Meet: 10 AM at Delaware Water Gap Dunnfield Creek/AT parking lot; see directions. If the main lot is full, there is overflow parking on the grass just west of the main parking lot, off the I-80 shoulder. We will hike up the green trail along scenic Dunnfield Creek to Sunfish Pond. This is one of the prettiest trails in the area. We will make a brief lunch stop at the pond, then return to the parking area on the AT. There are some rugged areas on the trail, including several stream crossings. Steepness is mostly moderate, with one steeper area just before getting to Sunfish Pond. The loop will take approximately 4 hours. Boots and hiking poles highly recommended. Bring snack/lunch and, plenty of water. Steady rain cancels.

SUNDAY, JUNE 10 — South Mountain Reservation, Milburn

Leader: Marcia Sheldon, 732-574-1144

Meet: 10 AM at Locust Grove parking lot, corner of Glen Ave. and Lackawanna Pl., across from Millburn RR station. Enjoy a 4- to 5-mile moderate hike with some rocky sections and possibly a steep climb at the beginning. Rain cancels.



SUNDAY, JUNE 10 — D&R Canal Ride Somerset/Zarephath to Carnegie Lake.

Leader: Jean Fletcher, 973-285-5263. **Call to register and ensure ride is on.**

Meet: 9:30 AM at the parking lot on Weston Canal Road, Rte 623, next to the Marville Causeway. **NOTE START TIME. DIRECTIONS:** Take I-287 South/North to Weston Canal Road, Exit 12. Follow the ramp to Weston Canal Road, Rt. 623. Turn SOUTH, toward Zarephath. Proceed past Zarephath and the Somerset Christian College. Note School House Road on your left. Be prepared to bear right into a parking lot. If you follow the road over the bridge, you went too far. We will ride south to Carnegie Lake, about 12 miles, where we will have lunch and turn around. Packed gravel or hard clay in most areas. Wide tires preferable. HELMETS REQUIRED.

MONDAY, JUNE 11 — Patriots' Path, Morristown

Leader: Susan Jacobs, 973-364-0186

Meet: 10 AM Speedwell Lake. Hike along the old Rock-a-Bye Railroad and the Whippany River .

TUESDAY, JUNE 12 —

Fifth Annual Hike And Picnic, Mahlon Dickerson Reservation, Jefferson

Organizer: Carol O'Keefe, 973-328-7599 okcarol@optonline.net

Meet: 10 AM at **Saffin Pond** for Eric Singer's loop hike that will stop for lunch at the picnic area and continue back to Saffron pond.

Meet: 10 AM at the **picnic area** for Jim McKay's 2-hour hike that will leave from the picnic area parking lot.

Meet: 10:15 AM at the **picnic area pavilion**, where Joe McLaughlin will lead a walk. Picnic will be potluck. Bring something to share with 4 or 5 people. More details will be published on the website in May and sent out by e-mail from the UHC Yahoo group. There will definitely be a free exchange table for hiking, biking, snowshoeing and XC skiing items.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13 — Helyar Woods and Rutgers Gardens, New Brunswick

Leader: Alan Marks, cell 908-202-8757

Meet: 10 AM. 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. The flowers should be in full bloom at this date. **DIRECTIONS:** Take Rt. 287 south to Exit 9 (River Rd.) and make a right. Pass Rutgers Stadium on the left and before the overpass, take a right onto Rt. 18 South. Continue thru New Brunswick and turn right onto Rt. 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 Rd. Go left at the end and follow signs to the Log Cabin, which is just past the Display Gardens. Rt. 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, JUNE 14 — Pyramid Mountain, Kinnelon/Montville

Leader: Mike Handelsman, 718-633-6129, hikermike7@yahoo.com

Meet: 10 AM in visitor center lot. A 9-mile hike over moderately hilly terrain at a moderate to brisk pace. Possibly to include the Kincaid loop.

ALT. THURSDAY, JUNE 14 — Pine Meadow Lake/Harriman State Park, NY

Leader: Ellie King, 908-233-8411

Meet: 10AM at Reeves Brook parking area. Hike a moderately strenuous 6-mile hike to beautiful Pine Meadow Lake for lunch with some rock scrambling in the morning. Bring lunch and water. **You MUST REGISTER with the leader the day BEFORE the hike. Please, no e-mails or calls on the day of the hike.**



Friday June 15, 2011 Canoe—Pompton Lake **Joint with IHC**

Spend a day paddling on a beautiful lake with a picnic afterwards. **Life Jackets Required**

See "General Canoeing Information" at 'About Canoeing' for additional canoe information

Leader: Charlie Kientzler 973-835-1060 **Must call and register.**

Meet: 10:00 am Kientzler Home, 711 Terhune Dr. (Rt-202), Wayne, NJ 07470

From I-287 North Exit 58: On exiting turn left at light and proceed 0.1 mi to Rt-202 (Ramapo Valley Rd). Turn right (southbound), drive 1 mi to Light where Rt-202 turns right. Follow Rt-202 1 mi to driveway on right. Note! Driveway is at the end of guardrail.

From I-287 South Exit 58: On exiting, turn left (southbound) onto Rt-202 (Ramapo Valley Rd) and continue through town 1.3

mi to Light where Rt-202 turns right. Follow Rt-202 1 mi to driveway on right. Note! Driveway is at the end of guardrail.

SATURDAY, June 16 — Watchung Reservation, Mountainside

Leader: John Jurasek, 845-519-4247

Meet: 10 AM at Trailside Nature Center parking lot on Coles Ave. (see map inside cover). We'll walk on woods roads in the shade, at a pace dependent on the weather. Steady rain cancels.

SUNDAY, June 17 — Liberty State Park, Jersey City

Leader: Lynn Gale, 973-763-7230

Meet: 10 AM at the north end of the parking lot nearest the Visitor's Center. DIRECTIONS: Take I-78 East to its end at the NJ Turnpike near Newark Airport. Then take the NJ Turnpike spur toward the Holland Tunnel (NOT the Turnpike north or south). Exit at 14B. After paying the toll, turn left on Morris Pesin Dr. and follow it straight to the Visitor's Center. Turn right into the north end of the parking lot. We will walk to the beginning of the Liberty Water Gap Trail and see the fabulous scenery of the Statue of Liberty and the NY Harbor and skyline. Sidewalk walking in a breezy area. Heavy rain will cancel.



SUNDAY, JUNE 17 — Crane Park, Orange Co. Heritage Trail, Monroe, NY

Leader: Roy Messaros, 201-337-5004. **Call to register and to ensure ride is on.**

Meet: 10 AM at Crane Park, Monroe, NY. Bike this paved rail-trail of 9.5 miles to Goshen, 19 miles total. Park along road just inside the park. Road bike okay. Bring or buy lunch in Goshen. Rain cancels. HELMETS REQUIRED. (See UCHC set of directions for travel guidance.)

MONDAY, June 18 — Eagle Rock Reservation, West Orange

Leader: Peter Wolff, 973-731-0602

Meet: 10 AM in hikers' parking area just past Highlawn Pavilion. Rain Cancels

TUESDAY, JUNE 19 — Appalachian Trail/Millbrook Rd, Blirstown

Leader: Ann Mattei, 610-837-7066, cell 732-763-6627 day of hike only

Meet: 10 AM AT parking lot, atop the hill on Millbrook Rd. We will start at Millbrook Rd. and hike on the AT along the ridge, past the Fire Tower to Camp Mohican for lunch. We will return by way of the Orange trail, for a hike of about 6 miles. The pace will be moderate and the terrain up and down. Bring lunch and water.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

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THURSDAY, JUNE 21 — Monument Trail, High Point State Park, Wantage

Leader: Wayne Frey, 723-537-9190

Meet: 10 AM at Steenykill Boat Launch on the north side of Rt. 23 about 1.5 miles past the Rt. 23 entrance to High Point State Park. We will climb to the Monument (the only climb on an otherwise easy hike), then follow the Monument Trail, adding a loop in the Dryden Kuser Natural Area Cedar Swamp Trail with posted geological information. We then continue on the Monument and Steenykill trails back to the cars. Total 6-6.5 miles

ALT. THURSDAY, JUNE 21 — Schooleys Mountain County Park, Long Valley

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

Meet: 10 AM at parking lot by the children's play area. Hike 5-6 miles on a variety of trails with views of the valley and waterfalls. Bring lunch and water. **You MUST REGISTER** with the leader the day before the hike. DIRECTIONS: Follow directions to Cooper Mill; continue on CR513 to the traffic light in Long Valley; turn right onto Schooley's Mt. Road (CR517); go 0.8 mile; turn right onto Camp Washington Road; follow past the Lodge; bear right on East Springtown Road; the park's main entrance will be on the right.

SATURDAY, JUNE 23 — Copperas Ridge, Rockaway Township

Leader: Jean Fletcher, 973-285-5263

Meet: 10 AM at Split Rock Reservoir Fish and Game parking lot. We will hike from the intersection of the 4 Birds and Green Pond Road up a gradual ascent to the top of Copperas Ridge, explore the ridge, come down the other side to Timberbrook Pond and walk along the Timberbrook Pond back to Jacobs Road. There are vistas of Charlottesville Reservoir from the ridge and nice views as we walk along the pond. Possibly the mountain laurel could be in bloom. The hike will be less than 5 miles; terrain is rocky in some spots so we will take our time. We should be done between 2 and 3. Rain cancels.

SUNDAY, JUNE 24 — Tulip Springs, Millburn

Leader: Gail Waimon, 973-467-4761

Meet: 10 AM at Tulip Springs parking lot to the right and back by the picnic area. We'll do a mix of trails depending on conditions, for about 4 miles. Steady rain cancels.

MONDAY, JUNE 25 — Tulip Springs, South Mountain Reservation

Leader: Clotilde Lanig, 732-549-4977

Meet: 10 AM at Tulip Spring parking area. Enjoy a level walk through the woods on unpaved trails along Rahway River to Painter's point.

TUESDAY, JUNE 26 — Wawayanda State Park, Hewitt

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

Meet: 10 AM at the boat launch parking lot. Route depends on trail conditions. If the swamp is passable, pump house loop around lake is a possibility. About 6 miles.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27 — Locust Grove, South Mountain Reservation, Millburn

Leader: Gail Waimon, 973-467-4761

Meet: 10 AM. Hike along the blue blazes of the Elmdale trail. I maintain part of this quiet trail and you will enjoy this walk.

THURSDAY JUNE 28 — Blue Mountain, Stokes State Park, Branchville

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

Meet: 10 AM. DIRECTIONS: Take Rt. 206 just pass Stokes Park office, turn left onto Struble Rd. Almost immediately parking area on left. We will begin on Steffen Trail to Jacobs Ladder Trail to AT. We will have lunch on Blue Mountain and return taking the Red Maple Trail to Steffen and the cars. Approximately 8 miles moderately strenuous up in morning.

ALT. THURSDAY, JUNE 28 —

Milford Cliff/Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, PA

Leader: Wayne Frey, 732-537-9190, PWFREY@aol.com

Meet: 10 AM at Raymondskill Falls parking lot (these falls are the tallest in Pa.). DIRECTIONS: Take Rt. 206 north, past Stokes State Forest, cross the Delaware River Toll Bridge into Pa. Turn left onto Pa. Rt. 209 south and go about 3 miles to the entrance to Raymondskill Falls on the right. Go 0.5 mile uphill to the first parking lot on the left. We will follow the Milford Cliff Trail, along cliffs that are 500 feet above the Delaware River, to the Milford Knob overlook for lunch. We will then explore several other trails on our return, for a total of 7 miles. Following the hike, you are encouraged to visit the spectacular falls (a series of magnificent cascades with much flowing water). Bring lunch and water . . . and bug spray.



Friday June 29, 2012 Canoe—Wawayanda, **Joint with IHC**

Spend a day on a pretty lake that is easy paddling. **Life Jackets Required**

See "General Canoeing Information" at 'About Canoeing' for additional canoe information

Leader: Henry Fernandez 973-462-7747 Must call and register

Meet: 10:00 am Wawayanda State Park, Boat Launch Parking, Hewitt, NJ 07421

From I-287 Exit 55: Go north on Ringwood Ave. (Rt-511) about 13 miles to Warwick Tpk. at south end of Greenwood Lake. Continue straight-ahead 5 mi. on Warwick Tpk. past Upper Greenwood Lake. Turn left at park entrance. Continue past the Ranger Station 2¼ mi. to the entrance to Beach Parking on the left. Drive left past the Beach Parking Area.

SATURDAY, JUNE 30 — Tourne Park, Boonton

Leader: Susan Jacobs, 973-402-2555

Meet: 10 AM. See Directions. This will be a moderate hike through this lovely park, through the wildflowers and beyond, for 2 hours, with some ups and downs. Steady rain cancels.