

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.

THURSDAY, MARCH 1-- Elk Pen, Harriman State Park, NY

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

Meet: 10AM at Arden (Elk Pen) parking area off of route 17. A hike of about 8 miles starting up the AT, then crossing the rock ledges of the Lichen Trail with its spectacular views, and returning via the Nurian and other trails.

ALT. THURSDAY, MARCH 1 -- Silas Condict Park, Kinnelon

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

Meet: 10AM A moderate hike of 5-6miles on the Morris County Park Commission's newest trail with some ups-and-downs and views and interesting features of the area. We will finish the hike on some of the "old" trails. Bring lunch and water; you must also wear hiking boots for this rocky trail. **You MUST REGISTER with the leader the day before the hike.** DIRECTIONS: Rt.23north to the jug-handle exit for Kiel Avenue/Kinnelon Road; cross over Rt.23 and go through TWO traffic lights; watch for the sign (MCPC "Silas Condict") on the right. Turn into the park and go 0.7mile to the parking lot on the right (across from the picnic pavilion. ALT. DIRECTIONS: Follow directions for Pyramid Mt/Kincaid Trail; continue 3.8miles on Powerville Road (which changes to Kinnelon Road); turn left on William Lewis Drive; go 0.7mile to the parking lot on the right. The GPS coordinates are: N41degrees 0' 17", W74degrees 23' 4".

SATURDAY, MARCH 3 – Garret Mountain Reservation, West Paterson

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

Meet: 10 AM at Lambert Castle, this will be a moderate pace. This hike will be 2-2 1/2 hours at a moderate pace for the winter hikes. Route will be adjusted per conditions-please bring crampons if icy. Severe rain, icy conditions, or high winds cancels.

SUNDAY, MARCH 4 -- 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, spray to keep ticks away. Wear crampons if icy. Rain cancels.

MONDAY, MARCH 5 - Turtle Back Rock, South Mountain Reservation

Leader: Len Shnitzer, 732-499-9176

Meet: 10AM A level hike to the Girl Scout oval and back. See map on back cover. Rain, snow, ice cancels.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6 – Black River/Cooper Mill, Chester

Leader: Diane Willer 973-627-4046, (C)973-713-3066 dwiller34@Agmail.com

Meet: Cooper Mill parking lot. We will hike a 6.6 mile lollipop loop on the blue, Patriots Path and Red trails. Bring lunch, water, hiking boots, and possibly traction devices.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

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THURSDAY, MARCH 8 -- Ramapo State Forest, Oakland

Leader: Kathie Grifone 201 8915161.

Meet: 10AM at the top of Skyline drive. We will hike approx.7 miles on various trails depending on the snow conditions

ALT. THURSDAY, MARCH 8---Deer Park Trail, Allamuchy Mountain State Park, Hackettstown

Leader: Gail Biggs 973-401-1262 biggs_gail@yahoo.com (day of hike only cell: 973-769-6860)

Meet: 10 AM Parking lot on Deer Park Road. Hike a lollipop six miles past Deer Park Pond in a new section of Allamuchy State Park.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10 – Garret Mountain Reservation, West Paterson

Leader: Walter Koenig, 973-684-5528

Meet: 10 AM Note that I'm starting my hike at the top of the mountain, not at Lambert's Castle like the Garret hike on March 3. A two-hour ramble on mostly gravel paths, with a few ups and downs and great views of Paterson and NYC. Eat at Libby's Lunch afterward and visit the Great Falls.

DIRECTIONS: From the south via Valley Road/Montclair, go under Route 46 in Clifton. The third

light following the underpass will be a five-corner intersection; take a sharp left onto Mountain Park Road. Go up a long, steep hill and, at the top, you will see the entrance to Garret Mountain Reservation on the right. The entrance puts you on a one-way loop road; park in the second paved parking lot on the left, facing a large open field. From the south via Garden State Parkway, take Exit 155P on the left (Route 19/Paterson). Take the first exit to the right (Broad Street/Clifton), turn right off the ramp, and go one block to the light at Fenner Avenue. Turn left and go up a hill to another light at a five-corner intersection (Valley Road). Take the angled road to the left (Mountain Park Road) and proceed as above. From the east or west via Route 80, take Exit 57A (Route 19 south) and take the first exit (Valley Road/Clifton). Turn right off the exit ramp onto Valley Road and go to the first light, which will be a five-corner intersection. Take the angled road to the right (Mountain Park Road) and proceed as above.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS—SET CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR

SUNDAY, MARCH 11 -- South Mountain Reservation, Millburn

Leader: Naomi Shapiro, 973-564-8780

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MONDAY, MARCH 12 - Locust Grove, South Mountain Reservation

Leader: Cherryll Short, 973-299-0212

Meet: 10AM Locust Grove. We'll follow the Rahway River past Diamond Mill Pond. See map on back cover. Steady rain, snow or ice cancels.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13 --Sunrise Lake to Legend Rock, Lewis Morris Park, Morristown

Leader: Lois Mead, 973-543-7611, (C)973-714-3545 day of hike only

Meet: 10 AM at Sunrise Lake at the lowest parking lot down hill below the boat house. A 5-mile hike along Patriots' Path up the hill along Dismal Brook, and then a steeper climb up the hill to Legend Rocks. Bring lunch and water.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14 -- Ramapo Lake, Ramapo Mt. State Forest, 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, MARCH 15 -- Ringwood Manor, Ringwood State Park

Leader: Kathie Grifone 201 891-5161

Meet :Ringwood Manor parking lot for a moderate hike on various trails around the Manor. Hike depends on snow conditions.

ALT. THURSDAY, MARCH 15 -- Jockey Hollow National Park, Morristown

Leader: Eck Khoon Goh; 908-790-0939

Meet: 10AM at visitor center parking area. There are so many delightful trails to chose from in this park, we will find the perfect one on the day of the hike to fit the weather and the trail conditions. We will hike 5-6miles at a moderate pace. Bring lunch and water.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17 -- Saint Patty's on the Lake: Pine Meadow Lake, Harriman State Park, NY

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

Meet: 10AM at Reeves Meadow on Seven Lakes Drive. Hike about 6-7 miles at a moderate pace to Pine Meadow Lake for lunch, returning to cars by 1:30 PM. Bring lunch and liquid.

SUNDAY, MARCH 18 -- Tulip Springs, So. Mountain Reservation, Millburn

Leader: Louise White, 973-746-4319

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, about 4 miles and 2 hours.

MONDAY, March 19 -- Oakdale, South Mountain Reservation

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

Meet: 10AM Oakdale parking area. See map on back cover. In search of the Blood Root. Steady rain, snow or ice cancels

TUESDAY, MARCH 20 -- LEWIS MORRIS PARK, MORRISTOWN

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

Meet: 10 AM Sunrise Lake boathouse parking lot LOWEST level. First day of spring hike on the yellow and green trails. Moderate 5-6 miles. Lunch at the Mendham overlook. Bring lunch and water

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THURSDAY, MARCH 22 -- Dunderberg Spiral, Harriman State Park, NY

Leader: Ron Kuhns 201-836-5256

Meet: 10AM DIRECTIONS: Take Palisades Interstate Parkway to northern end to circle at Bear Mtn Bridge. From the circle head south on 9W for approx 4 miles, park on gravel parking lot at the base of 9W hill. We will hike about 7 strenuous miles. 5.5 hrs.

ALT. THURSDAY, MARCH 22 -- Stokes State Forest, Branchville

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

Meet: 10AM at the park office. A hike of 5-6miles at a moderate pace up to the AT, and across the ridge to the tower, and back. Bring lunch and water. **You MUST REGISTER with the leader the day before the hike.**

SATURDAY, MARCH 24 -- Watchung Reservation, Mountainside

Leader: Eck Khoon Goh, 908-790-0939

Meet: 10AM at Trailside Nature Center parking lot on Coles Ave. A 4 mile hike at a brisk pace. Boots strongly recommended. Rain cancels.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25-- Cheesequake State Park, Matawan

Leader: Jay Dibble, 908-289-8813

Meet: 10 AM Garden State Parkway commuter parking lot at exit 120. We shall caravan to the park from the parking lot. Moderate 4-mile hike on both flat and hilly terrain.

MONDAY, MARCH 26 – Turkey/Pyramid Mountain, Montville

Leader: Joe McLaughlin, (973) 263-2799

Meet: 10 AM Pyramid Mt. Visitors center. Hike Horseshoe Trail to Lake Valhalla.

TUESDAY, MARCH 27– Sherman Hoffman Wildlife Sanctuary, Bernardsville

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

Meet: 10 AM at the Audubon Education Center. We will hike around the sanctuary and into the Cross Estate and Jockey Hollow area before returning to our cars. About 5-6 miles at a moderate pace. DIRECTIONS: Off Interstate 287 at exit 30B/Bernardsville, drive through the light at RT. 202. Proceed a quarter of a mile on Childs Rd. and immediately keep right at fork (Hardscrabble Rd.). Follow Hardscrabble Rd. about 1 mile to Sanctuary driveway on right-hand side.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28 -- South Mountain Reservation, So Orange

Leader: Louise White 973-746-4319

Meet: 10AM 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 in 2 hours.

THURSDAY, MARCH 29 -- Walkkill River National Wildlife Refuge, Wantage

Leader: Joyce Breach, 973-875-4376 or (day of hike: cell 973-229-9140)

Meet: **9:30** AM at Liberty Marsh, Walkkill River National Wildlife Refuge

We will do an 8 mile hike on the AT from Route 519 near High Point to the Walkkill River National Wildlife Refuge. Terrain is rolling and varied through woods, an abandoned railroad bed and open fields. DIRECTIONS: Rt. 23 north to town of Sussex. Right on Rt. 284 at First Baptist Church. Go 7.1 miles. Turn right on State Line Road at Fredericks Gas Station. Go 2 miles. Turn right into parking lot at Liberty Marsh (NWR)

ALT. THURSDAY, MARCH 29 -- Mahlon Dickerson Reservation, Jefferson

Leader: Jim McKay; 973-538-0756; jrmckay@verizon.net

Meet: 10AM at Saffin Rock Rill parking lot, for a 5-6mile hike to Camp Jefferson and back, on the Highlands and other trails. Bring lunch and water.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31-- Watchung Reservation, Mountainside

Leader: Mae Deas, 908-405-1016

Meet: 10 AM at Trailside Nature Center parking lot on Coles Ave. A 4-5 mile hike at a brisk pace. Boots are strongly recommended. Rain cancels.