

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, MAY 9 — Ramapo Lake, Ramapo Mountain State Forest, Oakland

Leader: Mickey Siegel, 201-797-7054

Meet: 10 AM 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.



Wednesday MAY 9, Old Mine Road to Millbrook Village, Delaware Water Gap NRA

Leader: Ursula Davis, 973-786-7087. Must call to ensure ride is on.

Meet: 10 AM at DWGNRA visitor center off I-80 west on the NJ side of the Delaware River. We'll ride about 24 moderate miles to Millbrook Village, return on scenic Old Mine Road. The ride can be extended or shortened. Also we can take a beautiful hike down to the Delaware River for lunch. It all depends on group's wishes and abilities. HELMETS REQUIRED. Bring lunch and plenty of water. Rain cancels.

THURSDAY, MAY 10 — Ramapo Valley County Reservation, Mahwah

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

Meet: 10 AM in parking lot. A moderate to brisk hike of 9 miles over moderate to hilly terrain. A steep start on the Halifax trail, with a scenic lunch likely at Ilgenstein Rock.

ALT. THURSDAY, MAY 10 — Appalachian Trail, Millbrook Road, Blairstown

Leader: Lili Brohal, jackandlili@centurylink.net, 908-362-9563, cell day of hike only 908-674-0831

Meet: 10 AM at AT parking lot on Millbrook Road. We will hike 6.5 miles, out and back. North on the AT to an overlook at Fairview Lake for lunch. A fairly strenuous, rocky, up-and-down section of the AT. Bring lunch and water. **You MUST REGISTER** with the leader the day before the hike.



Friday May 11 2012 Canoe Monksville Reservoir. Joint with Interstate Hiking Club

A nice place to spend an easy day on a reservoir and visit a reconstructed water wheel in Long Pond Iron Works. **Life Jackets required.**

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

Leader: Roy Messaros 201-337-5004 Must call and register.

Meet: 10:00 am Boat Launch, Monksville Reservoir, Ringwood, NJ 07456

From I-287 Exit 55: Take Rt-511 (Ringwood Ave.) north about 10 miles. Pass the Wanaque Reservoir and the Monksville Dam. Look for the Long Pond Ironworks State Park sign, turn left into the park and follow signs to the boat launch.

SATURDAY, MAY 12 — Cooper Mill to Kay Environmental Center, Chester

Leader: John Gilris, 973-386-1168

Meet: 10 AM at Cooper Mill. Hike along the Black River to the Kay Environmental Center. We will see historical markers and can have a snack break at Kay. A casual to moderate hike at a moderate speed suitable for beginners.

SUNDAY, May 13 — Willowood/Bamboo Brook Park, Gladstone

Leader: Lynn Gale, 973-763-7230

Meet: 10AM Willowood parking lot. An enjoyable 4-mile walk through two estates with interesting gardens, woods, fields in between. Location is at the border of Morris and Somerset counties. Bamboo Brook is in the Highlands geological province, while Willowood is in the Piedmont province. Steady rain will cancel.

MONDAY, May 14 — Skylands, Ringwood

Leader: Joe McLaughlin, 973-263-2799

Meet: 10 AM at Skylands Manor. A stroll in a lovely park.

TUESDAY, MAY 15 — Ramapo Valley County Reservation, Mahwah

Leader: Bob Bieri, 201-664-3813

Meet: 10 AM at Ramapo Reservation parking lot off Rt. 202. This will be a moderately paced hike approx. 6 miles long. We will hike the Halifax trail to Bear Swamp Lake and return using various other trails.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16 — Locust Grove So. Mountain Reservation, Millburn

Leader: Gail Waimon, 973-467-4761

Meet: 10 AM. Leader's choice that day, but it will be a joyous experience!

THURSDAY, MAY 17 — Wildcat Ridge/Beach Glen Farney Area, Rockaway

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

Meet: 10 AM at Farny Area, Four Birds South Lot. A moderately paced hike of about 7 miles to the Hawkwatch and then to the Beach Glen area on some old and some new trails.

ALT. THURSDAY, May 17 — Dingmans Falls, Dingmans Ferry, Pa. Cancelled

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

Meet: 9 AM at Dingmans Falls visitor center parking area. If you want to carpool from Rockaway Mall Park and Ride, check with the leader beforehand. We will hike 6 miles to Childs Park and back. An easy hike along a brook with some ups and downs. The hike should take about 3 hours, so lunch will be by the cars. Bring lunch and water. **You MUST REGISTER** with the leader the day before the hike. If some are interested after lunch, after the hike, we can drive to the Adams Falls Trail and investigate the area.

SATURDAY, MAY 19 — Bayonne Waterfront Hike

Leader: Richard Perlmutter, 908-289-8853

Meet: 10 AM in the parking area to the left of and in back of the A&P Supermarket off Avenue A in Bayonne. DIRECTIONS: Take the NJ Turnpike to Exit 14A. After the toll barrier follow signs to Route 440 South. Take this highway to the last exit in New Jersey which is Avenue A. Take Avenue A north. Will immediately go under a railroad overpass. Immediately after the overpass turn left into the A&P Shopping Center. This will be a hike approximately two hours long along the Bayonne waterfront, which includes a walk on the Bayonne Bridge.

SUNDAY, MAY 20 — Delaware Water Gap National Recreational Area /Dunnfield Creek

Leader: Pat Horsch, cell 908-693-8331

Meet: 10 AM at Delaware Water Gap Dunnfield Creek/AT parking lot. 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 make a moderate climb at a casual pace up the AT, then descend the Beulahland Trail to the Delaware River. After a brief stop for a snack at the river, we will return to the parking area along the Karamac trail, with flat terrain and scenic views along the river. The loop will take approximately 3 hours. Boots highly recommended. Bring snacks and water. Steady rain cancels.

MONDAY, MAY 21

No hike is scheduled as of this printing. Members wishing to lead a hike are encouraged to post a hike on Yahoo Groups three days prior to this date. Send the listing to UnionCountyHikingClub@yahoo.com. UCHC sign-in sheets can be obtained from our website and should be returned to Terry Kulmane.

TUESDAY, MAY 22 — Sourland Mt. Preserve, Hillsborough

Leader: Wayne Frey, 732-537-9190

Meet: 10 AM at SMP parking area. We will do an easy to moderate 5.5-mile loop in this undisturbed natural woodland preserve. Area includes streams, boulder fields, and rolling hills. Lunch overlooking scenic Roaring Brook.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23 — Cheesequake State Park, Matawan

Leader: Mae Deas, cell 908-405-1016

Meet: 10 AM. DIRECTIONS: Garden State Parkway south to exit 120. Make 3 right-hand turns off the ramp, and at the light, follow the brown signs that lead into the park. The parking lot is the first lot on the left after the toll booth (free entrance). Coordinates N40° 26.11', W74° 15.86' (location of Park entrance). We will hike ups and downs, much of it on boardwalks and wooden steps, flatlands, and varied terrains of marsh, sand, pinelands and other woodlands. Opportunities to view wildlife and birds. We should see a small patch of pink ladyslippers, too. Bring lunch to eat with the group after the hike if you wish.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 23 — Henry Hudson Trail, Aberdeen to Highlands**

Leader: Al DiCianni, 973-455-7262. **You must register with the leader**, and please let leader know if you change your mind.

Meet: 10 AM at Firemen's Field, a ballpark at Lloyd and Gerard Roads. DIRECTIONS: Take LOCAL LANES on GSP to Exit 117A. Turn left off of the ramp, turn left at the first light, then right into the parking lot. Level ride of about 25 miles on a paved rail-trail, including the new, flat, beautiful extension that follows along the bay to Highlands. If you prefer, you could start at a point closer to our destination, cutting your ride length. Possibly make some interesting detours on local roads, with views of marshes and Raritan Bay. Bring lunch. Rain cancels. HELMETS REQUIRED

THURSDAY, May 24 — Elk Pen, Harriman State Park, NY

Leader: Bob Bieri, 201-664-3813

Meet: 10 AM at Arden (Elk Penn) parking area off Rt. 17. This will be a moderately strenuous hike approximately 7-8 miles long, which will include the AT and trails around Island Pond.

ALT. THURSDAY, MAY 24 — Campgaw Mountain/Darlington, Mahwah

Leader: Bob McCluskie, rwueasecy@msn.com

Meet: 9:45 AM at the Church of the Immaculate Conception parking lot. We will hike 6 miles on various color-marked trails to the top of the ski slope. Bring lunch and water. Rain cancels. DIRECTIONS: Follow directions to Ramapo Valley County Reservation. Coming from the south, pass the reservation on your left; make the next right turn onto Darlington Avenue; go 0.2 mile to the church parking lot on your right. We will caravan to Campgaw. We will hike 6 miles on various colored marked trails to the top of the magnificent ski slope.

Friday May 25, 2012 Canoe—Spruce Run Reservoir **Joint with Interstate Hiking Club**



We will paddle on an old favorite, which has plenty of water all year long. **Life Jackets required**

See “General Canoeing Information” at 'About Canoeing' for additional canoe information

Leaders: Ellie King & Pat Gaburo 973-377-4074 *Must call and register.*

Meet: 10:00 am Boat Launch, Spruce Run State Park, Van Syckels Rd, Clinton, NJ 08809

From I-78W Exit 17 (Rt-31): Drive north 3 mi. on Rt-31, past the reservoir on the left, to the light at Van Syckels Rd. (look for sign). Turning onto Van Syckels Road, proceed 1.5 mi to Park Entrance, Turn left into the State Park and follow sign for boat launch.

SATURDAY, MAY 26 — Turkey Mountain, Pyramid Mountain, Montville

Leader: Gregg Hudis, 551-404-5461 (call anytime)

Meet: 10 AM, Pyramid Mountain parking lot, moderate pace, a little over a 6-mile loop, around 4 hours, up the 100 steps, past the summit of Turkey Mountain to the yellow trail loop, with an optional side trip at the end up the white trail for a view of the Watchung Mountains. Bring lunch and liquid. Steady rain cancels.

SUNDAY, May 27 — South Mountain Reservation, Milburn

Leader: Gail Waimon, 973-467-4761

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 brisk hike with some rocky sections and possibly a steep climb at the beginning. Rain cancels.

MONDAY, May 28 (Memorial Day) — Iris Garden-Mills Reservation, Cedar Grove

Leader: Marie Taranto, 973-226-6738

Meet: 10 AM at Mills Reservation in Cedar Grove. Our Memorial Day visit to the Presby Memorial Iris Gardens, a national historic landmark. DIRECTIONS: From Bloomfield Ave. and 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, MAY 29 — Annual Trail Maintenance Day — Wawayanda State Park, Hewitt

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

Meet: 10 AM at the park office parking lot. With each person bringing the trail tool of their choice (lopping shears, hedge clippers, saw), we will move along and cover about 6 miles over mostly level ground. UCHC is assigned a 6-mile segment of the Appalachian Trail from Iron Bridge Rd. in Wawayanda State Park to the state line. Bring gloves.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30 — Tourne Park, Boonton

Leader: Susan Jacobs, 973-402-2555

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

THURSDAY, MAY 31 — Circle Around Lake Welch, Harriman State Park, NY

Leader: Jim Conlon, 914-591-6079

Meet: 10 AM at SBM Trail crossing of Rt. 106 for an 8-mile moderately strenuous hike. DIRECTIONS: Take Palisades Parkway north to exit 14, turn left and go 1.7 miles to parking on the left.

ALT. THURSDAY, MAY 31 — Allamuchy Mountain State Park North, Stanhope

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

Meet: 10 AM at parking area off Waterloo Road in Stanhope. We will hike a moderately paced hike of 5-6 miles on the Highlands and other trails around Jefferson Lake. Bring lunch and water.