

Resumption of TriState Ramblers Outings: New Policies and Procedures

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Are We Ready to Go Hiking, Biking, Paddling?!

As explained in my email of May 22, Board members have been working on the best policies and procedures to safely resume club activities. A document titled TSR Resumption of Activities details a set of guidelines to keep everyone alive and healthy as we venture back onto the trails, roads, and waterways. Over the past week-plus, small trial hiking groups have been following these guidelines closely. Happily, we believe they work and, when followed properly, give us a safe experience.

Additionally, we have implemented an online mechanism (SignUp Genius) to require that members PRE-REGISTER for any event, as the number of attendees will now be limited. This mechanism also allows members to acknowledge and accept the TSR Resumption of Activities policy as well as the standard Participant's Waiver and Release that each person normally signs at the start of every outing. This replaces our previous paper sign-in process.

While our new policy and procedures temporarily restrict participation to five club members plus the leader for each event, we are hopeful that many of you will offer to lead add-on hiking, biking, and paddling trips so that we can return to our average of 10 participants each day. Any hike, anytime, anywhere will do just fine. 9:00? 10:00? 11:00? Fine – just send an email to Debby Bronner (TSRregistration@outlook.com) a minimum of two days in advance to have your event listed and offered to our membership. It might be easiest to select a previously offered event and copy the description from a past schedule. Click here to view the 2019 schedules in PDF. You should be able to open one of the schedules, copy a description, and email it to Debby to post on SignUp Genius.

Read the new procedures, see our schedule, and sign up using the "button" on our COVID webpage ONLY through the following links: www.tristateramblers.org/covid-schedules-directions or (in calendar form) www.tristateramblers.org/covidcalendar. You will not be able to navigate to these pages from the TriState Ramblers website. The calendar page will be available on June 1.

Note: Events in the printed schedule for the month of June 2020 are subject to change/cancellation. If you must cancel an event you are scheduled to lead, please communicate the cancellation through Google Groups, as in the past. You will be able to see on the new calendar if you have already canceled your event. Those who have not yet registered to receive such notices through Google Groups email may contact membership chair John Crump (johnmcrump@yahoo.com).

We look forward to seeing many of you (five at a time!) back on the trails soon.

Bill Reynolds

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TSR Resumption of Activities

TriState Ramblers will be following CDC guidelines and relevant state executive orders for our hiking, biking, and paddling events. This may require suspending events or limiting the number of participants for some events during certain periods in the schedule. If anything in these procedures inadvertently conflicts with CDC and/or state guidelines and requirements, we will defer to the latter.

Please review these procedures and commit to following them:



DO NOT participate in any events (hiking, biking, or paddling) if you have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 (such as fever or cough), have been diagnosed with COVID-19, or are quarantined for potential exposure to COVID-19.



Members who are at higher risk of getting sick from COVID-19 or who may expose family members who are at higher risk should consider not participating in club events.



The number of members per event will be LIMITED in accordance with CDC and state guidelines/requirements and may be further limited by the event leader.



All participants are REQUIRED to PRE-REGISTER electronically. See SIGN UP button below for further information.



No Meetup participants or guests are allowed. ONLY CLUB MEMBERS may participate.

- Members who show up at an event without signing up will NOT be allowed to participate.



Members who are unable to participate in an event for which they signed up must change their RSVP status.



Members who sign up and do not show up will be issued up to two warnings. After three violations, members may no longer sign up for any events that require limits on participation.



By signing up, members agree to the same waiver included on the paper sign-in sheet and also agree to abide by these procedures.



There will be NO circle preceding events. Participants can remain in their cars until the start time. If participants exit their cars before the start to prepare gear or socialize, they should wear a face mask and maintain proper social distancing by staying at least 6 feet apart.



Leaders are discouraged from offering customary lunch time treats.

- Members are encouraged to carry and use hand sanitizer.



Members will be limited to one event per week in order to give more members an opportunity to participate.

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A waitlist will be created when necessary. If the list is long and a member would like to lead a separate hike, contact Debby Bronner (debbybronner@gmail.com), outreach coordinator.

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The TSR executive board reserves the right to manage sign-ups to ensure equitable access to members.

● No hikes requiring a shuttle are allowed (no point-to-point hikes).

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Participants are REQUIRED to carry a face mask during the hike. When passing/encountering other people on the trail, it is recommended that face masks be worn while maintaining proper social distancing by staying at least 6 feet away.

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On the trail and during stops, breaks, and separations, members should stay at least 10 feet apart if not wearing a mask.

In addition to these procedures, please consider the following:

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For cycling events, bathroom facilities may no longer be open, so plan or adjust accordingly. If planning a lunch stop at a deli, call ahead to determine if they are open and any advance ordering requirements.

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Currently, more road construction seems to be taking place during the day, so account for additional travel time as needed.

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Hike leaders may want to consider an earlier start time to minimize parking issues.

● Hike leaders may want to consider parking or hiking at less popular locations to avoid crowds.

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Additional hike leaders may be needed each day to accommodate all members who wish to participate. Please consider volunteering to lead! Our Spring 2020 newsletter, *The Oak Leaf*, has an article about becoming a new hike leader (see page 6).

These are truly unique times. The restrictions are needed to ensure the health and safety of our fellow members and others we encounter while hiking, biking, or paddling. Furthermore, we must fully respect these procedures or risk action by the state. Our primary concern is the health and safety of our members.

DO NOT BE "THAT MEMBER."

These are EASY TO FOLLOW procedures. Like you, the TSR executive board cannot wait for the day when we return to our regular club activities. In the meantime, your cooperation is expected and appreciated. We are all in this together as we look forward to the full relaxation of these restrictions and an end to COVID-19.

Be well, be safe.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1 — Jefferson Lake and Sunset Branch Loop, Byram Township, NJ

Leader: Bill Reynolds, 973-361-5527, cell 201-874-8758 to be used day of event only,

wmfir@gmail.com

Meet: 10:00 AM. A 4.4-mile lightly trafficked loop trail located near Byram Township that features a lake and is rated as moderate. The trail offers a number of activity options. No facilities available. Boots required and poles recommended. Bring snack, water, bug spray, hat.

Directions: Rt. 80 to Exit 25, 206 North. Go 2.2 miles to the closed SALT Gastro Pub on the left. Park in the rear. The trail starts in the back right-hand corner of the parking lot. Coordinates: 40.93587 -74.72239

ALT. THURSDAY, JULY 2 — Schiff Reservation, Mendham, NJ

Leader: Al MacLennan, cell 973-449-4696, maclennan_al@comcast.net

Meet: 10:00 AM at 339 Pleasant Valley Road. We will hike 6 miles on various trails at a moderate pace. Facilities available. Boots required. Bring lunch, water.

SATURDAY, JULY 4 — Mountain Way Park, Parsippany, NJ

Leaders: Charlie Stepnowski, cell 862-200-3956, Bijoy Mechery, cell 908-487-8482, bmechery@msn.com

Meet: 9:15 AM. Let's enjoy a brisk 3-hour, 7-mile hike on leaders' choice of trails, depending on underfoot conditions, weather, etc. The terrain is flat to rolling with two uphill sections. This is a hard hike and not for slow hikers. Meet at 9:15 for a 9:30 start. Please note early start time.

SATURDAY, JULY 4 — Buttermilk Falls-Crater Lake Loop, Walpack, NJ

Leader: Jennifer Percival, cell 973-270-7524 to be used day of event only, jenniferpercival@hotmail.com

Meet: 9:00 AM. Hike will start out with a very strenuous and steep climb, 900 ft elevation gain from base of falls to the AT. Then it'll be an easy trek south on the AT towards Crater Lake. After a snack break near Crater Lake, we'll head west, around Hemlock Pond to Woods Road, which will have rocky sections and easy slopes back towards Buttermilk Falls. At this point we'll head down the steep slope, ~ 550 ft elevation descent, back to our cars. Bring lots of water, salty and sweet snacks, lunch, weather-appropriate clothing, bug spray, sun hat. Some people may want a quick dip in Crater Lake or Hemlock Pond. Portable facilities available. Boots required and poles recommended. You MUST PRE-REGISTER with the leader by the day before the event. Please note early start time.

Directions: See TSR Directions Stokes State Forest #5.

SUNDAY, JULY 5 — Watchung Reservation, Mountainside, NJ

Leader: Jay Dibble, 908-289-8813, cell 908-209-2936 to be used day of event only, jaydib41090@peoplepc.com

Meet: 9:00 AM at Trailside Nature Center Parking Area. 5.5 miles at a moderate pace over mostly gently rolling terrain. Bring snack, water. Please note early start time.

MONDAY, JULY 6 — South Mountain Reservation, Millburn and West Orange, NJ

Leaders: Stan and Bev Kaltnecker, cell 201-602-4074, kaltnecs1@aol.com

Meet: 9:30 AM. Note early starting time. Walk will be about 1.5 hrs on wooded trails along the West Branch of the Rahway River with a side trip to Hemlock Falls. Portable facilities available. Boots required. Bring snack, water. Please note early start time.

Directions: See TSR directions for South Mountain Reservation #7, Tulip Springs

TUESDAY, JULY 7 — Ramapo Valley County Reservation, Mahwah, NJ

Leader: Susan Black, cell 201-286-2767, susaniblack@gmail.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at the Ramapo Reservation parking lot off Rt. 202 in Mahwah. This moderately paced hike will be approximately 6 miles long, and will take us past a waterfall, to the pink trail at MacMillan Reservoir, and into the woods on various, interesting trails. Facilities available. Bring lunch, water.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

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ALT. THURSDAY, JULY 9 — Watchung Reservation, Mountainside, NJ

Leader: Bill Reynolds, 973-361-5527, cell 201-874-8758 to be used day of event only, wmfir@gmail.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at Trailside Nature Center parking lot on Coles Ave. Leader's choice of trails, 4 to 5 miles. Facilities available. Boots required. Bring lunch, water, sun block, hat, cookies for the leader :).

SATURDAY, JULY 11

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SUNDAY, JULY 12

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MONDAY, JULY 13 — South Mountain Reservation, West Orange, NJ

Leader: Patricia Cappello, cell 201-546-2044, pcappello0@gmail.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at Turtle Back Rock parking area. 3.4 miles at a social pace on the Turtle Back Loop with mild ups and downs or a wide woods road circuit of about the same length if desired because of weather or group preference. Portable facilities available. Boots required. Bring water, bug spray.

TUESDAY, JULY 14

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

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THURSDAY, JULY 16 — Sterling Forest State Park, Tuxedo, NY

Leader: Dianne Jones, cell 973-224-3967, diannejones428@gmail.com

Meet: 9:30 AM at the upper lot of the Visitors Center. We will hike an 8+ mile loop on the Bare Rock Trail to the Greenwood Lake overview. We will return via a strenuous scramble to the fire tower. Allow for at least 5 hours. Facilities available. Boots required. Bring lunch, water. Please note early start time.

ALT. THURSDAY, JULY 16 — Ken Lockwood Gorge, Highbridge, NJ

Leader: Al MacLennan, cell 973-449-4696, maclennan_al@comcast.net

Meet: 10:00 AM. Walk 7 miles on the Columbia Trail entirely in Hunterdon County. This is a shuttle hike. Facilities available. Bring lunch, water.

SATURDAY, JULY 18 — Lewis Morris County Park, Morristown, NJ

Leader: Jay Dibble, 908-289-8813, cell 908-209-2936 to be used day of event only, jaydib41090@peoplepc.com

Meet: 9:00 AM at the Doe Meadow Parking Area. 5 miles at a moderate pace over both flat and hilly terrain. Please note early start time.

SUNDAY, JULY 19

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MONDAY, JULY 20 — Patriots' Path - Sussex Ave. to White Head Rd., Morristown, NJ

Leaders: Stan and Bev Kaltnecker, cell 201-602-4074, kaltnecs1@aol.com

Meet: 9:30 AM at the parking lot at Sussex Avenue (CR 617). Note early start time. This is a pleasant road through the lowlands on Patriots' Path. No facilities available. Boots required. Bring water. Please note early start time. The walk will be about 1.5 hours.

Directions: From the Morristown Green, take Speedwell Avenue (State Route 202) to Sussex Avenue. Take Sussex Avenue for about 1.5 miles to

parking lot on the right.

TUESDAY, JULY 21

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 22 — Sourland Mountain Preserve, Hillsborough, NJ

Leader: Arlene Fineman, cell 908-403-6554, arlenefineman@gmail.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at Sourland Mountain Preserve parking lot. We will hike about 4 to 5 miles through a nice variety of terrain including one moderately steep incline. Portable facilities available. Boots required and poles recommended. Bring snack, water.

THURSDAY, JULY 23

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SATURDAY, JULY 25

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SUNDAY, JULY 26 — Ramapo Mountain State Forest, Oakland, NJ

Leader: Bill LaChance, cell 973-216-8748, bill@wiladvisors.com

Meet: 9:00 AM at Upper Lot on Skyline Drive. We will do a 5.5-mile hike at a moderate pace, approximately 3 hours. There are some uphill climbs. Boots required. Bring water, snack or light lunch. Please note early start time.

MONDAY, JULY 27 — Waterloo Village, Stanhope, NJ

Leader: Leslie McGlynn, cell 973-668-6512, mclv66@gmail.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at Waterloo Village parking lot. Waterloo Village is a restored 19th century canal village with a lot of history and is in Byram Township. The walk is on a gravel path, is easy, informative and will be about 1.5 hours (2 miles). The area is peaceful and quiet and there are picnic benches for those who want to have lunch or a snack afterwards. No facilities available. Bring snack, water.

Directions: From Interstate 80 West take Exit 25 to Route 206 North. Go 0.5 miles and take ramp on right to Continental Dr. Follow brown signs to Waterloo Village. Proceed 0.5 miles to traffic light; turn right; continue 1 mile; turn left at "T" intersection (Waterloo Road /CR -604). Continue to Waterloo Village on the left. Enter and go to parking lot on the right.

TUESDAY, JULY 28 — State Line Lookout, Palisades Interstate Park, NJ

Leader: Ed Leibowitz, 908-623-3883, cell 201-850-9649 to be used day of event only, eleibow@verizon.net

Meet: 10:00 AM. This moderately paced hike will be 6 to 7 miles long and some trails may be difficult. Please preregister with the leader on or before July 27th. Allow extra time for GW Bridge traffic. Boots required. Bring lunch, water.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 1 — Cooper Grist Mill, Chester, NJ

Leaders: Charlie Stepnowski, cell 862-200-3956, Bijoy Mechery, cell 908-487-8482, bmechery@msn.com

Meet: 9:15 AM. Let's enjoy a brisk 3-hour, 7-mile hike on leaders' choice of trails, depending on underfoot conditions, weather, etc. The terrain is flat to rolling with one uphill section. Meet at 9:15 for a 9:30 start. This is a hard hike and not for slow hikers. Please note early start time.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2 — Hartshorne Woods, Atlantic Highlands, NJ

Leader: Jay Dibble, 908-289-8813, cell 908-209-2936 to be used day of event only, jaydib41090@peoplepc.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at Rocky Point parking area. 5.5 miles at a moderate pace over mostly gently rolling terrain. We'll loop on the Cuesta Ridge, Laurel Ridge and Grand Loop trails. Bring snack, water.

MONDAY, AUGUST 3 — Loantaka Brook Reservation, Morris Township, NJ

Leaders: Stan and Bev Kaltnecker, cell 201-602-4074, kaltnecs1@aol.com

Meet: 9:30 AM at South Street parking lot for a social walk on a wooded horse trail and some paved trails. Facilities available. Boots required. Bring water. Please note early start time. The walk will be about 1.5 hours.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4 — Piermont Exploratory, Piermont, NY

Leader: Margo Moss, 201-568-5325, acephoto@verizon.net

Meet: 10:15 AM at parking lot D, next to the large lot, in the center of Piermont. We will explore this lovely historic town with its famous drawbridge and wonderful pier. We will walk on rails to trails toward Nyack and Sparkhill. Hopefully, we will see many birds and wildflowers on our 6- to 7-mile walk. The pace will be moderate with little elevation gain. Please pre-register with the leader by 4 PM on Monday, August 3rd. Bring lunch, water. Please note later start time.

Directions: Follow NY 9W North. Just north of Tallman State Park, turn left onto Rt. 340 (Highland Ave). Take first right, crossing 9W on Ferdon Ave. (Sparkhill Creek will be on left). Turn left at traffic light and then right to main parking lot. (Coordinates:41.04008,-73.91372)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5 — Loantaka Brook, Morristown, NJ

Leader: Gail Biggs, 973-401-1262, cell 973-769-6860 to be used day of event only, biggsqail@yahoo.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at Kitchell Road parking lot. 4 miles. Easy, flat.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

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MONDAY, AUGUST 10 — Tourne Park, Boonton, NJ

Leader: Bill Reynolds, 973-361-5527, cell 201-874-8758 to be used day of event only, wmfir@gmail.com

Meet: 10:00 AM in the parking lot on the right side of McCaffrey Lane. This will be a 3.3-mile hike on the white (Ogden) trail, down to and around Birchwood Lake. Portable facilities available. Boots required. Bring snack, water, bug spray, hat.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11 — Palisades Interstate Park, State Line Lookout, NJ

Leader: Margo Moss, 201-568-5325, acephoto@verizon.net

Meet: 10:15 AM. We will do a beautiful loop which affords wonderful Hudson River views along the shoreline and lovely woods along the Long Path. This

moderate hike is approximately 7 miles long with one ascent/descent of 450'. Please register with the leader by 4 PM Monday, August 10th. Bring lunch, water. Please note later start time.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12 — Silas Condict Park, Kinnelon, NJ

Leader: Paul Augustyniak, cell 973-219-4807, paugust586@aol.com

Meet: 10:00 AM. We'll hike 5 miles starting up to the Blue trail summit, back down to the Red, finishing on the White. We'll stop on one of the many lookouts for a short lunch. Expect to finish by 1:00 PM. Facilities available. Boots required. Bring lunch, snack, water.

ALT. THURSDAY, AUGUST 13 — Point Mountain, Penwell, NJ

Leader: Bill Reynolds, 973-361-5527, cell 201-874-8758 to be used day of event only, wmfir@gmail.com

Meet: 10:00 AM. We will hike 5 miles on various trails at a social pace. 689 ft elevation change. Boots required and poles recommended. Bring lunch, water, bug spray, hat.

Directions: Take Rt. 80 westbound to Exit 26, Budd Lake. Go west on Rt. 46 westbound for 5.1 miles. Turn left onto Naughtright Rd. and go 2.8 miles. Turn right onto Flocktown Rd. and go 1.8 miles. Turn left onto Rt. 24/Schooleys Mountain Rd. and go 0.2 miles. Turn right onto Pleasant Grove Rd. and go 4.5 miles. Continue on Penwell Rd. Turn left up dirt road just past the wood barn on your left, just after you have gone over the small bridge over a small creek, across from 440 Penwell Rd.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15 — Voorhees State Park, Lebanon Township, NJ

Leader: Jay Dibble, 908-289-8813, cell 908-209-2936 to be used day of event only, jaydib41090@peoplepc.com

Meet: 9:00 AM at the parking area approx. 0.25 mile from the park office on the right. Five miles at a moderate pace over both flat and hilly terrain. Please note early start time.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15 — Mc Dade Trail, Dingmans Ferry, PA

Leader: Jennifer Percival, cell 973-270-7524 to be used day of event only, jenniferpercival@hotmail.com

Meet: 9:00 AM at Dingmans Ferry Parking Access. Plan is to shuttle cars for one way walking on Mc Dade Trail. Direction and distance TBA based on how hot it will be. Trail is relatively easy. Please RSVP by email at least 5 days in advance so you can receive the latest plans. Will require plenty of water, salty and sweet snacks, lunch, sunscreen, sunhat, bug spray. May take a dip in the Delaware River. Facilities available. Please note early start time.

Directions: Dingmans Falls Access Area is just across the Dingmans Falls Bridge. See TSR directions for Dingmans Falls. There are bathrooms here.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16 — Old Short Hills Park, Short Hills, NJ

Leader: Gail Waimon, cell 973-229-7414, gswaimon@comcast.net

Meet: 9:30 AM. This is the leader's favorite short hike, 3.5 to 4 miles. Bring snack, water. Please note early start time.

MONDAY, AUGUST 17 — Mountain Valley Park, Mendham Borough, NJ

Leaders: Stan and Bev Kaltnecker, cell 201-602-4074, kaltnecs1@aol.com

Meet: 9:30 AM for an ~1.5 hour hike along Patriots' Path from Mountain Ave. to Pitney Rd. in a wooded area. No facilities available. Bring water. Please note early start time.

Directions: Take Rt. 24 out of Morristown towards Mendham Borough. At center of Mendham Borough, turn right at traffic light (Black Horse Inn) and proceed one mile to Mountain Valley Park (72 Mountain Avenue) and parking lot on right. Hike starts at parking lot.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18 — Ramapo Valley County Reservation, Mahwah, NJ

Leader: Susan Black, cell 201-286-2767, susanblack@gmail.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at the Ramapo Reservation parking lot off Rt. 202 in Mahwah. This moderately paced hike will be approximately 6 miles long and will take us on a variety of interesting trails. Facilities available. Bring lunch, water.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 20 — Norvin Green State Forest, Ringwood, NJ

Leader: Dianne Jones, cell 973-224-3967, diannejones428@gmail.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at New Weis Center parking lot. We will hike the Hewitt-Butler trail from Weis Ecology, over High Point and Yoo Hoo Point, past the Otter Hole cascades, to the wonderful views along Torne Mt., and to the 360 degree view at Osio Rock. We will return via the more level Otter Hole Trail. This moderately strenuous hike will be 8+ miles long. Note cell phone service is very poor at trailhead. No facilities available. Boots required. Bring lunch, water.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 23 — Pyramid Mountain, Montville, NJ

Leader: Bill LaChance, cell 973-216-8748, bill@wiladvisors.com

Meet: 9:00 AM. We will do a 5-mile hike at a moderate pace, approx. 2 1/2 hours. There are some uphill climbs. Facilities available. Boots required. Bring water, snack or light lunch. Please note early start time.

MONDAY, AUGUST 24 — Lewis Morris Park, Morristown, NJ

Leader: Bill Reynolds, 973-361-5527, cell 201-874-8758 to be used day of event only, wmfir@gmail.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at the lowest parking lot, Sunrise Lake area. Enjoy an easy walk, about 3 miles. Good for beginners. Facilities available. Boots required. Bring snack, water, bug spray, hat.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25 — Raymondskill Falls, Delaware Water Gap NRA, PA

Leader: Dianne Jones, cell 973-224-3967, diannejones428@gmail.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at Raymondskill Falls parking lot. We will take trails passing Hackers Falls and a lovely lake to the Milford Cliffs Trail, which we will follow along cliffs 500 feet above the Delaware River. Lunch at scenic Milford Knob Overlook, then return on other trails. A total of 6.5 miles. Allow time after the hike to visit spectacular Raymondskill Falls, PA's highest falls at 165 feet. Boots required. Bring lunch, water.

Directions: Take Rt. 206 north, pass Stokes State Forest, crossing the Delaware River at the Milford Toll Bridge; turn left onto PA Rt. 209 and go 2.3 miles south to the Raymondskill Falls entrance on the right. Go 0.5 mile uphill to the parking lot on the left.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26 — Memorial Hike for Steve Koehler,

Berkshire Valley WMA, Gordon Road, Wharton, NJ

Leader: Paul Sanderson, cell 908-838-5466, paulmsanderson@aol.com

Meet: 10:00 AM. This hike is approximately 4 miles with a few slight hills, mostly on secluded woods roads. Bring water, lunch, and hiking boots. Please PRE-REGISTER with leader by 9:00 PM the evening before the hike. No facilities available. Boots required. Bring lunch.

Directions: From Route 80, take Route 15 North to the Berkshire Valley Road jug-handle and cross back over Route 15. Drive 2 miles and turn right onto Gordon Road (4th road on the right; Roxbury firehouse on the corner). The road curves to the left, to the right, and then left again. Go for only 1/4 mile and turn right into a small gravel parking lot. Gordon Road is a dead end, so if you miss the parking area, just turn around.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27 — Bearfort Mountain/Abram Hewitt State Forest,

Hewitt, NJ

Leader: Dianne Jones, cell 973-224-3967, diannejones428@gmail.com

Meet: 9:30 AM at the Tractor Supply parking lot in West Milford. This will be a hike in memory of Dave Hogenauer, who introduced me to what is now one

of my favorite hikes. We will hike the Jeremy Glick Trail up and down as the lollipop stick, and the Ernest Walter, AT, and State Line as the lollipop. This 7+ mile, moderately strenuous hike will be performed at a moderate pace. A latish lunch will offer a gorgeous view over Greenwood Lake. If conditions are wet, this trail can be muddy and will have stream crossings. Boots required. Bring lunch, water. Please note early start time.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28 — Paulinskill Lake Paddle, Newton, NJ

Leader: Jean Fletcher, 973-285-5263, cell 973-452-1567 to be used day of event only, jfletc@optonline.net

Meet: 10:00 AM. A pleasant paddle for a hot day. We will paddle in the waters upstream of the Paulinskill Lake cottage community, either going upstream, until it becomes too shallow, enjoying the wildlife and historic artifacts, or downstream, in the lake above the cottage colony. Wear good water/walking shoes and bring a short rope – we might want to pull the boats over the pebble bars in the river. Bring lunch; we will find a place to eat during the paddle. For more information and a map, see the book Quiet Waters of New Jersey, a canoe and kayak guide by Kathy Kenley, published by the Appalachian Mountain Club and/or (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paulins_Kill). You MUST REGISTER with the leader by 6:00 PM the day before. No facilities available. Bring lunch, water. See Canoeing General Instructions; a personal flotation device MUST BE WORN.

Directions: Paulinskill Fishing Parking Area, Plotts Rd, Newton, NJ. GPS 41.0834, -74.7826. From I-80 Exit 25: Take Rt. 206 north through the town of Andover. Approximately 4 miles north of Andover pass through the Greendale light and make the immediate left onto Fredon-Springdale Road. Follow this road, which becomes Willows Road until it ends at Rt. 94. Turn right on Rt. 94 and proceed ~1 mile, watching on the left for Anderson Hill Road at the crest of the hill. Turn left onto Anderson Hill Road, being careful to bear hard right at a Y intersection. Follow Anderson Hill Road to Rt. 622 (Newton Swartswood Road). Turn left onto Rt. 622, continue ~1 mile and turn right onto Junction Road. Proceed on the road along a railroad track until a stone RR trestle is visible on the left. Turn left and go under the trestle (Plotts or Parsons Road). Follow the road on the causeway along Paulinskill Lake to the far side. Turn left into the parking area.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

No hike is scheduled as of this printing. Leaders wishing to lead a hike are encouraged to post a hike on Google Groups at least three days prior to this date. Send the listing to tristateramblers@googlegroups.com. TriState Rambler sign-in sheets can be obtained from our website.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

No hike is scheduled as of this printing. Leaders wishing to lead a hike are encouraged to post a hike on Google Groups at least three days prior to this date. Send the listing to tristateramblers@googlegroups.com. TriState Rambler sign-in sheets can be obtained from our website.

MONDAY, AUGUST 31 — Jockey Hollow National Park, Morristown, NJ

Leader: Betty Mills, cell 973-975-5264, elizabethmills08@gmail.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at the Visitors Center for a pleasant walk in our National Park. Walk will be about 1.5 hours. Facilities available. Boots required. Bring water.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 — Ramapo Mountain State Forest, Haskell, NJ

Leader: Dianne Jones, cell 973-224-3967, diannejones428@gmail.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at Back Beach Park. This is an easy to moderate 7+ mile hike on the Wanaque Ridge trail to lunch at Ramapo Lake. It's an easy walk out to the lakeshore path with an optional excursion to the I-287 overpass on the way back to the parking lot. Boots required. Bring lunch, water.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 — Jonathan Woods, Denville, NJ

Leader: Bill Reynolds, 973-361-5527, cell 201-874-8758 to be used day of event only, wmfir@gmail.com

Meet: 10:00 AM. We will hike 5 miles on various trails at a social pace. Boots required. Bring lunch, water.

Directions: I-80 to Exit 37 (Hibernia/Green Pond Rd). Head North on Green Pond for about 2 miles. Turn right on Meridan Rd. Go about 0.3 miles to Old Beach Glen Rd. and turn right. In about 0.2 miles, look for parking lot entrance on right.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 — Appalachian Trail Series Hike #1,
Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, NJ**

Leader: Alan Breach, cell 973-600-3846, abreach@ptd.net

Meet: 10:00 AM at the Dunnfield Creek/AT parking lot. This hike covers Dunnfield Creek to Sunfish Pond. This is a moderately strenuous 8-mile loop hike on the AT, returning via the Dunnfield Creek Trail. Portable facilities available. Boots required. Bring lunch, water.

ALT. THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 — Mahlon Dickerson Reservation, Jefferson Twp, NJ

Leader: Paul Sanderson, cell 908-838-5466, paulmsanderson@aol.com

Meet: 9:30 AM. This 6- to 7-mile hike begins with a steep uphill climb on a woods road (we will take it slowly). The rest of the way is an easy hike on secluded woods roads. Please PRE-REGISTER with leader by 9:00 PM the evening before the hike. No facilities available. Boots required. Bring lunch, water. Please note early start time.

Directions: Meet in the parking lot for the Jefferson Diner, Bowling Green Parkway, Lake Hopatcong. From Route 80, take Route 15 North, go through the traffic light at Edison Road, and immediately take the left turn exit toward the Jefferson Diner. At the end of the ramp, turn into the lot. We will take 2-3 cars to the starting point, a gravel area on Weldon Road in Mahlon Dickerson Reservation at the Snow Bowl section (just before the school complex).

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 — Apshawa Preserve, West Milford, NJ

Leaders: Charlie Stepnowski, cell 862-200-3956, Bijoy Mechery, cell 908-487-8482, bmechery@msn.com

Meet: 9:15 AM. Let's enjoy a brisk 3- hour, 7- mile hike on leaders' choice of trails, depending on underfoot conditions, weather, etc. The terrain is flat to rolling with one uphill section. Meet at 9:15 for a 9:30 start. This is a hard hike and not for slow hikers. Please note early start time.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

No hike is scheduled as of this printing. Leaders wishing to lead a hike are encouraged to post a hike on Google Groups at least three days prior to this date. Send the listing to tristateramblers@googlegroups.com. TriState Rambler sign-in sheets can be obtained from our website.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 — Loantaka Brook Reservation, Morris Twp, NJ

Leaders: Stan and Bev Kaltnecker, cell 201-602-4074, kaltnecs1@aol.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at South Street parking lot for a pleasant walk on wooded paths and paved trails. Walk will be about 1.5 hours long. Facilities available. Bring water.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 — Hartshorne Woods/Atlantic Highlands, NJ

Leader: Louis Thompson, 732-577-9413, cell 732-239-1012 to be used day of event only, ltp1@yahoo.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at the Rocky Point parking area. This will be a 6- to 7-mile, moderately paced hike, through some pretty forest on the Rocky Point, Grand Tour, and Laurel Ridge trails. We will also pass a historic gun battery, the Navesink River, and views of the Atlantic Ocean. Stay and enjoy the shore after the hike. Boots required. Bring lunch, water.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 — Jockey Hollow National Park, Morristown, NJ

Leader: Gail Biggs, 973-401-1262, cell 973-769-6860 to be used day of event only, biggsqail@yahoo.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at the Visitors' Center. This is a Dave Hogenauer Memorial Hike. We will pause to celebrate Dave and share good stories about our dear friend. Hike 4 to 5 miles on various trails to Mt. Kemble overlook. Facilities available. Boots required. Bring snack, water.

ALT. THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 — Lewis Morris Park, Morristown, NJ

Leaders: Stan and Bev Kaltnecker, cell 201-602-4074, kaltnecs1@aol.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at the lowest parking lot near the boat house at Sunrise Lake. Hike will be a lollipop hike of about 5 miles. We will hike along the Whippany River and into the Dismal Harmony Natural Area. There is a 1-mile loop at the end with a short steep uphill and downhill. There is a stop for

lunch at the Dismal Brook bridge on the return. Portable facilities available. Poles recommended. Bring lunch, water. You MUST PRE-REGISTER with the leader by the day before the event.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 — Essex Co. Environmental Ctr., Roseland, NJ

Leaders: Carol Czajkowski, 973-539-4084, cell 973-580-9859 to be used day of event only, Martin Frahme, 973-539-4084 to be used day of event only

Meet: 10:00 AM. E.C.E.C., 621 Eagle Rock Avenue, Roseland, NJ (GPS 40.8263, -74.3328) Paddle the mighty Passaic River, NJ's longest river. We will go both upstream and downstream (no shuttling cars). We will eat lunch at the Environmental Center. No boat rental available. You MUST REGISTER with the leaders two days before the event. Portable facilities available. Bring lunch, water. See Canoeing General Instructions; a personal flotation device MUST BE WORN.

Directions: From I-80 and I-280 intersection: Go east on I-280 3 miles to Exit 4A, to Eisenhower Parkway south. Drive 0.5 miles to Eagle Rock Ave.; turn right; go 0.5 miles to ECEC on left, their second driveway.

f SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 — D&R Canal Towpath-Frenchtown Loop, Frenchtown, NJ

Leader: Jean Fletcher, 973-285-5263, cell 973-452-1567 to be used day of event only, jrfletc@optonline.net

Meet: 10:00 AM. River Road and Bridge Street, Frenchtown parking area for the D&R Canal State Park. We will cycle along the Delaware River on the former towpaths of the D&R Canal in 2 states with lunch at Bull Island, approximately 9 miles downriver. Option to go further south to Stockton. HYBRID tires or better. Arrive early as lot fills quickly. Rain cancels. <https://www.dandrcanal.com/images/maps/DRparkmap.pdf> Portable facilities available. Bring lunch, water, money for refreshments. You MUST PRE-REGISTER with the leader by the day before the event. A helmet MUST BE WORN.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 — Shepherd's Lake, Ringwood, NJ

Leader: Jay Dibble, 908-289-8813, cell 908-209-2936 to be used day of event only, jaydib41090@peoplepc.com

Meet: 10:00 AM Shepherd's Lake upper parking area. Follow TSR directions, but go past the 1st parking lot on the right and go straight ahead and up the hill from the toll booth. This will be a moderately paced hike of 5.5 miles with lots of ups and downs and hilly, rocky terrain. Boots required. Bring lunch, water.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 — Jockey Hollow National Park, Morristown, NJ

Leaders: Terry Kulmane, 973-644-4547, terrykayhiker@yahoo.com, Steve Gruber, cell 908-647-3253, scgruber@verizon.net

Meet: 10:00 AM. This is a Theresa McKay Memorial Hike. Meet at the visitors center parking lot. It will be a 2-hour memorial hike in honor of Theresa McKay, a longtime club member, who died in April. We will hike at a social pace and make several stops for hikers to reminisce and share their thoughts about Theresa. Facilities available. Boots required. Bring water.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 — Kincaid Trail, Pyramid Mountain, Kinnelon, NJ

Leader: Gail Biggs, 973-401-1262, cell 973-769-6860 to be used day of event only, biggsqail@yahoo.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at the Kincaid parking lot (not the visitor center). This 6-mile, moderately paced hike will start on the Kincaid Trail to Bear Rock. We will have lunch at an overlook and return on the red and Kincaid trails. Bring lunch, water.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 — Watchung Reservation, Mountainside, NJ

Leader: Lynda Goldschein, 908-757-7058, cell 908-347-5012 to be used day of event only, lindagoldschein@usa.net

Meet: 10:00 AM at Seeley's Pond parking lot. Hike about 4.5 miles with early out at 3.5 miles. There are one or two uphill sections, the rest fairly level. Boots required and poles recommended. Bring snack, water.

ALT. THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 — Jonathan Woods, Denville, NJ

Leader: Bill Reynolds, 973-361-5527, cell 201-874-8758 to be used day of event only, wmfir@gmail.com

Meet: 10:00 AM. We will hike 5 to 6 miles on various trails at a social pace. Boots required and poles recommended. Bring lunch, water, bug spray, hat.

Directions: I-80 to Exit 37 (Hibernia/Green Pond Rd). Head north on Green Pond for ~ 2 miles to Old Beach Glen Rd. and turn right. In about 0.2 miles, look for parking lot entrance on right.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 — Farney State Park, Rockaway, NJ

Leader: Jay Dibble, 908-289-8813, cell 908-209-2936 to be used day of event only, jaydib41090@peoplepc.com

Meet: 10:00 AM. Meet at the Timberbrook Road parking area (see TSR website for directions). Six miles at a moderate pace over both flat and hilly terrain. There is one steep climb to a beautiful overlook. Bring lunch, water.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 — Manaticut Point, Ringwood, NJ

Leader: Bill LaChance, cell 973-216-8748, bill@wiladvisors.com

Meet: 9:00 AM. We will do a 4.7-mile hike at a moderate pace, approx. 2 1/2 hours. There are some uphill climbs. See TSR Directions under Norvin Green #2. Boots required. Bring water, light lunch or snack. Please note early start time.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 — Somerset County Education Center, Basking Ridge, NJ

Leader: Bill Reynolds, 973-361-5527, cell 201-874-8758 to be used day of event only, wmfir@gmail.com

Meet: 10:00 AM in the parking lot. Hike will be 3+ miles on various flat trails and boardwalks. Facilities available. Boots required. Bring snack, water, bug spray, hat.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 — Turkey Mountain Loop, Pyramid Mt., Montville, NJ

Leader: Louis Thompson, 732-577-9413, cell 732-239-1012 to be used day of event only, ltp1@yahoo.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at the Pyramid Mountain Visitor Center parking lot. We will hike 5 to 6 miles at a moderate pace on the yellow, green, red, and blue trails. We will pass a beaver dam, hopefully some cascades, and the Lake Valhalla overlook. Hike should end by 1:30 PM. Facilities available. Boots required. Bring lunch, water.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 — Jenny Jump Ghost Loop, Hope, NJ

Leader: Bill Reynolds, 973-361-5527, cell 201-874-8758 to be used day of event only, wmfir@gmail.com

Meet: 10:00 AM in the main parking lot. Jenny Jump Ghost Loop is a 5.2 mile moderately trafficked loop trail located near Blairstown, New Jersey, that features a lake and is rated as moderate. The trail is primarily used for hiking, walking, nature trips, and bird watching, and is best used from April until October. Distance: 5.2 miles. Elevation gain: 902 feet. No facilities available. Boots required and poles recommended. Bring snack, water, bug spray, hat.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 — Appalachian Trail Series Hike #2,
Camp Mohican, Blairstown, NJ**

Leader: Joyce Breach, cell 973-600-3846, jbreach@ptd.net

Meet: 10:00 AM at large parking lot at Camp Mohican. This hike covers the Mohican Outdoor Center to Sunfish Pond. This is a moderately strenuous 8.5 mile loop on the AT returning via the Kaiser Trail and Coppermine Trail. Facilities available. Boots required. Bring lunch, water.

ALT. THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 — Allamuchy Mountain State Park, Stanhope, NJ

Leaders: Stan and Bev Kaltnecker, cell 201-602-4074, kaltnecs1@aol.com

Meet: 10:00 AM. This will be a 5.5 mile moderate hike on various trails, Sussex Branch and side trails, with a lunch stop at Cranberry Lake. Portable facilities available. Bring lunch, water.

Directions: See TSR Directions for Allamuchy Mountain State Park #3.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 — Boardwalk Walk, Seaside to Lavalette, NJ

Leader: Gary Petrie, 732-257-0137

Meet: 10:30 AM at entrance to Island Beach State Park. We will walk during the "other" season at the shore on the boardwalks of Seaside, Lavalette and

Ortley Beach. We will visit a mystery point of interest where you'll see the leader in pictures. The coast will be clear and a sight for shore eyes and not a bored walk. About 5 miles. You must register with the leader the day before the hike. Please note later start time.

Directions: Take GSP to Exit 82 to Rt. 37 E. After about 6.5 miles, use the right two lanes to take the NJ-35 S ramp to Seaside Park/Island Beach. After 0.7 miles turn right onto NW Central Ave. for 1.6 miles. Continue straight onto NJ-35 S and proceed 8 miles to Island Beach State Park.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 — Diltzes Lane and Ladentown Road, Pomona, NY

Leader: Carol Ann Benton, cell 914-960-3317, Aquarius2950@hotmail.com

Meet: 9:30 AM at parking lot on Diltzes Lane. This is a moderately paced hike of 7 miles. Not for beginners. Wet conditions will cancel the hike. No facilities available. Boots required. Bring lunch, snack, water, bug spray. You MUST PRE-REGISTER with the leader by the day before the event. Please note early start time.

Directions: GPS Coordinates: 41°11'6.44"N 74° 4'25.86"W

From Rt.17: Take the exit for Rt. 202 toward Suffern. At bottom of ramp, turn right onto Ramapo Valley Rd./US-202. After 0.8 miles, turn left onto Franklin Turnpike/US Rt. 202. After 0.7 miles, turn right at traffic light onto Wayne Ave./Rt. 202. After about 6.4 miles, turn left at traffic light for Rt. 306. At T-intersection, turn right onto Ladentown Rd./Old Route 202, then left onto Mountain Rd., and left again onto Diltz Rd. Parking is on your right.

From Palisades Interstate Parkway North: Take Exit 13. Merge right onto Theills Mount Ivy Rd. Turn right onto Rt. 202. Turn right at traffic light for Rt. 306. At T-intersection, turn right onto Ladentown Rd./Old Route 202, then left onto Mountain Rd. and left again onto Diltz Rd. Parking is on your right.

From Palisades Interstate Parkway South: Take Exit 13. Turn right on Route 202. Turn right at traffic light for Route 306. At T-intersection, turn right onto Ladentown Rd./Old Route 202, then left onto Mountain Rd. and left again onto Diltz Rd. Parking is on your right.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 — Jockey Hollow National Park, Morristown, NJ

Leaders: Stan and Bev Kaltnecker, cell 201-602-4074, kaltnecs1@aol.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at the parking lot at the Soldiers' Huts for an enjoyable walk through a wooded area. Boots required. Bring water. The walk will be about 1.5 hours.

Directions: From the Visitor Center parking lot, proceed on the paved Cemetery Road until you see the solders' huts on the hill. Parking lot is on the left. Only facilities are at the Visitor Center.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 — Shepherd Lake, Ringwood, NJ

Leader: Bob Bieri, 201-664-3813, bierirobert@aol.com

Meet: 10:00 AM. This 5+ mile, moderately paced hike will travel on the red, blue, yellow, and newly routed white trail which will bring us to Pa parking area. From Pa we will travel on woods roads and bike trails back to Shepherd Lake. Bring lunch, water.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 — D&R Canal, Colonial Park, Somerset, NJ

Leader: Debby Bronner, cell 201-563-1648, debbybrunner@gmail.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at Parking Lot A near the Rose Garden inside Colonial Park. We will walk along the Delaware and Raritan Canal for 5 to 6 miles at a moderate pace on a flat path. Bring lunch or a snack if you want to picnic near the Rose Garden afterwards. Rain cancels. Facilities available. Bring plenty of water.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1 — Breakneck Ridge, Cold Spring, NY

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

Meet: 10:00 AM at Breakneck Ridge parking lot. This is a strenuous 8- to 9-mile hike up the face of Breakneck Ridge, returning on various trails. Boots required. Bring lunch, water.

Directions: Palisades Interstate Parkway to Bear Mountain Bridge. Cross the bridge, turn left on Rt. 9 to Cold Spring. After crossing Rt. 301 and traveling

2.2 miles, parking lot is on the right.

ALT. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1 — Kittatinny Valley State Park, Newton, NJ

Leaders: Stan and Bev Kaltnecker, cell 201-602-4074, kaltnecs1@aol.com

Meet: 10:00 AM. Hike 5.5 to 6 miles at a moderate pace on various trails and along the lake. Lunch will be at the lake. Meet at visitor center parking lot off Goodale Road. See TSR directions for Kittatinny Valley S.P. #1. Facilities available. Bring lunch, water.

f FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2 — Walkway over the Hudson/Hudson Rail Trail, Highland, NY

Leader: Dianne Jones, cell 973-224-3967, diannejones428@gmail.com

Meet: 9:45 AM at the Hudson Valley Rail Trail on Rt. 299. We will bike east on the Hudson Rail Trail, across the Walkway over the Hudson and beyond, about 15 miles one way. We will then return and have lunch on the Walkway before returning to our cars. We will plan to ride about 30 miles at a 10 mph pace. Because it is an out and back, people have the option to go shorter or longer on the east bound trip. Upon returning to the cars, there is also an opportunity to continue westward for additional mileage. Portable facilities available at a park en route. Bring lunch, water. You MUST PRE-REGISTER with the leader by the day before the event. A helmet MUST BE WORN. Please note early start time.

Directions: 565-557 NY-299, Highland, NY, across from Lowe's. Rt. 287 N to 87 N (toll road). Take Exit 18 onto Rt. 299 E. Parking lot will be on the right in about 1.5 miles

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2 — Monksville Reservoir, Hewitt, NJ

Leader: Jean Fletcher, 973-285-5263, cell 973-452-1567 to be used day of event only, jfletc@optonline.net

Meet: 10:00 AM. North Boat Launch (On Northern Beech Rd.), Monksville Reservoir, 121 Beech Rd., Hewitt, NJ (GPS 41.1423, -74.2999) Monksville Reservoir has a surface area of 505 acres and spans about three miles from end to end. Route 511/Greenwood Lake Road crosses the reservoir on a long bridge. South of the bridge is the main part of the reservoir. This large area curves all the way down to the Monksville Dam. North of the bridge, near Beech Road, the remains of submerged trees are in the water. Actual route of the paddle will depend on the weather and the group. Portable facilities available. Bring lunch, water. You MUST PRE-REGISTER with the leader by the day before the event. See Canoeing General Instructions; a personal flotation device MUST BE WORN.

Directions: From I-287, Exit 55: Take Rt-511 (Ringwood Ave.) north about 10 mi. Pass the Wanaque Reservoir, the Monksville Dam and South Boat Launch at 9 mi. Continue 1 mi and look for a sign on the left, "Long Pond Ironworks State Park/ North Boat Launch". Turn RIGHT (north) as we will be using the Kayak Launch on Northern Beech Rd. (not the Southern Beach Rd. for cars with boat trailers). Follow signs to the northernmost launch (a grassy lawn).

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 — Garret Mountain Reservation, Woodland Park, NJ

Leaders: Charlie Stepnowski, cell 862-200-3956, Bijoy Mechery, cell 908-487-8482, bmechery@msn.com

Meet: 9:15 AM. Let's enjoy a brisk 3-hour, 7-mile hike on leaders' choice of trails, depending on underfoot conditions, weather, etc. The terrain is flat to rolling with one uphill section. Meet at 9:15 for a 9:30 start. This is a hard hike and not for slow hikers. Please note early start time.

Directions: GARRET MOUNTAIN RESERVATION, West Paterson, NJ. Coordinates: N40° 54.13', W74° 10.83'. Take I-80 to Exit 56, W. Paterson. Right on Squirrelwood Rd. In 0.3 miles bear right on Rifle Camp Rd. Continue uphill 0.3 miles to left turn onto Mountain Ave. Park entrance on right. Proceed 0.1 mile to first parking lot inside park at start of One Way road. ALTERNATIVE: From US 46 West take Great Notch exit and proceed North 1.9 miles on Rifle Camp Rd., bear right at fork onto Mountain Ave. to Park entrance on right. Proceed 0.1 mile to first parking lot inside park at start of One Way road.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 — Manaticut Point, Ringwood, NJ

Leader: Jay Dibble, 908-289-8813, cell 908-209-2936 to be used day of event only, jaydib41090@peoplepc.com

Meet: 10:00 AM. 5 miles at a moderate pace over hilly, rocky terrain. Not for beginners. See TSR directions under Norvin Green #2. Boots required. Bring lunch, water.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5 — Central Park of Morris County, Morris Plains, NJ

Leader: Bill Reynolds, 973-361-5527, cell 201-874-8758 to be used day of event only, wmfir@gmail.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at parking lot on Central Ave., near bathroom, for a 3-mile moderately paced hike. We will see where the old Greystone Park hospital used to be before being taken down. A map of the park may be downloaded at Central Park of Morris County and then Central Park Map. Facilities available. Boots required. Bring snack, water, bug spray, hat.

Directions: From Morristown Square take Speedwell Ave. 2 miles to Glenbrook Ave. and turn left. Go 0.6 miles and turn right just after sharp left turn onto Central Ave. Go 0.6 miles, bearing left at next intersection to parking lot on left near bathroom. Coordinates: 40°49.814' N by 74°29.939' W.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6 — Appalachian Trail Series Hike #3, Camp Mohican, Blairstown, NJ

Leader: Alan Breach, cell 973-600-3846, abreach@ptd.net

Meet: 10:00 AM at large parking lot at Camp Mohican. This hike covers the Mohican Outdoor Center to Millbrook Rd. This is a moderate 6.5-mile loop using the AT and Rattlesnake Swamp Trail. There are great views on the AT. Facilities available. Boots required. Bring lunch, water.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7 — Cooper Mill, Chester, NJ

Leader: Gail Biggs, 973-401-1262, cell 973-769-6860 to be used day of event only, biggsqail@yahoo.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at parking lot. Hike a pleasant 4 miles along the Black River and across a bridge to a fun ruin to explore. Bring snack, water.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8 — Stonetown Circular Trail – Ringwood, NJ

Leader: Jason Briggs, cell 862-228-4972, jasonbriggs99@gmail.com

Meet: 9:30 AM at the Stonetown field parking lot off Stonetown Rd. in Ringwood, NJ. This is a very strenuous 12-mile hike that offers beautiful views and will have over 3000 feet of elevation gain. No facilities available. Boots required. Bring lunch, water, bug spray. You MUST PRE-REGISTER with the leader by the day before the event. Please note early start time.

ALT. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8 — Merrill Creek Reservoir, Phillipsburg, NJ

Leader: Bill Reynolds, 973-361-5527, cell 201-874-8758 to be used day of event only, wmfir@gmail.com

Meet: 10:00 AM. Moderate 5.5- to 6-mile hike around reservoir and through historic ruins. Facilities available. Boots required and poles recommended. Bring lunch, water, bug spray, hat.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9 — Saxon Lake / Musconetcong River, Stanhope, NJ

Leaders: Stan and Bev Kaltnecker, cell 201-602-4074, kaltnecs1@aol.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at Waterloo Rd. parking lot, 1087 Waterloo Rd., Stanhope, NJ (GPS: 40.8969, -74.7911) Enjoy a nice scenic paddle “up a lazy river” (about an hour upstream) then back and around Saxon Lake; total trip time about 3 hours. Portable facilities available. Bring lunch, water. You MUST PRE-REGISTER with the leader by the day before the event. See Canoeing General Instructions; a personal flotation device MUST BE WORN.

Directions: Take I-80 Exit 25 to Rt. 206 north. Go 0.5 miles and take ramp on right to Continental Dr. Follow brown signs toward Waterloo Village; proceed 0.5 mile to traffic light; turn right; continue one mile; turn left at “T” intersection (Waterloo Road/CR604); after 3.3 miles the NJ State parking area (small) is on the left (river) side, immediately after an abandoned white building. This is our launch site.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10 — Norvin Green State Forest, Bloomingdale, NJ

Leader: Jay Dibble, 908-289-8813, cell 908-209-2936 to be used day of event only, jaydib41090@peoplepc.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at the Otter Hole parking area. Since parking is very limited, you can park off road or use the larger parking area less than 0.25 of a mile north and walk back. Six miles at a moderate pace over hilly, rocky terrain. Not easy. Boots required. Bring lunch, water.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

No hike is scheduled as of this printing. Leaders wishing to lead a hike are encouraged to post a hike on Google Groups at least three days prior to this date. Send the listing to tristateramblers@googlegroups.com. TriState Rambler sign-in sheets can be obtained from our website.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12 — Locust Grove, South Mountain Reservation, Millburn, NJ

Leaders: Stan and Bev Kaltnecker, cell 201-602-4074, kaltnecs1@aol.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at Locust Grove parking area opposite Millburn Railroad Station. Portable facilities available. Boots required. Bring water. The walk will be about 1.5 hours.

Directions: See TSR directions for South Mountain Reservation #3

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13 — Mount Paul/Mahlon Dickerson, Jefferson Township, NJ

Leader: Lise Greene, 973-663-4396, cell 862-268-5828 to be used day of event only, lise.greene@montclair.edu

Meet: 10:00 AM at Snow Bowl parking area (on the right just BEFORE the school complex, which is 1010 Weldon Road, Oak Ridge 07438). We will hike about 6 beautiful miles with a couple of steep uphill and some woods roads. Lunch will be overlooking a small lake at Mount Paul, a former seminary/retreat center now housing Kean University's environmental campus (portable facilities may be available). REGISTRATION required by noon the day before the hike. Boots required. Bring lunch, water.

Directions: Follow the TSR directions for the picnic area in Mahlon Dickerson Reservation, then continue past that entrance on Weldon Road about 1 mile to a small lot on the right (yellow gate and A-frame stanchion). If you reach the school complex on the right, you've gone a bit too far.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14 — Seeley's Pond, Watchung Reservation, Mountainside, NJ

Leader: Lynda Goldschein, 908-757-7058, cell 908-347-5012 to be used day of event only, lindagoldschein@usa.net

Meet: 10:00 AM. Hike about 4.5 miles with early out at 3.5 miles. There are one or two uphill sections, the rest fairly level. Boots required and poles recommended. Bring snack, water.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15 — Reeves Meadow, Harriman State Park, NY

Leader: Jason Briggs, cell 862-228-4972, jasonbriggs99@gmail.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at the Reeves Meadow Visitor Center. This is a strenuous 10+ mile hike that offers beautiful views of 7 hills with rock scrambles and will have over 2500 feet of elevation gain. No facilities available. Boots required. Bring lunch, water, bug spray.

ALT. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15 — Kincaid Trail, Pyramid Mtn., Kinnelon, NJ

Leader: Gail Biggs, 973-401-1262, cell 973-769-6860 to be used day of event only, biggsqail@yahoo.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at Kincaid Parking lot, on corner of Kincaid and Powerville Roads, NOT at Pyramid Mtn Visitors Center. Hike on the Kincaid trail to Bear Rock, up to a lunch stop with a view, down the Red Trail and back on the Kincaid Trail. About 7 miles. Boots required. Bring lunch, water.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16 — Appalachian Trail Series Hike #4, Millbrook Village, Columbia (Blairstown), NJ

Leader: Alan Breach, cell 973-600-3846, abreach@ptd.net

Meet: 9:45 AM at the Millbrook Village (see TSR directions) where we will then carpool a short distance to the Millbrook Road AT parking lot. This hike covers Millbrook Rd. to Blue Mt. Lakes Road. This is a moderate 7- to 8-mile out-and-back hike. Boots required. Bring lunch, water. Please note early start time.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

No hike is scheduled as of this printing. Leaders wishing to lead a hike are encouraged to post a hike on Google Groups at least three days prior to this date. Send the listing to tristateramblers@googlegroups.com. TriState Rambler sign-in sheets can be obtained from our website.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 — State Line/Ernest Walter/AT, Greenwood Lake, NY

Leader: Dianne Jones, cell 973-224-3967, diannejones428@gmail.com

Meet: 9:45 AM at the AT Parking lot on NY State Rt. 17A. This is a point-to-point (shuttle required) 8+ mile strenuous hike, with elevation gain in excess of 1,500 feet. We will take the State Line trail, loop around on the Ernest Walter trail and continue on the AT to NY 17A. Bring money to enjoy the last ice cream of the season at Bellvale Creamery. No facilities available. Boots required. Bring lunch, water. You MUST PRE-REGISTER with the leader by the day before the event. Please note early start time.

Directions: From I-287 Exit 55: Go north on Ringwood Ave. Road name changes to Greenwood Lake Tpk. (CR 511). Continue north about 11 miles, turn right onto E Shore Rd. Continue about 8 miles as it becomes Sterling Rd. and Teneyke Rd. At the end of the road, turn left onto NY Rt. 17A. Continue about 2 miles, bearing left onto Mt. Peter Rd. after the sharp left bend in the road. Parking lot is on the right. GPS N41 14.647 W74 17.198. We will shuttle from here to the start of the State Line Trail in Greenwood Lake.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19 — Jockey Hollow National Park, Morristown, NJ

Leader: Carol Czajkowski, 973-539-4084 to be used day of event only, martinandcarol2@gmail.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at the Visitor Center for a pleasant walk in our National Park. Rain cancels. Facilities available. Boots required. Bring water. Hike will end by 11:30.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20 — Bear Mountain, Bear Mountain State Park, NY

Leader: Ed Leibowitz, 908-623-3883, cell 201-850-9649 to be used day of event only, eleibow@verizon.net

Meet: 10:00 AM at the parking lot adjacent to the Bear Mountain Inn. This is a moderately paced 5-mile hike that will have some steep climbs up the Major Welsh Trail. Lunch should be at the summit near Perkins Tower. Hike will then descend on the Appalachian Trail. Boots required. Bring lunch, water.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21 — Watchung Reservation, Mountainside, NJ

Leader: Bill Reynolds, 973-361-5527, cell 201-874-8758 to be used day of event only, wmfir@gmail.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at Trailside Nature Center parking lot on Coles Avenue. See TSR directions for Watchung Reservation #1. Moderate paced hike for 2 to 3 hours. Facilities available. Boots required. Bring snack, water.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22 — Dunderberg Spiral Railway, Harriman State Park, NY

Leader: Bill Correa, cell 917-656-3015, correa.bill@gmail.com

Meet: 10:00 AM. This loop hike follows portions of the never completed Dunderberg Spiral Railroad with a possible side trip to the Timp. This moderately strenuous hike will be approximately 8+ miles long with great views of the Hudson River. No facilities available. Boots required. Bring lunch, water.

Directions: See TSR directions for Jones Point under Harriman State Park, NY.

ALT. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22 — Cranberry Overlook, Byram Township, NJ

Leader: Lise Greene, 973-663-4396, cell 862-268-5828 to be used day of event only, lise.greene@montclair.edu

Meet: 10:00 AM. Tamarack Park (314 Route 206), back right of parking lot. This hike is about 5.5 miles with some rockiness and elevation. Enjoy views of Johnson Lake, glacial erratics, picturesque historic rock walls, and the Delaware Water Gap. Lunch will be at the Cranberry Overlook. Portable facilities available. Boots required and poles recommended. Bring lunch, water.

Directions: Take Route 80 to Exit 25 for Route 206 North. Drive about 4 miles, go through the light at Tamarack Road, and then pass Jones Lane. Entrance to Tamarack Park is on the right. If you miss the first entrance, drive a few yards to the next one (mile marker 101.5).

f SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24 — Loantaka Brook Reservation, Morris Twp., NJ

Leader: Gloria Friedman, 973-535-3274, cell 973-886-9662 to be used day of event only, gloria.1001@yahoo.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at the South Street entrance. 23 to 25-mile fairly flat ride on country roads, stopping at The Raptor Trust to eat lunch. Facilities available. Bring lunch, water, spare tube if possible. You MUST PRE-REGISTER with the leader by the day before the event. A helmet MUST BE WORN.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

No hike is scheduled as of this printing. Leaders wishing to lead a hike are encouraged to post a hike on Google Groups at least three days prior to this date. Send the listing to tristateramblers@googlegroups.com. TriState Rambler sign-in sheets can be obtained from our website.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26 — Jockey Hollow National Park, Morristown, NJ

Leader: Betty Mills, cell 973-975-5264, elizabethmills08@gmail.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at the Visitor Center for a pleasant walk in our National Park. Facilities available. Boots required. Bring water. Walk will end by 11:30.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27 — Pyramid Mountain, Montville, NJ

Leader: Louis Thompson, 732-577-9413, cell 732-239-1012 to be used day of event only, ltp1@yahoo.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at the Pyramid Mt. Visitor Center parking lot. We will hike 5 to 6 miles at a moderate pace on the blue, white, blue, up the steep red stripe, then back on the white and blue trails. We will pass Bear Rock, Tripod Rock and Whale Head Rock. Hike should end by 1:30 PM. Facilities available. Boots required. Bring lunch, water.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28 — D&R Canal, Colonial Park, Somerset, NJ

Leader: Debby Bronner, cell 201-563-1648, debbybronner@gmail.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at Parking Lot A near the Rose Garden inside Colonial Park. We will walk along the Delaware and Raritan Canal for 5 to 6 miles at a moderate pace on a flat path. Bring lunch or a snack if you want to picnic near the Rose Garden afterwards. Rain cancels. Facilities available. Bring plenty of water.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29 — Storm King Mountain, Cornwall on the Hudson, NY

Leader: Bill Correa, cell 917-656-3015, correa.bill@gmail.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at Storm King parking lot. This hike has 18 stars with some of the best views of any hike we do. This strenuous hike is approximately 7 miles long and will have 2500 feet of elevation gain. There is one big climb of 1000 feet. No facilities available. Boots required. Bring lunch, water.

ALT. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29 — Mahlon Dickerson Reservation, Jefferson, NJ

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

Meet: 10:00 AM. Saffin Pond parking lot (#2). The hike will be 6 to 7 miles at a social pace on rocky trails with ups and downs. The route will be dependent on the weather and trail conditions. Portable facilities available. Boots required. Bring lunch, water. You MUST PRE-REGISTER with the leader by the day before the event.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

No hike is scheduled as of this printing. Leaders wishing to lead a hike are encouraged to post a hike on Google Groups at least three days prior to this date. Send the listing to tristateramblers@googlegroups.com. TriState Rambler sign-in sheets can be obtained from our website.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 — Reeves Meadow, Harriman State Park, NY

Leader: Anita Liao, cell 908-456-0029, anitaestrella.fp@gmail.com

Meet: 9:15 AM at the Reeves Meadow Visitor Center. 6-7 mile hike (first half is moderate to strenuous). Will take the white, blue, then red trails. The hike involves some rock scrambling. No facilities available. Boots required and poles recommended. Bring lunch, snack, water, traction devices. Please note early start time.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2 — Tourne Park, Boonton, NJ

Leader: Sharon Lehman, cell 973-525-5901 to be used day of event only, lehmans2018@gmail.com

Meet: 10:00 AM in the second parking lot off of McCaffrey Lane. This will be a 3.3-mile hike on the white "Ogden" trail down to and around Birchwood

Lake. Portable facilities available. Boots required. Bring snack, water.

Directions: See Tristate Directions for East Side of park entrance

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3 — Ramapo Mountain State Forest, Oakland, NJ

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

Meet: 10:00 AM at the upper lot on Skyline Drive. This will be a moderately paced 6- to 7-mile hike on various trails. Bring lunch, water.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4 — Mahlon Dickerson Reservation, Jefferson, NJ

Leader: Bill Reynolds, 973-361-5527, cell 201-874-8758 to be used day of event only, wmfir@gmail.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at Saffin Rock Rill parking lot for a 4+ mile moderately paced 2-hour hike around Saffin Pond and back. No facilities available. Boots required and poles recommended. Bring snack, water, bug spray, hat.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5 — Abram Hewitt State Forest, West Milford, NJ

Leader: Jason Briggs, cell 862-228-4972, jasonbriggs99@gmail.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at the Tractor Supply parking lot in West Milford, NJ. This is a strenuous 9+ mile hike starting on the Bearfort Ridge trail that offers beautiful views of Greenwood Lake and will have over 2500' elevation gain. Boots required. Bring lunch, water, bug spray.

ALT. THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5 — Fanny Area, Rockaway, NJ

Leader: Paul Augustyniak, cell 973-219-4807, paugust586@aol.com

Meet: 10:00 AM in the Four Birds South Lot (See TSR directions) We will hike 6.5 miles to Wildcat Ridge and Beaver Pond on various trails at a moderate pace. Not for beginners, 945 ft. elevation gain. A few hundred feet from the start, we'll make a short stop to check out the Batcave. Lunch stop at Hawkwatch Wildcat Ridge. On the way back, we'll make a brief stop at the defunct St. Patrick's Cemetery, the site of an old mining town abandoned in the late 1800s. Steady rain cancels. No facilities available. Boots required. Bring lunch, water.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 — Harriman State Park, Tuxedo, NY

Leaders: Charlie Stepnowski, cell 862-200-3956, Bijoy Mechery, cell 908-487-8482, bmechery@msn.com

Meet: 9:15 AM. Let's enjoy a brisk 3-hour, 7-mile hike on leaders' choice of trails, depending on underfoot conditions, weather, etc. The terrain is flat to rolling with one uphill section. Meet at 9:15 for a 9:30 start. This is a hard hike and not for slow hikers. Please note early start time.

Directions: See TSR directions for Harriman State Park, Tuxedo Circular

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9 — Johnson Park, Piscataway, NJ

Leader: Debby Bronner, cell 201-563-1648, debbybrunner@gmail.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at the zoo parking lot inside Johnson Park. Pleasant 3-mile walk on paved paths throughout the park alongside the Raritan River. Halfway through the walk we can visit a restored 18th century village in the park. Plenty of picnic tables if you want to bring a snack for after the walk. Facilities available. Bring water.

Directions: From Route 287 Take Exit 9 (Highland Park). Follow River Rd. toward Highland Park (approximately 4.3 miles). Turn right onto Johnson Dr. (Cedar Lane is on the left, but turn right onto Johnson). Follow Johnson Dr. for 0.6 miles. Turn right onto Tulip Dr. to the parking lot on the right. The left side of the parking lot is a small fenced-in zoo area; the right side of the parking lot is a playground. From Route 18 traveling North: Exit right at Rt. 27, Highland Park. Go over the bridge and turn left onto River Rd. Go 0.6 miles and turn left onto Johnson Drive. Follow from Johnson Drive above.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10 — Appalachian Trail Series Hike #5,

Millbrook Village, Columbia (Blairstown), NJ

Leader: Joyce Breach, cell 973-600-3846, jbreach@ptd.net

Meet: 10:00 AM at Millbrook Village (see TSR directions) for a short shuttle to the trailhead. This hike covers Blue Mountain Lakes Road to Crater Lake. This is a moderate 5.2-mile lollipop hike with lunch at Crater Lake. Boots required. Bring lunch, water.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 — Chimney Rock Park, Martinsville, NJ

Leader: Lynda Goldschein, 908-757-7058, cell 908-347-5012 to be used day of event only, lindagoldschein@usa.net

Meet: 10:00 AM. This hike is on Veterans Day. Total distance is 5 miles and includes part of Washington Valley Park with an early out at 4 miles. Facilities available. Boots required and poles recommended. Bring snack, water.

Directions: See TSR directions. Meet at back of large parking lot.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12 — Elk Pen, Harriman State Park, NY

Leader: Bill Correa, cell 917-656-3015, correa.bill@gmail.com

Meet: 9:30 AM at the Elk Pen parking lot. This point-to-point moderately strenuous hike will be 8 to 9 miles long. Note early start time to accommodate shuttling cars. No facilities available. Boots required. Bring lunch, water.

ALT. THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12 — Wawayanda State Park, Hewitt, NJ

Leaders: Carolyn and Jim Canfield, 973-728-9774, cmjwcanfield@gmail.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at Wawayanda State Park Boat Launch. This will be about a 6-mile hike on rolling trails and woods roads with a lake stop for lunch. Bring lunch, water.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14 — Long Pond Ironworks State Park, Hewitt, NJ

Leader: Jay Dibble, 908-289-8813, cell 908-209-2936 to be used day of event only, jaydib41090@peoplepc.com

Meet: 10:00 AM. Horse Pond Mt. loop. Hike 6 miles at a moderate pace over hilly, rocky terrain. Lots of ups and downs. Not suitable for beginners. Boots required. Bring lunch, water.

Directions: I-287 N to Exit 55. Turn right at the light towards Wanaque on Rt. 511 North. Stay on Rt. 511 for 11 miles. You will see a cell tower on the left. Parking is adjacent to the tower.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 — Reeves Meadow, Harriman State Park, NY

Leader: Carol Ann Benton, cell 914-960-3317, aquarius2950@hotmail.com

Meet: 9:30 AM at Reeves Meadow Parking Lot on Seven Lakes Drive. This is a moderately paced hike of 6 to 7 miles. Not for beginners. There are several scrambles with beautiful views. PLEASE PREREGISTER with hike leader by phone or e-mail. No calls after 9:00 PM. Boots required. Bring lunch, snack, water. Please note early start time.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16 — Jockey Hollow National Park, Morristown, NJ

Leader: Betty Mills, cell 973-975-5264, elizabethmills08@gmail.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at the Visitor Center for a pleasant walk in our National Park. Facilities available. Boots required. Bring water. Walk will end by 11:30.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17 — Skylands Manor, Ringwood, NJ

Leader: Bob Bieri, 201-664-3813, bierirobert@aol.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at the Pc parking lot. Follow directions to Skylands which will bring you to the Pa parking lot. Bear right on the park road passing the Manor on the right and the Botanical Gardens on the left, turn right at the gate, and follow signs for the unpaved Pc parking lot. This 6-mile hike will be led at a moderate pace and will travel on the Crossover, Halifax, and various bike trails and woods roads. Bring lunch, water.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18 — Voorhees State Park, Glen Gardner, NJ

Leaders: Patience Armstrong, cell 973-420-7801 to be used day of event only; Susan Cantor, cell 908-477-5789 to be used day of event only, sicscf@aol.com

Meet: 9:00 AM near the Hoppock Grove Picnic area, where there is a parking lot. This is further into the park than where the park office is. This is about a 3.5- to 4-mile loop hike, mostly decent trails; some rocky areas and some inclines. Nice vistas if the leaves are off trees. Some areas can be wet. There are restrooms by the park office. Boots required and poles recommended. Bring snack, water. Please note early start time.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19 — Bear Mountain State Park, NY

Leader: Bill Correa, cell 917-656-3015, correa.bill@gmail.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at the Bear Mt. Inn. This moderately strenuous hike is 10+ miles with over 2000 feet of elevation gain. We will take the AT to the top of Bear Mt. Perkins Tower. Then continue to the SBM Yellow trail and back to Bear Mt. Inn. Facilities available. Boots required. Bring lunch, water.

ALT. THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19 — Cooper Mill/Black River, Chester, NJ

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

Meet: 10:00 AM. We will hike a rocky 6- to 7-mile lollipop loop on a variety of trails, with ups and downs at a social pace. Boots required. Bring lunch, water. You MUST PRE-REGISTER with the leader by the day before the event.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21 — Merrill Creek Reservoir, Phillipsburg, NJ

Leader: Dianne Jones, cell 973-224-3967, diannejones428@gmail.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at Visitor Center parking area (to the right after entering the area). Leave extra travel time if you have not been here before, as it is not GPS friendly for some systems. This will be an easy but scenic hike of 6 miles, about 3.5 hours, around the reservoir with a few ups and downs and some rocky areas. Facilities available. Boots required. Bring lunch, water.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 — Apshawa Preserve, West Milford, NJ

Leader: Jay Dibble, 908-289-8813, cell 908-209-2936 to be used day of event only, jaydib41090@peoplepc.com

Meet: 10:00 AM. This will be a moderately paced hike of 5.5 miles with some uphill climbs. Boots required. Bring snack, water.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23 — Lewis Morris Park, Sunrise Lake, Morristown, NJ

Leader: Lorrie Vece, cell 201-970-1000 to be used day of event only, Dixonlowe@aol.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at the lowest parking lot down the hill near the boathouse. Enjoy a moderate hike on the Patriots' Path along the Whippany River. Hike will be 1.5 hours. Portable facilities available. Boots required. Bring water.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24 — Ramapo Mountain State Forest, Oakland, NJ

Leader: Louis Thompson, 732-577-9413, cell 732-239-1012 to be used day of event only, ltp1@yahoo.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at the lower lot on Skyline Drive. This will be a 6- to 7-mile moderately paced hike. We will start on the blue trail, follow the yellow, red, orange, blue, and white trails to the castle ruins, then back to the blue and the parking lot. Boots required. Bring lunch, water.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25 — Wawayanda State Park, Hewitt, NJ

Leaders: Carolyn and Jim Canfield, 973-728-9774, cmiwcanfield@gmail.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at Wawayanda State Park Boat Launch. This will be about a 4- to 5-mile hike on rolling trails and woods roads with views of the lake. Bring lunch, water.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26 — Thanksgiving Day

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28 — South River Roundabout, East Brunswick, NJ

Leader: Gary Petrie, 732-257-0137

Meet: 10:00 AM in East Brunswick at Rt.18 and Tices Lane at Boston Market in Mid-State Mall. We will be walking through the area where the leader grew up. We will be walking through parks and residential areas and a marble orchard. You will see scenic views from the higher elevations and the "jewel" of So. River. So. River is 300 years old this year. Washington slept here. About 5 to 6 miles. Bring snack, water. You MUST PRE-REGISTER with the leader by the day before the event.

Directions: I-287 S to Exit 9 twd Highland Park. Keep right at fork to follow signs for River Rd. Stay on River Rd. for 3.3 miles, then merge onto NJ-18 S for 5.5 miles. Get in right lane to make left onto Highland St., then left onto NJ-18 N. 300 NJ-18, East Brunswick, NJ

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29 — Lake Sebago, Harriman State Park, NY

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

Meet: 10:00 AM at Sebago boat launch for a moderately strenuous hike of 7 to 8 miles on various trails. Portable facilities available. Boots required. Bring lunch, water, traction devices.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30 — Loantaka Brook Reservation, Morris Twp., NJ

Leader: Terry Kulmane, 973-644-4547, terrykavhiker@yahoo.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at the South St. parking lot for a 3-mile social walk on wooded trails. Portable facilities available. Bring water.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1 — Norvin Green State Forest, Wanaque, NJ

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

Meet: 10:00 AM at the Weis Ecology Center parking lot. This moderately paced hike will be approximately 6 to 7 miles long and will travel on various trails. Note cell phone service is very poor at trailhead. Bring lunch, water.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2 — Hacklebarney State Park, Long Valley, NJ

Leader: Bill Reynolds, 973-361-5527, cell 201-874-8758 to be used day of event only, wmxir@gmail.com

Meet: 10:00 AM in the parking lot near the kiosk. This will be a 4-mile, 2-hour hike at a pace to allow picture taking along the Black River with some waterfalls and scenic views. There is a combination of paved paths and rocky trails suitable for beginners. Facilities available. Boots required and poles recommended. Bring snack, water, hat.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3 — Lake Sebago, Harriman State Park, NY

Leader: Jason Briggs, cell 862-228-4972, jasonbriggs99@gmail.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at the Sebago boat launch. This is a strenuous 12+ mile hike to Danter Mt. that offers beautiful views and scrambles and will have over 2500' of elevation gain. Portable facilities available. Boots required. Bring lunch, water, traction devices, bug spray. You MUST PRE-REGISTER with the leader by the day before the event.

Contact: Ellie King 908-233-8411 (before 8:30 AM)

Where: The Masker's Barn in Watchung Reservation, part of the Deserted Village Complex. Address for GPS directions: 13 Cataract Hollow Road, Berkley Heights. Alternate address is 2 Cataract Hollow Road (the Store/Church building). Parking: There is limited (25 cars) parking at barn for non-hikers. Others may park at designated lot, on Glenside Ave., or follow special TSR signs to park in grassy field. At end of field there is a well-marked path leading to the barn

(about 1000 feet to barn). Hikes to begin at 10 AM. Business meeting starts at noon, and party goes on until 3:00 PM. The event will be catered. There will be a swap table for outdoor gear and clothing. Take back your contribution if left on table. Further details about hike to be posted closer to date.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 — Norvin Green State Forest, Wanaque, NJ

Leader: Anita Liao, cell 908-456-0029, anitaestrella.fp@gmail.com

Meet: 9:30 AM at The New Weis Center parking lot. This is a 7- to 8-mile moderate hike (first half is moderate to strenuous). Will take the green, pink, yellow and green trails. Note cell phone service is very poor at trailhead. No facilities available. Boots required and poles recommended. Bring lunch, snack, water, traction devices. Please note early start time.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8 — Johnstown Circle, Harriman State Park, NY

Leader: Stuart Falls, cell 347-623-3953, bikehiker250@gmail.com

Meet: 10:00 AM. This moderately paced hike is about 7 miles long. We will hike on the Blue Disc, Kakiat, Orange, Blue Disc again, TMI, and White Bar trails. Route will be flexible depending on participants. A later lunch is planned at the infamous Claudius Smith Den. Bring a snack because of the late lunch. Traction devices may be needed if snowy or icy conditions exist. Bring lunch, water.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9 — Chimney Rock, Martinsville, NJ

Leader: Lynda Goldschein, 908-757-7058, cell 908-347-5012 to be used day of event only, lindagoldschein@usa.net

Meet: 10:00 AM at the back of the large parking lot. Total distance is 5 miles and includes part of Washington Valley Park with an out at 4 miles. Facilities available. Boots required and poles recommended. Bring snack, water.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10 — Sterling Forest, Tuexo, NY

Leader: Stuart Falls, cell 347-623-3953, bikehiker250@gmail.com

Meet: 9:30 AM at the upper parking lot of the Visitors Center. This is a strenuous 10-mile hike with 2000 feet of elevation gain at 2+ mph. Starts on the Blue, Yellow Triangle, and McKeags Meadow trails. We then do the Red Black (Magenta) loop over Bill White Mountain which is half the hike. Finish on McKeags Meadow, Yellow Triangle and Blue. Facilities available. Boots required. Bring lunch, water, traction devices. Please note early start time.

ALT. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10 — Cooper Mill/Black River, Chester, NJ

Leader: Bill Reynolds, 973-361-5527, cell 201-874-8758 to be used day of event only, wmfir@gmail.com

Meet: 10:00 AM. We will hike a 6.5-mile lollipop loop on the blue Patriots' Path and red trails at a social pace. Portable facilities available. Boots required and poles recommended. Bring lunch, water, traction devices, bug spray, hat.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11 — Appalachian Trail Series Hike #6,

Stokes State Forest, Branchville, NJ

Leader: Dianne Jones, cell 973-224-3967, diannejones428@gmail.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at Buttermilk Falls (See TSR Directions Stokes State Forest #5). This hike covers Buttermilk Falls to Crater Lake. This is a moderately strenuous 7-mile hike on the AT to the Viewpoint, returning on the Hemlock Pond and Woods Trails. Great lunch views and Buttermilk Falls. No facilities available. Boots required. Bring lunch, water.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 — High Point State Park, Wantage, NJ

Leader: Jennifer Percival, cell 973-270-7524 to be used day of event only, jenniferpercival@hotmail.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at High Point State Park Parking area next to the Lake Marcia concession stand. This is a 9-mile hike on the Shawagunk Ridge Trail, moderately strenuous. Carpool shuttle trip, with total of 2 miles of road walking. Bring winter layers, snacks, lunch, and water. Portable facilities available. Boots required and poles recommended. Bring traction devices. You MUST PRE-REGISTER with the leader by the day before the event.

Directions: High Point State park, Lake Marcia parking area. Drive up towards the High Point Monument. Before you make the turn to the monument, you'll see a large parking area before you reach Lake Marcia on the right. Pull in there.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 — Sterling Forest State Park, Tuxedo, NY

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

Meet: 10:00 AM at parking lot at the intersection of Rt. 17 and 17A. Moderately strenuous hike of between 7 to 8 miles on various trails. Boots required. Bring lunch, water, traction devices.

Directions: See TSR Directions for Sterling Forest State Park #2.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14 — Jockey Hollow National Park, Morristown, NJ

Leader: Betty Mills, cell 973-975-5264, elizabethmills08@gmail.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at Visitor Center for a pleasant walk in our National Park. Facilities available. Boots required. Bring water. Walk will end by 11:30.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15 — Wawayanda State Park, Hewitt, NJ

Leaders: Carolyn and Jim Canfield, 973-728-9774, cmiwcanfield@gmail.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at the boat launch in Wawayanda. This moderately paced hike, will be about 5 to 6 miles long on rolling trails and woods roads. Bring lunch, water.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16 — D&R Canal, Colonial Park, Somerset, NJ

Leader: Debby Bronner, cell 201-563-1648, debbybronner@gmail.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at Parking Lot A near the Rose Garden inside Colonial Park. We will walk along the Delaware and Raritan Canal for 5 to 6 miles at a moderate pace on a flat path. Bring lunch or a snack if you want to picnic near the Rose Garden afterwards. Rain cancels. Facilities available. Bring plenty of water.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17 — Appalachian Trail Series Hike #7,
Stokes State Forest, Branchville, NJ**

Leader: Alan Breach, cell 973-600-3846, abreach@ptd.net

Meet: 9:30 AM at the AT Trail and US 206 crossing parking lot. (See TSR Directions Stokes State Forest #1). We will shuttle (20 min.) to the Buttermilk Falls Parking Lot. This hike covers Buttermilk Falls to Rt. 206. This is a moderately strenuous 8- to 9-mile hike. Highlights are Buttermilk Falls and views along the AT and at the Acropolis. Boots required. Bring lunch, water, traction devices. Please note early start time.

ALT. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17 — Farny Area, Rockaway, NJ

Leader: Paul Augustyniak, cell 973-219-4807, pAugust586@aol.com

Meet: 10:00 AM in the Four Birds South Lot (See TSR directions) We will hike 6.5 miles to Wildcat Ridge and Beaver Pond on various trails at a moderate pace. Not for beginners, 945 ft. elevation gain. A few hundred feet from the start, we'll make a short stop to check out the Batcave. Lunch stop at Hawkwatch Wildcat Ridge. On the way back, we'll make a brief stop at the defunct St. Patrick's Cemetery, the site of an old mining town abandoned in the late 1800s. Steady rain cancels. No facilities available. Boots required. Bring lunch, water.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19 — "Huffin' Puffin" in Mountainside, NJ

Leader: Dave Sutter, cell 973-568-2721 to be used day of event only, dsuttr@gmail.com

Meet: 10:00 AM. Hike will cover rarely visited spots in leader's favorite park. The moderate traverse should be over at noon. You MUST PRE-REGISTER with the leader by the day before the event.

Directions: I-287 North to Exit 52A, NJ route 23 S. Then keep in left exit lane. Take 23 South toward Riverdale/Wayne. Stay in right lane on 23 South and go 0.3 miles to West Parkway exit. Stay right on West Pkwy and drive 0.8 miles to Mountain Ave. Turn right on Mountain Ave. and go 1.0 mile to

parking lot at end.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

No hike is scheduled as of this printing. Leaders wishing to lead a hike are encouraged to post a hike on Google Groups at least three days prior to this date. Send the listing to tristateramblers@googlegroups.com. TriState Rambler sign-in sheets can be obtained from our website.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21 — Lewis Morris Park, Morristown, NJ

Leaders: Stan and Bev Kaltnecker, cell 201-602-4074, kaltnecs1@aol.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at Sunrise Lake at the lowest parking lot near the boathouse. We will walk on Patriots' Path along the Whippany River. Portable facilities available. Boots required. Bring water. The walk will be about 1.5 hours.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22 — Shepherds Lake, Ringwood, NJ

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

Meet: 10:00 AM at the Shepherds Lake parking lot. This 6- to 7-mile hike will be led at a moderate pace and will travel on various trails. Bring lunch, water.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27 — Pyramid Mountain, Montville, NJ

Leader: Anita Liao, cell 908-456-0029, anitaestrella.fp@gmail.com

Meet: 9:30 AM at Visitors Center parking lot. This is a 6- to 7-mile hike at Turkey Mountain. We will start from the blue trail. Portable facilities available. Boots required and poles recommended. Bring snack, water, traction devices. Please note early start time.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28 — RR-Greenway Trail, Metuchen, NJ

Leader: Debby Bronner, cell 201-563-1648, debbybrunner@gmail.com

Meet: 10:00 AM. Approximately 3-mile walk on a level, paved path. Great for beginners. No facilities available. Bring water.

Directions: Address is 701 Middlesex Ave., Metuchen, 3 miles west of Garden State Parkway Exit 132. Opposite Fulton Bank is a dirt parking lot where we will meet.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29 — Ramapo Valley County Reservation, Mahwah, NJ

Leader: Susan Black, cell 201-286-2767, susaniblack@gmail.com

Meet: 10:00 AM at the Ramapo Reservation parking lot off Rt. 202 in Mahwah. This moderately paced hike will be approximately 6 miles long and will take us on a variety of interesting trails. If snowy or icy conditions exist, traction devices may be needed. Facilities available. Bring lunch, water.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

No hike is scheduled as of this printing. Leaders wishing to lead a hike are encouraged to post a hike on Google Groups at least three days prior to this date. Send the listing to tristateramblers@googlegroups.com. TriState Rambler sign-in sheets can be obtained from our website.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

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date. Send the listing to tristateramblers@googlegroups.com. TriState Rambler sign-in sheets can be obtained from our website.