

**By signing up for an event, members agree to the waiver included at the top of the Signup page and also agree to abide by the procedures for our activities.**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 1 — Natirar Park Trail, Peapack/Gladstone, NJ**

*Leader:* Linda Hetcher, cell 973-769-1773, [linda.hetcher@gmail.com](mailto:linda.hetcher@gmail.com)

*Start:* 10:00 AM. A flat 3-mile hike through open fields with the Raritan River winding through the property. Trails are embedded in scenic loops with minimal elevation. The trails offer various landscapes over meadows and some wooded areas. Portable facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: snack, water.

**~~TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2 — Reeves Meadow, Harriman State Park, NY~~ – rescheduled to December 3**

*Leader:* Rosie Brancato, cell 203-586-8131, [rosiehike@gmail.com](mailto:rosiehike@gmail.com)

*Start:* 10:00 AM. Moderate 6.5-mile circular hike, elevation gain 1,000 ft. Pine Meadow trail to Pine Meadow Lake, back on Pine Meadow Rd., Poached Egg, Kakiat, and 7 Hills trail. Facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, water, traction devices.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3 — Jockey Hollow National Park, Morristown, NJ**

*Leader:* Gail Biggs, 973-401-1262, cell 973-769-6860 to be used day of event only, [biggsgail@yahoo.com](mailto:biggsgail@yahoo.com)

*Start:* 10:00 AM. Hike 4-5 miles at moderate pace to Mt. Kemble Overlook. Facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: snack, water.

*Directions:* See TSR Directions #1, Visitor Center.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3 — Reeves Meadow, Harriman State Park, NY – rescheduled from December 2**

*Leader:* Rosie Brancato, cell 203-586-8131, [rosiehike@gmail.com](mailto:rosiehike@gmail.com)

*Start:* 10:00 AM. Moderate 6.5-mile circular hike, elevation gain 1,000 ft. Pine Meadow trail to Pine Meadow Lake, back on Pine Meadow Rd., Poached Egg, Kakiat, and 7 Hills trail. Facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, water, traction devices.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3 — Uplands Preserve Bernadette Morales Park, Flemington, NJ – added hike**

*Leader:* Guy Percival, cell 973-590-7437, [PercivalGuy@gmail.com](mailto:PercivalGuy@gmail.com)

*Start:* 9:30 AM. This is a 7-mile hike part woods and part streets of Flemington. We will hike up to a beautiful view over Flemington from the Uplands. This is a 450 foot elevation gain and has steep sections. Then descend into Flemington to see the Old Egg Auction, Flemington Courthouse, the true Meridian, the

Railway Station, Stagl Pottery, Tuckermorgans grave and the Vhoor farm. Boots/poles recommended.  
Bring: water, lunch. Please note early start time.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4 — Anthony Wayne Recreation Area, Harriman State Pk, NY**

*Leader:* Rosie Brancato, cell 203-586-8131, [rosiehike@gmail.com](mailto:rosiehike@gmail.com)

*Start:* 10:00 AM. Strenuous 8-mile hike, elevation gain 2,000 ft at a vigorous pace. Fawn to Timp Torne, continue to Timp and return on rerouted RD. Note: cell service is very poor/nonexistent at the trailhead. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, water.

**ALT. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4 — Cooper Gristmill, Chester, NJ - added hike, SHOW AND GO, NOT on Signup Genius**

*Leader:* Debby Bronner, cell 201-563-1648, [debbybronner@gmail.com](mailto:debbybronner@gmail.com)

*Start:* 10:00 AM. A 5 mile hike along the Black River at a moderate pace. Elevation gain approximately 500'. Portable facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, water. Traction devices may be needed.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5 — Ramapo Valley County Reservation, Mahwah, NJ – added hike**

*Leader:* Dianne Jones, cell 973-224-3967, [diannejones428@gmail.com](mailto:diannejones428@gmail.com)

*Start:* 10:00 AM. This is a moderate 6- to 7- mile hike with two long steep hills, and 1,000 feet elevation gain. Early out available. Facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, water.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6 — TSR Holiday Party, Hike and Business Meeting**

**Register for party and hikes on SignUpGenius. Register early to secure your spot.**

*Annual meeting* with election of officers for 2026: begins at noon.  
*Potluck lunch* following the meeting.

*Coordinated by:* Jenny Monteleone, 732-245-7284, [jennymonte82@gmail.com](mailto:jennymonte82@gmail.com) and Brooke Tippens, 973-902-5650, [brooketippens@gmail.com](mailto:brooketippens@gmail.com)

Location: Ballroom, Verona Community Center, 880 Bloomfield Ave, Verona, NJ 07044. Directions below.  
Plentiful parking is available to the side of and behind the building. The side door of the ballroom is open, with a large cloakroom for coats and bags.

What to bring: a serving dish of your favorite savory dish or dessert, ready to eat. Provide a stand-alone tent card describing the dish.

Please label your containers and serving items so we can help ensure they are returned to you at the end of the event. If your dish contains any obvious allergens (e.g., nuts, dairy, gluten), kindly note on the tent card so we can help keep everyone safe.

We provide utensils. Hot tea and coffee provided. Please bring your own cold drink.

Food can be dropped off after 9:30. The new venue has a large kitchen and fridges to store food.

THE ANNUAL MEETING AND PARTY WILL TAKE PLACE RAIN OR SHINE. In the event of a forced cancellation due to extreme weather, notification will be posted through GoogleGroups email.

*Equipment repair / knife sharpening services from 9:30-12:00.* TSR member Phil Ross has once again generously offered his time and talent before the party to sharpen and repair equipment... microspikes with loose chains, hiking pole adjustments, sharpening kitchen and pocketknives, scissors, shears and small gardening tools. Label your items with your name and phone number and drop them off at Phil's table in the Community Center before your hike, or by 10:30am. Bring up to two items to be fixed or sharpened.

*Swap table:* Gail Waimon is kindly running this. Bring hiking equipment, clothing, and related items in good condition to pass on to fellow club members. Note: If your items are still on the table when you leave, please take them back with you.

*Directions to Verona Community Center:*

From the South.

From I-280

Take Exit 7 to Verona. Merge onto Pleasant Valley Way north. After 2 miles, turn left onto Morningside Rd. After 0.3 miles turn right onto Forest Ave. After 0.3 miles turn left onto Harrison St. After 0.1 miles continue straight onto Chestnut Rd. After 0.1 miles, at the T junction, turn left onto Bloomfield Ave. After 0.2 miles, arrive at the Community Center on your right. To park, turn right onto Linn Dr, immediately before the Community Center, take the first left into the parking lot. Plentiful parking is available beside and behind the Community Center. The side door to the Ballroom will be open. No need to walk back to the front of the building.

From the North

From I-287.

Take Exit 41A to US-46 for I-80 East, toward 46/NY City. Drive 2.4 miles. Take I-80 East ramp toward Paterson/NYC. Drive 0.4 miles. Take Exit 47B for US-46 toward The Caldwells/Montclair. Merge onto US-46 East. Drive for 1.8 miles. Slight right onto NJ-159 east, Bloomfield Ave. Drive 3.7 miles, and arrive at the Community Center. Drive past the entrance, and take the next left onto Linn Drive, and take the first left into the parking lot. Plentiful parking is available beside and behind the Community Center. The side door to the Ballroom will be open. No need to walk back to the front of the building.

## **HOLIDAY PARTY HIKES**

### **5 miles :West Essex Trail, Verona, NJ**

*Leader:* Shelley Schwartz, cell 973-580-3903, shelleyschwartz@hotmail.com and Linda Hetcher, cell 973-769-1773, linda.hetcher@gmail.com

*Start:* 9:30 AM. The West Essex Trail follows the former rail bed of the Caldwell Branch on the old Erie-Lackawanna Railroad. Approximately 5 miles on dirt, mostly leafy canopy, some rocks and roots but basically a straight path through a wooded area, going from Verona through Cedar Grove into Little Falls. Appropriate for beginners. An early out is possible. You'll see backyards, some urban scenes, a trestle bridge over the Peckman River, woodlands, maybe some deer or roosters or a passing train. No facilities available. Bring: water. Please note early start time.

**4 miles: South Mountain Reservation, West Orange, NJ**

*Leader:* Donna Burkat, cell 973-454-5635, busybees813@yahoo.com

*Start:* 9:30 AM. 4 miles. A moderately paced hike with varied terrain, rolling hills, and a scenic waterfall. Approx. 375 ft elevation gain. Portable facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring water. Please note early start time.

*Directions:* See TSR Directions #8, Tulip Springs.

**2 miles: Verona Park, Verona, NJ**

*Leader:* Gordon Thomas, Cell 609-977-0267, TSRpresident3@gmail.com

*Start:* 10:00 AM. A relaxed 2 mile walk around Verona Lake (twice), on paved sidewalks. Portable facilities available. Bring water.

*Directions:* Meet at the parking lot nearest to the Verona Lake Boathouse (on Porcello Lane).

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 — Stonetown Circular, Ringwood, NJ – added hike**

*Leader:* Philip Ross, cell 732-221-9668, skyking72@gmail.com

*Start:* 9:00 AM. Strenuous 9-mile out-and-back hike with 3000 ft of elevation gain (more than half a mile of cumulative vertical ascent), steep rocky and unstable inclines, rock scrambles. Duration about 5-6 hr; some views, sculpture art trail at mid-point. No facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, water. Traction devices may be required. Please note early start time.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7 — Frenchtown Circular, Frenchtown, NJ – added hike**

*Leader:* Guy Percival, cell 973-590-7437, PercivalGuy@gmail.com

*Start:* 9:30 AM. This will be a 8 mile hike from Frenchtown to Milford, to Uhlerstown and back to Frenchtown. All flat along D&R towpath. Then return on D&L towpath. Pretty views of the Delaware from NJ. Then impressive cliffs on the PA side and a covered bridge by Uhlerstown. Stop in Milford for snack at bakery. There will be a porto-potty at the start of the hike in Frenchtown. Then a flush toilet for lunch along the D&L towpath. Boots recommended. Bring: lunch, snack, water. Please note early start time.

*Directions:* Park in Frenchtown on River Road. To get to River Road turn left just before the Delaware bridge in downtown Frenchtown. GPS: 40.52564, -75.063140.

**~~MONDAY, DECEMBER 8 — South Mountain Reservation, West Orange, NJ - cancelled~~**

~~*Leader:* Fred Bennett, 973-857-0543, cell 973-204-0253, starben62@yahoo.com~~

~~*Start:* 10:00 AM. 3 miles, little elevation. Portable facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring water.~~

~~*Directions:* See TSR Directions #8, Tulip Springs.~~

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 8 — South Mountain Reservation, Millburn/Maplewood, NJ – added hike**

*Leader:* Len Friedman, cell 973-229-7409, lenf21@comcast.net and Gail Waimon, cell 973-229-7414, gswaimon@comcast.net

*Start:* 10:00 AM. Starting at the second parking lot on Crest Drive, we will hike a 3-mile loop to Washington Rock and other viewpoints. Basically flat. Portable facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: snack, water, traction devices.

*Directions:* Follow TSR directions to So. Mountain Res. # 1, Dog Park, but park at the second parking lot on Crest Drive, which is before the Dog Park.

## **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9 — Lake Sebago Boat Launch, Harriman State Park, NY**

*Leader:* Rosie Brancato, cell 203-586-8131, [rosiehike@gmail.com](mailto:rosiehike@gmail.com)

*Start:* 10:00 AM. Moderate 6.5-mile hike, elevation gain 1,000 ft. 7 Hills, TMI, Ski and Conklin Rds to Lake Wanoksink, back on Meadow Rd and 7 Hills. Note; cell service is very poor/nonexistent at the trailhead. Portable facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, water, traction devices.

## **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10 — Cusketunk Mountain Preserve, Clinton Township, NJ**

*Leader:* Gordon Thomas, cell 609-977-0267, [TSRpresident3@gmail.com](mailto:TSRpresident3@gmail.com)

*Start:* 10:00 AM at trailhead in dirt parking lot across RR tracks. Approximate distance 6 mi; elev. 1100 ' with some rocky places; pace 2 mph (not fast). Weather may modify route and spikes may be useful. No facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: snack, water, traction devices.

*Directions:* See TSR Directions #1, Old Mountain Road.

## **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11 — Jones Point, Harriman State Park, NY – change in hike**

*Leader:* Rosie Brancato, cell 203-586-8131, [rosiehike@gmail.com](mailto:rosiehike@gmail.com)

*Start:* 9:30 AM. Moderately strenuous 8-mile loop hike, going clockwise on the Timp Torne to the Timp and back on the RD via Bald Mountain. Elevation gain 1,500 ft. No facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, water, traction devices. Please note early start time.

## **ALT. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11 — Pyramid Mountain, Kinnelon, NJ – change in hike and leader**

*Leader:* Jay Dibble, 908-289-8813, cell 908-209-2936 to be used day of event only, no texts please, [jaydib41090@peoplepc.com](mailto:jaydib41090@peoplepc.com)

*Start:* 9:30 AM. This will be a 5- mile point-to-point hike with about 800 feet of elevation gain. Shuttle required. No facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: snack, water, traction devices. Please note early start time.

*Directions:* See TSR Directions #2, Kinnelon Baseball Diamond.

## **ALT. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11 — Duke Island County Park, Bridgewater, NJ – added hike**

*Leader:* Siggie Sindel, cell 201-936-7118, [siggiesindel@gmail.com](mailto:siggiesindel@gmail.com)

*Start:* 10:00 AM. This is a loop hike of about 3 miles on a flat, paved surface with no elevation gain, at a casual Monday pace. The path is mostly paved and flat. It winds between the Raritan River and the Raritan Power Canal, and offers great views of the nearby dam's spillway. Option to add an additional 2ish miles if there is interest. Plenty of early outs available. Facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: snack, water, traction devices.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12 — Sourland Mountain Preserve, Hillsborough, NJ**

*Leader:* Gordon Thomas, cell 609-977-0267, [TSRpresident3@gmail.com](mailto:TSRpresident3@gmail.com)

*Start:* 11:00 AM. Estimated distance of 5 miles with 200 feet elevation gain at a 2 mph pace. Weather may modify the route. Portable facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: snack, water, traction devices. Please note later start time.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13 — Black River Trail Park, Roxbury, NJ - added hike, SHOW AND GO, NOT on Signup Genius, cancelled**

*Leader:* Mark Strauss, cell 201-951-3408 to be used day of event, only for texts please, [mfstrauss@yahoo.com](mailto:mfstrauss@yahoo.com)

*Start:* 10:00 AM. 3.5 Miles. We will start in the parking lot (located behind Suburban Furniture 10 West Route 10) and loop around the lake. We will then head uphill (approximate 500 foot elevation) into Mine Hill and Randolph, then head back the way we came. No facilities. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: snack, water.

*Directions:* 1 Main Street in Succasunna (behind Suburban Furniture 10 West Route 10, Succasunna, NJ). GPS 40.8635, -74.6276.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 — Ramapo Valley County Reservation, Mahwah, NJ – change in leader, cancelled**

*Leader:* Kaat Higham, cell 862-221-0170, [khigham@verizon.net](mailto:khigham@verizon.net)

*Start:* 10:00 AM. This will be a 6- to 8-mile hike with early out options available. Total elevation gain up to 1200 feet. Pace will be about 30 minutes per mile on level ground and 45-50 minutes per mile while climbing. We will have two ascents in the first half of the hike. Exact route will depend upon the weather and conditions on the ground. Facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, snack, water, traction devices.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 15 — South Mountain Reservation, West Orange, NJ - cancelled**

*Leader:* Stan and Bev Kaltnecker, cell 201-602-4074, [kaltneecs1@aol.com](mailto:kaltneecs1@aol.com)

*Start:* 10:00 AM. Hike on wooded trails along the West Branch of the Rahway River for about 3 miles. There is the option (leaders choice) to extend the hike to 4 miles, still with a 3-mile early out. Terrain is mostly flat with short mild hills. Portable facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: water, traction devices.

~~Directions: See TSR Directions #8, Tulip Springs.~~

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 15 — Ramapo Valley County Reservation, Mahwah, NJ – added hike**

*Leader:* Dianne Jones, cell 973-224-3967, [diannejones428@gmail.com](mailto:diannejones428@gmail.com)

*Start:* 9:30 AM. This 8- mile moderate loop hike will take the blue and orange trails, go through Camp Yaw Paw and continue to Bear Swamp Lake. Return on the red-silver and blue trails. Mostly rolling to flat terrain except for the initial climb. Facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, water, traction devices. Please note early start time. This is not a typical Monday hike.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16 — Lake Skannatati, Harriman State Park, NY – change in leader**

*Leader:* Nancy Sierra, cell 973-347-0690, [nsmd\\_solo@yahoo.com](mailto:nsmd_solo@yahoo.com)

*Start:* 10:00 AM. Moderate 6-mile hike over rocky and hilly terrain, with about 800 feet elevation gain (mostly in the first two miles). We will hike at a brisk pace of 2+ mph. Cell service is very poor/nonexistent at parking lot. No facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, water.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17 — Duke Farms, Hillsborough, NJ – added hike**

*Leader:* Jim Fox, cell 732-841-2501, [jim@foxnj.com](mailto:jim@foxnj.com)

*Start:* 9:30 AM. 7 Mile walk/hike through the scenic Duke Farms, passing all points of interest in the park. Walk is relatively flat, mostly paved paths. Moderate pace 2-3 MPH, 3-4 hours. We will start at the Duke Farms visitor center, We will have a short snack break out the back entrance at the bridge in Raritan. On our return we will include the loop behind the Great Falls, which has some small hills. Other than distance, this is an easy walk with various spots for potential early return. Facilities available. Bring: water, snack. Please note early start time.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18 — Abram S. Hewitt State Forest, Hewitt, NJ**

*Leader:* Philip Ross, cell 732-221-9668, [skyking72@gmail.com](mailto:skyking72@gmail.com)

*Start:* 9:30 AM. 9.5 strenuous miles of rock scrambles, climbs and gorgeous views with 1400 ft elevation gain. Hike at a brisk pace (2+ mph) on the Bearfort Ridge loop and AT to Prospect Rock and Surprise Lake. No facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, water, traction devices. Please note early start time.

*Directions:* See TSR Directions #2, Highlands Preserve Passaic County Park.

**ALT. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18 — Mahlon Dickerson Reservation, Jefferson, NJ**

*Leader:* Diane Willer, cell 973-713-3066, [dwiller34@gmail.com](mailto:dwiller34@gmail.com)

*Start:* 10:00 AM. The hike will be about 6 miles with ups, downs, rocks and roots, at a social pace. Portable facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, water.

*Directions:* See TSR Directions #2, Saffin Pond.



**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19 — Colonial Park, Somerset, NJ**

*Leader:* Gordon Thomas, cell 609-977-0267, [TSRpresident3@gmail.com](mailto:TSRpresident3@gmail.com)

*Start:* 11:00 AM. Estimated distance of 5 miles with slight elevation on a dirt towpath with a pace fast enough to keep warm. Facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: snack, water. Please note later start time.

*Directions:* See TSR Directions #3, Parking Lot F/Perennial Gardens.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19 — Elk Pen, Harriman State Park, NY – added hike, cancelled**

*Leader:* Marianne Ansari, cell 201-519-8975, [marianneroman@hotmail.com](mailto:marianneroman@hotmail.com)

*Start:* 9:15 AM. Estimated 7.5 miles 1418 elevation. ~~We will take the Stahahe Brook (red) and go left on the Nurian (White) thru The Valley of the Boulders. We'll go right on the Dunning (Yellow) with a view of Green Pond. We'll then go left on the White Bar and right onto the Dunning, then left onto the Ramapo Dunderberg (R) and left on to the Lichen (B) (Surebridge Mountain); left on the A-SB (red); past the Lemon Squeeze. After passing the Lemon Squeeze we'll bear right on the AT (White) which will bring us back to the Elk Pen parking lot. No facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, water, traction devices. Please note early start time.~~

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20 — 3 Parks Walk, Mountainside, NJ- added hike, SHOW AND GO, NOT on Signup Genius**

*Leader:* Yuriy Rakhlin and Maya Ruvinshtey, cell 973-634-0706, to be used on the day of the event only, [mruvinshteyn@yahoo.com](mailto:mruvinshteyn@yahoo.com)

*Start:* 10:00 AM. About a 4-mile walk along Echo Lake Park, Lenape Park, and Nomahegan Park. Basically, a flat asphalt-paved trail. Pace 2- 2.5mph. Sneakers are okay. Facilities available. Bring: light snack, water.

*Directions:* Echo Lake Park can be entered from Rt. 22 East in Mountainside or from Springfield Ave in Cranford. There are two parking areas in Echo Lake Park. Meet at the parking area closest to Springfield Ave. If you enter Echo Lake Park from Springfield Ave, it is the first parking area. If you enter Echo Lake Park from Rt. 22 East, it is the second parking area. Near 122 Mill Ln, Mountainside. The parking lot is located near the intersection of Mill Lane and Park Dr.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21**

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**MONDAY, DECEMBER 22 — Tourne Park, East Entrance, Boonton, NJ**

*Leader:* Lorrie Vece, cell 201-970-1000 to be used day of event only, [Dixonlowe@aol.com](mailto:Dixonlowe@aol.com)



*Start:* 10:00 AM. We will hike 3 miles from the parking lot around the lake and back. Rocky with roots in places. Elevation 350 ft. Early out available Portable facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: water, traction devices.

*Directions:* See TSR Directions #3, Baseball Field Parking Lot.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 22 — Duke Island County Park, Bridgewater, NJ – added hike**

*Leader:* Jim Fox, cell 732-841-2501, [jim@foxnj.com](mailto:jim@foxnj.com)

*Start:* 9:30 AM. 7 Mile hike along the river in Duke Island Park to the Nevius St. Bridge in Raritan and then back to the western end of the park by the dam. Path is mostly flat, will do the paved section in one direction, then the dirt path on the return. Moderate pace 2-3 MPH, 3-4 hours. We will start at the visitor center, which has rest room facilities. Early out option on the return at about 4.5 miles. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: snack, water. Please note early start time.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23 — Cooper Mill, Chester, NJ – cancelled**

*Leader:* Debby Bronner, cell 201-563-1648, [debbybronner@gmail.com](mailto:debbybronner@gmail.com) and Carolyn Smith, cell 201-264-0178, [58carolynsmith@gmail.com](mailto:58carolynsmith@gmail.com)

*Start:* 10:00 AM. Join me for a 5-mile hike along the Black River. Highlights include beautiful views along the Black River, Kay Cottage ruins, and the Kay Environmental Center. Elevation gain is approximately 500 feet. Expect some rocky, muddy and slippery areas. Portable facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, water, traction devices.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23 — Skylands, Ringwood, NJ – added hike, rescheduled to December 24**

*Leader:* Will Obecnny, cell 603-540-3184, no texts please, [obecnny@optimum.net](mailto:obecnny@optimum.net)

*Start:* 9:30 A.M. This is a moderate 8-mile hike involving several trails into part of Ramapo Reservation and back to Skylands, passing Ilgenstein Rock and has an elevation gain of around 900 feet. We will hike at just over 2 mph. The hike will take approximately 4 hours. There are several hills, but nothing strenuous. There are facilities in the Carriage House. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, snack, water, traction devices. Please note early start time.

*Directions:* See TSR Directions, #3 Parking Lot C.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 — Skylands, Ringwood, NJ – rescheduled from December 23**

*Leader:* Will Obecnny, cell 603-540-3184, no texts please, [obecnny@optimum.net](mailto:obecnny@optimum.net)

*Start:* 9:30 A.M. This is a moderate 8-mile hike involving several trails into part of Ramapo Reservation and back to Skylands, passing Ilgenstein Rock and has an elevation gain of around 900 feet. We will hike at just over 2 mph. The hike will take approximately 4 hours. There are several hills, but nothing strenuous. There are facilities in the Carriage House. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, snack, water, traction devices. Please note early start time.

*Directions:* See TSR Directions, #3 Parking Lot C.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25 — Panther Mountain, Pomona, NY – added hike, cancelled**

*Leader:* Philip Ross, cell 732-221-9668 [skyking72@gmail.com](mailto:skyking72@gmail.com)

*Start:* 9:00 AM. 8 miles, 1600 ft elevation gain at a brisk pace (2-2.5 mph) on the Suffern-Bear Mountain trail to Panther mountain, Third Reservoir, and Big Hill, then returning via the Second Reservoir and Can Top trails. With steep inclines, rocky trails, possible water crossings and rock scrambles, this hike is for experienced hikers. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, water. Please note early start time.

*Directions:* TMI Trail Parking, 23 Diltz Rd, Pomona, NY 10970 (coordinates 41.18529, -74.07402). Take Exit 13 off the Palisades Parkway, right turn on Route 202 to Ladentown Rd., make a right on Mountain Rd., then left on Diltz Rd. Park in the gravel lot on the right.

**ALT. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25 — Silas Condict Park, Kinnelon, NJ – cancelled**

*Leader:* Bernadette Miglin, cell 973-407-0049 to be used day of event only, [bmiglin@yahoo.com](mailto:bmiglin@yahoo.com)

*Start:* 9:00 AM. This is a deceptively strenuous hike with MANY rock scrambles. Not recommended for those who prefer gentle hiking. We will do a 4-mile hike using the white and red trails. This will be at a moderate pace (2 mph), approx. 2 hours. The trail is rated moderate by AllTrails, with a 530 ft elevation gain. There are some uphill climbs and rock scrambles that some have found difficult. Portable facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: snack, water. Please note early start time.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26**

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**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27**

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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28 — Reeves Meadow, Harriman State Park, NY – cancelled**

*Leader:* Sheree Bennett, 973-857-0543, cell 973-932-9466 to be used day of event only, no texts please, [shereestarrett@yahoo.com](mailto:shereestarrett@yahoo.com)

*Start:* 10:00 AM. This is one of the prettiest hikes that I lead. It will be a 5- to 7-mile hike with up to 1400 feet elevation gain. We will average 30-minute miles on the flats and 45- to 50-minute miles when climbing. Early outs are available. Exact route will depend on the weather and trail conditions. Steady rain will cancel the hike. Facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, snack, water, traction devices.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28 — Ramapo Mountain State Forest, Haskell, NJ – added hike, cancelled**

~~Leaders: Jerry Giordano, cell 973-634-1457, [gmgliiv@msn.com](mailto:gmgliiv@msn.com) and Nancy Sierra, cell 908-347-0690, [nsmd\\_solo@yahoo.com](mailto:nsmd_solo@yahoo.com)~~

~~Start: 10:00 AM. This will be a 6.5- to 7-mile hike at a pace not too fast, not too slow, ~ 2 mph. Start At Back Beach parking lot to the Indian Rock trail to the Legrande Lake connector to the white trail, up to the castle ruins and stone tower, then over to the orange trail to the Cannonball and and Ramapo Lake Loop trail along the lake, then out on the trails we came in on. Some steep ups and downs. It will require crossing a narrow walkway over a stream. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, water, traction devices.~~

~~Directions: See TSR Directions for Ramapo Mountain State Forest, Back Beach Park.~~

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28 — Old Short Hills Park, Short Hills, NJ - added hike, SHOW AND GO, NOT on Signup Genius**

Leaders: Gail Waimon, cell 973-229-7414, [gswaimon@comcast.net](mailto:gswaimon@comcast.net) and Len Friedman, cell 973-229-7409, [lenf21@comcast.net](mailto:lenf21@comcast.net)

Start: 10:00 AM. Come out and enjoy a romp on fresh snow. Hoping to cover 2 miles depending on quality of the snow. Light and fluffy=longer; Heavy and wet=shorter!! No facilities. Boots/poles recommended.

Bring: water, traction devices.

Directions: Meet at parking lot to the right of the entrance to Greenwood Gardens.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 29 — Morris County Outdoor Ed. Center, Chatham, NJ**

Leader: Ken Donhauser, cell 732-616-7409 to be used day of event only, [kendonhauser@gmail.com](mailto:kendonhauser@gmail.com)

Start: 10:00 AM. 3-mile flat stone pathway and boardwalk. Portable facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring water.

Directions: See TSR Directions to Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, #1.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30 — Shepherd Lake, Ringwood, NJ**

Leader: Dianne Jones, cell 973-224-3967, [diannejones428@gmail.com](mailto:diannejones428@gmail.com)

Start: 10:00 AM. This will be a 7- to 8-mile moderately paced hike in Ringwood State Park. We will climb up Mt. Defiance on the red trail, continue on much of the Five Ponds loop, and return on the red trail. There are three major ascents, about 1,000 feet total elevation gain. Portable facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, water.

Directions: Park in the upper lot (not down by the lake).

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31 — Watchung Reservation, Mountainside, NJ**

Leader: Ken Donhauser, cell 732-616-7409 to be used day of event only, [kendonhauser@gmail.com](mailto:kendonhauser@gmail.com)

Start: 10:00 AM. This will be a Monday PLUS 4-mile leader's choice holiday break hike. Portable facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: water.

Directions: See TSR Directions #1, Trailside Nature Center.