

ALL TSR organized activities are for members only.

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.

Hiker Participant Guidelines

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

Leader: Sheree Bennett, 973-857-0543, cell 973-932-9466 for day of event only, no texts please, shereestarrett@yahoo.com

Start: 9:30 AM. This will be a 6.5-mile hike with an early out to make the hike 5.5 miles. There will be approximately 1200 feet of elevation gain. We will hike at a sociable pace. Active precipitation will cancel the hike. Facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, water, traction devices. Please note early start time.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 — Tourne Park, West Entrance, Denville, NJ - rescheduled from November 28

Leader: Bernadette Miglin, cell 973-407-0049 for day of event only, bmiglin@yahoo.com

Start: 10:00 AM. A 5-mile hike at a moderate pace, approx. 3 hours including two or three stops for views, water, snack, etc. The trail is rated 'Moderate' by All Trails, with a 692 ft elevation gain. There are several uphill climbs. Portable facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: snack, water, bug spray, sunscreen.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2 — Lewis Morris Park, Morristown, NJ - change in hike

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

Start: 10:00 AM. A 3-mile hike on paved and unpaved surfaces. Flat terrain. Facilities available. Bring water.

Directions: See TSR Directions #3, Sugar Loaf area.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3 — Lake Skannatati, Harriman State Park, NY

Leader: Rosie Brancato, cell 203-586-8131, rosiehike@gmail.com

Start: 10:00 AM. Moderate 6- to 7-mile hike with up to 1,000 feet elevation gain. Note: cell service is very poor/nonexistent at the trailhead. No facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, water.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3 — Duke Farms, Hillsborough, NJ - added hike

Leader: Debbie Stuart, cell 908-768-8044, debstuart19@gmail.com

Start: 10:30 AM. 6 miles minimal elevation going off the hard surfaces as much as possible, at a moderate pace. Bring: snack, water. Please note later start time.

Directions: Meet out front of the visitor center.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4 — Hilltop Reservation, Verona NJ - added hike

Leader: Diane Raum, cell 201-452-6412 and Jen Zerres, cell 862-217-9552, jzerres@gmail.com

Start: 9:00 AM Approximately 5 miles at a 2 MPH pace. Uneven rocky terrain with a couple of short steep climbs, total elevation gain 450 feet. A section of this hike will be on the flat gravel Essex Rail Trail and much of the hike follows a portion of the Lenape Trail. We will explore the Hilltop area that housed a TB sanatorium from the early 1900s until the 1980s and the Overbrook Sanitarium from the early 1900s through the 1990s. Facilities available in Verona

Community Center and potentially around the halfway point in Cedar Grove Park. Boots recommended. Bring: snack, water. Due to pace, not for beginners. Please note early start time.

Directions: Park at Verona Community Center 880 Bloomfield Ave Verona NJ. Entrance to the parking lot is actually on Linn Dr (at the traffic light by the fire station - Linn Drive is on the North side and Fells road is on the South side of Bloomfield). We will meet near the baseball field stands on the right side of the lot.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5 — Reeves Meadow, Harriman State Park, NY - change in leader

Leader: Margaret Casagrande, cell 646-515-9913, margaret.casagrande@gmail.com

Start: 9:00 AM. This is a strenuous 8-mile loop hike to Pine Meadow Lake. Over 1500 feet elevation gain. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, water. Please note early start time.

~~ALT. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5 — Pyramid Mountain, Montville, NJ - rescheduled to December 8~~

Leader: Bernadette Miglin, cell 973-407-0049 for day of event only, bmiglin@yahoo.com

Start: 10:00 AM. Turkey Mtn. via Yellow, Red and Green Dot Trails. A 5- to 6-mile hike at a moderate pace, approx. 3 hours including two or three stops for views, water, snack, etc. The trail is rated 'Moderate' by AllTrails, with an 873 ft. elevation gain. There are several uphill climbs that can be challenging for those unprepared, so this may be difficult for a novice. We'll go counter clockwise up the trail, ascending on the white trail and up to the top of the 100 steps, then back to the Visitors Center using the orange dot trail. Portable facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: snack, water.

Directions: See TSR Directions #1, Visitors Center.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 — Jockey Hollow National Park, Morristown, NJ - change in leader

Leader: John Infosino, cell 908-442-9318, JInfosino@aol.com

Start: 10:30 AM. 5.1 miles, 800' elevation on mostly dirt surfaces at a socially moderate pace. Facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, water. Please note later start time.

Directions: See TSR Directions #1, Visitor Center.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 — TSR Holiday Party, Hike and Business Meeting

Register for party and hikes on SignUpGenius.

Register early to secure your spot. Registration closes Nov 30th.

Annual meeting with election of officers for 2024: begins at noon.

Potluck lunch following the meeting.

New 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. If you want to take the serving dish home, label the dish on the bottom. Provide a stand-alone tent card describing the dish. Add special notes like vegetarian or contains peanuts. 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.

Hikes: To work up an appetite, register in advance via SignUpGenius for one of three hikes offered. NOTE the meeting location for each hike is NOT at the party venue.

2.5-mile Holiday Party Hike - Verona Park, Verona, NJ

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

Start: 10:00 AM. Flat hike around Verona Lake.

Directions: Meet at the white bridge across the middle of the Lake (near the Verona Lake Park Boathouse, which is closed with only one port-a-potty). Park on Porcello Lane near Boathouse.

4-mile Holiday Party Hike - Eagle Rock Reservation, West Orange, NJ

Leader: Ron Pate, Cell 973-965-7578, ronpate31@verizon.net

Start: 9:30 AM. 4 mile hike, moderate pace. Great views of NYC. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: water. Please note early start time.

Directions: Meet by the 9/11 memorial.

5-mile Holiday Party Hike - South Mountain Reservation, West Orange, NJ

Leaders: Kathe Serbin, cell 973-715-0491, katheserbin@yahoo.com, and Jennifer Zerres, cell 862-217-9552, jzerres@gmail.com

Start: 9:00 AM. 5 mile hike with 500 feet elevation. The ground has rocks and roots and there is a water crossing. We will start on the Interpretive trail, stop by Turtle Back Rock, continue on Orange trail, Lenape and Bullseye trails. We will be taking the stairs to the top of Hemlock Falls. Portable facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring:

water. Please note early start time.

Directions: See TSR Directions #9, Turtle Back Rock.

5-mile Holiday Party Hike - South Mountain Reservation, West Orange, NJ

Leader: Sheree Bennett, 973-857-0543, cell 973-932-9466 for day of event only, no texts please, shereestarrett@yahoo.com

Start: 9:00 AM. This will be a 5 ish mile hike with approximately 800 feet of elevation gain. We will average 30 minute miles on level ground and upto 45 minutes per mile when climbing. Portable facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: water. Please note early start time.

Directions: See TSR Directions #8, Tulip Springs.

Please help! We need volunteers to setup, serve, and cleanup. To volunteer or for questions, contact the Social Committee co-chairs:

Carol Hodge chdrn@aol.com 201 602 7864

Jenny Monteleone: Volunteer signup. jennymonte82@gmail.com 732 245 7284

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 — Ramapo Valley County Reservation, Mahwah, NJ - change in leader

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

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 — Pyramid Mountain, Montville, NJ - rescheduled from December 5, change in start time

Leader: Bernadette Miglin, cell 973-407-0049 for day of event only, bmiglin@yahoo.com

Start: 9:00 AM. Turkey Mtn. via Yellow, Red and Green Dot Trails. A 5- to 6-mile hike at a moderate pace, approx. 3 hours including two or three stops for views, water, snack, etc. The trail is rated 'Moderate' by AllTrails, with an 873 ft. elevation gain. There are several uphill climbs that can be challenging for those unprepared, so this may be difficult for a novice. We'll go counter-clockwise up the trail, ascending on the white trail and up to the top of the 100 steps, then back to the Visitors Center using the orange dot trail. Portable facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: snack, water. Please note early start time.

Directions: See TSR Directions #1, Visitors Center.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 — Johnson Park, Highland Park, NJ - cancelled

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

Start: 10:00 AM. A 3-mile flat walk along the D&R Canal. Facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: snack, water, traction devices.

Directions: Meet at Johnson Park Grove #5, Johnson Park Rd. (Rt 807). From I-287 Exit 9 (River Rd. toward Highland Park): Take River Road (R 622) approximately 4.0 miles towards Highland Park. Make a right when you reach the light at Landing Lane. From Landing Lane make the first right onto Johnson Park Road. Make the first left into the parking lot for Grove #5. [Close to bathrooms.] GPS: 40.5102999, -74.4658346.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10 — Reeves Meadow, Harriman State Park, NY

Leader: Rosie Brancato, cell 203-586-8131, rosiehike@gmail.com

Start: 10:00 AM. The hike will be a moderately strenuous 6-7 miles on the Pine Meadow, Kakiat, and Raccoon Brook trails. There is about 1,500 feet of elevation, and a few very steep sections. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, water.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11 — Lewis Morris Park, Morristown, NJ - change in hike, rescheduled to December 13

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

~~*Start:* 10:00 AM. This 4.5- to 5-mile hike will be on the Sussex Branch and side trails such as Byram, Highland, white trail, etc.(leaders' choice). There may be a stream crossing and mild hills. Portable facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: snack, water.~~

~~*Directions:* See TSR Directions #3, North Allamuchy.~~

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

Leader: Rosie Brancato, cell 203-586-8131, rosiehike@gmail.com

Start: 10:00 AM. Moderately strenuous 8-mile circular hike via Valley of Boulders, Hogencamp Mountain, Times Square and back on AT. Elevation 1,500 feet. No facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, water, traction devices.

ALT. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12 — Silas Condict Park, Kinnelon, NJ

Leader: Bernadette Miglin, cell 973-407-0049 for day of event only, bmiglin@yahoo.com

Start: 10:00 AM. This is a deceptively strenuous hike with uphill climbs and MANY rock scrambles that some have found difficult. 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. Portable facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: snack, water.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13 — Harriman State Park, NY - cancelled

~~*Leader:* Bonnie Ackerman, cell 908-864-3680, ack.bonnie@gmail.com~~

~~*Start:* 10:00 AM. Long Path Loop. 11.7 Miles, 2,100' elevation gain. Long and challenging hike, be prepared with food, water, layers, and a positive mindset. Taking the Long Path south to the AT north, then the 1779 Trail north to the Anthony Wayne Trail. Follow the leader's moderate to quick pace. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, snack, water.~~

~~*Directions:* From Palisades Pkwy North, take Exit 18 towards US-6 W/Seven Lakes Drive. At Long Mountain circle, take the 2nd exit onto US-6 W. In 1.2 miles turn right into the parking lot.~~

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13 — Lewis Morris Park, Morristown, NJ - rescheduled from December 11

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

Start: 10:00 AM. This 4.5- to 5-mile hike will be on the Sussex Branch and side trails such as Byram, Highland, white trail, etc.(leaders' choice). There may be a stream crossing and mild hills. Portable facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: snack, water.

Directions: See TSR Directions #3, North Allamuchy.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13 — Pyramid Mountain, Boonton, NJ - added hike

Leader: Sheree Bennett, 973-857-0543, cell 973-932-9466 for day of event only, no texts please, shereestarrett@yahoo.com

Start: 9:30 AM. The hike will be about six miles with < 1000 feet of elevation gain. We will average 30 minute miles on flat terrain and 45-50 minute miles per hour when climbing. We will start out on the pink trail through the woods, ending up at Bear Rock. We will also be on the newly created blue trail at one point. No facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch or snack, water. Please note early start time.

Directions: See TSR Directions, #3 Kincaid Parking.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

No event is scheduled as of this printing. Leaders wishing to post an event are encouraged to do so at least two days prior to this date. Send the listing to TSRregistration@outlook.com.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 — Ramapo Valley County Reservation, Mahwah, NJ

Leader: Sheree Bennett, 973-857-0543, cell 973-932-9466 for day of event only, no texts please, shereestarrett@yahoo.com

Start: 10:00 AM. This will be a 5- to 7-mile hike with cumulative elevation gain of approximately 1000 feet. We will pass two waterfalls. Exact route will be determined by conditions on the ground. Steady precipitation will cancel the hike. Facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, water, traction devices.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16 — South Mountain Reservation, Millburn/Maplewood, NJ - cancelled

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

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

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17 — Cooper Mill, (AKA Cooper Gristmill), Chester, NJ

Leader: Gordon Thomas, cell 609-977-0267 for day of event only, thomasg0608@gmail.com

Start: 10:30 AM. Difficult hike in snow; approx 6 miles, 700' elev, mostly dirt trails, socially moderate pace, beautiful section with narrow trail along Black River; opportunity for a hiker to chat with leader about leading. Hot drink option across the street afterwards. No facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: snack, water. Please note later start time

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18 — Robert O'Toole Community Center, Cedar Grove, NJ

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

Start: 10:00 AM. Estimated length 4.5 miles with some uphill sections, which can be extended by a rail trail. Facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: snack, water.

Directions: Meet at Cedar Grove Community Center (O'Toole), 199 Fairview Ave. Drive south on Fairview Ave. from intersection of Pompton Ave. and Fairview. Parking will be on your left. OR drive north on Fairview from Bloomfield Ave. Parking will be on your right.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18 — Washington's Final HQ, D&R Canal, Kingston, NJ - added hike

Leader: Gordon Thomas, cell 609-977-0267 for day of event only, thomasg0608@gmail.com

Start: 9:30 AM. Approx distance, Elevation and Pace: 5 mi, 200 ft, brisk over 2 m/h on smooth D&R Canal Tow Paths. Visit Rockingham, Washington's final Revolutionary War Headquarters, where he wrote his Farewell Orders to the Armies of the United States in 1783. Hike part of Washington's route after his victory at Princeton in 1777, and traverse a tunnel to the Carnegie Lake Dam. Please note early start time.

Directions: Meet at D&R Canal Rocky Hill Parking lot. From Route 609 turn East in Skillman on Washington Road Rt 533, In 1.3 mi, just after the D&R canal bridge, turn right South on Kingston-Rocky Hill Road Route 603 to the parking lot on the right in 0.1 mi. GPS: 40.39771184415833, -74.62610518826966.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19 — Abram S. Hewitt State Forest, Hewitt, NJ - change in start time and leader

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

Start: 9:00 AM. Bearfort Ridge and Surprise Lake Loop. Moderately strenuous 8.2 miles with 1289 ft elevation gain. Some scrambles and steep sections. If rain recently it may be muddy. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, snack, water. Please note early start time.

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

ALT. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19 — Mahlon Dickerson Reservation, Jefferson, NJ

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

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

Directions: See TSR Directions #2, Saffin Pond.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20 — Ramapo Valley County Reservation, Mahwah, NJ - change in start time

Leader: Marianne Ansari, cell 201-519-8975, marianneroman@hotmail.com

Start: 9:30 AM. We'll meet on the south side of the parking lot. This is a 7.75-mile loop with 1000' of elevation gain. I will maintain a 2 mph pace. This is a moderate hike with only a few modest climbs and no rock scrambles. From the parking lot, we'll take the yellow/blue trails past Scarlet Oak Pond, left on the yellow and up past the Falls, then left on the yellow/blue up past MacMillan Reservoir, then connect with the blue to the red/silver trails and left O (Schuber trail) to cross Bear Swamp Road, then a left onto the yellow trail up to Twin Hill with views. We'll continue on the O trail and then connect with the

yellow/silver trails, then right on the Marsh Loop (R) and back to the parking lot. NYNJ Trail Conference Northern NJ Highland Trails Map 150. Facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, snack, water. Please note early start time.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 — South Mountain Reservation, Millburn, NJ

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

Start: 9:00 AM. Moderately strenuous 9-mile loop at brisk pace (2+ mph) with 1400 ft elevation gain, possible water crossings and some steep ascents/descents. This hike is not for beginners. Early out possible. Portable facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, water, traction devices. Please note early start time.

Directions: See TSR Directions #4, Locust Grove.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23 — Great Swamp Nat'l Wildlife Refuge, Chatham, NJ - change in location

Leader: Ken Donhauser, cell 732-616-7409 for day of event only, kendonhauser@gmail.com

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

Directions: See TSR directions #1, Morris County Outdoor Education Center.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23 — Jockey Hollow National Park, Morristown, NJ - added hike, SHOW AND GO, NOT on Signup Genius

Leader: Gail Biggs, cell 973-769-6860, biggs_gail@yahoo.com

Start: 10:00 AM. Three-four mile hike with some gentle hills. Facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: water, traction devices.

Directions: See TSR Directions #1, Visitor Center.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

No event is scheduled as of this printing. Leaders wishing to post an event are encouraged to do so at least two days prior to this date. Send the listing to TSRregistration@outlook.com.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 — Watchung Reservation, Mountainside, NJ

Leader: Ken Donhauser, cell 732-616-7409 for day of event only, kendonhauser@gmail.com

Start: 10:00 AM. A Christmas Day easy hike for all — a 3-mile loop to the Water Tower. Portable facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring water. No Santa outfits.

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26 — Stonetown Circular, Ringwood, NJ

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

Start: 9:00 AM. Strenuous 11-mile hike with beautiful views, some rock scrambles, and 2500 ft of elevation gain. Early out option at halfway — arrive before 8:45 AM to drop off car if you want this option. No facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, water, traction devices. Please note early start time.

ALT. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26 — Pyramid Mountain, Boonton, NJ - added hike

Leader: Sheree Bennett, 973-857-0543, cell 973-932-9466 for day of event only, no texts please, shereestarrett@yahoo.com

Start: 9:30 AM. The hike will be about six - seven miles with < 1000 feet of elevation gain and an early out at six miles. We will average 30 minute miles on flat terrain and 45-50 minute miles per hour when climbing. We will start out on the pink trail through the woods, ending up at Bear Rock. We will climb up the yellow trail and take a detour to Tripod Rock. We will return to the cars on the rerouted blue trail. No facilities available. Boots/poles recommended.

Bring: lunch or snack, water, traction devices, if it has snowed. Please note early start time.

Directions: See TSR Directions #3, Kincaid Parking.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27 — Sterling Forest, Tuxedo, NY

Leader: Marianne Ansari, cell 201-519-8975, marianneroman@hotmail.com

Start: 9:00 AM. We'll meet at the parking lot at the intersection of South Gate Road and Buttonwood Road, south of Tuxedo Lake. Hike 8 miles and 1100' with no rock scrambles. We'll go west on the Red Back Trail to the New Hutchinson Trail going north. The Hutchinson intersects with the New Munsee-Eagle Trail. We then go east on the Munsee-Eagle, then south, all the way to the Red Back Trail, and back to the parking lot. No facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, snack, water. Please note early start time.

Directions: Intersection of South Gate Road and Buttonwood Road, South of Tuxedo Lake. GPS coordinates 41.176111, -74.226889.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27 — Colonial Park, Somerset, NJ - added hike, SHOW AND GO, NOT on Signup Genius

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

Start: 10:00 AM. We will walk along the D&R Canal for 6 miles at a moderate pace on a flat path. Facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: lunch, water, traction devices.

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28 — Lake Skannatati, Harriman State Park, NY - added hike, cancelled

Leaders: Julie Stanton, cell 917-972-0212, julienyc@msn.com and Jen Zerres, cell 862-217-9552 day of hike only, jzerres@gmail.com

Start: 9:30 AM. Hike at a brisk (2+ MPH) pace for approximately 6 to 6.5 miles with up to 900 ft. of elevation gain including an optional visit to an eerie mine shaft on the A.S. Dunning and Long Path trails. We will stop for a 10-minute snack break at Hogencamp Mountain or another scenic spot. This hike has some very rocky portions with lots of ups and downs and a stream crossing and would not be appropriate for beginners or slower hikers. Note that cell service is very poor/nonexistent at the trailhead. No facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: Snack, water, and traction devices. Please note early start time.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29 — Cheesequake State Park, Matawan, NJ - change in hike

Leader: Lynn Tucholke, cell 908-938-8645, lynnt2@mac.com

Start: 10:00 AM. We will hike 6-7 miles with 400 ft elevation gain through forest, coastal salt water marsh, cedar swamp and pine barrens habitat. This hike will include a short out-and-back to the Steamboat Landing. Average hiking pace is 2.6 mph. Facilities are available at the Rangers Station, which is on the right as you pass the entrance tollbooth (not at the meeting place). Boots/poles recommended. Bring: snack or lunch, and water.

Directions: See TSR Directions #2, Hooks Creek Lake.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30 — Rutgers Ecological Preserve, Piscataway, NJ

Leader: Ken Donhauser, cell 732-616-7409 for day of event only, kendonhauser@gmail.com

Start: 10:00 AM. 3-mile loop with possible 2nd 2-mile loop if interested. No facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring water.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31 — Pyramid Mountain, Montville, NJ - added hike

Leader: Dianne Jones, cell 973-224-3967, diannejones428@gmail.com and Louis Thompson, cell 732-239-1012, ltot1@yahoo.com

Start: 9:30 AM. This is a 4- to 5-mile loop hike on the Turkey Mountain side at a moderate pace. Expect over 600 feet of elevation gain, some sustained climbs, and a waterfall. Portable facilities available. Boots/poles recommended. Bring: water. Please note early start time.

Directions: See TSR Directions #1, Visitors Center.