

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

No hike is scheduled as of this printing. Leaders wishing to lead a hike are encouraged to post a hike on GoogleGroups 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, FEBRUARY 3 — Watchung Reservation, Mountainside

Leader: Marcia Sheldon, 732-574-1144, cell day of hike only 908-380-0867

Meet: 10 AM at Trailside Nature Center parking lot on Coles Ave. Hike 4 to 5 miles at a moderate pace. Bring water. Wear hiking boots. Bring traction devices if snow or ice conditions. Inclement weather cancels.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4 — Jockey Hollow, Morristown - canceled

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

Meet: 10 AM at the Visitor Center for a pleasant walk in our National Park. Steady rain cancels. Wear boots. Bring water.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5 — Lake Tiorati, Harriman State Park, NY

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

Meet: 10 AM at Lake Tiorati picnic area off Seven Lakes Drive in Harriman State Park. This is a 7-mile moderately strenuous hike at a pace and on trails based on weather conditions. LT trail to AT to RD trail. Hiking boots required. Bring lunch, water and traction aids, as necessary. Poles are optional. Only extreme weather cancels.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6 — Chimney Rock Park, Martinsville - moved to February 20

Leader: Lynda Goldschein, 908-757-7058, cell day of hike only 908-347-5012

Meet: 10 AM at back of large parking lot. Chimney Rock Park is on Chimney Rock Rd. between Washington Valley Road and Rt. 22. Hike 5 miles including part of Washington Valley Park with an early out at 4 miles. The bathrooms are heated and open all year. Hiking boots and poles recommended. Bring water.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6 — Seeley's Pond, Watchung Reservation - replacement hike

Leader: Lynda Goldschein, 908-757-7058, cell day of hike only 908-347-5012

Meet: 10 AM at Seeley's Pond parking lot (see TSR directions for Watchung Reservation #2). Hike about 4.5 miles, 2.5 hours. There are one or two uphill sections; the rest fairly level. Hiking boots and walking stick recommended. Bring water.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7 — Reeves Meadow, Harriman State Park, NY

Leader: Bill Correa, 917-656-3015

Meet: 10 AM at Reeves Meadow Visitor Center off Seven Lakes Drive. This moderately strenuous hike will be 8 to 9 miles long. Weather and trail conditions will determine route.

ALT. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7 — Duke Farms, Hillsborough Township

Leader: Al MacLennan, 973-449-4696

Meet: 10 AM. Hike 6+ miles on various trails in this wonderful gift of nature. This is the crown jewel of Somerset County. Bring lunch and water.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9 — Ramapo Mountain State Forest, Oakland - add on hike

Leader: Willard Dye, 973-697-6823, cell day of hike only 973-570-7518

Meet: 10 AM at lower parking lot on Skyline Drive. The hike will be approximately 5 - 6 miles long. Leader's choice of trails but expect to follow the blue to yellow to white to red to yellow to blue trails, basically covering the whole park in a counter clockwise direction. We should finish about 2 p.m. There are a few opportunities for early outs for those who would want them. Dress appropriately and bring water, lunch, and hiking poles if you usually use them.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11 — Ramanessin Section of Holmdel Park, Holmdel

Leader: Eric Guether, cell/text 732-977-2896, eguether@gmail.com

Meet: 10 AM at the Roberts Road parking lot for the Ramanessin section of Holmdel Park Coordinates: N 40° 21.95', W 74° 11.04' for a 2.5- to 3- mile stroll on dirt trails. Meeting spot listed on Google Maps as 'Ramanessin Section-Trail Access'. Note: This is NOT at the main entrance to Holmdel Park but rather a nearby 227-acre property acquired in 2001. Steady rain cancels. No facilities. Wear boots. Bring water.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12 — Ramapo Valley County Reservation, Mahwah - canceled

Leader: Ray Adam, 973-476-9897, adam43s@hotmail.com

Meet: 10 AM at the Ramapo Valley Reservation parking lot off Rt. 202. Approximately 6 to 7 miles on various trails at a moderate to snail's pace if there is snow on the ground. Bring lunch, water and traction aids, as necessary.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14 — Cold Spring to Beacon, Cold Spring, NY - change in hike

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

Meet: 9:30 AM (see directions below). This is a point to point hike so we will meet at 9:30 in Cold Spring and then drive some cars to Beacon where the hike ends. This strenuous hike is 11 miles with 2500+ ft. of elevation gain. We will take the "easier" blue trail from the red and not the more difficult yellow to the top of Breakneck Ridge. There is a scramble up to the fire tower in Beacon with great views. Do not expect to finish before 4 p.m. Hiking boots required. Bring lunch and water. Poles are optional. Only extreme weather cancels. Note early start time. 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 .3 miles, parking lot is on the right

ALT. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14 — Mahlon Dickerson Reservation, Jefferson

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

Meet: 10 AM at Saffin Pond parking lot (see TSR directions for Mahlon Dickerson Reservation #2). Facilities—portable. This hike will be about 6 miles, and the route will be dependent on the weather and trail conditions. Please PREREGISTER with the leader the day before the hike. Wear hiking boots and bring traction devices. Bring lunch and water.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16 — South Mountain Reservation, West Orange

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

Meet: 9:45 AM for 10 AM start at Tulip Springs parking Lot. We will hike 4 to 5 miles for about 2 to 3 hours. Leaders' choice of trails at a brisk pace. Bring traction devices if snow or ice are on the ground. Poles recommended. Bring water.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17 - Silas Condict Park, Kinnelon - add on hike

Leader: Willard Dye, 973-697-6823, cell day of hike only 973-570-7518

Meet: 10 AM at Silas Condict upper parking area (see directions for same at TSR website). The hike will be approximately 4 - 5 miles long. We will hike the full circuit of the park. Whether we hike the white trail or the yellow cutoff trail will depend on the composition of our group. Bring water, lunch, and hiking poles if you usually use them. Time for lunch will be short if the temperature is cold. Traction devices are required at the moment! You will not be allowed on the hike without them!

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18 — RR-Greenway Trail, Metuchen - change in hike

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

Meet: 10 AM at 701 Middlesex Ave., Metuchen (opposite Fulton Bank). Level paved walkway 3 miles. Sneakers okay. Perfect for beginners. Bring water.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19 — Pyramid Mountain, Montville - change in leader

Leader: Dianne Jones, cell 973-224-3967

Meet: 10 AM at Pyramid Mountain Visitor Center parking lot. We will hike 5 to 6 miles at a moderate pace. Wear hiking boots. Bring lunch, water and traction aids, as necessary. Hike should end by 1 PM. Steady rain cancels.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20 — Chimney Rock Park, Martinsville - rescheduled from February 6

Leader: Lynda Goldschein, 908-757-7058, cell day of hike only 908-347-5012

Meet: 10 AM at back of large parking lot. Chimney Rock Park is on Chimney Rock Rd. between Washington Valley Road and Rt. 22. Hike 5 miles including part of Washington Valley Park with an early out at 4 miles. The bathrooms are heated and open all year. Hiking boots and poles recommended. Bring water.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21 — Sebago Boat Launch, Harriman State Park, NY

Leader: Bill Correa, 917-656-3015

Meet: 10 AM at the Sebago boat launch off Seven Lakes Drive. This strenuous hike will be 8-9 miles long and will travel on various trails.

ALT. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21 — South Mountain Reservation, Tulip Springs

Leader: Sheree Bennett, 973-857-0543, cell day of hike only 973-932-9466,

shereestarrett@yahoo.com

Meet: 10 AM at Tulip Springs trailhead (see TSR directions for South Mountain Reservation #7 and map on inside cover of schedule booklet). This is a 6- to 7- mile hike along the yellow and white trails. It will include the "Fairy Trail" and Hemlock Falls. Please PREREGISTER with the leader no later than the

day before the hike. Hiking boots required. Bring lunch and water.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23 — Merrill Creek Reservoir, Washington, NJ

Leader: Dianne Jones, cell 973-224-3967

Meet: 10 AM 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 hours, around the reservoir with a few ups and downs and some rocky areas. Boots required and traction devices if there is snow cover. Bring lunch and water.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24 — Turtle Back Rock, So. Mtn. Reservation, West Orange - change in leader - canceled

Leader: Jeff Sovclove, hiker_dood@yahoo.com

Meet: 10 AM at Turtle Back Rock parking lot. This will be a 6- to 7- mile hike on leader's choice of trails at a moderate pace. Wear hiking boots. Bring lunch and water. Wet conditions will cancel hike.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25 — Turtle Back Picnic Area, Walker Road, So. Mountain Reservation, West Orange - canceled

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

Meet: 10 AM at the parking lot for an enjoyable walk to the Girl Scout Oval and back. Bring water.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 — Pine Meadow Lake Loop / Harriman State Park, NY

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

Meet: 10 AM at the Reeves Meadow Visitor Center on Seven Lakes Drive Lake. This is a 7- mile moderately strenuous hike at a pace based on weather conditions. Hiking boots required. Bring lunch, water and traction aids, as necessary. Poles are optional. Only extreme weather cancels. Deep snow means we'll alter hike to snow shoe.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27 — Eagle Rock Reservation, West Orange

Leader: Dave Hogenauer, 973-287-6268

Meet: 10 AM at the 9/11 Memorial at Eagle Rock Reservation next to the Highlawn Pavilion. We will hike approximately 3.5 miles around the perimeter of the reservation at an easy to moderate pace, after taking in the spectacular view of NYC. Bring water.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28 — Ramapo Valley County Reservation, Mahwah - rescheduled from January 24

Leader: Dianne Jones, cell 973-224-3967

Meet: 10 AM at the Ramapo Valley County Reservation parking lot off Rt. 202. This hike travels on less used areas of the reservation. This moderately strenuous 8-mile hike will travel on the yellow, blue, red/silver, and orange trails to a panoramic viewpoint overlooking the Manhattan skyline. After lunch at the overlook, return will be on the yellow, yellow/silver, red, blue, and yellow trails. Weather conditions may modify route.

ALT. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28 — Merrill Creek Reservoir, Washington

Leader: Eileen Gavin, cell 908-334-6215, bikegal8@gmail.com

Meet: 10 AM at Visitor Center, 34 Merrill Creek Road, Washington NJ 07882. This will be a moderate hike of 5.5 to 6 miles around the reservoir and through historic ruins. We will stop along the reservoir for lunch. Bring lunch and water.