



MOHICAN

Newsletter of the Mohican Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club
Serving Westchester, Putnam, and Fairfield Counties ...and Beyond

From the Chapter Chair



As we thaw out in this New Year 2018 from this cold winter, I am writing this final column as Chair. We will have elections in April and the new officers will take over in May. If elected, I will change from my Chair hat to my Secretary hat. It has been a pleasure working with all the wonderful Mohican Chapter members.

Thank you for all the years of adventures, being involved with the Adirondack Mountain Club and the Mohican Chapter! Hiking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, canoeing, kayaking, leading, eating, mud baths, snowstorms in the woods, hanging off edges of trails, crossing rivers in the water, rain storms, ice storms, swimming, getting lost (rarely), picnics, holiday parties, pot luck dinners, etc. It has been a thrill to keep on organizing adventures and hope more people come out to enjoy all the experiences that we have had the pleasure to enjoy. I will continue to lead hikes and maybe other adventures.

Our annual meeting for the elections will be held at 634 Old Post Road in Bedford Village, NY on **Wednesday, April 11, 2018** starting at 7:30 p.m. Please contact Jean at Jdol89mtns@yahoo.com if additional names should be added to the slate.



SLATE OF NOMINEES TO BE VOTED ON
CHAIR-----JANE SMALLEY
VICE CHAIR-----KATHIE LAUG
TREASURER-----LISA WEISMILLER
SECRETARY-----JEAN DOLEN
DIRECTOR-----LESLIE MILLMAN

JEAN DOLEN

You're Invited... WTA's Annual Dinner

The dinner is being held on Sunday, April 22 at the Casa Rina Restaurant, 886 Commerce Street in Thornwood. For a fixed price of \$30 including tax and tip, you can enjoy a complete dinner and choose from: an appetizer, soup or salad; eleven different meat, fish, chicken and vegetarian entrees; four different desserts; and coffee, tea or soda with the meal. A private room has been reserved from 5-9 p.m. Those wishing to do so can join us for cocktails starting at 5:00 p.m. We'll order dinner around 5:30 p.m, and should start dining shortly after 6:00 p.m. Please note that **payment for the dinner must be received by April 15**. Make your checks or money orders for \$30 payable to Westchester Trails Association, and mail them to P.O. Box 736, White Plains, NY 10602. For questions, please contact Art Adelman at aaelman@optonline.net or (914) 765-0542.

WTA Hiking Week+ in the Adirondacks

Part 1: Johns Brook Lodge, Keene Valley, NY
September 7-9 (3 nights). **Reserve by June 30**
Part 2: Wildwood on the Lake, Lake Placid, NY.
September 10-16 (7 nights). **Reserve by May 31**

Home to the largest trail system in the nation, the Adirondack Park offers some of the best hiking in the east with over 2,000 miles of marked hiking trails. We've arranged for a hiking adventure that is divided into two parts and gives those who want to climb Mt. Marcy (the highest peak in NY State at 5344') the chance to do so, while providing an opportunity for hikers (and non-hikers) of all abilities to enjoy the area. As always, your schedule can be flexible: join us for one or both parts of the trip, and for whatever length of stay you prefer.

Part 1: 3 nights (Friday, September 7-Sunday, September 9) at the Johns Brook Lodge, an ADK backcountry facility in the heart of the Adirondack High Peaks. It's a 3.5 mile hike to the lodge from the road, which shortens the length of the usual hike to and from



Marcy (11.2 miles round trip instead of 14.8 miles). We'll hike into the lodge on Friday, do the climb up Marcy on Saturday or Sunday (depending on the weather), and another hike on the off-day, then hike out on Monday. Amenities are basic but comfortable: co-ed bunk rooms with pillows and blankets (bring your own sheets or a sleeping bag, and towels), and washrooms with hot and cold running water and indoor toilets (no showers). Although food must be carried in and out, guests have full access to the kitchen (stove, refrigerator, pots, pans, dishes and cutlery). Coffee, tea, and lemonade are provided free by a caretaker. For the 10-person bunk room, the per person rate is \$40/night on Friday and Saturday, and \$35 on Sunday night (add \$5 per night if you want to stay in a 4-person bunk room). There is a 10% discount for ADK members. Reservations must be made by June 30 and can only be made over the phone. Please call (518) 523-3480 and speak with Rachel. For more information about the lodge, visit: <https://www.adk.org/stay/johns-brook-lodge/>.

Part 2: 7 nights (Monday, September 10-Sunday, September 16) at Wildwood on the Lake in Lake Placid. All rooms have free WIFI, a refrigerator, microwave and coffee maker, and a balcony or patio facing Lake Placid. Coffee and muffins are served in the morning. The motel has an indoor and outdoor pool; a hot tub and a sauna; a large lakefront area with free use of their paddleboats, rowboats and canoes; a nightly bonfire (weather permitting); and plenty of lakeside chairs and tables for our happy hour. More information about Wildwood can be found on their website at <http://www.wildwoodmotel.com/index.html>. For those staying the full 7 nights, our rate is \$575 plus tax for a standard room with 2 queens or 1 king bed; other rooms are available with more amenities at a higher price. Shorter stays for the standard rooms cost \$88, \$98 or \$108/night, depending on the number of nights and whether the stay includes a Friday or Saturday. Because of the area's popularity, reservations must be made by May 31, so the sooner you make reservations, the better. To reserve, contact Wildwood by email at wildwoodlp@aol.com or call (518) 523-2624.

When making reservations at either or both locations, please tell them that you're part of the Westchester Trails Association group. Then contact Eileen West at eileenw1000@gmail.com to let her know you are coming or for questions.

We hope to see you in the Adirondacks in September!

With Our Members

In Memory of Robyn Stockton



An avid outdoor enthusiast and backpacker Robyn Stockton living in New York City first joined the Knickerbocker Chapter and later in 2010 joined the Mohican Chapter. She enjoyed hiking, canoeing, cross-country skiing, and Adventure Travel with the Adirondack Mountain Club. In 2011 while hiking with the Wednesday Group in Harriman State Park, she met her partner Jane Smalley. Together they co-led for several years canoe/kayak trips for the ADK Paddle Outing held in July at Paul Smith's College.

It is with sadness that Robyn passed away December 13 after a short illness with pancreatic cancer. She will be greatly missed by her friends, fellow hikers, and paddlers. Our chapter has made a donation to ADK in Robyn's memory.

Welcome

New Members

Month	Member
November	Erich Frerking, Dean Gallea, Kimberly and Nicolae Hortopan, Jeffrey Klarsfeld, Paul O'Connor, Mary Beth and Scott Thornton, Raymond Wright Rejoined: William and Angela Michalski
December	Rejoined: David Osler
January	Cathryn Macdonald Rejoined: Ronald Paproski and Linda Rousseau



This column is dedicated to you, our members, whose lives, events, and achievements on and off the trail are to be recognized and shared. If there is a special event, vacation or achievement in your life you would like to share, please send in your news to Annette

Grau at gagjinet@aol.com.

Trip Tales

Sunday December 3 Around the County



On Eileen West's Part 1 hike around the County, we found ourselves at the home and farmstead of Caroline Wright Reis which she donated to the Town of Somers in 1967 for "recreational and academic purposes" and still stands as the largest historic

donation to the town she loved and served. Caroline was a fifth generation Somers resident and as proof that she was a woman ahead of her time, she graduated from Pratt Institute in 1902.

While the Somers Historical Society was preparing to hold the "Pumpkin Festival" later that afternoon, they were so gracious and allowed us to tour the house, eat our lunch on the porch and gave out hot cider. What a wonderful treat!

Submitted by Carol Harting

Sunday, December 17 Harriman Hike



Seven ADK/WTA members set out on one of the leader's favorite treks in Harriman. In the group were Barry Leibowitz, Brent Laymon, Judy Kossover, Howard Millman, Carol

Harting, Sarah Davis and Von DelGreco (not in picture). We started on a woods road from Rt. 106, up to the Dunning, then to Time's Square. We climbed up the RD trail and when we reached the ridge, we all had to give in and put on our traction aids. At the intersection of the R-D and the Lichen Trails, we paused to remember Robyn Stockton, who had died a few days earlier. Each of us knew her from different outdoor activities and we all had touching and loving memories of her. She was a beautiful and kind person. It was a perfect day for winter hiking, with no wind and a refreshing chill in the air. Getting around a huge blow-down on the wood's road gave us a chance to polish our bushwhacking skills, with help from Howard's GPS. In the photo, we are at the top of a hidden trail that gives a complete panorama of the surrounding mountains. It was a fun, relaxing outing.

Submitted by leader Sarah Davis

Monday, January 1 New Year's Day Greenwich Point Park Hike



Jane wearing her festive hat while taking the plunge



A frigidly cold day brought out a large group of hikers to enjoy the New Year and also to watch Jane's annual swim in the LI Sound. Some

hot drinks and desserts were enjoyed by all.

Sunday, January 14 Ward Pound Ridge



Early in the morning, the temperature was in the single digits with a wind chill of almost zero. A hardy group of six of us--Julie DiRaimondo, Carol

Harting, Brent Laymon, Mike Kaplan, and Steve Klepner, led by Sarah Davis, braved the weather and explored the northern part of the Preserve. We encountered some 'glacial' ground conditions, but warmed up as soon as we got started on the little hills. Never let frosty, early-morning temperatures deter the desire to go out and hike. We had a terrific time.
Submitted by Sarah Davis

**January 12-15
 ADK Loj Weekend**



Six intrepid ADK Mohicans (Pat Johnston, Lisa Weismiller, Jane Restani, Kathie Laug, Carole Ehleben, and Janice Miller) headed to the ADK Loj on Heart Lake in Lake Placid for the annual MLK weekend outing. It was raining and 55 degrees when we arrived on Friday, and -24 degrees with 8" of fresh snow Saturday morning. We

were snowed in but that did not stop us. We hiked from the Loj towards Rocky Falls but were turned back at the stream that was now a river with no safe crossing to be seen. Lunch back at the Loj and an afternoon



hike up Mt. Jo did not disappoint with views of the snowcapped high peaks. Sunday we headed to St. Regis, which is on the Saranac 6 list. It was -9 degrees at the trailhead, but the sunshine made us feel warm. The 6.8 mile round trip hike was lovely, and the summit had a fire tower and beautiful views of the lakes. It is always a fun weekend, and luckily we are all flexible as it is always a surprise what the weather will bring in the Adirondacks.
Submitted by Lisa Weismiller

HIKES and STUFF

Attention Leaders and Hikers

When car-pooling, it is recommended that a charge of \$.30 per mile be equally divided among passengers, including the driver, and that everyone shares in the tolls. Trip tales go to c.harting@verizon.net. To enter the **leader lottery**, send your signup sheets (**new ones please**) to Jeanne Thomson, P.O. Box 219, Somers, NY 10589-0219

Saturday, March 3
Saxon Woods

3 miles, easy to moderate. We will do a circular hike on the white trail, which goes through surprisingly wooded, shady and serene areas in spite of the park's location near the city of White Plains. Meet the leader at 10 a.m. in the pool parking lot off Mamaroneck Avenue. Park in the southern portion of the lot, which is near the trailhead. To register, contact leader Toby Garfinkel, (914) 337-6612. This is a WTA hike.

Sunday, March 4
Fishkill Ridge, East Ascent (Joint with WTA)

7 miles, moderate to strenuous. Our hike starts with a walk through hushed woodlands, then a single long climb up to the Scofield/Fishkill Ridge. From there, we'll walk the ridge line along (mostly) marked trails passing some viewpoints until we complete a loop around the mountaintop. Then it's back down the lollipop stick to the start. Along the way, we'll enjoy the early spring flora and look for signs of indigenous wildlife: zombies, trail wolves and the flightless two-legged chatterbox. Meet at 10 a.m. in the parking area on Old Albany Post Road in northern Putnam County. Old Albany Post Road is a left turn (heading north) about 200' past a place called Jaymark Jewelers: 3612 U.S. Route 9. Please let the intrepid leader Howard Millman know you're coming in case of any changes, hwarmillman@aol.com, (914) 439-8031.

Sunday, March 4
**Mountain Lakes Camp
 Hawley Road in North Salem**

6 miles, easy to moderate. This is a three-to-four hour hike through a County park with a partially restored camp from the olden days. Yurts and log cabins, bonfire pit, bathrooms, dining hall, etc. Trails are beautifully marked through the camp with some view



areas. Bring lunch and water. To register, contact leader Jean Dolen, (914) 522-4310.

Saturday, March 10

**Harriman Circuit Hike # 18
Pine Swamp Mountain (Joint with WTA)**

6 miles, moderately strenuous. This hike, with 1300 feet of elevation gain, passes Cape Horn, Times Square and the remains of mining operations. The loop traverses the Long Path, and the Bottle Cap, Ramapo-Dunderberg (R-D) and Arden Surebridge (AS-B) trails. We begin at Lake Skannatati. Good footwear required as there are stream crossings. To register, contact leader Jane Restani by 5:00 p.m. Friday at irabjanea@aol.com.

Saturday, March 10

**Cranberry Lake Preserve
Old Orchard Road, West Harrison**

3-4 miles, easy to moderate. This is a two-to-three hour hike through a North White Plains preserve in an area of quarry used to build the Kensico Dam a century ago. Trails, some of which may be rocky, go past various ponds, woods, rock formations, bridges and the foundation of an old quarry building (the quarry climb is optional). To register, contact leader Jean Dolen, (914) 522-4310.

Sunday, March 11

Ward Pound Ridge Rocks Trail

7 miles, moderate. The Rocks Trail was developed to connect six rock features, and there are some steep sections with one being an actual rough-hewn rock staircase. Ground conditions may alter the hike somewhat. Foot traction must be carried in case it is needed. This is an all-day hike. We will carpool from Cross River shopping center in order to share the \$10 parking fee charged at Ward Pound Ridge. To register, contact leader Sarah Davis at (212) 873-4018 h, (917) 501-1322 c or sewdavis@gmail.com.

Sunday, March 11

**Afternoon at Oscawana Island State Park
and Graff Sanctuary (Joint with WTA)**

4.5 miles, easy. A Victorian estate in ruins forms the core of Oscawana State Park. Join the leaders for this easy hike through woodlands to visit those ruins, a former race track, a building best described as a 1950s comfort station, and river views. Just across the road is

Graff, an Audubon sanctuary that features more river views. Meet the leaders at 2 p.m. If you are coming on the 12:43 p.m. train from Grand Central to the Cortlandt Station on the Hudson Line (arrives at 1:43 p.m.), call the leaders by 8 p.m. on Friday if you want to be picked up at the station. Driving directions: Take Route 9 to the Route 9A Montrose/Buchanan Exit and turn north onto Route 9A. Turn right onto Furnace Dock Road (west), across from a shopping center and follow it toward the river. At the end of Furnace Dock Road, turn right onto Cortlandt Street. The parking area is 0.4 mile from that turn [41.22732N 73.925721W]. To register, contact leaders Walt and Jane Daniels. Cell: (914) 471-5545; jdihikes@gmail.com. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 13).*

Saturday, March 17

St. Patrick's Double Header (Joint with WTA)



4-5 miles, easy to moderate. The day begins at Dobbs Ferry's lesser known Juhring Nature Preserve with moderate ups and downs followed by a no-elevation-gain walk about the stunning

Great Hunger Memorial and park in Ardsley. Light Irish treats may be enjoyed. Short shuttle. To register, contact leader Debbie Farrell at debfarpr@gmail.com or (914) 282-9942.

Saturday, March 17

Sterling Forest (Joint with WTA)

8 miles, moderate. Happy St. Patrick's Day! We will start at the Visitor's Center and climb up to the fire tower, then hike along the ridge with spectacular views of the lake. Easy return along the lake shore. To register, contact leader Catharine Raffaele at raffaele.catharine@yahoo.com.

Sunday, March 18

Black Rock Forest (Joint with WTA)

7 miles, moderate. Starting from the Hudson Highland Nature Museum/Outdoor Discovery Center, we ascend into the Mine Hill Road area of Black Rock Forest. With the leaves down, we should have several nice views. (Route courtesy of Howard Millman.) There is one significant climb at the beginning, which will be done at a compassionate pace with several regroupings. Expect 1800 feet total elevation gain. To register, contact leader Steve Klepner at (845) 297-7066, spk010@yahoo.com.



Sunday, March 18
Rockwood to Rockefeller
Sleepy Hollow, NY

6 miles, easy to moderate. This hike will be approximately four hours through rolling hills and on flat carriage roads with views of the Hudson River. Bring lunch, water, snacks. To register, contact leader Jean Dolen, (914) 522-4310.

Saturday, March 24
Combo Circuit Hikes in Harriman (#14 and 15)
Stockbridge Mountain and Lake Nawahunta
(Joint with WTA)

5.2 miles, easy to moderate. We will have good views from the top of Stockbridge Mountain and several other interesting features along the way. **Silvermine Lake and Black Mountain** 5 miles, moderate to strenuous. We will have spectacular views of Silvermine Lake and the Hudson River as well as visiting the ruins of the Spanish mine. Both hikes start from the same parking area so you may choose to do only one or both. Traction devices may be needed. To register, please contact leader Kathie Laug (203) 348-3993 (home), (203) 722-5490 (cell), kfriedmanlaug@optonline.net.

Saturday, March 24
Arthur Butler Sanctuary, Mt. Kisco

Moderate trails (4-5 miles) A nice mixture of some steep hills in between rolling hills and flat terrain and varying scenery including ferns, large boulders, several streams, and a hawk watch area. To register, call Jean Dolen 914-522-4310.

Sunday, March 25
Timp-Torne/RD Circular

6-7 miles, moderate to strenuous. We will start at the trailhead of the Timp-Torne Trail on Rt. 9W. There is an initial steep ascent and breathtaking views of the Hudson. Once we reach the Timp, we will return on the Ramapo-Dunderburg Trail. There will be many spectacular vistas. To register or for information, contact leader Joe Rodriguez at jpr50@optonline.net by March 24. This is a WTA hike.

Sunday, March 25
Manitou Preserve off 9D (Joint with WTA)

3.5 miles, easy to moderate. This hike is perfect for an early spring day since it takes only 2-3 hours at the most and 40% of the hike is right along the Hudson

River. It is considered an easy hike, but the trails are "rugged" meaning there are some branches on the trail and some blowdowns. Good hiking boots and hiking poles are suggested. Bring sufficient water and a snack. To register, contact Carol Harting at c.harting@verizon.net.

Saturday, March 31
Black Mountain, Letterrock and Treasure Tales
(Joint with WTA)

7.5 miles, moderate to strenuous. Black Mountain has great Harriman Park, Hudson and NYC views, and the Letterrock area is steeped in tales of silver treasure buried long ago by Spaniards from the West Indies. Initial 800' climb to ridges of both mountains is followed by tamer, lesser traveled trails. For information and to register, contact leader Debbie Farrell at debfarpr@gmail.com or (914) 282-9942.

Saturday, March 31
Around the County - North Salem to the Bear Mt. Bridge. Part 5: Peekskill and Cortlandt
(Joint with WTA)

7-8 miles, easy to moderate. This hike is divided into two sections. The first part is easy and flat and goes along the Peekskill Riverwalk past Travis Cove, Riverfront Green, Peekskill Landing Park and Annsville Preserve, ending at the paddle sport center on Annsville Circle. From there, we'll take a short drive to the Hudson Highlands Gateway Park, where we'll enjoy a moderate hike on most of the trails in this preserve jointly owned by Scenic Hudson, the Town of Cortlandt and Westchester County. For meeting time and place, contact leader Eileen West at eileenw1000@gmail.com. Rain or heavy snow cancels.

Sunday, April 1 – Easter
Harriman Circuit Hike #2,
Russian Bear (Joint with WTA)



6-7 miles, moderate to strenuous. No joking and I couldn't find a bunny hike. This hike is really a bear with 1800 feet of elevation gain. From the visitor center, we follow the Reeves Brook, HTS and Seven Hills trails. Weather permitting, the views will be great. Not a good choice for brand new hikers. To register, contact leader Jane Restani by 5:00 p.m. Saturday at irabjanea@aol.com.



Saturday, April 7

**Blue and Spitzenberg Mts. (Blue Mt. Reservation)
(Joint with WTA)**

7 miles, moderate. From Depew Park in Peekskill, we will hike over the peak of Blue Mountain, then up the Spitzenberg climb, and then return to Depew Park on different trails with lake views. Carpooling from North White Plains train station at 9:30 a.m. To register, contact leader Frank Lee, fleessa@yahoo.com.

Saturday, April 7

**Turkey Mountain Preserve, Yorktown Heights
(Joint with WTA)**

3 miles, easy to moderate. This is a delightful hike with one short climb, to just get outdoors for a few hours with one of the best viewpoints in Westchester. The entrance is directly across the street from Peter Pratt Restaurant on Route 118. You can Google the Preserve or Peter Pratt for directions. To register, contact Carol Harting at c.harting@verizon.net.

Sunday, April 8

Hudson Highlands (Joint with WTA)

5-6 miles, moderate. Starting from Garrison, we will climb Sugarloaf South and then hike the carriage roads of the Osborne Loop and take various trails to White Rock. Meet at the Castle Rock Unique Area on Route 9D at 9:30 a.m. To register, contact leader Minu Chaudhuri (914) 391-5918 or minu1@optonline.net.

Sunday, April 8

Baxter Preserve (south)

Easy hike for about 1.5-2 hours. This 167 acre preserve is composed of grassy fields and rolling hills, owned by the North Salem Land Foundation. The trails are shared by equestrians and hikers. To register, call leader Barry Leibowitz by 6:00 p.m. the night before the hike at home (845) 278-2479 or cell phone (914) 774-5321 to register. Rain cancels.

Saturday, April 14

**Sleater Hill and Almost Perpendicular (# 7 Circuit
Hikes in Harriman) Joint with WTA**

5.2 miles, moderate to strenuous. This hike in the southwestern corner of Harriman State Park includes Rockland County's Dater Mountain Nature County Park

which was expanded in 2005 to preserve the habitat of two endangered species--the Northern Cricket Frog and the Allegany Wood Rat. You'll also have the opportunity to climb Almost Perpendicular with its dramatic viewpoint from the top of a cliff. To register please contact leader Kathie Laug at (203) 348-3993 (home), or at (203) 722-5490 (cell), kfriedmanlaug@optonline.net.

Saturday, April 14

**Squantz Pond State Park
Route 39, New Fairfield, CT**

This beautiful hike travels through meadows and onto a carriage road to a lovely brook. This is an easy 3-mile hike with some ups and downs. Allow about 2 hours round trip. 10:00 a.m. departure. Steady rain cancels. To register, contact leader Rosanne Schepis, at 203-417-5552 (cell) or rschep@yahoo.com.

Sunday, April 15

Jordan Pond, Fahnestock Loop



6-7 miles, easy to moderate. This scenic hike in Fahnestock State Park is a perfect spring outing, passing several ponds and winding

through fields and a forest. For meeting time and information and to register, contact one of the co-leaders: Alice Benash, ajrb3@verizon.net or (914) 723-8722; Lillian Wolfe-Brown, sunset922@aol.com or (914) 668-3184. Carpooling from North White Plains train station. Rain cancels.

Sunday, April 15

**Briarcliff Peekskill Trailway Part 1: Ryder Road in
Briarcliff to New Croton Dam (Joint with WTA)**

6 miles, easy to moderate. This shuttle hike goes through woods, along and over streams, passing a small waterfall and an impressive moss-covered boulder, past Teatown Lake, arriving at New Croton Dam, overlooking reservoir, the spillway waterfall, and Croton Gorge. Carpools advised due to limited parking. For meeting time and place, contact leader Carolyn Hoffman, earthwormch@aol.com, home (914) 948-0608, cell on day of hike only (914) 420-5778.



Saturday, April 21

Around the County - North Salem to the Bear Mt. Bridge. Part 6: Manitou Point Preserve to the Bear Mt. Bridge (Joint with WTA)



7-8 miles, moderate. Join us on a hike along and above the Hudson as we celebrate the final segment of our Around the County series. We'll begin with an exploration of the trails at Manitou, just north

of the Westchester County border. From there, we'll hike up to the wide path that leads to the A.T. and continue on to Anthony's Nose with its magnificent views of the river. Finally, we descend to Route 9D at the Bear Mt. Bridge to the same location where this series of hikes began six years ago. For meeting time and place, contact leader Eileen West at eileenw1000@gmail.com. Rain cancels.

Sunday, April 22

Harriman Hike.

6-7 miles, moderate. Ridge walking all day. A short road walk from Kanawauke Circle parking area, and then unmarked trails to the Dunning and the R-D trails, passing through Times Square. There will be plenty of beautiful views. To register, contact leader Sarah Davis at 917-501-1322 cell, 212-873-4018 home or sewdavis@gmail.com.

Sunday, April 22

Westchester Wilderness in Pound Ridge, NY

This will be a 5-6 mile, 3-4 hour moderate hike on exciting trails created from the "back yards" generously donated from the large properties of several landowners whose names are pretty famous. Since there are now so many trails, we can lengthen the hike if there is interest. To register and for meeting time, contact Carole Ehleben at ehleben@optonline.net or call 914-209-3207.

Saturday, April 28

Bald Mountain, the Timp, and Doodletown (#24 Circuit Hikes in Harriman) Joint with WTA

5.9 miles, moderate to strenuous. The panoramic view from the top of Bald Mountain is considered one of the best in the park. There is another great view from the

top of the Timp that has been featured in many paintings and photographs. We will follow the woods road known as Pleasant Valley Road through the former settlement of Doodletown to return to our cars. Doodletown thrived for two centuries until it was acquired by the park in 1960. We will see historical markers and some ruins of the settlement. To register, please contact leader Kathie Laug (203) 348-3993 (home), (203) 722-5490 (cell), kfriedmanlaug@optonline.net.

Saturday, April 28

Canoe/Kayak - Mohansic Lake and Crom Pond



We will open the season exploring a section of Mohansic Lake located in FDR State Park, Yorktown. Once on the lake, we will hunt for the tiny connector into Crom Pond, truly a wilderness retreat. At some point, we may bring boats ashore and walk a section of the trail alongside the pond. Bring own canoe or kayak, lifejacket, and lunch. There may be a \$10 charge for boat access. Possible space in leader's canoe. For information and to register, call Jane Smalley. 914-276-0413 or e-mail jsmallpt@aol.com.

Saturday, April 28

RiverWalk and the Old Croton Aqueduct

5 miles, easy. We will walk at a relaxed pace starting from the RiverWalk entrance gate through the Lyndhurst grounds, taking in lovely views of the new TappanZee (Cuomo) Bridge and the Hudson River. If the Lyndhurst Visitor Center, former stables, is open we will take a short break to walk inside and look around. We then continue south on the Old Croton Aqueduct to Main Street in Irvington and break for lunch. Eat in town at your choice of one of many restaurants, cafes, or pizza places, or bring your own. After our lunch break, we will walk back on the Aqueduct the same way that we came. Directions: from Route 9, turn west on the first street south of the Tappan Zee Bridge (the sign has two names - Paulding and VanWart Avenues). Bear left at the fork and continue down Paulding to Hudson Place (the last street before the dead end sign). Turn right, park on Hudson Place or Van Wart Avenue. Meet the leader at 10:30 a.m. at the Van Wart Avenue RiverWalk entrance gate. To register, contact leader Nancy Vincent, nevincent09@gmail.com or home (914) 967-8381. Rain cancels.



Sunday, April 29
Bear Mountain

7 miles, moderate plus. We will take about 1000 winding steps up to the summit on the Appalachian Trail with a return through woods and rocky sections on the 1777 and Suffern Bear Mt. Trails. A beautiful view from the top surrounding Perkins Tower, a historical museum. There is a parking fee of \$10/car without an Empire Passport. To register, call the leader Jean Dolen at (914) 522-4310.

Sunday, April 29
Eastern Side of Rockefeller State Park

4-6 miles, easy to moderate. We will explore several trails which will enable us to see views of the Saw Mill River valley. Meet the leader at 10 a.m. in the large free parking lot on Route 117 in Mount Pleasant. If you are heading west the lot is on your left, past Route 9A and the North County Trailway parking lot but before Route 448. Please bring lunch and water. Inclement weather may cancel. To register, contact leader Sue Soni at surekhasoni1968@gmail.com, (914) 747-2452. No registration needed. This is a WTA hike

Saturday, May 5
Panther Mountain, Lake Wanoksink and Pine Meadow (Joint with WTA)

9 miles, moderate to strenuous. This loop hike climbs to the summit of Panther Mountain in Harriman State Park with panoramic views and runs along the shores of Lakes Wanoksink and Pine Meadow. For further information or to register, contact leader Bob Fiscina at fis6973@verizon.net. Rain cancels. No beginners please.

Saturday, May 5
Edith Read Sanctuary, Rye, NY

2-3 miles, easy. Wooded trails, a marsh, a lake, a rocky beach, and a bamboo forest. The planned hike is 2-3 hours, but we can add more walking on the boardwalk for another hour or two. There is a parking fee of \$10/car. To register, contact leader Jean Dolen, (914) 522-4310.

Sunday, May 6
Three Lakes/A.T. Loop (Joint with WTA)

6-7 miles, moderate. This circular hike in Fahnestock Memorial Park passes two lakes and features multiple ups and downs through wooded areas. Meet leader at North White Plains train station at 9:00 a.m. or at the

large Canopus Lake parking lot on Route 301 at 9:45 a.m. To register or if you need details, contact the leader Elena Burova by phone (914) 837-4235 or e-mail at elena.burova@gmail.com.

Sunday, May 6
Marshlands Conservancy (Joint with WTA)

3-4 miles, easy. Enjoy a two-hour hike in this Rye preserve on a network of trails through a field, a deciduous forest and a salt marsh. Meet at 10 a.m. at the Conservancy parking lot located at 220 Boston Post Road near the Rye Golf Course. To register, contact leader Leslie Millman by e-mail at oooleslie@aol.com. Cell number is for day of hike changes only: (914) 552-7720.

Saturday, May 12
Catskills Long Path Hike (Joint with WTA)

10-11 miles, moderate to strenuous. Tune up for summer hiking. This hike goes over Cross, Mount Pleasant and Romer Mountains. We will meet at the Lane Street parking area in Phoenicia and shuttle to the start of the hike in the Woodland Valley campground. It is a long but beautiful outing. To register, contact Jane Restani at irabjanea@aol.com by noon on Friday so that we can arrange carpooling and the shuttle.

Saturday, May 12
Canoe/Kayak - Harriman State Park



This has become a favorite early in the season. We will explore Lake Kanawauke and all three of its connecting lakes in Harriman State Park along Seven Lakes Drive. The yearly fee is \$30 registration/boat, good through November 30. It includes several of the lakes in the park plus Rockland Lake. Bring own canoe/kayak, paddle, lifejacket, and lunch. Sorry there are no rentals nearby. May be space in leader's canoe. We'll meet at Tiorati Circle at 10 a.m. To register, call leader to Jane Smalley 914-276-0413 or JSmallpt@aol.com.

Saturday, May 12
James Baird State Park

4-5 miles, easy to moderate. This state park in Pleasant Valley, NY (Dutchess County) is situated on farmland once owned by James Baird, a contractor and engineer whose company built the Lincoln Memorial. To register, contact leader Jean Dolen (914) 522-4310.



Sunday, May 13
Silvermine Circular

8.75 miles, moderate. Explore some lovely trails including the Menomine, Long Path and the AT on this moderately paced hike. Extremely hot and/or humid weather, or rain, will cancel. Please register with the leader Judith Hirschman, no later than 48 hours prior. hirschmanjudith@gmail.com. This is a WTA hike.

Saturday, May 19
Central Park Walk, NYC

6 miles, easy to moderate. Wander through this beautiful NYC historic park, ending back at Grand Central Station. We're sure to enjoy the blooming flowers this time of year. Take the Metro North Harlem Line to 125th Street. To register or for details, contact leader Jean Dolen, (914) 522-4310.

Sunday, May 13
Rockefeller Park - Main Entrance

5-6 miles, easy to moderate. This is a three-to-four hour hike along carriage roads with rolling hills (the hike may be longer if we eat at the Blue Stone Café). The peonies should be blooming this time of year. There is a \$6/car parking fee unless you have an Empire Passport. To register, contact leader Jean Dolen, (914) 522-4310.

Sunday, May 20
Somers to Goldens Bridge (A Farm, A Garden, A Reservoir) Joint with WTA

13-14 miles, easy to moderate. Begin with a visit to Westchester County's Muscoot Farm to welcome the lambs, calves, piglets and other farm animals born this spring, then hike on some of Muscoot's perimeter trails and head over to Lasdon Park and Garden. Explore the trails within, passing specimen trees and plants as well as a memorial to fallen soldiers from the Revolutionary War to modern day. Then it's on to Angle Fly Preserve for a hike on many of its trails. Finally reach the Kennedy Trail, which winds its way past the Muscoot Reservoir and into Goldens Bridge. To register, contact leader Eileen West at eileenw1000@gmail.com. Awful weather cancels. *This is a NY Ramblers hike.*

Saturday, May 19
Stonetown Circular (Joint with WTA)



10.5 miles, moderate to strenuous. This hike climbs five mountains with over 2500 feet of elevation gain while offering views of the Wanaque and Monksville Reservoirs.

For further information or to register, contact leader Bob Fiscina at fis6973@verizon.net. Rain cancels. No beginners please.

Sunday, May 20
Pingyp Mountain (Joint with WTA)



7.1 miles, moderate with a strenuous climb. The southern ascent of Pingyp Mountain is widely considered to be the most challenging climb on a marked trail in Harriman. Total elevation gain is 1495 feet. It is slightly more challenging than Popolopen Torne but slightly less difficult than Breakneck Ridge. Not for beginners. To register, contact leader

Steve Klepner, (845) 297-7066, spk010@yahoo.com.

Saturday, May 19
Island Pond Circular



6-7 miles, moderate. We'll start on the A-SB, hike up to the ridge for expansive views along the R-D and Lichen trails, and then head over to Island Pond for

a relaxing break on a rock outcrop overlooking the water. Return is via the AT. To register, contact leader Alice Benash at ajrb3@verizon.net or (914) 723-8722. Rain cancels. Carpooling from North White Plains train station.



Sunday, May 20
Teatown Lake Reservation

3 miles, easy to moderate. Come out on this lovely spring day and enjoy a hike at Teatown, which combines several trails and includes a stop at a scenic waterfall. Please bring snacks and water. For time and meeting spot, contact Leader Elspeth Kramer at (347) 262-4802 or email elspethkramer@aol.com. Teatown charges \$5 per car for non-members so carpooling is strongly suggested. This is a WTA hike.

Sunday, May 27
Harriman Hike

5-6 miles, moderate. Leaving from Sebago Boat Launch parking lot, we will take various routes to Pine Meadow and Wanoksink Lakes. To register, contact leader Sarah Davis at 212 873-4018 h, 917 501-1322 c or sewdavis@gmail.com.

Saturday, May 26
Popolopen Gorge and Torne (Joint with WTA)

6 miles, moderate with a strenuous climb to the top. Challenging up the Torne, easy on the bridge over the Hudson, moderate otherwise. Nice views all around and some revolutionary war history if you want. To register, contact leader Mike Kaplan at kaplanm2001@yahoo.com. No first time hikers please. Rain cancels.

Sunday, May 27
Briarcliff Peekskill Trailway Part 2: New Croton Dam to Watch Hill Road plus optional Croton Gorge Park (Joint with WTA)

4.8 + 1.2 miles, easy to moderate. Dramatic views on this shuttle hike from the dam and the gorge, followed by woods and wetlands. For time and meeting place, contact leader Carolyn Hoffman at earthwormch@aol.com, home (914) 948-0608, cell on day of hike only (914) 420-5778.

Saturday, May 26
Fahnestock State Park

7 miles, easy to moderate. This scenic hike starts and ends on the AT. We use several trails including a side trail to Jordan Pond with a view overlooking the lake. Meet at the roadside parking area on the northern side of NY 301 just west of Canopus Lake at the AT trailhead. For meeting time and directions, contact leader Marvin Pasternak, marvp7025@gmail.com, (917) 733-2259. Rain cancels. This is a WTA hike.

Monday, May 28 – MEMORIAL DAY
Catfish Loop in Fahnestock (Joint with WTA)

5 miles, moderate. This will be a circular hike with gentle ups and downs on the Catfish Loop in Fahnestock State Park, starting (and ending) on Dennytown Road. The parking area is 1.2 miles down Dennytown Road coming from Route 301. We will meet at 9:30 a.m. To register, e-mail Carol Harting at c.harting@verizon.net.

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