



ADK Mohican Activities January-March 2024

Come join our club on one of our hikes listed on the following pages. No matter what your level of hiking, there is something for everyone. You too can get some of these great patches below by setting some hiking goals and hitting the trail.



Hikes and Stuff

Monday, January 1

New Year's Day at Greenwich Point Park



3 miles, easy terrain. Join us for a leisurely walk around the Todd's Point peninsula. There will be shorebirds and other inhabitants to

observe. The traditional leader is returning for a plunge to start off the New Year. Participants willing to get wet are particularly welcome. We meet at 10:30 a.m. at the main concession. Registration is not required, but for directions contact the leader, Jane Restani at irabjanea@aol.com. Note that post swim refreshments are usually available, especially if you bring them. Swimmers get first pick.

Monday, January 1

Mt Taurus/Bull Hill Full Loop, Cold Spring, NY



5.5 miles, moderate terrain. Start the New Year right with this classic Hudson Valley hike - what better way to begin the 2024 hiking season than the 45-

minute ascent of the Washburn Trail, with its panoramic views of the Hudson River, Storm King and West Point's Thayer Hotel? If it's an especially clear day, we may even get a glimpse of Manhattan. While the initial ascent is challenging, the hike overall is rated "moderate." After reaching Mt Taurus, the trail levels off, and we'll continue on a gradual descent towards the ruins of the Cornish Dairy. After a brief snack/lunch stop there, we'll conclude our hike on the mostly flat and partially paved Cornish Trail, passing and optionally stopping briefly to view additional century-old ruins. If the weather is mild and sunny, there may also be an optional post-hike 40-minute easy walk on the flat Stony Point loop along the water. **Vaccination against COVID-19 is required on this hike.** Register with the leader Hank Zupnick at hank.zupnick@gmail.com, preferably by Saturday evening. **WTA Hike.**

Saturday, January 6

Christie Mine and Reservoirs in Harriman

8 miles, moderate-to-strenuous terrain. The group will meet at Call Hollow Road and use the Long Path, Suffern Bear Mountain Trail (S-BM) and a combination of unmarked trails and woods roads to

enjoy views from Big Hill and Iron Mountain, three reservoirs, and the rarely visited Christie Mine. Elevation change is 1700 feet, and there is a bit of bushwhacking/walking in a gas pipeline. Optional visit to the Letchworth Village Cemetery at the end of the hike. Heavy rain or snow/ice may cancel or remove the bushwhack portion. **Vaccination against COVID-19 is required on this hike.** To register, contact Lauren Linkowski at llinkowski@gmail.com no later than Friday evening. **WTA Hike.**

Saturday, January 6

Angle Fly Preserve

Join me for an easy, adventurous hike on these less trodden trails of the preserve about 3.5 miles with a few moderate ascents. We will explore across Rt.139 where the trail is not as well maintained. Walking along a ridge, we will catch winter views and then descend to an isolated pond. Expect to encounter the thorny 'mile a minute' invasive bush and wet muddy trails.

Bring snacks and water. Meet in the parking lot at the top of the hill. **The latest vaccination for COVID-19 is required on this hike.** To register, call leader Jane Smalley 914-276-0413 or e-mail jsmallpt@aol.com.

Sunday, January 7

Fishkill Ridge

7 miles, moderate-to-strenuous terrain. This will be a lollipop loop hike on Fishkill Ridge in the Hudson Highlands. Be prepared with traction devices and snowshoes, as needed. Register with the leader Janice Miller at madjan1@yahoo.com by 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Sunday, January 7

Hardscrabble Wilderness Area (a Hike and Hot Soup)

4-5 miles, easy-to-moderate terrain. Let's fully explore this small but interesting preserve in Mt. Pleasant as we wind our way up, down and around almost every trail, past old stone walls and through deep woodlands. A short carpool from the Pleasantville train station is necessary because parking where we enter the preserve is limited (**masks required for the carpool**), but that gives us a chance to enjoy hot soup and delicious pastry at Jean Jacques when we return. Bring Microspikes or Stabilicers if conditions warrant. To register, contact leader Eileen West at eileenw1000@gmail.com. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 29).*

Saturday, January 13
Hudson Highlands

9 miles, moderate-to-strenuous terrain. We'll hike the Camp Smith Trail from the Toll House, over Canada Hill to Curry Pond, and then all the trails and views in Manotoga. Lots of rocky trails and elevation. Wear sturdy boots and bring traction devices for ice. Short shuttle involved (**masks required**). Leader brings brownies. To register, contact leader Kay Cynamon, kcynamon@gmail.com.

Saturday, January 13
Kitchawan Preserve

4-5 miles, easy-to-moderate terrain. We'll hike along several loops in this pretty preserve; depending on ground conditions, we may also follow a short section of the North County Trailway to the pedestrian bridge over the New Croton Reservoir to enjoy the views. To register, contact the leader, Sheila Sarkar, shechris6@gmail.com. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 33).*

Sunday, January 14
Tarrywile Park, Danbury, CT



4 miles, moderate terrain. Once a dairy farm, the park encompasses more than 720 acres of woodlands, fields, ponds and 21 miles of hiking trails. Although the hike is on the easier side of moderate, it

includes some rocky areas and a long, moderately steep ascent and descent. We'll pause at Mootry Peak to enjoy the view. Bring water and a snack. Hiking poles recommended, as are traction devices. To register, email the leader Brent Laymon at belaymon@gmail.com or call (475) 206-7599.

Saturday, January 14
Kensico Cemetery Tour

3-5 miles, easy terrain. There are many points of interest in this 460-acre cemetery including grave sites of celebrities and structures with architectural interest. Although most of the walk is paved, expect some hills and uneven ground. Sturdy shoes, water and lunch recommended. The cemetery's address is 273 Lakeview Avenue, Valhalla. Meet at 10:30 a.m. in the upper parking lot. Directions: Taconic Parkway to Lakeview Avenue. Turn west, pass the monument shop, cross the railroad tracks and turn right. Go past the Administration Building to the upper lot, which is also accessible through the next street (Commerce Street). More information about the cemetery is

available at www.kensico.org. To register, contact leaders Sue and Ashok Soni, surekhasoni1968@gmail.com.

Saturday, January 20
**Stockbridge Mountain and Lake Nawahunta
in Harriman, at a Relaxed Pace**

5.2 miles, moderate terrain. This hike features mountaintop views, a scenic lake, a mine and a rock cave shelter. The hike starts on the Menomine Trail from the Silvermine parking area. We will pass Lake Nawahunta before turning onto the Nawahunta Fire Road. The Lewis mine is 0.15 miles after leaving the Menomine Trail. We will pick up the Long Path and climb steadily to the Cave Shelter rock formation and to the Stockbridge Shelter. Then we'll rejoin the Menomine Trail back to the cars. Be prepared for winter conditions. Leader Veronica O'Neil. To register, email or text: missyellierosa@yahoo.com or (914) 523-9418. **WTA Hike.**

Saturday, January 20
Tibbetts Brook to Van Cortlandt Park and Back

3-4 miles, easy terrain. Starting from Tibbetts Brook Park, we will take the South County Trailway to Van Cortlandt Park, then return the way we came. Meet at Tibbetts Brook in the lot closest to the entrance. Rain or snow may cancel. **Vaccination against COVID-19 is required on this hike.** To register, contact leader Lynn McBride, almcb@aol.com or (914) 439-0879. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 41).* **WTA Hike.**

Sunday, January 21
Hook Mountain

6 miles, moderate terrain. Ups and down on the ridge with sweeping views, and a rocky descent on the Upper Nyack Trail. If wintry conditions prevail, traction devices will be essential. Easy return on the Shore Path, and then a climb back up to the cars at the end. **Vaccination against COVID-19 is required on this hike.** To register, contact leader Catharine Raffaele, catharineraffaele@gmail.com.

Sunday, January 21
Muscoot Farm

4 miles, easy-to-moderate terrain. This hike will be done at an easy pace, and on interesting terrain. It's a nice opportunity to get outside. There is some elevation gain but much of the hike is flat. Afterward, the farm exhibits can be checked out. Snow or ice can make the outing more difficult - depending on the weather, Microspikes or equivalent would be a good

idea. To register, contact leader Steve Klepner at spk010@yahoo.com, (845) 297-7066. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 58).* **WTA Hike.**

Saturday, January 27
Rockefeller State Park

9-10 miles, easy-to-moderate terrain. Starting at the Old Sleepy Hollow Road kiosk, we'll head up to Eagle Hill for views of the Hudson. From there, we'll take the 13 Bridges Trail to the Old Croton Aqueduct, where we'll connect to the Rockwood area for more views of the Hudson. Then, back on the OCA to the Gory Brook Trail and up to Cedar Hill for yet another view of the Hudson. We'll return to our cars along the Pocantico River Trail. Deep snow and/or ice may result in a shorter hike. To register, contact leader Alice Benash, airb3@verizon.net. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 59).* **WTA Hike.**

Saturday, January 27
Butler Sanctuary, Mt. Kisco, New York

3-4 miles, easy-to-moderate terrain. This is a lovely hike, perfect for those who want to graduate from easy hikes to moderate hikes. One trail is fairly level, but the other has multiple ups and downs on somewhat steep terrain. Good hiking boots are required and possibly traction devices if there is snow or ice. The preserve's address is 265 Chestnut Ridge Road, Mt. Kisco, NY. To register, contact Carol Harting at c.harting@verizon.net. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 49).*

Sunday, January 28
Mianus River Park, Greenwich, CT

6-7 miles, easy-to-moderate terrain. We'll follow the park's yellow perimeter trail counter-clockwise, as well as smaller side trails if the ground is dry and the trails are passable. Some mild-to-moderate hills interspersed with flat but at times rocky terrain. Extreme cold or wind may result in a shorter route; conversely, if the weather is great, there may also be the option of a 2-3 mile encore hike at the Greenwich Audubon (8 miles away). Parking at Mianus may be tight; carpooling is encouraged. **Vaccination against COVID-19 is required on this hike.** Register with the leader, Hank Zupnick, hank.zupnick@gmail.com preferably by Friday evening. **WTA Hike.**



Sunday, January 28
Sylvan Glen Ramble

3-4 miles, easy-to-moderate terrain. Tucked behind busy Route 202 are former

quarry operations that at one time employed about 250 people. Join the leader on an interpretive hike to view what remains there, while also enjoying a woodland experience with trails that wind past interesting rock formations. We will also visit one of the oldest trees in Westchester County--the quarry oak. There are some elevation gains and losses, so hiking poles are encouraged. Driving Directions: From the Taconic State Parkway, take the Route 202 exit 17A and turn west. Continue 1.8 miles to the traffic light at Lexington Avenue and turn right. Drive 0.6 mile to Morris Lane and turn right. The parking lot is at the bottom of the hill. (The preserve does not have a street address; use 1770 Morris Lane, Mohegan Lake, then continue past that house into the parking lot.) To register, contact Ann Autieri, ann@cilia.org. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 20).* **WTA Hike.**

Saturday, February 3
Minnewaska State Park



7-8 miles, moderate terrain. This hike is mostly on hiking trails with some carriage roads. We will take Jenny Lane, go to Rainbow Falls, and return on Mossy

Glen. Be prepared with traction devices and snowshoes, as needed. Since it is winter, and it may be icy, this route will not take us on any cliffs. Please register with the leader Janice Miller, madjan11@yahoo.com no later than 4 pm on Friday, February 2.

Saturday, February 3
Yonkers Trails Trio

4-5 miles, easy-to-moderate terrain. This is a ramble in Untermyer Gardens on the Old Croton Aqueduct, and in Lenoir Preserve, with one long-ish climb and nice river views. To register, contact Debbie Farrell, debfarpr@gmail.com. Phone for morning of hike only: (914) 282-9942. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 8).* **WTA Hike.**

Sunday, February 4
Terrace Pond

8 miles, moderate-to-strenuous terrain. This hike, in West Milford, NJ, features rugged terrain, several rock scrambles, lots of rhododendron tunnels, a floating bridge, and plenty of views on trails that wind around a remote and scenic pond. Bring traction devices or snowshoes if conditions warrant. Leader: Kevin McGahren, kmcgc@optonline.net or (914) 772-0600. **WTA Hike.**

Sunday, February 4
Orchard Beach and City Island
(a Hike and Hot Soup)

7 miles, easy terrain. Folks enjoyed this outing when it was on last winter's schedule as a History Hike, so let's do it again! We'll start with an exploration of the more remote areas of Orchard Beach and the woodlands of Twin and Hunter Islands. Then we'll walk over to City Island and stop at a local eatery where we can purchase hot soup or a beverage while enjoying lunch indoors. Afterwards, we'll return to our cars via a path along the beach. Dress warmly as it can be windy by the water. To register, contact leader Eileen West, eileenw1000@gmail.com.

Saturday, February 10
Ward Pound Ridge

6 miles, easy-to-moderate terrain. We will be hiking the Red trail from Michigan Road, stopping at the Raven Rocks overlook for lunch. Bring Microspikes in case of snow. Hiking poles suggested. To register, contact leader Gail Blumenfeld, gailrb@yahoo.com. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 63).* **WTA Hike.**

Saturday, February 10
Croton Point Park

4 miles, easy terrain. We will explore this small scenic peninsula in the Hudson River where eagles are often sighted in winter. Dress very warmly for the winds blowing off the river. There will be an optional lunch at the Croton Diner following the hike. **Hikers must be vaccinated against COVID-19.** To register, contact leader Catharine Raffaele at catharineraffaele@gmail.com. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 52).*

Sunday, February 11
Devil's Den, Weston CT

6-8 miles, easy-to-moderate terrain. The length of this hike will depend on winter trail conditions. There will be modest elevation gain. Expansive reservoir views are expected. Consider the weather as you prepare. As always, boots need to be on your feet; water and food in your pack. Carpooling from Merritt Parkway Exit 35 (High Ridge Rd.) is possible. Register with leader Jane Restani at irabjanea@aol.com between Monday of the week of the hike and 5 p.m. Friday.

Sunday, February 11
Cranberry Lake

3-4 miles, easy-to-moderate terrain. Come out and enjoy a hike along Cranberry Lake and in other parts

of this County-owned preserve through forested areas and past a quarry (the quarry climb is optional). Bring plenty of water, a thermos of warm liquid, and snacks. To register contact leader Elspeth Kramer, (347) 262-4802 or elspethkramer@gmail.com. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 51).* **WTA Hike.**

Saturday, February 17
Silvermine Lake and Black Mountain
in Harriman at a Relaxed Pace



5 miles, moderate terrain. This hike features wonderful views of Silvermine Lake, the Hudson River, surrounding mountains and a stone shelter. We'll begin on the Menomine Trail which

runs along the shore of Silvermine Lake. Our route will then take us onto the Appalachian and Ramapo-Dunderberg Trails up to Black Mountain. We will retrace our steps and pick up Silvermine Road with a short road walk on Seven Lakes Drive back to our cars. Be prepared for winter conditions. Leader Veronica O'Neil. To register, email or text: missyellierosa@yahoo.com or (914) 523-9418. **WTA Hike.**

Saturday, February 17
Irvington to Dobbs Ferry and Back

3-4 miles, easy terrain. We will walk the Old Croton Aqueduct Trail from downtown Irvington to Dobbs Ferry and back, stopping for lunch along the way. The trail passes by a number of historic properties, including the Armour-Stiner Octagon House. Park behind the school building at 101 Main St. in Irvington and meet in front of the school. Pack a lunch, and bring water. **Vaccination against COVID-19 is required on this hike.** To register, contact the leader Sheila Klatzky, at srklatzky@gmail.com. **WTA Hike.**

Sunday, February 18
Storm King State Park

5-9 miles, moderately strenuous terrain. The length of this hike will depend on snow conditions. Starting from Route 9W, we'll hike halfway around North Point and make the climb up from the base of Route 218. If ground conditions allow, we will then cut across to Storm King Mountain on the Howell Trail to a viewpoint along the Stillman Trail and backtrack to our cars. To register, contact leader Alice Benash at ajrb3@verizon.net. **WTA Hike.**

Sunday, February 18
Westmoreland Sanctuary

5-6 miles, easy-to-moderate terrain. We'll do a double loop that reaches the outer boundaries of this meticulously tended preserve. Features include a forest, nature garden, lake, moderate slopes, nature benches, and rock outcroppings. Bring water and a snack; hiking poles recommended, especially given the time of year. To register, email the leader Brent Laymon at belaymon@gmail.com or call (475) 206-7599. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 65).*

Saturday, February 24
Appalachian Trail - Route 22 to Nuclear Lake



8.5 miles, moderate terrain. This one way hike, which is rated "moderate" but has one steep climb up to the Cat Rock view will begin at the Appalachian Trail train station and continue south to the pretty and historic Nuclear Lake. We will traverse a beautiful boardwalk, admire views from West Mountain and stop to see the Dover Oak along the way.

There will be a 10-minute car shuttle at the beginning (**masks required**); and **vaccination against COVID-19 is required on this hike**. To register, contact Lauren Linkowski at llinkowski@gmail.com no later than Friday evening. **WTA Hike.**

Saturday, February 24
Rockefeller State Park, West Side (Eagle Hill area)

5 miles, easy-to-moderate terrain. Along the Pocantico River, Witch's Spring, Gorey Brook, Big Tree Trail and Peggy's Way, 13 Bridges, and up Eagle Hill to see the Jean Dolen Memorial bench. Depending on ground conditions and the mood of the group, there may be options for a longer or shorter hike. Although unlikely, if there is plenty of snow, it can be a cross-country ski outing instead. To register, contact leader Carolyn Hoffman, carohof2@gmail.com, cell (914) 420-5778. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 59).*

Sunday, February 25
Hudson Highlands Gateway Park

4-5 miles, easy-to-moderate terrain. This is a pleasant three-hour hike with gentle ups and downs. Good hiking boots are required and possibly traction devices if there is snow or ice. Take Bear Mountain Parkway north to Highland Avenue to Sprout Brook Road (street sign may be down – turn at the Gulf

Station), and the parking lot is on the right designated by a sign for the Gateway Park. To register, email the leader Carol Harting at c.harting@verizon.net. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 31).*

Saturday, March 2
Stonetown Circular

11 miles, moderate-to-strenuous terrain. The Stonetown Circular Trail is one of the most rugged in the area going over five peaks and offering multiple views of the Wanaque Reservoir to the east and the surrounding valleys to the west. It is a challenge in any season, but especially in winter. Bring traction devices or snowshoes, if conditions warrant. To register, contact leader Kevin McGahren, kmcgc@optonline.net or (914) 772-0600. **WTA Hike.**

Saturday, March 2
Family Friendly Hike in Butler Sanctuary

3-4 miles, easy-to-moderate terrain. Highlights include pine grove, marsh, various tree types and a stone gathering at the trailhead. Bring snacks, lunch and water. Meet in the parking lot at 10 a.m. To register, contact leader Kristen Soni, kmjm2000@yahoo.com, "co-leader" Jianna Soni. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 49).* **WTA Hike.**

Sunday, March 3
Harriman Geology Hike

7 miles, moderate terrain. We will do a loop starting at Lake Skannatati and going past Bowling Rocks, Hogencamp Mountain and the Pine Swamp area. As we head along the route, which includes the Long Path, Dunning, R-D and A-SB trails, the leader will tell us about the landscape and how it was formed through geological events such as the ice age. **Vaccination against COVID-19 is required on this hike.** Leader: Mike Kaplan, kaplanm2001@yahoo.com. **WTA Hike.**

Sunday, March 3
Above Ground and Underground in Lower Manhattan

7 miles, easy terrain. We will walk here and there. We'll see public art, places of historical interest, some amazing structures, and memorials. We will navigate various underground passageways and be inside different buildings to try to minimize time outdoors. Participation is limited to 12 people. **Vaccination against COVID-19 is required on this hike.** For questions and to register, contact the leader Linda Wildman at lindawildman88@gmail.com or text/call (914) 316-5674. **WTA Hike.**

Saturday, March 9
**Black Rock Forest from the
Outdoor Discovery Center**

6 miles, moderate terrain. 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. There is a significant climb at the beginning, which will be done at a compassionate pace with regroupings as needed. Expect approximately 1100' of total elevation gain. Traction aids may be necessary. To register, contact leader Steve Klepner, spk010@yahoo.com, (845) 297-7066. **WTA Hike.**

Saturday, March 9
Rhinoceros Creek Reservation



Somers newest open space was donated to the Somers Land Trust in 2017 by the Beshar family who restored and lived in the nearby Stone House. It originally was constructed in 1849 by Gerard Crane who was a major figure in the menagerie business. The land consists of two parcels totaling 115 acres, the southern portion 55 acres, off Rt. 202 is the area we will hike--a rocky, undulating trail under three miles. Good hiking boots and hiking poles will be helpful as it is 'a rough gem in the making'. Bring water and snacks. Call leader to register. **The latest vaccination for COVID 19 is required on this hike.** Jane Smalley 914-276-0413 or e-mail. ismallpt@aol.com.

Sunday, March 10
Teatown Lake and the Teatown-Kitchawan-Trail

8 miles, easy-to-moderate terrain. Join the leader for a lovely winter hike in Teatown Lake Reservation. We will start on the Lakeside Trail and continue on the T-K-T for a total of about 4 miles. After having lunch, we will return to our starting point. Please bring plenty of water, lunch/ snacks and a thermos of warm liquid. To register, contact leader Elspeth Kramer at (347) 262-4802 or elspethkramer@gmail.com. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 62).* **WTA Hike.**

Sunday, March 10
Croton Gorge Park and the OCA

5-6 miles, easy terrain. Meeting at Gerlach Park in Ossining, we'll walk up the Old Croton Aqueduct Trail to Croton Dam, cross the top of the dam with its beautiful views, and then visit the park at the base of the dam, where we'll have lunch at the picnic tables. We'll continue along a short section of the lower trail,

then rejoin the OCA and go back to the cars. To register, contact the leader Sheila Sarkar at shechris6@gmail.com.

Saturday, March 16
Black Rock Forest from the Scenic Trail



8 miles, moderate terrain. This hike will start on the Scenic Trail from Old Mineral Springs Road, passing waterfalls and Jupiter's Boulder to panoramic views from Eagle Cliff. Then, we will pass several ponds and head back to Jupiter's Boulder and the start of the hike. To register, contact leader Minu Chaudhuri (914) 391-5918 or minuch50@gmail.com. **WTA Hike.**

Saturday, March 16
Cranberry Lake Preserve

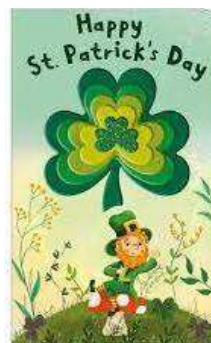
4-5 miles, easy-to-moderate terrain. Enjoy woodlands, views of wetlands, history of quarrying for the Kensico Dam, a lovely small waterfall, and broad views from the top of the quarry (optional). To register, contact leader Carolyn Hoffman, carohof2@gmail.com, cell (914) 420-5778. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No 51).*

Sunday, March 17
Lake Sebago Circular

5-7 miles, moderate terrain. Come hike in this beautiful area of Harriman Park where we will see striking views and lovely woods. Since it is towards the end of the winter, ground conditions are uncertain so the exact route and length of the hike will be determined at that time. Microspikes might be necessary. The day should be fun! To register, contact leader Judy Kossover, woodtuxduo@aol.com. **WTA Hike.**



Sunday, March 17
Ward Pound Ridge Reservation



5-6 miles, easy terrain. This is a pleasant "walk in the woods" on gentle terrain on the Reservation's red ski trails. Bring lunch or a snack and plenty of water, and wear something green for St. Patrick's Day. Traction devices may be needed, if there is snow or ice. We will meet at the Green Way Market Shopping Center, 20 North Salem Rd., Cross River, and carpool into the park as there may be a parking fee.

To register, contact Carol Harting at c.harting@verizon.net. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 63).

Saturday, March 23

Diamond Mountain and Pine Meadow Lake in Harriman, at a Relaxed Pace

6 miles, moderate terrain. This hike features views from Diamond Mountain and two scenic lakes. Hike from Lake Sebago on the Seven Hills Trail to Diamond Mountain. Then continue down the Diamond Mountain Trail and pass an old foundation of a Civilian Conservation Corps camp to the Pine Meadow Trail and Pine Meadow Lake. Follow an unmarked trail to Lake Wanoksink, and reconnect to the Seven Hills Trail back to the cars. Be prepared for winter conditions. Leader Veronica O'Neil. To register, email or text: missyellierosa@yahoo.com or (914) 523-9418. **WTA Hike.**

Saturday, March 23

Cemetery Walk

3 miles, easy terrain. Come on an afternoon walk in Gates of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne, NY. We will see movie stars James Cagney and Sal Mineo, Yankee greats Babe Ruth and Billy Martin, plus a Brooklyn Dodger. We will also see a Jewish Mafia gangster who is buried in this Catholic Cemetery. Rain or snow cancels. To register and for meeting time and place, contact Cynthia Moro Cynlyn24@gmail.com.

Sunday, March 24

Long Path over Romer Mountain, Catskills Phoenicia, NY



Moderate 7-mile hike approximately 1300' elevation gain. Wonderful views on this section of the Long Path. Most of the grades are moderate, climbing on switchbacks

to the crest of Romer Mountain. After a relatively level stretch, the trail resumes its climb to the summit of Romer Mountain (2,240 feet). There are no views from the summit, but after descending a little, you'll come to a viewpoint about 25 feet to the left of the trail. Tremper Mountain is visible to the northeast. This is a good place to take a break and turn around. Car shuttle possible from New Paltz Park n' Ride off I-87. Traction aids and/or snowshoes may be required depending on the conditions. To register or for more information, contact leader Trish Johnston at patjohnston@gmail.com.

Sunday, March 24
Westmoreland Sanctuary

5-6 miles, easy-to-moderate terrain. We'll do a double loop that reaches the outer boundaries of this meticulously tended preserve. Features include a forest, nature garden, lake, moderate slopes, nature benches, and rock outcroppings. Bring water and a snack; hiking poles recommended, especially given the time of year. To register, email the leader Brent Laymon at belaymon@gmail.com or call (475) 206-7599. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 65).

Saturday, March 30

Harriman Mines and Lakes

9.7 miles, moderate-to-strenuous terrain. Using the parking area at the Long Mountain Parkway, we will take the Nawahunta Fire Road, Menomine, Appalachian Trail and Anthony Wayne



Trails to create a large loop that visits the Lewis Mine, Cranberry Mine, Spanish Mine, Lake Nawahunta and Silvermine Lake, with some nice views along the way. **Vaccination against COVID-19 is required on this hike.** To register, contact Lauren Linkowski at llinkowski@gmail.com no later than Friday evening. **WTA Hike.**

Saturday, March 30

Hike the NCIT - Section 3 The Aspetuck and Saugatuck Trails and Trout Brook Valley Preserve



6-7 miles, easy-to-moderate terrain. Our hike today on the Nearby Connecticut Imaginary Trail (NCIT) is entirely within the boundaries of Easton, CT.

We'll begin on the Aspetuck Trail where we left off last time, continue to its terminus, and connect with the Saugatuck Trail (also part of Connecticut's Centennial Watershed State Forest). After a short distance, we'll detour onto an unmarked path which parallels the reservoir (fear not - we will return to the Saugatuck Trail on the next hike). Our path leads to the Trout Brook Valley Preserve, a large property owned by the Aspetuck Land Trust which has a wealth of trails. We'll explore some of them as we hike through the woods and up to a former apple orchard on a hill affording expansive views of the surrounding area, and end the hike on

the southern side of the preserve. Short shuttle involved (**masks required**). Bring Microspikes or Stabilicers if conditions warrant. To register, contact leader Eileen West, eileenw1000@gmail.com.

Sunday, March 31

Redwing Conservancy, Lagrangeville, NY



3-5 miles, moderate terrain. In a continuing quest to find less-known trails in well-known places, let's hike some newly discovered trails in Redwing Conservancy.

This time we'll enter the park on the west side, circle a lake, walk along a fast flowing stream following pine tree lined paths. From there, we'll climb to two viewpoints. These are great hiking trails but...at the higher elevations some get a bit convoluted. And not all are marked, so please bring breadcrumbs. Distance T.B.D. Meeting near the intersection of Routes 82 and 55, LaGrangeville. **Vaccination against COVID-19 is required on this hike.** To register, contact the leader Howard Millman at howardmillman@runbox.com. Cell on day of hike: (914) 439-8031. **WTA Hike.**

Sunday, March 31

Bronx River Pathway: Kensico Dam Plaza to NWP station and back

4 miles, easy terrain. We will hike on the pathway, have lunch at the picnic tables near the Dam on our return, then take an optional walk to the top of the Dam and back down and visit the 9-11 Memorial. Bring a lunch/snack and water. Heavy precipitation on day of the hike may cancel. **Vaccination against COVID-19 is required on this hike.** To register and for meeting time and location, contact leader Sheila Klatzky, srklatzky@gmail.com. **WTA Hike.**