



Outings

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Outing Leaders: Please send April-June write-ups to your Group Outings Coordinator before January 31. If you are planning to lead an outing close to the beginning of one of our bimonthly publication periods, please submit it for the previous Sierran, due to the occasional lag in mailing. Also, please send outing rosters or sign-up sheets to the Chapter Office as soon as possible after each outing.

Note: If possible, leaders should send their trip descriptions to the Group Outings Coordinator (or the Chapter Outings Coordinator, if there is no Group Outings Coordinator), instead of directly to the Chapter Outings Coordinator. This is particularly important for occasional leaders.

Group Outings Coordinators: Please submit your April-June trip write-ups by February 5.

NOTES ON OUTINGS: All Outings are open to Club members, guests and anyone interested in outings. Unless otherwise specified, the events are free and open to the public. ALL participants must sign liability waivers on ALL outings sponsored by Sierra Club. This is a new policy. Please check with the leader before bringing small children on an outing. A parent or other responsible adult must accompany persons under 18. At their discretion, leaders may permit pets on outings if the event description specifically includes bringing pets.

Sierra Club outings are arranged by volunteer leaders who are in charge of the trip and responsible for the safety, welfare and enjoyment of all participants. Leaders determine qualifications to participate, adequacy of equipment, routes to be followed, and special precautions to be taken. Please arrive adequately prepared and equipped. If you have any allergies, please remember to bring your medication. The leader has the final word in the conduct of the trip. Your cooperation will help assure a safe and pleasant outing.

Please arrive early at the meeting place so that the outing can start on time. For day hikes, lunch, water (at least a liter), extra clothing, rain gear, and emergency equipment should be carried in a small daypack. For all except easy hikes, sturdy over-the-ankle shoes or boots should be worn. For most trips, you are expected to have your own equipment. In some cases, it may be rented from outdoor/camping suppliers -check the yellow pages or call the trip leader. If the weather is questionable on the date of the outing, you may assume that it will take place, unless the schedule indicates otherwise.

Unless registration is required, such as for weekend trips or river tours, or if you have a question about the outing, it is not necessary to contact the leader before the trip. Do not call to join a trip after the posted deadline date. When phoning a leader, please honor his or her requested calling times and call 3 to 5 days before the outing. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope (SASE) when writing to a leader. On popular trips, Sierra Club members will be given preference.

Watercraft trips let you experience the unspoiled parts of our region, but water safety does impose special requirements. The size and skill of each party must be appropriate to each river, so participation in each trip must be at the discretion of the leader. We ask you to register at least one week in advance. Unless a phone number is provided, please send a SASE with an honest assessment of your paddling experience, whether you need or can offer a ride, your phone number, and any questions you may have. You will receive a description of the trip, with directions, where you can rent a canoe, and what you will need to bring. Almost all trip leaders can arrange for partners to share a canoe if you will be coming by yourself. Unless stated otherwise: rental canoes are available, trips do not require advanced paddling skill or exceptional physical conditioning, public transportation is not available, non-members may participate, and responsible smokers are welcome.

If you are a Sierra Club member interested in becoming an Outing Leader or have suggestions for new outings, contact your Group Outings Chair or the Chapter Outings Chair for assistance and further information. The Sierra Group contributing each outing is given at the end of the write-up, as follows:

(C) Central Jersey

(L) - Loantaka

(NW) - Northwest Jersey

(W) - West Jersey

(H) - Hudson

(IC) - Inner City Outings

(E) - Essex County

(JS) - Jersey Shore

(N) - North Jersey

(S) - South Jersey

(NJ) - NJ Chapter

(RV) - Raritan Valley

(RT) - River Touring

(ACOC) - Atlantic Chapter Outings Comm.

JANUARY

JAN 1 (Wed) New Years Day Hike at Clayton Park, Upper Freehold Township, Monmouth County (Special Interests: land conservation, watershed protection. A moderate 6 mile hike in one of the area's "quietest" parks. Meet at 9 AM at the Wawa convenience store on County Road 537, just south of I-195 (from the Turnpike & GSP, follow the signs to Great Adventure until reaching the Wawa.) We will car pool from the Wawa. Please bring drink and snack. Hiking shoes are suggested. Bad weather or snow cover cancels. Confirmation/questions please call. Leader: Mike Verange, 908-902-0718 or mjverange@aol.com (JS)

JAN 4 (Sat) Social Hike in Delaware & Raritan Canal State Park. We will hike about 6 miles of level terrain at a moderate pace. Highlights include the Delaware & Raritan Canal and its locks. Hiking boots are preferred and participants should be in good condition. Bring lunch or snack & 2 quarts of water. Meet before 10:30 AM at the park office parking lot on Canal Road. Take Route 206 to Hillsborough to Route 514 east (Amwell Road), then make right onto Route 533 south (Millstone River Road), proceed 2.1 miles. Take first left across bridge onto Blackwells Mills Road and then make right on Canal Road, see park office and parking lot on left. Rain or snow cancels. Leader: Joyce White at (908) 272-4478 or e-mail joyce00201@yahoo.com (L)

JAN 5 (Sun) Singles Hike at South Mountain Reservation. We will hike 6-7 miles at a moderate pace and see some of the many highlights this 2000-acre tract has to offer including a 25-foot

waterfall and a spectacular view of New York City and South Jersey. Bring water, snacks and wear hiking boots. Meet before 10:00 AM in the Tulip Springs parking lot just off Cherry Lane that runs between Northfield Avenue and South Orange Avenue in South Orange. Rain Cancels. A \$3 fee will be charged to nonmembers. Members must show their membership cards. Leader: Ronald Pate (973) 364-7573, option 2 (E)

JAN 5 (Sun) Singles Hike Apple Pie Hill. 7-8 miles. Moderate pace. Hike the highest point in SJ for a great panoramic view of the pines. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after hike. No children/pets. Meet by 9:30 AM at Carranza Memorial parking, 6.7 miles SE of Tabernacle, Burl. Co., on Carranza Road. Leader: Paul Serdiuk 856-697-3870 eve. pis1@cccj.net (W)

JAN 11 (Sat) Eight to Ten Mile Hike at a moderate pace in Harriman State Park. Participants must pre-register for this hike. Group size limited to 10 hikers. Please email or call the leader to register and obtain details. Heavy rain or snow cancels. Leader: Ellen Blumenkrantz, eblumenkrantz@nrlirect.com, Phone 201-784-8417 (N)

JAN 11 (Sat) Recycle a House - Volunteer Activity. We will help Habitat for Humanity rebuild a row home. This is a way to give back to the community and create a positive image for the club. Bring lunch, water and boots. Meet 8 AM at the rear parking lot at the Hilton Hotel, Rt. 70, Cherry Hill. Leader: Tom J., 856-234-9369. Call in advance if possible so we know how many to expect. (W)

JAN 12 (Sun) Eight to Ten Mile Hike at a moderate pace in Harriman State Park. Participants must pre-register for this hike. Group size limited to 10 hikers. Please email or call the leader to register and obtain details. Heavy rain or snow cancels. Leader: Ellen Blumenkrantz, eblumenkrantz@nrlirect.com, Phone 201-784-8417 (N)

JAN 12 (Sun) Blue Mountain Lakes Circular. Meet 10:00 AM at Dale's Market on Route 94, Blairstown. Hike or XC to Hemlock Pond, one of the hidden treasures of the Delaware Water Gap NRA. Leaders: Joe and Ellen Pepin 973-252-5137 (NW)

JAN 12 (Sun) Ramanessin Hike. A mostly flat 5 mile hike over old farm roads and horse trails on the Ramanessin Greenway in Holmdel. We may make a side trip to Bayonet Farm. Bring comfortable walking shoes (or hiking boots) and water. Meet at 1 PM at the shelter building in Holmdel Park. Inclement weather cancels. Leader: Fritz Schwager (732)708-1181 (JS)

JAN 17-20 (Fri-Mon) Catskill Mountain Winter Weekend (Martin Luther King Weekend). Alpine Inn, Catskill Mts. Enjoy all of winter's white magic in the special beauty of the high peaks of the central Catskills by skiing the numerous alpine and cross country ski trails. Hikers and snowshoers can explore and photograph the scenic mountain beauty of the miles of the spectacular state maintained trail system covering this mountain range. In the evening by fireside we plan a great mountaineering color slide program or magic show. Excellent accommodations and gourmet food! Total cost for 3 nights lodging, 3 breakfasts, 1 trail lunch, 2 dinners and all taxes & gratuities \$290. This is a joint trip of the AMC, Sierra Club and UCHC. Our several cross country skiing and hiking trips are rated from the easiest to more difficult. Leader: Al Tatyrek (eve 973-763-2303 - no calls after 10:00 PM please). Send transportation, activities planned and other info with \$100 deposit and SASE envelope to our co-leader and registrar. Balance of payment is due on arrival at the Alpine Inn. Trip details are at <http://petebeck.freecyellow.com/page1.html>. Registrar & Co-leader: Brant Collins W (732) 458-8334, 1480 Route 88 West, Brick, NJ 08724 (E)

JAN 18 (Sat) Eight Mile Hike at a moderate pace in Harriman State Park. Participants must pre-register for this hike. Group size limited to 12 experienced hikers. Please e-mail the leader to register and obtain details. Leader: Kerry Miller, ksmiller2@juno.com (N)

JAN 18 (Sat) Singles Moonlight Hike: Campfire & Campout. 6 miles moderate pace. Hike under the Wolf moon as we walk on moonlit sand roads and return to a roaring fire. Camping is available call to reserve space. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after hike. No Children/pets. Meet by 7 PM at Bryne (Lebanon) State Forest group camp site. Entrance to forest is on Rt. 72 1/2 mile from jtc. of Rts. 70 & 72. Leader: Paul Serdiuk 856-697-3870 eve. pis1@cccj.net (W)

JAN 25 (Sat) Eight to Ten Mile Hike at a moderate pace in Harriman State Park. Participants must pre-register for this hike. Group size limited to 10 hikers. Please email or call the leader to register and obtain details. Heavy rain or snow cancels. Leader: Ellen Blumenkrantz, eblumenkrantz@nrlirect.com, Phone 201-784-8417 (N)

JAN 25 (Sat) Tallman Mountain State Park. 7 miles. We will hike through Tallman Mountain State Park and view the berms and salt marsh. We will then walk the mile-long Piermont pier halfway across the Hudson! Trails include the Long Path. Bring lunch and water. You can take the 9:15 Rockland Coaches 9A bus from the Port Authority terminal to meet Leader in Piermont by 10:15. Drivers meet in front of 450 Piermont Ave. (building with mural) at 10 AM. Leader: John P. Jurasek 845-365-3618 (no calls past 10 PM) or Jurasek@optonline.net (ACOC)

JAN 26 (Sun) Eight to Ten Mile Hike at a moderate pace in Harriman State Park. Participants must pre-register for this hike. Group size limited to 10 hikers. Please email or call the leader to register and obtain details. Heavy rain or snow cancels. Leader: Ellen Blumenkrantz, eblumenkrantz@nrlirect.com, Phone 201-784-8417 (N)

JAN 26 (Sun) Social Hike in South Mountain Reservation. We will hike seven miles over easy terrain. Highlights include a 25-foot waterfall and some very inviting woodlands in the heart of Suburbia. What a great way to celebrate Super Bowl Sunday! Please bring warm clothing, water and lunch. Hiking boots are required and participants should be in good condition. Meet BEFORE 10 AM at the South Mountain Arena parking lot in West Orange. Take Exit 10 on Route 280 West. Turn left onto Northfield Avenue. After a steep hill, the South Mountain Arena will be on your left. Rain cancels. Leader: Steve Ember, sehiker@yahoo.com (RV)

JAN 26 (Sun) Washington Crossing State Park, NJ Side in Titusville. Join us for a 5-6 mile hike through this historic park. Meet promptly at 2 PM in the parking lot on Route 29 next to Delaware River, across from Faherty's Pub. If you are traveling west from Pennington Circle toward Pennsylvania follow Route 546 (Washington Crossing Pennington Road) to intersection with Route 29. At traffic light, proceed through intersection and down small hill and make a right before you reach bridge. Precipitation cancels. Leader: Ken Mayberg, kjmayberg@aol.com or (609) 443-9138 for questions. (C)

JAN 26 (Sun) Singles Hike and Haddonfield Tour. 5 miles easy pace. We will hike Cooper River Park and then have a guided tour of historic Haddonfield, fee possible. We will eat lunch at a local eatery. Meet by 10 AM at Coastline Lounge, Brace Road off Rt. 561, Cherry Hill to caravan to park starting point. No children/pets. Leaders: Paul Serdiuk 856-697-3870 eve. pis1@cccj.net and Joe Russo 856-667-2295 sjoer2002@aol.com (W)

JAN 31 - FEB 2 (Fri-Sun) Catskill Mountain Winter Weekend. Alpine Inn, Catskill Mts. Enjoy all of winter's white magic in the special beauty of the high peaks of the central Catskills by skiing the numerous alpine and cross country ski trails. Hikers and snowshoers can explore and photograph the scenic mountain beauty of the miles of the spectacular state maintained trail system covering this mountain range. In the evening by fireside we plan a great mountaineering color slide program or magic show. Excellent accommodations and gourmet food! Total cost for 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, 1 trail lunch, 1 dinner and all taxes & gratuities \$190. This is a joint trip of the AMC, Sierra Club and UCHC. Our several cross country skiing and hiking trips are rated from the easiest to more difficult. Leader: Al Tatyrek (eve 973-763-2303 - no calls after 10:00 PM please). Send transportation, activities planned and other info with \$75 deposit and SASE envelope to our co-leader and registrar. Balance of payment is due on arrival at the Alpine Inn. Trip details are at <http://petebeck.freecyellow.com/page1.html>. Registrar & Co-leader: Peter Beck, H (973) 625-4191, PO Box 267, Wharton, New Jersey 07885 (E)

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