

FEBRUARY

FEB 2 (Sun) Singles Tundra Swan Hike. 6 miles. Moderate pace. Hike the wintry beauty among ponds filled with Tundra Swans. Bring binoculars. Dress for the cold weather. No children/pets. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after hike. Meet by 10 AM at Whitesbog Village parking lot. Take Rt. 70 east to Rt. 530 north (Browns Mills/Ft Dix) go 1 mile turn right on Whitesbog Road to parking lot. Leader: Paul Serdiuk 856-697-3870 eve. pis1@cccnj.net (W)

FEB 8 (Sat) Singles Hike at Eagle Rock Reservation. We will hike 4-5 miles at a moderate pace. Well behaved dogs are welcome. Bring water, snacks and wear hiking boots. Rain cancels. Meet before 10:00 AM at the Highlawn Pavilion Parking lot off Eagle Rock Ave. in West Orange. Take Rte. 280 to Prospect Ave (exit 8B) head north, right turn onto Eagle Rock Ave, left turn into reservation. A \$3 fee will be charged to nonmembers. Members must show their membership cards and all participants must sign a liability waiver. Leader: Joyce Haddad (973) 364-7573 option #8 (E)

FEB 8 (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)

FEB 8 (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)

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FEB 9 (Sun) Assunkpink Wildlife Refuge. Join us for a brisk 5-6 mile hike through this wonderful area. Meet promptly at 2 PM at Roosevelt Post Office, Route 571, Roosevelt, NJ. Precipitation cancels. Leader: Ken Mayberg, kjmayberg@aol.com or (609) 443-9138 for questions. (C)

FEB 9 (Sun) Hartshorne Woods Hike (Special Interests: recent history). Moderate six mile hike has elevation gains and lots of scenery. Please bring a drink and a snack. Hiking shoes suggested. Meet at 9 AM at the Rocky Point parking area. Take the GSP to Exit 117 for Rt. 36 and Sandy Hook. Exit Rt. 36 at Miller Street (approx. 10 miles). At the top of the hill, make a left and, then, make the first right. Again, go to top of the hill and make a right. The parking area is straight ahead. Bad weather or snow cover cancels. Confirmation/questions please call. Leader: Mike Verange, 908-902-0718 or mjverange@aol.com (JS)

FEB 9 (Sun) Singles Orangina Hike. 7 miles moderate pace. Annual classic hike to old clay pits used to make pottery. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after hike. No children. Dress for the weather. Meet by 9:30 AM at mile marker #12 on Route 72 E., on dirt road opposite Auto Wreckers, allow for extra driving time. Leader: Paul Serdiuk 856-697-3870 eve. pis1@cccnj.net (W)

FEB 15 (Sat) Social Hike In Washington Crossing State Park. We will hike about 7 miles on mostly level terrain following Washington's march on Trenton and the Delaware & Raritan Canal. Highlights include historical buildings and a reproduction of the wooden ferryboats used by the Continental Army in 1776. 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 parking lot off Route 546. Take Route 287 to Route 202 South. Then follow Route 202 South to Route 29 (last exit in NJ). Go about 10 miles on Route 29 South to Route 546. Turn right toward bridge to PA, but do not cross bridge. Immediately turn right again, onto park road along river. See parking lot by river. Rain or snow cancels. Leader: Joyce White at (908) 272-4478 or e-mail joyce00201@yahoo.com (L)

FEB 15 (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)

FEB 15 (Sat) Singles Moonlight Hike, Campfire & Campout. 6 miles moderate pace. Hike the Pines under the Sap Moon and return to a campfire. Overnight camping available, call leader to reserve space. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after hike. Atsion Lake, Burl. Co., From Rt. 206 take Atsion Rd. west 2 miles, go past Goshen Pond Group site sign, take next road on left, look for OCSJ, follow dirt road to open field. Meet by 7 PM. No children/pets. Leader: Paul Serdiuk 856-697-3870 eve. pis1@cccnj.net (W)

FEB 16 (Sun) Manasquan River Reservoir. A 5 mile hike around the reservoir. Bring hiking boots or good walking shoes and water. Meet at 1 PM at the main entrance to the reservoir. Take GSP to exit 98. Head west on I-195 to exit 28 (Rt. 9). Go north on 9 and take the first right at Georgia Tavern Road. Go approx. 1/2 mile and take the next right onto Windeller Road. Continue to the main entrance which is 1.5 miles on your left. Meet in the parking area at the far left towards the back. Inclement weather cancels. Leader: Fritz Schwager (732)708-1181 (JS)

FEB 22 (Sat) Clausland Mountain. 6 Miles. We will climb up Clausland Mountain (700' Climb) through historic Rockland Cemetery to an old Nike missile base. Bring hiking boots, lunch, 2 quarts of 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)

FEB 23 (Sun) Singles Hike Spring Hill. 7-10 miles moderate pace. Hike flat forest roads with great views of the Pygmy Pines, a Pine Barrens phenomena. Bring lunch and water with you plus a snack to share at the tailgate social after the hike. Meet by 10 AM at Lake Oswego parking lot off Lake Oswego road, off Rt. 563, 10 miles S. of Chatsworth, Burl. Co. Leader: Paul Serdiuk 856-697-3870 eve. pis1@cccnj.net (W)

FEB 28 - MAR 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.freecycle.com/page1.html>. Registrar & Co-leader: Peter Beck, H (973) 625-4191, PO Box 267, Wharton, New Jersey 07885 (E)

MARCH

MAR 1 (Sat) Social Hike In the Great Swamp. We will hike about 5 miles on mostly level terrain at a moderate pace. Waterproof boots are required since the trails are often underwater and participants should be in good condition. Bring lunch or snack & 2 quarts of water. Meet before 10:30 AM at the parking lot at the end of White Bridge Road. Take Route 287 to Exit 30A (North Maple Ave. & Basking Ridge). Follow Maple Ave. about 2 1/2 miles, then turn left onto Lord Sterling Road. Go about 4 miles on Lord Sterling Road (which becomes White Bridge Road) and then see the parking lot at end. Rain or snow cancels. Leader: Joyce White at (908) 272-4478 or e-mail joyce00201@yahoo.com (L)

MAR 2 (Sun) Singles Hike at Hatfield Swamp in West Essex Park. We will hike 5 miles at a moderate pace through forested wetlands along the Passaic River. Meet before 10:00 AM at the Environmental Center, 621 Eagle Rock Ave. in Roseland. Take Rt. 280, exit 4A (Eisenhower Pkwy South), go right at 1st light onto Eagle Rock Ave., 1/2 mile on left. Sign reads: "Rutger's Cooperative Extension". Bring water, snacks and hiking boots. Lunch to follow at local restaurant to be announced after the hike. Rain cancels. A \$3 fee will be charged to nonmembers. Members must show their membership cards. All participants must sign a liability waiver. Leaders: Patrick Montague and Ron Pate (973) 364-7573 option# 2 (E)

MAR 2 (Sun) Singles Birthday Hike and Brunch. 5 miles moderate pace. Help celebrate the leaders birthday as we hike the pines in winter and then enjoy an all you can eat buffet at Renault Winery Restaurant. No children/pets. Meet by 9 AM at Atsion Office on Rt. 206. Between Hammonton and Red Lion Circle, Burl. Co. Leader: Paul Serdiuk 856-697-3870 eve. pis1@cccnj.net (W)

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MAR 9 (Sun) Social Hike At Schooley's Mountain County Park. We will hike about six easy miles in a scenic area of western Morris County. Please bring warm clothing, water, lunch and a small backpack. Hiking boots are required and participants should be in good condition. Meet BEFORE 10 AM at the upper parking area beyond the main entrance. Take Route 24 or 206 to Chester. Drive 5 miles on Route 24 West to Long Valley. At the traffic light, turn right to continue on Route 24 West. After .7 miles, turn right onto Camp Washington Road. Go .7 miles on Camp Washington Road and bear right onto East Springtown Road. After .3 miles, turn right on East Springtown Road and turn right into the park. Continue straight to the upper parking lot. Rain cancels. Leader: Steve Ember, sehiker@yahoo.com (RV)

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MAR 21-31 (Fri-Mon) Hiking, Kayaking and Wildlife in Costa Rica. This 10 day trip includes 3 days at Manual Antonio National Park (considered by many the most beautiful in the country) at Hotel Plinio (www.hotelplinio.com), a comfortable hotel with its own private preserve with 9 miles of walking trails; and 5 days at Corcovado (rated by National Geographic as most biologically diverse area on the planet) at La Paloma Lodge (www.lapalomalodge.com), a deluxe lodge nestled in the woods directly off miles of pristine beaches. First and last nights at beautiful coffee plantations (www.cafetal.com and www.xandari.com). Price of \$1500 includes all lodging, meals, guided day hikes, kayaking, snorkeling and transportation within the country. Call or email for daily itinerary. Leader: Ellen Blumenkrantz, eblumenkrantz@nrlirect.com, Phone 201-784-8417 (N)

MAR 23 (Sun) Highlands Hike At Pyramid Mountain (Special Interest: Conservation). We will hike about five miles in the New Jersey Highlands. Tripod Rock, a famous archeological site, is the primary feature. Come see a pretty area, close to Suburbia, which was saved thanks to the efforts of many good people. Please bring warm clothing, water and lunch. Hiking boots are required and participants should be in good condition. Meet BEFORE 10 AM at the Mars Court/Route 511 intersection north of Boonton. Take Route 287 North to the Wootton Avenue exit. Turn left onto Wootton Avenue and go through the traffic light. Turn right at a blinking light onto Route 511 North. Mars Court is about three miles to the north. Park on Mars Court - not at the Pyramid Mountain Park office. Rain cancels. Leader: Steve Ember, sehiker@yahoo.com (RV)

MAR 23 (Sun) Manasquan River Reservoir Hike (Special Interest: Birds). Easy 5 mile circular hike. On one of the largest reservoirs in the area, we may observe waterfowl. Bring bird books, binoculars, drinks and a snack. Bad weather cancels. Hiking shoes not required. Great for families. Meet at 9 AM at the main entrance of the reservoir on Windeller Road. Take the GSP to Exit 98. Head west on I-195 to Exit 28 for Rt. 9. Go north on Rt. 9 and take first right onto Georgia Tavern Road. Go approx. .5 miles and take next right onto Windeller Road. Travel approx. 1.5 miles to Reservoir entrance. Meet at parking area on far left towards back. Bad weather or snow cover cancels. Confirmation/questions please call. Leader: Mike Verange, 908-902-0718 or mjverange@aol.com (JS)

MAR 23 (Sun) Whitesbog Village, Browns Mills. Meet promptly at 2 PM for 5-6 mile hike. Learn about the Pinelands and search for the Jersey Devil. Precipitation cancels. Leader: Ken Mayberg, kjmayberg@aol.com or (609) 443-9138 for questions. (C)

MAR 23 (Sun) Singles Hike Tyler SP in PA. 6-9 miles at moderate pace. We will hike gravel and paved trails that are hilly for the most part and reveal much of what Bucks Co. is known for rolling hills, open fields and stone farm houses. We hike through a restored covered bridge. Optional visit to New Hope Village or winery. Meet by 10 AM at park office. From Phila., take Rt. 95 north to Newtown-Yardley exit 30, then drive west on the four Lane bypass around Newtown. The park entrance is at the intersection of Swamp Road And the four-lane bypass. Leader: Paul Serdiuk 856-697-3870 eve. pis1@cccnj.net (W)

MAR 29 (Sat) Social Hike In Hacklebarney State Park. We will hike about 4 miles on rocky terrain at a moderate pace. Highlights include waterfalls & the Black River Gorge. 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 parking lot of Hacklebarney State Park. Take Route 78 to Exit 29(287 North). Then take Exit 22B off 287(202/206 North). Follow 202/206 North until fork, and then take 206 north to Chester. Make left onto Route 24 West (Route 513) and proceed about 1 mile and make sharp left onto State Park Road. Drive about 2 miles & make right onto Hacklebarney Road. Drive about 1 mile & make left at entrance. Follow entrance road to parking lot and meet group near the park ranger office. Rain cancels. Leader: Joyce White at (908) 272-4478 or e-mail joyce00201@yahoo.com (L)

MAR 29 (Sat) Hook Mountain Hike. 7 miles. Excellent views of the Hudson River and Croton Point. You can take the 9:15 Rockland Coaches 9A bus from the GWB terminal to meet Leader in Upper Nyack at the junction with Old Mountain Road and Route 9W at 10:30 AM. Leader: John P. Jurasek 845-365-3618 (no calls past 10 PM) or Jurasek@optonline.net (ACOC)

FUTURE OUTINGS - ADVANCE NOTICE

APR 6 (Sun) Social Hike In Stokes State Forest. We will hike eight miles primarily along the Kittatinny Ridge on the Appalachian Trail. Highlights include panoramic views from Sunrise Mountain and the Culver Fire Tower. Hiking boots are required and participants should be in very good condition. Meet BEFORE 10 AM at the park office off Route 206. Proceed north on Route 206 past Branchville and Culvers Lake. Turn right into Stokes State Forest into the park office parking area. Rain cancels. Leader: Steve Ember, sehiker@yahoo.com (RV)

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Have you enjoyed an OUTING lately?