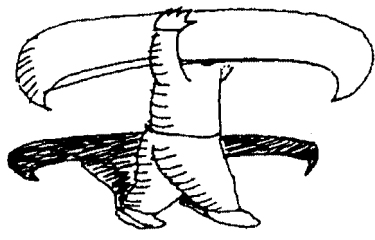


Outings

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Outing Leaders: Please send July-September write-ups to your Group Outings Coordinator before April 30. 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 July-September trip write-ups by May 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 day-pack. 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. To car pool to Steve Ember's hikes, contact Bob Johnson at robert.johnson@home.com or 908-771-9676.

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	(JS) - Jersey Shore
(L) - Loantaka	(N) - North Jersey
(NW) - Northwest Jersey	(S) - South Jersey
(W) - West Jersey	(NJ) - NJ Chapter
(H) - Hudson	(RV) - Raritan Valley
(IC) - Inner City Outings	(RT) - River Touring
(E) - Essex County	(ACOC) - Atlantic Chapter Outings Comm.

APRIL

APR 7 (Sun) Singles Hike and Clean-up at Eagle Rock Reservation. We will hike 3-4 miles at a moderate pace and clean up as we go. Bring water and snacks, wear hiking boots. Lunch to follow at a local restaurant to be announced at the hike. Rain cancels. Meet before 10:00 AM at the Highlawn Pavilion Parking lot off Eagle Rock Avenue in West Orange. Take Route 280 to Prospect Avenue (Exit 8B). Go north, right turn onto Eagle Rock Avenue, left turn into reservation. All participants must sign a liability waiver. Work gloves will be provided. Leader: Ron Pate (973) 364-7573 option #2 (E)

APR 7 (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 recommended and participants should be in 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)

APR 7 (Sun) Singles Hike at Wells Mills Park. 7 miles at a moderate pace. Hike marked hilly trails with spectacular views of Atlantic white cedar trees. No pets/children. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate Singles. Meet 9 AM at Hilton Hotel, Route 70 Cherry Hill, rear parking lot or meet at 10:00 AM in parking lot of park, on Route 532, 3 miles east off Route 72 Waretown, Ocean Twp. Ocean Co. Leader: Paul Serdiuk 856-697-3870 eve. pis1@cccnj.net (W)

APR 14 (Sun) Hike at Hatfield Swamp Natural Area in West Essex Park. 6 miles at a moderate pace. Explore marshes, forested wetlands and the Passaic River along the Passaic River flood area. Children 9 years or older and dogs are welcome. Bring binoculars, water and snacks. This is a swamp so it may be slightly muddy. Meet at 10 AM at the Master Gardeners Extension on Eagle Rock Ave in Roseland, 1/2 mile west of the Eisenhower Pkwy and Eagle Rock Ave. Rain cancels. Leader: David Ogens (973) 226-7107 (E)

APR 14 (Sun) Fourteenth Anniversary Hike in Harriman State Park. This event is my fourteenth anniversary of leading outings for Sierra Club. We will hike eight miles at a moderate pace along various trails. Highlights include several viewpoints and beautiful Pine Meadow Lake. Hiking boots are recommended. Meet BY 10 AM at the Visitors Center on Seven Lakes Drive. Drive north on the Garden State Parkway (or Route 287 North) and take the Route 17 exit. Proceed north on Route 17 into New York. Immediately after the town of Sloatsburg, turn right on Seven Lakes Drive. The Visitors Center is less than two miles up Seven Lakes Drive. Rain cancels. Leader: Steve Ember, sehiker@yahoo.com (RV)

APR 14 (Sun) Singles Seashore Boardwalk Hike. 7 miles easy pace. Hike the boardwalks of Bradley Beach, Avon and Belmar with spectacular views of the empty beach, sand dunes and ocean. View the beautiful Victorian homes along the way. We will have lunch at one of the many eateries in town. No children/pets. Meet by 8:30 AM at Hilton Hotel, Route 70 Cherry Hill, rear parking lot to car pool/caravan or meet at 10:00 AM at the Gazebo at the Great Auditorium, Main St. Ocean Grove, NJ. Additional info from leaders. Leaders: Paul Serdiuk 856-697-3870 eve. pis1@cccnj.net or Nancy Hazelgrove 732-292-3102 indydunes@usamailbox.com (W)

APR 19-21 (Fri-Sat) Singles Whitewater Rafting. Whitewater raft the Leigh River with class III rapids. Sunday hike, bike or cave. Reservations must be in by April 6. Camp in Hickory Run SP or stay in local motels. Call leader to reserve space and for additional info. Meet by 7 AM at Hilton Hotel rear parking lot to car pool/caravan to site or meet in Jim Thorpe, PA. Leader: Paul Serdiuk 609-697-3870 eve pis1@cccnj.net (W)

APR 20 (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. Please register after April 1, 2002. Leader: Kerry Miller. E-mail: ksmiller2@juno.com (N)

APR 20 (Sat) Blauvelt Parks: Piermont-South Nyack. Strenuous 10 miles. Visit Rockland Cemetery, an old Nike base and an abandoned National Guard rifle range. 2 quarts water. Hiking boots. Take Route 9W to Piermont NY. Meet in front of 450 Piermont Ave. (building with mural) by 10:15 AM. LP out. Return via abandoned RR. Leader John P. Jurasek 845-365-3618 (no calls past 10 PM) or Jurasek@optonline.net (ACOC)

APR 21 (Sun) Earth Day - Singles Hike and Clean-up at South Mountain Reservation. We will hike 4-5 miles at a moderate pace. Enjoy beautiful views of NYC and a 25 foot waterfall! Bring water and snacks, wear hiking boots. Lunch to follow at a local restaurant to be announced at the hike. Take Route 280 to Pleasant Valley Way South. Go 3 miles into the reservation. Meet before 10:00 AM in the Tulip Springs parking lot on your left just off Cherry Lane that runs between Northfield Avenue and South Orange Avenue in South Orange. Rain cancels. All participants must sign a liability waiver. Work gloves will be provided. Leader: Ron Pate (973) 364-7573 option #2 (E)

APR 21 (Sun) Thompson Park/Brookdale Secret Hike. Join us on a moderate 6 mile hike that follows part of the perimeter of the Swimming River Reservoir. Bring a drink and snack. Hiking shoes preferred. Take GSP to Exit 109. Head west on Monmouth County Rt. 520 approx. 2 miles to Brookdale Community College. Make first right and proceed to parking area #1. Meet in the back right corner at 9 AM. Bad weather cancels. Confirmation/questions please call. Leader: Mike Verange, 908-902-0718, or mjverange@aol.com (JS)

APR 27 (Sat) Social Hike in Garrett Mountain Reservation. This is a singles-oriented activity; however, anyone who is adequately prepared is welcome. We will hike about 4 miles of rolling hills & rocky terrain at a moderate pace. Highlights include the view of New York & historic Lambert Castle. Hiking boots are preferred and participants should be in good condition. Bring lunch or snack & 2 quarts of water. Clothing should be non-cotton. Meet before 10:30 AM at the parking lot of Lambert Castle. Take Garden State Parkway North to Exit 153B (left). Proceed about 1 mile on Route 3/46, & take exit for Valley Road on right. Make right onto Valley Road & drive about 2 miles until signs for Lambert Castle and make left onto driveway. Follow to Castle parking lot. Rain cancels. Leader: Joyce White at (908) 272-4478 or e-mail joyce00201@yahoo.com (E)

APR 27 (Sat) Singles Flatwater Kayak Training. Learn how to handle a flatwater kayak or improve your skills, great for beginners. Call leader to reserve space. After lake training we will do the Wading River. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after trip. No pets/children. Meet by 8:30 AM at Bel-Haven Canoes on Route 542, Atl Co., 12 miles E. of Hammonton. Leader: Paul Serdiuk 609-697-3870 eve pis1@cccnj.net (W)

APR 27 (Sat) Singles Moonlight Hike and Campfire. 6 miles moderate pace. Hike the Pines under the Pink Moon and return to a campfire. Overnight camping available. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after hike. Atsion Lake, Burl. Co. From Route 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 7:30 PM. Leader: Paul Serdiuk 609-697-3870 eve pis1@cccnj.net (W)

APR 28 (Sun) Singles Hike Hartshorne Woods Park. 6 miles moderate pace. We will hike a trail with hills and great view of Navesink River. Good physical condition and proper footwear recommended. Bring lunch and water with you. Meet by 8 AM in rear parking lot Hilton Hotel, on Route 70 Cherry Hill to car pool/caravan or meet at 10 AM at Buttermilk Valley Trailhead, Navesink Ave. off Route 36, Middletown NJ, Mon. Co. Leaders: Paul Serdiuk 856-697-3870 eve. pis1@cccnj.net or Michelle Pillar/Ray Bradford 732-780-5661 (W)

APR 28 (Sun) Social Hike in Harriman State Park. This is a singles-oriented activity; however, ANYONE who is adequately prepared is welcome. We will hike seven miles at a moderate pace partially on the Appalachian Trail. Highlights include excellent views and the famous Lemon Squeezer. Hiking boots are recommended. Meet BY 10 AM at the Lake Tiorati Circle on Seven Lakes Drive. Drive north on the Garden State Parkway (or Route 287 North) and take the Route 17 exit. Proceed north on Route 17 into New York. Immediately after the town of Sloatsburg, turn right on Seven Lakes Drive. The Lake Tiorati Circle is about eleven miles up Seven Lakes Drive. Rain cancels. Leader: Steve Ember, sehiker@yahoo.com (RV)

MAY

MAY 3-5 (Fri-Sun) Singles Hike Lake Placid, NY. We will hike a mountain in the High Peaks Area, a 4000 foot mountain peak. Group size determines peak. We will stay in a campground or Hostel. Boots and good physical condition required. Camp Friday and/or Saturday nights. Call leader for meeting location, additional info, and directions. Leader: Paul Serdiuk 609-697-3870 eve pis1@cccnj.net (W)

MAY 4 (Sat) Social Hike in Sourland Mountain Preserve. This is a singles-oriented activity; however, anyone who is adequately prepared is welcome. We will hike about 3.5 miles of rocky terrain at a moderate pace. Highlights include Sourland Mountain & old growth forest. Hiking boots are preferred and participants should be in good condition. Bring lunch or snack & 2 quarts of water. Clothing should be non-cotton. Meet before 10:30 AM at the parking area of Sourland Mountain Preserve on East Mountain Road. Take 206 through Somerville & Hillsborough - about 6 miles from the Somerville Circle to Route 514, which is Amwell Road. Make a right onto Amwell road and proceed 2 miles to East Mountain Road. Travel about 1 mile and you will see the Sourland Mountain Preserve entrance sign on right. Rain cancels. Leader: Joyce White at (908) 272-4478 or e-mail joyce00201@yahoo.com (E)

MAY 5 (Sun) Hike at Tulip Springs. 6 - 7 miles at a moderate pace. Hike the South Mountain Reservation 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. Children 9 years or older and dogs are welcome. Bring water and snacks. Meet 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. Leader: David Ogens (973) 226-7107 (E)

MAY 5 (Sun) Highlands Hike in Norvin Green State Forest (Special Interests: Conservation). We will hike about seven miles at a moderate pace in the Wyanokie Highlands. Scenery includes Wyanokie High Point and views of Wanaque Reservoir. Participants are encouraged to protect the threatened Wyanokies from development. Hiking boots are recommended. Meet BY 10 AM at the ProMart parking lot across from the Grand Union on Skyline Drive in Ringwood. Take Route 287 to Skyline Drive. Drive up Skyline Drive towards Ringwood. After about five miles, look for the ProMart on your left. Rain cancels. Leader: Steve Ember, sehiker@yahoo.com (RV)

MAY 11 (Sat) Mount Taurus. Moderate 6 miles. A long uphill, but at a moderate pace and with spectacular views of the Hudson. Take the Bear Mountain Bridge to route 9D North 7 miles to Main St. (Route 301). Go left down Main street to the end to meet the group at the train station. Meet at 10 AM. Joint with AMC. Leader John P. Jurasek 845-365-3618 (no calls past 10 PM) or Jurasek@optonline.net (ACOC)