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OUTINGS

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those who prefer to hike more. Highlights include pretty lakes and evidence of beaver activity (Nature's illustrious engineers). SWIMSUITS, cameras and hiking boots are recommended. Meet BY 10 AM at the Blue Mountain Lakes parking area. Take Exit 12 on Route 80. Drive into Blairstown on Route 521 North. Turn left at the Route 94 junction. Then, turn right at the traffic light (leave Routes 94 and 521). Take County Road 602 for about seven miles to Millbrook (not Stillwater). Turn right at Millbrook Village and go about 1.5 miles to the Crater Lake sign. Turn right and watch for the Blue Mountain Lakes parking area. Rain cancels. Leader: Steve Ember, sehiker@yahoo.com (RV)

JUN 30 (Sun) Singles Kayak Trip. Paddle the Wading or Oswego Rivers. Bring picnic type food to share at tailgate social after trip. Call leader to reserve space. Meet by 9:30 AM at Bel-Haven canoe rentals, on Route 542, Green Bank, Burl. Co., 8 miles east of Hammonton. Leader: Paul Serdiuk 609-697-3870 eve pis1@cccnj.net (W)

JULY

JUL 4 (Thu) Manasquan River Reservoir, Monmouth County (Special Interests: Birds). Enjoy an easy 5-mile circular hike on one of the largest reservoirs in the area. We may observe waterfowl. Bring drinks, snacks, bird books, and binoculars. Hiking shoes are not required. Great for families. Meet at 9 AM 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. Bad weather cancels. Confirmation/questions please call. Leader: Mike Verange, 908-902-0718, or mjverange@aol.com (JS)

JUL 13 (Sat) Schunemunk Circular. Moderate 8 miles. Steep (1200 foot) initial climb will reward the hiker with fantastic views in all directions from the highest point in Orange County! A brief geology lesson is included for free. Bring hiking boots, lunch, 2 quarts of water. Joint with AMC. Meet at 10 AM in Mountaintown NY. Take Route 32 North from the Harriman Exit of the NYS Thruway about 7 miles to Angola/Pleasant Hill Road. Park at the Black Rock Fish and Game Club sign. Leader John P. Jurasek 845-365-3618 (no calls past 10 PM) or Jurasek@optonline.net (ACOC)

AUGUST

AUG 10 (Sat) Fahnstock Park. We will walk all day on a variety of trails including the AT, at a moderate pace covering about 9 or 10 miles. Hiking boots a must. Not for those who want to hike long and hard. We will stop often to enjoy our surroundings. Bring lunch and plenty of drinking water. 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)

New DEP Commissioner

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would be a good way to reach out to groups, and asked for the best way to communicate with him. Campbell asked us all to send our concerns to Jeff Tittel, who has access to him and his staff. He would prefer to keep his email address unavailable for mass lobbying.

Sunil Somalwar, Chapter Vice-Chair, suggested alleviating the State's budget crisis by abandoning the funding of beach restoration and road projects. Campbell said he believed that beach replenishment would take a budget hit. He further stated that there would probably not be a hit to enforcement or staff. Hits would be in areas that were mismanaged in the past.

Another issue was proposed by George Denzer (Central Jersey Group): Every hour upwards of ten New York City 18-wheeler trash trucks roar, rumble and belch diesel smoke on the narrow roads that connect the Turnpike with Delaware River bridges into Pennsylvania. Campbell responded that he has a staff member looking into the practice of diesel equipment such as trucks, buses and tugboats just sitting around idling. George urged restoration of the Hot Line that residents could call when they saw a truck belching smoke.

Gina Corola, Chair of the West Jersey Group, pointed out that the permits that

the DEP issued to the Army Corps of Engineers to dump Delaware River dredge spoils on land were 4 1/2 years old and based on studies that were 10 years old. She gave him the name and number of the studies, dates issued and the office within the DEP that issued them, and asked if he could require new studies and permits since they were so old. Campbell responded that waiting for 5 years might be more appropriate.

Finally Chapter Outings Chair Steve Ember mentioned that New Jersey lacks requirements for endangered species studies to determine how much buffer should surround property developments.

REVIVAL

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as word gets out, we will get more people interested, contributing, and volunteering.

Anyone interested in this project, especially those with expertise in environmental science, botany, ecology, ornithology, or carpentry, please contact either Ron Pate (973-669-8829 omyogiron@aol.com) or Dave Ogens (973-226-7107 or bandit29@aol.com).

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Upcoming ExCom Meetings:

All members are welcome to attend these monthly statewide policy deliberations, held on Saturdays at the New Brunswick Public Library (60 Livingston Avenue, 10 minutes' walk from the trainstation). The April meeting will NOT be at the New Brunswick Library. Contact any ExCom member for location. Agendas are available in advance from Tina Schvejda.

Conservation and Political Committee meetings start at 10am. Lunch is shared at noon. The main meeting starts at 1pm. We usually continue discussions informally over dinner at a nearby restaurant, at 5pm.

APRIL 13 • MAY 11 • JUNE 8

Noticed above a lightswitch at Haddonfield Friends Meeting House:

"This is the switch left on all night
that burned the bulb
that pulled the watts
that come from the turbine
that needed the fuel
that went up in smoke
that was mostly CO2
that joined more greenhouse gas

that rose up in the sky
that trapped the heat
that boosted the temperature
that warmed the ocean
that melted the ice caps
that raised the waves
that flooded the coast.
Please turn me off."