

Interstate Hiking Club

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Affiliate of the NY-NJ Trail Conference



Schedule of Hikes

November 2005 through April 2006

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GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE INTERSTATE HIKING CLUB

Who we are!

The Interstate Hiking Club (IHC) is a medium-sized hiking club, organized in 1931. IHC has been affiliated with the NY/NJ Trail Conference, as a trail maintaining club, since 1931.

Guests are welcome! An adult must accompany anyone under 18. **No Pets allowed on IHC hikes.**

Where do we go?

Most of our activities are centered in the NY/NJ area; some hikes, bicycle rides and canoe trips are farther away. The club occasionally sponsors trips in the Catskills and Pennsylvania. **Our hikes are not usually accessible by public transportation.**

What do we do?

Hikes, bicycle rides and canoe trips generally are scheduled for every Sunday, and some Fridays and Saturdays, as day-long outings. They are graded by difficulty of terrain, distance and pace. **The Hiking grades are:**

Strenuous: More climbing, usually rugged walking, generally 9 miles or more.

Moderate: Some climbing and rugged walking, but less than 9 miles.

Easy: Generally easy, fairly level trails, slower pace, and 6 to 8 miles.

The club also maintains trails in association with the NY/NJ Trail Conference. Two Sundays a year are devoted to this service work. In addition, in the past we have participated in the following: orienteering, snow-shoeing, cross-country skiing, swimming, canoeing, mountain biking, backpacking, and camp-outs in the Adirondacks and Maine.

What to bring:

Footwear is very important. **Hiking boots with non-slip soles are essential for all hikes.** New footwear should be broken-in before being used on a hike!

Bring plenty of water to drink (2 quarts minimum recommended), a trail lunch, but please no food that requires cooking.

Bring a pack to carry your gear in, including rain gear, sweater, etc., leaving your hands free for climbing.

Things to be aware of:

All outdoor activities involve **inherent risks.** Your participation in these activities is at your own personal discretion and **you are solely responsible for your safety!**

The stated meeting time for a hike "is" the departure time.

The leader is in charge of the event. Allow the leader to set the pace. **Do not rush ahead or fall behind the group.**

The leader has the right to refuse any person he/she deems not prepared for the hike/event.

How to join:

Application for membership may be given to any club officer or mailed to the treasurer **upon the completion of one activity.** A guest attending three events in three successive months is expected to apply for membership

INTERSTATE HIKING CLUB OFFICERS FOR JUNE 2005 TO May 2006

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Membership Application

Having **completed at least one club activity**, I wish to apply for membership in the Interstate Hiking Club.

Enclosed are dues and initiation fee. If joining between May 1 and Dec. 1, dues are \$10.00 per year plus \$1.00 initiation fee for a total of \$11.00. If joining between Dec. 1 and May 1, dues are \$5.00 (1/2 year) plus a \$1.00 initiation fee for a total of \$6.00. Junior (under 18) dues are \$1.00. **The Club fiscal year is 7/1 to 6/30. Annual Dues: Due on June 1**

Name: _____ (Please PRINT Clearly)

Street: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ -- **E-mail: (All Caps)** _____

Date of your IHC hike: ____/____/____ **Application Date:** ____/____/____

Amount: ____ \$11.00 (App. Date, 5/1 to 12/1) ____ \$6.00 (App. Date, 12/1 to 5/1) ____ \$1.00 (Junior)

Mail to: Interstate Hiking Club, c/o Charles Kientzler, Treas., 711 Terhune Drive, Wayne, NJ 07470

INTERSTATE HIKING CLUB Winter 2005 SCHEDULE

The Highlands Trail Project

The Highlands trail, a long distance trail, was designed to attract people to the natural beauty of the endangered New Jersey and New York Highlands. Interstate Hiking Club is making this a club project, to piece together and hike the different sections over the next several years.

Rain, inclement weather, or poor driving conditions will cancel the activity. Contact the leader if in doubt.

Saturday November 5, 2005 North County Trailway Bike Ride Moderate



This is a great paved bicycle path. It is the former rail bed for the Putnam Division of the New York Central RR. We will bike and explore about 25 - 30 mi. of this historic old railroad.

Paved path suitable for all style bikes. HELMETS REQUIRED.

Leaders: Charlie & Anita Kientzler (973) 835-1060 You must call & register to ensure ride is still on.

Meet: 9:00 AM McDonald's, Route 59, Nyack, NY 10960

From I-287 or Rt-17, Suffern, NY: Take NYS Thruway east (I-87 & I-287) 13 miles to Exit 11 (last exit before Tappan Zee Bridge). Proceed to the traffic light on Rt-59. Go straight ahead about 200 feet to McDonald's rear entrance on right. Park in the rear. Leader will distribute driving instructions to starting point in Westchester Co. for 10:00 AM start.

From Rt. 9W: Go west on Rt-59 1/8 mile to McDonald's at traffic light. Turn left at the light.

Sunday November 6, 2005 Reeves Meadow Ramble Moderately Strenuous

We begin our 8 mile ramble along the Reeves Brook Trail and Raccoon Brook Hills Trail to enjoy the views around Pine Meadow Lake.

Leader: Marguerite LaCorte (973) 625-4379

Meet: 9:00 AM Reeves Meadow Visitor Center, Seven Lakes Drive, Harriman State Park, NY 10974

From Suffern @I-87N and I-287 Interchange Exit 15A: Take Rt-17 North 4.5 miles to Seven Lakes Drive, just north of Sloatsburg, NY. Turn right and proceed east on Seven Lakes Drive 1.5 miles to Reeves Meadow Visitor Center (on right side).

Saturday November 12, 2005 Black Rock Forest Loop Moderate

Starting and ending on Mine Hill Trail at the western border of the forest, we will complete our 6 to 7 mile loop using numerous trails and roads. **Shuttle to trail head required! Rain cancels this hike.**

Leader: Peter Heckler (201) 261-4644 Please no phone calls morning of hike

You must register by e-mail please: p_heckler@msn.com

Meet: 9:30 AM Schunemunk, Taylor Road Parking area, Mountainville, NY 10953

From I-87 Exit 16 Harriman/Woodbury Commons: After tollbooths stay to right for first exit, Woodbury & Rt-32. Take Rt-32 north about 7½ miles to Pleasant Hill Road, (Black Rock Hunting Club sign on left), Mountainville, NY. Turn left go to first road (Taylor Road) turn left again, proceed to parking lot on right side of road after crossing over thruway.

From Rt-17: Travel north on Rt-17 to Rt-32 in Harriman, NY. Take Rt. 32 north 8½ miles to Pleasant Hill Road. See above.

Saturday November 19, 2005 Watchung Reservation Moderate

This will be a brisk hike of 4 - 5 miles with some rocky trails. Hiking boots and water recommended.

Leader: Eck Khoon Goh (908) 790-0939

Meet: 10:00 AM Trailside Nature Center, Coles Ave., Watchung Reservation, Mountainside, NJ 07092

From East bound Route I-78, Exit 45: Go right (west) onto Glenside Ave. In 1.8 miles turn left onto Watchung Reservation at Tracy Dr. Continue to the first circle and take first right onto Summit Lane. Go 1/2 mile and bear right onto New Providence Rd. to the end. The Trailside Parking Area is on right. Note! No legal exit Westbound I-78 to Glenside Rd! Exit 40 has a U-turn.

From Garden State Parkway Exit 140, Rt-22: Take Rt-22 west about 5 miles to New Providence Rd, (Boro of Mountainside) turn right and continue 4 blocks to Tracy Dr. Turn right; follow Tracy Dr. to circle, then 3/4 about to Summit Lane. Go 1/2 mile and bear right onto New Providence Rd. to the end. The Trailside Parking is on right.

Sunday November 20, 2005 Highlands Trail #20 (5.8 mi.) Moderate

This section of the Highlands trail will start at Califon and using a section of the Columbia Rail Trail, we will cross the S. Branch of the Raritan over a high trestle in Lockwood Gorge. After the hiking trail ascends out of the west side of the gorge, we enter Voorhees State Park and end on Observatory Rd. **Shuttle Required**

Leaders: Charlie & Anita Kientzler (973) 835-1060

Meet: 9:00 AM McDonald's, Morris Hills Shopping Center, Jct. Rts. 202/46, Parsippany, NJ 07054

From I-287 south: Exit 42 onto Rt-202 south. Continue south about ½ mile cross Rt-46 and turn into the shopping center. McDonald's will be ahead on the Rt-46 side.

From I-287 north: Exit 43 to Rt-202 south for 1.3 miles to Rt-46 and follow above instructions.

From I-80 west or east: Exit to I-287 north, then Exit 43 on I-287 and follow above instruction for I-287 north.

Sunday November 27, 2005 Pyramid Mountain Natural Area Moderate
UP and DOWN we go, from the Pyramid Mountain side of the park to the Turkey Mountain side, connecting on the Blue Trail and the 100 steps.
Leader: Ilse Dunham (973) 838-8031
Meet: 9:00 AM Kinnelon Ball Field, Boonton Ave., Kinnelon, NJ 07405
From I-287 North, Exit 45, Wooton Ave (Boonton): Take first left and go under I-287. Follow Wooton Ave straight up hill to blinker light. Turn right on Rt-511 (Boonton Ave) and continue 4.5 miles to ball field and parking area on left (you will pass Pyramid Mt. Visitors Center).
From I-287 South, Exit 52: Take Rt-23 North 2 miles to Boonton Ave. (Rt-511). The exit is from a right-hand jug handle turn. Follow Rt-511 south about 2.2 miles to ball field and parking area.

Saturday December 3, 2005 Ramapo Mountain State Forest Moderately Strenuous
 We will hike about 8 miles on various trails on both sides of Skyline Drive including the Cannonball Trail to the castle and the lake.
Leader: Carol O'Keefe (973) 328-7395
Meet: 9:00 AM Upper Parking Lot, Skyline Drive, Ramapo Mt. State Forest, Oakland, NJ 07436
From I-287 Exit 57: Take Skyline Drive north towards Ringwood. Parking area is on the left at the top of the mountain approx. 1.3 miles from the exit ramp.

Sunday December 11, 2005 Watchung Reservation Moderate
Leader: Ellie King (908) 233-8411
 A steady but moderate pace of 4 - 6 miles. Hiking boots and water recommended.
Meet: 10:00 AM Trailside Nature Center, Coles Ave., Watchung Reservation, Mountainside, NJ 07092
See November 19, 2005 hike for directions.

Saturday December 17, 2005 Blue Disc and White Bar Loop Moderate
 We will start out on the Blue Disc and make our way around to the White Bar taking in a few nice views. Distance of 4 to 7 miles depending on trail conditions.
Leader: Eileen Berch (973) 728-1419
Meet: 10:00 AM Johnstontown Circle, Sloatsburg, NY 10974
From Suffern @ I-87 & I-287 Interchange Exit 15A: Take Rt-17 north 4.5 miles, to Seven Lakes Drive, just north of Sloatsburg, NY. Turn right onto Seven Lakes Drive and proceed to Johnstontown Road on the left after the underpass. Follow road to the circle (turn around) at end.

Sunday December 25, 2005 Christmas @ Skannatati Moderately Strenuous
 Join us at the shore of Lake Skannatati as we celebrate Christmas today and Hanukkah tomorrow. **Conditions may require crampons or snowshoes. Leader reserves the right to turn away hiker without proper gear/clothing.**
Joint with AMC. For inclement weather, call after 7:00 AM morning of the hike if in doubt.
Leader: Larry Spinner (845)-356-5219 LSPINNER@OPTONLINE.NET
Meet: 9:15 AM Commuter Parking Lot, Sloatsburg, NY, 10974
From Suffern @ I-287 & I-87N Interchange Exit 15A: Take Route 17 north approx. 4 miles. Turn Right at blinker light on Route 17, Sloatsburg, and go 1 block, turn right, lot is ahead on right.
Or Meet: 9:30 AM Lake Skannatati Parking Area, Seven Lakes Drive, Harriman State Park, NY 10974
From Suffern @ I-287 & I-87N Interchange Exit 15A: Take Route 17 north 4.5 miles to Seven Lakes Drive, just north of Sloatsburg, New York. Turn right onto Seven Lakes Drive for 7.8 miles. Parking is on the left along the lower lake.

Sunday January 1, 2006 New Years in Harriman Moderately Strenuous
 Start that year off on the right foot as we explore obscure and vanishing paths in our favorite park. This hike is 8 hilly miles, not for beginners. **Conditions may require crampons or snowshoes. Joint with AMC.**
Leader: Dave Sutter DSUTTR@AOL.COM **Please no phone calls!**
Meet: 9:00 AM Commuter Parking Lot, Sloatsburg, NY, 10974
From Suffern @ I-287 & I-87N Interchange Exit 15A: Take Rt-17 north approx. 4 miles. Turn Right at blinker light on Rt-17, Sloatsburg, and go 1 block, turn right, lot is ahead on right.

Sunday January 8, 2006 Kanawauke Exploration Moderately Strenuous

We will try for about 8 miles hopefully finding untracked snow on mostly moderate terrain.

Conditions may require crampons or snowshoes.

Leader: Jim Conlon (914) 591 - 6079

Meet: 9:00 AM Lake Kanawauke Parking Area, Rt-106, Harriman State Park, NY 10974

From Suffern @ I-287 & I-87N Interchange Exit 15A: Take Rt-17 north 4.5 miles to Seven Lakes Drive, just north of Sloatsburg, New York. Turn right onto Seven Lakes Drive for 6½ miles to Kanawauke Circle and Rt-106. Go west (left) on Rt-106 ¼ mile to parking area on the left.

Sunday January 15, 2006 Mahlon Dickerson Circular Moderate

A 7 or 8 mile hike on various trails depending on trail conditions.

Leader: Jim McKay (973) 538-0756 JRMMCKAY@VERIZON.NET

Meet: 9:30 AM Mahlon Dickerson Reservation, Saffin Pond parking lot, Jefferson, NJ.

From Rt-80 West: Exit 34B (Rt-15 North). Go about 5 miles to Weldon Rd., turn right. Go 3 miles to Saffin Pond parking on right.

Sunday January 22, 2006 Weis Ecology Moderately Strenuous

Come hike with us for seven to 8 miles on various trails depending on the weather and trail conditions. Join us in West Milford after the hike for soup and dessert.

Leaders: Carolyn and Jim Canfield (973) 728-99774

Meet: 9:00 AM Weis Ecology Center, 150 Snake Den Road, Ringwood, NJ 07456

From I-287 Exit 55: Take Ringwood Ave. (Rt-511) north 4 miles and turn left onto Westbrook Rd. Go west on Westbrook Rd. and make a left at "Y" intersection, then 1/2 mile to a left onto Snake Den Road. Follow road to parking lot on right before Weis Ecology entrance. **Do not go into Weis Ecology Center.**

Sunday January 29, 2006 Lewis Morris/Jockey Hollow Circular Moderate

A 7 to 8 mile hike on various trails in these two adjacent parks. The exact route depends on trail conditions.

Leader: Jim McKay (973) 538-0756 JRMMCKAY@VERIZON.NET

Meet: 9:30 AM Lewis Morris County Park, Old Army Parking Lot, Morris Township, NJ 07960

From I-287 South, exit 35 Morristown: At Madison Ave., turn right at light. Bear right at next light onto South St. to the Morristown Green. Go around 3 sides of the Green and turn right onto Washington St. (Rt-24 or Rt-510). Continue about 2.8 miles to park entrance on left. Then proceed about 800 feet and turn left onto entrance road to Old Army parking lot.

Sunday February 5, 2006 Patriots Path to Schiff Reservation Moderate

Starting at the Kings Market in Mendham where you can buy lunch, we will proceed 3.5 miles west on the Patriots Path fording streams and walking past wooded fields. After a 1 mile steep uphill into Schiff Reservation, we come to an old mountainous Boy Scout Camp. After 8 miles we shuttle back to Kings. **Shuttle Required**

Leaders: Jennifer and Guy Percival (973) 984-1005

Meet: 9:00 AM Kings Market, Rt-24 (Rt-510), Mendham, NJ 07945

From I-287 South to Exit 35 Morristown: At Madison Ave., Morristown exit, turn right at light. Bear right at next light onto South St. to the Morristown Green. Go around 3 sides of the Green and turn right onto Washington St. (Rt. 24 or Rt. 510). Drive 7.5 miles toward Mendham to the Kings grocery store in a small mall on your right. If you reach the intersection of Tempe Wick Road or the center of Mendham you have gone too far.

Sunday February 12, 2006 Ringwood Meander Moderate

Depending on the weather, we will traverse a variety of trails, including the Cooper Union Trail to Governor Mt. overlook. **Conditions may require crampons or snowshoes.**

Leader: Steve Rikon (973) 962-4149

Meet: 9:00 AM Parking Lot A, Skylands Manor, Ringwood, NJ 07456

From I-287 Exit 55: Go north on Ringwood Ave. (Rt-511) about 7 miles to Sloatsburg Rd; turn right for 2 miles to Skylands sign. Turn right one mile to "Eagles Gateway" near Manor House; continue straight to parking lot "A" on left.

From Suffern @ I-87 & I-287 Interchange Exit 15A: Take Rt-17 north approximately 2 miles to Sterling Mine Road (CR-72). Exit at Sterling Mine Road, go about 4 miles, becomes Sloatsburg Road. Turn left at Skylands Botanical Garden sign, and proceed as above.

Sunday February 19, 2006 Split Rock Loop Moderately Strenuous
 Passing through the high country to the south and east of Split Rock Reservoir, this trail completes a loop with the Four Birds Trail.

Leader: Jane Egan (973) 636-0809 No calls after 9:00 PM please.

Meet: 9:00 AM Farny Highlands Visitors Center, Split Rock Road, Rockaway, NJ 07866

From I-80, Exit 37: Green Pond Road (Rt-513) north for 6.5 miles and turn right at the Marcella Community Center, onto Upper Hibernia Road. Go about 2.6 miles to parking lot on left.

From I-287, Exit 52: Take Rt-23 north 8.9 miles to Green Pond Road (Rt-513) south (jug handle). Proceed south 5.2 miles to Marcella Community Center, turn left, onto Upper Hibernia Road. Go about 2.6 miles to parking lot on left.

Sunday February 26, 2006 Kakiat Circular Strenuous

To and around Island Pond, depending on snow. We either hike or snowshoe through the winter forest and enjoy an invigorating day. **Conditions may require crampons or snowshoes.**

Leader: Hank Perrine (212) 666-0694

Meet: 9:00 AM Kakiat Trailhead parking, Kakiat County Park, Rt-202, Montebello, NY 10901

From: Suffern NY at the Junction of Rt-202 & Rt-59 (traffic light): Take Rt-202 east 3 miles. Look for yellow blinker, depicting a school crossing zone. Sign for Viola School is on right, Park entrance is on left. Go left downhill to parking for Kakiat County Park.

Sunday March 5, 2006 Pyramid Mountain Moderate

This will be a brisk hike of 4 to 5 miles along the reservoir and up to Tripod Rock. The trails are rocky in some sections and there will be several steep ups and downs. Hiking boots required.

Leader: Eck Khoon Goh (908) 790-0939

Meet: 10:00 AM Pyramid Mountain Visitors Center, Rt-511, Kinnelon, NJ 07405

From the North: I-287 Exit 52, to Rt-23 north. Go 2 miles to Boonton Ave (Rt-511 south). Exit is a right-hand jug-handle turn. Follow Rt-511 south 4 miles to Morris County Park parking lot on right.

From the South: I-287 Exit 45 Wootton Avenue (Boonton). Take first left and go under I-287. Follow Wootton Ave straight up the hill to blinker light. Turn right on Boonton Ave (Rt-511) and continue about 3 miles to Morris County Park parking lot on left.

Sunday March 12, 2006 Farny Highlands Moderately Strenuous

We will do about 6 miles on either the Four Birds trail or Split Rock loop trail with moderate ups and downs.

Conditions may require crampons or snowshoes.

Leader: Pete Beck (201) 274-4471

Meet: 10:00 AM Fisherman's Parking Lot, Split Rock Road (east of the dam), Rockaway, NJ 07866

From I-80 Exit #37 Rockaway/Hibernia: Go north on Green Pond Road (Rt-513) toward Hibernia. At about 6.5 miles turn right at the Marcella Firehouse sign. This is Upper Hibernia Road. At the fork in the road in about 2 miles, stay left onto Split Rock Road. After the pavement ends keep going over the dam. The parking lot is about 1/8 mile on the left after the dam.

From I-287, Exit 52: Take Rt-23 north 9 miles to Green Pond Road (Rt-513) south (jug handle). Proceed south 5¼ miles to Marcella Community Center, turn left, onto Upper Hibernia Road. At the fork in the road in about 2 miles, stay left onto Split Rock Road. After the pavement ends keep going over the dam. The parking lot is about 1/8 mile on the left after the dam.

Sunday March 19, 2006 Elk Pen Surprise Moderately Strenuous

Roy selects his favorites for our 6 to 8 mile loop. **Conditions may require crampons or snowshoes.**

Leader: Roy Williams (570) 828-6207

Meet: 9:00 AM Elk Pen Parking Area, Arden Valley Road, Arden, NY 10910

From Suffern @ I-287 & I-87N Interchange Exit 15A: Take Rt-17 north about 13 miles to the Arden Valley Road entrance to Harriman State Park on the right. Turn right and proceed 1/2 mile to parking area on right.

Sunday March 26, 2006 Black Rock Forest - Northern Loop Moderately Strenuous

Circle through Black Rock Forest from the west side. Numerous lakes and views of Schunemunk Mountain and the Catskills. About 7 miles. **Conditions may require crampons or snowshoes. Shuttle to trail head required!**

Leader: Jane Egan (973) 636-0809 No calls after 9:00 PM please.

Meet: 9:00 AM Tuxedo RR Station, Route 17, Tuxedo, NY 10987

From Suffern @ I-87 & I-287 Interchange Exit 15A: Take Rt-17 about 7 miles north to Tuxedo. The Railroad Station is on the northbound side (right side) of Rt-17.

Sunday April 2, 2006 Daylight Savings Time Begins! Spring clock ahead 1 hour on Saturday night!

Sunday April 2, 2006 Ramapo Mountain State Forest Moderately Strenuous

We will take various trails to the castle and lake.

Leader: Susan Clark (973) 9962-0926

Meet: 9:00 AM Ramapo Mt. State Forest, Upper Parking Lot, Skyline Drive, Oakland, NJ 07436

From I-287 Exit 57: Take Skyline Drive north towards Ringwood. Parking area is on the left at the top of the mountain about 1.3 miles from exit ramp.

Saturday April 8, 2006 D&R Canal Bike Ride Moderately Strenuous



We will bike about 25 miles on towpath, mostly hard-packed, but some loose gravel; from Blackwell Mills to Princeton and back. It may be possible to visit the art museum on campus.

Mountain or Hybrid bikes are recommended. Helmets required.

Leader: Leon Wasserman (973) 887-8622 You must call & register to ensure ride is still on.

Meet: 10:00 AM Blackwells Mills Causeway, Franklin Twp., NJ 08873

From I-287 Exit 17 Rt-206 south: Take Rt-206 south through the Somerville Circle about 7 miles to Rt-514 (Amwell Rd.). Turn left onto Rt-514 to Millstone, then right onto Millstone River Rd. Continue 2 miles to Blackstone Mills Rd. and turn left 1/8 mile to the parking area near to the D & R Canal Trail.

Sunday April 9, 2006 Above and Along the Hudson River Moderately Strenuous

From State Line Lookout we go north on the Long Path, descend to the Giant Stairs, scramble through to the Shore Trail, and continue toward Alpine Boat Basin. **Shuttle** to hike start at State Line Lookout.

Leader: Steve Rikon (973) 962-4149

Meet: 9:00 AM New Jersey PIP Headquarters, Alpine Approach Road, Alpine, NJ 07620

From The Palisades Parkway Exit 2: (almost 8 miles north of the GW Bridge) The Park Headquarters are 1/2 mile down (eastward) the Alpine Boat Basin Road. **Northbound:** Get off at exit, stay left at bottom of curve, follow sign to the Headquarters.

Southbound: Get off at exit, make right, go on to traffic light and make right. Proceed, after overpass, bear right to the Headquarters.

Sunday April 16, 2006 Holiday Hike Moderate

Celebrate Easter and Passover in the woods on this moderate hike of 8 to 9 miles. Out on the Sterling Ridge Trail with lunch and views from the fire tower. Back along Sterling Lake. Joint with AMC.

Leader: Larry Spinner (845)-356-5219 LSPINNER@OPTONLINE.NET

Meet: 9:30 AM Sterling Ridge Trail Parking Area, Rt-17A, Tuxedo Park, NY 07945

From Suffern @I-87 & I-287 Interchange Exit 15A: Take Rt-17 about 8½ miles north to Rt-17A at light. Turn left (west) on Rt-17A and continue for about 4 miles (look for sign). The access road to the Parking Area is on the left side of Rt-17A.

From the town of Greenwood Lake, NY: Travel 3½ miles east on Rt-17A to the parking area access road on the right.

Friday April 21, 2006 South Branch Raritan River Canoe



A pretty run through Hunterdon County from Clinton to the old Lipton Tea Plant.

We will shuttle cars.

Leaders: Dave and Joanne Patchin (973) 822-0372 You must call & register to ensure trip is still on.

Meet: 9:30 AM Blue Cactus Restaurant, Main St., Clinton, NJ 08809

From I-287 South and I-78 West: Take I-78 West to Exit 15. At the end of the ramp turn right onto Main Street. Drive 0.4 miles crossing the bridge. At the end of the bridge turn left into Blue Cactus parking lot for river access.

Canoeing-General Instructions; Bring a partner, canoe or kayak, life jackets, lunch and dry clothes in a waterproof bag. Rain may cancel. Call before 8:00 AM to check. River runs are dependent on the water level in the river. Rentals are not usually available at launch sites. If you don't have a partner, or canoe, check with Dave Patchin (973) 822-0372 or PATCHIN@AOL.COM at least 10 days before the event, and perhaps he can match you with a canoe/partner.

Sunday April 23, 2006 Trail Clearing, Sterling Ridge Trail Moderately Strenuous

We need every ones help for another spring cleanup. Bring your lunch, water, clippers and good working gloves. If you do not have clippers you can use the tools provided by the club.

Leader: Jim Canfield (973) 728-9774

Meet: 9:00 AM South end of the Sterling Ridge Trail, Rt-511, Hewitt, NJ 07421

From I-287 Exit 55: Take Rt-511 (Ringwood Ave.) north about 11 miles to junction of Greenwood Lake Turnpike and East Shore Drive. **Parking is on the left side of the road.**

Saturday May 14, 2006 Rain date Trail Clearing, same leader, same time and place as above.

Saturday April 29, 2006

Sussex Bike Ride

Moderately Strenuous



A bike ride of about 25 to 30 miles in the Kittatinny Valley S P, Sussex Branch Rail Trail, and Paulinskill Valley Rail Trail plus some country roads. Bring lunch and water.

Mountain or Hybrid bikes are recommended. Helmets required.

Leader: Ursula Davis (973) 786-7087 You must call & register to ensure ride is still on.

Meet: 9:00 AM Kittatinny Valley State Park, Andover, NJ 07821

From I-80 West Exit 25: Take Rt-206 north to Andover, continue one mile to the Exxon Station (2nd light in Andover) turn right at Rt-669, Lime Crest Rd., and go one mile to park entrance on the left.

Sunday April 30, 2006

Reeves Ramapo Ramble

Moderately Strenuous

Has spring arrived in Harriman State Park? Route depends on trail conditions.

Leader: Roy Williams (570) 828-6207

Meet: 9:00 AM Reeves Meadow Visitor Center, Seven Lakes Drive, Sloatsburg, NY 10974

From Suffern @ I-87N & I-287 Interchange Exit 15A: Take Rt-17 north 4.5 miles to Seven Lakes Drive, just north of Sloatsburg, NY. Turn right onto Seven Lakes Drive 1.5 miles to Reeves Meadow Visitor Center (on right side).