

Interstate Hiking Club

Organized 1931

Affiliate of the NY-NJ Trail Conference



Schedule of Hikes

December 2020 through May 2021

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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:**

Easy: These hikes are 3 to 5 miles in length and should have no significant hills.

Moderate: These hikes are 5 to 8 miles and may take up to 5 hours, including time for trail lunch. They should not generally have multiple long steep hills, and should be at a moderate pace.

Moderately Strenuous: These hikes are 5 to 8 miles with multiple steep hills or 8 miles or more which are mostly flat walking. They can last up to 6 hours including trail lunch. Pace to be moderate.

Strenuous: Not for novices. Hikes are 8 miles or more and last 6 hours or more, including time for trail lunch. These may have many long steep hills and may be at a brisk pace.

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, mountain biking, backpacking, and camp-outs in the Adirondacks, Southern Appalachians 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 (In the summer; a minimum of 2 quarts 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.** **Guests, who have attended three activities, shall be expected to apply for membership** before attending any more activities.

Rain, inclement weather, will cancel the activities below. Contact the leader if in doubt.

Membership Application

Note! Current Members! Annual Dues are \$20.00: A Second Member at same address \$10.00. Due on June 1!

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

If joining between May 1 to Dec. 1, dues are \$21.00 per person. [\$20.00 per year plus \$1.00 initiation fee]

If joining between Dec. 1 to May 1, dues are \$11.00 per person. [\$10.00 (1/2 year) plus \$1.00 initiation fee]

Junior (under 18) dues are \$1.00 a year.

The Club fiscal year is June 1st to May 31st.

Name: _____ (Please PRINT Clearly)

Street: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

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

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

Amount: _____ \$21.00 (App. Date: 5/1 to 12/1) _____ \$11.00 (App. Date: 12/1 to 5/1) _____ \$1.00 (Junior)

Enclosed are dues and initiation fee. Payable to INTERSTATE HIKING CLUB

Mail to the Treasurer: Charles Kientzler, 711 Terhune Drive, Wayne NJ 07470

INTERSTATE HIKING CLUB Winter 2020 SCHEDULE

→ **Note! IHC is operating with restrictions due to COVID-19!** ←

A guest may attend, if sponsored by a member.

Bring hand sanitizer for the Sign-in Sheet procedure!

Participants are REQUIRED to carry a face mask during the hike!

Face masks should be worn if:

- 1) Proper social distancing cannot be maintained during Sign In and,
- 2) When certain hiking circumstances require them!

AT Hike Change Summer 2020 Schedule

Sunday November 15, 2020 AT #18B—RPH Cabin to Rt-52 Strenuous

This AT hike of about 10 mi starts at the Ralph's Peak Hikers Cabin parking (at elevation 500 ft). We soon ascend a ridge with excellent views over the Hudson R. Valley. After passing old farms we soon have wide views northward of the Shawangunk and Catskill mountains. Dropping down from Stormville Mt. we approach Rt-52 and then turn around and redo our steps.

Leader: Paul Ferlazzo 973-979-2010 P_FERLAZZO@YAHOO.COM

Meet: 9:00 A.M. AT/RPH Parking, 760 Hortontown Rd, Hopewell Junction, NY 12533

From Suffern: @ I-287 & I-87N Interchange Exit 15A: Drive North on I-87N for 29 mi to Exit 17 for I-84 **Eastbound**. After the Tolls continue on I-84 across the Hudson for 15 mi to Exit 52A for Taconic State Pkwy Southbound toward New York City. Drive south 1½ mi to Exit #35 Miller Hill Rd. and exit. At the bottom of exit ramp is Miller Hill Rd. Turn right and drive 0.3 mi to intersection with Hortontown Rd. Turn left and go 0.1 mi to AT Parking on left side at curve in road. (About 60 miles and 1¼ hr. from Suffern)

GPS Meeting Place (41.5142, -73.7912)

Winter 2020 SCHEDULE

Saturday December 5, 2020 Christmas Hike in NYC Moderately Strenuous

Enjoy the Christmas season in NYC with a morning and early afternoon hike. Naughty & Nice Persons only!

Awful weather cancels. Contact a leader after 7:00 AM morning of hike if uncertain.

Leaders: Jim Schlenker 908-295-8178 JIMS0331@GMAIL.COM
Guy Percival 973-590-7437 JENGUY@OPTONLINE.NET

Meet: Penn Station NY-NJ Transit Waiting Area [Near Men's Room]

Additional details will be announced via IHC E-MAIL NETWORK one week before the event.

Sunday December 13, 2020 Farny Highlands Strenuous

We will hike over to Splitrock Reservoir see the remains of two iron furnaces, then follow the Righter Mine trail out to Meridian road. There will be a short section on road before we re-enter the park to follow the Beach Glen back. The Hike is 10 miles and hilly.

Leaders: Guy Percival 973-590-7437 JENGUY@OPTONLINE.NET

Meet: 9:00 AM Wildcat Ridge (Four Birds South) Parking, 401 Green Pond Rd, (Rt-513) Rockaway, NJ 07866

From I-80 West, Exit 37: Turn left at bottom of ramp onto Rt-513 North (Green Pond Rd.). Go about 2.75 miles to Lower Hibernia Rd on right. Turn in and entrance to parking lot is 100 ft on left. **GPS (40.9444, -74.4930)**

Sunday December 20, 2020 AT #16A—Rt-9/Graymoor to Canopus Hill Moderately Strenuous

This section is about 9 miles of mostly just short up and downs. We pass Graymoor Monastery which has been kind to AT hikers in the past. Views of the Hudson may be had along the trail. From Denning Hill, on a clear day, it's possible to see NYC skyline some 40 mi south. Sections of the Old Albany Post Road are crossed, before we ascend Canopus Hill for the views. Return is by the same route.

Leader: Paul Ferlazzo 973-979-2010 P_FERLAZZO@YAHOO.COM

Meet: 9:00 AM AT Parking, Jct Rt-9 & Rt-403, Philipstown NY 10524

Take the Palisades Interstate Parkway: North to Rt-9W traffic circle near Bear Mountain Bridge (about 18 miles north of NY State Thruway). At the Rotary go ½ around following Rt 202 to Bear Mt Bridge. After paying toll drive across bridge to intersection with Rt-9D & Rt-202. Turn right and follow the winding scenic Rt-202 south for 3½ mi to the junction with Rt-9. Take Rt-9 North 4 mi to Rt-403 and AT Parking nearby at the intersection. **GPS Meeting Place (41.3508, -73.9262)**

Sunday December 27, 2020 Watchung Reservation Historical Moderately Strenuous

We'll hike part of the Sierra Trail and lots of connecting trails perhaps visiting the Stables, Surprise Lake, Ancient Cemetery, Deserted Village, Seely's Pond, and end at the Nature Center.

Leader: Udi & Neli Cohen 732-543-4624 UDIC2000@GMAIL.COM

Meet: 9:00 AM Watchung Reservation, Trailside Museum, 462 New Providence Rd, Mountainside NJ 07092

From Eastbound I-78, Exit 44 toward New Providence/Berkeley Heights: Turn left onto Glenside Ave. Continue 1.3 mi and turn right onto Watchung Reservation, Tracy Dr. Continue 1.3 mi. At the traffic circle, take the 1st exit onto Summit Lane. Continue 0.4 mi and turn right onto New Providence Rd, then Continue 0.2 mi to the parking lot of Trailside Nature & Science Center.

From West bound I-78, Exit 43: Proceed right on Diamond Hill Rd. to Traffic Light and turn right onto McMane Ave. Go on ¾ mi to intersection of Glenside Ave. and turn left. Continue ¾ mi to Watchung Reservation, Tracy Dr. on right. Continue to the first circle and take first right onto Summit Lane. Go ½ mi and bear right onto New Providence Rd. to the end. The Trailside Parking is on right.

From Garden State Parkway Exit 140 (Rt-22): Take Rt-22 west about 4.3 mi to Summit Rd turn right and continue 1.2 mi to Summit Lane. Go 0.7 mi and at the traffic circle, take the 2nd exit onto Summit Lane (Boro of Mountainside). Continue 0.5 mi and bear right onto New Providence Rd. to the end. The Trailside Parking Area is on right. **GPS Meeting Place (40.6826, -74.3728)**

Friday January 1, 2021 New Year's Day Hike Easy

Meet at NJ Audubon Plainsboro Preserve for an easy 4-5 mile hike around Lake Mc Cormack. Bring something hot to drink and a snack to share for New Year's Day!

Leaders: Guy & Jen Percival 973-590-7437 JENGUY@OPTONLINE.NET

Meet: 11:00 AM NJ Audubon Plainsboro Preserve Parking Lot, 80 Scotts Corner Rd, Cranbury, NJ 08512

From NJ Turnpike Southbound Exit 8A Cranberry: Exit and after tolls bear right for Rt-32 West. Ramp is big U-Turn to Rt-32W. Drive ½ mi westward to Rt-130. Turn Left at light onto Rt-130. Follow it South 1.6 mi to the light at intersection of Rt-130 and Dey Rd. (Rt-614). Make a Right onto Dey Rd. and follow Dey Rd to the next traffic light, and then make a right onto Scotts Corner Road. The Preserve's entrance is 0.8 mi on your Left, drive in 0.1 mi to barrier for parking lot. **GPS Entrance (40.3492, -74.5570)**

Sunday January 10, 2021 Great Swamp Moderately Strenuous

The Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge is located in Morris County, New Jersey. Established in 1960, it is one of more than 550 refuges in the National Wildlife Refuge System. We will be hiking for about 7 miles. We'll enjoy its rich wildlife and if we're lucky, we'll see some eagles or hawks.

Leaders: Udi & Neli Cohen 732-543-4624 UDIC2000@GMAIL.COM

Meet: 9:00 AM East/ South Parking Lot, Orange Trail, 646 Whitebridge Road, Gillette NJ, 07933

From I-287 Exit 30: Take North Maple Ave. Southbound 2.7 mi to Lord Sterling Rd on left. Drive East 3.4 mi on Lord Sterling Rd. to intersection with New Vernon Rd. (Rt-604) Note! [The road just past Somerset Co. Environmental Center is unpaved for a short distance and name changes to Whitebridge Rd.] At the intersection with Rt-604 / New Vernon Rd., continue straight 0.5 mi to South Orange Trail Parking Lot at the end of road. **GPS (40.7062, -74.4681)**

Sunday January 17, 2021 Wawayanda in Winter Moderately Strenuous

Its winter and the lake will be frozen with perhaps Ice Fishermen on it. We'll hike taking the Blue and Orange trails around the lake with a side trip out to Lake Lookout and the Pickle Trail. About 8 miles. **In case of ice on the trails, bring micro spikes if you have them!**

Leaders: Mike Roulier 201-522-0259 MROULIER@PATELLAWOOD.COM

Jill Wilson 973-879-0531 SUNSHYN812@GMAIL.COM

Meet 8:30 – Hike Starts 9:00 AM Wawayanda State Park, Wawayanda Rd, Beach Parking, Hewitt NJ 07421

From I-287 Exit 55: Go north on Ringwood Ave. (Rt-511) (name changes to Greenwood Lake Tpk.) about 13 miles to Warwick Tpk. at south end of Greenwood Lake. Continue straight-ahead 5 mi. on Warwick Turnpike past Upper Greenwood Lake. Turn left at Park entrance. Continue past the Ranger Station 2¼ mi. to the entrance to Beach Parking on the left at the north end of Wawayanda Lake. **GPS Meeting Place (41.1927, -74.4289) GPS Park Entrance @ Warwick Turnpike (41.1993, -74.3920)**

Sunday January 24, 2021 Capoolong Creek Trail Moderately Strenuous

We will start on the Landsdown trail and then follow Capoolong Creek trail. This will be an 8 to 9 mile hike. It is all rails to trails. The hike is flat, but pretty along the Capoolong Creek. The trail is well kept, sometimes there are horses passing through - so watch your step!

Leaders: Guy & Jen Percival 973-590-7437 JENGUY@OPTONLINE.NET

Meet: 9:00 AM Fox Lumber Parking, 11 West Main Street, Clinton, NJ, 08809.

From Intersection of I-287 & I-78: Merge onto I-78 W toward Easton, PA and drive 14 miles. Take Exit 15 and from right lane at intersection merge onto Rt-173 East toward Clinton. Drive 0.4 mi to just before the Exxon on the right. Turn in to parking lot (P sign) just before Exxon and drive to the rear into Fox Lumber parking. Fox Lumber is closed on Sundays. **GPS (40.6348, -74.9122)**

Sunday January 31, 2021 South Mountain Reservation Moderately Strenuous
 This hike of about 8 miles will include the Lenape (yellow), Turtle Back (orange) and Rahway (white) trails. We will pass scenic views, historic points, and a waterfall, and cover a large portion of the park.
Leader: Paul Ferlazzo 973-979-2010 P_FERLAZZO@YAHOO.COM
Meet: 9:00 AM South Mountain Reservation, Locust Grove Parking Lot, 199 Glen Ave, Millburn NJ 07041
From I-280 Exit Pleasant Valley Way: Take Pleasant Valley Way south (becomes Cherry Lane and then Brookside Drive) about 5.5 miles to Glen Ave. at traffic light. Then turn left on Glen Ave. and continue 0.3 mi. to Locust Grove Parking Lot (on the left) at the corner of Glen Ave. and Lackawanna Place, across from the Millburn RR station. **GPS (40.7266, -74.3048)**

Sunday February 7, 2021 Rutgers Preserve Moderate
 We will hike 6.5 miles in Rutgers Ecological Preserve which is bigger and much hillier than you might think. In addition, we will go outside the preserve exploring Livingston Campus and buildings that remain from old Camp Kilmer.
Leader: T.J. Rubino 862-222-5002 TJRUBINO@GMAIL.COM
Meet: 9:30 AM Johnson Park Grove #1, Johnson Park Rd (Rt-807) Highland Park NJ 08904
From I-287 Exit 9 (River Rd toward Highland Park): Take River road (R-622) 4.6 mi towards Highland Park, NJ. Make a right when you reach Light at Cedar Lane into Johnson Park Road which is Rt-807. Proceed clockwise to the second parking lot (Grove #1) and use second entrance. [Close to toilets.] **GPS (40.5077, -74.4473)**

Sunday February 14, 2021 Institute Woods-Princeton Moderately Strenuous
 Pleasant walk through Institute woods. We will intersect with the D&R Canal and hike north and then into Princeton for a campus tour. Return via Springdale road and back into Institute woods. About 8 miles total. Mostly level.
Leaders: Guy & Jen Percival 973-590-7437 JENGUY@OPTONLINE.NET
Meet: 9:30 AM Princeton Battlefield Park, 450 Mercer St (Rt-583), Princeton NJ 08540
From I-287 South Exit 17, (Rt-202/206 South): Drive 1.5 mi to split of Rts-202/206. Take Rt-206 south 17 miles into Princeton. In the center of Princeton make a right at intersection with Rt-27. This is Stockton street and still Rt-206. Go 0.3 mi and turn left onto Edgehill St and next right onto Mercer Street. Go 0.9 mi south until you reach an open park. At the PEDX-ing sign, there will be a long lay-by, along what is now Rt-583. Park in this pull-off. **GPS (40.3331, -74.6752)**

Sunday February 21, 2021 High Mountain Preserve Moderately Strenuous
 High Mountain on the Second Mtn. Ridge has 360° views over most of Northern NJ, and on to the Palisades and NYC. IHC had its origin in 1931 by splitting from the Paterson Ramblers; on this mountain. This 9 to 10-mile hike explores most of the Park.
Leader: Paul Ferlazzo 973-979-2010 P_FERLAZZO@YAHOO.COM
Meet: 9:00 AM High Mountain Preserve, Red Trail Parking Lot, University Rd, Wayne NJ 07470
From I-80 East Exit 53 Rt-46, Wayne: Merging onto Rt-46, go east 1 mi, and make an extreme right lane exit to Riverview Dr (Wayne direction). Then drive towards Wayne northward 1½ mi on Riverview Dr. and turn right onto Valley Rd. (by golf course). Drive ¾ mi, turn right onto Hamburg Turnpike. Continue 1 mi. and turn left onto University Rd. Drive up hill ¾ mi, past stop sign, to trail head parking lot on LEFT.
From I-80 West Exit 55, Union Blvd.: Go south on Union Blvd. ½ mi to Rt-46 West. Then drive west for ½ mi. for the extreme right lane exit to Riverview Dr, (north direction.) Then proceed as above. **GPS (40.9520, -74.2002)**

Saturday February 27, 2021 Hamburg Mt Wildlife Management Area Moderately Strenuous
 This 6-7 mile loop on the top of the ridge of Hamburg Mt. will take us to Vernon Peak the summit of Mountain Creek Ski Area. (Did you bring your Skies and Ski Pass?) There is a great view to the North from here, with the Gunks on the horizon. If Snow is on the ground, bring Snow Shoes. The map looks flat but there is about a 900 ft. elevation change going around!
Leader: Mac McCaulley 908-416-4460 cell MACMCCAULLEY@AOL.COM
Meet: 10:00 AM Hamburg Mt. Wildlife Management Area, 288 Vernon Stockholm Rd, Stockholm, NJ 07460
From I-287 Exit 52B, Rt-23 North: Take Rt-23 North 14 mi. to turnoff for Northbound Rt-515, (Vernon/Stockholm Rd.) just before traffic light. Drive 6 mi. on Rt-515 towards Highland Lakes. At the 6-mile mark look on the left for large brown sign that says Hamburg Mountain Wildlife Management Area. (Daniel Boone Trail) Turn in and go 300 feet where there is parking on both sides of the wide road. **GPS (41.1629, -74.4928)**

Sunday March 7, 2021 Otter Hole Moderately Strenuous
 This back-door approach to the network of trails of Norvin Green crosses Post Brook and leads to several high points. Wyanokie High Point will be included. Come and see which of the various routes the leader takes.
Leader: T.J. Rubino 862-222-5002 TJRUBINO@GMAIL.COM
Meet: 8:00 AM Norvin Green S.F, Otter Hole Parking Lot, 528 Glenwild Ave, Bloomingdale, NJ 07403
From I-287 Exit 53: Turn West (left) onto Hamburg Turnpike (Rt-694 W) and drive 1½ mi thru town of Bloomingdale, continuing on Hamburg Tpk. by taking the right fork at the split at end of town. Just 0.1 mi later Glenwild Rd (Rt-700) is on the right, up a steep slope. Drive 2.9 mi on Glenwild Ave, past Lake Communities to the parking area on the right. **GPS (41.0457, -74.3505)**

→ **March 14, 2021 Note! Daylight Savings Resumes Saturday Night/Sunday AM—Spring Forward & Lose 1 hr.** ←

Sunday March 14, 2021 Stokes State Forest Ramble

Strenuous

Starting at Stony Lake we will take the Blue Mountain Loop outbound, and make the climb up Sunrise Mountain to the AT & Bird Watch Pavilion. Next its over to the Culver Fire Tower then back down to the parking area. 8 miles total.

Leaders: **Mike Roulier** 201-522-0259 MROULIER@PATELLAWOOD.COM
Jill Wilson 973-879-0531 SUNSHYN812@GMAIL.COM

Meet: 9:00 AM Stony Lake Parking, Stokes State Forest, Coursen Rd, Sandyston, NJ 07826

From I-80 West Exit 34B: Take Rt-15 north about 17 mi. to Rt-206 (Rt-15 ends). Continue straight on Rt-206 north 6+ mi. towards Culvers Gap and AT trail crossing sign. Proceed an additional ½ mi. and the Park Entrance is on the right off Rt-206. Drive by the Ranger Station (Warm John's) on Coursen Rd about 2 mi, bear sharp right at T intersection to Stoney Lake. Then continue ¼ mi to parking lot on left.

Park Entrance: 30 Rt-206, Branchville, NJ 07826

GPS Park Entrance (41.1843, -74.7974)

Stony Lake Parking: Coursen Rd, Sandyston, NJ 07826

GPS Meeting Place (41.2031, -74.7732)

(No Meetup posting)

Sunday March 21, 2021 Kakiat Circular Hike

Strenuous

The hike starts in Kakiat County Park by taking Kakiat trail until it intersects with Suffern-Bear Mountain trail (SBM). The hike continues by taking a right on the SBM and remaining on the trail until it hits the Pine Meadow (PM) trail – we make a left. Once on the PM trail, the hike continues on the PM trail until it hits Pine Meadow Road. Pine Meadow Road goes along Pine Meadow Lake; we make a right onto Poached Egg trail. We continue on Poached Egg to Raccoon Brook Hill trail (Black) the trail splits to the right and straight but we take the straight route. We remain on Raccoon Brook Hill trail until the trail intersects with Kakiat trail. We take a left on Kakiat trail and head back to Kakiat County Park. The Kakiat trail intersects with Mountain trail (Orange) and we take a left and back to the parking lot. The approximate distance is 10 to 11 miles and elevation gain 2200 feet. It will take 5 or 6 hours to complete.

Leaders: **Jerry Giordano** GMGLIV@MSN.COM
T.J. Rubino 862-222-5002 TJRUBINO@GMAIL.COM

Meet: 9:00 AM Kakiat County Park, 590 Haverstraw Rd (Rt-202), Montebello, NY 10901,

From Suffern @ I-287 & I-87N Interchange Exit 15A: Take I-287 North - merging briefly onto the NYS Thruway but immediately exiting at 15A onto Rt-17 & Orange Turnpike. At the exit light turn right towards Suffern. Drive about 1.6 mi East on Orange Turnpike. After passing under the Thruway overpass upon reaching Suffern at the traffic light, turn left onto Rt-202 North. Kakiat Park is 3.2 mi north of Suffern on the left side of Rt-202 (opposite Viola School entrance). Go left downhill to parking. **GPS (41.1439, -74.1124)**

Saturday March 27, 2021 Old Croton Aqueduct

Strenuous

This is about an 11-mile mostly flat hike: 8 miles northbound along the Old Croton Aqueduct Trail to the Old Croton Dam and about 3 miles through the suburbs to the Croton-Harmon Train Station. The hike ends with a short train ride back to the cars. The full Croton Aqueduct trail runs from the Bronx to the New Croton Reservoir and once supplied drinking water to New York City. The New Croton Dam is spectacular, especially when there is a lot of water in the spring time. Wiki "*New Croton Dam*". We will get views of the dam from the park below and by walking across its top. Much of the trail looks like a rail trail and is flat. Some portions have been diverted onto public streets. There will be a few shortish steep places. If you like to hike with polls, you might want to bring them. The final three miles includes about 0.1 mile of moderately steep trail. Bring water and a light lunch. **A joint walk with Freewalkers and Shorewalkers.**

Leader: **Brian Coan** 862-222-6471 BRIAN.A.COAN@GMAIL.COM

Meet: 10:00 AM Scarborough Train Station Parking, 230 Scarborough Station Rd, Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510.

From Suffern: @ I-287 & I-87N Interchange Exit 15A: Take I-287N for 17.5 mi across the Hudson on New Tappan Br. (Toll). Take Exit #9 for Rt-9 and go North for 5.2 mi to Scarborough Station Rd. on the left. Turn left onto Scarborough Station Rd. and continue for 0.2 mi to River Rd. Turn right and drive 0.1 mi to RR Parking. **GPS (41.1370, -73.8659)**

→**Sunday March 28 - Deadline to submit new hike ideas for Summer Schedule. June 2021 thru Nov. 2021**←

Saturday April 3, 2021 High Point Hike

Strenuous

A nice hike on the AT, Monument, and Cedar Swamp trails. Returning on some old paths. Great views at the Monument. Sorry but the Monument is only open for climbing the narrow stairs to the top in the Summer season. Lunch at the Monument or along the trail. The Cedar Swamp is a unique, rare and disappearing natural environment. One short steep incline to the Monument. (the highest point in NJ, 1,803 feet above sea level).

Leaders: **Mike Roulier** 201-522-0259 MROULIER@PATELLAWOOD.COM
Jill Wilson 973-879-0531 SUNSHYN812@GMAIL.COM

Meet: 9:00 a.m. High Point State Park AT Parking Lot, Rt-23, Wantage, NJ 07461

From I-287 Exit 52: Take Rt-23 North 34 mi to High Point State Park. Almost to the Top of Rt-23 hill, on the left is the AT Parking Lot (just past mile marker 48), immediately after large stone piers on both sides of Rt-23. **GPS (41.3035, -74.6667)**

Sunday April 4, 2021 Easter No Hike

Sunday April 11, 2021 TBA Meetup
Additional details will be announced via IHC E-MAIL NETWORK one week before the event.

Saturday April 17, 2021 Roosevelt Island, Astoria and Randall's Island Strenuous
 This is a mostly flat urban hike with views, bridges and Islands. Biggest climb is for bridge crossings. We will take cable car to Roosevelt Island, tour coast of island, cross to Astoria, pass through Socrates Sculpture Park and Astoria Park. We will take JFK bridge to Randall's Island, pedestrian bridge to Manhattan and the Second Avenue Subway back to Penn Station. Bring MetroCard to pay for cable car and subway. **A joint walk with Freewalkers and Shorewalkers.**
Leader: Brian Coan 862-222-6471 BRIAN.A.COAN@GMAIL.COM
Meet: Penn Station NY-NJ Transit Waiting Area [Near Men's Room]
Additional details will be announced via IHC E-MAIL NETWORK one week before the event.

Sunday April 25, 2021 AT #19A—Depot Hill Rd. to Beekman Upland Trail Strenuous
 This hike is about 10 mi in length. We begin at Depot Rd, and continue North on the ridge that we followed on the previous section. With little views we descend into W. Pawling and cross Old & New Rt-55 and enter the area of Nuclear Lake. The lake obtained its name from an incident at a laboratory adjunct to the lake. The lab had some *Trouble* and the AT was rerouted for some time. Since the *cleanup*, hikers pass by without the need for Giger Counters. Upon reaching the Beekman Upland Trail we turn around and return by the way we came.
Leader: Paul Ferlazzo 973-979-2010 P_FERLAZZO@YAHOO.COM
Meet: 9:00 AM AT Parking, 301 Depot Hill Rd, Poughquag, NY 12570
From Suffern: @ I-287 & I-87N Interchange Exit 15A: Drive North on I-87N for 29 mi to Exit 17 for I-84 **Eastbound**. After the Tolls continue on I-84 across the Hudson for 16 mi to Exit 52A Taconic Parkway Northbound. Drive north for 1.4 miles and take Exit-38 for Rt-52 East. Drive 1.1 mi to NY-216 on left turn left and continue thru Stormville (sharp left) for 5.3 mi to Depot Hill Rd on right. Turn in and drive 1.9 mi (Steep Rd.) to small Multiple Use Area Parking. **GPS (41.5732, -73.6807) Trail crossing GPS (41.57123, -73.6806)**

Sunday May 2, 2021 Patriots Path—Ralston to Schiff Moderately Strenuous
 We will follow Patriots Path from Ralston over to Schiff reservation. This requires wading the north branch of the Raritan River. Please bring crocs or some type of water shoe. Schiff, which is an old boy scout reservation is now attached to McVickers Brook Preserve and we will hike both parks. Total mileage will be 8 miles.
Leaders: Guy & Jen Percival 973-590-7437 JENGUY@OPTONLINE.NET
Meet: 9:00 AM Ralston Cider Mill Museum Parking, 384 Mendham Rd W (Rt-510), Mendham, NJ 07945
From I-80 Exit 27; Rt-206 South: Continue south 7+ miles on Rt-206 to Chester at the light at intersection of Rt-513 (Main St). Stay in left turn lane and turn left, then drive eastward 1 mi to junction with Rt-510 at traffic light. Turn right onto Rt-510. Then drive 2.8 mi to Ralston Cider Mill Museum Parking on right. Keep an eye open once you pass the Ralston Cider Mill on your right, the Museum is next and looks like a private house driveway.
From I-287 Exit 22B; Rt-206 North: Continue north 10 mi to light for Rt-513 (Main St) at Chester. Turn Right on Rt-513, and drive eastward 1 mi to junction with Rt-510 at traffic light. Turn right onto Rt-510. Then drive 2.8 mi to Ralston Cider Mill Museum Parking on right. Keep an eye open once you pass the Ralston Cider Mill on your right, the Museum is next and looks like a private house driveway. **GPS (40.7735, -74.6355)**

Sunday May 9, 2021 Butler Reservoir Moderately Strenuous
 Will start at Pyramid Mtn. Hike over to and around Butler Reservoir, then return to Pyramid Mtn visitors center. Hike is 8.5 miles. Very pretty views of the reservoir but some road walking.
Leaders: Guy & Jen Percival 973-590-7437 JENGUY@OPTONLINE.NET
Meet: 9:00 AM Pyramid Mt. Visitors Center, 472 Boonton Ave, (Rt-511), Boonton Township NJ 07005
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 the left.
From the North: I-287 Exit 52, to Rt-23 north: Go 2 miles north on Rt-23 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 the right. **GPS (40.9472, -74.3873)**

Sunday May 16, 2021 Ringwood State Park Hike Moderately Strenuous
 This 8-mile hike starts at the Botanical Gardens (Crabapple Vista should be in full bloom along with the Cherries) and quickly ascends the ridge that forms the Ramapo Mts. We will take the Halifax Trail to Bear swamp Lake and circling it, return over Ilgenstein Rock. Another point of interest, the Butler Mine, will be passed on our return to the Gardens.
Leaders: Mike Roulier 201-522-0259 MROULIER@PATELLAWOOD.COM
Jill Wilson 973-879-0531 SUNSHYN812@GMAIL.COM
Meet: Ringwood S.P; Skylands Manor Parking Lot A, Morris Rd (End), Ringwood, NJ 07456
From I-287 Exit 55: Go north on Ringwood Ave. (Rt-511) about 7 mi to Sloatsburg Rd; turn right for 2 mi to Skylands sign. Turn right onto Morris Ave, go 1/4 mi to intersection near Manor House, (Eagles Gateway); continue straight 400 ft to parking lot "A" on left, just after gate house.
From Suffern @ I-87 & I-287 Interchange Exit 15A: Take Rt-17 north 2 mi to Sterling Mine Rd (Rt-72). Right exit at Sterling Mine Rd (becomes Sloatsburg Rd. in NJ), go about 4 mi. Turn left at Skylands Botanical Garden sign, and proceed as above.
GPS (41.1268, -74.2378)

Sunday May 23, 2021**Bear Mountain & the 1,340 Steps****Strenuous**

There are two historic Revolutionary Forts in this area, we will start with a tour of the ruins of Fort Montgomery (using explanatory diagrams). Next walking past the museum store (with bathrooms, if open) we cross the mouth of Popolopen Creek on the New Hiker Footbridge, (good views) then continue to the base of the Bear Mountain Bridge. After walking the bridge for the views, we continue past Fort Clinton onward to Hessian lake. From its shores we ascend Bear Mountain using the Major Welch trail, (little scrambling at the top) up to the Perkins Memorial Tower, (maybe open). After we view the sights, we descend on the AT using the newly finished 1340 steps and then walk back along the lake and road to the cars. Bring water, trail snacks, lunch, and strong knees! About 5 hrs. 7¼ miles **for last minute info call leader.**

Leader: Richard Mohovich 201-675-6304 FIGGMAN@MINDSPRING.COM

Meet: 10:00 AM Fort Montgomery Overflow Parking on Rt-9W north, 708 Rt-9W, Highland Falls, NY 10928

Take the Palisades Interstate Parkway north to Rt-9W traffic circle near Bear Mountain Bridge (about 18 miles north of NY State Thruway). At the circle junction go **north** on Rt-9W about ½ mi across Popolopen Bridge (**0.3 mi past Fort Montgomery entrance**) to “**Additional parking sign**” at end of viaduct just off the east side of Rt-9W. **GPS (41.3283, -73.9877)**

Sunday May 30, 2021**South Sterling Ridge Trail Maintenance****Moderately Strenuous**

Sterling Ridge needs some extra help on its southern section. Sara has obtained parking passes so we will start from the north and work south. We will car shuttle to the Visitor center. The hike is 2 miles to the fire tower and then 5.5 miles of clipping to the cars. Tools will be provided, however please bring work gloves. **Shuttle Required**

Leader: Sara Van Niekerk 973-489-6442 SUSARAVN@GMAIL.COM

Meet: 9:00 AM South end of the Sterling Ridge Trail, 1561 Greenwood Lake Tpk. (Rt-511), Hewitt NJ 07421

From I-287 Exit 55: Take Rt-511 (Ringwood Ave.) (becomes Greenwood Lake Tpk.) north about 11 miles to junction of Greenwood Lake Turnpike and East Shore Drive.) Parking is on the left side of the Road. **GPS Meeting Place (41.1400, -74.3280)**

Note! If late or lost see below!

We will shuttle cars to Sterling Forest Visitor Center, 117 Old Forge Rd, Tuxedo Pk, NY 10987

Drive back (south) on Rt-511 2 mi to Margaret King Rd. Turning Left drive 2¼ mi to Sloatsburg Rd. Turn left and drive 2 mi to Sterling Mine Rd (CR-72) at traffic light. Turn left onto Long Meadow Rd (CR-84). Go north 3½ miles to Sterling Lake Rd (Old Forge Road) on left. Turn left and go ¼ mi taking the next right toward the Visitor's Center which is ¼ mi ahead. The Parking will be opposite the Visitor Center in the hiker parking lot on right side of road.

Shuttle GPS (41.1983, -74.2562)

Sunday June 6, 2021**IHC Annual Meeting****Next schedule****Saturday June 12, 2021****Rain Date—South Sterling Ridge Trail Maintenance****See May 30, 2021**