

# **Interstate Hiking Club**

**Organized 1931**

**Affiliate of the NY-NJ Trail Conference**



## **Schedule of Hikes**

**November 2017 through April 2018**

**IHC Web Page: [www.interstatehikingclub.org](http://www.interstatehikingclub.org)  
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**First Class Mail**

## 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.

### INTERSTATE HIKING CLUB OFFICERS FOR JUNE 2017 TO May 2018

<b>President:</b>	Guy Percival	73 Birchwood Road	Bedminster NJ 07921	973-590-7437	JENGUY@OPTONLINE.NET
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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.

**Note! Current Members! Annual Dues are \$10.00: Due on June 1**

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

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

If joining between **May 1 and Dec. 1**, dues are \$11.00 per person.

[\$10.00 per year plus \$1.00 initiation fee]

If joining between **Dec. 1 and May 1**, dues are \$6.00 per person.

[\$5.00 (1/2 year) plus a \$1.00 initiation fee]

**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, Treasurer, 711 Terhune Drive, Wayne, NJ 07470

# INTERSTATE HIKING CLUB Winter 2017-18 SCHEDULE

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## The AT Project

This spring the Interstate Hiking Club starts a series of about 20 hikes along the AT northward from Delaware Water Gap to RHP Cabin north of Fahnestock Park, NY. We will schedule this project over a four years span. The total mileage is about 140 miles, and we plan an award for those who complete all the sections. (Makeup's allowed) This Project was last done by IHC 1997-2000.

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

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**Saturday November 4, 2017 Pinnacle & Pulpit in PA Moderately Strenuous**  
 We will meet at the Clinton Park & Ride and carpool to the Hamburg Reservoir in PA. Then we do a loop hike of about 8 miles that will include The Pinnacle and The Pulpit. This is thought to be the most beautiful hike in PA. **Carpool**  
**Leader: Ora Zable Text 973-489-7864**  
**Meet: 8:00 AM Clinton Park & Ride, NJ-31, 194 Center St., Clinton, NJ 08809**  
**From Intersection of I-287 & I-78:** Merge onto I-78 W toward Easton Pennsylvania and drive 13 miles. Take Exit 17 to merge onto Rt-31N toward Clinton/Washington/Flemington. Continue ¾ mi on Rt-31N and take exit for Rt-31 Southbound overpass, bearing right at both forks before the overpass. Continue ¾ mi to light and turn left still heading to Rt-31S. Drive ½ mi to Park & Ride just before Rt-31S entrance. GPS (40.6396, -74.8940)

→**Sunday November 5, 2017 Daylight Savings Ends! Fall back 1 hour Saturday night.**←

**Saturday November 11, 2017 Little Gap in PA Moderately Strenuous**  
 We will meet at the Clinton Park & Ride and carpool to Smith Gap in PA and leave a car. Then shuttle to Little Gap and hike back 8 miles to Smith Gap. While not the most beautiful hike in PA it is relatively flat and scenic high on the AT ridge. **Shuttle required.**  
**Leader: Jerry Giordano GMGLIV@MSN.COM**  
**Meet: 8:00 AM Clinton Park & Ride, NJ-31, 194 Center St., Clinton, NJ 08809**  
**From Intersection of I-287 & I-78:** Merge onto I-78 W toward Easton Pennsylvania and drive 13 miles. Take Exit 17 to merge onto Rt-31N toward Clinton/Washington/Flemington. Continue ¾ mi on Rt-31N and take exit for Rt-31 southbound overpass, bearing right at both forks before the overpass. Continue ¾ mi to light and turn left still heading to Rt-31South. Drive ½ mi to Park & Ride just before Rt-31S entrance. GPS (40.6396, -74.8940)

**Sunday November 19, 2017 Watchung Hike 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 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. (GPS 40.6826, -74.3728)  
**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 40.6826, -74.3728)

**Sunday November 26, 2017 South Sterling Ridge Trail Maintenance Moderately Strenuous**  
 Sterling Ridge needs some extra help on its southern section. Sara has obtained parking passes so we can start in the south and work north. We will **car shuttle** to the south end to start working. The hike is four miles of clipping, and one extra mile to the cars. Tools will be provided, **however please bring work gloves.**  
**Leader: Sara Van Niekerk 973-489-6442 SUSARAVN@GMAIL.COM**  
**Meet: 9:00 AM Sterling Forest Visitor Center, 119 Old Forge Rd, Tuxedo, New York 10987**  
**From Suffern @ I-87 & I-287 Interchange Exit 15:** Take Rt-17 north 2 mi to Sterling Mine Rd (CR-72). Proceed west on Sterling Mine Rd about 3 miles to traffic light. Turn right at traffic light 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 center in the hiker parking lot on right side of road. (GPS 41.1983, -74.2562)

**Sunday December 3rd, 2017 Mt Tammany****Strenuous**

Weather permitting we will hike up to Mt. Tammany to enjoy some exciting views and then take the Blue Dot trail to Dunnfield Creek up to Sunfish Pond, where we will enjoy lunch and return on the AT. Approx. 8-9 mi long, however, ice, high water levels and bad weather condition will alter and certainly shorten the route!! Bring ice traction devices.

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

**Meet: 9:00 AM Delaware Water Gap, Kittatinny Visitor Center, I-80, Columbia, NJ 07832**

**From: I-80 west to Delaware Water Gap area:** Exit for Visitor Center. **THIS IS THE LAST EXIT BEFORE BRIDGE TO PA.** Follow signs to Visitor Center making a Left at stop sign at end of exit ramp and proceeding under I-80. (GPS 40.9702, -75.1282)

**Sunday December 10, 2017 Norvin Green in Winter****Moderately Strenuous**

The hike thru the park is 6-7 mile hike with numerous ups and downs. Exact route depends upon winter trail conditions.

**Leaders: Carolyn and Jim Canfield** 973-728-9774 CMJWCANFIELD@GMAIL.COM

**Meet: 9:30 AM The New Weis Ecology Center, 140 Snake Den Road, Ringwood, NJ 07456**

**From I-287 Exit 55:** Take Rt-511 (Ringwood Ave.) north 4 miles (becomes Greenwood Tpk) and turn left onto Westbrook Rd. Go west on Westbrook Rd. and make a left at "Y" intersection, then ½ mi. to a left onto Snake Den Road. Follow road to parking lot on right before Weis Ecology. Do not drive into Weis Ecology Center. (GPS 41.0697, -74.3211)

**Sunday December 17, 2017 Lake Ashroe by Stokes****Moderately Strenuous**

We will hike from Lake Ashroe to Tillman Ravine and back. The hike is about 8-9 miles in length depending on conditions. Come and explore a new section in Stokes State Forest that contained a former Boy Scout camp.

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

**Meet: 9:30 AM Stokes State Forest Entrance (Ranger) Station, 1 Coursen Rd, Branchville, 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. GPS (41.1857, -74.7957)

**Sunday December 23, 2017 NYC Lights****Moderately Strenuous**

A city walk during the Holiday Season.

**Leaders: Craig Nunn** DYSTOPICNJ@GMAIL.COM

**Jim Schlenker** JIMS0331@GMAIL.COM

**Meet: Time and meeting place to be announced by mass e-mail 1 week before trip.**

**Monday January 1, 2018 New Years 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 Years 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 7, 2018 The Tourne & Mtn. Lakes****Moderately Strenuous**

This is an 8 mile hike around the trails of the Tourne Park and also an excursion into historic Mtn. Lakes to see its historic "Hapgood Development" homes.

**Leader: Paul Ferlazzo** 973 979-2010 P\_FERLAZZO@YAHOO.COM

**Meet: 9:30 AM Tourne Park, 50 McCaffrey Lane, Boonton Township, NJ 07005**

**From I-80 West, Exit 39:** Rt-46 East. Go east ¼ mi to Mountain Lakes Blvd. CR-618. Turn left at the traffic light and go 2½ mi to fork. Bear left for another ¼ mi to McCaffrey Lane. Turn left and go ¾ mi to parking lot on left by ball field. (GPS 40.9092,-74.4366)

**Sunday January 14, 2018 Bearfort Mountain****Moderately Strenuous**

The hike follows the Quail Trail up to Surprise Lake and then onto the ridge overlooking Greenwood Lake. We then go back around the lake via the State Line Trail & the AT. Return down to the lot via the Bearfort Ridge Trail for a total of about 9 mi in length. **Carpool to Trail Head Required**

**Leader: Mike Roulier** MROULIER@PATELLAWOOD.COM

**Meet: 9:00 AM Shopping Center/Hewitt Post Office; 1938 Union Valley Rd (Greenwood Lk. Tpk), Hewitt, NJ 07421**

**From Rt-23 north:** Right exit onto Union Valley Rd. (Rt-513). Then go northeast 7 miles to the traffic light in the center of West Milford by Shoprite. Turn left following Union Valley Rd (Rt-513) at 1.4 mi. bear right (Do not go up White Rd.). Continue straight on Union Valley Rd (Rt-513) ½ mi. to intersection of Rt-511 (Greenwood Lake Tpk.). The shopping center is ½ block on right.

**From I-287 Exit 55 (Rt-511):** Go north on Ringwood Ave. (name changes to Greenwood Lake Tpk.) about 14 miles to Lakeside Rd. at south end of Greenwood Lake. Continue straight-ahead ½ block to shopping center on left. (GPS 41.1542, -74.3538)

**Sunday January 21, 2018 Lakota Wolf Reservation Moderate**  
 Once again we can hear the howling of wolves echo through the mountains. Photo opportunities of a lifetime and the experience of watching and listening to packs of British Columbian, Timber and Arctic wolves will be yours. Bobcats and Foxes also reside at the Preserve. **Entrance fee needed**  
**Leader: Ora Zable text 973-489-7864**  
**Meet: 9:30 AM Lakota Wolf Preserve, 89 Mt Pleasant Rd, Columbia, NJ 07832**  
**From Intersection of I-287 & I-80:** Drive Westward on I-80 39 mi to Exit #4 Rt-94. Follow Rt-94 north for 2 miles, make a left onto Mount Pleasant Rd, and continue 1.5 mi to the Preserve on the left. GPS (40.9709, -75.0722)

\*\*\*\*Hike ideas for May 2018 to October 2018 are due today, Jan 28th 2018 \*\*\*\*

**Sunday January 28, 2018 Duke Farms in Winter Moderately Strenuous**  
 We'll hike the around the whole Duke Farms estate north of the South Gate. See the seven lakes with frozen waterfalls. The foundation of an unfinished mansion, and lovely orchids in a Greenhouse you can warm up in!  
**Leaders: Guy & Jen Percival 973-590-7437 JENGUY@OPTONLINE.NET**  
**Meet: 9:30 AM Duke Farm's Visitor Center, 1112 Duke Parkway West, Hillsborough, NJ 08844**  
**From I-287 South Exit 17, (Rt-202/206 South):** Drive 1.5 mi to split of Rts-202/206. Take Rt-206 South 2.2 mi, and then turn right onto Dukes Parkway West. Drive ½ mi to Visitor Center Parking lot on left. Turn in and go 200 ft to the first turnoff on right. After turning in, go straight ahead to parking lot. GPS (40.5463, -74.6243)

**Sunday February 4, 2018 Great Swamp in Winter 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 we're lucky, we'll see some eagles or hawks. **Shuttle is required.**  
**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 February 11, 2018 Farny Highlands – Four Birds Trail Moderately Strenuous**  
 We will see Graffiti Cliffs, go over to the Hawk watch and use the Four Birds to get us down into the valley behind Split Rock dam.  
**Rain or Foul Weather cancels this hike.**  
**Leaders: Guy & Jen Percival 973-590-7437 JENGUY@OPTONLINE.NET**  
**Meet: 9:30 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 parking is 100 ft on left. (GPS 40.9444, -74.4930)

**Sunday February 18, 2018 TBA Meetup Moderate**  
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**Leader:**  
**Meet: 9:30 AM**

**Sunday February 25, 2018 TBA Meetup Moderately Strenuous**  
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**Leader:**  
**Meet: 9:30 AM**

**Sunday March 4, 2018 Hartshorne Woods Moderately Strenuous**  
 We will hike by the Navesink River. Explore the WW2 gun battery and command posts. Complete a loop around the Monmouth Hills and into the Buttermilk Valley. This hike is 7-8 miles long with a possible stop at Bahrs Landing for hot clam chowder. **Car Pool involved.**  
**Leaders: Guy & Jen Percival 973-590-7437 JENGUY@OPTONLINE.NET**  
**Meet: 9:30 AM Cheesecake Travel Plaza Garden State Parkway Mile Post 124, South Amboy, NJ 08879**  
**From the Garden State Plaza Southbound:** At about mile 124 take exit for Fuel/Food to Plaza. Meet inside the Plaza in front of Starbucks. We will leave cars at the park and ride and carpool to Hartshorne Woods. GPS (40.4661, -74.2898)

→**Sunday March 11, 2018 Daylight Savings Starts! Spring Ahead 1 hour Saturday night.**←



**Sunday March 11, 2018 Stokes Moderately Strenuous**  
 From Stony Lake we will use the Swenson Trail to Cartwright and up to Sunrise Mountain. We will be going on the AT along the ridge taking in views of the Valley all the way out to Culvers Lookout Tower. Then Tower trail back to lot. Approximately 9 miles  
**Leader: Mike Roulier MROULIER@PATELLAWOOD.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 and continue ¼ mi to parking lot on left.

**Park Entrance:** 30 Rt-206, Branchville, NJ 07826 GPS (41.1843, -74.7974)

**Stony Lake Parking:** Coursen Rd, Sandyston, NJ 07826 GPS (41.2031, -74.7732)

**Sunday March 18, 2018 Appalachian Tr. #1—Delaware Water Gap / Mohican Rd. Strenuous**  
Starting at the Delaware River the trail passes through the rhododendron along the Dunfield Creek as it ascends the Kittatinny Ridge. The trail also passes the shore of Sunfish Pond (a hidden gem). Distance 9.3 mi. **Shuttle Required**  
**Leader: Paul Ferlazzo** 973-979-2010 P FERLAZZO@YAHOO.COM  
**Meet: 9:00 AM Mohican Outdoor Center (AMC), Camp Road, Blairstown, NJ 07825**

**From I-80 West Exit 12:** Proceed north on Rt-521 about 5 miles, to intersection of Rt-94. Turn left onto R-94 south and proceed 1¼ mi through Blairstown, to Mohican Rd on right. Follow Mohican Rd ¾ mi to Gaisler Rd. Turn left for ½ mi to continuation of Mohican Camp Rd on right. Turning right, follow this road 1½ mi to Camp Parking Lot. (GPS 41.035,-75.0014)

**Sunday March 25, 2018 Stokes State Forest Blue Mountain Loop #1 Moderately Strenuous**  
Today we will hike the southern section of the new Blue Mountain Loop. There is a possible side trip to the Silver Mine. Yes this was an actual Silver Mine in the 1800 hundreds. **Rain, Snow or Foul Weather cancels this hike**  
**Leader: Roy Williams** ROYHIKER1@AOL.COM  
**Meet: 9:00 AM Kittle Field Parking Lot, Stokes State Forest, 13 Kittle Road, 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, at intersection turn left and continue 100 feet to parking lot on left. **Heated Rest Rooms are available at Kittle Field!** **Park Entrance:** 30 Rt-206, Branchville, NJ 07826 GPS (41.1843, -74.7974)  
**Kittle Field Parking:** 13 Kittle Road Sandyston, NJ 07826

GPS (41.2062, -74.7746)

**Sunday April 1, 2018 Appalachian Tr. #2—Mohican Rd. / Flatbrookville Rd. Moderately Strenuous**  
This section affords some fine views along the ridge both from the trail and from Catfish Tower. Heavy growth of mountain laurel and rhododendron are found on both sides of the path. There is a section where beavers and maintainers may be at odds. Distance 7.1 mi.

**Leader: Paul Ferlazzo** 973-979-2010 P FERLAZZO@YAHOO.COM

**Meet: 9:00 AM A.T. Trail head parking, Flatbrookville Stillwater Rd, Newton NJ**

**From I-80 West to Delaware Water Gap:** Exit for River Rd. This is the last exit before bridge to Pa. Drive north on River Rd. about 11 miles to Millbrook Village. Continue north on River Rd 1.5 mi to Flatbrookville-Stillwater Rd on the right. Turning right follow the road 2.8 mi to its end and then turn left into the AT parking. (GPS 41.0731,-74.9637)

**ALTERNATE (Complicated & Slower but Shorter) I-80 West to Exit 12:** Right on Rt-521 for about 4 mi to Blairstown. Turn left onto Rt-94; go 0.2 mi to light then turn right onto Rt-602 (Bridge St) (becomes Millbrook Rd), which goes between Ace Hardware and a red building on the left. Continue 0.15 mi to stop sign. Turn right onto Millbrook Rd. (Rt-602), and 200 ft up the hill bear left following Millbrook Rd (Rt-602) about 7 mi to River Rd and Millbrook Village. Follow River Rd North (right) 1.5 mi to Flatbrookville-Stillwater Rd on the right. Turning right follow the road 2.8 mi to its end and then turn left to the AT parking.

**Sunday April 8, 2018 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.

**Leader: Jerry Giordano** GMGLIV@MSN.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. Turn right at the light 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)

**Sunday April 15, 2018 Sterling Ridge Trail Maintenance Moderately Strenuous**

Come help the club with Spring Trail maintenance on the North End. We clipped our way over the South this Fall.

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

**Meet: 9:00 a.m. North End Sterling Ridge Trail Parking, Rt-17A, Sterling Forest, NY 10987**

**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 5½ mi. (look for hikers crossing sign). The access road to the Parking Area is on the left side of Rt-17A.

**From Greenwood Lake, NY:** Travel 3½ miles east on Rt-17A to the parking area access road on the right. GPS (41.2466,-74.2474)

**Saturday April 21-May 5, 2018 Hike the Camino—Portugal into Spain Moderately Strenuous**

This will be a two week hike along the Camino from Lisbon to Santiago de Compostela averaging 12 miles a day.

*Pre-Registration needed to attend Event. **Wait list at time of publication!***

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

**Sunday April 22, 2018 Jones Point Moderately Strenuous**

The hike will start at Jones Pt., up the RD (with a shortcut to the old RD trail) and then bushwhacking to the rail bed on the Myles Trail which goes around the outside (north side) of Dunderberg with great views of Iona Island. Then we cross the RD (with a possible side trip to Stalter Springs) to Jones Rd. Then it's up the escalator to the TT and then either continue to the Timp or back to Jones Pt. Lunch is at the top of the escalator. In addition, there is an option to continue from the TT along the RR bed back to the RD.

**Leader: Ken Dolsky** 973-335-8542 KDOLSKY@OPTONLINE.NET

**Meet: 9:00 AM Jones Point Parking, Rt-9W, Rt-202, (Jones Point) Tomkins Cove, NY 10986**

**From Palisades Parkway northbound:** Take Parkway to its end at the Bear Mountain Bridge Circle and Rt-9W. (about 18 miles north of New York State Thruway) Go south (right) on Rt-9W for about 4 miles to the parking area along southbound side of Rt-9W, opposite the old road to Jones Point. GPS (41.2811,-73.9627)

**Sunday April 29, 2018 Stoke State Forest Blue Mountain Loop #2 Moderately Strenuous**

Today we will hike the middle section of the new Blue Mountain Loop. This will be a moderate to moderately strenuous hike. No big hills.

**Leader: Roy Williams** ROYHIKER1@AOL.COM

**Meet: 9:00 AM Kittle Field Parking Lot, Stokes State Forest, 13 Kittle Road, Sandyston, NJ**

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**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, at intersection turn left and continue 100 feet to parking lot on left. **Heated Rest Rooms are available at Kittle Field! Park Entrance:** 30 Rt-206, Branchville, NJ 07826 GPS (41.1843, -74.7974)

**Kittle Field Parking:** 13 Kittle Road Sandyston, NJ 07826

GPS (41.2062, -74.7746)

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