

ADK RAMAPO CHAPTER

2008 FALL OUTINGS SCHEDULE

OCTOBER • NOVEMBER • DECEMBER

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SPECIAL EVENTS

FALL FOLIAGE WEEKEND at the Delaware Water Gap

October 31- November 2

RSVP by September 31. See newsletter for details.

HOLIDAY PARTY, Thursday, December 4

7 PM at Pasta Cucina, New City, NY.

Wednesday, November 26 last day to make your reservations.

See newsletter for details.

HIKERS GUIDE

New hikers and non-members, please contact the leader in advance. All hikes are rated. Choose only those hikes suitable for your abilities. Dress properly, especially footwear. The leader has the option of refusing unprepared persons. Carry a light lunch and water. In winter conditions, a hot drink is useful. Rain gear, extra socks, hat, sweater, and wind breaker permit you to adapt to the weather. A day pack is indispensable. Minors under 16 are welcome on day hikes when accompanied by a parent or guardian. No persons under 18 shall participate on overnight outings unless accompanied by a parent or adult sponsor over 21. **Non-members are welcome on two outings before joining ADK.**

Footwear and Clothing: Wear clothing suited to the weather and carry extra garments for unexpected weather and conditions. In winter conditions, dress in thin layers so you can adjust the number of layers as required to maintain comfort. Underwear made of polypropylene is recommended because it does not retain moisture but rather directs body moisture to the outer layers of clothing so you will not feel wet and cold. Wear and/or carry wool or polyester fleece pile outer layers which will retain heat when wet. Carry wool or polypropylene hat, gloves or mitts and a waterproof outer shell. Be prepared for rain by carrying rain gear. Wear comfortable, sturdy boots and two pairs of socks, a polyester liner and a heavy wool or polyester sock over it to avoid blisters. **Cotton sweat suits or jeans absorb moisture and do not retain their insulating properties when wet and therefore are unsuitable for winter conditions.** Most hikers carry a simple first aid kit, flashlight, compass, and pocket knife. Carry a map of the area you are hiking in.

If drought conditions close trails, call leader, as location of hike might be changed.

Be aware of possible hunting in area you plan to hike. Check with the Department of Environmental Conservation for local hunting regulations. Avoid places and times where hunting is permitted. The New York-New Jersey Trail Conference can help with hunting information. Call 201-512-9348 or go on line <NYNJTC.org> Hunting is not permitted in Harriman/Bear Mountain State Park. It is permitted in Sterling Forest State Park and Black Rock Forest. Hunting season is generally mid-October to mid-February. Sterling Forest has hunting in May from dawn to noon. **During hunting season, wear bright colors and stay on the trails.**

HIKE RATINGS represent the **Pace**, **Distance** and **Terrain** covered during the hike. A hike's rating is determined by the hike leader.

Pace: **A** = fast - 2.5 mph or faster **B** = moderate - about 2 mph **C** = easy - 1.5 mph or less

Distance is given in miles as noted

Terrain: **A** = Strenuous, long ups and downs, some rock scrambling possible.
B = Moderate ups and downs as occurs typically in Harriman.
C = Generally flat with little elevation change.

ASSUMED RISK: Hiking/biking involves certain inherent hazards. Persons participating do so at their own risk and must sign a release of liability.

EXPENSE SHARING: When car pooling, passengers are expected to offer the driver funds sufficient to cover the cost of fuel, tolls and parking fees. A \$3.00 minimum per person is recommended.

HIKE MEETING LOCATIONS OTHER THAN TRAIL HEADS:

Clarkstown: Commuter Parking Lot on Middletown Rd. just south of Exit 10 of the Palisades Interstate Pky.

Suffern: Commuter Parking between R.R. tracks and junction of Lafayette Ave. and Rt. 202.

Harriman: Commuter Parking Lot at intersection of Rt. 6 and NY 17, Use parking meters.

Tuxedo: Tuxedo Commuter Parking Lot off Rt. 17, one street north of R.R. station, Tuxedo, NY.

Most hike meeting locations can be found can be found on NY-NJ Trail Conference maps (TC map #)

Be at meeting place at least 10 min. prior to departure time.

Pets are not permitted on hikes.

Sterling Forest Hunting Seasons

Fire Arms

Nov. 15 - Dec. 7

Wear a bright color. Stay on trails. Most of Allis Trail is in a no hunting zone.

Do not confront hunters. Report suspicious activity to Park Management.

Bow Hunting

Oct. 18 - Nov. 14 and Dec. 10- Dec. 18

Wednesday, 10/1 **RAMAPO RESERVATION CIRCULAR** **TC map 115**
C-5-C+ Nick Viggiano (R) 845-359-2465
A circular hike using the Schuber Trail, Yellow Silver Trails to Bear Swamp Rd., returning on the Schuber and Silver Trails. Meet Ramapo Reservation Parking Lot off Rt. 202 at 10 AM. Steady rain cancels.

Thursday, 10/02 **IN THE WOODS**
C-5/7-B Phyllis Key (NJ) 201-768-5573 or pkeyhiker@juno.com
Call or email (preferred) no earlier than 3 days prior to hike. Do not call after 8:30 PM. Pace and location will be determined by weather conditions.

Thursday, 10/2 **WALK AROUND ROCKLAND LAKE** **TC map 110**
C-3-C Louise Parnell (R) 845-290-5287 or parnelljt@optonline.net
Walk a level path around Rockland Lake. Meet at 10 AM in Parking Field #6-Boat Dock Bring lunch or a snack. No parking fee.

Saturday, 10/4 **PEOPLE-FOR-TRAILS HIKE-A-THON** **TC map 119**
This is a New York-New Jersey Trail Conference event at Bear Mountain State Park. Go to the NY-NJ Trail Conference web site to for further information and to register.
www.nynjtc.org/events/2008/hikeathon.html

Saturday, 10/4 **NICE AND EASY - STERLING FOREST** **TC map 100**
B-5-C Pat Marcotullio (R) 845-729-4046 patros@optonline.net
Weather conditions will determine route with possible lunch at Fire Tower. Must have plenty of water and hiking boots. Meet 10 AM Sterling Forest Visitor Center Upper Parking Lot. Steady rain will cancel.

Saturday, 10/4 **STERLING FOREST - EAST SIDE** **TC maps 100 & 119**
B-7.5-B- P. Tilgner & S. Gordon (R) browning.27@verizon.net or 201-871-3531
This hike will take you on the Sapphire, Indian Hill, Furnace and Wildcat Mt. Trails. Car shuttle required. Meet first at 9 AM in Commuter Parking Lot top of ramp off Rt. 17 where Rt. 17-A meets Rt. 106 in Southfields, NY. The hike begins at the northern trailhead of the Sapphire. Heavy rain cancels.

Sunday, 10/5 **OKTOBERFEST LOOP** **TC map 119**
B-7-B+ Robert Permutt (R) 914-588-0212 or rpermutt2003@yahoo.com (preferred)
Meet at 9:00 AM in front of the Merry-Go-Round Pavilion at the Bear Mountain Inn. Hike from the Bear Mountain Inn to the summit of Bald Mountain via the Cornell Mine and Ramapo Dunderberg Trails. Return to the Bear Mountain Inn through the abandoned village of Doodletown utilizing the Ramapo Dunderberg and 1777 trails. Afterwards, stay at the park and enjoy German Food and Spirits at Oktoberfest (optional). Rain cancels. Call leader before 8 AM if weather uncertain. Fee for parking as well as for food and drink at Oktoberfest.

Sunday, 10/5 BEARFORT RIDGE FIRE TOWER TC map 116

B-4-B Jennifer Leonard Hahn (NJ) rudybird2766@yahoo.com

We will hike the Highlands Trail to the Yellow Trail to the Bearfort Ridge Fire Tower and back down. There are views of Manhattan on a clear day. It 's a beautiful hike with lots of streams and rocks and tall evergreens and moss. Bring snacks and water. Park on Clinton Road (P4- Parking lot) (If you take Rt 23 to Clinton Road the parking lot is on left, if you take Warwick Turnpike to Clinton Road the parking lot is on your right). Meet 9:30 AM sharp.

Thursday, 10/9 IN THE WOODS

B-7/8-B Hank Zulauf (NJ) 201-391-5867 or hankz@verizon.net

Ups and downs. Please telephone or email for location and start time.

Saturday, 10/11 THE HUDSON, PART III: GIANT STAIRS TC map 109

B-5-B+ Despina Metaxatos (NJ) dmetaxatos@hotmail.com (preferred)
or 201-952-4151 (until 9 PM)

Meet 9 AM at State Line Lookout in front of cafe, after exit 2 on Palisades Parkway Northbound. Our route is Long Path south descending Forest View trail to Shore Trail northbound, then mile-long challenging rock scramble of Giant Stairs. We continue to lunch at Peanut Leap Cascade, and ascend via Long Path and/or other trails back to State Line Lookout. Difficult rock scramble Experienced hikers only. Rain or wet conditions cancel hike.

Saturday, 10/11 STERLING FOREST FIRE TOWER RAMBLE TC map 100

B-5-B+ Jeffrey Sovelove (NJ) Hiker_Dood@yahoo.com and
Lee Ousley (NJ) Ousleycl@mindspring.com

This is a moderately strenuous hike with a considerable amount of climbing. Meet at the Visitors Center at 10 AM sharp. See the Sterling Forest website for information and directions: <http://nysparks.state.ny.us/parks/info.asp?parkID=81> Steady rain cancels.

Sunday, 10/12 FALL RAMBLE TC map 118

B-7-B Manny Silberberg (R) 845 354 9165 (cell) 845 596-3182

Meet first at Parker Cabin Trail Head 9 AM. (!/4 mile east of Thruway Overpass on Rt. 106). Hike will start on the Victory Trail from Rt. 106. We will hike the Victory, White Cross, White Bar, Blue Disc, and Parker Cabin Trails. Short car shuttle required. Rain cancels.

Sunday, 10/12 BOAT RIDE - CRUISE THE HUDSON RIVER ON THE PRIDE OF THE HUDSON

John & Louise Parnell (R) 845-290-5287 or parnelljt@optonline.net

Pass Mt. Beacon, Bannerman Island, Storm King Mt., & Cold Spring. Light snack available- no food on board. Seniors(62+) - \$17.00 & Adults -\$18.00. Cruise departs Torches Landing, 26 Front Street, Newburgh, N.Y. 1PM to 3PM. Call for possible car pool.

Thursday, 10/16 IN THE WOODS

B-6/8-B Paul Margiotta (NJ) 201-693-6705 or pjmm11@verizon.net

Ups and downs. Call or email leader by 9PM Wednesday night for details.

Thursday, 10/16 WALK AROUND HESSIAN LAKE TC map 119

C-3-C Louise Parnell (R) 845-290-5287 or parnelljt@optonline.net

Walk around Hessian Lake. Meet at 10AM in the Bear Mt. parking lot. Bring lunch or a snack. No parking fee.

Saturday, 10/18 **POUND MOUNTAIN CIRCULAR** **TC map 118**
C-5/6-B Denis and Joan Kmiec (R) 845-634-1397 cell 845-548-5883
The Blue Disc to Claudius Smith for lunch. Return on the TMI and White Bar Trails. Out by 1:30 PM. Rain cancels. Meet at 10 AM at Johnstontown Rd. Circle. (no calls after 9 PM)

Saturday, 10/18 **IN THE WOODS**
C-5/7-B Phyllis Key (NJ) 201-768-5573 or pkeyhiker@juno.com
Call or e-mail (preferred) no earlier than 3 days prior to hike. Do not call after 8:30 PM. Pace and location will be determined by weather conditions.

Sunday, 10/19 **BUTTER HILL AND THE NORTH RIDGE OF CROWS NEST**
(STORM KING STATE PARK) **TC map 113**
B-7.5-B+ Robert Permutt (R) 914-588-0212 or rpermutt2003@yahoo.com (preferred)
Meet at 9:30 AM at the parking turnout on the northbound side of 9W, 8.6 miles north of the Bear Mountain Bridge (this will be the second parking area you pass when traveling north). Please note that this turnout cannot be accessed from the southbound direction of 9W. Hike to the tops of Butter Hill and the North Ridge of Crows Nest via numerous marked trails and a woods road. Many ups and downs with some rock scrambling and great views. Rain cancels. Call leader before 8 AM if weather uncertain.

Sunday, 10/19 **MONK MOUNTAIN LOOP** **TC map 115**
C-3-C Richard Sumner (R) rls@rsumner.com or 845-216-7698
A pleasant trail around Monk Mountain. Varied terrain (some ups and downs), reservoir views and an iron mine. An excellent hike for beginners or anyone wanting an easy short hike. Rain cancels, call before 10 AM if uncertain. Meet 11:00 AM at far end of Fisherman's Parking Lot (North Boat Launch, off Co. Rt. 511, west of Margaret King Ave.)

Sunday, 10/19 **LEMON SQUEEZER HIKE IN HARRIMAN** **TC map 119**
B-8-B Peg Wissler (NJ) 914-260-7506 or mwissler@tenafly.k12.nj.us
A moderately paced hike along the Appalachian Trail which will include a rock scramble in the "Lemon Squeezer". Call or e-mail Monday through Friday by 3 PM the week before the hike for meeting place and time. Heavy precipitation cancels.

Thursday, 10/23 **Registration deadline for those attending Fall Foliage Weekend for the Nov.1 day (hike and dinner). Please e-mail or call Aaron Schoenberg, hike leader, stating your intention to hike or hike and stay for dinner .**

Thursday, 10/23 **FALL ALONG THE HUDSON** **TC map 108**
B-6-C John Geary (NJ) 201 641 3407 OR JGEARY@nj.rr.com
Meet 10 Am at the Alpine Boat Basin, Exit 2 Palisades Pkwy, go down the hill past the Police Station. We hike along the Hudson, pass Huylers Landing to the Undercliff picnic area and return. Rain cancels. Please call or email to register.

Saturday, 10/25 **PEEKAMOOSE AND TABLE** **TC map 43**
B-10-A George Preoteasa (R) g.preoteasa@att.net or 201-694-8344
A moderately paced but strenuous Catskills hike with about 3000' of elevation gain. If there is interest, we may do it one-way with a car shuttle. Bad weather cancels. To register, please contact leader by Thursday, 10/23 (e-mail preferred). Carpool information: Home Depot parking lot off NY Thruway Exit 16.

Sunday, 10/26 HIKING LAKE TO LAKE TC map 118

B-7-B Peter Reiner (R) 845-323-7697 (cell) or psr7@aol.com
Starting at Lake Sebago, we follow the Seven Hills Trail to the Tuxedo-Mt. Ivy Trail. We transfer onto the Suffern-Bear Mountain Trail going over Big Hill for lunch. We continue on the SBM over Jackie Jones Mountain to the parking area on Rt. 106 near Lake Welch. Car shuttle required. Meet hike leader at 9:30 AM sharp at the Rt. 106 Gate Hill Rd parking area. Take Exit 14(Gate Hill Rd.) off the Palisades to get the parking area.

Thursday,10/30 GATE HILL ROAD TO SKANNATATI TC map 118

B-7/8-B Debbie Bell (R) deb2@columbia.edu or 845-358-8386 (No calls after 9 PM) and Lilo Kassel (R) LRKmels@verizon.net 845-353-0573 (No calls after 9 PM). A one-way hike (car shuttle required) from SBM trailhead on Rt. 106 to Lake Skannatati, on the SBM, unmarked trails, and the Long Path. The route includes the Orak ruins, fire tower on Jackie Jones Mtn., Second and Third Reservoirs and Breakneck Pond. Contact one of the leaders for time and meeting place.

Thursday, 10/30 NYACK BEACH STATE PARK TC map 110

C-3-C Louise Parnell(R) 845-290-5287 or parnelljt@optonline.net
Walk a gravel trail along the Hudson River and enjoy the views. Meet at 10AM at the Nyack Beach parking lot. It is at the end of North Broadway in Nyack. Bring lunch or a snack - no parking fee.

Saturday, 11/1 FALL FOLIAGE WEEKEND HIKE TC map 17

B-9-B Aaron Schoenberg (R) askus3@optonline.net (preferred) or 845-986-8645
This 9 mile circular hike in Pennsylvania follows two loop (Tumbling Waters & Sunrise) trails on the PEEC (Pocono Environmental Education Center) lands. You could opt to hike one loop at a slower pace and peruse the Education Center. The PEEC is located 7 miles north of the Bushkill light on US 209. After these circulars, two other optional walks to two other scenic locations will also be traversed (Cedar Point-.75 mile) & (Indian Ladders – 2 miles). After the hikes an optional shower/changing/dinner at the Shawnee Inn can be arranged. The price for dinner is \$ 28.00 paid directly to the Shawnee Inn. Meet 7 AM at the New York/New Jersey Trail Conference Office Bldg. in Mahwah, NJ (US 202/Ramapo Valley Rd.) or 9 AM at the Shawnee Inn Parking Lot, One River Rd., Shawnee on Delaware, PA.
Registration is required for those attending for only the day.

Saturday,11/1 LAKE SKANNATATI TC Map 119

C-6/7-B Lou O'Neill (R) 845-357-0497 (no calls after 8 PM)
Meet 10 AM at Lake Skannatati Parking Lot we will start on the ASB, RD, Dunning to the shelter for lunch and out on the Dunning and Long Path. Rain cancels.

Saturday, 11/1 WYANOKIES TC map 115

C-6-B Richard Zinn (R) 201-357-4642 hrzinn@aol.com
Meet 9:30 AM at Weis Ecology Center. On Wyanokie Circular Trail we will climb to High Point for superb views. Later do the Will Monroe Loop on Assinewikam Mt.. Phone if weather doubtful.

Saturday 11/2 Daylight Savings Time Ends. Clocks Back 1 hour Saturday Night

Sunday, 11/2 **FALL FOLIAGE WEEKEND HIKE TWO** **TC map 15**
B-7-B Joint with and lead by the Interstate Hiking Club

Hike up AT on the Pennsylvania side of the Delaware Water Gap. This is a moderate hike with stunning views of the Water Gap. The hike will continue on towards Fox Gap with a return via carriage road. Meet 9:30 at Lake Lenape Parking Lot.

Directions from New Jersey - Heading East on Interstate 80 towards Stroudsburg, take the exit for Route 611 South. Drive 0.6 miles on 611 South to a stoplight in the town of Delaware Water Gap, PA, and make a left, staying on 611 South. Go another 0.3 miles and make a right onto Mountain Rd. Another 0.1 miles, and you take a left at the fork in the road. Park at the Lake Lenape Parking Lot.

Sunday, 11/2 **OLD ROUTES OF AT (Bear Mt.)** **TC map 119**
B-7-A Dave Sutter (NJ) dsuttr@aol.com

Moderately strenuous hike with many climbs. Not suited for beginners.

All the grandeur of past routes of AT. Take 1923 route up to the very latest current alteration. Five distinct reroutes in the footsteps of hiking history. Steady precipitation cancels. Meet 9:30 AM Bear Mt. Inn Lot .

Wednesday, 11/5 **RAMAPO RESERVATION CIRCULAR** **TC map 115**
C-5-C+ Nick Viggiano (R) 845-359-2465

A circular hike using the Halifax, Havemeyer, White and Blue Trails. We will visit Hawk Rock for some fine views. Meet Ramapo Reservation Parking Lot off Rt. 202 at 10 AM. Steady rain cancels.

Thursday, 11/6 **IN THE WOODS**
B-5/7-B Linda Schutz (NJ) 973-335-6973 LindaSchutz@msn.com

Ups and downs. Please call or email (preferred) to register.

Thursday, 11/6 **WALK AROUND HESSIAN LAKE** **TC map 119**
C-3-C Louise Parnell (R) 845-290-5287 or parnelljt@optonline.net

Walk around Hessian Lake. Meet at 10:00 AM in the Bear Mt. parking lot. Bring lunch or a snack. No parking fee.

Saturday, 11/8 **EAGLE and HAYNES** **TC map 42**
B-8-A George Preoteasa (R) g.preoteasa@att.net or 201-694-8344

A moderately paced but strenuous Catskills trail hike, possibly including a bushwack. Bad weather cancels. To register, please contact leader by Thursday, 11/6 (e-mail preferred). Carpool information: Home Depot parking lot off NY Thruway Exit 16.

Saturday, 11/8 **JOCKEY HOLLOW GRAND LOOP**
B-5-B Jeffrey Sovelove (NJ) Hiker_Dood@yahoo.com and
Lee Ousley Ousleycl@mindspring.com

We will do the Grand Loop at Jockey Hollow National Park in Morristown. See <http://www.nps.gov/morr/planyourvisit/directions.htm> for directions and information. Meet at the Visitors' Center 10 AM. Heavy/steady rain cancels. Optional lunch at a local eatery if we get done in time.

Saturday, 11/8 **RAMAPO-DUNDERBERG TRAIL SECTION** **TC map 119**
Deanna Felicetta (NJ) 845-216-2021 or e-mail dollinthewoods@optonline.net

Nice section of the RD Trail in the fall. A repeat hike of this section by popular request from last year's hikers. Moderate hike makes for a nice day outdoors. Meet at 10 AM. Call for details and to register by Thursday night before hike.

Thursday, 11/20 **IN THE WOODS**
B-6/8-B Paul Margiotta (NJ) 201-693-6705 or pjmm11@verizon.net
Ups and Downs. Call or email leader by 9PM Wednesday night for details.

Saturday, 11/22 **SKANNATATI CIRCULAR** **TC map 119**
B-7-B June Slade (R) 973-835-2832
Moderate ups and downs. Meet at Skannatati Parking Lot at 9 AM. Precipitation cancels.

Sunday, 11/23 **TALLMAN MOUNTAIN PARK AND LUNCH** **TC map 109**
B-4-C+ Peter Reiner (R) 845-634-7635 or psr7@aol.com
Tallman Mountain State Park offers easy hiking and wonderful views of the Hudson River. We will hike on the Long Path from the Park, crossing over Tallman Mountain and end in Piermont. Afterwards, we will have lunch at the Sidewalk Cafe in Piermont. Meet at 9 AM in the parking lot at entrance of Tallman Mountain State Park off Rt. 9W. Car shuttle required.

Sunday, 11/23 **CAR POND MOUNTAIN CIRCULAR** **TC map 118**
B-7.8-B+ Pete Tilgner & Suzan Gordon (R) browning.27@verizon.net or 201-871-3531
We will use five trails to climb and descend four mountains. Short car shuttle required. Meet first at 9 AM in Commuter Parking Lot top of ramp off Rt. 17 where Rt. 17-A meets Rt. 106 (about 2.8 mi. north of the Tuxedo Rail Station). The shuttle takes us to the Parker Cabin Hollow Trail head. Heavy rains cancels.

**Wednesday, 11/26 LAST DAY TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION
FOR DECEMBER 4th RAMAPO HOLIDAY PARTY AT PASTA CUCINA.
CALL OR E-MAIL SUZAN GORDON AT
201-871-3531 OR browning.27@verizon.net**

Saturday, 11/29 **MINNEWASKA CREVASSE TRAVERSE** **TC map 105**
B-4-A George Preoteasa (R) g.preoteasa@att.net or 201-694-8344
A short hike and bushwack, will take us to the famous Minnewaska Crevasse which we will traverse. Lots of scrambling, not for the faint of heart. Headlamp useful but not necessary. Post exploration, we can optionally hike to Millbrook Mountain for additional exercise. Park fee \$6 per car. To register, please contact leader between 11/24-11/27 (e-mail preferred). Carpool information: Home Depot parking lot off NY Thruway Exit 16.

Saturday, 11/29 **TO BALD ROCKS** **TC map 119**
C-5/6-B Pat Marcotullio (R) 845-729-4046 patros@optonline.net
This is our traditional annual hike to Bald Rocks made popular by Rita Boyd. The pace will be easy but is not a hike for beginners. Bring plenty of water as we will be hiking exposed areas. Meet 9:30 AM Lake Skannatati parking area on 7 Lakes Drive. Steady rain cancels.

Sunday, 11/30 **BLACK MOUNTAIN** **TC map 119**
B-10.8-B Karen Rose (NJ) 201-825-8166 kkarose@aol.com
Meet 10 AM at Lake Tiorati Parking. We will hike at a steady pace using the RD and AT Trails to visit Black Mountain. May need stabilicers or crampons. Bad driving conditions will cancel. Call leader before 9 AM if weather uncertain.

Tuesdays In December **ICE SKATEING AT BEAR MOUNTAIN** **TC MAP 119**
Deanna Felicetta (NJ) 845-216-2021 or e-mail dollinthewoods@optonline.net
Skating in December at Bear Mountain on Tuesday mornings. Beautiful place to skate. Come Join us! Call for details and to Register.

Thursday, 12/4 **TIMES SQUARE TRAILS** **TC map 119**
B-7-B Debbie Bell (R) deb2@columbia.edu or 845-358-8386 (no calls after 9 PM)
A figure eight hike on the ASB, RD, AT, Surebridge Mine Road, and Long Path Trails.
Contact leader for time and meeting place.

Thursday, 12/4 **RAMAPO HOLIDAY PARTY 7 PM**
Pasta Cucina, 261 Little Tor Rd, New City, NY 10956

Saturday, 12/6 **LAKE SONOMA/OVERLOOK ROCK** **TC map 115**
B-7-B Chris Connolly(R) c.connolly7@verizon.net
This lollipop hike traverses the two new Lake Sonoma and Overlook Rock Trails in Norvin Green State Forest as well as a Hewitt-Butler Trail relocation. I worked to build these trails, so any praise will be appreciated. Steady precipitation cancels. Meet 9:30 AM at Route 511 parking area opposite East Shore Drive junction for shuttle to Lake Sonoma trailhead.

Saturday, 12/6 **ESPOSITO TRAIL**
C-2.5-C Louise Parnell (R) 845-290-5287 or parnelljt@optonline.net
The esposito Trail in South Nyack is a level dirt path with great views of the Tappan Zee Bridge and Hudson River. Meet in front of the South Nyack Police Station on South Broadway in Nyack at 10:00 AM.

Sunday, 12/7 **TORNE MOUNTAIN HIKE IN HARRIMAN** **TC map 118**
B-6/8-B Peg Wissler (NJ) 914-260-7506 or mwissler@tenafly.k12.nj.us
A moderately paced hike that will include going up Torne Mountain. Heavy precipitation cancels. Call or e-mail by 3 PM Friday week before hike for meeting time and place.

Thursday, 12/11 **STERLING FOREST** **TC map 100**
C-5/7-C+ Eileen Berch (NJ) 973-506-7078 (no calls after 8PM)
Meet 10Am Sterling Forest Visitors Center (off Long Meadow Road, Tuxedo, NY). Park in upper lot, meet in Visitors Center. Distance and pace determined by weather conditions. No need to register, no go if weather bad. Call by 8 AM if weather doubtful.

Thursday, 12/11 **WALK AROUND ROCKLAND LAKE** **TC map 110**
C-3-C Louise Parnell (R) 845-290-5287 or parnelljt@optonline.net.
walk a level path around Rockland Lake . Meet at 10:00 AM in Parking Field #6 - boat launching dock. Bring lunch or a snack. No parking fee.

Saturday, 12/13 **RAMAPO ADVENTURE I** **TC map115**
B-7-B Dean Gletsos (R) 845-354-0738
This hike will take us to two ponds, Bear Swamp Lake and Ilgenstein Rock for our lunch spot where we will have exquisite views. Use appropriate attire and bring enough water and food. Meet 9:30 AM at the Ramapo Reservation parking area in Darlington, just south of the Ramapo College on Rt. 202.

Sunday, 12/14 **BEYOND KANAWAUKE** **TC map 119**
B-7-B Dave Sutter (NJ) dsuttr@aol.com
Secret caves, defiles and very obscure routes to all the beautiful places. No beginners. Rain cancels. Moderately strenuous. Meet 9:30 AM Kanawauke Parking on Rt. 106.

Thursday, 12/18 BEAR MT. TO A.WAYNE VIA DOODLETOWN TC map 119
C-6-B Debbie Bell (R) deb2@columbia.edu or 845-358-8386 (No calls after 9 PM)
A one-way hike around West Mountain on the 1777E, 1777, Timp Pass Road, Red Cross, Northern Ski and Beechy Bottom Trails. **Car shuttle required.** Contact leader for time and meeting place.

Saturday, 12/20 RAMAPO ADVENTURE II TC map 115
B-6-B Dean Gletsos (R) 845-354-0738
We will follow a variety of well marked trails, which will give us the opportunity to visit an old nickel mine, and two ponds and get excellent views of the valley below from Hawk Rock. Use appropriate attire and bring enough water and food. Meet 9:30 AM at the Ramapo Reservation parking area in Darlington, just south of the Ramapo College on Rt. 202.

Saturday, 12/20 IN THE WOODS
C-5/7-B Phyllis Key (NJ) 201-768-5573 or pkeyhiker@juno.com
Call or e-mail (preferred) no earlier than 3 days prior to hike. Do not call after 8:30 PM. Pace and location will be determined by weather conditions.

Saturday, 12/20 PIERMONT PIER
C-3-C Louise Parnell (R) 845-290-5287 or parnelljt@optonline.net
walk out on the pier in piermont and have lunch al fresco. Meet at 10:00 AM at the ball field parking lot at the entrance to the pier.

Sunday, 12/21 LEADER'S CHOICE TC map 118
B-6/8-B Karen Rose (NJ) 201-825-8166 kkarose@aol.com
Meet 10 AM Reeves Meadow Visitr Center. Depending on conditions we will hike about 7 miles at a steady pace. May need stabilicers or crampons. Bad driving conditions will cancel. Call leader before 9AM if weather uncertain.

Sunday, 12/21 BEAR MT. ANNUAL FAMILY SKATE TC map 119
Deanna Felicetta (NJ) 845-216-2021 or e-mail dollinthewoods@optonline.net
Skates available for renting at rink. Makes for a fun outing for all. Dress with scarf and gloves. Call for details. Register by Friday before.

Saturday, 12/27 PALISADES PATHWAYS TC Map 108
B-8-B Chris Connolly (R) c.connolly7@verizon.net
Stroll along the Palisades on Shore, Huyler and Greenbrook Sanctuary Trails visiting Greenbrook Pond and upper and lower Falls. Steady precipitation cancels. Meet 9:30 AM at PIPC Administration Bldg. off Palisades Parkway Exit 2.

Sunday, 12/ 28 BILL MYLES MEMORIAL TRAIL TC map 119
B-7-A Dave Sutter (NJ) dsuttr@aol.com
Impresario Hike Bill Myles Memorial Trail. Our bench is restored. See the magnificent views and partake in libation at Stalter's Spring. Escalator too. Not for beginners. Rain cancels. Meet 9:30 AM Jones Point Hiker Parking on Rt. 9-W (south of Bear Mt. Inn).