

HIKE SCHEDULE • SUMMER 2012 • JULY • AUGUST • SEPTEMBER

Sunday, 9/9 - 9/16 Long Trail Trip VI - B 8/17 A
Vermont Appalachian Trail III Plus
Aaron Schoenberg askus3@optonline.net (pref.) or 845-986-8645
This is my sixth and last annual section hike on the LT and third section of the AT in Vermont which is a series of day hikes following this trail for over 50 miles in six days. We will traverse this trail southbound from near Manchester, VT to North Adams, MA. Mileages range from 8-17 miles per day. This is a strenuous trip. Lodging will be at a house rental in West Dover, VT (Mt. Snow). Advance deposit of \$150 required. Contact Aaron for detailed itinerary. Deadline to register: July 28.

Sunday, 7/1 NJR Picnic at the Tenafly Nature Center 4 PM (rain or shine)
For directions go to: www.tenaflynaturecenter.org/directions.html
Come early and with a map from the Education Building take a stroll on the Center's Trail Conference maintained trails. TC map 108 (Hudson Palisades NJ).

Thursday, 7/5 In The Woods B 6/8 B
Georgette Fazzari grfhiker@gmail.com (pref.) or 551-265-2369 (NCA 9 PM)
Varied terrain in Harriman or nearby parks. Contact leader the week of the hike for details and to register.

Saturday, 7/7 Rockefeller Park Preserve C 4 C
Peter Reiner psr7777@gmail.com or 845-634-7635
Meet at the Rockefeller Park Preserve off Route 117 in Sleepy Hollow Visitor Center Parking Lot at 10 AM. We will walk on carriage trails, around a beautiful lake and have lunch at the picnic area by the Blue Stone Barn (bring your own lunch). We will explore the farm area and return on new trails. Easy walk with a few slight hills.

Sunday, 7/8 Surprise Lake Loop B 6 B
Fred Hodde Bullwnk1@aol.com or (H) 973-728-3223 or (C) 973-722-7824
We'll meet at the A&P/Sears parking lot in the Hewitt section of West Milford at 9:30 AM. We'll do a loop around the Surprise Lake area on Bearfort Ridge going up via the Bearfort Ridge Trail and returning via the Quail Trail. Registration by e-mail preferred. Call cell before 9:00 AM if the weather is questionable. TC Map 116.

Tuesday, 7/10 Adirondacks: Saddleback and Basin B 15 A+
Elie Bijou adirondacks@verizon.net or 518-873-2119 (9 AM to 9 PM)
A moderate paced hike to two of the Great Range peaks. Please bring lunch, snacks, water, rain gear and fleece. This is not a beginners hike, though strong beginners are welcome. Ascent 3600 feet. Leader is located in the Adirondacks and cannot carpool from NJ.

Thursday, 7/12 Harriman - Seven Hills Circular B 5.5 A-
Diane Grunthal dgrunthal@yahoo.com (pref.) or 973-728-8057 (NCA 9 PM)
Loop hike in Harriman, mostly on but not all of the Seven Hills Trail. This hike will be slow-moderate because much of it will be on steep and rolling terrain. Cumulative elevation gain is between

1600' and 1800'. Please register to learn meeting place and time. E-mail preferred. Rain cancels. Call morning of hike if in doubt. TC Map 118.

Saturday, 7/14 To Bald Rocks B 6.5 B
Pat Marcotullio patmarcotu@optonline.net or 845-729-4046
From Lake Skannatati we'll hike to Times Square, Bald Rocks and back on the Dunning and LP. Meet 9 AM Skannatati Parking Area off Seven Lakes Drive. This is an exposed hike. Bring plenty of water. Not for beginners. A steady rain will cancel. TC map 119.

Saturday, 7/14 March Through Jockey Hollow B 5 B
Jeffrey Sovelove Hiker_Dood@Yahoo.com.
We will do a variety of trails including parts of the Grand Loop, Blue Trail, and Yellow Trail with a possible stop at the reproduction Soldiers' Huts 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 at 10 AM. Heavy/steady rain cancels. Joint with Sierra Club.

Sunday, 7/15 West Brook Mountain Circular B 7.5 B
P. Tilgner, S. Gordon browning.27@verizon.net or 201-871-3531
We hike the Hewitt-Butler, Overlook and Manaticut Point Trails in Norvin Green State Forest to lunch with a view. Our return will take us past Lake Sonoma. Trail head parking is at the north end of Crescent Drive off Meadow and Magee Roads. For those who might find getting to the trail head troublesome, meet first at the Stonetown Recreation Area, Mary Roth Drive (off Stonetown Rd.), at 9:30 AM. You must register for this hike. TC map 115.

Sunday, 7/15 Adirondacks: Algonquin and Iroquois B 10.2 A
Elie Bijou adirondacks@verizon.net or 518-873-2119(9 AM to 9 PM)
We'll begin from Heart Lake and hike to the top of Algonquin (5115 ft/1557 m) and then down to an often muddy herd path that will lead us to Iroquois (4840 ft/1476 m) We'll look at a possible ascent of Shepherd's Tooth and then return over Algonquin to our start. You'll need to bring gaiters and water repellent boots for the long mud wallows. Total ascent 3150 ft.

Thursday, 7/19 In the Woods B 5/8 B
Debbie Bell deb2@columbia.edu or 845-358-8386 (NCA 9 PM)
Varied terrain in Harriman or nearby parks. Contact leader for hike details.

Monday, 7/23 Macomb, Carson, and Grace B 14 A+
Elie Bijou adirondacks@verizon.net or 518-873-2119(9 AM to 9 PM)
We will hike about 3 miles in and then ascend via the Macomb Slide and hike these three peaks on herd paths. Please bring extra water as the ridge is dry. Ascent 3100 ft. Pace, slower/moderate. Long pants/ sleeves preferred though not mandatory. Leader is located in the Adirondacks and cannot carpool from NJ.

Thursday, 7/26 Johnstown Circular B 6.5 B
Fred Hodde Bullwnk1@aol.com or (H) 973-728-3223 or (C) 973-722-7824
Meet at the Johnstown Circle at 9:30 AM. The planned route

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will be on the Blue Disc, Victory and White Bar Trails. Registration by e-mail preferred. Call cell before 9:00 AM if the weather is questionable. TC Map 118.

Saturday, 7/28 Catskills- North Lake Escarpment B 9 B
Karen Rose kkarose@aol.com or 201-962-8546
Meet 8 AM sharp at Trail Conference parking lot in Mahwah to car pool or at trail head at 9:45 on Schutt Road. Many fantastic views, but be prepared for ups and downs all day. We will follow the Escarpment Trail, and have a nice lunch break at the beach on North Lake. You can take a quick dip to cool off! Then back on the trail, we will exit on Mary's Glen Trail to see the falls and a short road walk back to cars. Rain cancels. Please register by 8 PM Friday. TC map 40.

Sunday, 7/29 Merrill Creek Reservoir Circular C 7 C
and Memorial Hike
Aaron Schoenberg askus3@optonline.net or 845-987-4893
This hike offers many scenic views and passes through a wide variety of habitats including woodlands, early succession fields, evergreen plantations and wetlands. On this hike we will take time out to remember past members who are no longer with us and have made major contributions to our chapter's success. Meet 8:15 AM at the NY-NJ Trail Conference Office, 156 Ramapo Valley Road in Mahwah, NJ (Route 202) for carpooling or meet at the Merrill Creek Reservoir Visitor Center, 34 Merrill Creek Rd., Washington, NJ at 10:00 AM.

Thursday, 8/2 South From Skyline Drive B 6 B
Pat Marcotullio patmarcotu@optonline.net or 845-729-4046
Meet 9 AM Upper Skyline Drive Parking Area for moderate hike past Camp Glen Gray and returning on the Cannonball Trail. Not for beginners. A steady rain will cancel. TC map 115.

Thursday, 8/2 Seymour (4120 ft.) B 14 A
Elie Bijou adirondacks@verizon.net or 518-873-2119 (9 AM to 9 PM)
A moderate paced hike to a trailless 46'er. Please bring lunch, snacks, water, fleece and rain gear. Pace slower/moderate. Ascent 2100 ft. Joint with ADK-Schenectady and ADK-Long Island.

Saturday, 8/4 Seven Hills Trail End to End B 8.5 A
Peter Reiner psr7777@gmail.com or 845-634-7635
Starting at the Reeves Center, we will hike all Seven Hills including Diamond Mountain and finish up at Lake Sebago. Meet hike leader at Lake Sebago boat ramp/parking lot off Seven Lakes Drive at 9 AM. This hike has several major climbs. Car shuttle is required. TC Map 118.

Sunday, 8/5 Fahnestock Loop B 7 B
Fred Hodde Bullwnk1@aol.com or (H) 973-728-3223 (C) 973-722-7824
Pleasant loop starting with a nice section of the AT. Much of the hike will be in shaded areas. Meet at 9:30 AM at the first parking lot on the right (when taking Rte. 301 from Cold Spring) where the AT crosses on Canopus Lake. Registration by e-mail is preferred. Call cell before 8:30 AM if the weather is questionable. TC Map 103.

Thursday, 8/9 In The Woods B 7/9 B
Paul Margiotta pjmm11@verizon.net (pref) or 201-693-6705
Active Thursday hikers will receive a group e-mail from leader by Tuesday for location, time and other details of hike. Others can contact the leader by 7:00 PM on Wednesday. No beginners please.

Saturday, 8/11 Harriman Loop B 10 B
Bob Fiscina fis6973@verizon.net
A loop hike using the R/D, AT, White Bar and Nurian trails. Rain cancels. Contact leader for more information and to register. TC map 119.

Sunday, 8/12 Wyanokie High Point Circular B 6.8 A-
P. Tilgner, S. Gordon browning.27@verizon.net or 201-871-3531
We hike the Highlands Trail from West Brook Rd. to the Wyanokie High Point for lunch and grand views, returning on several different trails. Trail head parking is limited. Meet first at the Stonetown Recreation Area, Mary Roth Drive (off Stonetown Rd.), at 9:30 AM for a short car shuttle to trail head. You must register for this hike. TC map 115.

Tuesday, 8/14 Evening Walk And Yoga C 1/3 C
Deanna Felicetta felicetta.deanna@gmail.com or 845-216-2021
Meet in Harriman State Park for this leisurely summer evening walk and some relaxing YOGA. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a beach towel or mat and perhaps a small hand towel. Bring a small snack and water. Call or e-mail for more details by Sunday before hike. After Sunday phone calls only. Summer storms will cancel hike.

Thursday, 8/16 In the Woods B 5/8 B
Debbie Bell deb2@columbia.edu or 845-358-8386 (NCA 9 PM)
Varied terrain in Harriman or nearby parks. Contact leader for hike details.

Saturday, 8/18 Patriots Path Stroll C 5 C
Jeffrey Sovelove Hiker_Dood@Yahoo.com
Come take an easy stroll on Patriots Path in Morristown. This 3 to 5 mile stroll will start out from the Speedwell Lake Parking Lot at 10 AM (across the street from Historic Speedwell). See the Morris County Parks website (<http://www.morrisparks.org/>) for directions or put the following address into your preferred map engine: "300 Speedwell Avenue, Morristown NJ 07960". The path is wide, partly paved, partly crushed stabilized gravel with very little in the way of elevation gains. We will be strolling at a moderate pace. Please bring plenty of water and a light snack. Great for beginners. Heavy/steady rain cancels. Optional lunch afterwards. Joint ADKNJR/Sierra Club hike.

Sunday, 8/19 Summer Harriman Hike B 6/8 B
Karen Rose kkarose@aol.com or 201-962-8546
Meet at Lake Sebago Boat Launch Parking 9 AM. Leader's choice depending on the temps. If it is hot we will stop at lake to cool off. Rain cancels. TC map 118.

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Monday, 8/20 Last Day to RSVP Suzan Gordon for the Mohonk Mountain House Outing. Call or e-mail Suzan at: 201-871-3531 or browning.27@verizon.net

Thursday, 8/23 In The Woods B/C 5/7 B
Richard Sumner RLS@RSUMNER.COM or 845-362-8470
Harriman or other nearby parks. Call or e-mail for details the week of the hike. Pace may be B or C depending on my knees, the group and the weather. Details will also be posted on FaceBook and the Yahoo group.

Thursday, 8/23 NorthJerseyRamapo Board Meeting
Meet 7:30 PM at the home of Peter Reiner, 7 Cranford Drive, New City, NY.

Saturday, 8/25 Lenape Ridge-Minisink Trail Loop B 5 B
Chris Jones editor@pikedispatch.com or 845-856-5481
Meet at 10 AM at Planet Fitness (large building on right of ramp at Exit 1 of I-84 West in Port Jervis, NY). We will loop around a scenic ridge with spectacular views of Neversink Valley, hidden lakeside mansion, Metro North rock cut, interesting rock formations. Call leader for sign-up and/or directions. Heavy rain cancels.

Saturday, 8/25 State Line Lookout C 3 C
Louise & John Parnell parnelljt@optonline.net or 845-290-5287
Meet at 10 AM in the State Line Parking Lot on the Palisades P'way North after Exit 3. We will enjoy the views of the Hudson River and walk Old Route 9W. If there are any questions call.

Sunday, 8/26 Bare Rock Vista B 6 B
Fred Hodde Bullwnk1@aol.com or (H) 973-728-3223 or (C) 973-722-7824
Meet at the upper parking lot for the Sterling Forest Visitor's Center at 9:30 AM. We'll start with a climb to the Sterling Forest Fire Tower. After taking in the view, we'll hike to the Bare Rock Vista where we'll enjoy lunch while overlooking Greenwood Lake. After lunch we'll return to the Visitor's Center by "strolling" back down the Bare Rock trail. Register by e-mail. Call cell before 9:00 AM if the weather is questionable. TC Map 100.

Thursday, 8/30 Johnstown Circular B 6 B
Irene Logan 111er378@optonline.net or 845-753-5651
Meet at 10 AM sharp at the end of Johnstown Road in the circular parking area. At a moderate pace, we will let the weather determine the route. Sufficient water a must since it might still be hot. Inclement weather or forecast of same will cancel the hike. Registration by e-mail with your phone number is preferred in case there is a need other than weather to cancel the hike. Call after 7 AM the day of the hike if in doubt. TC map 118.

Sunday, 9/2 Bare Rock Vista Loop B 8 B+
Fred Hodde Bullwnk1@aol.com or (H) 973-728-3223 (C)973-722-7824
We'll meet at the upper parking lot for the Sterling Forest Visitor's Center at 10:00 AM. Starting from there we'll hike to the Bare Rock Vista using the Sterling Lake Loop and Bare Rock Trails. After an early lunch at the Vista, we'll continue down the Bare Rock Trail. We'll climb to the tower from the south via the Fire Tower and

Sterling Ridge Trails, requiring a mini scramble. Not for beginners. Registration by e-mail is preferred. Call 973-722-7824 before 9:00 AM if the weather is questionable. TC Map 100.

Thursday, 9/6 Piermont Pier C 2 1/2 C
Louise & John Parnell parnelljt@optonline.net or 845-290-5287
Meet in the parking lot behind Confetti Restaurant on Ash Street in Piermont. TC map 110.

Thursday, 9/6 In The Woods B/C 5/7 B
Richard Sumner RLS@RSUMNER.COM or 845-362-8470
Harriman or other nearby parks. Call or e-mail for details the week of the hike. Pace may be B or C depending on my knees, the group and the weather. Details will also be posted on FaceBook and the Yahoo group.

Saturday, 9/8 Mohonk Mountain House Day (rain date Sun, 9/9)
C 2 C walk B 6/7 B hike B 4/5 A rock scrambling
A day of walking, guided hiking, or rock-scrambling, ending with a shower at the Spa, afternoon tea and a four-course gourmet meal in the historic Mohonk Mountain House Dining Room. Meet 10 AM on the Mountain House Verandah overlooking the lake. TC maps 105/106. For directions go to: www.mohonk.com/getting_here/directions.cfm

Saturday, 9/8 Saddleback 3615 ft. (Jay Range) B 4 A
Elie Bijou adironacks@verizon.net or 518-873-2119 (9 AM to 9 PM)
Join me for a bushwhack to the highest peak of the Jay Range. This is not a 46er. Please wear long sleeves, bring gloves and eye protection. Bring lunch, snacks, at least 2-3 liters of water, and a big smile. Don't let the distance fool you - this is a strenuous hike. Leader is located in the Adirondacks and cannot carpool from NJ.

Thursday, 9/13 In The Woods B 6/8 B
Georgette Fazzari grfhiker@gmail.com (pref.) or 551-265-2369 (NCA 9 PM)
Varied terrain in Harriman or nearby parks. Contact leader the week of the hike for details and to register.

Thursday, 9/13 Fort Montgomery & Bear Mt. Bridge C 3 C
Louise & John Parnell parnelljt@optonline.net or 845-290-5287
Meet at 10AM in the parking lot of Fort Montgomery. Take the Palisades P'way north toward Bear Mt. At the circle take Route 9W North to Fort Montgomery on the right. We could have two groups-one group will walk over the pedestrian walkway to the Bear Mt. Zoo & over the bridge, the other group will walk to the Bear Mt. Bridge from Ft. Montgomery. Call if there are any questions. TC map 119.

Saturday, 9/15 Pyramid Mountain B 4/5 B
Jeffrey Sovelove Hiker_Dood@yahoo.com
This will be a loop hike past Tripod Rock using a variety of trails. There is quite a bit of elevation change and significant climbing. See the Morris County Parks website www.morrisparks.net/asp-parks/pyrmtnmain.asp for directions and info. Bring lots of water and a light snack. Meet in the Visitor's Center parking lot at 10 AM. Inclement weather cancels. Joint ADK-NJR and Sierra Club hike.

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Thursday, 9/20 NJR Club Meeting Nanuet Llibrary 7 PM
Presentation by Jeff Blumenfeld, editor of Expedition News, an 18-year-old monthly newsletter that covers the adventure marketing world. A resident of New Canaan, CT, he is a Fellow of The Explorers Club and Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society. In January 2010 he traveled to Antarctica.

Saturday, 9/22 Columbia Rail Trail C 11 C
Despina Metaxatos dmetaxatos@hotmail.com or 201-952-4151 (NCA 9 PM)

The Columbia Trail strings together forests, farms and parklands as it stretches 11 miles among the small towns of High Bridge, Califon and Long Valley in New Jersey. Most of the corridor parallels the South Branch of the Raritan River. A NY/NJ Trail Conference web site with more information on this trail is at www.nynjtc.org/park/columbia-trail. Contact Despina for further info about meeting location, time, and registering. Car shuttle required.

Saturday, 9/22 Doodletown B 4 1/2 B
Louise & John Parnell parnelljt@optonline.net or 845-290-5287
Take the Palisades P'way north to Exit 19 (Perkins Drive). Make a right into the first parking area. We will meet at 10 AM. We will park some cars on Route 9W where the walk will end. Call ahead to coordinate. If possible, we will have a former resident of the vanished hamlet of Doodletown on our walk. TC map 119.

Sunday, 9/23 Long Path Clausland Mountain B 4.5 C+
Peter Reiner psr7777@gmail.com or 845-634-7635
Hike along the Long Path from Nike Overlook Park to Buttermilk Falls Park on beautiful woods trails. Car shuttle is required. Meet hike leader at 9:30 AM at Buttermilk Falls Parking lot along Greenbush Road in Blauvelt, NY. Trail Map 109 (Hudson Palisades).

Sunday, 9/23 Suffern/Bear Mountain Trail Traverse B 6 A-
Peggy Wissler 914-260-7506
Meet 9:15 AM at the Suffern Commuter Parking Lot opposite the Shamrock Inn for car shuttle to Kakiat Park and start of hike. Hike will begin with Kakiat Trail to Suffern Bear Mountain Trail where we will pass the Valley of the Dry Bones, Kitchen Stairs and Nordkop Mountain. Good views at beginning and end of the hike. Some rock scrambling. Call leader to register. TC map 118.

Thursday, 9/27 In The Woods B/C 5/7 B
Richard Sumner RLS@RSUMNER.COM or 845-362-8470
Harriman or other nearby parks. Call or e-mail for details the week of the hike. Pace may be B or C depending on my knees, the group and the weather. Details will also be posted on FaceBook and the Yahoo group.

Thursday 9/27 Walkway Over the Hudson C 3 1/2 C
Louise & John Parnell parnelljt@optonline.net or 845-290-5287
Meet at 11:20 AM at the parking lot on Haviland Rd. near the old red caboose. Take the NY State Thruway North to New Paltz (Exit 18). Turn right onto Route 299 East to 9W and turn right going south. At Haviland Ave. make a left to first parking area on the left. It's possible we will eat at a restaurant. Call if you have any questions.

Saturday, 9/29 Radiant Ramapo Romp B 7 B
Hank Zulauf hankz46@verizon.net or 201-391-5867
Experience some great fall colors in Ramapo Reservation including colorful views from both Hawk Rock and Ilgenstein Rock. Start at 10 AM from the Ramapo Valley Reservation Parking Lot off Rt. 202 in Mahwah, NJ. We'll pass Scarlet Oak Pond and take the Halifa Trail to the Hoeflerin Memorial Trail to Ilgenstein Rock for lunch. On a clear day, the NYC skyline is visible. Passing both Bear Swamp Lake and the MacMillan Reservoir, we'll return to the start of the hike using various trails including the historic Cannonball. Call if weather uncertain. TC map 115.

Sunday, 9/30 Sterling Forest Twofer B 8 B+
Fred Hodde Bullwnk1@aol.com or (H) 973-728-3223
(C) 973-722-7824
Meet at the upper parking lot for the Sterling Forest Visitor's Center at 9:30 AM. We'll start with a climb to the Sterling Forest Fire Tower. After taking in the view, we'll hike to the Bare Rock Vista where we'll enjoy lunch. After lunch, we'll continue down the Bare Rock Trail to the Fire Tower and Sterling Ridge Trails and a climb to the Fire Tower, requiring a mini-scramble. Not for beginners. Registration by e-mail is preferred. Call 973-722-7824 before 9:00 AM if the weather is questionable. TC Map 100.



Last-minute changes in the hike schedule will be posted on Facebook and/or Yahoo. This is the place to look for cancellations, changes in meeting place

or time and last-minute additions to the hike schedule. The easiest way to get there for the first time is from our website home page. Just click on the icon to go to those pages. Remember, you don't have to join Yahoo or Facebook to see our pages.

