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Hunting Season In Sterling Forest

Gun - Nov. 15 - Dec 7 Bow - Oct. 1 - Nov. 14 and Dec. 8 - 16

Thursday, 10/02 In The Woods B 6/8 B
Georgette Fazzari grfhiker@gmail.com (pref.) or 551-265-2369
(NCA 9 PM) Contact leader the week of hike for details and to register.

Thursday, 10/2 Tallman Mt. State Park C 3 C
Louise Parnell parnelljt@optonline.net or 845-290-5287
Meet at 10 AM at the parking lot behind Confetti Restaurant on Ash St. in Piermont. TC Hudson Palisades map 109.

Saturday, 10/4 Various Harriman Trails B 6/8 B
Bill Drapkin wdrapkin@optonline.net (pref.) or 845-826-2112
A reasonably paced hike on various Harriman Trails. Contact leader to register and for all details the week of the hike. Joint with AMC.

Saturday, 10/4 Schunemunk Mountain Loop B 9 B+
Allison Tully alitully63@optonline.net (e-mails/text pref.) or 845-656-0442
Meet 9:30 AM at Taylor Road trailhead. This will be a loop hike, with the most strenuous part of the hike being the ascent of the Dark Hollow Trail. We will use a variety of trails including the Jessup, Sweet Clover, Dark Hollow, Highlands, Western Ridge, and Otter Swamp Trails. During the course of this hike, we should get views of the Newburgh Beacon Bridge, the Perkins Tower atop Bear Mountain to the southeast, with the Shawangunk Ridge visible to the northwest, and the Catskills beyond. Pitch pines, white quartz, pink sandstone and the Megaliths. Estimated hike time is 6 hrs. Register by Friday, October 3. TC West Hudson map 114.

Saturday, 10/4 Rockland Lake & the Ice Industry C 4 C
of Over 100 Years Ago
Louise Parnell parnelljt@optonline.net or 845-290-5287
Rob Maher rmforlake@gmail.com or 917-579-0785
Meet at 10 AM in front of the large building in parking lot #1. The building was the bath house and it is to the left as you enter the parking lot. We will walk around the corner and to the left and see a sign that says, "Programs". We will look at some pictures there first. Parking lot #1 is off Route 9W in Congers where 9W crosses Lake Rd. Rob Maher, author of the book "Rockland Lake, Hook Mt. & Nyack Beach" will lead a walk identifying the remains of the ice industry & the village of Rockland Lake of over 100 years ago. Sturdy walking shoes, water, walking stick & hat are recommended. TC Hudson Palisades map 111.

Sunday, 10/5 Lark In The Park 2014 B+ 8.5 A
Blackdome, Thomas Cole and Blackhead
Deanna Felicetta felicetta.deanna@gmail.com or 845 216-2021
The wonderful hike begins stream-side and climbs to elevations of 3980', 3940' and 3940' with great scrambles and gorgeous views. This hike is for the experienced hiker who wants to have a full day of hiking fun in the fall. Come prepared for changes in

weather by dressing in layers. Have lunch, snacks and plenty of fluids, especially water. Register by e-mail or phone leaving full name and a contact phone for day of and before hike in case of changes or cancellation. A contact phone is required as internet not available from Thursday PM before hike. Meeting at Batavia Kill/ Big Hollow Road Trailhead. Best access from Tannersville, Rt. 23-A. Turn north on 23-C, taking it to Maplecrest Road (Rt. 40) turning right. Continue on to Big Hollow Road (Rt. 56). Drive to end and trailhead in Black Dome Valley. Meet prepared to depart on hike at 8:45 AM. TC Catskill Trails Northeastern map 141.

Thursday, 10/9 In The Woods C 5 C
Debbie Bell deb2@columbia.edu or 845-358-8386 (NCA 9 PM)
Varied terrain in Harriman or nearby parks. Contact leader for hike details.

Thursday, 10/9 Rockland Lake C 3 C
Louise Parnell parnelljt@optonline.net or 845-290-5287
Meet at 10 AM at parking lot #1 off Route 9W in Congers for a walk around the lake. TC Hudson Palisades map 111.

Saturday, 10/11 OCA By Foot and Rail C 8.5 B
P.Tilgner and S. Gordon petertilgner@icloud.com or 201-871-3531 or c 201-685-0592

This hike is Dan Chazin's Hike Of The Week (No. 40). Hike the Old Croton Aqueduct from Tarrytown to Yonkers Greystone Metro North Station for a short return train ride (\$2.00 for seniors) to Tarrytown. The walk takes us through the Mercy College campus and past the Octagon house among others and offers fine views of the Hudson and the Palisades. Some street walking will be necessary. Walking shoes, lunch and water are all you need for this outing. Meet 9:30 AM. Steady rain cancels. Register for this outing and get directions to start of hike.

Sunday, 10/12 RD Trail Maintenance Hike C 5 B
Karen Rose kkarose@aol.com or 201-962-8546
Meet Silvermine Parking Lot 10 AM for shuttle to Tiorati Circle. Starting from Tiorati Circle we hike and inspect the RD to the Wm. Brien Memorial Shelter and exit on the Menomine Trail back to the cars at Silvermine Parking. We will be stopping to throw off blowdowns, clip back brush, pick up trash, check blazes, etc. Bring work gloves, clippers if you have them, and lunch. Heavy rain will cancel. Please e-mail or call to register. TC Northern Harriman Bear Mt. map 119.

Thursday, 10/16 Sterling Forest B 4.5 B-
Phyllis Stewart pastewart@optonline.net
Hike around Sterling Lake with lunch "on the rocks" overlooking lake with beautiful views. Meet 10:00 AM at Visitors Center, Upper parking lot. TC Sterling Forest map 100.

Thursday, 10/16 Nyack Beach State Park C 3 C
Louise Parnell parnelljt@optonline.net or 845-290-5287
Meet at 10 AM in the Nyack Beach parking lot at the end of N. B'way in Nyack. TC Hudson Palisades map 110.

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Saturday, 10/18 Sterling Forest Bare Rock Vista B 8 B+
 Jeffrey Sovelove Hiker_Dood@yahoo.com
 Meet at the Visitors' Center at 10 AM sharp. We'll climb to the Sterling Forest Fire Tower then to the Bare Rock Vista for lunch. After lunch, we'll return to the Visitors' Center back down the Bare Rock Trail. See the Sterling Forest web site for information and directions: <http://nysparks.state.ny.us/parks/74/details.aspx>. Inclement weather cancels. Joint ADK/Sierra Club hike. TC Sterling Forest map 100.

Sunday, 10/19 The AT On Bellvale Mountain B 7 B
 Pete Heckler p_heckler@msn.com or 973-831-2307 (No calls morning of the hike)

We will car shuttle between Lions Field Park, Village of Greenwood Lake, NY and AT crossing at Rt. 5. While hiking this section of the AT we pass Wildcat Shelter and Cat Rocks, with a possible extension slightly beyond the Village Vista Trail for a spectacular view then exiting via the Village Vista Trail. Rain or hazardous road conditions cancels the hike. Please register by e-mail. Meet 9:30 AM at A&P Parking Lot on Warwick Tpk. (Rt. 511), Hewitt, NJ. TC Sterling Forest map 100 and North Jersey map 116.

Thursday, 10/23 Haverstraw Beach State Park (Dutch Town) C 3 C
 Louise Parnell parnelljt@optonline.net or 845-290-5287
 Meet at 10 AM in the parking lot at the end of Riverside Ave. Take 9W north, at Short Clove Road make a right then the first left on Riverside Avenue to Dutch Town. TC Hudson Palisades map 111.

Thursday, 10/23 In The Woods B 6/8 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, 10/25 Shepherd Lake And Skylands Manor B 7 B
 Peter Reiner psr7777@gmail.com or 845-323-7697
 Meet at 9:30 AM at Shepherd Lake Parking Area in Ringwood State Park. Access is off Sloatsburg Rd. via Morris Rd. to start the hike on the Ringwood Ramapo Trail. Hike will continue on the Mountain Bike Loop, Halifax and Crossover Trails, followed by a walk through Skylands. Hike will end with a short road walk back to the parking area. Call or e-mail hike leader to register. Rain cancels hike. TC North Jersey map 115.

Sunday, 10/26 Haverstraw Brick Museum & The Ice Industry in Rockland Lake
 Louise Parnell parnelljt@optonline.net or 845-290-5287
 Haverstraw Brick Museum 12 Main Street Haverstraw NY 10927, 845-947-3505. Rob Maher, author of the book "Rockland Lake, Hook Mt. & Nyack Beach" will present a program about the ice industry & the village of Rockland Lake from over 100 years ago. Refreshments will be served. Meet 2 PM.

Sunday, 10/26 Bare Rock Vista B 7 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 Center at 9:30 AM. We'll start with a climb to the Sterling Forest Fire Tower. We'll then hike the Sterling Ridge Trail to Bare Rock Trail and Vista and enjoy lunch while taking in the view. After lunch, we'll return to the Visitor Center via Bare Rock and Sterling Lake Loop Trails. Registration by e-mail is preferred. Call 973-722-7824 before 9:00 AM if the weather is questionable. TC Sterling Forest map 100.

Thursday, 10/30 In The Woods C 5/6 B
 Richard Sumner RLS@RSUMNER.COM or 845-362-8470
 Harriman or nearby parks. This will be a C pace and an easy route, no serious hills or rock scrambles. Call or e-mail for details the week of the hike. Details will also be posted on Facebook and the Yahoo group.

Thursday, 10/30 Bear Mt. Bridge C 3 C
 Louise Parnell parnelljt@optonline.net or 845-290-5287
 Meet at 10 AM in the parking lot of Fort Montgomery off Route 9W north. TC Harriman Bear Mt. North map 119.

Saturday, 11/1 Various Harriman Trails B 6/8 B
 Bill Drapkin wdrapkin@optonline.net (pref.) or 845-826-2112
 A reasonably paced hike on various Harriman Trails. Contact leader to register and for all details the week of the hike. Joint with AMC.

Sunday, 11/2 Daylight Savings Time Ends

Sunday, 11/2 Sterling Forest East Side B 8.5 B
 P.Tilgner and S. Gordon petertilgner@icloud.com or 201-871-3531 or (c) 201-685-0592
 We hike the Sapphire, AT, AT Link, Indian Hill, Furnace, and Wildcat Trails from the Harriman Rail Station south to the Commuter Parking Lot at the junction of Rts. 17 A and 106. Meet first 9 AM at the Commuter Lot for a car shuttle north to our starting point. From Tuxedo Rail Station drive about 2.5 miles north on Rt. 17 to traffic light at foot of ramp on left to 17 A and 106. Steady rain cancels. Register for this hike. TC Sterling Forest map 100.

Thursday, 11/6 Walkway Over the Hudson C 4 C
 Louise Parnell parnelljt@optonline.net or 845-290-5287
 Meet at 11 AM at the free parking lot on Haviland Ave. near the old red caboose. Take the New York State Thruway north to New Paltz (Exit 18) and turn right on to Route 299. Follow that to Route 9W and turn right going south. At Haviland Rd. make a left to the first parking area. We plan to have lunch at Lola's Cafe on the Poughkeepsie side.

Thursday, 11/6 Skannatati East Side Loop B 6 B
 Fred Hodde Bullwnk1@aol.com or 973-728-3223 (h)
 973-722-7824 (c)
 Meet at the Lake Skannatati Parking Area at 9:30 AM. The planned

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route will use the ASB, Red Cross, Beech and Long Path Trails. Registration by e-mail preferred. Call cell before 9:00 AM if the weather is questionable. TC Northern Harriman Bear Mt. map 119.

Saturday, 11/8 Bear Swamp Lake B 6 B+

Peter Reiner psr7777@gmail.com or 845-323-7697

Starting at 9:30 AM at Ramapo Valley Reservation, hike the Red-Silver Trail up to Bear Swamp Lake, going around the lake and returning on the Halifax Trail. Steep downhill on the return trail. Call or e-mail hike leader to register. Rain cancels hike. TC North Jersey map 115.

Sunday, 11/9 Sterling Forest Twofer B 9 B+

Fred Hodde Bullwnkl1@aol.com or (h) 973-728-3223

(c) 973-722-7824

We'll meet at the upper parking lot for the Sterling Forest Visitor Center at 9:30 AM. We'll start with a climb to the Sterling Forest Fire Tower. We'll then hike to the Bare Rock Vista and enjoy lunch while taking in the view. After lunch, we'll continue down the Bare Rock Trail. We'll climb back 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 Sterling Forest map 100.

Thursday, 11/13 In The Woods C 5 C

Georgette Fazzari grfhiker@gmail.com (pref.) or 551-265-2369 (NCA 9 PM) Contact leader the week of hike for details and to register.

Thursday, 11/13 Perkins Tower C 3 C

Louise Parnell parnelljt@optonline.net or 845-290-5287 Meet at 10 AM in the parking lot near the tower. Take the Palisades P'way north to Exit 19 (Perkins Memorial Drive). At the sign for Perkins Drive make a left and drive up the hill and park near the Tower. TC Harriman Bear Mt. North map 119.

Saturday, 11/15 Out Of The Elk Pen B 6 B

Peter Reiner psr7777@gmail.com or 845-323-7697

Meet at the Elk Pen at 9:30 AM. We'll hike the Stahahe Brook, Nurian (through the Valley of Boulders), Dunning, White Bar, ASB and AT Trails. Registration by e-mail is preferred. Rain cancels hike. TC Northern Harriman Bear Mt. map 119.

Sunday, 11/16 Silvermine Circular B 6 B

Fred Hodde Bullwnkl1@aol.com or (h) 973-728-3223 (c) 973-722-7824

Meet at the Silvermine Parking Lot off Seven Lakes Drive at 9:30 AM. Starting on the Menomine we hike past Lake Nawahunta, followed by the Long Path and AT Trails and woods roads returning via the Menomine. Registration by e-mail is preferred. Call 973-722-7824 before 8:20 AM if the weather is questionable. TC Northern Harriman Bear Mt. map 119.

Thursday, 11/20 Saddle River County Park/Wild Duck Pond C 3 C

Louise Parnell parnelljt@optonline.net or 845-290-5287

Take the Garden State P'way to Exit 165 and follow the road to the right and towards Ridgewood NJ. Continue on Ridgewood Ave. to Saddle River County Park on the right. We will meet 10 AM in the last parking area that is close to the exit back to Ridgewood Ave.

Thursday, 11/20 In The Woods C 5/6 B

Richard Sumner RLS@RSUMNER.COM or 845-362-8470

Harriman or nearby parks. This will be a C pace and an easy route, no serious hills or rock scrambles. Call or e-mail for details the week of the hike. Details will also be posted on Facebook and the Yahoo group.

Saturday, 11/22 Turtleback Rock, B 6 B

South Mountain Reservation

Jeffrey Sovelove Hiker_Dood@Yahoo.com

We will start at Turtleback Rock trailhead at 10 AM. See the Essex County Parks Commission web site www.essex-countynj.org/p/index.php?section=parks/sites/so for directions. Bring lots of water, and wear hiking boots. We will take the orange trail down to Hemlock Falls and also see the famous Turtleback Rock. Heavy/steady rain cancels. Joint ADK/Sierra Club hike.

Sunday, 11/23 A Harriman Hike B 6 B

Karen Rose kkarose@aol.com or 201-962-8546

Meet Reeves Meadow Visitor Center Parking Lot on Seven Lakes Drive at 9:30 AM. Various trails depending on weather conditions. May need traction devices. Bad driving conditions will cancel. Please e-mail or call to register. TC Southern Harriman Bear Mt. map 118.

Saturday, 11/29 Black River County Park (Chester, NJ) B 6.5 B

Chris Connolly c.connolly7@verizon.net or 201-321-6605

We'll be doing Dan Chazin's Hike Of The Week No. 7 featuring a spectacular rocky gorge. Take Rt. 80 West to Exit 27A, take Rt. 206 south 8 miles, turn right on to Rt. 513, 1.2 miles to Cooper Mill Park entering on left. Meet 10 AM.

Sunday, 11/30 Thank You Dean Gletsos B 9 B

Fred Hodde Bullwnkl1@aol.com or (h) 973-728-3223

(c) 973-722-7824

Meet at the Lake Skannatati Parking Area at 9:30 AM. Dean led this hike last summer. I thought it would be a great fall hike (not for beginners). We'll hike the Long Path, Dunning, and ASB Trails stopping for lunch alongside Island Pond. Registration by e-mail preferred. Call cell before 8:30 AM if the weather is questionable. TC Northern Harriman Bear Mt. map 119.

December 1, 2014 Holiday Party Reminder

The party will be on Sunday Dec 7, but today is the deadline to RSVP to Betty Heald. Call: 201-967-2937 or e-mail: ebheald@aol.com.

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Debbie Bell deb2@columbia.edu or 845-358-8386 (NCA 9 PM)
Varied terrain in Harriman or nearby parks. Contact leader for hike details.

Thursday, 12/4 Saddle River County Park C 3 C
Louise Parnell parnelljt@optonline.net or 845-290-5287
Meet at 10 AM. Take the Garden State P'way to Exit 165 and follow the road to the right towards Ridgewood NJ. At Paramus Rd. make a right to Dunkerhook Rd. At Dunkerhook Rd. make a right into the first parking area. We will walk south to the Fair Lawn area and maybe to the Easton Memorial Site.

Sunday, 12/7 North Jersey Ramapo Holiday Get-Together
4-8 PM Central Unitarian Church, 156 Forest Ave., Paramus, NJ. See page 1 of this newsletter for complete information.

Thursday, 12/11 In The Woods B 6/8 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.

Thursday, 12/11 Little Tor C 3 C
Louise Parnell parnelljt@optonline.net or 845-290-5287
Meet at 10 AM. Take the Palisades P'way to New Hempstead Rd.(Exit 11) and go east to Little Tor Rd.(New City Court House). At Little Tor Rd. make a left and follow it as it becomes Central H'way. At the top of the hill look for the parking area on the right. TC Hudson Palisades map 112.

Saturday, 12/13 Ramapo Reservation Circular B 8 B
to Erskine Lookout
Dean Gletsos cgletsos@yahoo.com or 845-354-0738
Using a variety of trails we will visit a waterfall, old ruins and get great views while having lunch. Have enough water and food; dress appropriately. Meet 9:30 AM at the Ramapo Reservation parking area (off Rt. 202). Call or e-mail to register or if you have questions. TC North Jersey map 115.

Sunday, 12/14 Bear Mt / West Mt B 8 A
Deanna Felicetta felicetta.deanna@gmail.com or 845 216-2021
This hike affords some of the best views and challenging hiking in the Hudson and Harriman area. Dress in layers. Traction devices may be necessary. Exact route will depend on the weather and parking. Trails will include the AT, SBM and Timp Torne. Register up until Friday PM before hike. No e-mail after then. Must leave reliable phone contact for changes or cancellation. Meet 9 AM Anthony Wayne North Parking Area. TC North Harriman Bear Mt. map 119.

Thursday, 12/18 Johnstown Circular B 6 B
Fred Hodde Bullwnk1@aol.com or (h) 973-728-3223 (c) 973-722-7824
Meet at the Johnstown Circle at 9:30 AM. The planned route

will be dependent on weather conditions. Traction devices may be necessary. Registration by e-mail preferred. Call cell before 9:00 AM if the weather is questionable. TC Southern Harriman Bear Mt. map 118.

Saturday, 12/20 Ramapo Reservation Circular B 8 B
Dean Gletsos cgletsos@yahoo.com or 845-354-0738
We will use a variety of trails, not much frequented, but interesting. Leader's choice. Spectacular views and visiting points of interest. Lunch on an overlook. Meet 9:30 AM at the Ramapo Reservation parking area (off Rt. 202). Call or e-mail to register or if you have questions. TC North Jersey map 115.

Sunday, 12/21 Mahlon Dickerson Reservation B 6.7 B
Chris Connolly c.connolly7@verizon.net or 201-321-6605
We will be doing Dan Chazin's Hike Of The Week No. 47. Take Rt. 80 west to Exit 34B. Go north 4.3 miles on Rt. 15, get off at Weldon Rd. Exit and go 2.8 miles to the Saffin Pond Parking Area. Meet 10 AM. TC North Jersey Trails map 126.

Sunday, 12/28 Long Path/Old Erie Railroad Bed B 10 B
Chris Connolly c.connolly7@verizon.net or 201-321-6605
We'll hike Dan Chazin's Hike Of The Week No. 10. Meet 9:30 AM at Piermont New York Municipal Parking off Gair St. TC Hudson Palisades map 109.



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.



MANY THANKS, HIKE LEADERS ...

... for sending me your hiker registration forms. It is so very important that we have them on file. Thank you, too, for returning unused Accident Forms and stamped envelopes. I see that they get back to Lou for re-cycling. Comments about your hikes are also appreciated.

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