

## HIKE SCHEDULE • WINTER 2014 • JANUARY • FEBRUARY • MARCH

Fri.-Mon. April 25-28 Massachusetts AT II B 12 B+  
(Dalton to Great Barrington)

Aaron Schoenberg askus3@optonline.net or (c) 845-987-4893  
This is my second annual section hike on the Appalachian Trail in Massachusetts which is a series of day hikes following this trail for 35+ miles in four days of hiking. Mileages range from 5-12 miles per day. This is a strenuous trip. Lodging will be at house rentals in Lee, MA. Advance deposit of \$100 required. Contact Aaron for detailed itinerary. Deadline to register: March 29.

Wednesday, 1/1 Happy Harriman New Year B 7 B

Chris Connolly c.connolly7@verizon.net 201-321-6605  
Start off 2014 in style, hiking in Harriman. Precipitation cancels. Meet 10 AM Reeves Meadow parking area. TC map 118. Please register for this hike.

Thursday, 1/2 Pyramid And Turkey Mountains B 6 B

Diane Grunthal njbiker21@gmail.com (pref) or (c) 973-728-8057  
MOH 862-228-1024  
Six miles and total cumulative elevation gain of 1100 feet. Microspikes and snowshoes should be carried. Contact leader for meeting time and directions to trailhead. TC map 125.

Saturday, 1/4 From the Hollow To The Cabin B 6.5 B  
P. Tilgner & S. Gordon petertilgner@icloud.com or (c) 201-546-0509

We hike the Parker Cabin Hollow Trail using several other trails to get to Parker Cabin Mt. for lunch. Meet 9:30 AM at the Parker Cabin Trail Parking Pull-Off on Rt. 106 just east of the I-87 underpass and Rt. 17. Please register for this hike. Traction devices may be necessary. Severe inclement weather cancels. TC map 118.

Thursday, 1/9 Reeves Brook Circular B 7 B

Robert Danetz robertdanetz@gmail.com or (c) 201-693-2873  
Pine Meadow, Seven Hills, HTS, Raccoon Brook, Kakiat, Stony Brook, Pine Meadow. Meet 9:30 AM in Reeves Parking Lot on Seven Lakes Drive. Call or e-mail to register. TC Map 118.

Saturday, 1/11 Hike to Victory B 6 B

Aaron Schoenberg askus3@optonline.net or (c) 845-987-4893  
This is a relatively modest hike following the Victory Trail in its entirety from Route 106 in Harriman Park. Then we will follow the Blue Disc, TMI & RD down to Tuxedo passing Claudius Smith Cave along the way. Note that if icy, stabilicers or other traction devices may be necessary. A car shuttle is involved. Hike will only be cancelled if winter storm watch, warning, 70% chance of rain or temperature under 15 degrees is predicted. Meet Tuxedo RR Station 10 AM. TC Map 118.

Sunday, 1/12 Silvermine Circular B 6.5 B

Chris Connolly c.connolly7@verizon.net 201-321-6605  
We'll traverse the Menomine, LP, and AT trails. Meet 10 AM at Silvermine Parking Area off Seven Lakes Drive. Precipitation cancels. Please register for this hike. TC map 119.

Thursday, 1/16 In The Woods B 6/8 B

Paul Margiotta pjmm11@verizon.net (pref.) or 201-693-670  
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, 1/18 Jockey Hollow Leader's Choice B 6 B

Jeffrey Sovelove Hiker\_Dood@yahoo.com  
Leader's choice of trails depending on conditions at Jockey Hollow National Park in Morristown. See <http://www.nps.gov/morr/planyourvisit/directions.htm> for directions and information. Bring lots of water, lunch, and wear hiking boots. Meet at the visitors' center at 10 AM. Inclement weather cancels. Proper footwear required (stabilicers, crampons or snowshoes) if appropriate for the conditions. Joint ADK/Sierra Club hike.

Sunday, 1/19 Ramapo Reservation Hike B 6 B

Karen Rose kkarose@aol.com 201-962-8546  
Meet 10 AM Ramapo Reservation Parking Lot on Rte. 202. Route to be determined by weather conditions. Must have traction devices if ice or snow. Please call or e-mail to register. TC map 115.

Monday, 1/20 Pine Meadow Lake and Diamond Mt. B 6 B

Deanna Felicetta felicetta.deanna@gmail.com 845-216-2021  
Meet at Sebago Boat Launch 9:30 AM. Hike to Diamond Mt. enjoying views along the way. We will then go to Pine Meadow Lake for lunch. Dress warmly and in layers, and definitely plan on those fun snowshoes and essential microspikes. Please leave a full name and a contact phone. Winter rain, temperatures below 20 or heavy snow will cancel hike. Wishing for lovely snow and blue skies and hikers' smiles. TC map 118.

Thursday, 1/23 Slide Mt. in the Catskills B 7 A/B

Bill Drapkin wdrapkin@optonline.net (preferred) or 845-826-2112  
A strenuous winter hike at a moderate pace. We'll climb Slide Mt., the highest peak in the Catskills. Approx. 7 mi. and 1800 ft. of gain. Be aware that it will be a long day, with an early meet-up for the approx. 1 1/2 hr. drive from the meet-up point to the trailhead. You must bring snowshoes and at least, microspikes (crampons are better). Be prepared for cold winter conditions. If you've not done this before, you're in for a treat. Contact me to register and for particulars the week of the hike. TC map 143.

Thursday, 1/23 In The Woods B/C 5/7 B

Richard Sumner RLS@RSUMNER.COM or 845-362-8470  
Harriman or nearby parks. Call or e-mail for details the week of the hike. Pace may be B or C depending on the group and the weather. Details will also be posted on Facebook and the Yahoo group.

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Saturday, 1/25 Tallman Mt. State Park B 6 B  
John Jurasek Jurasek@optonline.net or 845-519-4247  
(NCA 10 PM)

We will meet at 450 Piermont Ave. In Piermont, NY at 11 AM. We will hike through Tallman on the Long Path. Lunch at the Tallman Mountain Shelter, then out on the pier halfway across the Hudson. Early out possible. Snow may modify the hike. Joint with other groups. TC map 109.

Sunday, 1/26 Osborn Loop B 7 B  
Chris Connolly c.connolly7@verizon.net 201-321-6605

Check out the scenery east of the Hudson. Precipitation cancels. Meet 9:30 AM Castle Rock Parking Lot off Rt. 9D (about 4 miles north of the Bear Mt. Bridge). Please register for this hike. TC map 101.

Thursday, 1/30 In The Woods B 6/8 B  
Gerrgette Fazzari grfhiker@gmail.com (pref.) or 551-265-2369  
(NCA 9 PM)

Varied terrain in Harriman or nearby parks. Contact leader the week of hike for details and to register.

Saturday, 2/1 Popolopen Gorge/Queensboro Lake B 7 B+  
Peter Reiner psr7777@gmail.com or 845-323-7697

Meet at 9:30 AM in Ft. Montgomery visitor center parking lot. We follow the Popolopen Gorge Trail offering great views of the gorge. Trail meets with the 1777W and 1779 Trails. Lunch at Queensboro Lake, with return on the 1777W Trail, crossing the AT onto the Suffern-Bear Mt. Trail to the Inn. Car shuttle is required to the Bear Mt. Inn lot. Call or e-mail hike leader to register. TC map 119. An \$8.00 parking fee may apply.

Sunday, 2/2 Slide Mountain Snowshoe Loop (Catskills) A 7+ A  
Deanna Felicetta felicetta.deanna@gmail.com or 845-216-2021  
One of the Catskills most beautiful winter hikes, and a great hike for experienced winter hikers. Plan to have snowshoes, full crampons, poles and microspikes for this hike. Dress in warm layers, hand warmers suggested. Bring a flashlight just in case, as daylight is short. Call for meeting time and place. Inclement weather will cancel. (Call between 7-8 evening before hike for weather decision.) No e-mail after 6:30 PM Friday before hike. Call thereafter at 845-216-2021. Registration open two weeks before hike. Leave a phone number and name. Limit 12 hikers. TC map 143.

Saturday, 2/8 Patriots Path Stroll C 5 C  
Jeffrey Sovelove Hiker\_Dood@yahoo.com

Come take an easy stroll on Patriots Path in Morristown. This 3 - 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 ([www.morrisparks.org](http://www.morrisparks.org)) for directions. The path is wide, partly paved. Please bring plenty of water and a light snack. Great for beginners. Inclement weather cancels. Proper footwear required (stabilizers, crampons or snowshoes) if appropriate for the conditions. Optional lunch afterwards. Joint ADK/Sierra Club hike.

Saturday, 2/8 Alpine/ Bombay Hook B 5.5 B  
Peter Reiner psr7777@gmail.com or 845-323-7635

Meet at 10:00 am at the Alpine Basin by the Kearny House off Rt. 9W in Alpine. Follow the Shore Trail to the abandoned spots where New Yorkers came for summer play. We take the Forest View Trail to the Long Path to head back to Alpine Basin. Lunch will be on a unique spot overlooking the Palisades. Call or e-mail hike leader to register.  
TC map 108.

Sunday, 2/9 Panther Mountain and the Giant Ledges A 6.5 B+  
(Catskills)

Deanna Felicetta felicetta.deanna@gmail.com or 845-216-2021  
A unique Catskill 3500ft. peak with lots of views! A required Catskill winter peak, this hike is for the experienced winter hiker. Plan to have snowshoes, full crampons, poles, and microspikes for this hike. Dress in warm layers. Hand warmers suggested. Call for meeting time and place. Inclement weather will cancel. (Call between 7-8 evening before hike for weather decision) No e-mail after 6:30 PM Friday before hike. Call thereafter at 845-216-2021. Registration open two weeks before hike. Leave a phone number and name. Limit 12 hikers. TC map 142.

Thursday, 2/13 In The Woods B/C 5/7 B  
Richard Sumner RLS@RSUMNER.COM or 845-362-8470

Harriman or nearby parks. Call or e-mail for details the week of the hike. Pace may be B or C depending on the group and the weather. Details will also be posted on Facebook and the Yahoo group.

Saturday, 2/15 Ramapo State Forest Romp B 6/7 B  
Pete Heckler p\_heckler@msn.com or 973-831-2307

(No calls morning of hike)  
Scenic hike at steady pace over Pete's Path, Wanaque Ridge, Indian Rock, Cannonball, and McEvoy Trails. Meet 9:30 AM at Hagerstrom Ball Field parking lot, Wanaque NJ. Crampons or equivalent definitely required, snow shoes if conditions warrant. Driving directions: Rt. 287 South Exit 55, turn right to traffic light, left onto Ringwood Ave. (Rt.51), 3 miles north turn right (3rd traffic light) on to Hagerstrom Blvd. Go east toward the mountain, park at Ballfield on left. Storm or hazardous road conditions cancels hike. Registration by e-mail appreciated. TC Map 115.

Sunday, 2/16 Alder Lake and Beaver Meadow B 7 B+  
(Catskills)

Deanna Felicetta felicetta.deanna@gmail.com or 845-216-2021  
If you just like being out in the snow this will be one of your favorite hikes. Rambling ups and downs, ruins, a gorgeous lake and a trek to Beaver Meadow. This is a wonderful snowshoe. Bring poles and microspikes. Dress in warm layers, may want handwarmers. (Call between 7-8 evening before hike for weather decision.) No e-mail after 6:30 PM Friday before hike. Call thereafter at 845-216-2021. Registration open two weeks before hike. Leave a phone number and name. Limit 12 hikers. TC Catskill map 144/142.

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Thursday, 2/20 Johnstontown Circular B 6.5 B  
Fred Hodde Bullwnk11@aol.com 973-728-3223 (h) or 973-722-7824(c)

Meet at the Johnstontown Circle at 9:30 AM. The planned route will be on the Blue Disc, Victory and White Bar trails. Come appropriately prepared (i.e., traction devices as needed) for winter hiking. Registration by e-mail preferred. Call cell before 9:00 AM if the weather is questionable. TC Map 118.

Saturday, 2/22 Clausland Mt. State Park B 6 B  
John Jurasek Jurasek@optonline.net or 845-519-4247 (NCA 10 PM)

We will meet at 450 Piermont Ave. in Piermont, NY at 11 AM. We will hike through Rockland Cemetery on the Long Path. Lunch at the top of Clausland Mt. at old Nike base, then out on the pier halfway across the Hudson. Early out possible. Snow may modify the hike. Joint with other groups. TC map 109.

Thursday, 2/27 Balsam Lake & Possible Graham Mt. B 6/10 B  
(Catskills)

Bill Drapkin, wdrapkin@optonline.net(pref.) or 845-826-2112. A winter hike at a moderate pace. Depending on conditions, it could be quite strenuous. We'll first climb Balsam Lake Mt., and then depending on conditions and how people feel, we may also climb Graham Mt. 6 to 10 miles and as much as 2500 ft. of gain. Be aware that it will be a long day, with an early meet-up for the approx. 1 1/2 hr. drive to the trailhead from the meet-up point. You must bring snowshoes &, at least, microspikes. Crampons are better. Be prepared for the cold. If you've not done this before, you're in for a treat. Contact leader to register and for particulars the week of the hike. TC map 142.

Saturday, 3/1 Norvin Green B 8.5 B+  
Sheree Bennett shereestarrett@yahoo.com or 973-857-0543 (c) 973-932-9466

This is a moderately strenuous hike with two steep uphill. Meet 9:30 AM at the large parking lot at 150 Snake Den Road, Ringwood, New Jersey. This hike will not go if it is raining. Please call or e-mail leader to register or with any questions. TC map 115.

Sunday, 3/2 Balsam Lake Fire Tower (Catskills) B+ 9 B+  
Deanna Felicetta felicetta.deanna@gmail.com or 845-216-2021

Hike two fun peaks in this special area of the Catskills, just west of the Catskill divide. See an old radio station, forest ranger cabin and a true firetower on this lovely hike. We must hike in from the east, as winter closes road passage in the west. Great snowshoe outing for the day for the experienced winter hiker. Bring poles, crampons, microspikes and flashlight-just in case! Plan to dress in layers, and you may want hand warmers. E-mail before 6:30 PM Friday before hike. Call thereafter at 845-216-2021. Registration open two weeks before hike. Leave a phone number and name. Limit 12 hikers. TC map 142.

Thursday, 3/6 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, 3/8 Lewis Morris Park B 7 B  
Jeffrey Sovelove Hiker\_Dood@yahoo.com  
We will start at Sunrise Lake, then hike to the upper parking lot and back down to the lake using a combination of the Yellow and Red trails. The pace will be a moderate to slow one. See the Morris County Parks Commission website [www.morrisparks.org/aspparks/lmdir.asp](http://www.morrisparks.org/aspparks/lmdir.asp) for directions. Bring lots of water, lunch, and wear hiking boots. Meet in parking lot at 10 AM. Inclement weather cancels. Proper footgear required (stabilicers, crampons or snowshoes) if appropriate for the conditions. Joint ADK/Sierra Club hike.

Sunday, 3/9 Daylight Savings Time Begins

Sunday, 3/9 Rt. 106 Circular B 6 B+  
Chris Connolly c.connolly7@verizon.net 201-321-6605  
Cardiovascular up and down Carr Pond, Parker Cabin, Tom Jones and Black Rock Mts. Precipitation cancels. Meet 10 AM at White Bar Parking Area on Rt. 106. TC map 118. Please register for this hike.

Thursday, 3/13 In Harriman B 6/7 B  
Bill Drapkin, wdrapkin@optonline.net (pref.) or 845-826-2112.  
A hike in Harriman, on various trails, at a moderate pace. Late winter, early spring conditions will determine the exact route. Be prepared with proper equipment/clothing to suit conditions. Contact me to register & for particulars the week of the hike. TC map 118/119.

Sunday, 3/16 Fahnestock/Round Hill East Mt. Circular B 7 B  
P. Tilgner & S. Gordon petertilgner@icloud.com or (c) 201-546-0509  
Our hike begins at 10 AM from the Hubbard Lodge located on a country road, three-tenths of a mile north of the intersection of Rts. 9 and 301. Please register for this hike. TC maps 102 and 103.

Saturday, 3/15 A Harriman Hike B 6 B  
Karen Rose kkarose@aol.com 201-962-8546  
Meet 10 AM at Reeves Meadow Visitor Center. Route to be determined by weather conditions. Must have traction devices if ice or snow. Please call or e-mail to register. TC map 118.

Thursday, 3/20 In The Woods B/C 5/7 B  
Richard Sumner RLS@RSUMNER.COM or 845-362-8470  
Harriman or nearby parks. Call or e-mail for details the week of the hike. Pace may be B or C depending on the group and the weather. Details will also be posted on Facebook and the Yahoo group.

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Thursday, 3/20 Congers Lake C 3 C  
 Louise Parnell parnelljt@optonline.net or 845-290-5287  
 Walk the newly completed trail around the Congers Lake. Meet 10AM in the parking lot on Gilcrist Rd. off Route 303.

Saturday, 3/22 Sterling Forest Surprise B 6 B  
 Fred Hodde Bullwnk1@aol.com, 973-728-3223 (h) or 973-722-7824(c)  
 Meet at the upper parking lot for the Sterling Forest Visitor's Center at 9:30 AM. I haven't a clue what March's weather will be, that's the Surprise. The route will be dependent on trail conditions. The goal will be climbing to the Fire Tower or Bare Rock Vista (both if the weather cooperates). Come appropriately prepared (i.e., traction devices as needed) for winter hiking. Registration by e-mail is preferred. Call 973-722-7824 before 9:00 AM if the weather is questionable. TC Map 100.

Thursday, 3/27 Rockland Lake C 3 C  
 Louise Parnell parnelljt@optonline.net or 845-290-5287  
 Meet 10AM at parking lot #1 off Route 9W in Congers. TC map 111.

Thursday, 3/27 Ringwood State Park B 5/7 B  
 Diane Grunthal njbiker21@gmail.com (pref.) or 973-728-8057  
 Route determined by weather. Contact leader for meeting time and place. TC Map 115.

Friday, 3/28 Lunch and Learn at Nanuet Public Library  
 Dumont Historian Dick Burnon will present a video/lecture on what really happened to famed Aviatrix Amelia Earhart. See page 8 for details.

Saturday, 3/29 Island Pond View B 7 B+  
 P. Tilgner, S. Gordon petertilgner@icloud.com or (c) 201-546-0509  
 Using a variety of trails we will circle Island Pond, Meet 10 AM at Elk Pen Parking off the Arden Valley Rd. and Rt. 17. Please register for this hike. TC map 119.

Sunday, 3/30 Bare Rock Vista B 6 B  
 Fred Hodde Bullwnk1@aol.com, 973-728-3223 (h) or 973-722-7824(c)  
 We'll meet at the upper parking lot for the Sterling Forest Visitor's Center at 9:30 AM. The route will be dependent on trail conditions. If all goes according to plan, we'll start with a climb to the Sterling Forest Fire Tower. The main goal will be enjoying lunch and the view on Bare Rock Vista. Come appropriately prepared (i.e., traction devices as needed) for winter hiking. Registration by e-mail is preferred. Call 973-722-7824 before 9:00 AM if the weather is questionable. TC Map 100.

### MANY THANKS, HIKE LEADERS ...

... for sending me your hiker registration forms. It is so very important that we have them on file.

Betty Heald, Sign-In Form Collection  
 201-967-2937  
 formcollection@hudsonhikers.



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.



## Welcome New Members

Linda Chambers – Saddle Brook NJ  
 Gayle Cornish – Oak Ridge NJ  
 Michael Dougher – Tuxedo NY  
 Murray Gross – Brooklyn NY – affiliate  
 Richard Julesa – Morristown NJ  
 Jeanette & Alan Sanders – Jersey City NJ  
 Sheree & Fred Bennett – Verona NJ  
 James Berger – Pearl River NY  
 Ellen Blumenkrantz – Closter NJ  
 Helen Dabetic & Kin Ko – Cliffside Park NJ  
 Diane Dabkowski – Ramsey NJ  
 Kate D'Angelo – Mahwah NJ  
 Sherri Galgano – Englewood NJ  
 Mark Jones – Congers NY  
 Karen Kasny – Pearl River NY  
 Rob Lore – Stockton NJ  
 Dee Mattiello – Mahwah NJ  
 Gerald Meyers – Potomac MD  
 Douglas & Lana Vitale – Freehold NJ  
 Richard Kulesa – Morristown NJ  
 Karin & Henry Barkhorn – New York NY  
 Jennifer Johnson – Flemington NJ  
 Mary & Chris Kourelakos – Dumont NJ  
 Mary Beth & Peter Moltzen – Montvale NJ  
 Jim Om – Cresskill NJ  
 Gina Abrams – Short Hills NJ  
 John Angle – Lafayette Hill PA  
 Caroline Hamling – Chester NY  
 Michele Paradiso & Ken King - Fort Lee NJ  
 Cynthia & Jeffrey Reardon – Spring Valley NY  
 Deborah & Kenneth Rubin – Long Branch NJ  
 Bonnie Sauma – Warren NJ  
 Cathy Veit – Livingston NJ

## Welcome Back

Martha Brown – Shelton CT  
 Alan & Jeanette Sanders – Jersey City NJ