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Thursday, 10/1   In The Woods        C 5-6 B
Phyllis Key     pkeyhiker@juno.com (Pref.) or 201-768-5573
Route to be determined by weather and trail conditions. Call or e-mail for time and location no earlier than 3 days prior to hike date.

Thursday, 10/1   In The Woods        B 7.5 B
Robert Danetz   rdanetz@aol.com or 201-692-9217
The White Bar to the Triangle to Victory to RD to top of Black Rock to Nurian to White Bar and back. The trailhead is 2.7 miles off of Rt. 17 on Route 106. It is the first parking lot on the right. TC map 118.

Saturday, 10/3  Tiorati Brook/Pine Swamp Mt.        B 9 B+
Rich Holden  609-308-2100 (NCA 9:00 PM)
We will meet at Beech Trail Parking on Tiorati Brook Rd at 9:15 AM. Beech Trail and Hasenclever Rd. to Lake Askoti, then up to Pine Swamp viewpoint for lunch. After lunch we have 4+ miles of rugged climbing and hiking on the Long Path and Beech Trail to finish. Rain cancels. TC map 119.

Sunday, 10/4    Oktoberfest Loop       B 7 B+
Robert Permutt  914-588-0212 or rpermutt2003@yahoo.com (Pref.)
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 Doodle-town utilizing the Ramapo Dunderberg and 1777 Trails. Afterwards, stay at the park and enjoy German Food and Spirits at Oktoberfest (optional). Rain cancels. Fee for parking as well as for food and drink at Oktoberfest. Registration required on or before October 3. TC map 119.

Thursday, 10/8   Fall Along The Hudson    B 6 C
John Geary    201-641-3407 or JGEARY@nj.rr.com
Meet 10 AM at the Alpine Boat Basin off Palisades Parkway (Exit 2), go down the hill past the police station to the Boat Basin Parking Lot. We hike along the Hudson to Huyler’s Landing and climb up the trail to the top. Lunch will be at the Alpine Lookout. We continue north on the Long Path for our return on the Closter Dock Trail. Rain cancels. TC map 110.

Thursday, 10/8   Wyanokie Circular     B 6 B
Phyliss Stewart  pastewart@optonline.net or 201-327-6319
Meet at NY-NJ Trail Conference Parking at 9:15 AM Lot on Rt. 202 (156 Ramapo Valley Rd.) to carpool to Camp Wyanokie for moderately strenuous hike on Wyanokie Circular Trail and the Monroe Loop. Great views. Hike will afford many pauses to enjoy scenery, take pictures and catch your breath. TC map 115.

Saturday, 10/10  Sterling Forest Fire Tower Ramble  B 5 B+
Jeffrey Sovelove  Hiker_Dood@yahoo.com
We will do the Sterling Forest Sterling Fire Tower loop with the option to extend if the group desires. 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 web site for information and directions: http://nysparks.state.ny.us/parks/info.asp?parkID=81. Steady/ heavy rain cancels. Joint ADK/Sierra Club hike. TC map 100.

Saturday, 10/10  Tallman Mt. State Park        B 6-7 B
John Jurasek    845-365-3618 (NCA 10 PM)
or Jurasek@optonline.net
We will meet at 450 Piermont Ave. in Piermont, NY at 10:00 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. Rain cancels. TC map 109.

Sunday, 10/11   Hike To Surprise Lake In Hewitt  B 5-6 B
Jennifer Leonard Hahn  rudybird2766@yahoo.com
Meet at Sears parking lot on Greenwood Lake Tpk. in Hewitt at 9:30 AM. We will hike Bearfort Ridge to Surprise Lake and stop for lunch and then hike back down the Quail Trail to Warwick Tpk. Please register by e-mail.

Thursday, 10/15  Anthony Wayne, 1779, AT. Circular     C 5 C
John Giuffrida  845-356-5417
Meet 10 AM at Anthony Wayne Recreation Area North Parking Lot, Palisades Interstate Parkway, Exit 17. Rain cancels. TC map 119.

Saturday, 10/17  Harriman Ship Rock Hike        B 6-7 B
Peg Wissler  914-260-7506 or mwissler@tenafly.k12.nj.us
See what sails on Hogencamp Mountain. Meet at the Elk Pen 9 AM. Please contact the leader to register for the hike by Thursday, Oct. 15. Heavy rain cancels. TC map 119.

Sunday, 10/18   Central Harriman      B 9 B
Ken Elion  kleon806@yahoo.com or 914-629-2892
Meet 9:30 at the Lake Skannatati Parking Lot. We will utilize a mixture of trails in an area of varied terrain. Moderate pace with occasional stops to enjoy the surroundings. Please register by Saturday 10/17. TC maps 118 & 119.

Thursday, 10/22  Skannatati Circular    B 7-8 B
Irene Logan  845-753-5651 (NCA 9 PM or after 8 AM day of hike)
Meet at the Lake Skannatati Parking Area at 9:30. We will hike on several trails with views including the ASB, Dunning, Long Path, and Lichen. Come prepared with appropriate gear including hiking boots, fall clothing layers, and sufficient water. No strugglers. Rain cancels. TC map 119.

Saturday, 10/24  RD Trail Maintenance Hike      C 6 B
Karen Rose  201-962-8546 or kkarose@aol.com
Meet at Tiorati Circle 10 AM. Join me to hike and inspect the RD to the Wm. Brien Memorial shelter and then return the same way. We will be stopping to cut back undergrowth, throw off blowdowns, pick up trash, etc. Bring work gloves, clippers if you have them and lunch. Heavy rain cancels. TC map 119.

Saturday, 10/24  Clarke Trail         C 3 C
Louise Parnell  845-290-5287
Meet at 10 AM in the Lowe’s Parking Lot (north side of the building and towards to the back), Route 303, Orangeburg, NY
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Sunday, 10/25  Meet Mr. Nurian  B 6.8 B
Peter Reiner  845-634-7635 or psr7@aol.com
Meet at the Elk Pen parking lot off Arden Valley Rd. at 9:30 AM. This hike will follow the Nurian Trail. Lunch will be on Black Rock Mt. We’ll return on the Dunning Trail. Tales of the “Mad Bulgarian” Kerson Nurian who created the trail in 1929 will be included. Rain cancels. TC map 119.

Sunday, 10/25  Lake Skannatati Lollipop Hike  A 9 B
Allison Tully  altully63@optonline.net or c. 845-656-0442
Limited to 15 hikers. Register by Friday, 10/23. Meet at Lake Skannatati Parking for a 10 AM start. Rain cancels so call before 9 AM morning of hike if in doubt. TC Map 119.

Thursday, 10/29  In The Woods  B 6-8 B
Paul Margiotta  201-693-6705 or pjmm11@verizon.net
Ups and Downs. Call or e-mail leader by 9 PM Wednesday night for details.

Friday 10/30 - Sunday 11/1  Shawnee Inn Fall Foliage Weekend

Saturday, 10/31  Lake Skannatati  C 6-7 B
Lou O’Neill 845-357-0497 (NCA 8 PM)
We will meet at Lake Skannatati at 10 AM. We will hike the ASB, RD, Dunning to the Bald Rock Shelter for lunch and out on the Dunning and Long Path. Rain cancels. TC map 119.

Fall Foliage Weekend Hike One
Saturday, 10/31  Sunfish Pond Circular  B 8 B
Aaron Schoenberg  askus3@optonline.net or 845-986-8645
This hike in the Kittatinny’s will take us to the scenic Sunfish Pond. We will be traversing a few miles of the Appalachian Trail thru the lush Dunnfield Hollow. A possible extension of a split-off stronger group to make a 10 mile loop to look down into the Delaware Water Gap from our perch on Mt. Tammany. After the hikes an optional shower/changing/dinner at the Shawnee Inn can be arranged. The price for dinner is $28.50 paid directly to the Shawnee Inn. Meet 7:15 AM at the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference Office Bldg. in Mahwah, NJ (US 202/Ramapo Valley Road) or 9:15 AM at the Delaware Water Gap Visitor Center, exit on I-80. TC Map 17. Hikers staying at the Shawnee Inn will meet Aaron at the Visitor’s Center 9:15 AM. **Registration is required for those attending only for the day.**

Sunday, 11/1  Daylight Savings Time Ends

Fall Foliage Weekend Hike Two
Saturday, 11/1  Buttermilk Falls/Tillman Ravine Circular  B 8 B
Linda Schutz  973-353-6973 or LindaSchutz@msn.com
At the southern end of Stokes State Forest is a wonderful section of the AT. For over 4 miles the trail follows open ridges with expansive views to the west over the Delaware River and out to the Pocono plateau, and a bonus is to finish in Tillman Ravine, a lovely hemlock ravine with several cascades. Directions from PA: take Rt. 209 N to Dingman’s Ferry bridge, cross to NJ, straight on Rt. 739 (Tuttles Corner/Dingmans Road) to Layton, right on Bevans Road (Co. 604 passing Peter’s Valley) to Walpack Center. Left at Post Office on corner (which looks like a house), cross the bridge over Flat Brook and turn right at cemetery and park. Meet at 10:30 AM at cemetery on Mountain Road. Shuttle or road walk? If there are enough cars and it’s not too complicated we can shuttle to the falls. I prefer to walk the road (35 minutes) to warm up before the climb and it saves a bit of time at the end if all cars are right there. Hikers staying at the Shawnee Inn will leave after breakfast to join the hike. TC map 17.

Sunday, 11/1  Johnsontown Circle/Black Ash Mt.  B 9 B+
Rich Holden  609-308-2100 (NCA 9:00 PM)
We will meet at Johnsontown Circle at 9:00 AM. Blue Disc Trail to Tri-Trail Corner (scrambling involved). Climb Black Ash Mt. (strenuous) for lunch on top. On the other side of the mountain we’ll take the White Bar Trail, following it all the way back to our trailhead. Rain cancels. TC Map 118.

Thursday, 11/5  In The Woods  C 5-6 B
Phyllis Key  pkeyhiker@juno.com (Pref.) or 201-768-5573
Route to be determined by weather and trail conditions. Call or e-mail for time and location no earlier than 3 days prior to hike date.

Thursday, 11/5  In The Woods  B 5-7 B
Eileen Berch  973-506-7078 (NCA 8 PM)
We’ll start from Johnsontown Road Circle hiking 5 to 7 miles depending on the group, weather, and trail conditions. Meet to hike at 10:00 AM at Johnsontown Circle Parking Area. No need to register, but No Go if raining steady and hard. Call by 7:30 AM morning of hike if weather is doubtful. TC map 118.

Saturday, 11/7  Walk over The George Washington Bridge  C 3 C
Louise Parnell  845-290-5287
Meet in Fort Lee at 10 AM. Call for the exact meeting place.

Saturday, 11/7  Jockey Hollow Grand Loop  B 5 B
Jeffrey Sovelove  Hiker_Dood@yahoo.com
We will do the parts of the Grand Loop, Blue Trail, and Yellow Trail at Jockey Hollow National Park in Morristown. We will stop at the Soldiers’ Huts. See http://www.nps.gov/morr/planyourvisit/directions.htm for directions and information. Bring water, a light snack, and hiking boots. Meet at the visitors’ center at 10 AM. Heavy/steady rain cancels. Optional lunch at a local eatery if we get done in time. Joint ADK/Sierra Club hike.

Saturday, 11/7  Long Path From Rt. 6  C 5-6 C
Denis & Joan Kmiec  845-634-1397 or c. 845-548-5583 or mailing@hudsonhikers.org (NCA 9 PM)
We take the Long Path south to Stockbridge Shelter. Our return takes us on the Menomine Trail and the Nawahunta Fire Road. Rain cancels. Meet at Rt. 6 Hikers Parking Lot (Long Path Crossing) at 10 AM. Out by 1:30. TC map 119.

Sunday, 11/8  Schunemunk Sightlines  B 7.5 A-
Chris Connolly  c.connolly7@verizon.net or 201-321-6605
Up Dark Hollow to Megaliths, Crisscross ridges via Western Ridge and Sweet Clover Trails, return down Jessup Trail. Meet 9:30 AM Taylor Road Parking Area off Rt. 32, Mountainville, NY. Rain, ice cancels. TC map 114.

Sunday, 11/8  Beyond Little Doe  B 7 B
Dave Sutter  dsutt@aol.com
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Thursday, 11/12 Sterling Forest B 4-8 B
Irene Logan 845-753-5651 (NCA 9 PM or 8:30 AM day of hike)
We will meet at the Sterling Forest Visitor Center at 10:00 AM. We will hike a variety of trails starting with the Blue Trail to the Red Trail and the Fire Tower. Then we will hike along the ridge and take the Orange Trail down to Sterling Lake where there will be an opportunity for an early out. For those who wish to continue the hike, we will follow the Blue Trail around Sterling Lake. Rain cancels. TC map 100.

Saturday, 11/14 Norvin Green State Forest B 6-7 B
Pat Marcotullio patros@optonline.net or c. 845-729-4046 (pref.)
Not a beginner’s hike as there will be some moderate climbing to High Point. Meet 9:30 AM Weis Ecology Center. E-mail or call for directions. Steady rain cancels. TC map 115.

Sunday, 11/15 Sterling Forest Fire Tower Loop B 8 B
Robert Permutt 914-588-0212 or rpermutt2003@yahoo.com (pref.)
Meet at 9:30 AM at the parking lot for the Sterling Forest Visitor Center. We will hike from the Visitor Center to the Fire Tower via the Connector Trail and the Fire Tower Trail. On the return trip we will hike around Sterling Lake on the Sterling Lake Loop Trail. Registration required on or before November 14. TC map 100.

Thursday, 11/19 West Mt. Circular via AT, C 4 B
Timp-Torne, & Fawn Trails
Betty Heald 201-967-2937 or ebheald@aol.com (NCA 9 PM)
Meet 10 AM at Anthony Wayne North Parking Area. Register with leader. TC map 119.

Thursday, 11/19 In The Woods, B 6-8 B
Hank Zulauf hankz46@verizon.net or 201-391-5867
Meet at 10 AM at the Visitor Center off of Seven Lakes Drive in Harriman State Park. Will hike the Seven Hills Trail and will climb Diamond Mountain continuing north toward Monitor Rock. Return via Stony Brook Trail. TC map 118. Leader may alter hike if weather is an issue.

Saturday, 11/21 Breakneck Ridge + Casino Tail A 6 A
Dick Ernenwein 845-565-3866 or c. 845-220-7693 (NCA 8 pm)
We will meet at the MT Beacon Casino Trail kiosk parking lot just south of Beacon at 9 AM. Then we will car shuttle to the Break Neck Ridge Trail Head at the large parking lot just north of the 9D tunnel. We will hike steeply up 800 ft. in the first half mile and then continue on up to 1300 feet. Some exposure. Hike the ridge to the Mt. Beacon Tower and then down the Casino Trail to Beacon. TC map 102.

Saturday, 11/21 Wallkill Valley Rail Trail C 10 C
Aaron Schoenberg askus3@optonline.net or 845-986-8645
On this venture we will walk the Wallkill Rail Trail from Gardiner on US 44 northbound until we cross the rail bridge over the Wallkill River. This is a multi-use trail that is open to bicyclists, horseback riders as well as walkers. It has a gravel/dirt surface. If dry, sneakers will suffice and be adequate for footwear. Lunch will be spent indoors in a café along Main Street in New Paltz. We also will take an hour break for browsing in the various boutiques along the avenue. A car shuttle is involved. Registration is required. This insures adequate transportation for the car shuttle. For meeting place and time contact leader.

Sunday, 11/22 Equestrian Shuttle B 8 B
Richard Sumner 845-362-8470 or rls@sumner.com
Meet 9:30 AM at the Ramapo Equestrian Center on Rt. 202 between Suffern and Pomona. Shuttle to Rt. 106 (SBM crossing). Downhill (average) using SBM, Breakneck Mountain and TMI Trails. Foul weather will cancel. Call before 8:30 AM. TC map 118.

Sunday, 11/22 Bockberg North and South B 5 A
Dave Sutter dsutt@aol.com

Thursday, 11/26 In The Woods B 7/8 B
Suzan Gordon and Pete Tilgner browning.27@verizon.net or 201-871-353
Ups and downs. Call or e-mail leader by 8 PM Wednesday night for details.

Saturday, 11/28 Blackhead, Thomas Cole, Black Dome B 7 A
Gary Wiltshire gjwiltshire@hotmail.com
Great Hike in the Catskills, meet at 6:45 at the Mason Jar, on Rt. 202 in Mahwah for those who would like to car-pool. Please register by Friday night and let the leader know whether you’re car-pooling or meeting at the trailhead. Steady rain or snow will cancel. Winter equipment may be necessary. TC map 41.

Sunday, 11/29 Three Hills B 9 A
Karen Rose 201-962-8546 or kkarose@aol.com
This is a hike with several long, steep climbs at a steady pace. No easy outs. Meet at Silvermine Parking 9 AM. We will car-pool to start of hike at Bear Mt. Parking Lot. (parking fee). We will follow the AT over Bear Mt., West Mt., and Black Mt., exiting on the Menomine Trail. Rain will cancel. Call leader if weather uncertain. TC map 119.

Sunday, 11/29 Dater Park Ramble B 6.5 B
Ike Siskind 845-352-8506 (Please no calls AM of hike)
Meet at Reeves Meadow Parking Lot 9:30 AM. We will follow the AT over Bear Mt. Parking Lot (parking fee). We will follow the AT over Bear Mt., West Mt., and Black Mt., exiting on the Menomine Trail. Rain will cancel. Call leader if weather uncertain. TC map 119.

Thursday, 12/3 In The Woods C 5-6 B
Phyllis Key pkeyhiker@juno.com (pref.) or 201-768-5573
Route to be determined by weather and trail conditions. Call or e-mail for time and location no earlier than 3 days prior to hike date.

Thursday, 12/3 In The Woods B 5-7 B
Debbie Bell deb2@columbia.edu or 845-358-8386 (NCA 9 PM)
Varied terrain in Harriman or nearby parks. Contact the leader for hike details.
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Saturday, 12/5  Nyack Beach  C 3 C
Louise Parnell  845-290-5287
Meet 10 AM at the Nyack Beach Parking Lot at the end of North Broadway in Nyack. TC map 110.

Saturday, 12/5  Horse Stable Mt. I  C 7 B
Dean Gletsos  845-354-0738
We will meet at the Ladentown parking area 9:30 AM. Persistent rain or hazardous conditions cancel. We will hike to the Horse Stable monolith, summit the Horse Stable Mt., proceed to the Stone Memorial shelter and return via a variety of old roads and trails. TC map 118.

Sunday, 12/6  High Tor Out and Back  B 9 B
Richard Sumner  845-362-8470 or rls@rsumner.com
Meet at 9:30 AM in the commuter lot at Rts. 45 and 202 (next to Palisades Parkway Exit 13). Not flat, but easy terrain and nice view from High Tor. Foul weather will cancel. Call before 8:30 AM. TC map 112.

Sunday, 12/6  Fire Escape in Winter  B 7 B
Dave Sutter  dsuttir@aol.com
Remember this antique gem? Rain cancels. Not for beginners. Meet Iona Island Parking on Rt. 9W at 9:30 AM. Joint with AMC. TC map 119.

Thursday, 12/10  In The Woods  B 6-8 B
Paul Margiotta  201-693-6705 or pjmm11@verizon.net
Ups and Downs. Call or e-mail leader by 9 PM Wednesday night for details.

Saturday, 12/12  Horse Stable Mt. II  C 7 B
Dean Gletsos  845-354-0738
We will meet at the Ladentown parking area 9:30 AM. Same hike name, meeting place and time as 12/5. However, we will use different trails and old roads. Persistent rain or hazardous conditions cancel. TC map 118.

Sunday, 12/13  Cooper Mill  B 6-7 B
Mary Saraco  mssaraco@aol.com (Pref.) or c. 609-577-3296 or 908-781-7072
Meet at historic Cooper Mill, Rt. 513, Chester, NJ at 10 AM. A lollipop loop with varied terrain with ups and downs along the Black River and Conifer Pass Trails. Call or e-mail leader to register before 7 PM Saturday.

Sunday, 12/13  What Happened To The Elk?  B 7 B
June Slade  973-835-2832
Meet at the Elk Pen 9:30 AM and perhaps we’ll find out. Experience some of the fantastic views available in that part of Harriman. Rain cancels. TC map 119.

Thursday, 12/17  Diamond Mountain And Beyond  B 7 B
Irene Logan  845-753-5651 (NCA 9 PM or 8:30 day of hike)
We will meet at the Lake Sebago Parking Area at 10 AM. We will hike on the Seven Hills, Tower, TMI, Buck and return on the Seven Hills Trail. Be prepared with traction devices for late fall hiking conditions as there could be ice on the trails. Precipitation of any kind and/or forecast of same cancels the hike. TC map 118.

Saturday, 12/19  Roomy Way to Wyanokes  B 7-8 B
Chris Connolly  c.connolly7@verizon.net or 201-321-6605
Explore new access route to Wyanokie viewpoints via Highlands/Roomy Mine Trails. Meet 9:30 AM at Skyline Diner on Rt. 511 opposite West Brook Road. TC map 115.

Saturday, 12/19  Peekamoose and Table Mts.  B 9 A
Gary Wiltshire  ggwiltshire@hotmail.com
Meet at 7 AM at the Mason Jar off Rt. 202 in Mahwah. This is a tough hike not for beginners, winter equipment may be necessary. Please register by Friday night and let the leader know whether you’re car-pooling or meeting at the trail head. Steady rain or snow will cancel. Winter equipment may be necessary. TC map 43.

Saturday, 12/20  Rockland Lake To Haverstraw Loop  B 7 B
Despina Metaxatos  dmetaxatos@hotmail.com (Pref.) or 201-952-4151
Meet 9:30 AM at Landing Hill Road dead end near Rockland Lake (accessible from both Lake Road and Rockland Lake Roads off 9W). Hike Long Path north, descending White Trail to where we take short un-marked trail to lunch at riverside ruins. Return via flat bike path along Hudson back to Landing Hill Road. Steady rain cancels. TC map 111.

Thursday, 12/24  Allis and AT Trails To Fitzgerald Falls  B 6 B
Despina Metaxatos  dmetaxatos@hotmail.com
Meeting at Sterling Forest Visitor Center at 9 AM, this hike involves a car shuttle to hike start and finish. We hike the blue Allis Trail to its junction with the AT which we will take to Fitzgerald Falls. The hike takes about 4 hours. Must e-mail hike leader to register. Inclement weather or bad driving conditions cancels hike. For more info about the Highlands Trail see: www.highlands-trail.org. TC map 100.

Saturday, 12/26  Halcott Mt. Catskills  B 5 A
Elie Bijou  718-377-2990 or adirondacks@verizon.net

Sunday, 12/27  Palisades Pathways  B 7.5 B
Chris Connolly  c.connolly7@verizon.net or 201-321-6605

Sunday, 12/27  AT On Bellvale Mountain  B 7 A
Cliff West  3cliff@gmail.com or 973-886-4072
We will hike the Appalachian Trail from the State Line Trail to where it crosses 17A at Mt. Peter. Car shuttle required. Meet 9:00 AM at the intersection of 17A and the AT in Warwick, NY. Snow/ice may necessitate stabilizers or other traction aids. Contact leader for trail conditions and/or directions. TC map 100 and 116.

Sunday, 12/27  Rusk Mt. Catskills  B 6 A
Elie Bijou  718-377-2990 or adirondacks@verizon.net