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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.

Friday, 1/3 Happy New Year  B 7 B
Karen Rose kkarose@aol.com  201-962-8546
Meet 10 AM Ramapo Reservation Parking Lot on Rt. 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.

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.

Friday, 1/10 Happy New Year  B 9 B
Karen Rose kkarose@aol.com  201-962-8546
Meet 10 AMRamapo Reservation Parking Lot on Rt. 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.

Wednesday, 1/15 Happy New Year  B 7 B
Karen Rose kkarose@aol.com  201-962-8546
Meet 10 AM Ramapo Reservation Parking Lot on Rt. 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.

Thursday, 1/16 In The Woods  B 6 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 footgear required (stabilicers, crampons or snowshoes) if appropriate for the conditions. Joint ADK/Sierra Club hike.

Friday, 1/23 Slide Mt. in the Catskills  B 7 A/B
Bill Drapkin, wdrapkin@optonline.net (preferred) or 845-826-2112
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.

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.

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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

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 142.

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 108.

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. Crampions 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) onto 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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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) for directions. The path is wide, partly paved. Please bring plenty of water and a light snack. Great for beginners. Inclement weather cancels. Proper footgear required (stabilicers, crampons or snowshoes) if appropriate for the conditions. Optional lunch afterwards. Joint ADK/Sierra Club hike.
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Thursday, 2/20  Johnsontown Circular B 6.5 B
Fred Hodde  Bullwnkl1@aol.com  973-728-3223 (h) or 973-722-7824(c)
Meet at the Johnsontown 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 before 9:00 AM if the weather is questionable. TC Map 118.

Friday, 2/21  Lewis Morris Park B 7 B
Sheree Bennett shreeestarrett@yahoo.com or 973-857-0543 (c)
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 118/119.

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 Pierview Ave. in Pierview, 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 shreeestarrett@yahoo.com or 973-857-0543 (c) 973-932-9466
This is a moderately strenuous hike with two steep uphills. 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 Soveolve 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 for directions. Bring lots of water, lunch, and wear hiking boots. Meet in parking lot at 10 AM. Inclement weather cancels. Proper footwear 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, 3/18  Lewis Morris Park B 7 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
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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 Bullwnkl1@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 Bullwnkl1@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.
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formcollection@hudsonhikers.

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 Blumenkranz – Closter NJ
Helen Dabetic & Kin Ko – Cliffside Park NJ
Diane Dabkowski – Ramsey NJ
Kate D’Angelo – Mahwah NJ
Sheri 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 Kourakos – 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

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.

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