

HIKE SCHEDULE • WINTER 2018 • JANUARY • FEBRUARY • MARCH

Monday, 1/1 Happy Harriman New Year B 6 B
 Chris Connolly 201-321-6605
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 10:00 AM at Reeves Meadow Parking Area. Start the New Year on the right (and left) foot. Be prepared for winter conditions. Precipitation cancels. TC Southern Harriman-Bear Mt. Trails map 118.

Thursday, 1/4 Mahlon Dickerson Reservation B 6.7 B
 Roland Autran (h) 201-886-9119
 autran@msn.com (c) 201-699-3388
 10:00 AM at Saffin Pond parking area on Weldon Road, Jefferson, NJ. (GPS 41.008043, -74.585686). You can access Weldon Road from Route 15 or from Route 23. Hike on the Highland to the Pine Swamp Trail, then West on the Blue blaze trail, then back on the Pine Swamp to the Orange Trail, to South on the Ogden Mine Trail and back to the parking area. Severe inclement weather cancels. Please register for this hike. TC Jersey Highlands Trails map 126.

Saturday, 1/6 Hasenclever Mine B 6 B
 Geoff Fonseca 845-357-9366
 geofffonseca@yahoo.com
 9:30 AM at Lake Skannatati. We will hike the ASB, Red Cross, Hasenclever road and return on the Beech and Long Path. Precipitation of any kind cancels. Snowshoes and/or traction devices may be required. Please e-mail leader to register. TC Northern Harriman-Bear Mt. Trails map 119.

Sunday, 1/7 Johnstontown Circular B 6.5 B
 Fred Hodde (h) 973-728-3223
 Bullwnk1@aol.com (c) 973-722-7824
 9:30 AM at Johnstontown Circle. Our route is 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 8:30 AM if the weather is questionable. TC Southern Harriman-Bear Mt. Trails map 118.

Thursday, 1/11 Pine Meadow Lake B- 5 B-
 Mario Medici 201-396-9391
 marioamedici@gmail.com (pref.)
 10:00 AM at the Sebago Boat Launch Parking Lot (about 2 miles North of the Reeves Visitor Center). Hike to picturesque Pine Meadow Lake for lunch. Be sure to bring a snack or lunch and enough water. May need traction devices. Call cell before 9 AM if weather is questionable. Please e-mail or call hike leader to register. Bad driving conditions cancel. TC Southern Harriman-Bear Mt. Trails map 118.

Thursday, 1/11 Elk Pen Around Island Pond B 7 B
 Roy Wooters (c) 845-304-0867
 rfwoot@gmail.com
 9:30 AM at the Elk Pen Parking (Arden Valley Road) off Route 17 north of Southfield NY. Hike the AT and Arden Surebridge

trails in a loop around Island Pond. Lunch at the ruins at the south end of Island Pond. Come appropriately prepared (i.e., traction devices as needed, extra clothing layers) for winter hiking. Must register via e-mail with phone number. Inclement weather cancels. TC Northern Harriman-Bear Mt. Trails map 119.

Saturday, 1/13 Greenbrook Sanctuary B 5 B-
 Peter Reiner 845-323-7697
 psr7777@gmail.com
 10 AM at the entrance gate for Greenbrook Sanctuary, Tenafly, NJ. (3 miles south of exit 2 on the PIP off Route 9W) Please arrive at gate by 9:50 AM so we can start on time. We will hike several trails in this private sanctuary with great Hudson River views and lunch overlooking Greenbrook Falls. Rain or snow cancels hike. Must register with hike leader. Traction devices may be necessary. TC Hudson Palisades Trails map 108.

Sunday, 1/14 Orak and The Three Reservoirs B 6 B
 Despina Metaxatos 201-952-4151
 dmetaxatos@hotmail.com (NCA 9PM)
 9:30 AM at 2nd hiker parking area along Call Hollow Road (PIP Willow Grove Road Exit 14). Shuttle to hike start where SBM crosses Route 106 West. Take SBM trail to Jackie Jones Mt. Fire Tower, Big Hill Shelter and on to Third Reservoir for lunch, then Second and First Reservoirs via woods roads. Please register with leader. TC Southern Harriman-Bear Mt. Trails map 118.

Thursday, 1/18 In The Woods B 6/8 B
 Paul Margiotta 201-693-6705
 pjmm11@verizon.net (pref.)
 Active Thursday hikers will receive a group e-mail from leader by Tuesday for location, time and other details of the hike. Others can contact the leader by 7 PM on Wednesday.

Saturday, 1/20 Jockey Hollow Leader's Choice B 6 B
 Jeffrey Sovelove Hiker_Dood@yahoo.com
 10:00 AM at the visitors' center. Leader's choice of trails depending on conditions at Jockey Hollow National Park in Morristown. For directions and information, see <http://www.nps.gov/morr/planyourvisit/directions.htm> Bring lots of water, lunch, and wear hiking boots. Inclement weather cancels. Proper footgear required (stabilicers, crampons or snowshoes) if appropriate for the conditions. Joint ADK/Sierra Club hike.

Sunday, 1/21 Ramapo Round About B 6.5 B
 Chris Connolly 201-321-6605
 c.connolly7@verizon.net
 9:30 AM at Upper Skyline Drive Parking Area. We'll hike the Schubert, Yellow, and Tamarack Trails to Twin Hill with lake stops on the way. Be prepared for winter conditions. Precipitation cancels. TC North Jersey Trails map 115.

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Thursday, 1/25 Pine Meadow Lake and the Ramapo Escarpment B 6 B
 Henry Barkhorn 646-853-0824
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 9:30 AM at the Ramapo Equestrian Center off Rte. 202 south of Pomona. We will hike the Pine Meadow / SBM / Conklin's Crossing Trails to Pine Meadow Lake and return via the Pine Meadow Trail. Steady rain cancels. Registration by e-mail preferred. TC Southern Harriman-Bear Mt. Trails map 118.

Saturday, 1/27 No hike is currently scheduled for this date. Please check the Facebook and/or Yahoo group pages for last minute additions and changes to the schedule.

Sunday, 1/28 Winter in Ramapo Reservation B 5 B
 Karen Rose 201-962-8546
 kkarose@aol.com Must e-mail or call to register
 10AM at Ramapo Reservation Parking Lot on Rt 202. Get out to enjoy winter. Route determined by weather conditions. Must have traction devices or snowshoes if ice or snow. Bad driving conditions cancel hike. TC North Jersey Trails map 115.

Thursday, 2/1 Black Rock Forest's Sackett and Golden Ridge B 7.1 B+
 Roland Autran (h) 201-886-9119
 autran@msn.com (c) 201-699-3388
 9:30 AM at the Black Rock Forest Main Parking lot on Reservoir Road off Route 9W in Cornwall, NY. We will car pool to the parking lot on the western side of the Park at the end of Mine Hill Road (space only for 4 cars). We will start on the Mine Hill trail, then Sackett and Stillman to Black Rock Mountain (1410'). Then White Oak Trail, Tower Vue and Scenic. On the way, we will climb the Spy Rock (1461') using the Spy Rock trail. Then Scenic, Stropel and Rut to climb the Eagle Cliff (1443'). Back on the Scenic Trail, Arthur and Compartment to Split Rock (1400'). Then back to Compartment Hall Road, shortcut, Stillman and finally the Mine Hill Trail and the parking lot. This hike is strenuous. Traction devices may be required. Severe inclement weather cancels. Please register for this hike. TC West Hudson Trails map 113.

Saturday, 2/3 Patriots Path Stroll C 5 C
 Jeffrey Sovelove Hiker_Dood@yahoo.com
 10:00 AM at the Speedwell Lake parking lot. Come take an easy stroll on Patriots Path in Morristown. This 3 - 5 mile stroll will start across the street from Historic Speedwell. See the Morris County Parks website (<http://www.morrisparks.org/>) for directions. The path is wide, partly paved, partly gravel with little elevation gain. We will stroll at a very moderate pace. Please bring enough water and a light snack. Great for beginners. Inclement weather cancels. Proper footgear required (stabilicers, crampons or snowshoes) as appropriate for the conditions. No pets please. Optional lunch afterwards. Joint ADK/Sierra Club hike.

Sunday, 2/4 Palisades Panoramas B 7 B
 Chris Connolly 201-321-6605
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 9:30 AM at 9W Pedestrian Bridge Overpass Pull-Off south of Palisades Parkway Exit 3. We'll enjoy Hudson Views from both top and bottom of the cliffs. Be prepared for winter conditions. Precipitation cancels. TC Hudson Palisades Trails maps 108 and 109.

Thursday, 2/8 Tuxedo Loop B 7.5 B
 Roy Wooters (c) 845-304-0867
 rfwoot@gmail.com
 9:30AM at playground parking on East Village Road, Tuxedo NY, just before the NY Thruway. Short road walk to the R-D Trail, then the Yellow Triangle to Parker Cabin Mountain for lunch. Return on the R-D Trail. Come appropriately prepared (i.e., traction devices as needed, extra clothing layers) for winter hiking. Must register via e-mail with phone number. Inclement weather cancels. TC Southern Harriman-Bear Mt. Trails map 118.

Friday, 2/9 NJR Board Meeting
 The North Jersey Ramapo Board will meet at 2 PM at the headquarters building of the NYNJ Trail Conference at 300 Ramapo Valley Rd. (Rt 202). If you plan to attend, please e-mail chair@hudsonhikers.org. Snow date 2/16.

Saturday 2/10 Lake Sebago Boat Launch B 5-6 B
 Geoff Fonseca 845-357-9366
 geofffonseca@yahoo.com
 9:30 AM at Lake Sebago Boat Launch Parking Lot. We will hike on trails appropriate for the weather. Snowshoes and/or traction devices may be required. Precipitation of any kind cancels. Please e-mail leader to register. TC Southern Harriman-Bear Mt. Trails map 118.

Sunday, 2/11 No hike is currently scheduled for this date. Please check the Facebook and/or Yahoo group pages for last minute additions and changes to the schedule.

Thursday, 2/15 Ramapo Reservation Vista Loop B 5 B
 Mario Medici 201-396-9391
 marioamedici@gmail.com (pref.)
 10:00 AM at Ramapo Reservation Parking Lot on Rt. 202 in Mahwah. Hike the Vista Loop and various trails depending on weather conditions. Be sure to bring a snack and enough water. May need traction devices. Bad driving conditions cancel. Please e-mail or call to register. TC North Jersey Trails map 115.

Saturday, 2/17 Harriman Exploration B 7.5 B
 Peter Reiner 845-323-7697
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 9:30 AM at Lake Skannatati Parking Lot. We will take the Long

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Path, the Dunning Trail and the R-D Trail. We will climb Hogencamp Mountain, one of the highest spots in Harriman. After lunch, we will take the ASB Trail, passing the Pine Swamp and descending back to the parking area. Rain or snow cancels hike. Must register with hike leader. TC Northern Harriman-Bear Mt. Trails map 119.

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Thursday, 2/22 Sterling Valley Loop B 6.5 B
 Roy Wooters (c) 845-304-0867
 rfwoot@gmail.com
 9:30 AM at the end of Ironwood Drive (P7 parking) off Long Meadow Road. Hike the Sterling Valley Loop trail in its entirety. Come appropriately prepared (i.e., traction devices as needed, extra clothing layers) for winter hiking. Must contact leader via e-mail to register with phone number. Inclement weather cancels. TC Sterling Forest Trails map 100.

Saturday, 2/24 Ringwood State Park B 7 B
 Roland Autran (h) 201-886-9119
 autran@msn.com (c) 201-699-3388
 9:30 AM at Shepherd Lake Recreation Area at the end of Shepherd Lake Road, Ringwood NJ. Start hike going east the Ringwood-Ramapo (R-R) trail (R) all the way to the Crossover. Crossover past Gatum Pond then the Bike trail around Weyble Pond to the Halifax Trail. At the Glasmere Pond take another Bike trail going north to an unmarked trail. We will cross the R-R Trail (R) in a westerly and northerly direction, meeting again the R-R at Shepherd Lake, and back to the Parking Area. Severe inclement weather cancels. Please register for this hike by e-mail. TC North Jersey Trails map 115.

Sunday, 2/25 Sterling Forest Surprise B 6 B
 Fred Hodde (h) 973-728-3223
 Bullwnk1@aol.com (c) 973-722-7824
 9:30 AM at the upper parking lot for the Sterling Forest Visitor's Center. I haven't a clue what February'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 before 8:30 AM if the weather is questionable. TC Sterling Forest Trails map 100.

Thursday, 3/1 Dunderberg Spiral Railway B 7 B+
 and Bald Mountain
 Henry Barkhorn 646-853-0824
 hcbarkhorn@hotmail.com
 9:30 AM at the parking area on Rte. 9W about 4 miles south of the Bear Mountain Circle near the intersection with River Rd.

We will hike a loop on the Timp-Torne/1777/RD Trails. Steady rain cancels. Registration by e-mail preferred. TC Northern Harriman-Bear Mt. Trails map 119.

Saturday, 3/3 Catskills - Eagle Mt. C 8 A
 Roy Wooters (c) 845-304-0867
 rfwoot@gmail.com

9:00 AM at Seager Trailhead (42.05831, -74.53927) at the end of Dry Brook Road (Route 7A), Seager, NY. Hike the Seager Big Indian and West Branch Trails. Snowshoes and crampons required. Trailhead is 107 miles from Suffern, NY, via thruway, rtes 28, 49a and dry brook rd (49), approximately 2 hr drive. Must register via e-mail with phone number. TC Catskill Trails map 142.

Sunday, 3/4 Twin Hills Circular In B 7 B
 Ramapo Valley Reservation

Peter.Tilgner and Suzan Gordon (h) 201-871-3531
 petertilgner@icloud.com (best) (c) 201-681-0592
 9:30 AM on the west side of the Ramapo Reservation Parking Lot off Rt. 202, Mahwah. Our hike will take us on the Yellow, Yellow Silver, and Schuber Trails among others. Register with leaders. Traction devices may be necessary. TC North Jersey Trails map 115.

Thursday, 3/8 In The Woods B 6/8 B
 Paul Margiotta 201-693-6705
 pjmm11@verizon.net (pref.)

Active Thursday hikers will receive a group e-mail from leader by Tuesday for location, time and other details of the hike. Others can contact the leader by 7 PM on Wednesday.

Saturday, 3/10 Wawayanda Park/Abram B 8 B+
 Hewitt State Forest

Peter Reiner 845-323-7697
 psr7777@gmail.com
 9:30 AM at the 3rd parking area off Warwick Tpke. just west of Greenwood Lake in West Milford. This is a shuttle hike. We will drive from the meeting point to the Wawayanda Park main lot and start the hike on the Hoeflerlin and Appalachian Trails to the State Line Trail and south on the Walter and Bearfort Ridge Trails to the original parking area. Rain or snow cancels hike. Must register with hike leader. TC North Jersey Trails map 116.

Sunday, 3/11 Daylight Saving Time Begins

Sunday, 3/11 Reeves Meadow to Ramapo Torne B 5/6 B
 Karen Rose 201-962-8546
 kkarose@aol.com must e-mail or call to register
 9:30AM at Reeves Visitor Center on Seven Lakes Drive. Start up the Seven Hills Trail and then weather conditions will determine the route. Must have traction devices or snowshoes if ice or snow. Bad driving conditions cancel hike. TC Southern Harriman-Bear Mt. Trails map 118.

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Thursday, 3/15 Pothole Hike B 7 B
 Roy Wooters (c) 845-304-0867
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9:30 AM at Lake Skannatati on Seven Lakes Drive, Harriman State Park. Hike the Long Path, RD (examine the pothole), AT, Surebridge Mine Road and ASB trails. Come appropriately prepared (i.e., traction devices as needed) for winter hiking. Must register via e-mail with phone number. Inclement weather cancels. TC Northern Harriman-Bear Mt. Trails map 119.

Saturday, 3/17 Lewis Morris Park B 7 B
 Jeffrey Sovelove Hiker_Dood@yahoo.com

10:00 AM at Sunrise Lake. From the parking lot we hike to the parking upper lot and back down to the lake using a combination of the Yellow and Red trails. The pace will be a moderate to slow. Bring enough water, lunch, and wear hiking boots. Inclement weather cancels. Proper footgear required (stabilicers, crampons or snowshoes) as appropriate for the conditions. Joint ADK/Sierra Club hike. For directions see the Morris County Parks Commission website <http://www.morrisparks.org/aspparks/lmdir.asp>

Sunday, 3/18 Norvin Green State Forest Circular B 8 A
 Sheree Bennett (c) 973-932-9466
 shereestarrett@yahoo.com

9:30 AM at Weis Ecology Center large parking lot. (150 Snake Den Road, Ringwood, NJ) This is a strenuous hike on various trails in Norvin Green. Bring lunch and water and traction devices if snow or ice. Phone service is very poor at trailhead. Please phone or e-mail leader to pre-register. Wet conditions or extreme cold cancels. TC North Jersey Trails map 115.

Thursday, 3/22 Sterling Lake Loop B- 4.2 B-
 Mario Medici 201-396-9391
 marioamedici@gmail.com (pref.)

10:00 AM at the upper parking lot for the Sterling Forest Visitor's Center. We will do a 4+ mile hike around picturesque Sterling Lake. Plan on stopping at the "Beach" for a short break. Be sure to bring a snack and enough water. Leader might stop at the Sterling Lake Iron Works Mine for a few minutes to point out where ore was processed for the "Great Chain" before bringing it to the forge. Call hike leader before 9 AM if weather is questionable. Please e-mail or call hike leader to register. May need traction devices. Bad driving conditions cancel. Sterling Forest Trails Map 100.

Saturday, 3/24 Tiorati AT Long Path Loop B 6.5 B
 Geoff Fonseca 845-357-9366
 geoffonseca@yahoo.com

9:30 AM at Tiorati Circle Parking. We will follow the Appalachian Trail over Fingerboard Mountain to the intersection of the AT and the Long Path. We will return on

the Long Path, woods road and AT. Snowshoes and/or traction devices may be required. Please e-mail leader to register. TC Northern Harriman-Bear Mt. Trails map 119.

Sunday, 3/25 Skannatati East Side Loop B 6 B
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9:30 AM at the Lake Skannatati Parking Area. The planned route will use the ASB, Red Cross, Hasenclever Road, Beech and Long Path Trails. Registration by e-mail preferred. Call before 8:30 AM if the weather is questionable. TC Northern Harriman-Bear Mt. Trails map 119.

Thursday, 3/29 High Tor In/Out B 5 B
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9:30 AM at the intersection of the Long Path and County Route 33 (Central Highway). This is a nice walk with views of the Hudson. Come appropriately prepared (i.e., traction devices as needed) for winter hiking. Registration by e-mail preferred. Foul weather will cancel. Call before 8:00 AM if the weather is uncertain. TC Hudson Palisades Trails map 112.

Saturday, 3/31 Johnstown Circular B 6.5 B
 Peter Reiner 845-323-7697
 psr7777@gmail.com

9:30 AM at Johnstown Circle. Hike the Blue Disc, Victory and White Bar trails. Bad weather cancels hike. Please register with hike leader. TC Southern Harriman-Bear Mt. Trails map 118.



Debbie Bell, hike leader
 Donna Nye, pastry chef
 Laura Schreiber, sketch artist