HIKE SCHEDULE • WINTER 2012 • JANUARY • FEBRUARY • MARCH

Sunday, 1/1  A Happy Harriman New Year       B6/7B
Chris Connolly  c.connolly7@verizon.net (pref) or 201-321-6605
What better way to start 2012 than with a Harriman hike? Route will depend on weather conditions. Meet 10 AM at Sebago Boat Launch Parking Lot off 7 Lakes Drive. TC map 118.

Saturday, 1/7  Mountains, Lakes and Legends (Part 1) B 8 B
Dean Gletsos 845-354-0738
We will meander into Harriman Park visiting old legendary ruins, a fire tower still there, a big hill, a couple of lakes and more. Bring warm clothing and sturdy boots, warm drinks, your favored snack and a broad smile. Meet at the parking area off Rt. 106, where it meets the SBAM, at 9:30 AM. If questions call leader. TC map 3 (old) or 118 (new).

Sunday, 1/8  X Ski Sterling Forest Moderate
Peggy Wissler  (c) 914-260-7506
Meet at the Sterling Visitor Center at 10 AM. Contact leader by Friday to discuss conditions, equipment and route. TC map 100.

Thursday, 1/12  In The Woods B 6/8 B
Georgette 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, 1/14  Ringwood State Park B 9 B+
Peter Reiner psr7777@gmail.com
Meet at 9:30AM at Shepherd Lake parking lot in Ringwood State Park. Our hike will include several interesting trails, including Ringwood Ramapo, Halifax and Mountain Loop. We will lunch near a pretty pond and return on the Mountain Loop to the parking lot. Bad weather cancels. E-mail hike leader for directions to meeting spot. TC Map 115.

Sunday, 1/15 Winter Hike in Ramapo Valley Reservation B 5/7 B
Karen Rose kkarose@aol.com or 201-962-8546
Get out to enjoy winter. Route determined by weather conditions. Must have traction devices or snowshoes. Warm clothes, lunch, snacks and at least two liters of water. Pace slower to moderate. Please contact leader to register. Meet 10:00 AM at parking lot on Rt. 202. TC map 115.

Thursday, 1/19  In The Woods B 7/9 B
Paul Margiotta pjmm11@verizon.net (pref) or 201-693-6705
“Regular”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, 1/21  Skyline Drive Circular 7 B 7
Hank Zulauf hankz46@verizon.net or 201-391-5867
From lower parking lot off Skyland Drive (Exit 57 off Rt. 287 South) we will hike various trails depending on weather conditions and group size. If ample snow we will snowshoe in the vicinity of Lake Ramapo. Call or e-mail for details the week of the hike. Pace and route to be determined by weather conditions on the day of the hike. Inclement weather will cancel. Meet 9:30 AM. TC map 115.

Sunday, 1/22  Silvermine Circular B 6 B
Chris Connolly  c.connolly7@verizon.net (pref) or 201-321-6605
We’ll meet 10 AM at Silvermine Parking Lot off 7 Lakes Drive and traverse circuit via Menomine Trail, Long Path, and AT. Precipitation cancels. TC map 119.

Saturday, 1/28  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, 1/29  Sterling Fire Tower Hike / Traverse B 7.5 B
Peggy Wissler 914-260-7506
Meet 9 AM sharp at the Sterling Lautenberg Visitor Center Upper Parking Area. We will snowshoe/hike the Fire Tower Trail to the Sterling Fire Tower and continue on the Sterling Ridge Trail traverse parallel to Sterling Lake. We will return on the Sterling Valley Trail to the Sterling Lake Loop and back to the Visitor Center. Call leader to register and discuss winter equipment. TC map 100.

Thursday, 2/2  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, 2/4  Stonetown’s Other Half B 5.5 B
Despina Metaxatos dmetaxatos@hotmail.com or 201-952-4151 (NCA 9 PM)
Meet 9:30 AM at Stonetown Recreation Area Upper Parking Area. We will snowshoe/hike from 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 115.

Sunday, 2/5  Catskills – Sherrill Mountain C 6 A+
Elie Bijou adirondacks@verizon.net or call 718-377-2990
9 AM - 9 PM Mon.-Th., 9AM - 6PM Fri. & Sat.
Sherrill (3540 ft.), is a complete bushwhack. Ascent 1800 ft. Distance 6 miles. Please bring standard winter gear, including snowshoes, warm clothes, lunch, snacks and at least two liters of water. Pulse slower to moderate. Please contact leader to register. TC map 142.

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Sunday, 2/5   The Allis Trail to The AT and Return  B 7.5 B
Pete Tilgnerr, Suzan Gordon  browning.27@verizon.net  or
201-871-3531
This hike begins (9:30 AM) and ends at the Sterling Ridge trail
head parking off Rt. 17A (P-8 on TC map 100). We hike the Allis
through the Doris Duke Wildlife Sanctuary with good views to the
north and south. At the AT junction you must register by
phone or e-mail for this hike. Traction devices may be necessary. If
depth snow an alternate snowshoe hike will be arranged.

Sunday, 2/12   In The Woods  B 6/7 B
John Roebig  jhroebig@gmail.com  or cell 845-642-8368
Varied terrain in Harriman or nearby parks. Contact leader for
hike details. Traction devices may be necessary. Call if weather
uncertain. Must e-mail or call to register.

Thursday, 2/16   In The Woods   B 5/8 B
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, 2/16   NJR Executive Committee Meeting 7:30 PM
at Sheila Rizzo’s home.

Saturday, 2/18   Mountains, Lakes and Legends (Part 2)  B 8 B
Dean Gletsos  845-354-0738
We will meander into Harriman Park visiting old legendary ruins,
a fire tower still there, a big hill, a couple of lakes and more. Bring
warm clothing and sturdy boots, warm drinks, your favored snack
and a broad smile. Meet at the parking area off Rt. 106, where it
meets the SBM, at 9:30 AM. If questions call leader. TC map 3 (old)
or 118 (new).

Sunday, 2/19   Sterling Forest Surprise  B 6 B
Fred Hodde  Bullwnkl1@aol.com  or 973-728-3223 (H)  973-722-7824 (C)
We’ll meet at the upper parking lot for the Sterling Forest Visi-
tor’s Center at 9:30 AM. 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. Reg-
istration by e-mail is preferred. Call 973-722-7824 before 9:00 AM
if the weather is questionable. TC Map 100.

Thursday, 2/23   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.

Sunday, 2/26   Catskills In February  B 7/8 B+
Deanna Felicetta  felicetta.deanna@gmail.com  845-216-2021
Must call to register for this winter hike in the Catskills’ little
known peaks by the Beaver Kill Valley. This trail affords scrambles,
views and nice mix of forest flora. It is worth the ride. Dress for
winter, warm and in layers. Snowshoes and/or crampons/mi-
croskis will be needed. Register with full name and cell phone
number. NO E-MAIL after Tuesday, 7 PM due to limited e-mail
access. Hope you will join the fun in this part of the Catskills. Poor
weather will cancel. Decision for winter conditions will be made
by 6 PM Friday before the hike. Call if uncertain.

Thursday, 3/1   In The Woods  B 7/9 B
Paul Margiotta  pjmm11@verizon.net (preferred)  or 201-693-6705
“Regular” 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, 3/3   Columbia Rail Trail  C 11 C
Aaron Schoenberg  askus3@optonline.net (pref.)  or
845-987-4893 (cell)
The Columbia Trail strings together forests, farms and parklands
as it stretches 11 miles among the small towns of High Bridge,
Califon and Long Valley in New Jersey. Most of the corridor paral-
lels the South Branch of the Raritan River. A NY/NJ Trail Confer-
ence web site with more information on this trail is http://www.
nynjtc.org/park/columbia-trail. An indoor lunch stop at a cafe
along the trail is planned. Note that if significant snow cover exists
the hike will still take place but it will be much more strenuous.
Traction aids or snowshoes may be required. Contact Aaron
for further info about meeting location, time, registering, and
snow conditions a couple of days before the hike. A car shuttle is
required.

Sunday, 3/4   Sterling Valley/Sterling Ridge Circular  B 7.5 B
Pete Tilgnerr, Suzan Gordon  browning.27@verizon.net or
201-871-3531
This hike begins (9:30AM) and ends at the Sterling Ridge trail
head parking off Rt. 17A (P-8 on TC map 100). We hike down into
the valley then on to Sterling Lake for lunch. We return to the
ridge on the Bare Rock Trail than hike north on the Sterling Ridge
Trail to our starting point. You must register by phone or e-mail
for this hike. Traction devices may be necessary.

Thursday, 3/8   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, 3/10   1777 Trail  B 4 B
Peter Reiner  psr7777@gmail.com
Meet at 10 AM in a gravel parking lot on the east side of Rt. 9W
north of Tompkins Cove, where the 1777 ends. We will follow
the 1777 Trail northbound passing through Doodletown. Lunch
will be at the Doodletown Reservoir. Continue on the 1777E Trail
and end at the parking area near Iona Island. Car shuttle will be
required. E-mail hike leader to register for hike and for directions.

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Elie Bijou  adirondacks@verizon.net or call 718-377-2990
Meet 9:30 AM Reeves Visitor Center for a hike up Pine Meadow Lake using different trails. Inclement weather cancels. TC map 118.

Thursday, 3/22 NJR Meeting At Nanuet Public Library  7:30 PM
The program, “The Boys of Bergen: the Civilian Conservation Corps in Bergen County” will be presented by Kathleen Duxbury, CCC Researcher. This is a multi-media presentation and discussion of the history of one of the most successful of the 1930’s New Deal programs.

Saturday 3/24 Long Path From Rt. 6 C 5 B
Denis and Joan Kmiec kmiec20@yahoo.com or 845-634-1397 (NCA 9 PM)
We take the Long Path south to Stockbridge Shelter. We return on the Menominee and Nawhaunta Fire Road. Out by 1:30. E-mail or call for directions. Snow, ice or rain cancels. Call if weather is doubtful by 8 AM. Meet 10 AM Rt. 6 Long Path crossing Parking Lot. TC map 119.

Sunday, 3/25 Torne Mountain Hike B 5 B
Peggy Wissler  914-260-7506
Meet at 9 AM sharp at the Reeves Visitor Center parking area. We will follow the blue Seven Hills trail until the intersection with the orange Hillburn-Torne-Sebago Trail. We will follow this trail to the Summit of Torne Mountain. After lunch, we will reverse our route. If conditions are very good, an addition to the return route may be added. Call leader to register and discuss winter equipment. TC map 118.

Wednesday, 3/28 Hessian Lake & Bear Mt. Bridge C 4 C
Louise & John Parnell  parnelljt@optonline.net or 845-290-5287
Meet at 10 AM at the Bear Mt. Inn parking lot for a walk around Hessian Lake and a possible walk over the Bear Mt. Bridge, if weather permits. Enjoy a hot drink in the newly opened cafe at the inn. If there are any questions call for info. TC map 119.

Thursday, 3/29 In The Woods B 5/8 B
Debbie Bell deb2@columbia.edu or 845-358-8386 (NCA 9 PM)
Varied terrain in Harriman or nearby parks. Contact leader for hike details.

Saturday, 3/31 Harriman Park-Suffern-Bear Mountain (SBM) Trail B 8 B+
Elie Bijou adirondacks@verizon.net or call 718-377-2990
Meet 9:30 AM Reeves Visitor Center for a hike up Pine Meadow Lake using different trails. Inclement weather cancels. TC map 118.

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