

WESTCHESTER TRAILS ASSOC.

WINTER HIKING SCHEDULE JANUARY, FEBRUARY and MARCH, 2021

Covid-19 Policy

Except as noted in the Hiking Schedule, maximum group size for all hikes is 10 including the leader. Due to the size limitation all participants should register with the leader at least 2 days before the hike. Priority will be given to WTA members (and also to members of ADK Mohican if the hike is joint) who register before the deadline. *Please be considerate of others and do not register for a hike until you know you will be attending.* To minimize close contact among hikers, there are no hikes involving a shuttle.

For the safety of all concerned, anyone who answers "yes" to any of the questions below cannot be allowed on the hike:

- 1. Do you currently have any symptoms of a respiratory infection (including cough, fever, sore throat, shortness of breath, or loss of taste/smell)?
 - 2. Have you had any of the above symptoms in the past 14 days?
 - 3. Have you tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
- 4. As far as you know, have you had contact with any confirmed or suspect COVID-19 case within the last 14 days?

Hikers must have their own Personal Protective Equipment with them at all times. This includes a mask or other face covering, hand sanitizer/soap and disposable gloves. Participants should bring their own pen for the sign-in sheet. Masks must be worn at the trailhead, during sign-in, and at all other times when social distancing is not possible such as when passing others on the trail; at a destination (summit, pond, etc.); or when someone needs assistance managing a trail feature like a stream crossing. If proper distancing is not possible during lunch, a mask must be worn when not eating. As much as it may be appreciated, please do not bring food to share on the hike.



Hiking boots and sufficient water (1-2 liters) are required on all hikes. A trail lunch should be carried unless otherwise noted. Hikers with improper footwear, without enough water, or who are otherwise unprepared, may be refused or turned back by the leader. In fairness to yourself and others, please be honest about your hiking experience and choose a hike within your abilities. Check with the leader if you have any questions about pace, terrain, or any other aspect of the hike.

Ratings are based on terrain (mileage is stated separately in the description). An "easy" hike is one with relatively flat terrain. A "moderate" hike has steeper grades, possibly going up and down all day, and may involve some bushwhacking or short rock scrambles (like much of Harriman Park). A "strenuous" hike has steep ascents, often with rough or difficult terrain on much of the hike (like most Schunemunk trails, Breakneck Ridge, etc.). These ratings apply during good weather; bad weather may lead to poor footing and increase a hike's difficulty.

It's Winter - Don't Forget to Put Traction Aids in Your Pack!

Saturday, January 2 - TWO HIKES TODAY:

<u>Saturday, January 2</u> - **Lake Tiorati Circular in Harriman**. 5 miles, moderate terrain. From the Lake Tiorati Circle parking lot on Seven Lakes Drive we will do a hike on Harriman's rocky trails with open ridge views, on a route to include the RD, AT and Bottle Cap trails and Surebridge Mine Road (you may need to use hands and feet on one section of the hike). Traction devices (Microspikes or Stabilicers) are required; PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Thursday, December 31. Leader: Trudy Pojman, <u>lpojman@aol.com</u>, cell (443) 841-8488. *Joint with ADK Mohican*.

Saturday, January 2 - Taxter Ridge Park Preserve, Greenburgh. 3-4 miles, easy to moderate terrain. Quiet, little-known preserve, woodland trails, a special hollow by a stream, some views of the Hudson. There is also an option to visit the nearby East Irvington Nature Preserve afterwards, with a viewing platform over a pond with birds and other wildlife. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Thursday, December 31. Leader: Carolyn Hoffman, carohof2@gmail.com, (914) 420-5778. Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 3).

<u>Sunday, January 3</u> - **Fishkill Ridge**. 7 miles, moderate terrain. This is a lollipop loop hike on Fishkill Ridge in the Hudson Highlands, with several views to enjoy along the way. Be prepared with traction devices and snowshoes, as needed. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Friday, January 1. Leader: Janice Miller, <u>madjan11@optonline.net</u>. *Joint with ADK Mohican*.

Saturday, January 9 - TWO HIKES TODAY:

<u>Saturday, January 9</u> - Appalachian Trail from Bull's Bridge, CT to Schaghticoke Mountain and Beyond. 5-6 miles, moderate to strenuous terrain. We will go north on the AT over Schaghticoke Mountain (1326') for an elevation gain of about 1,000'. Although we start in CT, the route meanders back and forth between the CT and NY borders. The hike has several views looking into the scenic New England town of Kent, CT and the surrounding area. Continuing past the viewpoint to Schaghticoke Mountain Camp, we will take a side trail descending to Schaghticoke Mountain Road. To return to our cars, we walk the dirt road for 1.2 miles. Snowshoes and traction aids are required depending on the conditions. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Thursday, January 7. Leader: Pat Johnston at patcjohnston@gmail.com. Joint with ADK Mohican.

Eastern Rockefeller State Park. 6-7 miles, easy to moderate terrain. This hike, on the less traveled side of Rockefeller State Park, will take us across farmland and through woods to Buttermilk Hill, Raven's Rock and the Reservoir Circle. The route may be modified depending on trail conditions; traction devices may be needed. Rain or heavy snow cancels. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Thursday, January 7. Leader: Sheila Sarkar, shechris6@gmail.com or (914) 498-2464. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 59).

<u>Sunday, January 10</u> - **Meyer Preserve**. 5 miles, easy to moderate terrain. This preserve was the weekend estate of Eugene and Agnes Meyer, a couple noted for many accomplishments. Agnes Meyer was the first chair of the Westchester County Department of Recreation, which originally formed the Westchester Trails Association. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the

leader not later than Friday, January 8. Leader: Catharine Raffaele, raffaele.catharine@yahoo.com. Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 55).

Saturday, January 16 - TWO HIKES TODAY:

Saturday, January 16 - East Central Harriman. 7 miles, moderate terrain. Starting near Route 106 in the Lake Welch area, we will use the SBM and other trails, see a ruin, a fire tower, a beach, a shelter, 3 reservoirs, and get at least a couple of nice views as well. The route may be adjusted depending on conditions. Participation is limited to 7 people, including the leader. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register not later than Thursday, January 14. Leader: Mike Kaplan, kaplanm2001@yahoo.com. Bring traction devices if needed; no first time hikers, please. Rain or snow cancels. Joint with ADK Mohican.

<u>Saturday, January 16</u> - Within the County: OCA, SCT and Nearby Parks. Part 3: Rockwood Hall State Park, Rockefeller Preserve and the OCA. 7-8 miles, easy to moderate terrain. This will be an elongated figure "8" which uses a portion of the Old Croton Aqueduct to connect the loops. Starting at Rockwood, we'll take its lower trail along the Hudson up to the OCA and head south, ultimately accessing the Rockefeller Preserve carriage trails. Our return to Rockwood Hall is by way of some streamside trails in Rockefeller and on the Aqueduct. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Thursday, January 14. Leader: Eileen West, eileenw1000@gmail.com. Rain or heavy snow cancels. *Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (Nos. 38, 59 and 73 (if done with Parts 2 and 4 of this series))*.

<u>Sunday, January 17</u> - **North Point (Storm King State Park)**. 4 miles, moderate to strenuous terrain. This will be a loop hike starting on Route 218 at the Howell Trail with a steep climb to North Point rewarded by spectacular views of the Hudson River. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Friday, January 15. Leader: Minu Chaudhuri, <u>minuch50@gmail.com</u> or (914) 391-5918. *Joint with ADK Mohican*.

<u>Saturday</u>, <u>January 23</u> - **Angle Fly Preserve**. 4 miles, easy terrain. There are more than 10 miles of trails that cover the entire Preserve comprised of 649 acres. Leader will choose different loops from the previous months' outings for an easy hike. Bring hiking poles, water, a snack and lunch. We may need traction devices depending on trail conditions. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Thursday, January 21. Leader: Jane Smalley (914) 276-0413 or jsmallpt@aol.com. *Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 53)*.

Sunday, January 24 - TWO HIKES TODAY:

Sunday, January 24 - Appalachian Trail from the NY Border to Bull's Bridge, CT and back. 8.5 miles, moderate terrain. Since we have planned an out and back hike, you get to cover any elevation twice. We will travel along the Housatonic River. Actual mileage will be dictated by weather and footing conditions. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Friday, January 22. Leader: Jane Restani, irabjanea@aol.com. Joint with ADK Mohican.

Sunday, January 24 - Leon Levy and Old Church Preserves. 5-6 miles, moderate terrain. Leon Levy Preserve has something for all tastes: a hardwood forest, abandoned mansion and ghostly remains, wetlands, cliffs, views west to the Hudson (allegedly), rare plants and a native plant garden adjacent to the parking lot. There is an optional extension to the smaller Old Church Lane Preserve nearby. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Friday, January 22. Leader: Debbie Farrell. debfarpr@gmail.com. Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 35).

<u>Saturday</u>, <u>January 30</u> - **Osborn Loop**. 7 miles, moderate terrain. We will start from the parking lot for Manitoga (off Route 9D in Garrison) and hike through Manitoga and along the Osborn Loop. Depending on weather and conditions, we may hike up to Sugarloaf South overlooking the Hudson for lunch. The hike will be about 4+ hours plus lunch. Good hiking boots and traction devices are mandatory as well as water and lunch. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Thursday, January 28. Leader: Carol Harting, <u>c.harting@verizon.net</u>. *Joint with ADK Mohican*.

<u>Sunday, January 31</u> - **Black Rock Forest**. 6 miles, moderate terrain. Starting from the Hudson Highlands Nature Museum/Outdoor Discovery Center, we ascend into Mine Hill Road area of Black Rock Forest. With the leaves down, we should have several nice views. This is a moderate hike with a significant climb at the beginning and a total elevation gain of approximately 1100 ft. It will be done at a compassionate pace with regroups as needed. Traction aids may be necessary. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Friday, January 29. Leader: Steve Klepner, spk010@yahoo.com, (845) 297-7066. *Joint with ADK Mohican*.

Saturday, February 6 - Hilltop Hanover, Hike or Snowshoe. 4 miles, easy to moderate terrain. Placing hikers' safety and comfort above all else, let's hike the wide, wind-swept trails in Yorktown's lesser traveled preserve. We'll meander thru hardwood forest and climb some modest hills. Route and distance depends on weather and ground conditions and - who knows - we might even get some snowshoeing in. Please dress appropriately, bring your sense of humor and medicinal alcohol for the leader. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Thursday, February 4. Leader: Howard Millman, hwardmillman@aol.com. Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 6).

Sunday, February 7 - TWO HIKES TODAY:

Sunday, February 7 - **Mt. Taurus Circular**. 7 miles, moderate to strenuous terrain. Enjoy multiple Hudson views on this hike to the summit of Mt. Taurus by way of the Washburn Trail. Our return route will depend on ground conditions - ideally it will be on the Notch, Undercliff and Washburn Trails but there are easier options if absolutely necessary. Traction devices are a must; bring snowshoes if needed. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Friday, February 5. Leader: Kevin McGahren, kmcgc@optonline.net or (914) 772-0600. *Joint with ADK Mohican*.

Sunday, February 7 - **Kitchawan Preserve**. 5-6 miles, easy to moderate terrain. Depending on conditions, we'll do two or three loops off the main white trail, and also follow a short section of the North County Trailway to take in the view from the bridge over the Croton Reservoir. Traction devices may be needed. Meet at the preserve parking lot, 712 Kitchawan Rd., Ossining, NY 10562 (please be careful entering and exiting the parking lot as it is on a blind corner). Bad weather cancels. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Friday, February 5. Leader: Sheila Sarkar, shechris6@gmail.com or (914) 498 2464. *Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 33)*.

Saturday, February 13 - TWO HIKES TODAY:

<u>Saturday, February 13</u> - **Storm King Circular**. 5 miles, moderate to strenuous terrain. From the Butter Hill parking lot on Route 9W, we will hike on various trails within Storm King State Park featuring multiple sweeping views across the Hudson River. Several sections of this hike will require the use of hands and feet; traction devices (Microspikes or Stabilicers) are a must on this hike. PPE

required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Thursday, February 11. Leader: Trudy Pojman, lpojman@aol.com, cell (443) 841-8488. *Joint with ADK Mohican*.

Saturday, February 13 - Within the County: OCA, SCT and Nearby Parks. Part 4: Tarrytown-OCA Circular. 7-8 miles, easy terrain. This hike provides an opportunity to explore a recently opened section of the RiverWalk between Tarrytown and Kingsland Point Park. From there we head up to Peabody Preserve, another newly-blazed hiking area. We'll continue to the Sleepy Hollow Cemetery on a route that passes the final resting places of a few prominent people including William Rockefeller, whose property we've been visiting on our hikes in Rockwood Hall. Finally, we'll access the Aqueduct where we left it last time and continue south to Route 119 in Tarrytown to retrieve our cars. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Thursday, February 11. Leader: Eileen West, eileenw1000@gmail.com. Rain or heavy snow cancels. Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (Nos. 73 (if done with parts 2 and 3 of this series) and 74 (if done with parts 7 and 8).

<u>Sunday, February 14</u> - **Cross Country Ski or Hike**. Ski location TBA, at the closest site with sufficient snow. Don't give up if snow is feeble nearby: conditions may be glorious at Minnewaska or High Point. If there is no snow, we'll do a 3-4 mile easy to moderate hike at Teatown. Participation for the cross country ski is 6 people, including the leader (10 for the hike). PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Thursday, February 12. Leader: Carolyn Hoffman, carohof2@gmail.com or (914) 420-5778. *Joint with ADK Mohican*.

Saturday, February 20 - TWO HIKES TODAY:

<u>Saturday, February 20</u> - **Black Rock Forest in Winter**. 6-8 miles, easy to moderate. This hike combines several different forest roads and trails, with the route to be determined based on weather and ground conditions. Bring traction devices if conditions warrant. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Thursday, February 18. Leader: Alice Benash, ajrb3@verizon.net. Rain or heavy snow cancels. *Joint with ADK Mohican*.

<u>Saturday, February 20</u> - **Croton Point**. 4 miles, easy terrain. We will explore this small scenic peninsula, where eagles are often sighted in winter. Dress very warmly for the winds blowing off the Hudson. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Thursday, February 18. Leader: Catharine Raffaele, <u>raffaele.catharine@yahoo.com</u>. *Joint with ADK Mohican*. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 52)*.

<u>Sunday, February 21</u> - **Hidden Valley Loop and Teatown Lake**. 4 miles, easy to moderate terrain. Come enjoy a nice invigorating hike at Teatown. Bring water, snacks and if it's a chilly day a thermos of either tea, coffee or hot chocolate. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Friday, February 19. Leader: Elspeth Kramer <u>elspethjkramer@gmail.com</u> or (347) 262-4802. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 62).*

<u>Saturday</u>, <u>February 27</u> - **Lake Tiorati**. 7 miles, moderate terrain. This is a circular hike starting at Lake Tiorati in Harriman, going north on the AT and returning via the RD and Goshen Mountain. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Thursday, February 25. Leader: Minu Chaudhuri, minuch50@gmail.com or (914) 391-5918. *Joint with ADK Mohican*.

Sunday, February 28 - TWO HIKES TODAY

Sunday, February 28 - Shenandoah Mt. Toward Canopus Lake and Back. 7 miles, moderate terrain. This hike, primarily within Fahnestock State Park, will be along the Appalachian and adjacent trails. The route and mileage will depend on weather and footing conditions. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Friday, February 26. Leader: Jane Restani, irabjanea@aol.com. Joint with ADK Mohican.

<u>Sunday, February 28</u> - **Catfish Loop in Fahnestock**. 5 miles, moderate terrain. This will be a circular hike with gentle ups and downs on the Catfish Loop in Fahnestock State Park, starting (and ending) on Dennytown Road. The parking area is 1.2 miles down Dennytown Road coming from Route 301. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Friday, February 26. Leader: Carol Harting, c.harting@verizon.net. *Joint with ADK Mohican*.

<u>Saturday, March 6</u> - **Ramapo Valley County Reservation**. 7 miles, moderate terrain. We will do a circular hike that traverses lesser-used portions of this nearby New Jersey reservation, passing a scenic reservoir and a waterfall and climbing to an expansive viewpoint. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Thursday, March 4. Leader: Alice Benash, ajrb3@verizon.net. *Joint with ADK Mohican*.

Sunday, March 7 - TWO HIKES TODAY:

Sunday, March 7 - Within the County: OCA, SCT and Nearby Parks. Part 5: Glenville-Buttermilk Trails, Tarrytown Lakes and the SCT. 8-9 miles, easy on the bike paths, easy to moderate terrain elsewhere. Now that we've reached Route 119 on the Old Croton Aqueduct, let's match that goal on the South County Trailway. We'll begin with an urban walk that takes us to the trails of Glenville Woods and Buttermilk Ridge, ascend through woodlands to the Tarrytown Lakes bike path, and explore both the path and its adjacent hiking trails leading to reservoir views. After lunch we'll return to Eastview, at the dividing line between the North and South County Trailways, and head south on the SCT to reach our cars at Route 119. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Friday, March 5. Leader: Eileen West, eileenw1000@gmail.com. Rain or heavy snow cancels. Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 2).

<u>Sunday, March 7</u> - **Gateway Park**. 4 miles, easy to moderate terrain. Join the leader on this pleasant outing on the hilly grounds of a former dairy farm. With the leaves down, we hope to have several nice views. This is a easy-plus to moderate-minus hike (depending what is on the ground) with some elevation gain but no significant climbs It will be done at a compassionate pace with regroups as needed. Bring a lunch/snack and a liter of water. Traction aids may be necessary. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Friday, March 5. Leader: Steve Klepner, <u>spk010@yahoo.com</u>, (845) 297-7066. *Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 31)*.

Saturday, March 13 - TWO HIKES TODAY:

Saturday, March 13 - Lake Skannatati Circular in Harriman. 6-7 miles, moderate terrain. From the Lake Skannatati parking lot on Seven Lakes Drive we will do a hike on Harriman's rocky trails with open ridge views, on a route to include the ASB, Lichen and Dunning trails and the Long Path. There are small sections on the route which may require the use of hands and feet, and one possibly tricky stream crossing. Lunch at a starred view. Traction devices (Microspikes or Stabilicers) are required on this hike. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later

than Thursday, March 11. Leader: Trudy Pojman, logint with ADK Mohican.

Saturday, March 13 - Angle Fly Preserve. 4 miles, easy terrain. There are more than 10 miles of trails that cover the entire Preserve comprised of 649 acres. Leader will choose different loops from the previous months' outings for an easy hike. Beginners welcome. Bring hiking poles, water, a snack and lunch. We may need traction devices depending on trail conditions. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Thursday, March 11. Leader: Jane Smalley (914) 276-0413 or jsmallpt@aol.com. Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 53).

Sunday, March 14 - TWO HIKES TODAY:

Sunday, March 14 - **Black Rock Forest, Cornwall-on-Hudson**. 7-8 miles, moderate to strenuous terrain. Expect substantial elevation gain on this hike, rewarded by multiple views. We will meet at the Reservoir Road parking. This is the lot that requires northbounders on Route 9W to enter through a narrow tunnel but you can proceed further and enter from the southbound direction. There is also a parking fee. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register not later than Friday, March 12 at irabjanea@aol.com. Leaders: Jane Restani and Bob Fiscina. *Joint with ADK Mohican*.

Sunday, March 14 - Cliffdale-Teatown Trail and Teatown Lake. 4 miles, easy to moderate terrain. Bring snacks, plenty of water, a thermos of something warm to drink and enjoy a hike from the Visitor's Center to the Cliffdale Education Center, using part of the Teatown Lake and other trails. We'll have a social distance snack on the benches at Cliffdale, and then return to the Visitor's Center on the other side of the lake. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Friday, March 12. Leader: Elspeth Kramer elspethjkramer@gmail.com or (347) 262-4802. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 62).

Saturday, March 20 - **TWO HIKES TODAY**:

<u>Saturday, March 20</u> - **Hook Mountain**. 6 miles, moderate terrain with an easy return on the Shore Path. Ups and down on a ridge with lovely views. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Thursday, March 18. Leader: Catharine Raffaele, or raffaele.catharine@yahoo.com. *Joint with ADK Mohican*.

<u>Saturday, March 20</u> - **St. Matthew's Church Woodlands, Bedford Village**. 3-4 miles, easy to moderate terrain. Celebrate the start of spring on peaceful paths, some along a meandering river, with benches planted along hills for views. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Thursday, March 18. Leader: Carolyn Hoffman, <u>carohof2@gmail.com</u>, (914) 420-5778. *Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 39)*.

Sunday, March 21 - TWO HIKES TODAY:

<u>Sunday, March 21</u> - **Taurus Flex**. 5-6 miles, moderate to strenuous terrain. This hike starts from the Nelsonville side of the mountain with the exact route to be determined by fickle winter weather and ground conditions. Bring traction devices. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Friday, November 6. Leader: Debbie Farrell, <u>debfarpr@gmail.com</u> or (914) 282-9942. *Joint with ADK Mohican*.

<u>Sunday, March 21</u> - **Muscoot Farm**. 4 miles, easy terrain. This hike, on the yellow trail, will take us past fields and through the woods along the perimeter of this County owned preserve in Somers. Participation is limited to 8 people, including the leaders. PPE required as per Covid policy.

Please register not later than Friday, November 6. Leaders: Vipin and Usha Shukla, shukla vipin@hotmail.com. Snow, sleet or rain cancels. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 58).

Saturday, March 27 - TWO HIKES TODAY:

<u>Saturday, March 27</u> - **AT to Cat Rocks via Nuclear Lake**. 7-8 miles, moderate terrain. Lunch at Cat Rocks with nice views. Traction devices required if conditions warrant; PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Thursday, March 25. Leader: Steve Singlak <u>srshudson@verizon.net</u> or (845) 641-4132. Bad weather cancels. *Joint with ADK Mohican*.

Saturday, March 27 - Leatherman's Loop in Ward Pound Ridge Reservation. 5 miles, easy to moderate terrain. On this hike we will visit the legendry Leatherman's Cave where it is said he spent some time on his 365 mile loop walking thru Connecticut and Putnam and Westchester Counties. Bring lunch and plenty of water; traction devices may be needed. There is a \$10 parking fee in this park. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Thursday, March 25. Leader: Carol Harting, c.harting@verizon.net. Joint with ADK Mohican.

Sunday, March 28 - TWO HIKES TODAY:

<u>Sunday, March 28</u> - **Blue and Spitzenberg Mountains**. 7 miles, moderate terrain. Join us as we go to the real summit of Blue Mountain, then climb up Spitzenberg and return to Depew Park on different trails with lake views. Meet at the Veteran's Memorial Pool in Peekskill. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Friday, March 26. Leader: Frank Lee, fleessa@yahoo.com. *Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 48)*.

Sunday, March 28 - Within the County: OCA, SCT and Nearby Parks. Part 6: South County Trailway from Route 119 to Woodlands Lake and back. 5-6 miles, easy terrain. This is a leisurely hike along the SCT to Woodlands Lake. We'll visit the Great Hunger Memorial Park, have lunch at the lakeside picnic tables, and return to our cars via the SCT. Hiking boots are not required but wear comfortable waterproof shoes since the bike path may be icy or wet at this time of year. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Friday, March 26. Leader: Eileen West, eileenw1000@gmail.com. Rain or heavy snow cancels. Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 71, if done with parts 9 and 11 of this series).