



# WESTCHESTER TRAILS ASSOC.

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## WINTER HIKING SCHEDULE DECEMBER 2017, JANUARY and FEBRUARY 2018

Hikes ratings are based on terrain (mileage is stated separately in the description). An "easy" hike is one with relatively flat terrain or gentle, rolling hills (for example, Rockefeller Preserve). 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 the difficulty of any hike.

Hiking boots and sufficient drinking water (1-2 liters) are required on all hikes. A trail lunch should be carried unless otherwise noted. Hikers with improper footwear, without sufficient water, or who are otherwise unprepared, may be refused by the leader. Well behaved dogs on leashes are welcome on hikes listed as "dog friendly," but please do not bring your dog on hikes that do not have this listing. New hikers are asked to contact leaders in advance of hikes. All hikers should choose a hike within his or her abilities - contact the leader if you have any questions. All who participate in the activities of Westchester Trails Association (WTA) do so at their own risk.

A hike listing with an "NWP" designation means that the group meets in the parking lot of the North White Plains train station at the stated time for a carpool to the trailhead. (Otherwise, please contact the leader for information about the meeting time and place and whether public transportation is available.) To reach the NWP lot, take the Bronx River Parkway to Fisher Lane in North White Plains and follow the train station sign. The parking lot is half a block from the turn, on the right hand side, before the underpass. There is no charge in this lot on Saturdays or Sundays. If coming by train please notify the leader. Walk down the stairs from the train platform to the parking lot on the NYC bound side, then walk north toward the toll booth.

We encourage carpooling to the hike site. This arrangement is entirely voluntary and entails no obligation on the part of the drivers. Passengers should reimburse the driver for a share of the expenses. We suggest that you multiply the miles driven round trip (to and from the trailhead) by 30¢ per mile, add tolls and parking fees if applicable, and divide the total by the number of people in the car (including the driver). You may wish to round these amounts up or down to the nearest dollar, to make things easier.

A schedule of WTA activities is printed 4 times a year. If a leader's contact information is not listed below, please e-mail Eileen West at [eileenw1000@gmail.com](mailto:eileenw1000@gmail.com) for details.

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### **It's Winter - Don't Forget to Carry Traction Aids in Your Pack!**

**Saturday, December 2 - THREE HIKES TODAY:**

**Saturday, December 2 - Overlook Mt. And Woodstock Walk.** 5 miles, moderate. This hike features a very good uphill workout with no scrambling. If we are lucky there will be outstanding views. Afterwards we will repair to the town for roaming and holiday shopping and a visit to Bread Alone for soup, pastries, etc. This is an all-day outing in the Catskills so do not plan to be home at a specific time. Contact the leader as early in the week as possible but no later than 5 PM Friday so that the meeting spot for carpooling can be set. Leader Jane Restani, email [irabjanea@aol.com](mailto:irabjanea@aol.com). *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Saturday, December 2 - **Eastern Side of Rockefeller**. (NWP) 9 miles, moderate. This hike visits three lakes. From Route 448 we will go to the summit of Buttermilk Hill (the highest point in the Rockefeller Preserve). Then we head south along the Goat Trail, and back north to visit the famous Raven's Rock. We then hike south again, to the southernmost tip of Rockefeller Preserve (opposite Hawthorne), take a side visit to the Union Church of Pocantico Hills (on the National Register of Historic Places), then to Stone Barns for rest/hot soup. Meet at North White Plains at 10:00 a.m. Leader: Frank Lee, [fleessa@yahoo.com](mailto:fleessa@yahoo.com). *Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 59).*

Saturday, December 2 - **Mountain Lakes Camp, North Salem NY**. 6 miles, easy to moderate. This is a three to four hour hike through a County park with carriage roads, wooded trails and a few short steep hills. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Jean Dolen, (914) 522-4310. *This is an ADK Mohican hike. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 57).*

Sunday December 3 - **TWO HIKES TODAY:**

Sunday December 3 - **Around the County - North Salem to the Bear Mt. Bridge. Part 1: North Salem and Somers**. 8-9 miles, easy to moderate. Our Around the County series of hikes, held each winter and early spring since 2012, has reached its final year. This season we'll do six hikes that take us from North Salem through Somers, Yorktown and the City of Peekskill, finally ending on Anthony's Nose above the Bear Mountain Bridge, where our journey first began. Today's hike starts at Purdy's Ridge, the only North Salem preserve not done last year. We'll do a short circular there and then drive to Somers where our thru-hike will begin. We'll access the Kennedy Trail on Plum Brook Road and continue past the Muscoot Reservoir to Van Tassell and Reis Parks. From there we head into Angle Fly Preserve, our final destination for today, and explore many of the trails in this 654 acre preserve. Contact leader for meeting time and place. Leader: Eileen West, [eileenw1000@gmail.com](mailto:eileenw1000@gmail.com). Rain cancels. *Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 53, and 97(b) if done with Part 2 in this series.)*

Sunday December 3 - **FDR State Park**. 3.5 miles, easy. FDR State Park is more than a picnic park. Its 841 acres includes woodlands and wetlands made accessible by trails, boardwalks and bridges built by the Friends of FDR State Park. Join the leaders for an easy hike to a 32' bridge over the outlet stream of Crom Pond. To have a longer walk than from inside FDR State Park, meet at 2 p.m. at the back parking lot of Downing Park on Route 202 just east of the FDR Park entrance. Driving directions: From the Taconic Parkway take the Route 202 exit and head east towards Yorktown. Downing Park is 0.6 mile from the light at the north bound exit from the Taconic Parkway. Do not use the FDR park entrance. Leaders: Walt and Jane Daniels, [jdhikes@gmail.com](mailto:jdhikes@gmail.com), (914) 471-5545. *Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 24).*

Saturday, December 9 - **Stockbridge Mountain and Lake Nawahunta (#14 Circuit Hikes in Harriman)**. 5.2 miles, easy to moderate. Since this hike is listed as easy to moderate, we should get back in plenty of time to attend ADK's Holiday Party in the evening. We will have good views from the top of Stockbridge Mountain and several other interesting features along the way. Please contact leader to register. Kathie Laug, [kfriedmanlaug@optonline.net](mailto:kfriedmanlaug@optonline.net), (203) 348-3993 (home), (203) 722-5490 (cell), *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Sunday, December 10 - **WTA Holiday Party, Plus Morning and Afternoon Hikes**. (For WTA/ADK members and their guests) For information, contact Eileen West at [eileenw1000@gmail.com](mailto:eileenw1000@gmail.com).

Saturday, December 16 - **TWO HIKES TODAY:**

Saturday, December 16 - **Pearly Bull**. 7-8 miles, moderate to strenuous. This Mt. Taurus hike is a circular from Pearl Street and includes the Nelsonville, Washburn, Undercliff, Notch, Lone Star and Split Rock trails. Route may change if snow. Leader will arrange mass transit option for those without cars. To register contact Debbie Farrell at [debfarpr@gmail.com](mailto:debfarpr@gmail.com) or (914) 282-9942. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Saturday, December 16 - **Pound Ridge Reservation**. 3.8 miles, easy to moderate. This morning hike will start out with a short but steady climb up to the fire tower, then down onto a trail surrounded by beautiful rock formations and then out to the flat and level Laurel Trail ending up at the Kimberly Bridge area where the cars will be parked. We will have lunch there and then can do another hour or so for those who wish to do additional hiking. Traction devices may be needed. We will carpool into the park as there is a parking fee. To register, contact Carol Harting at [c.harting@verizon.net](mailto:c.harting@verizon.net). *Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 63).*

Sunday, December 17 - **TWO HIKES TODAY:**

Sunday, December 17 - **Harriman Hike**. 6-7 miles, moderate. After a short road walk from the Kanawauke Circle parking area we will hike on ridges, mainly on the Dunning and Ramapo-Dunderberg trails. There will be plenty of beautiful views. To register, contact leader Sarah Davis at (917) 501-1322 c, (212) 873-4018 h or [sewdavis@gmail.com](mailto:sewdavis@gmail.com). *This is an ADK Mohican hike.*

Sunday, December 17 - **Silver Lake Preserve, West Harrison NY**. 4-5 miles, easy to moderate. The route of this 3 hour hike is on wooded trails (over and around fallen trees in some areas), and along a lake. Leader: Jean Dolen, (914) 522-4310. *This is an ADK Mohican hike. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 40).*

Saturday, December 23 - **Black Rock Forest**. 7 miles, moderate. Starting from the Hudson Highland Nature Museum/Outdoor Discovery Center, we ascend into the Mine Hill Rd area of Black Rock Forest. With the leaves down, we should have several nice views. (Route courtesy of Howard Millman.) This is a moderate hike with a significant climb at the beginning. It will be done at a compassionate pace with several regroupings. Expect seven miles and 1800' total elevation gain. Traction aids (Microspikes, Stabilicers) may be necessary and definitely should be brought and carried. Leader: Steve Klepner, [spk010@yahoo.com](mailto:spk010@yahoo.com), (845) 297-7066. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Sunday, December 24 - **Around the County - North Salem to the Bear Mt. Bridge. Part 2: Somers to Yorktown**. 9-10 miles, easy. Today's hike begins at the Westchester/Putnam border in Somers. From there we'll take the North County Trailway south to Yorktown Heights, with a detour into Koegel Park to check out the trails there, and another detour to a lakeside view for lunch. Then we'll head up to FDR State Park, where we'll explore the Crom Pond and other trails before ending at Yorktown's Downing Park. Although much of this hike is on a level bike bath (allowing us to make good time and get us home before Santa arrives this evening), there are a few short hills in Koegel and within FDR. Hiking boots are not necessary, but use footwear that can withstand the muddy or rocky conditions of the dirt trails in the parks. Contact leader for meeting time and place. Leader: Eileen West, [eileenw1000@gmail.com](mailto:eileenw1000@gmail.com). Rain or heavy snow cancels. *Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 24, 76, and 97(b) if done with Part 1 in this series.)*

Monday, December 25 - **Caroling with Carolyn on the Old Croton Aqueduct (Ossining to Sleepy Hollow)**. 4 miles, easy. Shuttle between start and finish. We'll sing seasonal songs as we go, on streets and in parks. Meet at NWP at 9:30 a.m., or contact leader to meet at trailhead or end. Leader:

Carolyn Hoffman, [earthwormch@aol.com](mailto:earthwormch@aol.com), home (914) 948- 0608, cell on day of hike only (914) 420-5778. *Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 73.)*

Saturday, December 30 - **TWO HIKES TODAY:**

Saturday, December 30 - **Around the County - North Salem to the Bear Mt. Bridge. Part 3: Yorktown.** 8-9 miles, easy to moderate. This hike is entirely within the Town of Yorktown. We begin with a short circular in Hunter Brook Linear Park, then drive to the start of our continuous hike at Woodlands Legacy Field. We'll explore the trails in that park, take the bridge above the Taconic Parkway into Granite Knolls, and check out "Giant Boulder" and other sights. Then we enter Sylvan Glen Park, a nature preserve with old farmland, a former granite quarry and a surprisingly sweeping view, as we end today's hike at Yorktown's western border. Contact leader for meeting time and place. Leader: Eileen West, [eileenw1000@gmail.com](mailto:eileenw1000@gmail.com). Rain or heavy snow cancels. *Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (Nos. 7, 20, 23 and 61).*

Saturday, December 30 - **Van Cortlandt Park.** 4-5 miles, easy to moderate. We will walk along several trails, including John Muir, John Kieran, Cass Gallagher, the Old Croton Aqueduct and the Putnam Trail. Forests are diverse here, and we will see many birds, weather permitting. Leader: Diana Catz (718) 549-1735; [dscatz@gmail.com](mailto:dscatz@gmail.com). Meet 10 AM at the Van Cortlandt Stables parking lot: Broadway and Mosholu Avenue (please contact the leader for directions and to confirm attendance).

Sunday, December 31 - **Early New Year's Eve.** Meet at 2:30 p.m. at NWP, or 3:00 p.m. at the Rockwood Hall State Park trailhead on Rockwood Road, just west of Route 117. Two miles, mostly level. A return to the Pocantico Hills former estate lands (now part of the Rockefeller State Park Preserve) for our traditional sundown toast to the old year within sight of the Hudson River. Alcohol-free beverages will be served, and afterwards we'll continue the celebration with an optional dinner beginning at 5:15 PM at Santorini Greek Restaurant, 175 Valley Street in Sleepy Hollow (information about the restaurant is available at <http://www.santorinigreekrestaurant.com>). Reservations for the dinner must be made by December 20, so if you would like to join us please notify Carolyn Hoffman at [earthwormch@aol.com](mailto:earthwormch@aol.com), or (914) 948-0608 before that date. Inclement weather postpones the hike - but not the dinner - for 365 days. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 38).*

Monday, January 1 - **New Year's Day at Greenwich Point Park.** 3 miles, easy. The leader jumps in the Sound in snow, rain or shine so no need to register. She would appreciate company in this endeavor but you may restrict yourself to the walk and post-Sound goodies if you wish. You must cheer, however, and holiday headgear is welcome. We meet at 10:30 AM at the Main concession stand. Contact Jane Restani at [irabjanea@aol.com](mailto:irabjanea@aol.com) by 5 PM New Year's Eve if you need directions. Google maps seems to understand the address as Tod's Driftway. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Saturday, January 6 - **TWO HIKES TODAY:**

Saturday, January 6 - **Silvermine Lake and Black Mountain (#15 Circuit Hikes in Harriman).** 5 miles, moderate to strenuous. We will have spectacular views of Silvermine Lake and the Hudson River as well as visiting the ruins of the Spanish mine. Traction devices may be needed. Please contact leader to register. Kathie Laug (203) 348-3993 (home), (203) 722-5490 (cell), [kfriedmanlaug@optonline.net](mailto:kfriedmanlaug@optonline.net). *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Saturday, January 6 - **Baxter Preserve South.** 3 miles, easy. We will hike for about 2 hours in this 167 acre preserve composed of grassy fields and rolling hills, owned by the North Salem Land Foundation. The trails are shared by equestrians and hikers. Call leader Barry Leibowitz by 6:00 PM the night before the hike at home (845) 278-2479 or cell phone (914) 774-5321 to register. Traction

devices may be required. Rain or snow cancels. *Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 46).*

Sunday, January 7 - **TWO HIKES TODAY:**

Sunday, January 7 - **Hudson Highlands**. 5-6 miles, moderate. Starting from Garrison we will climb Sugarloaf South and then hike the carriage roads of the Osborne Loop and take various trails to White Rock. Meet at the Castle Rock Unique Area on Route 9D at 9:30 a.m. Leader: Minu Chaudhuri (914) 391-5918 or [minu1@optonline.net](mailto:minu1@optonline.net). *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Sunday, January 7 - **Rockwood to Rockefeller, Sleepy Hollow NY**. 6 miles, easy to moderate. This hike will be approximately four hours through rolling hills and carriage roads with views of the Hudson River. Bring lunch, water, snacks. Leader: Jean Dolen, (914) 522-4310. *This is an ADK Mohican hike. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (Nos. 38 and 59).*

Saturday, January 13 - **TWO HIKES TODAY:**

Saturday, January 13 - **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. Contact the leader, Alice Benash, for meeting time and information at [ajrb3@verizon.net](mailto:ajrb3@verizon.net). Rain or heavy snow cancels.

Saturday, January 13 - **Rockefeller Preserve**. 4-5 miles, easy. Enjoy a relaxing hike in a pretty part of the preserve. Meet the leader at 10 a.m. at the trailhead parking on Old Sleepy Hollow Road. Leader: Toby Garfinkel, (914) 337-6612. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 59).*

Sunday, January 14 - **TWO HIKES TODAY:**

Sunday, January 14 - **Ward Pound Ridge**. 5-6 miles, moderate. We will carpool from the Cross River shopping center and explore the northern sections of Ward Pound Ridge. To register, contact leader Sarah Davis at (917) 501-1322 c, (212) 873-4018 h or [sewdavis@gmail.com](mailto:sewdavis@gmail.com). *This is an ADK Mohican hike. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 63).*

Sunday, January 14 - **Cliffdale-Teatown Trail and Teatown Lake**. 4 miles, easy to moderate. Bring a snack and a thermos of hot chocolate, and come enjoy this lovely winter hike. This will be a relaxing hike from the Visitor's Center to the Cliffdale Education Center, using part of the Teatown Lake and other trails. If weather permits we'll have a snack on the benches at Cliffdale, then return to the Visitor's Center on the other side of the lake. Contact the leader for meeting time, place and car pooling information (Teatown now charges a \$5 per car fee for non-member parking). Leader: Elspeth Kramer, [elspethkramer@aol.com](mailto:elspethkramer@aol.com) or (347) 262-4802. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 62).*

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

Saturday, January 20 - **Pine Meadow Lake**. 6 miles, moderate. Hike or snowshoe around Pine Meadow Lake in Harriman. Bring stabilizers if needed. Starting from the Visitor's Center on Seven Lakes Drive, we will go to the Lake and then hike around it, adjusting for conditions. Leader: Mike Kaplan, [kaplanm2001@yahoo.com](mailto:kaplanm2001@yahoo.com). No first time hikers please. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Saturday, January 20 - **Butler Sanctuary, Mt. Kisco NY**. 4-5 miles, easy to moderate. A nice mixture of some steep hills in between rolling hills and flat terrain and varying scenery including large

boulders, several streams and a hawk watch area. Leader: Jean Dolen (914) 522-4310. *This is an ADK Mohican hike. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 49).*

Sunday, January 21 - **TWO HIKES TODAY:**

Sunday, January 21 - **Hook Mountain.** 6 miles, moderate, with easy return on shore path. Lovely views from the ridge. Snow and ice may make this a more rigorous hike. Contact leader to register: Catharine Raffaele, [raffaele.catharine@yahoo.com](mailto:raffaele.catharine@yahoo.com). *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Sunday, January 21 - **Marshlands Conservancy.** 3-4 miles, easy. Enjoy a two hour hike in this Rye preserve on a network of trails through a field, a deciduous forest and a salt marsh. Meet at 10:30 AM at the Conservancy parking lot, located at 220 Boston Post Road near the Rye Golf Course. Leader: Leslie Millman. Contact leader by e-mail at [oooleslie@aol.com](mailto:oooleslie@aol.com). Cell number is for day of hike changes only: (914) 552-7720. *Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 9).*

Saturday, January 27 - **TWO HIKES TODAY:**

Saturday, January 27 - **Classic Lemon Squeezer Hike.** 6-8 miles, moderate to strenuous. We'll be using the Long Path, ASB, and Appalachian trails on this traditional Harriman hike which includes a challenging scramble through the Lemon Squeezer. Exceedingly foul weather cancels. Please contact the leader, Judith Hirschman at [hirschmanjudith@gmail.com](mailto:hirschmanjudith@gmail.com) no later than 48 hours prior to confirm.

Saturday, January 27 - **Turkey Mountain Preserve, Yorktown Heights.** 3 miles, easy to moderate. This hike is mostly level with one short but steady climb, and is a perfect winter hike to just get outdoors for a few hours and see one of the best viewpoints in Westchester. To register, contact Carol Harting at [c.harting@verizon.net](mailto:c.harting@verizon.net). *Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 42).*

Sunday, January 28 - **TWO HIKES TODAY:**

Sunday, January 28 - **Sylvan Glen.** 6 miles, easy to moderate. This is an underused absolute gem of a hike with soft earth and well-marked trails, some climbs, views, streams, a huge 300 year old Oak tree and an long abandoned quarry to explore. Meet at 10 AM at the Morris Avenue parking lot, just 1/4 mile east of Lexington Avenue in Yorktown (Mohegan Lake). This is not quite a Discovery Hike since the leader has hiked it once before. Nevertheless, bring a compass and bread crumbs. If there's sufficient snow we'll modify our route so we can snowshoe about three to four miles. Leader: Howard Millman, [hwardmillman@aol.com](mailto:hwardmillman@aol.com), (914) 439-8031. *Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 20).*

Sunday, January 28 - **Edith Read Sanctuary, Rye NY.** 2-3 miles, easy. Wooded trails, a marsh, a lake, a rocky beach, and a bamboo forest. The planned hike is 2-3 hours, but we can add more walking on the boardwalk for another hour or two. Leader: Jean Dolen, (914) 522-4310. *This is an ADK Mohican hike. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 16).*

Saturday, February 3 - **A HIKE AND A SNOWSHOE TODAY:**

Saturday, February 3 - **Ramapo Torne (#1 Circuit Hikes in Harriman).** 5.1 miles, moderate to strenuous. This is a hike in the southern part of the park with panoramic views from Ramapo Torne and Torne View. Traction devices may be needed. Please contact leader to register. Kathie Laug (203) 348-3993 (home), (203) 722-5490 (cell), [kfriedmanlaug@optonline.net](mailto:kfriedmanlaug@optonline.net). *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Saturday, February 3 - **Snow Shoe at Richter Park in Danbury CT.** Snow shoe (conditions permitting) on a beautiful golf course with ups and downs. If there's no snow, there is the option of a beginner hike on a wooded trail of about 2 hours. Will start at 10:30 AM. Please call or email the leader, Rosanne Schepis, for more information or to register, at (203) 417-5552 or [rschep@yahoo.com](mailto:rschep@yahoo.com). *This is an ADK Mohican outing.*

Sunday, February 4 - **TWO HIKES TODAY:**

Sunday, February 4 - **The Catfish Loop, and More.** 7-8 miles, moderate. This is a figure eight hike incorporating the Catfish Loop at Fahnestock State Park in the morning and a loop around John Allen Pond in the afternoon, with plenty of rolling hills and water views to enjoy. Rain cancels; contact leader for meeting time and other information. Leader: Mike Jablonski, [mjab5749@gmail.com](mailto:mjab5749@gmail.com). *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Sunday, February 4 - **Rockefeller Preserve (Main Gate), Pleasantville NY.** 5-6 miles, easy to moderate. This hike, on carriage roads with rolling hills, should be about 3-4 hours (longer if we eat at the Blue Stone Café). Bring lunch or buy lunch. There are picnic tables indoors and outdoors. There is a \$6 per car parking fee unless you have an Empire Passport. Leader: Jean Dolen, (914) 522-4310. *This is an ADK Mohican hike. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 59).*

Saturday, February 10 - **TWO HIKES TODAY:**

Saturday, February 10 - **Harriman Circuit Hike #4: Lake Sebago and Diamond Mountain.** 6.5 or 8 miles, moderate to strenuous. Winter conditions are difficult to predict as this goes to press so the length of this hike is weather dependent. Unless it is foggy there should be good views. Contact leader Jane Restani at [irabjanea@aol.com](mailto:irabjanea@aol.com) by Friday at 5 PM. to register. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Saturday, February 10 - **RiverWalk and the Old Croton Aqueduct.** 5 miles, easy. We will walk at a relaxed pace from RiverWalk and through Lyndhurst, where we will visit the Greenhouse and the just restored Bowling Alley. We then continue south on the Old Croton Aqueduct to Irvington, with a stop for lunch at your choice of one of the many restaurants, cafes or pizza places (or bring your own and eat indoors in surprise surroundings) and a visit to the Tiffany Reading Room afterwards. There will be two short hills to ascend, and a slight variation in the return route. We will have lovely views of the new Tappan Zee (Cuomo) Bridge and the Hudson River. Meet the leader at 11 a.m. at the Van Wart Avenue RiverWalk gate. Directions: from Route 9, turn west on the first street south of the Tappan Zee Bridge (the sign has two names - Paulding and Van Wart Avenues). Bear left at the fork and continue down Paulding to Hudson Place (the last street before the dead end sign). Turn right, park on Hudson Place or Van Wart Avenue, and walk to the RiverWalk gate. Leader: Ellie Carren, (914) 591-7038; co-leader Sara Kelsey. *Joint with Friends of the Old Croton Aqueduct.*

Sunday, February 11 - **TWO HIKES TODAY:**

Sunday, February 11 - **Long Path/Hudson River.** 6-7 miles, moderate. We will begin and end this circular hike at the Long Path just east of Rockland Lake State Park. There is an initial steep ascent to reach the top of the Palisades and breathtaking views of the Hudson. We will follow the Long Path with its many spectacular vistas and return on the trailway along the Hudson River. The hiking route may be changed if the ascent on the Long Path is deemed dangerous due to winter weather conditions. Leader: Joe Rodriguez. Please email [jpr50@optonline.net](mailto:jpr50@optonline.net) by February 10 for information or to register.

Sunday, February 11 - **Cranberry Lake Preserve, West Harrison NY**. 3-4 miles, easy to moderate. This is a two to three hour hike in an area of quarry used to build the Kensico Dam a century ago. Trails go past various ponds, woods, rock formations, bridges and the foundation of an old quarry building. The quarry climb is optional. Leader: Jean Dolen, (914) 522-4310. *This is an ADK Mohican hike. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 51).*

Saturday, February 17 - **Wonder Lake State Park**. 5-7 miles, easy to moderate. This hike, of about 3-4 hours, is mostly level around the lake with some hills, but it is not for first-time hikers. To register, call leader Barry Leibowitz by 6 p.m. on the day before the hike at H: (845) 278-2479 or C: (914) 774-5321. Traction aids such as Stablicers or Microspikes may be required by the hike leader. Rain or snow cancels. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Sunday, February 18 - **Kensico Cemetery Tour**. 4-6 miles, easy to moderate. There are many points of interest in this 460 acre cemetery including gravesites of celebrities, structures with architectural interest and special landscape features. Sturdy shoes, water and lunch recommended. Meet 10.30 a.m. in the parking lot of the Administration Building, 273 Lakeview Avenue, Valhalla. Directions: Taconic Parkway to Lakeview Avenue. Turn west, pass the monument shop, cross the railroad tracks, and turn right into the parking lot. More information about the cemetery is available at [www.kensico.org](http://www.kensico.org). Leader: Sue Soni, [surekhasoni1968@gmail.com](mailto:surekhasoni1968@gmail.com) or (914) 747-2452.

Saturday, February 24 - **TWO HIKES TODAY:**

Saturday, February 24 - **Around the County - North Salem to the Bear Mt. Bridge. Part 4: Blue Mt. and Depew Park in Peekskill**. 7-8 miles, easy to moderate. Now that we've moved west from Yorktown, it's time to check out the trails in the City of Peekskill. Today we'll do a circular hike that incorporates both Blue Mountain Reservation and adjacent Depew Park, taking in views from the summits of Blue and Spitzenberg Mountains and exploring most of the perimeter trails in the park. Contact leader for meeting time and place. Leader: Eileen West, [eileenw1000@gmail.com](mailto:eileenw1000@gmail.com). Rain or heavy snow cancels. *Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 48).*

Saturday, February 24 - **Cross Country Ski or Hike**. Ski location TBA, at the closest site with sufficient snow. If no snow, we'll hike in Rockefeller Preserve's western portion. Must RSVP to leader: Carolyn Hoffman, [earthwormch@aol.com](mailto:earthwormch@aol.com), home (914) 948- 0608, cell on day of hike only (914) 420-5778. Don't give up if snow is feeble nearby: Conditions may be glorious at Minnewaska or High Point. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Sunday, February 25 - **TWO HIKES TODAY:**

Sunday, February 25 - **Hubbard Perkins Round Hill in Fahnestock**. 7.5 miles, moderate. Starting at "the Hubbard Lodge", we will do a circular hike on School Mt. Road, to the East Mountain Loop, to the Perkins Trail, then take the Fahnestock Trail back to the cars. If there is snow, traction devices or snowshoes may be needed. The route can be shortened depending on the conditions or weather. The trail going in is perfect for those who just want to try out snowshoeing for the first time as it is flat and level. Contact Carol Harting at [c.harting@verizon.net](mailto:c.harting@verizon.net) for meeting time and place. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Sunday, February 25 - **Croton Point Park**. 4 miles, easy. We will explore this small scenic peninsula, where eagles are often sighted in winter. Dress very warmly for the winds blowing off the Hudson. Contact leader to register: Catharine Raffaele, [raffaele.catharine@yahoo.com](mailto:raffaele.catharine@yahoo.com). *Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 52).*