



WESTCHESTER TRAILS ASSOC.

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FALL HIKING SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER and NOVEMBER, 2019

Hikes 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.

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 or turned back by the leader. Well behaved dogs on leashes are welcome if the hike is listed as “dog friendly,” but dogs are not allowed on other WTA hikes. New hikers: please contact the leader in advance of the hike; all hikers: please choose a hike that is within your abilities. Check with the leader if you have any questions about the hike. If you register for a hike but cannot attend, please let the leader know before the hike takes place. All who participate in the activities of the Westchester Trails Association 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 for details.

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Our hikes are joint with ADK Mohican unless otherwise noted

Sunday, September 1 - **TWO HIKES TODAY:**

Sunday, September 1 - **Jordan Pond Circular.** 6-7 miles, moderate terrain. This hike, on the easier side of moderate, uses several trails in Fahnestock State Park including the AT, Three Lakes, Charcoal Burners and Fahnestock Trails. We’ll do a leisurely loop on both sides of Route 301, with a stop for lunch at Jordan Pond. Contact leader to register: Eileen West, eileenw1000@gmail.com. Rain cancels.

Sunday, September 1 - Whippoorwill Park, Chappaqua. (NWP). 3 miles, easy terrain. This is a "slow but steady" dog friendly hike (welcoming well-behaved dogs on leashes). Gentle terrain with a few hills in a hardwood forest. Meet the leader at NWP at 9:30 a.m. Leader: Carolyn Hoffman, carohof2@gmail.com, home (914) 948- 0608, cell (914) 420-5778. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No 45.)*

Monday, September 2 (Labor Day) - Hudson Highlands Gateway Park. 4-5 miles, easy to moderate terrain. This is a pleasant three hour hike with gentle ups and downs. Take Bear Mountain Parkway north to Highland Avenue to Sprout Brook Road (street sign may be down - turn at the Gulf Station); the parking lot is on the right designated by a sign for the Gateway Park. To register, email Carol Harting at c.harting@verizon.net. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 31).*

Saturday, September 7 - TWO HIKES TODAY:

Saturday, September 7 - End of Season Ice Cream Hike - Cold Spring Traverse. 7-8 miles, moderate terrain. This will be a leisurely hike past the ruins of the Cornish Estate, up the Undercliff Trail for some great views, then back down through Nelsonville to the West Point Foundry. Then we'll amble along the river's edge to our ultimate reward - homemade ice cream at Moo Moo's Creamery. Short shuttle required. Contact leader to register: Eileen West, eileenw1000@gmail.com. Rain cancels.

Saturday, September 7 - Hilltop Hanover Farm, Yorktown Heights. 3-4 miles, easy to moderate terrain. This is a short hike through shady woods, passing a vernal pond and rock cliffs, and ascending to a leafy hilltop. Meet in the trailhead parking area on Hanover street, opposite Hilltop Hanover Farm. From the Taconic State Parkway, take the Millwood/Route 100 exit. At the traffic light at Route 100, turn right. Head north for 3.9 miles and then turn left onto route 118. Take the first right turn onto Hanover St. and proceed 1.4 miles to the trailhead parking area on the right, on the opposite side of the road from Hilltop Hanover Farm . Bring water and a snack. Register with the leader, Sheila Sarkar, at shechris6@gmail.com or (914) 498-2464. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 6).*

Sunday, September 8 - TWO HIKES TODAY:

Sunday, September 8 - Three Lakes/A.T. Loop. (NWP). 6-7 miles, moderate terrain. This circular hike in Fahnestock Memorial Park passes two lakes and features multiple ups and downs through wooded areas. Meet leader at NWP at 9:00 AM or at the large Canopus Lake roadside parking area on Route 301 at 9:45. Contact the leader, Elena Burova, by phone (914) 837-4235 or e-mail at elena.burova@gmail.com before the hike if you need details.

Sunday, September 8 - Orchard Beach, Twin and Hunter Islands. 3-4 miles, easy terrain. Enjoy the diverse environments of this park (marshlands, woodlands, meadows) with wonderful views of the Long Island Sound. Meet the leader at the Orchard Beach parking lot at 10 AM, on the right side closest to the beach. Leader Diana Catz, dscatz@gmail.com or (718) 549-1735. Rain cancels.

Saturday, September 14 - TWO HIKES TODAY:

Saturday, September 14 - Hudson Highlands Loop. 7 miles, moderate to strenuous terrain. Join the leader for a hike in the Hudson Highlands. The Wilkinson Memorial and Breakneck Bypass trails will be combined for an outing with moderate elevation gain. The pace will be compassionate as we want to stay together and so we don't leave the leader behind. To be clear, we will not be doing the steep Breakneck Ridge ascent. Bring a lunch and two liters of water. Leader: Steve Klepner, spk010@yahoo.com, (845) 297-7066.

Saturday, September 14 - **Squantz Pond State Park, New Fairfield, CT.** 3 miles, easy terrain. This beautiful hike, with some ups and downs, travels through meadows and onto a carriage road to a lovely brook. Allow about 2 hours round trip. 10 AM departure. Steady rain cancels. To register, contact the hike leader, Rosanne Schepis, at (203) 417-5552 (cell) or rschep@yahoo.com.

Sunday, September 15 - **TWO HIKES TODAY:**

Sunday, September 15 - **Kakiat County Park Circular.** 10 miles, moderate to strenuous terrain. Starting from Kakiat Park we will hike on various trails to and around Pine Meadow Lake before returning to our cars. For further information or to register, contact Bob Fiscina at fis6973@verizon.net. Rain cancels. No beginners please.

Sunday, September 15 - **Untermeyer Park and Aqueduct.** 3 miles, easy terrain. Many beautiful views and a few hills and steps as we proceed from the Walled Garden, head down to the Vista Overlook, and then to the Old Croton Aqueduct with a look at the restored statues of the Lion and the Unicorn. We will enjoy a short walk on the Aqueduct and return via the Temple of Love with spectacular waterfalls and rock formations. Optional lunch or snack (your own) after the hike at shaded picnic tables on a hill near the entrance. Meet the leader at 10 AM inside the Park at the side of the Community Center Building near the entrance (Address: 945 North Broadway, Yonkers, just south of St. John's Hospital). If the small parking lot inside the Park is filled, park along the street on Broadway (U.S. 9). Leader: Ellie Carren (914) 591-7038.

Saturday, September 21 - **Catfish Loop in Fahnestock.** 5 miles, moderate terrain. This will be a circular hike on the Catfish Loop in Fahnestock State Park with gentle ups and downs, starting (and ending) on Dennytown Road. Coming from Route 301, the parking area is 1.2 miles south on Dennytown Road. To register e-mail Carol Harting at c.harting@verizon.net.

Sunday, September 22 - **TWO HIKES TODAY:**

Sunday, September 22 - **Rockefeller Preserve.** 6 miles, easy to moderate terrain. Starting with the 13 Bridges Trail we will visit various parts of the Preserve, stopping at the Cafe where you can buy lunch or bring your own. To register contact leader Sarah Davis, (917) 501-1322 or sewdavis@gmail.com. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 59).*

Sunday, September 22 - **Cranberry Lake Preserve.** 3-4 miles, easy to moderate terrain. This is a two to three hour hike through a North White Plains preserve in an area of quarry used to build the Kensico Dam a century ago. Trails, some of which may be rocky, go past various ponds, woods, rock formations, bridges and the foundation of an old quarry building (the quarry climb is optional). To register, call or text the leader, Jean Dolen, at (914) 522-4310. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 51).*

Saturday, September 28 - **TWO HIKES TODAY:**

Saturday, September 28 - **Catskills Escarpment Trail and Kaaterskill Falls.** 10 miles, moderate to strenuous terrain. This hike, which includes 1-2 miles on park roads, has a good deal of elevation but will be done at a moderate pace to enjoy the views painted by the Hudson River School artists. Register with leader Jane Restani by noon on Friday at lrbjanea@aol.com for car pooling arrangements.

Saturday, September 28 - **Tibbetts Brook Park.** (NWP). 3-4 miles, easy terrain. The South County Trailway and Old Croton Aqueduct border this park (Westchester County's first large scale

developed recreational facility) and we will explore most of the paved and unpaved paths within, through woods, a large grassy field, along the brook and around the pond. Meet the leader at NWP 10 AM. Rain cancels. Leader: Toby Garfinkel (914) 337-6612. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 41).*

Sunday, September 29 - TWO HIKES TODAY:

Sunday, September 29 - Mountain Lakes Camp, North Salem, NY. 6-7 miles, easy to moderate terrain. This is a three to four hour hike through a Westchester County park on carriage roads and wooded trails with a few short steep hills and some view areas, plus a partially restored camp from the olden days. Bring lunch and water. To register, call or text the leader, Jean Dolen, at (914) 522-4310. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 57).*

Sunday, September 29 - Mills Mansion and Norrie Point, Staatsburg, NY. 5-6 miles, easy terrain. This hike will take us along hiking and carriage trails in the Mills/Norrie State Park. We will do a loop hike and have lunch next to the Hudson River. Enjoy early fall views of the Hudson and the Catskills. If you are interested in touring the mansion afterwards, the last tour is at 4 PM (\$8 adults/\$6 seniors). To register contact the leader, Janice Miller, at madjan11@optonline.net.

Saturday, October 5 - TWO HIKES TODAY:

Saturday, October 5 - Hudson Highlands Circular. 8-9 miles, moderate to strenuous terrain. This hike includes plenty of ups and downs on several of the trails around Mt. Taurus and Breakneck Ridge, rewarded by multiple views. For more information or to register contact Bob Fiscina at fis6973@verizon.net. Rain cancels. No beginners please.

Saturday, October 5 - Ciaiola Conservation Area, Putnam County, Patterson, NY. 5 miles, moderate terrain. Hike a variety of trails with some up and down hills through woods and along brooks with some waterfalls (if enough water is flowing). This park, formerly known as the Walter G. Merit Park, was renamed in memory of Michael Ciaiola, a long time conservationist in Putnam County. Contact hike leader, Barry Leibowitz by phone at home (845) 278-2479 or mobile (914) 774-5321 before 6 PM on October 4. Rain cancels.

Sunday, October 6 - TWO HIKES TODAY:

Sunday, October 6 - Appalachian Trail from Canopus Hill to Route 9/403. 5 miles, moderate terrain. This hike, which will be done at a gentle pace, goes over Canopus and Denning Hills, through forest, across the Graymoor property, and on boards over wetlands. For time and meeting place and to register, contact leader: Carolyn Hoffman, carohof2@gmail.com, home (914) 948- 0608, cell (914) 420-5778.

Sunday, October 6 - NYC Walk to the 9/11 Memorial. 8 miles, easy terrain. This is a visit to the Memorial's twin reflecting pools and the largest manmade waterfalls in North America. You also get to see the bronze panels with all the inscribed names of the victims. This visit does not include the museum. From Grand Central Station, we walk south along the East River Park downtown, then head west along Liberty St. to the Memorial at 180 Greenwich Street. On the return we take the Hudson River path north to Spring Street where we will catch the subway back to Grand Central Station. Meet the leader at Grand Central Station. Contact leader, Frank Lee for meeting time at fleessa@yahoo.com.

Saturday, October 12 - **TWO HIKES TODAY:**

Saturday, October 12 - **Pine Meadow Circular**. 7 miles, moderate terrain. Starting at the Reeves Brook Visitors Center, we use the Reeves Brook and Seven Hills Trails, which offer several scenic fall foliage views. After reaching Pine Meadow Lake for lunch, we decide on a few trail options before returning. Meet at the Reeves Brook Visitor Center. Park alongside the road on Seven Lakes Lakes Drive as the parking lot fills up quickly. Leader: Marvin Pasternak, marvp7025@gmail.com or (917) 733-2259. Rain cancels.

Saturday, October 12 - **Butler Sanctuary, Bedford/Mt. Kisco**. 3-4 miles, easy to moderate terrain. This is a lovely hike, perfect for those who want to graduate from easy to moderate hikes. One trail is fairly level and the other trail we take is moderate as there is some elevation. Good hiking boots are suggested. Bring water and a snack. To register, contact Carol Harting at c.harting@verizon.net. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 49).*

Sunday, October 13 - **TWO HIKES TODAY:**

Sunday, October 13 - **Turkey Hill and Queensboro Lakes**. 5 miles, moderate terrain. Starting from the Anthony Wayne Recreation Area we'll do a circular hike to Queensboro and Turkey Hill lakes in the northern section of Harriman Park. Leader Minu Chaudhuri, minuch50@gmail.com, (914) 391-5918.

Sunday, October 13 - **On the Waterfront - Art & Nature**. 3 miles, easy terrain. On this adventure we will enjoy the nationally acclaimed Saw Mill River Daylighting Park with its "Alaskan steep pass" fish ladder to aid migration of the endangered America eel; stunning outdoor art; Habirshaw Park's restored tidal marsh and beach; Esplanade Park and sculpture garden; and spectacular Palisades views. The once paved-over Saw Mill sports a newly created nature habitat and educational walk. Pickup at the Yonkers train station is available. Leader: Debbie Farrell debfarpr@gmail.com, (914) 282-9942.

Saturday, October 19 - **TWO HIKES TODAY:**

Saturday, October 19 - **Circuit Hike Grand Finale! (#27 - Bear Mountain)**. 5 miles, moderate to strenuous terrain. This will be the leader's final hike in completing the 27 hikes described in the book *Circuit Hikes in Harriman* by Don Weise. It will be a fairly strenuous hike of about 5 miles and 1500 feet of elevation gain going up by way of the Appalachian Trail and down on Major Welch Trail - the opposite direction of how it is usually done but with superior views. Contact leader for meeting time and place. Kathie Laug, (203) 348-3993(H), (203) 722-5490(C), kfriendmanlaug@optonline.net.

Saturday, October 19 - **Cranberry Lake Preserve**. 4-5 miles, easy to moderate terrain. Hike on various trails around the lake, a marsh, an old quarry and woods. The quarry table top offers splendid fall views of the surrounding trees. Meet the leader at the nature center at 10 a.m. The Preserve's address is 1609 Old Orchard Street in North White Plains; their phone number is (914) 428-1005. Leader: Sue Soni, surekhasoni1968@gmail.com, (914) 747-2452. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 51).*

Sunday, October 20 - **TWO HIKES TODAY:**

Sunday, October 20 - **Sterling Forest**. 8 miles, moderate terrain. We will start at the Visitors' Center and climb up to the fire tower, then hike along the ridge with spectacular views of the lake and foliage. Easy return along the lake shore. Contact leader to register: Catharine Raffaele, Raffaele.Catharine@yahoo.com.

Sunday, October 20 - Butler Sanctuary, Mt. Kisco, NY. 4-5 miles, easy to moderate terrain. This is a nice mixture of some steep hills in between rolling hills and flat terrain and varying scenery including ferns, large boulders, several streams, and a hawk watch area. To register, call or text the leader, Jean Dolen, at (914) 522-4310. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 49).*

Saturday, October 26 - TWO HIKES TODAY:

Saturday, October 26 - Popolopen Torne. (NWP). 6-7 miles, moderate to strenuous terrain. This hike starts and ends on Route 9D at the Bear Mountain Bridge. After taking the bridge across the Hudson we'll arrive at the trailhead and hike up along Popolopen Gorge to the summit of Popolopen Torne (a short rock scramble is involved). There, you'll enjoy a beautiful 360° view point overlooking the Hudson River. On the way back to the cars we'll take a few minutes to explore the Fort Montgomery visitor's center. Email Alice Benash for NWP and trailhead meeting times: ajrb3@verizon.net.

Saturday, October 26 - Westside Riverwalk, Art and Dinner. 5 miles, easy terrain. We will hike at a moderate pace while enjoying river vistas from 14th to 57th Streets along the Hudson River. At 57th Street, a tour of some selected art galleries and a finish at Parnell's for an optional early dinner. Excellent fare and generous servings inclusive of a choice of drink for about \$21-25. Meet at 10 a.m. at the northwest corner of 8th Avenue at 14th Street (A, C or E Manhattan subway trains). Bring a light lunch/snack and water. Leader: Marvin Malater (718) 376-3608. Call for hike status or information.

Sunday, October 27 - TWO HIKES TODAY:

Sunday, October 27 - Iron Mines Loop, Harriman State Park. 9.1 miles, moderate terrain. This loop hike will traverse the ridge of Black Rock Mountain and pass the remnants of four iron mines along the Dunning and A-SB trails. Rain cancels; contact leader for meeting time and other information. Leader: Mike Jablonski, mjab5749@gmail.com.

Sunday, October 27 - Muscoot Farm. 4-5 miles, easy to moderate terrain. Join the leader on a 2-3 hour walk in a Westchester County owned preserve/farm. The hike has a few short, easy ascents but is otherwise flat. Afterward the farm animals and exhibits can be checked. There is the possibility of an art exhibit in the main house (check Muscoot's website for details and dates). Hiking boots are suggested as we will be on trails. Bring a liter of water and a snack/lunch. Whether we have a real lunch break depends on the pace of the group. Leader: Steve Klepner (845) 297-7066, spk010@yahoo.com (preferred). *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 58).*

Saturday, November 2 - TWO HIKES TODAY:

Saturday, November 2 - Garrison School Forest. 5-6 miles, moderate terrain. One of the finest East Hudson moderate hikes just got better with the recent addition of a new shaded, soft earth trail. Overall, the hike has about 1,100' of elevation gain, most at a gentle grade. Notice the "most?" While much of the hike is on the easier side of moderate, the newer Purple trail has two somewhat strenuous sections. The new trail appears on the latest NYNJTC maps; it starts at the South Redoubt and connects with existing trails to form a forested loop. We will meet on Snake Hill Road in Garrison. The parking area is plainly marked and is about 1/4 mile east of Route 9D, or about 2 miles west of Route 9. Leader: Howard Millman (914) 439-8031, howardmillman@aol.com.

Saturday, November 2 - Bennett's Pond State Park, Ridgefield CT. 4-5 miles, easy to moderate terrain. Enjoy a 2-3 hour walk through meadows, along a lake with beaver dams and water

fowl, then onto a woods trail. Sturdy shoes and water are recommended. 10:00 AM start. Contact the leader, Rosanne Schepis, to register at rschep@yahoo.com or (203) 417-5552.

Sunday, November 3 - **TWO HIKES TODAY:**

Sunday, November 3 - **To the Timp and Back from the Hudson River.** 6 miles, moderate to strenuous terrain. We will start at the trailhead of the Timp-Torne Trail on Rt. 9W in Tompkins Cove. There is an initial steep ascent and breathtaking views of the Hudson. Once we reach the Timp (once again with breathtaking vistas) we will return on the Ramapo-Dundunderburg Trail to the 1777 Trail and Jones Road back to the Timp-Torne Trail. Leader: Joe Rodriguez. Please email by 5:00 p.m. on November 2nd for information or to register at jpr50@optonline.net.

Sunday, November 3 - **Marshlands Conservancy.** 3-4 miles, easy terrain. 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 10:00 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. Cell number is for day of hike changes only: (914) 552-7720. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 9).*

Saturday, November 9 - **TWO HIKES TODAY:**

Saturday, November 9 - **Harriman Circuit Hike (Sleater Hill and Almost Perpendicular).** 5.5 miles, moderately strenuous terrain. This hike has 1200 feet of elevation gain with one short steep rocky section, rewarded by some panoramic vistas (weather permitting). Register with leader Jane Restani at irabjanea@aol.com by 5 PM on Friday.

Saturday, November 9 - **NYC Walk.** 9 miles, easy terrain. From Grand Central Station we will head north to walk and wander through Riverside Park. On the way we will see a Rolling Penny, Birds on Broadway, Warsaw Ghetto Memorial Plaza, Soldiers and Sailors Monument, Riverside Church, Peace Fountain, and the General Grant Memorial. The walk will end at Harlem 125th St. There will be options to shorten the walk. For questions and to register, contact the leader, Linda Wildman, at lindawildman88@verizon.net or text/call (914) 316-5674.

Sunday, November 10 - **TWO HIKES TODAY:**

Sunday, November 10 - **Minnewaska State Park, Kerhonkson, NY.** 8 miles, easy to moderate terrain. This hike will be on carriage roads with spectacular views. Rest and lunch at Lake Awosting in the middle of the hike. Use Exit 18 off I-87 north, turn left (west) on Rt. 299. At Rt. 44 turn right. The entrance is 4-5 miles from there. Park in the upper lot (the fee is \$10 per car unless you have an Empire Passport). Please note that construction in the parking area may cause a shortage of parking so carpooling is advisable. To register, call or text the leader, Jean Dolen, at (914) 522-4310. Rain cancels.

Sunday, November 10 - **Ward Pound Ridge.** 4-5 miles, easy to moderate terrain. We will explore the northern and center areas of the Reservation. Wear hiking boots and bring snacks, lunch and water. We will carpool from Cross River Shopping Center. To register contact leader Sarah Davis, (917) 501-1322 or sewdavis@gmail.com. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 63).*

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

Saturday, November 16 - **Devil's Den, Weston, CT.** 7-8 miles, easy to moderate terrain. Devil's Den is the largest Nature Conservancy preserve in Connecticut and contains sites of historical

and archeological significance. We will do the Grand Tour of the park utilizing all the outer trails with an extension to the Great Ledge, a high rock formation with a spectacular view of the Saugatuck Reservoir. Contact leader for meeting time and place. Kathie Laug, (203) 348-3993(H), (203) 722-5490(C), kfriendmanlaug@optonline.net.

Saturday, November 16 - **Orchard Beach, Twin and Hunter Islands**. 3-4 miles, easy terrain. Enjoy ocean breezes, varied terrain and spectacular views of Long Island Sound on this hike. Meet the leader on the right side of the Orchard Beach parking lot at 10 AM. Rain cancels. Leader: Toby Garfinkel (914) 337-6612.

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

Sunday, November 17 - **Stillwater Reservoir at Fahnestock Park**. 6 miles, easy to moderate terrain. Enjoy the beautiful trails of Fahnestock. This hike starts on the trail around Pelton Pond and then heads into the campsite area and down the paths used for cross country skiing in the winter. To register, call or text the leader, Jean Dolen, at (914) 522-4310.

Sunday, November 17 - **Croton Gorge Park and Old Croton Aqueduct**. 5-6 miles, easy terrain. This mainly linear hike starts at the base of Croton Dam, continues south above the Croton river and then along the Old Croton Aqueduct trail to the Ossining border, returning to our starting point via the OCA to the top of the dam to enjoy the views across the Croton reservoir. Meet in the main parking lot off route 129; bring lunch or a snack. Register with the leader, Sheila Sarkar, at shechris6@gmail.com or (914) 498 2464.

Saturday, November 23 - **Walkway over the Hudson**. 6 miles, easy to moderate terrain. Beautiful views on this unique hike over the pedestrian bridge in Poughkeepsie, plus the Franny Reese State Park loop, over the Mid Hudson Bridge where you must listen to the music, and then a pleasant walk to a delicious Italian pastry shop - a perfect blend of urban and rural terrain. It may be chilly walking over the two bridges so bring appropriate gear (hats, gloves). Meeting place is at the end of the parking lot closest to the beginning of the Walkway. The easiest, most direct route to the Walkway from Westchester is the Taconic to Route 55 West, then straight into Poughkeepsie. Turn right on Washington Street, then right on Parker Avenue and the Walkway parking lot is about 1000' from there, on the left. If you use a GPS enter '61 Parker Avenue' as the destination. Carpooling is recommended because there may be a parking fee. To register and for questions, contact Carol Harting at c.harting@verizon.net.

Sunday, November 24 - **TWO HIKES TODAY:**

Sunday, November 24 - **Hook Mountain**. 6 miles, moderate terrain, with easy return on shore path. We will climb the ridge and enjoy the spectacular views of the Hudson. Contact leader to register: Catharine Raffaele, raffaele.catharine@yahoo.com.

Sunday, November 24 - **Hidden Valley Loop and Teatown Lake**. 4 miles, easy to moderate terrain. Come enjoy an autumn hike at Teatown. Bring water, snacks and if it's a chilly day a thermos of either tea, coffee or hot chocolate. Let's hope for some lovely Fall foliage. Contact Leader Elspeth Kramer at (347) 262-4802 or email elspethkramer@aol.com for time and meeting spot. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 62).*

Saturday, November 30 - **Within the County: NCT and Nearby Parks. Part 1: Hilltop Hanover Farm and Turkey Mountain Preserve**. 6-7 miles, moderate terrain. This year's Within the County series takes us on the North County Trailway as it winds its way south from Yorktown Heights, and

into the parks and preserves near the route of the NCT. Today's hike will begin with a visit to Hilltop Hanover, a working farm and environmental education center owned by the County of Westchester located to the east of the Trailway. Then we'll head west on local roads, cross over the NCT, and continue into Turkey Mountain Preserve. We'll have lunch at the summit view, circle around the Preserve on the blue perimeter trail, and end the hike with a short loop on the Preserve's interior paths. Leader: Eileen West, eileenw1000@gmail.com. Short shuttle required; rain cancels. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (Nos. 6 and 42).*