

2019/20 Fall/Winter Wednesday Hikes

November 6: “Monadnock - CliffWalk Trail” No Breakfast. Please eat before Hike. We will NOT go to the summit, beautiful views, some moderate climbing and one ladder climb. Bring lunch, fluids, approximately 4 hours. Meet at the “Old Tollhouse” trail head off route 124 Jaffrey, New Hampshire. We will meet in the trail-head parking lot at 9:00 AM. Each hiker will need to pay \$5.00 to the New Hampshire State Park ranger. No Dogs. Leader: Mary Ann Siron (c) (413) 579-1688 or ottertales8@gmail.com.

November 13: “Bearhole Reservation” Breakfast at Memo’s, 1272 Memorial Ave. West Springfield, MA. Breakfast at 8:00 AM, depart for hike at 9am. Carpool to hike start or park at end of Bearhole Rd. in W. Springfield, off Dewey St. across from Rogers Ave. Route is relatively flat, on old roads. We will go around the reservoir, stopping at the site of the old resort and remains of the chimney and eponymous bear house from 1900. We will head out to Ashley Reservoir and return. Hiking poles will be helpful at the Bearhole site. Distance is about 6 miles. DOGS are allowed. Leader: Al LaFleche (413) 306-1270 or ajlafleche@comcast.net.

November 20: Hike the M+M trail from the Notch to Harris Mt. Rd. Approximately 5 miles. Meet at 8:00 AM for breakfast at Atkins Farms, 1151 West St. (Rt.116) Amherst, MA. If you are not coming for breakfast, please be at Atkin’s by 8:45 AM for car-spotting. Dog friendly. Leaders: Betty and Ray Siwinski (413) 427-6095 or bettrad@msn.com.

November 27: Meet at Al Shane’s, 68 Pine Edge Dr., Northampton at 8:00 AM. Walk to River Valley Co-op via wooded trail to breakfast, then hike through Fitzgerald Lake Conservation area with a return to Al’s. Dogs allowed on Leash. Leader: Al Shane (413) 548-9435 or albert_s_01054@yahoo.com. PLEASE NO Parking at River Valley Co-op!!!!

December 4: Hike Goat Peak, Hamden, MA. Breakfast at Reid’s Corner, Hampden, MA. Goat Peak is a short, scenic 4 mile hike. DOGS allowed. Leader: Mike Cronin (413) 566-3114 or (413) 262-0039 (c) or mike92341@gmail.com.

December 11: Hike Chester Blandford State Forest, Rt 20 Chester, MA. Meet for breakfast at Good Table, School St. Westfield, MA. Hike is approximately 5 miles, hilly at the beginning. Nice view of Sanderson Brook Falls. Dog Friendly. Leader: Mike Cronin (413) 566-3114 or (413) 262-0039 (c) or mike92341@gmail.com. Bring snacks, spikes or snowshoes, poles.

December 18: “Hike McCain Farm Trail” Breakfast at Hometown Kitchen, Rt. 83, Somers, CT. We will carpool from breakfast to hike start. (part of Shenipsit State Forest) and climb up Soapstone Mt. This will be a “longish” hike, bring lunch and drinks. Dogs allowed on leash. Leader: Don Maynard (413) 525-3464 or djmaynard07@charter.net.

December 25: Merry Christmas

January 1: Happy New Year - Open Date. Please contact the webmaster at spfldcyclonauts@gmail.com if you can lead a hike on this date.

January 8: “Hike Wachusett Mountain” No breakfast stop. Hike will depend on the weather. Meet at 9:00 AM at the Ski Lodge parking lot, NOT the Visitor’s Center! Please park near the woods, near the trails. Bring lunch, fluids, water, poles, spikes. POST-HIKE snacks at the Gingras’ house. Please bring something to share with the group. Leader: Claire Gingras (978) 870-4230 Claire or (978) 870-2483 Ed or ecgingras2@verizon.net.

January 15: “Hike Peaked Mountain” Breakfast at Beth’s Family Dining, 107 Main St. Monson, MA. Hiking the medium- long loop. Bring the usual, lunch, water, warm clothing, poles, spikes. Dog Friendly Leader: Don Maynard (413) 525-3464 or djmaynard07@charter.net.

January 22: “Hike Granville State Forest” Breakfast at Good Table, School St. Westfield, MA. We will explore the waterworks and trails around the waterworks. Approximately 4.5 hours. May use snowshoes, spikes, bring snacks, water, poles. NO DOGS Leader: Kathy Martin (413) 977-9112 (c) or katmartin@comcast.net.

January 29: “Hike Stanley Park” Breakfast at Soup’s On, 16 Union St. Westfield MA. Use the 2nd entrance off Western Ave, across from Westfield State athletic building. Easy to moderate hike, lasting 2-4 hours, depending on the group, could use x-c skis, snowshoes or spikes. Dogs allowed on leash. Leader: Mary Ann Siron (413) 579-1688 or ottertales8@gmail.com.

Note: Printed schedules are not updated throughout the hike schedule. Please refer to the website for up to date information.