



WESTCHESTER TRAILS ASSOC.

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SUMMER HIKING SCHEDULE JUNE, JULY and AUGUST, 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 for details.

To become a member, please visit the "Join/Contact" page on our website for an application and dues payment options.

Saturday, June 2 - **TWO HIKEs TODAY:**

Saturday, June 2 - **SBM in Harriman. Part 1: Suffern to Route 106.** 12.7 miles, moderate to strenuous. This is Part 1 in a series of 2 hikes on the Suffern-Bear Mountain Trail, which crosses the length of Harriman State Park. There are multiple ups and downs with plenty of views. For further information or to register, contact Bob Fiscina at fis6973@verizon.net. Rain cancels. Shuttle required. No beginners please. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Saturday, June 2 - **Port Chester, Rye and Purchase.** 7 miles, easy. During our "Around the County" series we had to skip one of the places on our list - the Pepsico Sculpture Garden - because it was closed for renovation. The Garden is now open, so let's revisit the area. We'll start with an exploration of the trails at the Rye Nature Center, then shuttle to Lyon Park in Port Chester for the

start of our continuous hike. We'll walk through this local park, head over to Crawford-Rye Hills Park, and then continue on shaded streets to Pepsico where we'll see sculptures by famous artists and gardens of specimen trees and flowers. Finally, we'll enter the SUNY Purchase campus to find more sculptures and an interesting adventure park. Those who wish can also visit the Neuberger Museum of Art (free admission today) at the conclusion of the hike. This hike will be mostly on pavement, so hiking boots are not required. Contact leader to register: Eileen West, eileenw1000@gmail.com. Rain cancels. *Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (Nos. 17 and 97a).*

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

Sunday June 3 - **Ciaiola Conservation Area, Patterson, NY (Putnam County)**. 5-7 miles, moderate. The length of this hike will depend on the group. There are ups and downs, some moderately steep, which will be done at a reasonable pace. Hike on a variety of trails through woods and to brooks and waterfalls (if enough water is flowing). There are at least two view points along the way. This park was formerly called the Walter G. Merit Park but was renamed in memory of Michael Ciaiola, long time land conservationist and former president of the Putnam Land Trust. Contact hike leader Barry Leibowitz by phone at home (845) 278-2479 or cell phone (914) 774-5321 by no later than 6 p.m. on June 2. Rain cancels. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Sunday June 3 - **Cranberry Lake Preserve**. 4-5 miles, easy to moderate. Hike on various trails around the lake. Going up the quarry offers a short but steep climb. Meet at the nature center at 9:45 AM. The preserve is located at 1609 Old Orchard Street in North White Plains, NY 10604; if you need directions or information about the preserve, their number is (914) 428-1005. Leader: Sue Soni, surekhasoni1968@gmail.com (914) 747-2452. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 51).*

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

Saturday, June 9 - **Hook Mountain**. 6 miles, moderate. Spectacular views from the top of the Palisades. Starting near Rockland State Park (near the fire house), we will take the aqua-blazed Long Path south and do a counter clockwise circular to the white Upper Nyack Trail, and then along the shore. Contact leader for meeting information. Leader: Frank Lee, fleessa@yahoo.com. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Saturday, June 9 - **James Baird State Park**. 4-5 miles, easy to moderate. This state park in Pleasant Valley, NY (Dutchess County) is situated on farmland once owned by James Baird, a contractor and engineer whose company built the Lincoln Memorial. Leader: Jean Dolen, (914) 522-4310. *This is an ADK Mohican hike.*

Sunday, June 10 - **Annual Meeting.**

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

Saturday, June 16 - **Bear Mountain**. 7 miles, moderate plus. We will take about 1,000 winding steps up this mountain, through rocky sections and some woods, to a beautiful view from the top surrounding Perkins Tower, an historical museum. Return will be by way of the 1777 and SBM trails. There is a parking fee of \$10 per car without an Empire Passport. Call the leader, Jean Dolen, to register at (914) 522-4310. *This is an ADK Mohican hike.*

Saturday, June 16 - **Fahnestock Park**. 7 miles, easy to moderate. This is a pretty hike for an early summer day. In addition to wooded areas, we will walk through open fields. Terrain is mostly flat with a bit of elevation gain at the start and middle of the hike. We will pass by three lakes/ponds.

Bring a lunch and one to two liters of water. A hat could be useful. Leader Steve Klepner, spk010@yahoo.com, (845) 297-7066. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Sunday, June 17 - **TWO HIKEs TODAY:**

Sunday, June 17 - **Taurus with a Twist.** 6-7 miles, moderate. We'll begin with an ascent of Mt. Taurus on the Washburn Trail at a compassionate pace, taking breaks as needed. Then we will loop around on the Nelsonville Trail (maybe the Mountain Laurel will still be blooming!), take a scenic section on the Undercliff, and then hike out through Cornish Estates. Excessive rain cancels. Please register with the leader not later than 48 hrs. before the hike. Leader: Judy Hirschman, hirschmanjudith@gmail.com

Sunday, June 17 - **Lasdon Park, Katonah, NY.** 2-3 miles, easy. Enjoy the flowers in this lovely County park as we walk the path of war memorials and then through the gardens and a field of beautiful trees, leading us to the historic tree section, and circle a pond with a pagoda. Leader: Jean Dolen, (914) 522-4310. *This is an ADK Mohican hike. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 34).*

Saturday, June 23 - **TWO HIKEs TODAY:**

Saturday, June 23 - **Minnewaska/Castle Point.** 8 miles moderate. Scenic hike to Castle Point via Mossy Glen, Long Path and Blueberry trails. Enjoy views of Catskills, Rainbow Falls and Lake Awosting. Call leader for carpool information or meet at lower parking lot at 9:30. Parking fee \$10.00 without Empire Passport. Leader: Minu Chaudhuri (914-391-5918) or email minu1@optonline.net. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Saturday, June 23 - **Afternoon-Twilight Beats in the Caribbean.** 3 miles, easy to moderate. After a late afternoon jaunt through Lenoir Nature Preserve, the Old Croton Aqueduct and Untermeyer Gardens in Yonkers, revel in the Caribbean beats of "Island Breeze." This steel band kicks off Untermeyer's free summer concert series with calypso, reggae and Latin jazz favorites. (7:30 concert is optional). Bring refreshment for pre-music supper or group can choose to pre-order nearby restaurant delivery. Leader: Debbie Farrell, debfarpr@gmail.com or (914) 282-9942. *Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 8).*

Sunday, June 24 - **TWO HIKEs TODAY:**

Sunday, June 24 - **Harriman Hike - Exploring Doodletown.** 5-6 miles, moderate. Weather conditions will determine exact route of this hike through Doodletown, but we will enjoy the landmarks and history of this area on cool shady trails. Appropriate footwear, sufficient water and lunch are required. To register contact leader: Sarah Davis sewdavis@gmail.com, (212) 873-4018 h, (917) 501-1322 c. *This is an ADK Mohican hike.*

Sunday, June 24 - **Harts Brook Park and Preserve.** 3 miles, easy. Stately woodlands, flowing streams, open fields, flowering trees, a secluded pond - summer bliss. Meet the leader at 10:00 a.m. at the preserve's parking area. The preserve is located at 156 Ridge Road in Hartsdale. You can also find GPS and map directions on the New York New Jersey Trail Conference website at: <https://www.nynjtc.org/park/harts-brook-park>. Rain cancels. Leader: Toby Garfinkel (914) 337-6612. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 5).*

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

Saturday, June 30 - **Rhododendron in Harriman?** 7 miles, moderate. Each summer the leader searches for rhododendron in bloom, but she's not always successful. This time she'll press her luck even further by visiting what may be the only area of rhododendron in Harriman. Ah, but will it be blooming? Find out on this circular hike from Lake Skannatati which includes ridge walks, views, and a short game of "find the bottle cap". Contact leader to register: Eileen West, eileenw1000@gmail.com. Rain cancels. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Saturday, June 30 - **Taxter Ridge Park Preserve.** 3-4 miles, easy to moderate. This is a newly reopened and blazed Town of Greenburgh preserve. The hike begins and ends in the parking lot on Taxter Road, which can be approached either from U.S. Route 9 (turn east on Sunnyside Lane, which becomes Taxter Road) or from Route 119 (turn south on Taxter Road). Look for the brown signs with white lettering saying "Town of Greenburgh Preserve" just before the parking area from either direction. Meet at 10:00 a.m. in the parking lot. Bring lunch and we will eat in a nicely shaded, scenic spot in the woods. The tall trees give good shade on a hot day. Leader: Ellie Carren (914) 591-7038. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 3).*

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

Sunday, July 1 - **Castle Rock to Garrison School Forest.** 6-7 miles, moderate. This is a pleasant warm weather hike with spectacular views across the Hudson to West Point. Shaded paths, streams. Two (2) EZ climbs. Lots of history, mostly real but the leader will fill in the gaps with dubious facts. Most of the time we'll be on well-marked trails but... Meet at the Garrison School Forest parking area on Snake Hill Road (about 1/2 mile East of Route 9D, one mile West of Route 9). The parking area is on the south side of Snake Hill and is marked. From there we'll shuttle to Castle Rock Unique Area. Leader: Howard Millman, hwardmillman@aol.com, (914) 439-8031. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Sunday, July 1 - **Teatown.** (NWP) 3 miles, easy to moderate. A shady walk on a summer's morning. Lake, woodlands, wetlands on Lakeside, Briarcliff-Peekskill, and Teatown-Kitchawan trails. Meet the leader at 9:30 a.m. in NWP, or at 10 a.m. in the Teatown lot across the street from the Nature Center. Carpooling is encouraged due to \$5 parking fee at Teatown on the weekend. Leader: Carolyn Hoffman, 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. 62).*

Wednesday, July 4 - **Catfish Loop in Fahnestock.** 5 miles, moderate. 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. We will meet at 9:30. To register e-mail Carol Harting at c.harting@verizon.net. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Saturday, July 7 - **TWO HIKES AND A CANOE/KAYAK TODAY:**

Saturday, July 7 - **Breakneck from the Back.** 7-8 miles, moderate to strenuous. This circular hike, which can be shortened if it's really hot, takes in the Washburn, Breakneck, Notch and Cornish trails. We will start at the trailhead for the Washburn and Cornish Trails, just north of Cold Spring. Leader: Mike Kaplan, kaplanm2001@yahoo.com. No first time hikers please. Rain cancels. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Saturday, July 7 - **Rockefeller Park - Main Entrance.** 5-6 miles, easy to moderate. This is a three to four hour hike on carriage roads and rolling hills which may be 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, July 7 - **Canoe / Kayak: Bashakill.** This is the largest freshwater wetland in southeastern New York which protects acres of habitat for all kinds of wildlife. On this trip we will set up a shuttle as far south as possible for a one way downstream paddle through the entire wetlands. If we are lucky we may see eaglets learning to fly. There may be space in leader's canoe. Bring your own boat, lunch, and a sense of adventure. Call to register. Jane Smalley (914) 276-0413 or e-mail jsmallpt@aol.com. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Sunday, July 8 - **TWO HIKES TODAY:**

Sunday, July 8 - **To the Timp and Back from the Hudson River.** 4-5 miles, moderate. We will start at the trailhead of the Timp-Torne Trail on Rt. 9W. There is an initial steep ascent and breathtaking views of the Hudson. Once we reach the Timp (with more 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 jpr50@optonline.net for information or to register.

Sunday, July 8 - **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. Meet 10 AM at the Van Cortlandt Stables parking lot: Broadway and Mosholu Avenue (please contact the leader for directions and to confirm attendance).

Saturday, July 14 - **Catskills, North Lake.** 9 miles, moderate. This historic hike along the Escarpment Trail cliffs offers some of the best scenery in the Hudson Valley. We hike to various popular lookouts and pass the former Catskill Mountain House before continuing to North Point. Meet the leader at the Schutt Road parking area just before the entrance to the North Lake Campground gatehouse. Leader will attempt to arrange carpools for those who need them. Contact the leader for meeting time and information. Rain cancels. Leader: Marvin Pasternak, marvp7025@gmail.com or (917) 733-2259.

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

Sunday, July 15 - **Cornell Mine-Doodletown Circular.** (NWP). 5-6 miles, moderate. We will start this hike with a steady climb up the Cornell Mine trail in Harriman State Park, then have lunch at the Bald Mountain viewpoint before descending on the 1777 and other trails in an exploration of Doodletown. Contact the leader for meeting time and information: Alice Benash, ajrb3@verizon.net or (914) 723-8722. Rain cancels.

Sunday, July 15 - **Ward Pound Ridge Reservation.** 5-6 miles, easy. This is a pleasant morning "walk in the woods" on gentle terrain on the Reservation's red ski trails. Bring lunch or a snack and plenty of water. To register, contact Carol Harting at c.harting@verizon.net. *Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 63).*

Saturday, July 21 - **TWO HIKES TODAY:**

Saturday, July 21 - **Breakneck Mountain in Harriman State Park (Circuit Hike #11).** 8 miles, moderate. This hike, in the relatively quiet southeastern section of the park, features deep woods, open rock slabs, interesting rock formations, and views. Contact leader for meeting time and place: Kathie Laug (203) 348-3993(H), (203) 722-5490(C), kfriedmanlaug@optonline.net. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Saturday, July 21 - **Bronx River Pathway**. (NWP) 4-6 miles, easy. We will meet at 10 a.m. at the North White Plains train station and walk south along the Bronx River Pathway through White Plains to Hartsdale and return. Extreme heat or humidity may shorten the length of the hike (group decision). For further information contact leader Patti Kass at (914) 946-6414 or puddicats@gmail.com. Phone on day of hike only: (914) 525-6853. Heavy rain cancels.

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

Sunday, July 22 - **Three Lakes/AT Loop**. 6 miles, moderate. Enjoy a circular hike through the woods of Fahnestock State Park with some ups and downs on the Appalachian and Three Lakes Trails. Meet the leader at 9:30 AM at the large Canopus Lake parking area on Route 301. Leader: Minu Chaudhuri (914) 391-5918, minu1@optonline.net. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Sunday, July 22 - **Briarcliff Peekskill Trailway Part 3: Watch Hill Road through Blue Mountain Reservation, and Optional Extension**. 3-4 miles, easy to moderate. This shuttle hike features woods and streams, with an option at the end of the hike to do more for those who choose to. Contact leader for time and meeting place. Leader: Carolyn Hoffman, 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. 48)*

Saturday July 28 - **SBM in Harriman. Part 2: Route 106 to Bear Mountain**. 10.1 miles, moderate to strenuous. Today we will complete Suffern-Bear Mountain Trail, climbing Pingyp, West and Bear Mountains. For further information or to register, contact Bob Fiscina at fis6973@verizon.net. Rain cancels. Shuttle required. No beginners please. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Sunday, July 29 - **TWO HIKES TODAY:**

Sunday, July 29 - **Harriman Circuit Hike #19: Hogencamp Mountain**. 6.5 miles, moderate. This hike, with 1200 ft. of elevation gain, features views, mines and a lake. Extreme heat cancels. We meet at Lake Skannatati on 7 Lakes Drive. Register with leader Jane Restani by 5 PM Saturday at irabjanea@aol.com. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Sunday, July 29 - **Lake Taghkanic Hike and Swim**. 5 miles, easy to moderate. We'll do a loop around the lake, then enjoy a swim in this Columbia County park in Ancram, NY. There is a bath house for changing, and snacks are available. Expect a parking fee of \$8 per car without an Empire Passport. Exit at the large green sign for the park exit off the Taconic State Parkway, past the Columbia County sign. Call the leader, Jean Dolen, to register at (914) 522-4310. *This is an ADK Mohican hike.*

Saturday, August 4 - **TWO HIKES AND A CANOE/KAYAK TODAY:**

Saturday, August 4 - **Minnewaska Hike and Swim**. 8 miles, easy to moderate. This is a scenic hike on carriage roads with spectacular views, plus lunch and a cooling swim at Lake Awosting (a dressing area is available). Bring water shoes if you have them for the rocks. There is a \$10 per car parking fee unless you have an Empire Passport, so carpooling is encouraged. From the Thruway (I-87) take exit 18 and head west on Rt. 299. Turn right at Rt. 44 - it is 4-5 miles to the park entrance. Park in the upper lot. Call the leader, Jean Dolen, to register at (914) 522-4310. *This is an ADK Mohican hike.*

Saturday, August 4 - **Bear Mt. Bridge and Environs**. 5-6 miles, easy. Join the leader on a hike suitable for August weather. We will park on the east side of the Bear Mountain Bridge, walk

across and do some combination of the ferry dock (south of the bridge) and Fort Montgomery (north of the bridge). The latter also takes us across a small suspension bridge. Bring a lunch, sunblock and one to two liters of water. A broad brimmed hat would be useful. Leader Steve Klepner, spk010@yahoo.com, (845) 297-7066. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Saturday August 4 - **Canoe / Kayak: Bantam River, Litchfield, CT.** The Bantam River in Connecticut enters and exits the lake at the north end providing superb quiet water paddling through an extensive tract of land protected by the White Memorial Foundation. On this trip we will explore both the inlet and the outlet; narrow twisty streams with a gentle current including a short paddle on the north end of the lake along the shoreline. Meet at 10:00 at the Bantam Market on the right near the junction of Rt. 202 and Rt. 209. Bring lunch, your own boat, and a willingness to explore. There are no rentals nearby. Call to register. Jane Smalley (914) 276-0413 or e-mail jsmallpt@aol.com. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Sunday, August 5 - **TWO HIKEs TODAY:**

Sunday, August 5 - **Black Rock Forest Hike and Swim.** 5 miles, moderate. We will hike on various trails and swim at Sutherland Pond. May also see a waterfall and "Jupiter's boulder." Contact leader for time and place. Short shuttle involved. Leader: Carolyn Hoffman, earthwormch@aol.com, home (914) 948-0608, cell on day of hike only (914) 420-5778. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Sunday, August 5 - **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 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. *Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 9).*

Saturday, August 11 - **Hook Mountain.** 6 miles, moderate. We will climb the ridge at a pace adjusted to the weather and take time to enjoy the spectacular views. Easy return on the Shore Path. Contact leader to register: Catharine Raffaele, raffaele.catharine@yahoo.com. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Sunday, August 12 - **TWO HIKEs TODAY:**

Sunday, August 12 - **Harriman Hike.** 5-6 miles, moderate. We will hike on various trails in the area of Breakneck Pond and the Third Reservoir in the middle of Harriman. We may find blueberries and shadberries. Appropriate footwear, sufficient water and lunch are required. To register contact: Sarah Davis sewdavis@gmail.com, (212) 873-4018 h, (917) 501-1322 c. *This is an ADK Mohican hike.*

Sunday, August 12 - **Arthur Butler Sanctuary, Mt. Kisco, NY.** 4-5 miles, easy to moderate. 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. Call the leader, Jean Dolen, to register at (914) 522-4310. *This is an ADK Mohican hike. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 49).*

Saturday August 18 - **TWO HIKEs TODAY:**

Saturday August 18 - **Tuxedo-Mt. Ivy Trail.** 9-10 miles, moderate to strenuous. Hike the T-MI end to end, crossing the southern portion of Harriman State Park. For further information or to register, contact Bob Fiscina at fis6973@verizon.net. Rain cancels. Shuttle required. No beginners please. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Saturday August 18 - Island Pond Circular. 5 miles, easy to moderate. We will park at the Elk Pen and start with the steep climb up the ASB. Pace will be adjusted to weather conditions. Return on the A.T. Leader: Catharine Raffaele, raffaele.catharine@yahoo.com. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Sunday, August 19 - TWO HIKES TODAY:

Sunday, August 19 - Long Pond Ironworks State Park. 7-8 miles, moderate. This hike, just over the New York border in northern New Jersey, starts and ends with climbs to sweeping views of the Monksville Reservoir, named for the town that was intentionally flooded by modern engineers to supply water to the area (the town's remains are still located below the surface and can be seen during periods of drought). In between, we'll walk near the reservoir, around the Long Pond Ironworks (an abandoned village where iron miners and their families lived until the late 1800's), and pass other evidence of 18th and 19th century mining operations. Short shuttle required. Contact leader to register: Eileen West, eileenw1000@gmail.com. Rain cancels. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Sunday, August 19 - Silver Lake Preserve, West Harrison, NY. 4-5 miles, easy to moderate. The route of this 3 hour hike is through woods on varied terrain with some fallen trees to navigate, and along a lovely lake. Leader: Jean Dolen, (914) 522-4310. *This is an ADK Mohican hike. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 40).*

Saturday, August 25 - TWO HIKES TODAY:

Saturday, August 25 - Popolopen Torne and Gorge (Circuit Hike #26). 5.5 miles, moderate with rock scrambling up the Torne. The hike, with 1675 feet of elevation gain, begins and ends at Fort Montgomery which contains remains of fortifications from the Revolutionary War. We will hike along the deep shady gorge with its rushing rapids before the challenging climb up exposed rock faces to the top of the Torne and circle Brooks Lake on the way back. Contact leader for meeting time and place: Kathie Laug (203) 348-3993(H), (203) 722-5490(C), kfriedmanlaug@optonline.net. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Saturday, August 25 - Clifffdale-Teatown Trail and Teatown Lake. 4 miles, easy to moderate. Bring a snack and some refreshing water and come enjoy this lovely summer hike at the Teatown Lake Reservation. This will be a relaxing hike from the Visitor's center to the Clifffdale Education Center, using part of the Teatown Lake and other trails. If weather permits we'll have a snack on the benches at Clifffdale, and then return to the Visitor's center on the other side of the lake. Contact the leader for meeting time, place and carpooling information. Teatown now charges a \$5.00 per car fee for non-member parking. Leader: Elspeth Kramer, elspethkramer@aol.com, (347) 262-4802. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 62).*

Sunday, August 26 - TWO HIKES TODAY:

Sunday, August 26 - Sterling Forest Fire Tower + More. 6-8 miles, moderate to strenuous. The length of this hike will depend on weather conditions, and will take us to the fire tower plus other sites depending on how hot the day is. Rain cancels; contact leader for meeting time and other information. Leader: Mike Jablonski, mjab5749@gmail.com.

Sunday, August 26 - Irvington Woods Preserve. 3-4 miles, easy to moderate. An easy paced hike on various trails in a lovely wooded, 430 acre nature preserve. Meet the leader at 10 AM at the O'Hara Nature Center, 170 Mountain Road Irvington. Directions: From Route 9 turn east (away from the river) on Sunnyside Lane, then bear right onto Mountain Road. The parking lot is a short distance

up the hill. Lunch optional in the garden next to the center after the hike. Leader: Asha Chauhan, A1chauhan@gmail.com, (212) 730-2351. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No 54).*