



WESTCHESTER TRAILS ASSOC.

SPRING HIKING SCHEDULE APRIL, MAY and JUNE, 2023

Covid-19 Policy

**Outings that are limited to vaccinated participants will say so in the description.
The restrictions below apply regardless of vaccination status.**

You must have a mask or other face covering with you at all times, which must be worn in crowded outdoor areas, when indoors, and during carpools. Those who are not from the same household should maintain at least 6' of social distance.

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

1. Do you currently have any symptoms of a respiratory infection (including cough, fever, sore throat, shortness of breath, or loss of taste/smell)?
2. Have you had any of the above symptoms in the past 5 days?
3. Have you tested positive for Covid-19 in the past 5 days?
4. As far as you know, have you had contact with any confirmed or suspect Covid-19 case within the last 5 days?



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

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

Carpooling arrangements are entirely voluntary and entail 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.

Unless otherwise noted, all of our hikes are joint with ADK Mohican

Saturday, April 1 - TWO HIKES TODAY:

Saturday, April 1 - Silvermine Circular. 8 miles, moderate terrain. This very hilly hike in northern Harriman Park will be led at a moderate pace. We'll begin on the Menomine Trail which will take us to the Brien Memorial Shelter. From there we take the RD Trail west over Letterrock and

Goshen Mountains. After crossing Seven Lakes Drive we continue until we meet the Long Path, which we will take over Stockbridge Mountain; then we'll take the Menomine Trail back to our cars. Hopefully we will hear the spring peepers. It should be a great day - prepare for a good workout! Leader: Judy Kossover, woodtuxduo@aol.com or (845) 548-7604.

Saturday, April 1 - **Manitoga, Garrison, NY.** 3-4 miles, easy to moderate terrain. We will meet at Manitoga off Route 9D (584 Route 9D, Garrison) and explore the trails within the forest for a relatively easy hike with some ups and downs for about two or three hours. This historic property was once owned by Russel Wright, an industrial designer. Contact Carol Harting at c.harting@verizon.net to register.

Sunday, April 2 - **TWO HIKEs TODAY:**

Sunday, April 2 - **Spring Waters.** 7-8 miles, easy to moderate terrain. Celebrate the advent of spring with a circular hike in the southwestern part of Harriman State Park that's never far from a roaring brook or a peaceful lake. There are a couple of moderate climbs and some rocky terrain in here, but nothing we can't handle. Using the Stony Brook and Pine Meadow Trails with a few others added for good measure, we'll have lunch at the summit of Diamond Mountain with a view of Lake Sebago, then enjoy an afternoon break at Pine Meadow Lake before returning to the cars. Leader: Eileen West, eileenw1000@gmail.com. Rain cancels.

Sunday, April 2 - **Saxon Woods.** 3 miles, easy to moderate terrain. We will do a circular hike in this lovely park, which goes through surprisingly wooded, shady and serene areas in spite of the park's location near the city of White Plains. Meet the leader in the pool parking lot off Mamaroneck Avenue on the far side (away from the road), near the southern portion of the lot. Vaccination is required on this hike. Contact leader for meeting time or other information. Leader: Sheila Klatzky, srklatzky@gmail.com. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 60).*

Saturday, April 8 - **TWO HIKEs TODAY:**

Saturday, April 8 - **Meyer Preserve to Butler Preserve.** 7 miles, easy to moderate terrain. This History Hike is inspired by an outing done by our predecessors. It includes several flat sections and a few ascents, one long but gradual and a few short but less gradual. The hike will be done at a compassionate pace with regroupings as needed to keep the group together. We will hike in the Meyer Preserve, take the little known Aqueduct Trail to Byram Lake, and proceed north on Byram Lake Road with views of the water. We will then ascend the blue trail into Butler. Hiking boots are necessary, poles are highly advisable. Bring a lunch/snack and a liter of water. Short shuttle involved (masks required). Leader Steve Klepner, spk010@yahoo.com or (845) 297-7066. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (Nos. 49 and 55).*



Saturday, April 8 - **Bennett's Pond State Park, Ridgefield, CT.** 3-4 miles, easy terrain. This is a two to three hour hike with a walk through meadows, along a lake with beaver dams and water fowl, then onto a woods trail. Sturdy shoes and water are recommended. Participation on this hike is limited to 10 people, including the leader. For information and to register, contact the leader, Rosanne Schepis, at rschep@yahoo.com or (203) 417-5552.

Sunday, April 9 (Happy Easter!) - **TWO HIKEs TODAY:**

Sunday, April 9 - **Fahnestock State Park.** 6 miles, moderate terrain. The plan is to begin from the Round Hill/ Perkins Access Parking area on Route 301, about a mile east of Route 9. After we explore the summit of Round Hill we will return to the Round Hill Bypass and cross over East

Mountain. Then we will take the Perkins and Fahnestock trails to complete this scenic loop. There is a "hill" and a "mountain" plus the usual ups and downs, but we won't run. If weather suggests an ice cream stop after the hike, it likely will occur. Register with the leader, Jane Restani, at irabjanea@aol.com by 5 PM the Friday before the hike.

Sunday, April 9 - **Richter Park, Danbury, CT.** 3-4 miles, easy to moderate terrain. This is a short, satisfying hike with views of Boggs Pond and points north; the perfect way to work off those extra Easter candy calories. The trails are hidden behind the city's award-winning public golf course. Elevation gain of 370 feet, with a couple of short, rocky ascents/descents. The primary route is about three miles, with an option to add another half mile or so, depending on conditions. To register, email the leader, Brent Laymon, at belaymon@gmail.com or call (475) 206-7599.

Saturday, April 15 - **TWO HIKES TODAY:**

Saturday, April 15 - **Bald Mountain, Timp, and Doodletown.** 6-7 miles, moderately strenuous terrain. This hike is steep and rocky with most of the climbing before lunch. We will take the Cornell Mine and RD trails to Bald Mountain for great views, and then continue to the Timp, with more great views. After lunch we descend to Timp Pass Road and access the 1777 E. Vaccination is required on this hike. Leader: Catharine Raffaele, catharineraffaele@gmail.com.

Saturday, April 15 - **Montrose State Forest, Seward Estate and Georges Island.** 5 miles, easy to moderate terrain. Ample woods and water; the home site of Frederick Seward, who saved his father Treasury Secretary William H. Seward's life amid the Lincoln Assassination conspiracy; NYS's second largest shell midden, and much more. Leader: Debbie Farrell, debarpr@gmail.com or (914) 282-9942. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 26 and 80).*

Sunday, April 16 - **TWO HIKES TODAY:**

Sunday, April 16 - **Harriman Loop.** 9 miles, moderate to strenuous terrain. We will meet at Lake Skannatati and make a large loop (with some detours!) to visit the Hogencamp, Surebridge, and Pine Swamp mines, along with views from Hogencamp and Surebridge Mountains and the remains of a girl scout camp. Elevation change is moderate (1500 feet) but there are some steep and off-trail sections. To register, contact Lauren Linkowski at llinkowski@gmail.com or (914) 907-6764 no later than Friday, April 14. Vaccination is required on this hike.

Sunday, April 16 - **Hidden Valley Loop and Teatown Lake.** 4-5 miles, easy to moderate terrain. Come enjoy a nice invigorating hike at Teatown. Bring water, snacks and if it's a chilly day a thermos of either tea, coffee or hot chocolate. Contact the leader for meeting time or information. Leader: Elspeth Kramer, elspethjkramer@gmail.com or (347) 262-4802. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 62).*

Saturday, April 22 - **THREE HIKES TODAY:**

Saturday, April 22 - **Giant Stairs/Long Path Loop.** 10 miles, moderate to strenuous terrain. This loop follows the Long Path and Shore Trail along the river and across the Giant Stairs, with its multiple boulder scrambles. An early out is available. No beginners please. Vaccination is required on this hike. Leader: Bob Fiscina, fis6973@tutamail.com. Rain or wet conditions cancel.



Saturday, April 22 - **Fahnstock History Hike**. 7 miles, moderate terrain. We will begin on the AT near Canopus Lake, continue on the Three Lakes Trail, then left on Sunken Mine Road to the Blue Scout Trail. Return by the Green Trail to the Three Lakes Trail and out. To register, email the leader, Kathy Skura, at kathyskura@gmail.com.

Saturday, April 22 - **FDR Park in Yorktown Heights, NY**. 3-5 miles, easy terrain. We will enter the park from the eastern entrance using the Mohansic Trailway. For part of the way we'll be walking on boardwalks built by volunteers under the leadership of Walkable Westchester authors Jane and Walt Daniels, making it possible to traverse many wetlands to view the elusive Crom Pond and enjoy the beautiful woodland trails in the park. Vaccination is required on this hike. Please call or email the leader, Ann Autieri to register or for more information at (914) 539-1620 or ann@cilia.org. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 24).*

Sunday, April 23 - **Weir Farm and Nod Hill Preserve, Wilton, CT**. 4-6 miles, easy to moderate terrain. Weir Farm, the only National Historic Site in Connecticut, was the property of Julian Weir, an American Impressionist artist who was struck by nature's beauty. We will do a 4 mile hike on gently rolling but somewhat rugged trails with rocks, roots and stream crossings, past the stone walls, woodlands, pond and meadow that inspired him as an artist. We will have lunch near the "secret garden" and family home (in sight of the cars in case you need an early out), then hike another 2 miles to and around Weir Pond across the road. Bring your National Park Passport Book if you have one, as those can be stamped on the porch of the visitor center. Contact lisaweismiller@gmail.com to register and for start time and directions.

Saturday, April 29 - **TWO HIKES TODAY:**

Saturday, April 29 - **Ives Trail in Connecticut**. 12 miles, moderate terrain. We'll follow a uniquely-blazed trail named for one of Danbury's most famous citizens, going from Bennett's Pond in Ridgefield to Tarrywile Park in Danbury. We traverse Pine Mountain (site of Ives' cabin), Wooster Mountain, Moses Mountain, and Thomas Mountain; these are actually hills and not mountains, but the elevation accrues. Leader brings brownies. A short car shuttle is involved (masks required). Contact the leader, Kay Cynamon, at kcynamon@gmail.com to register and for information.

Saturday, April 29 - **Mianus River Gorge Preserve**. 4-5 miles, easy to moderate terrain. Hike in an old growth forest and along the scenic Mianus River. We follow the red trail for the length of the preserve. Along the way we visit a Mica mine and a waterfall, ending at the Bargh Reservoir. Then we'll make our way back to the parking lot along the blue and green trails. Leader: Carol Pamm, (646) 346-0371 or CarolJoyce2@aol.com. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 56).*

Sunday, April 30 - **TWO HIKES TODAY:**

Sunday, April 30 - **Camp Smith Trail**. 7 miles, moderate to strenuous terrain. We will hike from Camp Smith to Anthony's Nose and back. This hike has lots of ups and downs, with plenty of views across the Hudson along the way to reward us. To register contact leader Janice Miller at madjan11@optonline.net or (845) 891-7434.

Sunday, April 30 - **Muscoot Farm, Somers**. 4-5 miles, easy terrain. We'll hike on several trails, through the woods and across rolling farmland. There should be plenty of signs of spring in the woods, and maybe baby animals at the farm. Meet in the main parking lot (51 NY Route 100, Katonah), preferably closer to the exit as the lot usually gets crowded later on. Vaccination is required on this hike. To register, contact the leader, Sheila Sarkar, at shechris6@gmail.com. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 58).*

Saturday, May 6 - **TWO HIKES AND A CANOE/KAYAK TODAY:**

Saturday, May 6 - **Sleeping Giant State Park, Hamden, CT.** 6 miles, moderate to strenuous terrain. We will make a loop of 6 miles using the violet trail (on the easier side of moderate) and the white trail (strenuous). Views of the quarry from the violet trail and several viewpoints from the white trail looking down at Quinnipiac University and out to Long Island Sound. Option to add the tower path up to the tower for those who have not seen it. This hike has a 12 person maximum. Contact leader for meeting time and place. Leader: Kathie Laug, (203) 722-5490, kfriedmanlaug@optonline.net.

Saturday, May 6 - **Old Croton Aqueduct Walk.** 4-6 miles, easy terrain. We will begin our walk in Hastings on Hudson and walk south towards Yonkers. We will pass the lower entrance to Untermyer Gardens and see the lion and the unicorn guarding the entrance. We will also see an area often visited by the Son of Sam, and don't forget several Hudson River views. We will also admire the spring blooms at Untermyer gardens - we can decide by group consensus whether to take the graded path up and a series of 120 steps down, or the reverse. Bring water and a snack. Leader: Cynthia Moro cynlyn24@gmail.com.

Saturday May 6 - **Canoe / Kayak - Harriman State Park.** We will open the season by exploring Lake Kanawauke and all three of its connecting lakes in Harriman State Park along Seven Lakes Drive. The yearly fee is \$35 registration per boat, good through November 30. The permit includes 5 other lakes in the park. Bring boat, paddle, lifejacket and lunch. There are no rentals nearby. We will meet at Tiorati Circle at 10:00. Vaccination is required on this outing. Please register with the leader, Jane Smalley by email at JSmallpt@aol.com or (914) 276-0413.

Sunday, May 7 - **THREE HIKES TODAY:**

Sunday, May 7 - **People's State Forest, Barkhamsted, CT.** 5 miles, moderate-to-strenuous terrain. This loop hike has approximately 1,000 feet of elevation gain. We will follow various trails: Robert Ross, Jessie Girard, Charles Pack, Agnes Bowen Loop trails. We will do the route clockwise to get the elevation done in the morning and enjoy stunning views looking out over the Farmington River and the rolling hills/mountains of Massachusetts - some of the best views in northern CT. A carpool can be arranged from the Mill Plain Road (Danbury) Park & Ride (Exit 2 off Route 84) - check with the leader for details. Masks are required for the carpool. For more information and to register, contact Trish Johnston at patcjohnston@gmail.com.

Sunday, May 7 - **Fahnestock- Bushy Ridge.** 6 miles, moderate terrain. Starting from Pelton Pond, we will hike past Stillwater Pond and then onto Bushy Ridge. Our return will be via the Three Lakes trail and past the Canada Mine. Leader: Minu Chaudhuri minuch50@gmail.com or (914) 391-5918.

Sunday, May 7 - **Tarrytown to Irvington and Back.** 5-6 miles, easy terrain. We'll park at 333 South Broadway, Tarrytown and meet in the outdoor area near the rest rooms. From there we'll walk to the Riverwalk entrance, along the Hudson and onto the Old Croton Aqueduct. We will stop for lunch at Main Street in Irvington. You can bring your own lunch or purchase food at one of the shops on Main Street. Then we'll return along the OCA and walk through Lyndhurst to South Broadway and back to our cars. Leader: Patti Kass, puddicats@gmail.com or (914) 946-6414. Cell phone on day of hike only (914) 525-6853.

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



Saturday, May 13 - **Long Path in Northern Harriman.** 9 miles, moderate terrain. This is an out and back hike starting from Route 6 and heading south along the ridge over Stockbridge and Fingerboard Mountains. We will continue to the Bradley Mine, explore its ruins, and then return on the same route to our starting point. There are several good views along the way and some interesting rock formations including the Cave Shelter and Hippo Rock. At the end of the hike there's a possibility, for those who wish, to add another 1.5 miles by doing an out and back to the Torrey Memorial view. Leader: Kevin McGahren, kmcgc@optonline.net or (914) 772-0600.

Saturday, May 13 - **Jean Dolen Memorial Hike at Rockefeller Preserve.** 3, 5 or 7 miles, easy terrain. This is a circular hike in memory of our dear friend, Jean Dolen, with options for different lengths so that everyone who would like to visit some of Jean's favorite places can participate. The route is fairly easy with a few hills, and goes along some of the preserve's prettiest paths. We'll all start with a visit to the peony garden, hopefully in glorious bloom in mid-May, where we will find a memorial plaque in a spot just outside Jean's office window. From there we will take the Overlook Trail above Swan Lake, and then continue to Eagle Hill, up to the bench placed there in her memory. After descending the hill, those who want the 3 mile option can return to the parking lot. Everyone else will hike to and around the 13 Bridges Trail, along a peaceful stream for much of the way. At the end of the trail there is another option for people to leave the group. Those choosing to do the full hike will continue along the Witch's Spring Trail, where Jean would tell the story of Hulda the Witch on the preserve's Halloween hikes, and we'll return to the cars via the Pocantico River Trail and Nature's Way. *There is no need to register for this hike* - we will go rain or shine. The hike starts promptly at 9:30 from the preserve's main parking lot (125 Phelps Way, Pleasantville), so if you plan on attending please be there before that time. There is an entry fee of \$6 per car; free if you have an Empire Pass. Leader: Eileen West, eileenw1000@gmail.com. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 59).*

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

Sunday, May 14 - **Harriman Circular.** 11 miles, moderate to strenuous terrain. This loop, with a cumulative elevation gain of about 2500', makes use of the RD, Dunning, ASB, AT and Nurian Trails in the northern section of Harriman State Park. No beginners please. Vaccination is required on this hike. Leader: Bob Fiscina, fis6973@tutamail.com. Rain cancels.

Sunday, May 14 - **Butler Sanctuary, Mt. Kisco, NY.** 3-4 miles, easy to moderate terrain. This is a lovely hike, perfect for those who want to graduate from easy hikes to moderate hikes. One trail is fairly level but the other has multiple ups and downs on somewhat steep terrain. Good hiking boots are suggested, and bring water and a snack. The preserve's address is 265 Chestnut Ridge Road, Mt. Kisco, NY. To register, contact Carol Harting at c.harting@verizon.net. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 49).*

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

Saturday, May 20 - **Dunderberg and the Timp.** 7-8 miles, moderate to strenuous terrain. Starting from Route 9W we will ascend to the ridge on the Ramapo-Dunderberg trail, with frequent ups and downs rewarded by expansive views. We'll have lunch on the summit of the Timp, then enjoy even more views as we take the Timp-Torne trail back to our cars. Vaccination is required on this hike. Leader: Mike Kaplan, kaplanm2001@yahoo.com. No first time hikers please.

Saturday, May 20 - **Briarcliff Peekskill Trailway: Blue Mountain Reservation to Watch Hill Road.** 3-4 miles, easy to moderate terrain. Woodlands, wetlands, and views of the Hudson Valley from

Mt. Spitzenberg as we hike on the northern portion of this trail. The path was recently rerouted to go through the woods instead of along the Sportsmen's Center's driveway, so we will have a chance to see the new section as well. A short shuttle is involved (masks required). Contact leader for time and meeting place. Leader: Carolyn Hoffman, carohof2@gmail.com or (914) 420-5778.

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

Sunday, May 21 - **Black Rock Forest Views.** 9-10 miles, moderate to strenuous terrain. This loop hike takes in many of the summits (and viewpoints) in Black Rock Forest. Starting from the parking area on Reservoir Road, we'll take the Stillman Trail up Whitehorse Mountain and continue on the Scenic (white) Trail to the views on Mount Misery, the Hill of Pines, and Rattlesnake Hill. We'll head over to Eagle Cliff for another view, then return to the Stillman and ascend Black Rock Mountain for a final sweeping view. Heading down from Black Rock, we'll connect with the Black Rock Hollow Trail, take that to the water filtration station, and return to the parking area on the blue and red trails. Leader: Alice Benash, ajrb3@verizon.net.

Sunday, May 21 - **Cliffdale-Teatown Trail and Teatown Lake.** 4 miles, easy to moderate terrain. Bring plenty of water and enjoy a hike from the Visitor's Center to the Cliffdale Education Center, using part of the Teatown Lake and other trails. We'll have a snack on the benches at Cliffdale, and then return to the Visitor's Center on the other side of the lake. Contact the leader for meeting time or information. Leader: Elspeth Kramer, elspethjkramer@gmail.com or (347) 262-4802. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 62).*

Saturday, May 27 - **TWO HIKES TODAY**

Saturday, May 27 - **Garrison Exploration.** 9 miles, moderate to strenuous terrain. The group will meet in Garrison and use marked and unmarked trails plus a bit of road walking to link together Castle Rock Unique Area, Glenclyffe/Arden Point, and the Garrison School Forest to get river views, explore the South Redoubt in time for Memorial Day, and check out a few ruins along the way. Elevation change is moderate (1500 feet) but there are some steep and overgrown sections. Vaccination is required on this hike. To register, contact Lauren Linkowski at lllinkowski@gmail.com or (914) 907-6764 no later than Friday, May 26.

Saturday, May 27 - **Gateway Park.** 4-5 miles, easy to moderate terrain. Join the leader on this pleasant outing on the grounds of a former dairy farm. The terrain on this hike is somewhere between easy and moderate with hills but no killer climbs. It will be done at a compassionate pace with regroupings as needed to keep the group together. Bring a lunch/snack and a liter of water. Leader: Steve Klepner, spk010@yahoo.com or (845) 297-7066. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 31).*

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

Sunday, May 28 - **Greystone to Tarrytown: History On and Off the Aqueduct.** 8 miles, easy terrain. This hike uses part of the Old Croton Aqueduct, but we'll also be leaving and returning to it in order to visit a few historical sites that we don't usually pass: Draper Observatory and the former home of Admiral Farragut in Hastings; a Dobbs Ferry monument where Washington's Headquarters was (falsely) rumored to be; a short side trail in Dobbs Ferry that parallels what used to be a Native American village and which is now - what else - a condominium complex; and perhaps others. As we pass these sites, we'll learn a little history of the places we visit. Short shuttle involved (masks required). Leader: Eileen West, eileenw1000@gmail.com. Rain cancels.



Sunday, May 28 - **Chimney Top/Moneyhole Mountain**. 4-5 miles, easy to moderate terrain. Let's face it: most trails suffer from a lackluster past. But not Chimney Top. Attend this hike and learn the scandalous history of infidelity, arson and villainy about that burned to the ground pied-a-terre hideaway. The most challenging part of this hike is getting to the trailhead. So, we'll meet in the parking lot of the Bird and Bottle Inn on Route 9, 1.5 miles south of Route 301. Large sign on the road. We'll caravan for a few minutes from there. The hike is reasonably scenic and civilized, and may include a section of the Moneyhole Mountain Trail (but that's a scandal for another day). Leader: Howard Millman, hwarmillman@runbox.com. Call on day of hike only (914) 439-8031.

Saturday June 3 - **TWO HIKEs AND A CANOE/KAYAK TODAY:**

Saturday June 3 - **Stahahe High Peak and Island Pond**. 6.5 miles, moderate+ terrain. Leaving from the Elk Pen, we will take various trails, including the Nurian through the Valley of the Boulders and the Dunning with some challenging, rocky terrain and beautiful views. We will follow unmarked trails to Stahahe High Peak with more great views and then visit the southern point of Island Pond. Return to the Elk Pen on the ASB. Vaccination is required on this hike. Leader: Catharine Raffaele, catharineraffaele@gmail.com.

Saturday June 3 - **Kitchawan Preserve**. 4-5 miles, easy to moderate terrain. We'll start with a hike on the Ledge Trail and follow a short section of the North County Trailway to take in the view from the bridge over the Croton Reservoir. Then we'll head back into the preserve and do three or four loops on varied terrain off the main White Trail. Meet in the preserve parking lot, at 712 Kitchawan Road, Ossining (please be careful entering and exiting the lot as it is on a blind corner). Vaccination is required on this hike. To register, contact the leader Sheila Sarkar, at shechris6@gmail.com. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 33).*

Saturday June 3 - **Canoe / Kayak – Basher Kill**. This is the largest freshwater wetland in southeastern New York which protects acres of habitat for all kinds of wildlife. If we are lucky we may catch the spring bird migration; also keep an eye out for the Eagle's nest shortly after lunch. The leader will set up a car shuttle for a one way paddle through the entire wetlands (masks required for the shuttle). There are no rentals nearby. Bring boat, lifejacket, water, and lunch. We will meet at 10:00 at the first put in above Haven Road. Vaccination is required on this outing. Please register with the leader, Jane Smalley, by email at jsmallpt@aol.com or (914) 276-0413.

Sunday, June 4 - **THREE HIKEs TODAY:**

Sunday, June 4 - **Minnewaska State Park**. 9-10 miles, moderate terrain. This hike will be on a mix of carriageways and trails, with over 1,000' of elevation gain. We will take the Hamilton Carriageway to Hamilton Point and Castle Point and take Blueberry Run on the return trip. Expect great views from the cliffs. If we are lucky we will catch the mountain laurel in bloom. To register contact leader Janice Miller at madjan11@optonline.net or (845) 891-7434.

Sunday, June 4 - **Governors Island**. 8 miles, easy terrain. Governors Island is an oasis away from New York City's hustle and bustle. The island is nestled in the water between Manhattan and Brooklyn, and is only accessible by ferry. We will walk here and there on the island. For an unparalleled 360-degree view we will head to Overlook Hill and reach the summit by a winding path or a granite scramble. Trivia: In 2003, after 200 years of federal control, Governors Island was sold to the State of New York for a whopping \$1. The plan is to walk from Grand Central Station down to the ferry and take a bus or train back to Grand Central. Participation is limited to 12 people, and vaccination is required on this hike. For questions and to register, contact the leader, Linda Wildman at lindawildman88@gmail.com or text/call (914) 316-5674.

Sunday, June 4 - **Baxter Preserve**. 3 miles, easy terrain. Join us for a short hike in North Salem over pastures and gentle rolling hills. Participation is limited to 10 people, and vaccination is required on this hike. Call leader, Barry Leibowitz at (914)774-5321 to register up until 6 PM the evening before the hike. Rain cancels. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 46).*

Saturday, June 10 - **THREE HIKEs TODAY:**

Saturday, June 10 - **Timp-Torne Trail End to End**. 10 miles, moderate to strenuous terrain. We will do the complete Timp-Torne Trail from Jones Point all the way to Fort Montgomery. Multiple ups and downs with a cumulative elevation gain of about 2000'. No beginners please. Short shuttle involved (masks required). Hikers must be vaccinated to participate. Leader: Bob Fiscina, fis6973@tutamail.com. Rain cancels.

Saturday, June 10 - **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 view of the Saugatuck Reservoir. Participation on this hike is limited to 12 people. Contact leader for meeting time and place. Leader: Kathie Laug, (203) 722-5490, kfriedmanlaug@optonline.net.



Saturday, June 10 - **Oscawana Island Park and Graff Sanctuary**. 4 miles, easy terrain. Walk along a stream and through a forest with remains of old estates (including a race track!), around a bird sanctuary, and ending with Oscawana Island, along the river and adjacent wetlands. Leader: Carolyn Hoffman, carohof2@gmail.com or (914) 420-5778. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 13.)*

Sunday, June 11 - **Today is WTA's Annual Meeting.**

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



Saturday, June 17 - **Lake Sebago Circular**. 8-9 miles, moderately strenuous terrain. Starting from the Lake Sebago Boat Launch, we will take the Seven Hills Trail up and over Diamond Mountain, with outstanding views from the summit. We'll descend the mountain on rocky terrain, connect with the Pine Meadow Trail, and hike along Pine Meadow Lake to Conklins Crossing. From there we access the S-BM, passing the Egg, until we reach the Stone Memorial Shelter. The Pine Meadow Trail and a series of woods roads will loop us back to Lake Wanoksink and Monitor Rock, before we return on the Seven Hills Trail to our cars. Leader: Alice Benash, ajrb3@verizon.net

Saturday, June 17 - **Twin Lakes/Nature Study Woods (Eastchester to New Rochelle Loop)**. 4.6 miles, easy terrain. Enjoy woodlands, waterfalls, and a walk around Twin Lakes. This is a circular hike with gentle ups and downs. While it is a mostly smooth hike, stretches on the Nature Study path can be rocky. The entrance to the parking area is at 960 California Road, at the Twin Lakes Farm Stable northern entrance. Park in the lot to the left, available to hikers. There is also street parking off California Road. Vaccination is required on this hike. Rain cancels. Leader: Lynn McBride, almcb@aol.com or (914)439-0879. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 43).*

Sunday, June 18 - **THREE HIKEs TODAY:**

Sunday, June 18 - **Southern Harriman Circular**. 9-10 miles, moderate to strenuous terrain. Using the Seven Hills, HTS and Raccoon Brook Hills trails, among others, we will do a loop from the Visitor Center that includes outstanding views from several summits plus a couple of interesting rock scrambles. Leader: Kevin McGahren, kmcgc@optonline.net or (914) 772-0600.

Sunday, June 18 - **Hike the NCIT. Section 1: Putnam Memorial to Collis Huntington State Parks.** 6-7 miles, easy to moderate terrain. This is the first in a series of hikes on the "Nearby Connecticut Imaginary Trail" (the NCIT). For this inaugural outing we'll do loops in two state parks in Redding, combine them with visits to the smaller Plishner and Couch Hill Preserves, and connect them all via a walk on a local scenic road. The route winds through historic sites from the Revolutionary War and around lakes, into forests, and along a broad open field. If you would like some good homemade ice cream after the hike, we can drive to Dr. Mike's in Bethel (it's conveniently located on the way back to Route 84, for those going home on the Interstate). Short shuttle involved (masks required). Leader: Eileen West, eileenw1000@gmail.com. Rain cancels.

Sunday, June 18 - **Buttermilk Ridge and Glenville Woods, Tarrytown.** 5 miles, easy to moderate terrain. This is an out and back hike with a mix of easy sections and hills to climb. We will enter the preserve from the Tarrytown Lakes eastern end, take a white trail to reach Glenville Woods where we will break for lunch, and then return on the blue and white trails. Bring lunch and water. Meet at the Eastview commuter parking lot off Neperan Road. Directions: From the Saw Mill River Parkway, take the Eastview exit and turn west towards the park-and-ride. Contact leader for meeting time and other questions. Leader: Sue Soni, surekhasoni1968@gmail.com. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 2).*

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

Saturday, June 24 - **Jackie Jones Mountain and Big Hill Shelter.** 6.5 miles, moderate terrain. This will be a loop hike in Harriman State Park. We will take the Suffern-Bear Mountain Trail past the ruins of a large estate known as ORAK and up to Jackie Jones Mountain, marked by a steel fire tower, then descend to the Big Hill Shelter which offers panoramic views. Continuing on the S-BM and an unmarked trail we pass two scenic reservoirs. The Long Path will take us back to the Suffern-Bear Mountain Trail for a return to our cars. Leader: Carol Pamm, (646) 346-0371 or CarolJoyce2@aol.com.

Saturday, June 24 - **Manitou Point Preserve.** 3-4 miles, easy to moderate terrain. Even though this is only a 3 hour hike or less, it is one of the best. They have done a great deal of work in this preserve off Route 9D in Garrison: redesigning and blazing trails, adding a stone stream crossing, and constructing a riverfront cantilevered bridge on the River Trail. 40% of the route is right along the Hudson River. It is considered a relatively easy hike but the trails are "rugged" meaning that they are narrow and rocky, but we will take our time. Good hiking boots and hiking poles are suggested. Bring sufficient water and a snack. The parking lot can be easily passed as the sign is not that great. The actual address is 411 Route 9D, Garrison, NY. There is a small wooden sign which has numbers "411" at the parking lot and a small white sign which says Manitou Point Preserve. It is 1.7 miles as you get on 9D from the bridge. Contact Carol Harting at c.harting@verizon.net to register.

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

Sunday, June 25 - **Hudson Highlands Loop.** 7-8 miles, moderate to strenuous terrain. We will do this loop hike, encompassing the Overlook, Fishkill Ridge, Casino and Wilkinson trails, at a brisk pace and enjoy plenty of ups, downs and views along the way. No beginners please. Vaccination is required on this hike. Leader: Bob Fiscina, fis6973@tutaimail.com. Rain cancels.

Sunday, June 25 - **Silvermine to Black Mountain.** 5 miles, moderate terrain. This hike in Harriman State Park has a total elevation gain 1,125 ft. and will be done at a relaxed pace. We'll take the Menomine Trail up to the Brien Memorial Shelter, continue on the AT/RD and ascend Black Mountain, where we will enjoy a leisurely lunch. Then we will retrace our steps to Silvermine Road and

return to our cars via a different route. There are views along the way of Silvermine Lake, the Hudson River, and the surrounding mountains. This hike is limited to 10 people, and vaccination is required. Leader: Veronica O'Neil, missyellierosa@yahoo.com or (914) 523-9418.