



# WESTCHESTER TRAILS ASSOC.

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## WINTER HIKING SCHEDULE DECEMBER 2016, JANUARY and FEBRUARY, 2017

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.

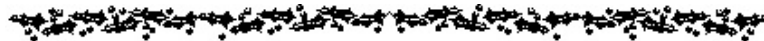
Hiking boots and drinking water are required on all hikes. A trail lunch should be carried unless otherwise indicated. Hikers with improper footwear, without sufficient water, or who are otherwise unprepared, may be refused by the leader. Well behaved dogs on leashes are welcome on hikes listed as "dog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

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

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

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

To become a member, please print out and complete the application on our website. Make checks or money orders payable to Westchester Trails Assoc., and mail to the address on the application.



Saturday, December 3 - Dennytown History Hike: Ruins, Mines and Beavers. 7-8 miles, moderate. The Dennytown area of Fahnestock was once a thriving settlement. We'll see those remains, and along the way we'll discover 3 Mines and the remains of an old Mill. Can you find the obscure mill stone? The area has several beautiful lakes and ponds, all with extensive beaver activity. We'll see at least five beaver dams and lodges. The rest of the hike crosses streams, passes mountain laurel, and rambles along marked and unmarked trails. There is significant off trail on this hike, but no pushing through briars. Meet at the A.T. parking lot about a half mile south of Sunk Mine Road on Dennytown Road at 10 a.m. Leader: Mark Jelléy [hvdtrips@comcast.net](mailto:hvdtrips@comcast.net) (914) 261-0987. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Sunday, December 4 - **THREE HIKES TODAY:**

Sunday, December 4 - **Reeves Meadow Circular**. 9 miles, moderate to strenuous. This circular will include the Pine Meadow, Seven Hills, Stony Brook and the complete HTS trails. For further information or to register contact the leader, Bob Fiscina at [fis6973@verizon.net](mailto:fis6973@verizon.net). No beginners please. Rain cancels. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Sunday, December 4 - **Osborn Loop**. 5-6 miles, moderate. We will start from Maniotoga and hike along the Osborn Loop. We may or may not make the climb up to Sugarloaf South depending on weather and trail conditions. Traction devices may be required. Contact Carol Harting to register at [c.harting@verizon.net](mailto:c.harting@verizon.net). *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Sunday, December 4 - **Leatherstocking Trail** (NWP 9 a.m.) 2.5 miles, easy. This narrow trail, which goes through the back yards of homes in New Rochelle and Mamaroneck, is part of the Colonial Greenway. Leader: Herb Hochberg, [h\\_hochberg@hotmail.com](mailto:h_hochberg@hotmail.com) (914) 723-6566. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 68).*

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

Saturday, December 10 - **Woodstock, NY**. 5 miles, moderate. This is a pre-holiday hike on Overlook Mountain followed by a walk around Woodstock for stopping or gawking, and most likely soup or other goodies at Bread Alone. E-mail Jane Restani at [irabjanea@aol.com](mailto:irabjanea@aol.com) by 5:00 P.M. Friday, December 9th. Carpooling likely from I-84, Exit 19 Park and Ride, and I-87, Exit 18 Park and Ride. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Saturday, December 10 - **Mountain Lakes Camp**. 5-6 miles, easy to moderate. This is a three to four hour hike on carriage roads and wooded trails with a few short steep hills through a County park with a partially restored camp from the olden days. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Jean Dolen, (914) 522-4310. *Note: This is an ADK Mohican hike. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 57).*

Sunday, December 11 - **WTA Holiday Party, Plus Morning and Afternoon Hikes**. Start the day with a short (2 mile) hike in Burden Preserve, followed by our Holiday Party and Buffet at Westmoreland, and then a another short, pretty hike within Westmoreland to Bechtel Lake and Lost Pond. For those joining us on the morning hike, meet at Westmoreland at 9:30 a.m. and we will shuttle from there to Burden. If attending the Holiday Party only, meet at Westmoreland at noon. Our new policy invites everyone to bring food for the potluck luncheon, instead of contributing money in lieu of food. Bring a favorite dish. The food should be ready-to-serve. Suggestions include: casserole, pasta, quiche, salad (greens, legumes or grains), cold cuts, bread, fruit, cheese or dessert. Please remember to bring serving utensils, if needed. Hot dishes should be brought near the noontime hour. The club will provide tea and coffee, paper plates, cups, etc. Please contact our hospitality committee co-chair, Nancy Vincent, at [nevincent09@gmail.com](mailto:nevincent09@gmail.com) or (914) 967-8381 to let her know what you are bringing so we have an appealing variety of food. For information about the hikes, contact Eileen West at [eileenw1000@gmail.com](mailto:eileenw1000@gmail.com). *Both hikes qualify for the Westchester 100 (Nos. 1 and 65).*

Saturday, December 17 - **Angle Fly Preserve**. 5-6 miles, easy to moderate. Come hike in this lovely Westchester preserve. The network of trails extends roughly 10 miles and spans the entire preserve property. The hike will be about 3-4 hours including lunch. Call the leader to register. Jane Smalley (914) 276-0413 or e-mail [jsmallpt@aol.com](mailto:jsmallpt@aol.com). *Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 53).*

Sunday, December 18 - Twin Lakes Loop, Teatown. (NWP). 3 miles, moderate. Dress warmly, bring a thermos filled with hot cocoa, tea or coffee, and enjoy a brisk winter hike at Teatown Lake Reservation. This is a new and scenic route through Teatown. Beginners are welcome. Meet at 10 a.m. at NWP, or in the main Teatown parking lot at 10:30 a.m. Heavy snow cancels. Leader: Elspeth Kramer, [elspethkramer@aol.com](mailto:elspethkramer@aol.com), (347) 262-4802. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 62).*

Saturday, December 24 - Around the County - Lewisboro to North Salem. Part 1: Lewisboro. 7 miles, easy to moderate. This year's Around the County series begins with a continued exploration of hiking areas in the upper portions of Lewisboro. First we'll do a circuit on some of the Mount Holly Preserve trails, and then take a short drive to Marion Yarrow Preserve, where our thru-hike will begin. After exploring the trails in Yarrow we'll head into the Mildred Greirson Sanctuary. Then it's out to local roads affording views of the surrounding hills as we wind our way north to connect with the Brownell and Marx Preserves, where today's hike will end in time to get home and await Santa's arrival this evening. Contact leader for meeting time and place. Leader: Eileen West, [eileenw1000@gmail.com](mailto:eileenw1000@gmail.com). Rain cancels. *Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (Nos. 23 and 27).*

Sunday, December 25 – Caroling with Carolyn on the White Plains Heritage Trail. 6 easy miles in town, with a few neighborhood hills and sites involved in the American Revolution. Meet at 9:45 am at the Stop & Shop parking lot in North White Plains, on Reservoir Road near the intersection of Route 22 (North Broadway). We will shuttle to the start of the hike on Battle Hill. Contact the leader if you need to be picked up from the train station. Heavy snow cancels; snow that's light is a delight. Leader: Carolyn Hoffman, [earthwormch@aol.com](mailto:earthwormch@aol.com); or (914) 948-0608 (home); (914) 420-5778 (cell on day of hike only). *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Saturday, December 31 - Early New Year's Eve. Meet at 2:30 p.m. at NWP, or 3:00 p.m. at the Rockwood Hall State Park trailhead on Rockwood Road, just west of Route 117. Two miles, mostly level. A return to the Pocantico Hills former estate lands (now part of the Rockefeller State Park Preserve) for our traditional sundown toast to the old year within sight of the Hudson River. Alcohol-free beverages will be served, and afterwards we'll continue the celebration with an optional dinner at The Cabin, 1172 Knollwood Road near the Valhalla/White Plains border. Please notify Carolyn Hoffman at [earthwormch@aol.com](mailto:earthwormch@aol.com) or (914) 948-0608 in advance if you will be attending, so she knows how much "bubbly" to buy and how many people will be at the dinner. Inclement weather postpones the hike - but not the dinner - for 365 days. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 38).*

Sunday, January 1 - New Year's Day Walk and Plunge, Greenwich Point, CT. Join us at 10:30 A.M. for a 3+ mile walk, followed by a celebratory swim (or just cheering), followed by refreshments. No need to register. If you need directions, e-mail Jane Restani at [irabjanea@aol.com](mailto:irabjanea@aol.com). *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Saturday, January 7 - TWO HIKES TODAY:

Saturday, January 7 - Hike to North Point. 4 miles, moderate to strenuous. This is a loop hike up to North Point near Storm King. Steep initial ascent rewarded with wonderful views of the Hudson Highlands. Meet at 9:30 at the Stillman Springs trailhead on Route 218. Leader: Minu Chaudhuri (914) 391-5918, [minu1@optonline.net](mailto:minu1@optonline.net).

Saturday, January 7 - Rockefeller Preserve. 4-5 miles, easy. Enjoy a relaxing hike in a pretty part of the preserve. Meet the leader at 10 a.m. at the trailhead parking on Old Sleepy Hollow Road. Leader: Toby Garfinkel, (914) 337-6612. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 59).*

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

Sunday, January 8 - **Old Croton Aqueduct, Dobbs Ferry to Tarrytown and Back.** 8 miles, easy. Start the new year with a leisurely roundtrip walk. Historic sites along the way include the Octagon house built in 1860, the estate of Madam C.J. Walker and Lyndhurst Castle. Meet at the Dobbs Ferry train station. Call leader for meeting time. Leader: Marvin Pasternak, [hikermarv@aol.com](mailto:hikermarv@aol.com) (718) 261-7199. Rain or snow cancels.

Sunday, January 8 - **Lasdon Park, Katonah, NY.** 2-3 miles, easy. Stroll through war memorials from Revolutionary War days to today, then walk on winding pathways through a field of beautiful trees, leading us to the Chinese garden with a pond and pagoda. Leader: Jean Dolen, (914) 522-4310. *Note: This is an ADK Mohican hike. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 34).*

Saturday, January 14 - **Gentleman's Farm in Fahnestock.** 7 miles, easy to moderate. The "easy to moderate" rating of this hike depends on exactly what's on the ground. We go past three lakes with a modest elevation gain, hiking mostly in the woods with an excursion through open fields. Leader: Steve Klepner, [spk010@yahoo.com](mailto:spk010@yahoo.com), (h) (914) 617-9193, (m) (845) 297-7066. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

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

Sunday, January 15 - **Blue Mountain Reservation and Depew Park.** 6-7 miles, easy to moderate. Hike enters the reservation behind a school and segues into this historic park, going around a lake and through a sugar maple stand before looping back into Blue Mountain. Rolling forest lands, valleys, ponds, stream, boulder erratics, etc. Possible summit of Blue Mt. with Hudson views depending on ice/snow conditions. Contact: Debbie Farrell [debfarpr@gmail.com](mailto:debfarpr@gmail.com) or (914) 282-9942. *Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 48).*

Sunday, January 15 - **Kensico Cemetery Tour.** 4-6 miles, easy to moderate. There are many points of interest in this 460 acre cemetery including gravesites of celebrities, structures with architectural interest and special landscape features. Sturdy shoes, water and lunch recommended. Meet at 10 a.m. in the parking lot of the Administration Building at 273 Lakeview Avenue, Valhalla. Directions: Taconic Parkway to Lakeview Avenue. Turn west, pass the monument shop, cross the railroad tracks and turn right into the parking lot. If you need a ride please contact the leader in advance. Inclement weather may cancel. Leader: Sue Soni, [surekhasoni1968@gmail.com](mailto:surekhasoni1968@gmail.com) or (914) 747-2452.

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

Saturday, January 21 - **Pine Meadow Lake.** (NWP). 5-6 miles, easy to moderate. Hike or snowshoe around Pine Meadow Lake in Harriman. Bring stabilizers if needed. Starting from the Visitor's Center on Seven Lakes Drive, we will go to the Lake and then hike around it, adjusting for conditions. Leader: Mike Kaplan, [kaplanm2001@yahoo.com](mailto:kaplanm2001@yahoo.com). No first time hikers please. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Saturday, January 21 - **Sing Sing Kill Greenway and the Old Croton Aqueduct at Ossining.** 3-4 miles, easy. We will meet at the Joseph Caputo Community Center, 95 Broadway, Ossining, NY 10562, just west of Rt. 9/Highland Ave. at the junction of Croton Ave. (Rt. 133). Parking available at the Center. If you would like to view a short film about the history of the Old Croton Aqueduct before the hike, please arrive by 10 AM. Otherwise, arrive ready for the hike promptly by 11 AM. We will walk on the paved path above the Sing Sing Kill gorge, with many scenic views. Then we will proceed

north on the Aqueduct for a short distance. Bring a snack and/or hot beverage. In the event of inclement weather, the hike will take place on January 28<sup>th</sup>. Leader: Ellie Carren (914) 591-7038, co-leader Sara Kelsey (646) 303-1448, [skelsey@aqueduct.org](mailto:skelsey@aqueduct.org). *Joint with Friends of the Old Croton Aqueduct.*

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

Sunday, January 22 - Hook Mountain. 6 miles, moderate, with easy return on shore path. Lovely views from the ridge. Snow and ice may make this a more rigorous hike. Contact leader to register: Catharine Raffaele, [raffaele.catharine@yahoo.com](mailto:raffaele.catharine@yahoo.com). *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Sunday, January 22 - Cranberry Lake Preserve. 3-4 miles, easy to moderate. 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 go past various ponds, woods, rock formations, bridges and the foundation of an old quarry building. Leader: Jean Dolen, (914) 522-4310. Note: *This is an ADK Mohican hike. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 51).*

Saturday, January 28 - Around the County - Lewisboro to North Salem, Part 2. 6-7 miles, easy to moderate. Continuing our exploration of preserves in the town of Lewisboro, we'll begin with a hike through Rose/Rockshelter and Five Ponds. Then we head into North Salem, where we'll check out the trails in two small preserves (Halmi and Hearst-Mead) before entering Mountain Lakes Park. Our route in Mountain Lakes stays close to the Park's western border and goes directly to the main parking lot (we'll return in a few weeks to fully explore this large County preserve). Contact leader for meeting time and place. Leader: Eileen West, [eileenw1000@gmail.com](mailto:eileenw1000@gmail.com). Rain or heavy snow cancels. *Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (Nos. 57 and 95(a)).*

Sunday, January 29 - Mountain Lakes Camp. 5-6 miles, easy to moderate. This is a three to four hour hike on carriage roads and wooded trails with a few short steep hills through a County park with a partially restored camp from the olden days. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Jean Dolen, (914) 522-4310. Note: *This is an ADK Mohican hike. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 57).*

**Saturday, February 4 - A HIKE AND A CROSS COUNTRY SKI TODAY:**

Saturday, February 4 - Three Pond Loop in Fahnestock. (NWP). 6-7 miles, easy to moderate. This scenic hike in Fahnestock State Park is a perfect winter outing, winding through fields and a forest and passing Jordan Pond, Beaver Pond, and an unnamed pond as well. E-mail the leader, Alice Benash, for information about meeting time and place at [ajrb3@verizon.net](mailto:ajrb3@verizon.net).

Saturday, February 4 - Cross Country Ski or, if no snow, Dog-friendly Walk on OCA and in Rockefeller. Ski location TBA, at the closest site with sufficient snow. Must RSVP to leader: Carolyn Hoffman, [earthwormch@aol.com](mailto:earthwormch@aol.com), home (914) 948-0608, cell on day of hike only (914) 420-5778. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

**Sunday, February 5 - A HIKE AND A CROSS COUNTRY SKI TODAY:**

Sunday, February 5 - Harriman Hike. 6-7 miles, moderate. Leaving from the Lake Sebago parking off of Seven Lakes Drive we will climb Diamond Mountain, visit Pine Meadow and Wanoksink Lakes, then head out on the Buck Trail. Appropriate footwear, lunch and sufficient water required. To register contact leader: Sarah Davis, [sewdavis@gmail.com](mailto:sewdavis@gmail.com), (212) 873-4018 (h), (917) 501-1322 (c). Note: *This is an ADK Mohican hike.*



Sunday, February 5 - Fahnestock Winter Park. 4-6 miles, easy to moderate. Cross country ski on groomed trails if the winter provides adequate snow. Otherwise, we can hike or snowshoe. Information about admission and rental fees can be found on the Park's website at: <http://nysparks.com/parks/147/fees-rates.aspx>. Call the leader, Jean Dolen, to register at (914) 522-4310. Note: *This is an ADK Mohican listing.*

Saturday, February 11 - TWO HIKES TODAY:

Saturday, February 11 - Around the County - Lewisboro to North Salem. Part 3: Mt. Lakes Park. 7-8 miles, moderate. On this hike, one of the few "non-shuttles" in our Around the County series, we return to Mountain Lakes using its eastern access point at Sturges Park in Ridgefield, CT. We'll do a figure-8 route that incorporates the highlights of this 1,082 acre preserve including Spruce Lake, Mt. Bailey (the highest point in Westchester County), and the rugged white trail with its sweeping views of the surrounding area. Traction devices may be needed. Contact leader for meeting time and place. Leader: Eileen West, [eileenw1000@gmail.com](mailto:eileenw1000@gmail.com). Rain or heavy snow cancels. *Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 57).*

Saturday, February 11 - Pound Ridge Reservation. 3.6 or 5.6 miles, easy. This hike was done in the summer but the leader is repeating it because it is such a perfect morning "walk" in the woods in winter. Since it is on carriage roads, there is no elevation. We can do the red "ski" trail which is 5.6 miles or the yellow which is 3.6 depending on the weather and the group. Of course, if there is snow, you can bring your snowshoes or skis. Contact Carol Harting at [c.harting@verizon.net](mailto:c.harting@verizon.net) to register. *Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 63).*

Sunday, February 12 - TWO HIKES TODAY:

Sunday, February 12 - Harriman Hike. 6-7 miles, moderate. After a short road walk from the Kanawauke Circle parking area, we will hike on ridges mainly on the Dunning and RD trails. There will be plenty of beautiful views. To register contact leader: Sarah Davis, [sewdavis@gmail.com](mailto:sewdavis@gmail.com), (212) 873-4018 (h), (917) 501-1322 (c). Note: *This is an ADK Mohican hike.*

Sunday, February 12 - Edith Read Sanctuary, Rye NY. 2-3 miles, easy. Wooded trails, a marsh, a lake, the Long Island Sound and a bamboo forest. The planned hike is two hours, but we can add more walking on the boardwalk or if we eat at the Tiki Bar. Leader: Jean Dolen, (914) 522-4310. Note: *This is an ADK Mohican hike. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 16).*

Saturday, February 18 - TWO HIKES TODAY:

Saturday, February 18 - Slide Mountain (4000' +). 6.5 miles, strenuous. Weather permitting, we will check off a required winter peak for Catskill 3500' aspirants or for anyone who likes this hike. The preferred route (1800' elevation gain) is up the Long Path and down the front side, but the route depends on conditions and group members. Winter gear required. E-mail Jane Restani at [irabjanea@aol.com](mailto:irabjanea@aol.com) by Friday, February 17 at 5:00 P.M. to register. We will arrange carpooling. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Saturday, February 18 - Marshlands Conservancy. 3-4 miles, easy. Enjoy a two hour hike in this Rye preserve on a network of trails through a field, a deciduous forest and a salt marsh. Meet at 10:30 a.m. at the Conservancy parking lot, located at 220 Boston Post Road near the Rye Golf Course. Leader: Leslie Millman. Contact leader by e-mail at [oooleslie@aol.com](mailto:oooleslie@aol.com). Cell number is for day of hike changes only: (914) 552-7720. *Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 9).*

Sunday, February 19 - TWO HIKES TODAY:

Sunday, February 19 - Scandal and Snowshoes - Money Hole Mountain Hike. Fahnestock's Money Hole Mountain trails have an intriguing history. So interesting, in fact, the leader won't even need to make up a story. Suffice to say it includes lust and greed. So, with adequate snow we'll snowshoe about 3+ miles with modest elevation gain. No scrambling, no exposure, no zombies. Without snow, we'll hike 5+ miles depending on temperature and wind chill. Mostly open, picturesque, tranquil woods, smooth trails, some modest views. Meet at 9:45 in the parking lot of the Bird and Bottle Inn (1123 Old Albany Post Rd. (a/k/a Route 9) Garrison, NY 10524). We'll caravan to the trailhead from there. Leader: Howard Millman, [wardmillman@runbox.com](mailto:wardmillman@runbox.com), (914) 439-8031. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Sunday, February 19 - Rollin' on the River with Abe. (NWP). 4 miles, easy. Join us on the anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's speech in Peekskill, where the old Depot is one of two surviving original locations visited on the 16th President's inaugural journey (February 11-23, 1861). A side stroll to the site is part of a four-mile hike along Hudson River trails, including the newly opened Southern Waterfront Park & Trailway, Annsville Creek Preserve, Peekskill Landing, Charles Point, etc. Optional group recitation of Abe's five-sentence speech (top hats not required). Brief refueling stop for cheesecake-on-a-stick or other baked goodies is also optional. Carpooling from NWP is available. Contact the leader, Debbie Farrell, at [debfarpr@gmail.com](mailto:debfarpr@gmail.com) *Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 79).*

Saturday, February 25 - TWO HIKES TODAY:

Saturday, February 25 - Mount Taurus Ramble. 6-8 miles, moderate to strenuous. This hike will follow various trails on Mount Taurus, including the summit. The moderate to strenuous rating depends on what is on the ground. Traction aids likely to be required. Leader: Steve Klepner, [spk010@yahoo.com](mailto:spk010@yahoo.com), (h) (914) 617-9193, (m) (845) 297-7066. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Saturday, February 25 - Rockefeller Preserve. 5-6 miles, easy to moderate. Peaceful stroll through winter woods. Sheltered lunch stop at Stone Barns with option of purchasing hot beverage or more from concession stand. Leader: Catharine Raffaele, [raffaele.catharine@yahoo.com](mailto:raffaele.catharine@yahoo.com) or (914) 260-0343. *Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 59).*

Sunday, February 26 - A HIKE AND A SNOWSHOE TODAY:

Sunday, February 26 - Southern Harriman Circular. 6-8 miles, moderate. We will be hiking in beautiful Harriman State Park, using the Tuxedo/Mount Ivy, Stony Brook and Kakiat trails. Traction devices may be necessary, depending on ground conditions. Please email the leader, Judith Hirschman, for exact time and meeting place, at [hirschmanjudith@gmail.com](mailto:hirschmanjudith@gmail.com). Foul weather, excessive rain/snow/ice cancels.

Sunday, February 26 - Snow Shoe at Richter Park in Danbury CT. Snow shoe (conditions permitting) on a beautiful golf course with ups and downs. If there's no snow, there is the option of a beginner hike (on a wooded trail) of about 2 hours. Will start at 10:30 AM. Please call or email the leader, Rosanne Schepis, for more information or to register: (203) 417-5552 or [rschep@yahoo.com](mailto:rschep@yahoo.com). Note: *This is an ADK Mohican listing.*