



WESTCHESTER TRAILS ASSOC.

SPRING HIKING SCHEDULE APRIL, MAY and JUNE, 2021

Covid-19 Policy

Except as noted in the Hiking Schedule, maximum group size for all hikes is 10 including the leader. Due to the size limitation all participants should register with the leader at least 2 days before the hike. Priority will be given to WTA members (and also to members of ADK Mohican if the hike is joint) who register before the deadline. Please be considerate of others and do not register for a hike until you know you will be attending.

Carpooling and shuttle hikes are permitted, but masks must be worn and the windows kept open during the ride.

For the safety of all concerned, anyone who answers “yes” to any of the questions below 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 14 days?
3. Have you tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
4. As far as you know, have you had contact with any confirmed or suspect COVID-19 case within the last 14 days?

Hikers must have their own Personal Protective Equipment with them at all times. This includes a mask or other face covering, hand sanitizer/soap and disposable gloves. Participants should bring their own pen for the sign-in sheet. Masks must be worn at the trailhead, during sign-in, and at all other times when social distancing is not possible such as when passing others on the trail; at a destination (summit, pond, etc.); or when someone needs assistance managing a trail feature like a stream crossing. If proper distancing is not possible during lunch, a mask must be worn when not eating.

For the protection of all participants and others we may meet during the hike, this policy applies regardless of whether or not you have been fully vaccinated.



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.

Saturday, April 3 - **TWO HIKES TODAY:**

Saturday, April 3 - **Stockbridge Mountain Circular.** 6 miles, moderate terrain. We will do a loop hike in Harriman State Park from the Silvermine parking lot, crossing Seven Lakes Drive on the Menomine Trail, continuing up the Nawahunta Fire Road, and returning on the Long Path and the Menomine. On the way we will pass lovely Nawahunta Lake and the unique Cave Shelter rock formation, with lunch at the Stockbridge Shelter with views to enjoy. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Thursday, April 1. Leader: Veronica O'Neil, missyellierosa@yahoo.com or (914) 523-9418. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Saturday, April 3 - **Sunny Ridge.** 4 miles, easy to moderate terrain. A woodsy romp on varied terrain with some gentle ups and downs. Off-trail option to ruins of adjacent "haunted" Elda castle, a mansion built by David Abercrombie of Abercrombie & Fitch fame. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Thursday, April 1. Leader: Debbie Farrell, debfarpr@gmail.com or (914) 282-9942. *Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 19).*

Sunday, April 4 - **TWO HIKES TODAY:**

Sunday, April 4 - **Canopus Lake and Shenandoah Mountain.** 8.4 miles, moderate terrain. We will start from Route 301 in Fahnestock Park and hike to Shenandoah Mountain on the rolling terrain of the AT with some lake views, and return the same way. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Friday, April 2. Leader: Jane Restani, irabjanea@aol.com. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Sunday, April 4 - **Rye Easter Bunny Hop.** 6-7 miles, easy terrain. Okay, it's not a real Easter bunny, and you don't have to dance unless you want to, but there is a Bunny Trail (and several other interesting routes) at the Rye Nature Center. We will do those, and also walk along an expanse of Long Island Sound past wetlands and wildlife viewing areas as we explore the paths and boardwalks at Rye Town Park, Rye Playland and Edith Read Sanctuary on this circular hike that uses local streets to connect the preserves. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Friday, April 2. Leader: Eileen West, eileenw1000@gmail.com. *Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (Nos. 16 and 17).*

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

Saturday, April 10 - **Mt. Taurus Loop.** 5-6 miles, moderate to strenuous terrain. This hike, with a 1400' altitude gain, begins on the Washburn trail and ascends to a view of NYC and then to the summit for a half-lunch. We will retrace our steps down to the Undercliff trail where we turn right and have the other half of our lunch at another view. Continuing on the Undercliff as it circles around, we'll use different paths down to the Cornish trail, stopping to read about the history of and view the substantial ruins of the Cornish estate, before returning to our cars. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Thursday, April 8. Leader: Trudy Pojman, tpojman@aol.com, cell (443) 841-8488. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Saturday, April 10 - **Butler Sanctuary**. 3-4 miles, easy to moderate terrain. This is a lovely hike in the Bedford/Mt. Kisco area, perfect for those who want to graduate from easy hikes to moderate hikes. One trail is fairly level and the other trail we take is moderate as there is some elevation. Good hiking boots are suggested. Bring sufficient water and a snack. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Thursday, April 8. Leader: Carol Harting, c.harting@verizon.net. *Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 49).*

Sunday, April 11 - **TWO HIKES TODAY:**

Sunday, April 11 - **Island Pond Circular**. 6-7 miles, moderate terrain. We will begin the day with a climb up the AT from the Elk Pen. We will circle Island Pond on a variety of trails including unmarked woods roads, and pass through the Valley of Boulders. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Friday, April 9. Leader: Catharine Raffaele, raffaele.catharine@yahoo.com. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Sunday, April 11 - **Waterfall Hike at Fahnestock State Park**. 3 miles, easy to moderate terrain. This hike is mostly on a gravel/dirt road through woods with gentle ups and downs, some on woodland trails. The leader is excited to share her favorite spot in Fahnestock: a tumbling cascade in a quiet hemlock grove along the Appalachian Trail. We will also visit the site of an old iron mine, and pass a pond with a beaver lodge. There is an option for more mileage, depending on the mood of the group. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Thursday, April 9. Leader: Carolyn Hoffman, carohof2@gmail.com, cell (914) 420-5778. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Saturday, April 17 - **TWO HIKES TODAY:**

Saturday, April 17 - **Camp Smith Trail**. 7 miles, moderate to strenuous terrain. This hike goes from the Toll House to Anthony's Nose and back, giving us a chance to enjoy the spring weather and great views of the Hudson all along the route. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Thursday, April 15. Leader: Steve Singlak srshudson@verizon.net or (845) 641-4132. Rain cancels. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Saturday, April 17 - **Within the County: OCA, SCT and Nearby Parks. Part 7: Greenburgh Exploration**. 8 miles, easy to moderate terrain. Today's hike is entirely within the Town of Greenburgh. We'll start with a mini-circuit on the pretty paths of the East Irvington Nature Preserve, and then drive across the road to Taxter Ridge Park Preserve where our linear hike begins. Following trails that go in an arc around the park, we'll descend into Tarrytown, access the Old Croton Aqueduct, and head south through Lyndhurst and into Irvington. Then we'll leave the Aqueduct and return to the ridge by way of local streets, passing the Halsey Pond tea house and continuing into Irvington Woods to explore many of its interior trails. This hike involves a very short (1.3 mile) shuttle (masks on, windows open). PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Thursday, April 15. Leader: Eileen West, eileenw1000@gmail.com. Rain cancels. *Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (Nos. 3, 54, 74 (if done with parts 4 and 10 of this series), and 94b).*

Sunday, April 18 - **TWO HIKES TODAY:**

Sunday, April 18 - **Fishkill Ridge**. 7 miles, moderate terrain. This is a lollipop loop hike on Fishkill Ridge in the Hudson Highlands, with spring blooms and several views to enjoy along the way. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Friday, April 16. Leader: Janice Miller, madjan11@optonline.net. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Sunday, April 18 - Ward Pound Ridge. 5 miles, easy to moderate terrain. Join the leader on this hike, likely starting from Lewisboro Park but we may meet elsewhere and drive over. Noteworthy will be our walking along the Cross River and across two cute bridges. We will have an early lunch with a view of the river. Trail surface varies between eroded carriage roads and conventional (muddy in some sections) paths. The elevation gain (580') is in the last third of the hike. Hiking boots and poles are a good idea. Bring a lunch/snack and a liter of water. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Friday, April 16. Leader: Steve Klepner, spk010@yahoo.com or (845) 297-7066. Email registration is preferred; put HIKE in the subject line. *Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 63).*

Saturday, April 24 - A HIKE AND A CANOE/KAYAK TODAY:

Saturday, April 24 - Sylvan Glen Park Preserve. 6-7 miles, easy to moderate terrain. Starting from the western end of the preserve, we'll do a full circuit, visiting a number of attractions including the High Quarry and several smaller quarries and remains of quarry operations, the massive Quarry Oak, and a former riding ring, now overgrown with barberry. Meet at the Morris Lane entrance. (From the Taconic State Parkway, take Route 202 West; at the traffic light in 1.8 miles turn right onto Lexington Ave.; in 0.6 miles turn right onto Morris Lane. Proceed 0.2 miles to the parking lot at the end of the road.) PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Thursday, April 22. Leader: Sheila Sarkar, shechris6@gmail.com or (914) 498-2464. *Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westcheser 100 (No. 20).*

Saturday, April 24 - Canoe / Kayak: Harriman State Park. We will open the season exploring Lake Kanawauke and all three of its connecting lakes in Harriman State Park along Seven Lakes Drive. The yearly fee is \$30.00 registration per boat, good through November 30. It includes several of the lakes in the park plus Rockland Lake. Bring boat, paddle, lifejacket, and lunch. We'll meet at Tiorati Circle. There are no rentals nearby. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Thursday, April 22. Leader: Jane Smalley (914) 276-0413 or jsmallpt@aol.com. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Sunday, April 25 - Bare Rocks and Sterling Forest Fire Tower. 8 miles, moderate to strenuous terrain. This hike will take us to Bare Rocks and its lovely overview of Greenwood lake. We will return via the Sterling Ridge Trail to the fire tower from the south, giving us a couple of steep and rocky climbs to navigate. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Friday, April 23. Rain cancels. Leader: Mike Jablonski, mjab5749@gmail.com. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Saturday, May 1 - TWO HIKES TODAY:

Saturday, May 1 - Hook Mountain. 6 miles, moderate terrain. Spectacular views while walking along 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 return along the shore. PPE required as per Covid policy, Please register with the leader not later than Thursday, April 29. Leader: Frank Lee, fleessa@yahoo.com. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Saturday, May 1 - Colonial Greenway, West Loop. 9.4 miles, easy terrain. The Colonial Greenway connects multiple parks in Scarsdale, Eastchester, New Rochelle and Mamaroneck by way of a large outer loop and a central section. The paths are mostly on easy trails with a few mild hills, and are joined at times by less-used streets. Today we will do the western side of the loop, starting from the Nature Study Woods in New Rochelle. We will pass through Twin Lakes Park, hike along the old Hutchinson River horse trail, through Ward Acres Park, the Larchmont Reservoir and part of the

Leatherstocking Trail, and then through an area of stately homes to the Thomas Paine cottage and museum, before returning to our cars. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Thursday, April 29. Leader: Liz O'Brien, lizobrien63@hotmail.com or (917) 214-7170. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 43, 44 and 99a).*

Sunday, May 2 - TWO HIKES TODAY:

Sunday, May 2 - Trails Less Traveled: Salt Hill. 4-5 miles, moderate terrain. Visit a mica mine, a toppled fire tower, civilized picturesque trails, lakes and views. Where? Amazingly, right next door in Croton. On this hike we'll traverse along a variety of marked and unmarked trails, some flat but certainly not all. Short snack break. Where we meet (and therefore the trails we hike) depends more on remaining Covid restrictions (if any) since a short shuttle is required (masks on, windows open). So the exact route and meeting place To Be Decided. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Friday, April 30. Leader: Howard Millman, wardmillman@aol.com. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Sunday, May 2 - Greenburgh Nature Center. 2 miles, easy terrain. We will take our time exploring this little gem with its lovely hiking trails, a miniature animal farm and a wildflower garden. Directions: from Central Park Avenue in Scarsdale, turn east onto Dromore Road, left at the sign for the preserve, and right into the parking area. We will meet at the entrance ramp, and proceed from there. Bring water and snacks. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Friday, April 30. Leader: Toby Garfinkel, (914) 337-6612, Rain cancels.

Saturday, May 8 - TWO HIKES TODAY:

Saturday, May 8 - Storm King Circular. 5 miles, moderate to strenuous terrain. The stars on the Trail Conference map signify views, and we visit ten of them on this spectacular hike on Butter Hill and Storm King Mountain, plus visit some substantial ruins. We will start from the Esty & Hellie Stowell property (42 Bayview Ave., Cornwall NY 12520, just off Route 218 in Cornwall) and ascend about 1200' feet, with most of the climbing being done before lunch. A few sections may require the use of hands and feet, and one narrow area on the descent may be an issue for those with a fear of heights, so don't hesitate to contact the leader before registering if you have any questions or doubts about your ability to do this hike. Please register with the leader not later than Thursday, May 6. Leader: Trudy Pojman, lpojman@aol.com, cell (443) 841-8488. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Saturday May 8 - Mianus River Gorge, Bedford, NY. 5 miles, easy to moderate terrain. This hike will be at an easy pace in a Nature Conservancy property. Bring a snack to have at a "viewpoint." And then we will proceed to Havermeyer Falls which may or may not be flowing. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Thursday, May 6. Leader: Carol Harting, c.harting@verizon.net. *Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 56).*

Sunday, May 9 - TWO HIKES TODAY:

Sunday, May 9 - Gertrude's Nose/Millbrook Mountain, Minnewaska State Park. 7 miles, moderate to strenuous terrain. This loop hike traverses the ridge of Gertrude's Nose - one of the most spectacular rock formations in the Shawangunks with some of the most epic views in the Hudson Valley. Gertrude's Nose was named after Gertrude Bruyn, a 17th century settler who donated much of the land. There is a \$10/car parking fee or free if you have a NY Empire Pass. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Friday, May 7. Leader: Pat Johnston, patjohnston@gmail.com. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Sunday, May 9 - **Within the County: OCA, SCT and Nearby Parks. Part 8: Juhring Nature Preserve, Woodlands Lake and the South County Trailway.** 7-8 miles, easy to moderate terrain in Juhring, easy on the bike path. This hike begins at the Juhring Nature Preserve, Dobbs Ferry's largest park with surprisingly diverse terrain. After exploring the trails around the perimeter of the park we'll head over to the South County Trailway via local streets and revisit the Great Hunger Memorial Park. We'll have lunch at the lakeside picnic tables, and then take the SCT down to Barney Street in Yonkers. For those wanting an end-of-hike snack, La Lanterna, a nearby restaurant, has plenty of outdoor tables and serves good pizza and other Italian dishes. This hike involves a very short (3.7 mile) shuttle (masks on, windows open). PPE required per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Friday, May 7. Leader: Eileen West, eileenw1000@gmail.com. Rain cancels. *Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 71, if done with part 6 of this series).*

Saturday, May 15 - **A HIKE AND A CANOE/KAYAK TODAY:**

Saturday, May 15 - **Mt. Taurus Circular.** 7 miles, moderate to strenuous terrain. Enjoy multiple Hudson views on this hike as we ascend to the summit of Mt. Taurus by way of the Washburn Trail. Our return will be along the Notch and Undercliff Trails back to the Washburn. The leader promises good weather and ground conditions this time. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Thursday, May 13. Leader: Kevin McGahren, kmcgc@optonline.net or (914) 772-0600. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Saturday May 15 - **Canoe / Kayak: Mohansic Lake and Crom Pond.** We will meet at the boat launch on Mohansic Lake in FDR State Park. As we launch our boats we will check out the large eagle's nest across the lake. After exploring the marsh at the south end of the lake we will look for the tiny connector into Crom Pond: truly a wilderness retreat - maybe a short hike part way around the pond. Bring own canoe or kayak, lifejacket, and lunch. There may be a \$10.00 charge for boat access. There are no rentals nearby. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Thursday, May 13. Leader: Jane Smalley (914) 276-0413 or jsmallpt@aol.com. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

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

Sunday, May 16 - **Seven Hills / Reeves Brook Loop.** 5 miles, moderate terrain. This is a circular hike along the Seven Hills, HTS and Reeves Brook Trails in Harriman State Park. Plan on ascending and descending at a steady pace all day. Challenging rocky areas will lead to views. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Friday, May 14. Leader: Minu Chaudhuri, minuch50@gmail.com or (914) 391-5918. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Sunday, May 16 - **Bear Mountain Bridge to the Park.** 4-5 miles, easy to moderate terrain. Join the the leader in this hike from Route 9D across the Bear Mountain Bridge and into Bear Mountain Park. (For the height adverse, walking in the breakdown lane is possible.) We will either walk through or around the Zoo down to the river; then proceed around Hessian Lake through the Zoo and back to the bridge. An early out is available at this point. We will then descend on a rocky path to Fort Montgomery. Returning, we will cross the bridge to our cars. There will be regroupings so that we stay together. Trail surface varies: paved, unpaved but smooth, somewhat steep in sections and rocky (avoided by taking the early out). Bring a lunch/snack and a liter of water. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Friday, May 14. Leader: Steve Klepner, spk010@yahoo.com or (845) 297-7066. Email registration is preferred; put HIKE in the subject line. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Saturday, May 22 - **TWO HIKES TODAY:**

Saturday, May 22 - **Bear Mountain Backwards.** 7 miles, moderate to strenuous terrain. This circuit hike will climb Bear Mountain on the AT but descend on the Major Welch slabs. We will start from Route 9D and cross the Bear Mountain Bridge. The total elevation gain is about 1600 feet with great views, but is not for those who mind steep descents. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Thursday, May 20. Leader: Jane Restani, irabjanea@aol.com. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Saturday, May 22 - **Following Benedict Arnold.** 4 miles, easy to moderate terrain. Stunning Hudson and West Point views garnished with a touch of history. We will visit Glenclyffe and Arden Point in Garrison, take the path of Arnold's escape route, see the mansion ruins of NY's first governor, and more. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Thursday, May 20. Leader: Debbie Farrell, debfarpr@gmail.com or (914) 282-9942. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Sunday, May 23 - **Three Lakes/A.T. Loop.** 6-7 miles, moderate terrain. We will meet at the large Canopus Lake roadside parking area on Route 301 in Fahnestock Memorial Park and do a circular hike passing two lakes, with multiple ups and downs through wooded areas. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Friday, May 21. Leader: Elena Burova, (914) 837-4235 or elena.burova@gmail.com. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Saturday, May 29 - **Within the County: OCA, SCT and Nearby Parks. Part 9: Sprain Ridge and Hillside Parks, and a Stroll Thru Hastings.** 6-7 miles, easy to moderate terrain. We will start the day with an exploration of some of the interesting and occasionally rugged mountain bike trails at the county-owned Sprain Ridge Park in Yonkers. Then we'll take local streets, crossing over the South County Trailway into Hastings to see a few of its historical landmarks. First we'll pass through a small park named in memory of Dan Rile, a WTA board member, hike leader and avid hiker who was active as a Hastings citizen-volunteer for several decades. From there we'll access the former Burke Estate (now athletic fields), which was home to the actress Billie Burke who played the good witch Glinda in the Wizard of Oz, and continue on to Draper Park. The Draper Cottage, now occupied by the Hastings Historical Society, is a National Historic Landmark housing an observatory where some of the earliest photos of identifiable features on the moon were taken through a telescope in 1863. Finally we'll head over to Hillside Park & Woods, stroll along pretty Sugar Pond, and hike on the Algonquin Trail, reputedly part of a Native American route that went from the Hudson River to the Long Island Sound. This hike involves a very short (2 mile) shuttle (masks on, windows open). PPE required per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Thursday, May 27. Leader: Eileen West, eileenw1000@gmail.com. Rain cancels. *Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (Nos. 30 and 61).*

Sunday, May 30 - **Catfish Loop in Fahnestock.** 5 miles, moderate terrain. 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. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Friday, May 28. Leader: Carol Harting, c.harting@verizon.net. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Saturday, June 5 - **A HIKE AND A CANOE/KAYAK TODAY:**

Saturday, June 5 - **Colonial Greenway, East Loop.** 8.5 miles, easy terrain. The Colonial Greenway connects multiple parks in Scarsdale, Eastchester, New Rochelle and Mamaroneck by way of a large outer loop and a central section. The paths are mostly on easy trails with a few mild hills, and are joined at times by less-used streets. Today we will do the eastern side of the loop, starting

from the Weinberg Nature Center in Scarsdale. We will head over to Saxon Woods Park and hike south through the park to the Leatherstocking Trail, then past the Larchmont Reservoir and Ward Acres Park, and return to our cars by way of the old Hutchinson River horse trail. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Thursday, June 3. Leader: Liz O'Brien, lizobrien63@hotmail.com or (917) 214-7170. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 44, 60 and 99a).*

Saturday June 5 - **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 Osprey nest shortly after boats are launched. The leader will set up a short shuttle (masks on, windows open) for a one way paddle through the entire wetlands. There are no rentals nearby. Bring lifejacket, binoculars, lunch, and a sense of adventure. We will meet at the the first put in above Haven Road. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Thursday, June 3. Leader: Jane Smalley (914) 276-0413 or jsmallpt@aol.com. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Sunday, June 6 - **TWO HIKES TODAY:**

Sunday, June 6 - **Sterling Forest**. 7 miles, moderate terrain. We will ascend the Bare Rock Trail and stop at Bare Rock with its scenic view of Greenwood Lake. Return on the Sterling Ridge Trail with a stop at the Fire Tower. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Friday, June 4. Leader: Catharine Raffaele, raffaele.catharine@yahoo.com. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Sunday, June 6 - **Cranberry Lake Preserve**. 5 miles, easy to moderate terrain. Enjoy mountain laurel in bloom (hopefully), shady woodlands, views of wetlands, history of quarrying for the Kensico Dam, and broad views from the top of the quarry (optional). There is also an option for more or less mileage depending on the mood of the group. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Friday, June 4. Leader: Carolyn Hoffman, carohof2@gmail.com, cell (914) 420-5778. *Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No 51).*

Saturday June 12 - **TWO HIKES TODAY:**

Saturday June 12 - **East Side of Lake Skannatati in Harriman Park**. 5-6 miles, moderate terrain. This circular hike will be at a solid pace and will include off-trail routes. Expect to enjoy blooming mountain laurel, a mine, and a Civil War cemetery on the less-hiked eastern side of Seven Lakes Drive. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Thursday, June 10. Leader: Trudy Pojman, lpojman@aol.com, cell (443) 841-8488. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Saturday, June 12 - **Manitou Point Preserve**. 3 miles, easy to moderate terrain. Even though this is not a long hike, 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, addition of a stone stream crossing, and construction of a riverfront cantilevered bridge on the river trail. 40% of the route is right along the Hudson River. Although considered a relatively easy hike 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 Route 9D from the bridge. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Thursday, June 10. Leader: Carol Harting, c.harting@verizon.net. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Sunday, June 13 - **WTA's Annual Meeting and Election.**

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

Saturday, June 19 - **East Central Harriman.** 7 miles, moderate terrain. Starting near Route 106 in the Lake Welch area, we will use the SBM and other trails, see a ruin, a fire tower, a beach, a shelter, 3 reservoirs, and get at least a couple of nice views as well. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Thursday, June 17. Leader: Mike Kaplan, kaplanm2001@yahoo.com. No first time hikers, please. Rain cancels. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Saturday, June 19 - **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. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Thursday, June 17. Leader: Leslie Millman, 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, June 20 - **TWO HIKES TODAY:**

Sunday, June 20 - **Within the County: OCA, SCT and Nearby Parks. Part 10: Irvington to Yonkers on the OCA, Plus Lenoir and Untermyer Parks.** 7-8 miles, easy terrain on the Aqueduct, easy to moderate elsewhere. We've hiked into Yonkers on the South County Trailway, so it's time to do the same on the Aqueduct. Beginning on the OCA in Irvington where we left it last time, we will head south through Hastings and beyond, diverging to explore two Yonkers parks with sweeping river views. First we'll visit Lenoir Preserve, headquarters of the Hudson River Audubon Society, and hike on its network of trails. Then we'll return to the Aqueduct and continue to Untermyer Park and Gardens. Home to Samuel Untermyer, a horticulturist and political activist who was instrumental in establishing the Federal Reserve System, the park has several hiking trails, manicured lawns and lovely garden areas, all of which we will get to enjoy before reaching our cars. This hike involves a short (5.3 mile) shuttle (masks on, windows open). PPE required per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Friday, June 18. Leader: Eileen West, eileenw1000@gmail.com. Rain cancels. *Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (Nos. 8, 74 (if done with parts 4 and 7 of this series) and 75 (if done with part 11 of this series)).*

Sunday, June 20 - **Teatown Lake Reservation.** 5 miles, easy to moderate terrain. Come out on this summer day and enjoy a hike at Teatown. This hike combines several trails and includes a stop at a scenic waterfall. Bring lunch, snacks, and plenty of water. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Friday, June 18. Leader: Elspeth Kramer, (347) 262-4802 or elspethkramer@gmail.com. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 62).*

Saturday, June 26 - **TWO HIKES TODAY:**

Saturday, June 26 - **Black Rock Forest.** 7-8 miles, moderate to strenuous. Enjoy sweeping views from various summits including Mt. Misery and the Hill of Pines on this circular hike in Black Rock Forest. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Thursday, June 24. Leader: Alice Benash, airb3@verizon.net. Rain cancels. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Saturday, June 26 - **Twin Lakes/Nature Study Woods (Eastchester to New Rochelle loop).** 4.6 miles, easy terrain. Enjoy shady 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 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. Please register with the leader not later than Thursday, June 24. Rain

cancels. Leader: Lynn McBride, almcb@aol.com or (914)439-0879. *Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 43).*

Sunday, June 27 - **TWO HIKES TODAY:**

Sunday, June 27 - **Norvin Green State Forest.** 6 miles, moderate terrain. We will do a circular hike in this nearby New Jersey state forest, hiking along the Otter Hole trail to the Mine trail. We'll climb Carris Hill with views of the Wanaque Reservoir, then continue on the Hewitt-Butler trail to Yoo-Hoo Point and Wyanokie High Point with views of the NYC skyline. PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Friday, June 25. Leader: Minu Chaudhuri, minuch50@gmail.com or (914) 391-5918. *Joint with ADK Mohican.*

Sunday, June 27 - **Kitchawan Preserve.** 5-6 miles, easy to moderate terrain. We'll first take 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, and then head back into the preserve and do three or four loops on varied terrain off the main white trail. Meet at the preserve parking lot, 712 Kitchawan Rd., Ossining, NY 10562 (please be careful entering and exiting the parking lot as it is on a blind corner). PPE required as per Covid policy. Please register with the leader not later than Friday, June 25. Leader: Sheila Sarkar, shechris6@gmail.com or (914) 498-2464. *Joint with ADK Mohican. Qualifies for the Westchester 100 (No. 33).*