Schunemunk Mountain to Become New York’s Newest State Park

Governor George E. Pataki announced in March that the state will acquire 2,500 acres on Schunemunk Mountain in Orange County, NY, to create a new state park.

“We are thrilled by the governor’s decision,” says Trail Conference President Gary Haugland, who attended the snowy announcement ceremony held on the side of the mountain March 2nd. The New York-New Jersey Trail Conference and ADK pitched the idea for this new state park during a meeting with Governor Pataki several years ago and have been advocating for the mountain’s acquisition and preservation as a state park ever since.

“Schunemunk has long been a favorite destination for hikers in our region,” Haugland notes. “Our maintainers have worked hard to preserve and upgrade the more than 2.5 miles of trails on the mountain, and our members and staff have passionately advocated for state protection. Now we know that this wonderful mountain will be preserved and accessible for future generations. We can all be proud of the governor’s announcement.”

The State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) will acquire the property from the Open Space Institute using approximately $2.5 million from the State Environmental Protection Fund. OSI, a nonprofit conservation organization dedicated to the preservation of the open space resources of the Hudson Valley, began acquiring portions of the mountain in 1996. The property had been preserved by former owner Peter Stern. The land will be managed by the State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) and will be opened in the summer.

Appalachian Trail Pochuck Creek Crossing Enters its Last Phase

by Larry Wheelock, New Jersey Field Representative

Did you think we’d never finish? Well, the light is at the end of the boardwalk. After nearly two decades of planning and construction, the great AT relocation across nearly 3,000 feet of Pochuck Creek floodplain in Vernon, New Jersey, is approaching completion. Though the remaining work appears daunting, a new $1,000 grant to the Trail Conference for this project from the American Hiking Society’s National Trails Endowment (see separate announcement) is a welcome boost. We hope that with a mighty push by our many volunteers and partners we will see it through by this autumn.

The Pochuck Creek crossing project began in the early 1980s when the state of New Jersey purchased this land in the Vernon Valley with Green Acres funds. Initial tests of the soil resulted in more than 25 miles of trails on the mountain. Our maintainers have worked hard to preserve and upgrade the trail system. The Trail Conference is beginning an exciting initiative to permanently protect all long-distance trail corridors in New York and New Jersey. Our first priority will be to acquire permanent corridors or easements on the sections where trails are on private land.

TC Seeks Permanent Protection of Trail Corridors

By John Myers, Trail Lands Coordinator

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The Trail Conference is actively working with the states of New York and New Jersey and various not-for-profits to acquire large key parcels that will benefit our trail system. Trail protection, however, often requires assembling many small parcels to create a continuous corridor. A good example of this is our protection of the Ginseng Ridge on the Long Path north of the Catskills, where we assembled five parcels totaling 400 acres covering five miles of trail, (to be purchased by DEC). We plan to apply this successful approach to protect all the trails in our bistate system. Below is an overview of some of our specific goals.

APPALACHIAN TRAIL. The narrowest and most threatened stretch of the AT is along the New York/New Jersey border east of High Point State Park. We have created a coalition that includes the National Park Service (NPS), Appalachian Trail Conference, Orange County Land Trust, Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge, and other groups to push for creation of a new bistate park between High Point and Waywayanda State Park. We are also working with NPS and New Jersey to add buffer lands to widen the corridor.

HIGHLANDS TRAIL. In New Jersey, Green Acres is currently working on...
Schunemunk: A Personal Reflection

W hen I moved to the community of Cornwall-on-Hudson seven years ago I had clear and compelling reasons to do so. Since it doubled my commute time and put greater distance between me and the Trail Conference office (then in Manhattan), these reasons had to be good. The reasons had names—Storm King Mountain, Black Rock Forest, and Schunemunk Mountain. All three of these magnificent hiking areas were at least partly located in Cornwall, and over the years I had come to know them as my favorite destinations. I eventually decided that I needed to live in their midst, not just visit.

The first time I hiked on Schunemunk I knew it was unique, different from all the other places in this region. The eight-mile long ridge, which in the north becomes two parallel ridges with a wetland in between, presents an ever-changing picture. From the dramatic evidence of different geological eras to the panoramic views along the trails, from the sparse pitch pine cover of the ridge top to the dense hardwoods in the Barton Swamp, from the hawks circling in the summer updrafts to glimpses of giant anthill mounds in the woods, from the boulder jumbles of the Megaliths to the exotic lavender shading of the exposed rock noticeably scoured by glacial action, Schunemunk provides an endless variety of experiences for the hiker.

There are currently about 25 miles of Trail Conference-managed trails on the mountain, including the Long Path and the Highlands Trail, which intersect near its center. In the fall all the available trailhead parking is frequently taken, signaling that I am not alone in my love for this mountain. According to the latest census, Orange County is one of the fastest growing counties in this region, so the timing of the announcement of its protection as a state park could not be better. Now we can work cooperatively with park personnel to resolve issues like unauthorized vehicles and vandalism through long-term management plans.

As a side note, the Town of Cornwall has been doing its part to protect the views and enhance the experience of the trails on the mountain. Recent zoning changes have included more stringent ridgeline protection and preservation of contiguous open space through clustered residential development.

The work is not quite finished, however, for more than half of the mountain is still in private hands. The Trail Conference is actively pursuing all possibilities for expanding protection, including protection of adjacent Woodcock Hill. Nonetheless, we are thrilled at the announcement made by the Governor just a few short weeks ago and the commitment he made to seek preservation of the entire ridgtop.

L, and the Trail Conference, express gratitude to those who made it their business to protect this mountain over the years. This list includes H. Peter Stern and the Storm King Art Center, Joe Martens and the dedicated staff of the Open Space Institute, Neil Woodworth our ADK partner and passionate advocate in Albany, and Governor George Pataki, who quickly grasped what a great addition this would be to the parks of New York State. To you and to the countless others who have moved this process forward—thanks a million.

—Gary Haugland

L E T T E R S

A Harriman Caution

While one of our TC supervisors was hiking in the vicinity of the Reeves Meadow Visitors Center he had his car parked in that lot and someone attempted to break into it. When he reported it to PIPC staff he was advised that a professional ring of car thieves has been preying on vehicles parked in the lots off Seven Lakes Drive. So be aware: Don’t leave anything in view in your vehicle that could draw unwanted attention. Be alert, and report any suspicious actions to PIPC staff.

What I Tell Bikers on Hiking Trails

I wonder if part of the reason when bikers ride on hiking trails is that we kind of shrug our shoulders. Maybe we send some email or we complain to our friends, but then we just accept it. We start to think that we can’t do much about it.

I think that law is only a part of the solution. There are a lot of little laws that people break and don’t feel guilty about.

I tell bikers about the law in case they don’t know it’s illegal. But first and more strongly, I tell them that people use hiking trails to get away from vehicles. I tell them that people use hiking trails to escape from vehicles too. And when that biker is walking, he too will have the right to expect that everybody else using the foot trail will also be walking.

Please remember that horses were “there” when many of these trails were discovered or created.

Susan Data-Samtak

Please note that I do my trail walking as a park volunteer on horseback. I belong to many conservation organizations. I believe in setting land aside to prevent development. I also advocate use of some of these lands, where appropriate, for recreation. Some land can support horse, bike, and hiking (multi-use) trails. Some land is too fragile for any public access.

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Remember Multi-Use

I receive a copy of Trail Walker through New Jersey Rail Trails. I wish to let you know that I use trails for horseback riding. I understand that I am also considered a member of NYNJ Trail Conference by virtue of the fact that I am a “trail walker” in the Jockey Hollow area of Morristown National Historical Park.

Michael Rea

Bellvale, NY

Editor’s note: The Trail Conference supports the development of multi-use trails as appropriate and encourages all users to contribute to the work of maintaining them. Some trails, of course, are not appropriate for all uses. Foot trails, for example, are intended for use only by human walkers, and neither horse nor bike riders should be traveling on those. On the other hand, this is a good opportunity to remind walkers that on multi-use trails, pedestrians should, for safety’s sake, yield the right of way to horses; this is, in fact, the regulation on many multi-use park trails.

Trail Walker welcomes letters.
From the Executive Director

Embarking on a Trail of Opportunity

The deadline for this issue of Trail Walker comes as I complete my first three weeks on the job. In that short time, I have been amazed by how this organization accomplishes so much with so little. We succeed year in and year out through the unheralded efforts of so many—mostly volunteers.

Ours is a mature and successful organization poised for growth in our three missions: trail maintenance, trail protection, and trail education. By growth, I mean increased capacity to effectively advance hiking interests in the face of ever-increasing threats.

Our volunteer trail maintainers have built a justifiably good reputation for the Trail Conference among land managers and hikers alike. Perhaps the greatest compliment is that our work is so consistently good that it is transparent. I want to maintain that reputation and better support the volunteers who are responsible for it. Further, I want to improve our monitoring of trail lands beyond the immediate treadpath, particularly in areas where development pressures are impinging on the hiking experience.

In the area of trail lands protection, I want to build on and extend our recent successes at Sterling Forest, Stony Kill Falls, and Schunemunk Mountain. I hope to expand on this legacy with a proactive grassroots advocacy network. These are capacities that we must develop further to enhance our outreach to under-served communities. We also need to strengthen the synergy between the Trail Conference and our member clubs.

Following in the footsteps of those before me, I hope to bring fresh energy and creativity to achieving our missions. Fundamentally, though, I recognize that we must continue to rely on the same bedrock volunteer activism that has propelled the organization through the past 80 years. With your help, this will be a very positive century for hiking and environmental conservation in the New York–New Jersey region.

Late News Flash

I am pleased to announce the hiring of a new administrative director—Scott Voorhees of Emerson, NJ. Scott has 15 years of overall operations management experience, including building and running a nonprofit trade association with which he held the positions of treasurer, human resources officer, and director of operations. Scott brings a wealth of skills and experience to the job of running the office operations, coordinating volunteer efforts, and generally building the organization’s capacity to respond to mission-related opportunities and challenges.

Scott takes over from Judith Fulmer, whose loyalty to this organization has been unparalleled. Judith has seen the Trail Conference through two executive director changes, served as interim executive director, moved the office from Manhattan to Mahwah and, while commuting from Brooklyn, oversaw the hiring of her replacement. Throughout it all she has been a rock of stability and a source of support and solace to all those around her. As she sets her sights on challenges closer to home, she will be sorely missed.

—Edward Goodell

Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge Manager To Speak at June 21 Delegates’ Meeting

All Trail Conference members are invited to attend the next meeting of the hiking club delegates on Thursday, June 21, 2001, at the Fort Lee Historic Park, in Fort Lee, New Jersey.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. Please join us for a social hour, beginning at 6 p.m., for a chance to share refreshments and chat with hiking club representatives.

We’re very happy to announce that Elizabeth (Libby) Herland, Refuge Manager for the Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge, will be our guest speaker. In addition to describing the wildlife refuge and new land protection initiatives along the AT Corridor in northern New Jersey, Ms. Herland will comment on the view from Washington, DC, and what hikers might expect from the Bush administration.

Although each member club or organization of the Trail Conference designates a delegate to act as liaison to the Conference, individual Conference members are always welcome at delegates’ meetings. Meetings, held in New York City or at Fort Lee Historic Park on the New Jersey Palisades, provide wonderful opportunities to share hiking and conservation news, discuss issues, and help guide the Trail Conference’s future work and activities.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Getting There: Fort Lee Historic Park is immediately south of the George Washington Bridge on the east side of Hudson Terrace, on the New Jersey Palisades. Frequent bus service from the GWB terminal in Manhattan is available, or take the lovely (and free) one-mile walk across the bridge. Ample (free) parking is available. From the Palisades Interstate Parkway, get off at the last exit before the bridge toll (right fork after the gas station—and be sure to exit). Follow Hudson Terrace south under the bridge and take the first left into the park. From New York City, take the upper level of the GWB and use the second exit, “32 Eyl.” Make a sharp right and another right onto Hudson Terrace. Proceed under the bridge to the park entrance on the left. From the New Jersey Turnpike, take the Fort Lee exit, and continue straight on the service road, paralleling the bridge toll plaza, until the service road ends at Hudson Terrace. Turn right onto Hudson Terrace, and then make the first, almost immediate, left turn into the park.

Call for Nominations

Recognition Awards, Board of Directors, and Delegates-at-Large to Be Presented at Annual Meeting in October

Each year in October at the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference’s annual meeting, elections are held for 5 members of the board of directors and 15 delegates-at-large. Also at that time, awards are presented to members and friends to recognize outstanding people in the hiking community.

Conference members are welcome to submit nominations, with supporting background information, for awards, board of directors, and delegates-at-large. Send your suggestions to the Nominating Committee, in care of the NY-NJ Trail Conference, 156 Ramapo Valley Road, Mahwah, NJ 07430; telephone 201-512-9348; email info@nymjtc.org. The deadline is July 1, 2001.

Recognition Awards

The annual awards are as follows:

William Hocferlin Award: recognizes Trail Conference volunteers who have demonstrated exemplary service to trail maintenance, management, and/or trail land protection.

Next Generation Award: given to those under age 21 who are making significant contributions of time and energy to trail building and/or protection.

Major Welch Trail Partner Award: presented to those outside the Trail Conference—for example, state, federal, or local agency partner officials—who have given long and/or significant assistance to the local hiking community.

Corporate Partner Award: presented to a company that has furthered the hiking trail experience and/or protection effort.

Raymond H. Torrey Award: the Conference’s most prestigious award, given for significant and lasting contributions that protect our hiking trails and the land upon which they rest.

Leo Rothschild Conservation Award: presented to a person or organization that has made a significant contribution to the protection of our trails and/or the natural lands that surround them.

Nominating Committee for Board and Delegates

The Nominating Committee will present a slate of candidates for the board of directors and delegates-at-large for the October 2001–01 year. Current Trail Conference directors are listed in the masthead of Trail Walker (see page 2).
National Trails Day
Opening of the Wildcat Mountain Trail in Sterling Forest

The official opening of Sterling Forest’s Wildcat Mountain Trail is scheduled for National Trails Day, Saturday, June 2, at 10 a.m. It will take place at the trail’s southern trailhead located in the Commuter Parking Lot at the top of the ramp connecting New York Rd. 17 and 17A. Remarks by Carol Ash, Executive Director of the Palisades Interstate Park Commission, will highlight the festivities. At 10:30 a.m., volunteers will be invited to participate in a litter pick-up along the trail’s short entry road. Following this, an in-and-out hike on the southern portion of the trail, led by TC Sterling Forest Trail Supervisors Suzan Gordon and Pete Tilgner, will conclude the day’s events at 1 p.m. For further information, call the Park Information Center at (845) 331-5907.

The Wildcat Mountain Trail is the latest addition to the Sterling Forest trail network. The trail was cut by 19 volunteers who put in a total of 273 hours. Additional water bar and step work was done by the West Hudson Trail Crew. Wildcat is blazed white and will be maintained by three of its original volunteers: Mary and John Mack and Mark Kassop. This continues Gordon and Tilgner’s goal of securing maintainers who take ownership of the trail they have helped create.

TC Pochuck Project Gets $3,000 from American Hiking Society

The American Hiking Society’s National Trails Endowment has awarded $3,000 to the NY-NJ Trail Conference for building materials for the last phase of the ongoing Pochuck Creek and Flood Plain Recreation project in Vernon, NJ (see front page story). This project involves building a one-mile segment of the Appalachian Trail to replace the current route, which is a hazardous 2.1-mile roadwalk in a rapidly developing rural/suburban area. The last phase of this project involves finishing the boardwalk and building a second pedestrian bridge through a 25,000-acre federally designated wetland.

The American Hiking Society, a national recreation-based conservation organization, awarded grants to 15 trail clubs. The 15 recipients were chosen from a group of 79 applicants and each will receive between $1,000 and $5,230.

“Community trails are a basic environmental protection measure because they allow people to have access to nature,” says to Robert N. Leggett, who with his wife, Dee, has seeded the Endowment.

TC member club Long Island Greenbelt Trails Conference (LIGTC) was also named an AHS grant winner. The National Trails Endowment grant to LIGTC will fund the production and distribution of a map set for the 125-mile Paumanok Path, which stretches from Rocky Point to Montauk Point. The maps will not only encourage more use of the trail, but will create regional enthusiasm for its completion. Since the 1970s, many organizations across Long Island have been building the Paumanok Path; it will serve as the backbone for Suffolk County’s trail system by connecting to other hiking trails and encouraging the development of new trails. LIGTC is dedicated to developing and maintaining hiking trails on Long Island, preserving and protecting Long Island’s open space, and fostering an appreciation of Long Island’s ecology, history, and scenic beauty through outdoor recreation and education programs.

Litter Day: May 6

Mark Sunday May 6th on your calendar and head out with like-minded hikers to do some spring cleaning. Clubs that have a hike scheduled that day are encouraged to gather up litter, especially at trailheads. If you’re going out on your own, bring along a garbage bag. When you get back from your Litter Day trip, please report what you found and who participated. The statistics and highlights are usually reported in Trail Walker.
Help Us Get Families Into the Woods

To introduce urban families to the woods, the NY-NJ Trail Conference, in partnership with the Palisades Interstate Park Commission, began an outreach program in 1999 at the Tiorati picnic area in Harriman State Park. The area is a popular destination for families from around the metropolitan area, be it Queens or Jersey City, who come to picnic, fish, and relax in an outdoor setting. It seems a perfect spot to offer an introduction to hiking.

And so, on Saturday mornings during July and August, a TC hike leader and assistant prospect the Tiorati picnic grounds for attendees for a 1.5-mile nature walk along the Appalachian Trail. The young children are always anxious to go; it is the adults who must be convinced. At the end of the walk the children have asked 99 tough questions and the adults cannot believe they did it, i.e. walked 1.5 miles.

To continue this program in 2001, the Trail Conference seeks volunteers. The Appalachian Trail Conference supports the program with grant money; we need you to volunteer to lead a walk. To prepare walk leaders for the natural science questions, a workshop will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on National Trails Day, June 2, at the Tiorati Circle picnic area.

Art Lebolsky, Ed. D., an educational consultant, and Laura Pakaln, a first-grade teacher, will walk the route with us, providing an opportunity for questions/notes. After lunch there will be a group meeting to discuss the program in detail. Car transportation for bus riders will be available from Sloatsburg.

If you have questions or wish to sign up for the workshop, e-mail Wanda Davenport at wandatrail@solid.net or call 201-670-8383 before 9 p.m.

—Wanda Davenport

Exciting, Essential Volunteer Positions Available

The Trail Conference has always been primarily powered by volunteers and that remains the case. There is a flood of new projects as a result of the move to Malwah and change in staff and volunteers. Ed Goodell, the new executive director, is seeking one or more people to work closely with him and the administrative director on coordinating and enhancing our volunteer operation. In particular, he wants to develop a pool of non-trail volunteers for a variety of projects—from graphic design and webmastering to public relations and event management. If you are the type of leader who can motivate, train, and support volunteers in support of the Trail Conference mission, we want to hear from you! Call the office at 201-512-9348 or email info@nynjtc.org.

AMC’s Outings for Urban Kids Seeks TC Volunteers

You may have seen some unusual sights on the trails recently, groups of street urchins from Harlem, Queens, The Bronx, and other city locales frolicking through the woods led by harried AMC volunteers. It’s a trend: the AMC’s Outreach for Urban Kids (AOK) program is gathering momentum.

The AMC’s NY/North Jersey chapter operates AOK as a public service for the purpose of exposing urban youth to outdoor opportunities and challenges, which they would not normally experience. (It also serves to so expose AOK leaders!) The experiences we offer occur in as near an approximation to wildness as we can find within a reasonable distance from N.Y.C. Last year, under the aegis of AOK, 250 children took to the trails on 16 separate outings and the adults cannot believe they did it, i.e. walked 1.5 miles.

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Grant to Support Northeast Alpine Stewardship Awarded

The Trail Conference has made a grant of $1,000 to the Guy Waterman Alpine Stewardship Fund, based in East Corinth, Vermont. The funds are used to strengthen the human stewardship of the alpine areas of the Northeast. In particular, it will support stewardship projects that blend low-impact trail maintenance and hiker education in safeguarding the open summits, exposed ridgelines, and areas of fragile alpine vegetation in the northeast.

For more information and registration materials, contact: Tim Tierney, Trails Program Director, Adirondack Mountain Club, 518-668-4447, adkinfo@adk.org, or www.adk.org http://www.adk.org.

Conference Helps Fund Volunteer Trail Program in Catskills

As in past years, the Trail Conference has generously provided funding for the ADK organized trail maintenance efforts in the Catskill Forest Preserve. The Trail Conference Board approved $5,000 for the Volunteer Trails Program running June through October 2001.

This assistance helps equip and operate volunteer and professional crews working on intensive trail construction projects. The work involved is designed to control erosion, harden trails, and enhance the hiking experience.

Trail Conference members are welcome to participate in the ambitious schedule of one-, two-, four-, and five-day projects in the Catskills and Adirondacks.

The program provides all food, tools, transportation, and experienced leadership.

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Get Involved

TRAIL CREW SCHEDULES

EAST HUDSON CREW

Check www.trailstobuild.com for the spring work schedule.

WEST HUDSON TRAIL CREW

All are welcome. No previous trail work experience is necessary. There is work for every level of experience and interest. We offer on-the-job training with experienced leaders. Bring sturdy boots, work gloves, lunch and water. All tools are provided. If possible, please notify the leaders that you are coming, so they will know how many people to plan for. We Rock!

Trip leaders are listed with each event:

Bob Marshall [Crew Chief] (914) 737-4792; e-mail: rmarshall@webtv.net

Chris Ezzo (516) 431-1148

Claudia Ganz (212) 631-3344

Monica Resor (732) 937-9098

Harriman State Park

Saturday, May 5 (Claudia Ganz); Sunday, May 6 (Chris Ezzo); Thursday, May 10 (Bob Marshall)

Continuing trail rehabilitation, relocation, and erosion control on the Timp-Torne Trail.

Schunnemunk Preserve

Thursday, May 17; Saturday, May 19;

Sunday, May 20 (Bob Marshall)

Continuing trail rehabilitation, relocation, erosion control, and repair on the Sweet Clover Trail.

Harriman-Bear Mountain State Parks

Saturday, June 2; Sunday, June 3 (Monica Resor); Thursday, June 7; Saturday, June 9, and Sunday, June 10 (Bob Marshall)

New project of trail rehabilitation, relocation, and erosion control on the Popolopen Gorge Trail.

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NY-NJ Trail Conference To Host Open House May 20

See our spacious new headquarters on the Ramapo River; meet new Executive Director Edward Goodell; greet old and new friends. When: Sunday, May 20, 2001; time: 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Claire at 201-512-9348 or by email: office@nynjtc.org. Bus and train stations are nearby and parking on site is ample. Directions: 1.6 Ramapo Valley Road in Mahwah, NJ (Route 202, just north of the Route 17 overpass).

Thanks for Gift of Memorabilia

The Trail Conference is pleased to thank Arthur G. Adams for his gift of photos and other memorabilia pertaining to the for-mative years of the Trail conference and its predecessors, The Wandervelgels, The Wanderbirds, Walking News, and the late William “Bill” Hoeflin and Leon R. Greenman. The gift was made on behalf of the estate of Walking News, Inc. and Leon R. Greenman and his sister Mrs. Selma Feuerstein, and includes material going back at least to 1923. In a letter accompa-nying the gift, Mr. Adams noted: “With Leon’s death [see obituary in this issue], an era comes to an end.

A Double Thank-You

Belatedly, we welcome Arnold Dunham as a new Life Member of the Trail Confer-ence, thanks to a gift from his wife, Ilse. Additional belated thanks go to Ilse for her gift to the “Transition 2001 Move To Mahwah.” Acknowledgement of these contributions was inadvertently omitted from the last issue of Trail Walker.

Author to Talk on Long-Distance Hiking

Karen Berger, author of Hiking the Triple Crown: How to Hike America’s Longest Trails, will present a slide show at Ramsey Outdoor (240 Route 17N, Paramus, NJ) on Tuesday, May 15, at 7:00 p.m. The talk will highlight her travels along the Appalachian Trail, Pacific Crest Trail, and Continental Divide Trail. One of about 20 people who have hiked all three trails to completion, Berger is a former contribut-ing editor for Backpacking magazine and is the hiking editor for GORP.com.

TC Joins Small Press Publishers at Book Fair

On March 24-25, Trail Conference volun-teers staffed a booth to sell our publications at the Small Press Book Fair in New York City. This foray was to bring our publications and the organization to the attention of a wider audience and, we hoped, sell a few books and maps in the process. The fair was a success on both counts: the net take from the fair was slightly more than breaking even, and our presence was noted by many attendees. TC volunteer Mary Jo Robertiello reported that “Being at the fair was good for public relations. It jogged some people’s memories about how

Browsing TC publications

they hiked and they bought books/maps for their children.” Margaret Starmsen enjoyed herself as the person who stopped by were all so easy to converse with. She thanked the Conference for the opportu-nity to volunteer. John Bresland remarked that “not everyone at the Book Fair was an ardent hiker, but everyone that we met was fun and interesting to talk to, includ-ing an 80-year-old poet and his wife who were just back from three weeks in Thai-land.”

The enthusiasm among people who volunteered contributed to the success: John and Beth Bresland, Dan Chazin, Fred Liberman, Robert McCluskie, Mary Jo Robertiello, Margaret Starmer, and Rich-ard Zinn staffed the booth; Bob Koshindic mailed postcards to stores announcing the event; Barry Mark and Walt Daniels made a brochure. Jane Daniels pulled everything together, making sure that the booth looked great, that inventory was ample, and that volunteers could have home-made cook-ies as a snack. Thank you all.

If you are interested in helping in the future at a fair either selling books or mar-keting hiking and membership, contact Jane Daniels at 914-245-1250 or jdaniels@bestweb.net. She will forward your name, phone number, and/or e-mail to an appropriate person.

Happy 70th to Interstate Hiking Club

TC Trails Chair Ilse Dunham sends word that this year the Interstate Hiking Club, a long-time TC member, celebrates 70 years of hiking and trail maintenance. For over 40 years IHC has maintained more than 16 miles of hiking trails, one of which is the Sterling Ridge Trail; in addition, members past and present have become individual trail maintainers, often for 15 years or longer. Three years ago IHC was awarded the Hoeflin Award for excel-lence in trail maintenance by the Trail Conference. Congratulations for a long and distinguished history and best wishes for happy trails for many years to come.

Enjoy Hikes at Summer Conferences

The following two events are open to all.

The Appalachian Trail Conference’s biannual conference will be held this year, July 13-16, at Shippensburg University in Shippensburg, PA. In addition to a week-long schedule of hikes and other outings in the region, the conference agenda in-cludes workshops to enhance the educa-tion of users of the AT, encourage greater outreach to the public regarding AT main-tenance, and present new inventories of the historic and cultural sites along AT lands. Information and registration mate-rials can be obtained online at http:// www.atconf.org/about/biennial.html or by writing to Shippensburg 2001, P.O. Box 20123, Lehigh Valley, PA 18002-0123.

The Finger Lakes Trail Conference will host the annual meeting of the North Country Trail Association, August 9-12, 2001, in Cazenovia, NY, just southeast of Syracuse. Registrants will stay in college dorms and enjoy the varied landscape of host Madison County. Walks and bike rides along the Old Erie Canal State Park towpath will take in the level northern end of the county, while more than a dozen other hike offerings will afford visitors astounding views, frequent waterfalls, and distances from short to challenging.

Workshops, evening programs, self-guided tours and walks are included in the scheduled menu of events, brought to our guests by the combined efforts of vol-unteers from the Central NY Chapter of the North Country Trail Association, the Onondaga Chapter of the Adirondack Mountain Club, and the Finger Lakes Trail Conference, whose 800-mile trail system is followed for almost 40 miles across upstate New York by the North Country Trail. (North Country National Scenic Trail, when completed, will meander 4,000 miles from North Dakota to the Adirondacks of New York.)

Full registration information and high-lights are available on the August Confer-ence page of the NCTA’s Website at www.northcountrytrail.org/confex/is or in the NCTA’s April issue of The North Star or by mail from NCTA, 229 E. Main, Lowell, Michigan 49331, 616-897-5287.

New Life Members

The Trail Conference welcomes the following new life members to our growing family of more than 800: Barbara L. Allbeck, Arnold Dunham, and Jay Westfall of New Jersey; Krys and Ronald Doerfler, Lou Feeney, Susan Kormacki and Charles M. Gordanier, and Hardwick Simmons, from New York.

An individual life membership is $400, and a joint life membership (two adults at the same address) is $600. Next time you renew, we hope you’ll consider becoming a “life”
acquisitions to protect the Highlands Trail in Warren and Hunterdon Counties. They have made a number of purchases in the Farrand Highlands in recent years that have significantly benefited our trails. In New York, Governor Pataki recently announced the creation of a new state park on Schunemunk Mountain, which will protect parts of the Highlands Trail, Jessup Trail, Long Path, and other trails. We continue to work with the Open Space Institute to acquire other parcels on Schunemunk.

**LONG PATH** The purchase last year of the 7,000-acre Lundy property by the Open Space Institute will preserve a long stretch of the Long Path along the Vermony Kill in the southern Catskills. In Orange County, we are working to create a protected link from Schunemunk Mountain to the state forest lands near Stewart Airport. Our strategy here is to ask the towns and developers to donate corridors through new subdivisions in this rapidly developing area. We are also working with Orange County Land Trust along the Wallkill River to get protection for the Long Path here.

**SHAWANGUNK RIDGE TRAIL** This trail is the most threatened of all our trails. Two major developments are proposed directly on top of the Shawangunk Ridge. In Mamaroneck, just north of Route 17, an eight-story resort/gambling casino complex with up to 300 homes and shops is proposed. Near Route 84 in Greenville, 1,500 condominiums are proposed for the top of the ridge around four small ridge lakes. New high-end homes and subdivisions continue to appear on the Orange County side of the ridge. We are working with other groups and local citizens to fight both of these proposals and are encouraging the developers to sell to the DEC. To work for protection of the ridge, the Conference is taking the lead in forming a new coalition, the Shawangunk Greenway Partnership, whose goal will be to advocate for the creation of a protected corridor along the entire 35 miles of the Shawangunk Ridge, from Minnewaska/Mohonk to High Point State Park in New Jersey. We are working with the Trust for Public Land to close five gaps along the ridge: at Roosa Gap; at Route 17 near Wurtsboro; south of the Bash Kill; through Deepark and Mount Hope; and in Greenville near High Point.

In the future we hope to look back and see protected corridors along all of our trails. Good planning and zoning by the towns would blend well designed developments as buffers to the trail corridor. Overall we would leave a great legacy for future generations—continuous public greenways along all our trails, so they can be enjoyable hiking experiences for generations to come.

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**Next Generation Profile**

In 1992, the Trail Conference gave the Woodcrest Bruderhof School its Next Generation Award; at the time Donato Meier was among the young students there who enjoyed nature lessons on excursions led by school counselors. Almost 10 years later, Donato leads the younger groups. Here, as part of a series of follow-up articles on Award winners, Donato talks about introducing the next Next Generation to trails.

**Rattlesnakes, Blueberries, and Tidy Trails for All**

By Donato Meier

It is 18 degrees Fahrenheit with a numbing windchill to boot, and outside the Adirondack lean-to the relentless wind blasts snow horizontally against the walls, occasionally lashing the huddled forms within the cabin with a shower of icy flakes. Camp-charged upper chins in my stomach as I survey my young charges sleeping on the wood floor around me.

As I toss another “down-and-dead” on the fire, images of home and a warm bed flash across my mind’s eye; what possessed me to agree to bring these kids out camping on this January night? However, these thoughts are only fleeting and I remain firm in the knowledge of my purpose: I am out here for the next generation, to pass on my enthusiasm for the appreciation of Nature, no matter which opens recreational opportunities in the Hudson Highlands and continues our efforts to protect the best of our outdoor heritage.”

Neil Woodworth, Counsel to the New York-New Jersey Trails Conference and the Adirondack Mountain Club and long-time advocate for this state acquisition, also spoke at the event. “Schunemunk Mountain is the jewel of the Hudson Highlands,” Woodworth said. “The state’s purchase of this wild and unspoiled mountain forever preserves its breathtaking views, unique geology, and beautiful trails for generations of hikers.”

With an elevation of nearly 1,700 feet and extending more than eight miles, Schunemunk Mountain forms the western boundary of the Hudson Highlands. The mountain is covered by deciduous hardwoods, scrub and pitch pine, an understory of blueberry, and one of the most extensive stands of mountain laurel in the area. It is home to the timber rattlesnake, a protected species. From its open ridgeline, a hiker can see the Catskill High Peaks, the Shawangunks, the Hudson Highlands, and the Hudson River valley. Schunemunk also serves as the natural backdrop for the Storm King Art Center, a leading sculpture park and museum with a collection of 230 sculptures featuring the work of many famous artists. The center has been an important partner in efforts to preserve the mountain’s natural environment.

The soon-to-be state park includes lands that lie on the northern section of the ridge. Acquisition of the southern portion of the eight-mile ridge, still in private ownership, will continue to be a major priority for the Trail Conference and ADK. “It is clear that the Governor and OPRHP Commissioner Bernadette Castro share that vision,” says Woodworth. “We are making headway on those parcels. Woodcock Hill to the southwest of the mountain is also well worth preserving, and the Trail Conference and ADK support the purchase of that mountain as well.”

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**SCHUNEMUNK continued from page 1**

Donato Meier stands above a group of young backpackers: Front row, from left to right: Naomi Meier, Vreneli Kleinsasser, Eric Thomson, and Adrian Wise; flanking Donato are Glen Kleinsasser (L) and M Imonika Keiderling.

At the time, that summer seemed like a long slog of blueberry picking, waterfall construction, trail-blazing, and conglomerate cairn construction. On the other hand, our blistered hands had produced a tidy, well-maintained trail, and our recreational excursions, exploring the gorgeous lakes and summits of the Shawangunks, were a welcome respite. It was not until our efforts were highlighted by the unexpected presentation of the 1992 Next Generation Award that I realized what significance the work of trail preservation holds for so many people.

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**To the Public after the State Formally Closes on the Property. As of press time, a timetable for acquisition was still to be determined.**

“Acquiring the Schunemunk Mountain Ridge is a true milestone in New York State’s long and proud history of environmental conservation,” Governor Pataki said in remarks at the announcement event. “By working together, we have created an incredible new state park that expands recreational opportunities in the Hudson Highlands and continues our efforts to protect the best of our outdoor heritage.”

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Neil Zimmerman, Neil Woodworth, Stella Green, Gary Haglund and John Myers with Governor Pataki after the announcement.
Email News and Tips from the TC Technology Chair

Email is a valuable and cost-effective tool for the Trail Conference, as the one-third of our members who have given us their email addresses know. Once a month, or less, these members learn of events or action alerts via an email from the Conference. Members’ email addresses are used only for communicating in a timely fashion about subjects of interest to our members. We do not give out or sell email addresses to anyone.

The Trail Conference benefits from email by saving a lot of money on postage.

If you don’t currently have an email address, there are several options for getting one. If you already have a computer, adding email capability is easy. The programs needed to get started most likely came with your computer. If you don’t have a computer, most public libraries make Internet access available to their patrons (and sometimes to the general public). Once you have Internet access there are a large number of “free” email providers. They are free in the sense that you don’t pay any money, but you do have to put up with some advertising while you read or send mail. When you sign up for one of these accounts, read the fine print and watch for little check boxes that allow you to opt out of receiving a lot of advertising email. Perhaps the best known of the free email accounts are at www.yahoo.com or www.hotmail.com (Microsoft). For a more hiking flavored email address try www.backpacker.com (Backpacker magazine—click on Community tab to sign up).

What would you like to hear about via email from the Conference? Tell us at info@nynjtc.org. We are considering the possibility of a formal, regular email publication—anyone want to volunteer to be the editor?

—Walt Daniels
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LEON R. GREENEAM
Conference members were surprised and saddened to learn in February that Leon R. Greeneman passed away on August 17, 2000. Born 1917, in New York City, where he lived all of his life, he became an Eagle Scout and remained active with the Boy Scouts. He operated the Down-East camping and store in lower Manhattan, where many hikers knew to take their boots, tents, and parkas for reliable repairs and rebuilding. In 1975, he co-wrote with others the 440 page Guide to the Catskills With Trail Guide And Maps. He was a member of the Explorer’s Club, the Catskill 3500 club, AMC, ADK, the New York Ramblers, and the Trail Conference. In the 1970’s, Leon acquired the Wallking News business that Bill Hoferlin started. He republished a number of books that were classics to hikers, including the William Thompson Howell diaries. He is survived by his sister Selma Feuerstein of Franklin Square, NY, Much hiking memorabilia that remained in his estate has been donated to the Trail Conference archives.

JERRY SILVERSTEIN
Jerry Silverstein, a longtime member of the New York Ramblers, passed away this spring. He served as the Ramblers president for most of the 1950’s and continued his involvement with the club after that by selecting poems that always appeared with the club schedule. He is remembered by club members for the appropriateness of his selections and the wide range of sources from which he drew his choices.

STEVE STERN
Steve Stern died on March 4, 2001. Hikers cherish the memory of Steve’s trips to Thomas Edison’s home and laboratory in New Jersey, to Flat Rock Brook Nature Center, Barlett Arboretum, and other destinations. He will always be with us, thanks to these memories and in our wishes for more. A memorial hike for Steve is scheduled for Sunday, July 15, and is sponsored by Outdoors Club and Urban Trail Club.

Memorial to Adolph W. Forst
Adolph W. Forst and the Trail Conference: A Mutual Remembrance

One snowy day this winter, the Trail Conference received a bequest from the estate of Adolph W. Forst, Old Tappan, NJ, in memory of his beloved wife Carmen.

A gentle, intelligent man, Adolph came to this country from Austria as a young boy shortly after the First World War and volunteered in the U.S. Army during the Second World War. Later in life he took art classes and began a new career as an accomplished painter, carver, and photographer. Adolph and his wife Carmen cherished their many happy hours hiking in the Pawling, NY area particularly on the Appalachian Trail. Choosing to be forever close to their beloved hiking trails, they were buried in Pawling, NY, Carmen in 1973 and Adolph, at 87 years of age, in November 2000.

Interestingly, it was 1983, long after his wife’s passing, that Adolph learned of the Trail Conference’s work. He became a Trail Conference member that year and ultimately included us in his generous bequest. These funds are now in the Outdoor Fund dedicated to expanding hiking opportunities in the region. (See article on Preservation of Long Distance Trails on page 1 for more about how the Outdoor Fund is being used to expand trail lands.) It is awe inspiring that Adolph had the foresight to ensure that he and his wife’s passion for hiking would have such an enduring impact. You, too, can help us continue building new trails for new generations of hikers by naming the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference in your will. Such a bequest is a wonderful way to support trail work far beyond your lifetime. For confidential information and legal language, contact the Trail Conference at 201-512-9348, or by email: info@nynjtc.org, and someone will contact you.

If you are moving or have recently changed your address, please provide the information requested below to the Trail Conference office in order to ensure that you continue to receive your Trail Walker and other important mail. Mail to: NY-NJ Trail Conference, 136 Ramapo Valley Road, Mahwah, NJ 07430.

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**Hikers' Bookshelf**

**Catstkill Trails: A Ranger's Guide to the High Peaks**

*Book Two: The Central Catskills*

Edward G. Henry

**Reviewed by Daniel Case**

If all hikers hiked the same way, there would be a need for only one guidebook for any region. But they don't, and competing guidebooks often aim at different types of hikers. Ed Henry, a former Catskill forest ranger, writes in a way best suited to the casual yet committed hiker, as interested in what he or she is passing through as in the trip's ultimate goal.

Eschewing a dry 0.1-mile-by-mile account of highlights and landmarks, Henry offers instead the looser narrative style, his trail descriptions complemented by generous offerings of information on the forest, animals, geology, and history of the land at hand (or is that foot?).

Every high peak in Ulster County, save privately owned Graham, is covered in this volume. Also dealt with are popular hikes on lower peaks like Tremper, Overlook, and Dry Brook Ridge, and a drive around Ashokan Reservoir.

Welcome additions in this volume are full-length chapters for the trailless peaks, which in the first volume rated a mere appendix. In fact, to my knowledge, Henry's is the first guidebook to tackle the infamous bushwhack across the four peaks between Table and Cornell mountains, without a doubt the most difficult route in the book.

The notoriously thick patches of balsam fir and red spruce along this ridge have led to some truly memorable trip reports in the past. Henry conveys their flavor without too many of the usual clichés; his impressionistic style renders it as "Glimpses of beauty and thoughts of glory lose context among the hostile vegetation." I also got a chuckle out of "Elements of the spruce-fir forest play a large role in the off-trail wilderness experience"—a wonderfully dry understatement.

Henry adds to this a visit to Cornell's 3,653-foot summit, which he christens "Dink Mountain," and finds its view redeems the whole experience of Lone, Rocky, Balsam Cap, and Friday.

Inevitably, a few small errors crop up. He describes Slide as the first 4,000-foot peak in the Appalachians north of Virginia's Old Stony Man. Not only can I not find any reference to such a mountain on the Topozone Web site, even if there is, West Virginia has 4,000-foot peaks to the north of any mountains in its neighboring state.

Most significantly, his route up Table Mountain mentions the now-demolished Denning Lean-To. Since it was replaced with a new lean-to higher up the mountain well before the book was published, there's no reason this should still be in there.

Like its predecessor, this volume is sized to fit handily within a pack pocket. The layout designers smartly put the page numbers in easy-to-spot black semicircles along the sides, along with the chapter titles, so one can flip through it quickly for the desired chapter, a good idea other guidebooks should replicate.

This trail-ready design is an odd contrast with the style of the guidebook itself, which will frustrate the hiker who keeps a close eye on the pedometer. However, if you prepare for hikes by reading about them, or want the accumulated knowledge of a veteran forest ranger while traipsing through the woods, Henry will satisfy you.

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Books Recently Received in the TC Library Include:

- **Winter Trails: New York**
  Joanna and Ron Farra, Globe Pequot Press, 2001

- **Catstkill Trails: A Ranger's Guide to the High Peaks**
  Edward G. Henry, Black Dome Press, 2000

- **Not Without Peril. 150 Years of Misadventure on the Presidential Range of New Hampshire**
  Nicholas Howe, AMC Books, 2001

- **The Catskill Forest: A History**
  Michael Kudish, Purple Mountain Press, 2000

- **Basic Essentials: Snowshoeing**
  Phil Savignano, Globe Pequot Press, 2001

- **Wanderlust: A History of Walking**
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FVTW: High Mountain Preserve, Wanaque. Leader: Peter Wolff, 973-239-0768. Meet: 10 AM at Palisado Ash parking lot, up 1,000 feet, level terrain. 6-7 miles using new trial to climb to 1,100 feet, peak with spectacular views of the Passaic Valley and NYC skyline. Return on steep and rocky trail; sturdy boots recommended.

THURSDAY, JUNE 7
FVTW: Wyckoff Circle, Ringwood and Leader: Mary Callon Detelhaer, 908-684-1273. Meet: 10 AM at Wyckoff Circle Education Center, 7.10 mile circuit trail including Closterkile Falls and Other Hole.
ADK-NJ: Thursdays in the woods. A weekly walk. Leader: Call leader West 9 PM to register and for meeting/ time & place – 201-967-2937 or 201-536-2002.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9
UCHC: HIKE MISSING HERE. Leader: Mary Doyle, 908-500-1778. 10 AM AT 444-249-4145. Meet: Sawyer Savings Bank parking lot, 87 Market St., Saugerties, 9 AM. Steep, rough hike of 4.6 miles. Incident weather date is following Mon.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11
RIV: Hariman State Park. Leader: For more information call 845-248-1823. Meet: Sawyer Savings Bank parking lot, 87 Market St., Saugerties, 8 AM. Moderate hike of 0.5 miles. Incident weather date is following Mon.

TUESDAY, JUNE 12

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13

THURSDAY, JUNE 14

SATURDAY, JUNE 16
ADK-R. Hook Mountain Hut Trail. Leader: 973-364-3846. Meet: 10 AM at Pyramid Mountain Visitor Center parking lot. We will explore all of the worlds wonders, tip top Rock. Call leader if doubt due to incident weather.

M. J. Stouy’s Rila Falls and Ensign Ice Cave. Leader: Howard and Idel, 973-629-5923; call 973-618-6161 – 11:00 only. Meet: call leader. Low waterfall, moderate amount of bushwhacking and rock scrambling. Great views from High Point and Catawba, very here crevasse available. 10 miles of challenging terrain to prepare for a long day. October time to follow. Hiking boots must b, lunch, sunscreen, extra socks and a flash light. Incident may occur. 110 non-members.

SUNDAY, JUNE 17

M. J. Ramass Reservations. Leader: Richard (Jolly) Sayle, 201-689-5007; call after 9 PM. Meet: 10 AM in southern N. call leader by Fri., 6:30. This intermediate pace terrain hike is about 6 miles. Includes medication minute. Not accessible by public transportation. Rain cancels; threat of downpour does not, 110 non-members is free with guest card.

MONDAY, JUNE 18
RIV: Alander Mt. From Mt. Washington Park-HQ. Leader: For more information call 845-246-4590. Meet: Sawyer Savings Bank parking lot, 87 Market St., Saugerties, 8 AM. Moderate hike of 6.5 miles. Incident weather date is following Mon.

TUESDAY, JUNE 19
FVTW: Paulison Pk Trail Leader: Arnie Seymour-Jones. Meet: 201-768-3864. Meet 10 AM at State Line Lookout. 7-10 miles in a wilderness view of NYC 500 ft. cliff down to the river.

THURSDAY, JUNE 21
UCHC South Mountain Reservation Ramble. Leader: Don Maieron, 973-228-2255. Meet: 10 AM at Tallulah Spring parking lot, Brookside Ave., Millburn.

M. C. Appalachian Trail – PA. Leader: Larry Weiler, 530-938-5721; call 7-11 PM. Call leader by Thur., 8712. Moderately strenuous bike hike on the AT in some of the most scenic sections in PA. Visit the legendary Devil’s Pulpit, Leftwich’s Gap and the Bake Oven knobs. Hiking boots and 2 quarts of water a must. No public transportation available. Excursions/humidity or steady rain cancels. 110 non-members fee.

SUNDAY, JUNE 24

NYC G. Out. Long Pond, Palisades to Alpine Peak. Leader: Alan Fredler, 718-743-8950, inside George Washington Bridge Bus Terminal. call leader during the week the hike of meeting time. We will walk across the George Washington Bridge and then along the Long Pond to Alpine and return by bus.

MONDAY, JUNE 25
RIV: Cornwall 3487 (L. Westerfield) 3483 (M. L. Leader: For more information call 201-246-7867. Meet: Sawyer Savings Bank parking lot, 87 Market St., Saugerties, 8 AM. Steep, rugged Mt. 6 miles. Incident weather date is following Mon.

TUESDAY, JUNE 26
FVTW: Ramps Mt. State Forest. Leader: Ben Derman, 201-797-0168. Meet: 10 AM at 2nd parking lot. 6-7 miles tour of the lake, castle and the Camelot Trail View from atop rock

THURSDAY, JUNE 28
FVTW: Anthony Wayne Circular. Leader: Arnie Seymour-Jones. Meet: 201-768-3864. Meet 10 AM at Anthony Wayne parking lot. 7-10 miles. Depending on conditions, we can hike West, Long or Black mountains, or perhaps all of them.

SATURDAY, JUNE 30


ISTOUT: The Outdoors Club Contact: PO Box 227, Lenox Hill Station, NYC 10012. Free schedule on request.


TLR: Taconic Lake Reservation. Contact: 914-762-7252, ed 16.

UCHC: Union County Hiking Club. Contact: Herb Chertock, 908-464-8016

UCHC: Union County Hiking Club. Contact: 973-743-0920. Meet: inside George Washington Bridge Bus Terminal; call leader during the week the hike of meeting time. We will walk across the George Washington Bridge and then along the Long Pond to Alpine and return by bus.

MONDAY, JULY 2
RIV: Gaylack, MA (3491). Leader: For more information call 845-246-4590. Meet: Sawyer Savings Bank parking lot, 87 Market St., Saugerties, 8 AM. Strenuous hike of 9.3 miles. Incident weather date is following Mon.

SOUTH SATURDAY, MAY 12
Hariman State Park. An easy pace over moderate terrain. Destinations: Alakaha mountain top or both. Distance: 4 miles. Sponsored by ADK North Jersey, New York, and Knickerbocker chapters. Contact leader Emily Tourin Crowell for info: 973-470-1548 before 8:00 pm.

SUNDAY, JUNE 3
Hariman exploration. Depending on the weather and the bug, a walk near Little Long Pond/Campground. The trail may be open for 4 miles of moderate terrain. Sponsored by ADK North Jersey, New York, and Knickerbocker chapters. Contact leader Emily Tourin Crowell for info: 973-470-1548 before 8:00 pm.

May 26, 27, 28
Minnewaska a State Park. Nature Center Opening Weekend (can the park’s education schedule for nature walks (1 pm), each day, ecology games and 2 pm, each day), and other activities for children and families. Contact the park’s education office at 845-255-1121 for information and to register.

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SATURDAY, MAY 5

RVW. North Pompton, NJ. Leader: John Parisi, 973-284-3100. Meet: 8 AM at the East Public School parking lot (on the west side of the school). 6-7 miles. Moderate pace. Bring water and a snack. $5 non-members.

SUNDAY, MAY 6

RVW. Teterboro, NJ. Leader: Rachel Murrell, 973-684-5300. Meet: 9:30 AM at the Teterboro train station parking lot (at the corner of Atlantic and 9th St., off the route 208). 5 miles. Strenuous pace. Bus leave at 7:45 AM. Bring water and a snack. $4 non-members.

MONDAY, MAY 7


TUESDAY, MAY 8

RVW. Three bridges (3843') and Peekamoose (3847'). Leader: Call leader. Meet: 9:30 AM at Inside Valleymount Parkland off Rte 211/Dale Rd. 11+ miles on the Long Path. 

THURSDAY, MAY 10

RVW. Bahama Lake, NY. Leader: Ron Karp, 718-639-0123; call 9 - 11 PM on 5/28 – 5/31 ONLY. Meet: Call leader. One of the most spectacular views of the Gunks. Great variety of terrain. Short distance but the intensity of some of the climbs will make up for it. Not for beginners; hiking boots are a must. Weather may cancel. $10 non-members; plus $10 farm lease.

FRIDAY, MAY 11

RVW. 1400-acre paddock at the Hackensack River. Leader: Sal Verbero, 718-420-9569, 8–10 am) Sal Verbero (OC, 718-420-9569, UTC: James Barry Memorial Walk. Leader: Call leader during the week of the hike for meeting time and place – 201-967-2912 for more information. 3.5 miles from the entrance on South Orange Ave. A moderate 4-mile ramble up gradual trails.

SATURDAY, MAY 12

RVW. Sunday River Preserve. Leader: John Parisi, 973-684-5300. Meet: 9:30 AM at the Sunday River Preserve parking lot. 3 miles, moderate pace. Bring water and a snack. $5 non-members.

THURSDAY, MAY 17

RVW. Three bridges (3843') and Peekamoose (3847'). Leader: Call leader. Meet: 9:30 AM at Inside Valleymount Parkland off Rte 211/Dale Rd. 11+ miles on the Long Path.

THURSDAY, MAY 18

RVW. Three bridges (3843') and Peekamoose (3847'). Leader: Call leader. Meet: 9:30 AM at Inside Valleymount Parkland off Rte 211/Dale Rd. 11+ miles on the Long Path.

THURSDAY, MAY 19

RVW. Three bridges (3843') and Peekamoose (3847'). Leader: Call leader. Meet: 9:30 AM at Inside Valleymount Parkland off Rte 211/Dale Rd. 11+ miles on the Long Path.

SUNDAY, MAY 20

RVW. Three bridges (3843') and Peekamoose (3847'). Leader: Call leader. Meet: 9:30 AM at Inside Valleymount Parkland off Rte 211/Dale Rd. 11+ miles on the Long Path.

MONDAY, MAY 21

RVW. Bahama Lake, NY. Leader: Ron Karp, 718-639-0123; call 9 - 11 PM on 5/28 – 5/31 ONLY. Meet: Call leader. One of the most spectacular views of the Gunks. Great variety of terrain. Short distance but the intensity of some of the climbs will make up for it. Not for beginners; hiking boots are a must. Weather may cancel. $10 non-members; plus $10 farm lease.

FRIDAY, MAY 25

RVW. 1400-acre paddock at the Hackensack River. Leader: Sal Verbero, 718-420-9569, 8–10 am) Sal Verbero (OC, 718-420-9569, UTC: James Barry Memorial Walk. Leader: Call leader during the week of the hike for meeting time and place – 201-967-2912 for more information. 3.5 miles from the entrance on South Orange Ave. A moderate 4-mile ramble up gradual trails.

SATURDAY, MAY 26

RVW. Three bridges (3843') and Peekamoose (3847'). Leader: Call leader. Meet: 9:30 AM at Inside Valleymount Parkland off Rte 211/Dale Rd. 11+ miles on the Long Path.

FRIDAY, MAY 25

RVW. Three bridges (3843') and Peekamoose (3847'). Leader: Call leader. Meet: 9:30 AM at Inside Valleymount Parkland off Rte 211/Dale Rd. 11+ miles on the Long Path.

THURSDAY, MAY 24

RVW. Three bridges (3843') and Peekamoose (3847'). Leader: Call leader. Meet: 9:30 AM at Inside Valleymount Parkland off Rte 211/Dale Rd. 11+ miles on the Long Path.