CALLING ALL LEADERS!

IT’S TIME FOR THE OUTING LEADERS PICNIC

July 24th, 4 PM

We will thank our past year’s outing leaders on the afternoon of July 24th at the home of Joe Ferri and Shari Aber in West Park with a pot luck picnic and get together - a thank you for providing the signal activities of our chapter. It’s been a year which included the wonderfully organized Fall Outing; Ginny Fauci has continued as Outings Chair and she and Lalita Malik continue to build our strong midweek hike group, with Dana Bennett doing duty when needed. Glenda Schwarze assumed responsibilities for midweek paddles which Shari Aber had originated, and Russ Faller continues as our paddle chair and indomitable backpack leader; Shari and Joe continued to lead Catskill Hikes as well as paddle trips, and Susan Sterngold and Mike Phipps, experienced hikers, began sharing their knowledge in leading hikes with our chapter, Tom Amisson, and Georgette Weir led hikes and trail work days. Carol Gray, Sayi Nulu, Mel Kleiman, Salley Decker, Tom Buckley, John Ragusa, Georgette Weir, Jean-Claude Fouere, Jennifer Anderson, Roberta Forest, Alvin DeMaria, Mike Cunningham, Dave Belarge, Dave Webber, Michele VanHoesen, Chris Cring, Ron Gonzalez, Peter McGinnis, Lou Ruidisch, Mark Tatro, Skip Doyle all provided outdoor experiences for our membership, as did I. (If you’d like to learn more about leading or have done so and your name has been overlooked, please let me know so we can invite you to the picnic.

—Sue Mackson.

THE RAINY MORNING on Saturday, May 7th did not deter volunteers from showing up for “I Love my Parks” day. After registering at the Yurt at Minnewaska State Park, three teams went to three separate locations for trail work. Ginny Fauci and I joined the team led by Dave Webber to build a trail at Stony Kill Falls. There were multiple unofficial trails to the falls. Our job was to lay out the best route, clear all debris and loose rocks and build a trail. We marked a trail along the creek with views of the falls. Next we broke into teams. Two folks raked the area, a few clipped branches and plants over the trail and others started removing loose rocks and digging out rocks that jutted up and presented tripping hazards. The rocks that we dug out left holes, some huge, that had to be filled. We had to level out the bottom of the holes and place flat rocks in them for proper footing. Big rocks were split into smaller rocks to fill in areas around the holes. Then the final touch: gravel to smooth out and cement the rocks in place. Team members took turns to carry loose shale in buckets up the trail while a few used hammers to split the rocks.

Our reward came from a hiker who hiked the trail as we were wrapping up and said, “This used to be a really nasty trail”.

—Lalita Malik
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### Mid-Hudson ADK Nominee Announcement

The following are nominees to the Executive Committee Position for the two year term 2017-18. All nominees currently hold their positions except for Christopher Cring.

- **Chapter Chair**: Daniel Jones
- **Vice Chair**: Peter McGinnis
- **Secretary**: Ellen Zelig
- **Treasurer**: Ralph Pollard
- **Chapter Director**: Bill Beehler
- **Club Director**: Christopher Cring
- **Alt. Club Director**: Brenda Harding

Additional nominations may be submitted in writing to the Nominating Committee prior to the Annual Meeting by any voting member of the chapter, providing such nominations are signed by at least five voting members. The Nominating Committee consists of Sue Mackson: suemackson@gmail.com, and Daniel Jones: jones.daniel.jr@gmail.com.

The Annual Meeting will be held during the Fall Picnic, September 25th, at the Mills-Norrie State Park, Staatsburg, NY.

**Jennifer Anderson** assumed responsibilities as chapter Membership Chair in 2012, having moved from NYC with her husband David in 2010. She keeps tabs on our membership numbers, up or down, and is usually the first to greet new members with a packet of information including a welcome letter, copy of our newsletter and chapter patch.

During their working years, Jen and David had been dividing their time between a weekend home in Pine Plains and an apartment in Manhattan. He’d been an architectural photographer and she started in book publishing and ended in a career she loved, elementary school teaching. The decision to settle in a single domicile, the one up in rural Pine Plains, was mutual. Together they have explored the area through hikes.

Jen’s love of books and her volunteerism found outlets at the Pine Plains Library, where she is active with the Friends in developing programs; currently she’s working on a library exhibit of local artists’ works. She’s tried her hand at painting with pastels and would like to find time for additional art classes. You can learn more about her through her poem printed on page 8 of this issue. Jen’s also contributed a personal memoir of hiking experiences to Senior Hiker magazine, designed by her sister and set to launch in the near future.

In recent years Jen, sometimes together with her sister from Maine, has hiked with Ginny Fauci in the Whites. She grew up just a few miles from the sea on Long Island, and has come to love the mountains, too.

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MHADK OUTINGS SCHEDULE – June/July/August

Summer 2016

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HELP CELEBRATE NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY... FAMILY-STYLE!

LOOKING AHEAD

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Contact: Salley Decker at sadecker2002@yahoo.com. In the subject line please state: NPLD “family hike” on the A.T.

Provide a telephone number where you can be reached if there are questions. Deadline to contact Salley is June 10!

Thank you for volunteering!

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GENERAL OUTINGS GUIDELINES

• Notify Leader of your intent to join an outing at least 2 days prior to the outing

• Be at designated meeting place 10 minutes prior to the scheduled departure time

• Car pooling is encouraged. Riders are expected to share the expenses equally at a rate of $.20 per mile plus any tolls and parking fees incurred.

• Dogs may be allowed on some outings; check with trip leader. If allowed: bring a leash, be able to control your dog and provide for its needs (especially water).

• Guests are welcome to participate in two outings. After that they are encouraged to become members of the Mid-Hudson Chapter of the ADK.

HIKING GUIDELINES

• Check out the Ten Essentials (www.midhudsonadk/outings/ten essentials)

• Wear sturdy footwear as required for season and type of outing

• Be equipped with water, lunch, snacks, extra clothing and foul weather gear

• Hike Ratings indicate relative degree of difficulty, and may vary with terrain, weather, season, etc. Check with Trip Leader to verify that the trip is suitable for your ability.

HIKE RATINGS

• Class A – Difficult: More than 1500’ climb or more than 8 miles total distance

• Class B – Moderate: Less than 1500’ climb and 6 to 8 miles total distance

• Class C – Easy: Well-graded trails and less than 6 miles total distance

• Walk: Less than 4 miles total distance; suitable for children

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**JUNE 2016**

**Fri, June 3 (6 PM) - Sun., June 5**

**Paddle & Camp on Hudson River Islands**

Leader: Russ Faller, 845-297-5126 (before 9:30 PM) or russoutdoors@yahoo.com

Paddle the Hudson River from Catskill to Schodack Landing. Camp on islands both Friday & Saturday nights. This section of the river is rural and scenic. Total mileage is about 23. Arrive in Catskill, NY, at 6 PM on Friday for the car shuttle and short paddle to the first island camp site. PFD required! Participants must have a kayak 13.5 foot or longer with 2 bulkheads. Contact leader by May 27th to register.

**Fri, June 3 - Mills-Norrie State Park in Staatsburg.**

Leader: Georgette Weir georgette.weir@gmail.com or 845-462-0142.

Morning walk with light trail maintenance (if needed). 9:30-12:30. Please bring work gloves, loppers or shears just in case. For meeting place contact leader.

**Sat, June 4 – National Trails Day**

Tom Amisson, tamisson@aol.com for information.

**Sat, June 4 – Copes Lookout (6-7 miles)**

Leader: Roberta Forest 845-750-7059

Scrambling involved. Mohonk Preserve fee of $12 or preserve membership required. Meet 9:30 at Coxing lot. Joint with Mohonk Preserve.

**Sat, June 4 - Kayak Skills Session – 9 AM, Plum Point, New Windsor (All Levels)**

Leader: Don Urmston, Mrurmston@gmail.com or 845-549-4671 (before 9pm)

Come get a free lesson from our ADK paddling trip leaders. We will cover basic strokes, rescues & safety. Whether you are new to kayaking or just need to brush up on your basics, we’ll have something for you. Meet at Plum Point in New Windsor at 9:00am. Participants must preregister with leader. PFD required.

**Sun, June 5 - Taconic-Hereford Multiple Use Area Hike, Pleasant Valley, NY, (3miles, C)**

Leader: John Ragusa (917) 692-1159 or john.ragusa@bnymellon.com

Easy hike through beautiful, secluded, wooded trails and dirt roads. Meet at 10 am at the Taconic Parkway Trailhead. Directions from Route 55 and other points south: Take Taconic Parkway Northbound. At mile marker 52.0, SLOW DOWN!! Entrance to trailhead at mile marker 52.4 on right side. Small parking area can accommodate up to 6 cars. Would encourage carpooling. I can take 3 people. Bring picnic lunch. Heavy rain cancels.

**Sun, June 5 - Long Dock Park, Denning’s Point, and Madam Brett Park Combo, (Approx 7 miles, C+)**

Leader: Louis Ruidisch, ruidisch3@gmail.com or 845-896-9332(H), 845-453-0871(C)

We will start at Long Dock Park and take the Clara Sauer Trail to Denning’s Point and then continue on to Madam Brett Park for beautiful views of the river and estuary. We will back-track on the Clara Sauer Trail to return to Long Dock Park. Bring lunch and 2 quarts water. Meet by the kayak pavilion in Long Dock Park at 9 AM. Confirm with leader.

**Sun, June 5 - Slide, Cornell, Wittenberg (10 miles, ascent 2700’, descent 4000’), A**

Leaders: Joe Ferri, newpaltz33@yahoo.com or 914-489-1582 & Shari Aber, shnaber@yahoo.com or 914-489-0654

This challenging through-hike traverses the Burroughs Range. We climb the highest Catskill peak, follow the ridge to Cornell, then Wittenberg, which arguably offers the most dramatic view in the Catskills. Call or email to register. Joint with Catskill 3500 Club–maximum 12 hikers. Sign up period May 27-June 3.

**Tues, June 7 - Poughkeepsie Evening Paddle**

Leader: Dave Webber, webber1@yahoo.com

Launch and paddle for 1.5-2 hours, 4-6 miles at an easy pace. PFD required! Participants must have a kayak 13.5 foot or longer with 2 bulkheads. Directions: From Route 9 exit, go west and make a right onto Water Street. Waryas Park is 500 feet on the left. Launch at boat ramp.

**Fri, June 10 – Paddle Black Creek Easy (Beginners Welcome)**

Leader: Shari Aber shnaber@yahoo.com or 914-489-0654

We will launch from 299 in the town of Lloyd and...
paddle upstream through the marshes as far as we can. Then we will head downstream, passing our put-in and continue another mile or two through a wooded area until the creek veers and drops off. Contact leader for details.

Sun, June 12 - Kayak Skills Session 9 AM, Plum Point, New Windsor (All Levels)
Leader: Don Urmston, Mrurmston@gmail.com or 845-549-4671 (before 9pm)
Come get a free lesson from our ADK paddling trip leaders. We will cover basic strokes, rescue & safety. Whether you are new to kayaking or just need to brush up on your basics, we’ll have something for you. Meet at Plum Point in New Windsor at 9 AM. Participants must preregister with leader. PFD required.

Sat, June 18-Sat, June 25 Sea Kayaking at Acadia National Park, Maine Class: Intermediate
Leader: Don Urmston, Mrurmston@gmail.com or 845-549-4671 phone/text
We will paddle around Mt. Desert Island / Acadia National Park and see the awesome beauty of coastal Maine. Approximately 5-6 hours of paddling per day. Then we retire to our nice soft beds each night. REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS APRIL 30. ONLY 6 SPACES AVAILABLE. $5 includes accommodations, breakfast and lunch each day, kayak guides. Bring your own gear. Contact trip leader for pricing, more information/questions

Sat, June 18 - Mount Beacon (B)
Leader: Sayi Nulu Sayinulu@yahoo.com or 845-264-2270
Meet at 9 am at the parking area and trailhead located at the intersection of Route 9D and Howland Avenue in the City of Beacon. Additional info online at http://www.sceinhudson.org/parks/mountbeacon

Sat, June 18 - Claremont State Historic Site sunset, moonrise walk
Leader: Sue Mackson 845-471-9892 or suemackson@gmail.com
You can tour the house earlier in the day, but I propose meeting at 6:00 pm in the parking lot of this beautifully situated estate astride the Dutchess/Columbia border overlooking the Hudson. We’ll walk the easy trails and then settle down near the home of Robert Livingston of Revolutionary War fame to watch the sun set over the Catskills. Bring some refreshments. Park closes at sunset (8:30 pm). We’ll then drive to an open area until the creek veers and drops off. Contact leader for meeting place and time.

Sat, June 25 - Hike - Details to follow
Leader: Mike Phipps phippsmcp@aol.com or 646-373-5891

Sun, June 26 - Annsville Creek Paddle, Peekskill, NY
Leader: John Ragusa, (917) 692-1159 or john.ragusa@bnymellon.com
Meet at the Annsville Creek Paddlesport Center. We will paddle in the large inlet off the Hudson River where the Annsville Creek flows out from. It is protected from waves and rough waters. Look for many types of water fowl. We will paddle during high tide so we can paddle up into the creek. Meet at 1 pm at the Annsville Paddlesport Center. Directions: Take Route 9 south. Just before Peekskill, you will come to a traffic circle, locally known as the Annsville Circle. Take the first right out of the circle heading towards the Bear Mountain Bridge (Routes 6 & 202). As you leave the circle, immediately to the left is the entrance to the Annsville Paddlesport Center. Free parking and if you don’t own a kayak or canoe, rentals are available right there. Easy put-in. Bring snacks. There’s a beautiful park we can paddle to on the Peekskill side. Heavy rain cancels.

Mon, June 27 - Sun, July 3 - Baxter State Park - Appalachian Trail - Mt. Katahdin
Leader: Lalita Malik, 845-592-0204 (H), 845-724-5786 (C) or lahitamalik@aol.com
Co-Leader: Ginny Fauci, 845-399-2170 (C) or gefauci@gmail.com
7 Days and 6 nights, $350 lodging only. Go to our website, www.midhudsonadk.org for more info and to register. Join members of the Mid-Hudson Chapter of ADK as we hike and explore the Northern terminus of the Appalachian Trail and Baxter State Park. Our base will be Big Moose Inn, Millinocket Lake, Maine, which is eight miles from entrance to Baxter State Park. We will stay at a trailside cabin, Katahdin House, which has full kitchen facilities. We will prepare our own meals, pot luck style. Sleeping quarters will be a mix of beds and bunk beds. For more information contact leaders.

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JUNE 2016 (CON’T)
KINGSTON KAYAK FESTIVAL
Sat, June 11, Kingston Point Beach, 53 Delaware Ave, Kingston, NY, 10 AM - 4 PM
Contact: Russ Faller at 845-297-5126 (before 9:30 PM) or russoutdoors@yahoo.com
A FUN-FILLED DAY for the whole family. Bring the kids and grandchildren. The Kingston Kayak Festival is not just kayaks. There’ll be also canoes and stand-up paddle boards (SUPs). The emphasis is on education, demonstrations, lessons and tours for beginner paddlers and people who have not paddled before. There will, however, also be some activities for experienced paddlers who bring their own boats and gear. Activities for beginners and non-paddlers will include: Land-based kayak lessons, water-based kayak lessons and guided kayak tour, Kids Kayaking 101 and How to Pick a Kayak & Paddle Presentation.
Activities for experienced paddlers, with their own boats and gear, will include: Guided tour and, possibly, assisted and solo reentry lessons followed by rolling lessons. There will be boats from Confluence, Hurricane, Old Town, Slip Stream and Jackson to test paddle.
For those who want to try SUPs, there will be a presentation and demo on choosing the right board for you. Browse the used boat and gear sale. There will be a food vendor or bring your own picnic lunch. Entry fee: $10 donation to Fortyth Nature Center. Mid-Hudson ADK members enter free. Bring your membership card.

Sat, July 9 - Hidden Pond
Leader: Russ Faller, 845-297-5126 (before 9:30 PM)
or russoutdoors@yahoo.com
We’ll paddle from Long Pond, in the SW corner of the St. Regis Wilderness, to Paul Smiths. The attraction of the St. Regis area is its numerous lakes and ponds where no power boats can go. Each sheet of water has a distinctive character, even its color may be different. None is so large that you tire of it. When we leave the canoe wilderness, we’ll enter Upper St. Regis, Sipfire and Lower St. Regis Lakes, once the playground of 19th Century millionaires. The “camps” lining these lakes are quite extravagant and of distinctive architecture. We’ll take some time to cruise past some of these. Total mileage: 815-23 (depending on the number of optional side trips). Ten carries: only one 1-mile carry with the rest much shorter - as short as a couple of yards. Carries can be made in 2 trips if desired. Must arrive Thurs. evening. Leader will linger for 3 more days for base camping and day trips. You’re invited to join him. (Wooden Canoe Heritage Gathering at Paul Smiths College from 7/12-17/16.) Contact leader to register by 6/30.

Sat, July 9 – Hidden Pond (5+ miles, ascent 1100’, B)
Leaders: Joe Ferri, newpaltz33@yahoo.com or 914-489-1582 & Shari Aber, shnaber@yahoo.com or 914-489-0654
From the High Peterskill Trail in Minnewaska, we will hike off the beaten path to this pristine lake, where we will have lunch, relax, and hopefully cool off with a swim. On the way back we will stop at Compass Rock for a snack and views before heading back to the trailhead. Contact leaders for details.
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**Fri, July 8 - Vly and Bearpen**
(7 miles, ascent: 2300’, A)

Leaders: Joe Ferri, newpaltz33@yahoo.com or 914-489-1582 & Shari Aber, shnaber@yahoo.com or 914-489-0654

We will hike two peaks in the western Catskills. Vly is considered a bushwhack though there is a well defined herd path to it. We will have lunch and enjoy the views on the top of Bearpen, which is crisscrossed by various skimobile and hiking trails. Well-behaved dogs are welcome. Call or email to register. Joint with Catskill 3500 Club—maximum 12 hikers. Sign up period June 29-July 6.

**Sat, July 9 - Lower Wappingers Creek paddle**
(3 to 4 miles, C)

Leader: Mike Pettigrew
mbpettig@yahoo.com or 845-489-5620 (C)

Easy Paddle - any boat ok - Life jacket required - meet at Market street launch in Wappingers Falls. Contact leader for additional information.

**Sun, July 10 - Birchen Trail (6-7 miles)**
Leader: Roberta Forest 845-750-7059

Scrambling involved. Mohonk Preserve fee of $12 or membership required. Meet 9:30 am at Pine Road. Joint with Mohonk Preserve.

**Sun, July 10 - Dover Stone Church Trails**
(3 to 4 miles, C)

Leader: Sue Mackson 845-471-9892 or suemackson@gmail.com
Co-leader: Carol Gray 845-471-1168 or outdoorcarol@verizon.net

With the help of Salley Decker, the NYNJ Trail Conference carved out additional trails last year at this formerly hidden jewel in the east of the county. The stone church is a grotto and a great place to cool off on a summer day. Path to the grotto has slippery wet stones. Wear appropriate gear and bring water, snacks. Meting at 10:15 at the Dover Plains Elementary School on Rte 22 across from the site. Call leaders for car pool options. Option to continue on to Perry Preserve afterward—nother ecologically unusual site, very small and short drive away.

**Thurs, July 14-Sun, July 17 - Kayaking the Erie Canal**
(All skill levels)

Leader: Don Urmiston mrrumston@gmail.com or 845-549-4671

This year’s Erie trip is approximately 60 miles over 4 days. We will start in downtown Buffalo and follow the Blackrock canal to the Niagara River, and onto the Erie Canal as far as Lockport. (2 days). Then will drive over to Rochester and resume our trip where the Erie meets the Genesee River. The next two days will take us through Pittsford, Fairport, Macedon and finally into Palmyra. We plan on staying in hotels this year. Contact trip leader for more information. Early registration is required.

**Sat, July 16 - Hike - Details to follow**

Leader: Mike Phipps phippsmc@gmail.com or 646-373-5891

**Sat, July 16 - Harriman State Park**
*Breakneck Mountain (7.5 miles, A)*

Leader: Jean-Claude Fouère jcfouere@gmail.com or 845-462-1909

This 7.5 miles hike will take us from Sebaego Lake north along the Buck trail and the Breakneck Mountain trail to Breakneck Pond, looping back south along the Suffern – Bear Mountain trail and the Tuxedo – Mt Ivy trail (NY-NJ Trail Conference trail map No 118). Meeting place and time: 9:00 AM at Sebaego Lake boat launch parking area off Seven Lakes Drive. Contact hike leader for detailed information and for carpooling. Join with ADK NYC Chapter.

**Sun, July 17 - Neversink Reservoir Paddle, Liberty, NY**

Leader: John Ragusa, 917-692-1159 or john.ragusa@bnymellon.com

Paddle on the pristine waters of the Neversink Reservoir, part of the NYC water supply system. Highest reservoir in elevation of all NYC reservoirs. Beautiful scenery, surrounded by wilderness on all sides. Look for bald eagles. Kayak and canoe rentals available on site. If you bring your own kayak or canoe, you must have a DEP Access Permit which you can obtain free at www.nyc.gov/dep AND it must be steam cleaned prior to being placed into the reservoir at an authorized steam cleaning vendor. There is one two miles from

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- **Wed, July 20 - How to Get Started Kayaking Presentation, Esopus Library, 6:30 PM**
  - All ADK members are welcomed to attend and/or assist with the presentation – No kayaking experience is necessary. Contact: Don Urmsen: Mrurmston@gmail.com or 845-549-4371

- **Sat, July 23 – Paddle from Long Dock in Beacon around Dennings Point**
  - Leader: Tom Amisson, e-mail only: tamisson@aol.com.
  - We will go into the Fishkill Creek estuary to check out the bird and aquatic life. Approx 4 miles/2.3 hours. Beginners welcome. Kayak rentals available at Long Dock.

- **Mon, July 25 – Paddle the Bashakill Easy (Beginners Welcome)**
  - Leader: Shari Aber shnaber@yahoo.com or 914 489-0654
  - We’ll launch from the southernmost put-in off of 209 and paddle upstream. This is a leisurely paddle and we will take our time, looking at wildlife along the way. Bring your binoculars and/or camera. We’ll go at least as far as the Haven Road Bridge, possibly further if water levels permit. Contact leader for details.

- **Sat, July 30 – Night hike up Mt Beacon (4 miles, A)**
  - Leader: Tom Amisson, e-mail only: tamisson@aol.com.
  - Enjoy the sunset from the Fire Tower, and the Newburgh and Beacon night view from the Casino. Headlamps a must.

- **Sun, July 31 – Cross the Hudson & paddle the historic Rondout creek in Kingston, 9 AM-3 PM (A level paddle)**
  - Leader: Mike Pettigrew mbpettig@yahoo.com or 845-489-5620 (C)
  - Minimum length boat 13.5’ with dual bulkheads required. Life jacket required. Bring lunch and water, camera. Meet at launch in Rhinecliff NY. Contact leader for additional information.

- **Sun, July 31-Sat, Aug 6 - 7th Annual White Mountains Trip – Leader Ginny Fauci – FULL.**
  - Contact Ginny, gefauci@gmail.com to be put on wait list.

**August OUTINGS AT A GLANCE**

The reservoir at the Neversink General Store. I plan to bring my own kayak so anyone who brings their own can follow me to the steam cleaning vendor.

**Directions:** Take I-84 west to the Route 17 interchange (exit 4W). Take Route 17 west towards Binghamton. Travel past Monticello. Take Liberty exit 100A. At end of ramp, make right onto Route 55/County Rt. 16 (Neversink Rd). Continue about 5 miles. Make left onto Aden Rd. Entrance to cove on right. Bring picnic lunch and empty water bottle. We will refill in the reservoir. Car-pooling recommended. I have room for 3 others. Meet at 11 am at the cove. Boat and kayak rentals are right there. You won’t have to deal with permits and steam cleaning if you rent! If you plan to go and rent, please let me know so I can reserve from the boat rental vendor.

**Aug 7 – Cross the Hudson & paddle the historic Rondout creek in Kingston, 9 AM-3 PM (A level paddle)**

For meeting time and place contact leader.

**Sat, Aug 6 - Fahnestock State Park, Cold Spring, Route TBD (6-8 mile, B+)**

Leader: Georgette Weir georgette.weir@gmail.com or 845-462-0142.

For meeting time and place contact leader.

**Sat, Aug 6 - Innisfree Gardens (Walk)**

Leader: Sue Mackson 845-471-9892 or suemackson@gmail.com

There is a fee to enter the garden, which is in Millbrook off Route 44. Unique setting and lovely place to spend a summer afternoon. Both a garden in the oriental style and a wooded path around a heart shaped lake. We’ll go slowly meeting at entrance to park on Tyrell Rd at 2 pm.

**Sun, Aug 7 – Waywayanda Lake Paddle, Pudding Street State Multiple Use Area, Putnam Valley, NY (Paddle)**

Leader: John Ragusa 917-692-1159 or john.ragusa@bnymellon.com

Little known lake in secluded, wooded area. Easy put-in. Meet at 11AM. Directions: Take foonic Pkwy southbound to Pudding Street exit (on left). Cross over northbound lane (be careful!). Continue east on Pudding St. for 2 miles (Pudding St. turns into Lake Shore Rd then back to Pudding St). Go past the Pudding Street NYS DEC MUAP property, and make the first right onto Waywayanda Ct. Follow Waywayanda Ct. as it becomes a dirt road for approximately 1 mile.
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to the clearing by the dam. Heavy rain cancels. Bring picnic lunch.

Tues Aug 9 - Poughkeepsie Evening Paddle
Leader: Dave Webber, webberd1@yahoo.com
Launch and paddle for 1.5-2 hours, 4-6 miles at an easy pace. PFD required! Participants must have a kayak 13.5 foot or longer with 2 bulkheads.
Directions: See August 2 paddle.

Fri, Aug 12 - Mills-Norrie State Park in Staatsburg.
Leader: Georgette Weir georgette.weir@gmail.com or 845-462-0142
Morning walk with light trail maintenance (if needed), 9:30-12:30. Please bring work gloves, loppers or shears just in case. For meeting place, contact leader.

Tues, Aug 16 - Beacon Evening Paddle
Leader: Dave Webber, webberd1@yahoo.com
Launch from Scenic Hudson’s Long Dock Park. We’ll paddle for 1.5-2 hours, 4-6 miles at an easy pace. PFD required! Participants must have a kayak 13.5 foot or longer with 2 bulkheads.
Directions: From I-84 (exit 11) go 1.8 miles south on Route 9D, Right on Red Flynn Drive then immediate left on Long Dock Rd.

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Leader: Mike Phipps phippsmcp@aol.com or 646-373-5891

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Directions: See August 16th.

Sat, Aug 27 - Harriman Hogencamp Mountain, (8.5 miles, A)
Leader: Jean-Claude Fouéré jcfouere@gmail.com or 845-462-1909
We will go from from Lake Skannatati south along the Long Path, the Dunning trail and the Ramapo-Dunderberg trail, looping back north along the White Bar trail, and east along the Arden-Surebridge trail and the Long Path, offering a number of scenic view points and passing by several old mines (NY-NJ Trail Conference map No 119). Meeting place and time: 9:00 AM at Lake Skannatati parking area off Seven Lakes Drive. Contact hike leader for more detailed information and carpooling. Joint with ADK/NYC.

Sun, Aug 28 – Brooklyn History Walk Part II
Leader: Sue Mackson, suemackson@gmail.com or 845-471-9892(H), 845-229-7173(C)
We will head for Greenwood Cemetery, an extensive park at the highest point in Brooklyn, and observe the reenactment of the Battle of Brooklyn. There will be $20 history trolley tours during the day, but reservations should be made by early June. Heading down on Metro North. Not sure what else we will include. Contact leader for further details and if interested in trolley to. Meet at 10 AM in the parking area off Route 9D, about a quarter mile south of the intersection of Routes 9D and 403. Look for large DEC sign on left hand side. Heavy rain cancels

RAMSHORN CREEK

We entered the creek one summer noon on river’s full neap tide in silence and blinding clarity feeling the water swell beneath the canoe watching diligently listening for wildlife that wouldn’t be there at the height of day, hopeful, half expecting a miracle among the wild rice, knotweed and bur-marigold. Our paddles folded in then out of the water surrounding us smooth, abundant, dense and deep moving us on allowing for drift, coaxing us on through light and shadow and quietness around curves deep into the marsh muffled by the banks on both sides until we reached the deepest point a simple circle of water with a small pier nestled there a lush place pale blue and green in the sun rimmed with purple blossoms and gold almost regal in the glorious light. “There’s a boy!” someone spoke aloud and there was but we only saw him briefly a boy with shining yellow hair close enough to touch, immortal perhaps oblivious prancing half hidden in the reeds and arrow arum along the water’s edge before halting like a deer and then was gone. Had we come naively near an abode of some gods and startled one? Or had this one been seduced by light and air, impelled by youth and curiosity to wander dangerously far down the glistening path that led to our bright soundless boats floating sideways when he had to bolt and run from the enchanted place.

—Jennifer Anderson
Feb 13  Mindfulness Hike in Black Rock.  
**Leader: Mel Kleiman**  
Mel Kleiman cancelled for lack of interest—probably due to weather in the single digits.

Feb 20  Bald Mountain, Bear Mountain  
**Leader: Michael Phipps**  
Our loop hike began with wonderful temperatures in the 50s. with sunny and blue skies. 13 hikers on the steep climb on the Cornell Mine Trail up Bald Mtn with elevation gains of 1,000 ft. Enjoyed lunch on the summit, looking long and hard but alas, no eagles spotted—maybe next time.  Then it was downhill along the Ramapo Dunderberg Trail with sweeping views of the Hudson River then following the route that the British Army marched on the way to attack Forts Clinton and Montgomery along the 1777 trail. We entered Doodletown, the long abandoned two century old settlement. Total time 4 hours, total distance, 4.5 miles. Members: Susan Sterngold, Mary Ann Reilly, Jennifer Reilly, Trish Swatko, Donna Henderson, Marlene Forrester, Kathy Berlow, Robert Maddock, Darrell Moy, Seth Jacobs, Donna Logan.

Feb 21  High Peterskill  
**Leaders: Roberta Forrest and Dana Bennet**  
This was a through hike as we did the full length of the trail. We started out at the lower Awoesting parking lot in Minnewaska and took this scenic and undulating trail to its other end—the Coxing lot on Mohonk. Lots of views along the way. Jill Abrahamson, Michael Lichtman, Michele Horan, Martin Bayard, Jane Brown.

Feb 28  Tivoli Bays  
**Leader: Sue Mackson**  
During small game hunting season our party met two hunters with rifles, but no game, who told us that their hunting fees supported the care of this wildlife management area from which we benefitted. We heard rifle shots, one loud enough to seem uncomfortably close to us. Members Annette Caruso, Carol Lee, Marsha Kramer, Connie Haven, Judy Mage, Shirley Warren, Jeff Gross, Doug Ahrens, Barry and Kathy Skura under leadership of Sue Mackson ventured out on the muddy, slippery trails of the North Tivoli Bays uplands. Weather in the 50s and clear made for a pleasant 3 hour outing. We lunched at a viewpoint above the StonyKill Creek waterfall and forded several streams.

Mar 6  Red Wing Park, LaGrangeville  
**Leader: Shari Aber and Joe Ferri**  
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Mar 9  Mindfulness Hike  
**Leader: Mel Kleiman**  
Three folks signed up and then cancelled.  So leader took a walk with his wife. Domestic bliss.

Mar 11  Catskills, Joint with Appalachian Mtn. Club  
**Leader: Russ Faller**  
Among the hundreds of people coming to hike Slide Mtn., we were different. On this bluebird day, we sought to climb East and West Wildcat Mountains. This bushwhack was rescheduled a day earlier on the basis of a weather forecast that did not hold true. But it was a very fine day - better than the one that followed. This was a strenuous hike.  We covered about 11 miles, but one never really knows how many miles traveled when bushwhacking. It took us almost 10 hours! But it was worth the effort. The forest is just beautiful from the summit of E. Wildcat to W. Wildcat. Everyone held up well and enjoyed the adventure. Participants were: Dave Webber, Marsha Kramer (both ADK), Jeff Chase (AMC).

Mar 12  Balsam Mountain  
**Leaders: Shari Aber and Joe Ferri**  
We met at McKenley Hollow and hiked two miles up the beautiful but steep red trail until the junction with the Pine Hill West Branch Trail. From there we headed to the peak of Balsam for some good views and lunch. Participants: Anthony Sorce, Roberta Forest, Peter Cantline, Dana Bennet, Jill Abrahamson, Al Limone, Glenn Smith, Judy Adams.

Mar 13  Mindfulness Hike  
**Leader: Mel Kleiman**  
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Mar 18  East & West Wildcat Mountains, Catskills, Joint with Appalachian Mtn. Club  
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Mar 19  Schunemunk Mountain  
**Leader: JC Fouere**  
Another great hike. Pete Cantline, Gary Weir, Georgette Weir.

Mar 26  Fahnestock State Park – Hike to the King’s Chamber  
**Leader: Tom Buckley**  
I had 18 hikers join me for an adventurous hike to the two stone chambers in a remote part of Fahnestock State Park. There are a couple of ways to access the unmarked trails & woods roads that lead to the largest
known stone chamber on the east coast called the "King's Chamber" & an adjacent smaller stone chamber called the "Tomb." The route I chose is my favorite way to access the chambers because it avoids most of the extremely rocky and eroded areas that you have to cross when hiking in from the alternative starting points. A few hikers had already found the two chambers on earlier hikes and were interested in learning about the new route, but for most of the hikers this was their first attempt at finding the stone chambers. Once at the chambers we spent a lot of time taking photos and looking at all the numerous stonewalls on the surrounding hillside. This area certainly had a rich agricultural history. We also explored some of the ruins of the old CCC encampment nearby. We still had time left for a little more exploration so I showed everyone one of the other unmarked woods road that most people use to access the chambers. That's the one that is rocky and eroded. For those on the hike that had reached the chambers on an earlier hike, that was the route they had taken. Now they are going to use the new unmarked trail I showed them today. Members: Jane Geisler, Michele Van Hoesen, Bruce Beard, Bill Machonis, Sue Mackson, Margaret Douglas, Connie Haven, Ellen Kelly, Edward Millano, Marsha Kramer, Pamela de la Grange, Carol Gray, John Ragusa, Trudy Pojman, Judy Mage. Guests, Bob M? Mike Bouche, Warren Geisler.

March 26 Mt. Beacon-Fishkill Ridge Leader: Alvin DeMaria

Overflowing parking areas at both Beacon Incline Railway and Sunnyside road. Where we started our loop hike. Two steep old roads to Bald Hill, passing the memorial site where six military people were killed in a plane crash. One of them, Commodore Kiefer, was a Naval Officer in both WWI and WWII. The plane was in heavy fog and hit the steep mountainside. From Bald Hill we followed white Fishkill Ridge Trail with lunch at the rocking chair view point. Then over Lambs Hill and down red Overlook Trail to cars. Excellent weather and group. John Schimmel, Diane & Rick Levitt, Leader, Alvin DeMaria.

April 3 Blackhead Traverse Leaders: Shari Aber and Joe Ferri

An unexpected winter hike in April after weeks of warm temps and no snow! We started at Big Hollow, climbed via the Escarpment Trail and crossed Blackhead, Black Dome, Thomas Cole and Camel's Hum descending to Barnum Road. Snow was everywhere, deep – maybe a foot – at higher elevations. We used microspikes though in places snowshoes would have been better. A final taste of winter with balsams hanging heavy with snow and a white enchanted forest. Participants: Roberta Forest, Dana Bennet, Mary Ruth Merkel.

April 9 Stony Kill Farm Walk Leader: Sayi Nulu

We met at the visitor center. Walked the woodland trail & Verplank Ridge trail (1.5 miles) took our cars and parked at the Red Schoolhouse Rd parking lot. We had nice 2 mile walk of Sierra Trail. Everyone enjoyed the nice afternoon as there was no rain or snow. Nine folks signed up on Meetup 4 folks showed up. Three members James & Mary Temple, Dale Sutton and one from meetup ( Michelle Belmar).

April 10 Brooklyn History Hike Park I Leader: Sue Mackson

We subway’ed from GCS to Brooklyn, walking three blocks to climb the hill that is Fort Greene Park and the Prison Ship Memorial (for prisoners of the battles of revolutionary war in Brooklyn and Manhattan). Rudy pointed out his alma mater, Brooklyn Technical HS, across from the park. Walked past BAM to Atlantic and Flatbush Ave and down Fourth Avenue (which the NYC Marathon Runners traverse each year in November). Weather was chilly, bright sky and not too much wind. Arrived at the Old Stone House, a reconstructed colonial farm house at the edge of Gowanus. Reviewed its exhibits and smelled the pizza baking in a replica colonial hearth. Lunched in the surrounding playground, stopped at a farmers market and headed for Prospect Park with its various plaques commemorating the Battle of Brooklyn. Lots of bikers, walkers, skaters enjoying the perfect spring day. Unexpected and wonderful tour at the Lefferts House (also colonial era), and stop at a Dominican restaurant on Flatbush Avenue after examining the civil war monument at Grand Army Plaza. Ellen Zelig, Annett Caruso, Marie Caruso, Connie Haven, Ken Walton, Michele Van Hoesen, Rudy Lapar, Ellen Kelly, Guest. Bonnie Auchincloss, Leader, Sue Mackson.

April 13 Poetry Hike in Black Rock. Leader: Mel Kleiman

This hike was unattended. Poetry is obviously not a popular topic or maybe it was the heavy rain?

April 19 Franny Reese State Park Leader: Carol Gray

A beautiful spring day and four exercise enthusiastic hikers-walkers visited one of my favorite Scenic Hudson hikes. Franny Reese has beautiful view of the Hudson River, especially from the scenic overlook on the blue trail. There are photogenic estate ruins as seen off the longer white trail. Accompanying us from time to time were a few black snakes hiking and appearing among the rocks. Next, a rapid back and forth Walkway jaunt with heavy winds in all directions. Intrepid participants: Georgette Weir, Ginny Fauci, Guest Nancy Bruno.

April 22 Doubletop/Big Indian Leaders: Shari Aber and Joe Ferri

We hiked along the Seager Trail, leaving the creek to follow a herd path to the summit of Doubletop. From there we went into the col towards Doubletop’s other peak, searching for and finding the remnants of a plane (1983 plane crash) We bushwhacked over a mile to pick up the Pine Hill Trail, which we left briefly to summit Big Indian. Again we continued north on the Pine Hill Trail until it intersected with the Seager Trail. From there it was three miles back to the parking area. Participants: Dana Bennet, Jill Abrahamsen, Al Limone, Anthony Sorace, John Broncato, John Perrella, Tonda Highley, Michelle Sassi, Michael Sassi, Chris De Roberts, George Kugler.

4/23-24/16 Beginners’ Backpack in the Hudson Highlands, Joint with AMC Leader: Russ Faller

This trip was cancelled for ADK because no one was interested. But 16 AMCers were and 7 got to go. We hiked from Beacon Hills to Nelsonville - 8 miles on Saturday and 6.5 on Sunday with blue skies and cool temperatures. We had a pristine tent site on a knoll above Squirrel Hollow Brook.

April 24 Storm King Mountain Leader: John Ragusa

We met at the trailhead at 10 a.m. It was a beautiful sunny day. Perfect temperatures. 13 altogether. Very diverse group; young and not so young. Experienced and not so experienced. Blue trail up a steep slope, ascending in 2 miles enjoying views of the Hudson Highlands and River looking N.E.S. We settled for lunch and afterward made a descent of 3 miles. Finished at 3 pm and enjoyed time together at a Cornwall coffee Shop. We’ve perhaps recruited a few new members. Melissa Nottles, Dave Webber, Jodi Odave, Madelein McGinley, Connie Haven, Marsha Kramer, Carol Gray, Peter Cantline, Kay Allen, Vanessa Francis, Annette Caruso, Marie Caruso.
April 24  Black Rock Forest  
Leader: Alvin DeMaria
Wonderful hiking temperatures. Black Rock parking area was overflowing when we finished the hike. Nice figure eight loop with Mt. Whitehorn, Hill of Pines, Black rock, White oak tree, and new Honey Hill Trail. Small participation for such nice weather. Were members on Storm King hike today or on Russ’ backpack? Gay Barton, Anthony Sorace.

April 25  Chodikee Lake Paddle and Burroughs Hike  
Leader: Shari Aber
We met at the Chodikee parking area and launched into the lake. After paddling to the waterfall, we left our boats and hiked the Ladder Trail through the Celery Swamp to Slabsides. From there we took the South Pond Trail and eventually to the end of the Peninsula Trail, where we had lunch on the rocks overlooking the pond. We took the Chodikee Lake Trail to our boats and paddled back. Participants: Tonda Highley, Russ Padden, Judy Adams, Dave Webber, Diane Dintruff and the leader.

April 26  West Trapps in New Paltz  
Leader: Michael Phipps
It was a great outing with 10 hikers in attendance! Today’s hike was a little bit longer than planned. It was listed as A-10 miles, but turned out to be almost 12 miles. No worries. The hikers were who joined us on the trail were more than able to complete it. With warm temperatures more than 70F and beautiful sunny blue skies, we passed very few hikers on the trail. The Millbrook Ridge Trail offered sweeping views of the Hudson Valley. Gertrude’s Nose was our lunch stop and again we had the summit to ourselves. Overall a wonderful hike with awesome hikers: Darryl May, Deanne & Richard Lovett, Trish Swatco, Cathy LoDuca, Peter Cantline, June Fine.

MAY 7
Wappinger Creek Estuary Clean-up with Riverkeeper’s Hudson R. Sweep  
Leaders: Russ Faller and Wilfredo Chaluisant
Between two rainy days, we were able to get out onto the lower Wappinger Creek to clean it up and finish just as more drizzle started. We pulled out about 780 lbs. of trash that less responsible people threw into the creek! This included 18 bags of trash, 9 bags of recyclables, 5 tires, well over a hundred pounds of metal and other odds and ends, including a ceramic toilet bowl, golf club, 3 soccer balls, plastic roofing, part of a wooden chair, a lawn mower wheel, a can of paint, a very large tarp, hose, a trash can lid and 2 buckets. Seventeen wonderful volunteers worked on this project. Hannaford and Shop Rite were generous in donating a lot of snack foods, all-juice drinks, apples, etc. so we didn’t have to bring our own lunches. Afterwards, we sweep to the North River Brewery, in the Village of Wappingers Falls, for free beers donated by the brewery. We spent a couple of hours there mellowing and socializing. All in all, it was a great day. Wonderful volunteers were: Stan Augie, Jeff Kaplan, Dave Kaplan, Jean-Claude Fouere, Mike Pettigrew, Bob Clark, Gino Platania (all members), Marilyn Carkner, Lindsey Fazzinga, Jesse Ironcillo, Jim Doherty, Bryan Girton, Kristen Planc-Kuney, Patrick Oehler, Naina Maloni (all non-members), the leader and co-leader. Non-members were given a 3-month complimentary subscription to our outings schedule and encouraged to come out with us just for fun.
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