



April 2019

MID-HUDSON CHAPTER - ADIRONDACK MOUNTAIN CLUB SCHEDULE OF OUTINGS

A more detailed schedule may be found on our web site:

<https://midhudsonadk.org/>

To join an outing and for details contact the hike leader directly

MHADK OUTINGS SCHEDULE APRIL 2019

(If changes/additions to these hikes occur, they will be found on the website & will be listed in the weekly e-mail)

MID-WEEK HIKES - The leaders offer hikes of varying difficulty to different areas of the Mid-Hudson Valley. Hikes may be followed by a stop for refreshments. Leaders: Ginny Fauci, gefaucci@gmail.com 845-399-2170 or Lalita Malik, Lalitamalik@aol.com (845) 592-0204. They will be held every Thursday, weather permitting. To add your name to the Mid-Week hike list, go to the bottom of the weekly e-mail to update your subscription.

Sat, Apr 6 Vassar Farm in Poughkeepsie

Leader: Sayileela Nulu, sayileela@gmail.com mobile 845-264-2270

Moderate 4-5-mile loop hike following footpaths up and over the drumlin (small hill), and around the farm through the woods. See beaver activity. Contact leader to confirm meet time.

Sat, Apr 6 - Schunemunk traversée, approx. 9 miles A hike

Leader: Jean-Claude Fouéré jcfouere@gmail.com

We will meet at the Otterkill Road parking area and car shuttle to the park southern parking area, hike up along the Long Path, up to the Western Ridge, and down on the Trestle trail to Otterkill Road for approximately 9 miles hike. Refer to TC West Hudson Trails map #114.

Contact leader for exact meeting time and car shuttle arrangement.

Sun, Apr 7 - Hike/Scramble to Skytop 7-8 miles Joint with Mohonk Preserve

Leader: Roberta Forest 845-750-7059

We will meet at the top of Pine Road at 9:30 a.m. Walking past Duck Pond, we'll take the Duck Pond trail to the Birchen Trail to Staircliff path into the Lemon Squeeze. From there, we'll head for lunch at Lily Pond, after which we'll follow the labyrinth back to the Birchen Trail and reverse our starting route. Rain will cancel. Confirm with leader.

Sat, Apr 13 - South Beacon Mountain Fire Tower. Rating A+ (for approx 1500' elevation, not counting the fire tower); 4-ish miles.

Leader: Georgette Weir, georgette.weir@gmail.com.

This will be an up-and-back hike to the restored fire tower from Mount Beacon Park, and is the third in our series of fire tower hikes in our region. Contact leader for car-pooling and meet time.

Sun, Apr 14 – Angle Fly Preserve Hike, Somers, NY (4 miles) C+

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

Named after the last natural brook-trout spawning stream in Westchester County, with 654 acres of diverse habitat, the preserve provides opportunities for hiking among other outdoor activities. Terrain is relatively flat with some small ups and downs. Bring water, picnic lunch and dress for the weather.

Meet at parking area off Primrose St at 12:00 noon. Directions from the North: Take I-684 South to exit 6 Cross River. At end of exit ramp, make right onto Rt. 35 west. Go about 1 ½ miles to light and make right onto Rt. 100 North. Go ½ mile and make left onto Rt. 139 – Primrose St. Go 1 mile. Entrance to park on left. Take park road to end at parking lot.

Confirm with leader. Heavy rain cancels.

Sat, Apr 14 - Scenic Hudson's Falling Waters Preserve (FWP) and Saugerties Lighthouse Trail C+ hike or snowshoe, approx 3.5 miles.

Leader: Carla Barrett barrettinclinton@gmail.com Cell 315-527-8478.

This is a family-friendly walk/hike/. Start at Noon at FWP and then go by own car to the Lighthouse Trail 8 minutes away. We can eat lunch on the Lighthouse deck in the middle of the River. This event appeals to walkers and hikers of all skill levels. Some hills and a few tricky spots along the Hudson River shoreline can be avoided. Bring food and water; binoculars if you have them. Meet at FWP, Dominican Ln, Saugerties, NY 12477. Driving Directions: Off Route 9W or Route 32 south of Saugerties, follow Main St in Glasco NY to Delaware and York. For GPS: 45 York St, Saugerties 12477 will put you near the entrance where there is a sign. Confirm with leader.

Sun, Apr 14 –Celebrate Palm Sunday by sharing the verses of your favorite psalm - mine is 118:24.

Leader: Skip Doyle - OutdoorSkipper@gmail.com

Meet in the parking lot of Saint John in the Wilderness AT 9:30 am. Six-mile, undulating hike to Big Hill shelter and JJ Mountain fire tower at a moderate pace. Church services at 3 pm. Refreshments at 4 pm. [St. John's in the Wilderness](#). Meet at Saint John in the Wilderness Church parking lot - Harriman State Park, 16 Johnstown Road, Stony Point, NY.

Sat, Apr 20 - Celebrate Earth Day (officially Mon, Apr 22) at Locust Grove with some trail TLC

Leader: Dave Webber webberd1@yahoo.com 845-242-9905

We'll celebrate our Earth with two projects. The first is removing barberry and other invasive plants alongside the trail. The work will be cutting back brush and hauling it away. Stooping and bending is a given as we use loppers, clippers and hand saws to cut and gather brush. The second project is building water bars to direct water off the trail. We'll use picks and shovels to install the water bar to fix the drainage problems. Long pants, long sleeves, work gloves and sturdy footwear are recommended. Safety Glasses are a good idea. And of course bring lunch and water. If you have tools bring them along. If not, then we'll provide tools. Hope to see you at Locust Grove! Confirm with leader.

Where: Locust Grove, Route 9, Poughkeepsie, NY

When: 10am-2pm, Sat, Apr 20. (Rain date: Sat, Apr 27)

Sun, Apr 21 – Easter Sunday

Fri, Apr 26 - Denning Point and Madam Brett Park in Beacon. Rating C-. Approx. 5 miles.

Leader: Georgette Weir, georgette.weir@gmail.com.

We will start at Long Dock Park and take the Klara Sauer Trail to Dennings Point, then along the Fishkill Creek to Madam Brett Park. Then return (omitting Dennings loop).

Fri, Apr 26 - Mt. St. Mary, Desmond Campus, Newburgh

Presentation - Kayaking: How to Get Started - 6 pm

Leader: Don Urmston, mrurmston@gmail.com, 845-549-4671

Adirondack Mountain Club (ADK) trip leader and ACA instructor, Don Urmston will tell you how to get started, what gear you'll need, where to go paddling, where to meet other paddlers and where to get instruction on your technique.

Special attention is given to kayak safety and choosing your first kayak.

Volunteers are always welcome to join him.

Sat, Apr 27 – Hyde Park Trails Annual Kick-off and NPS ROVA Annual Earth Day Recycling event at the Hyde Park Drive-In Theater on US Route 9.

Contact: Salley Decker sadecker2002@yahoo.com

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM New patch introduced. At 12:00 noon, take a guided hike on the Farm Lane Trail. Park at trail head lot on US Route 9. More information on Hyde Park Trails Facebook page:

<http://www.hydeparkny.us/facebook>

Sun, Apr 28 – Paddle Bashakill Wetland (All skill levels)

Leader: Don Urmston, mrurmston@gmail.com, 845-549-4671

I used to lead this paddle every year as the first paddle of the season and Ellie Shortle would always be there. In honor of Ellie, I'm bringing it back this year. We'll paddle for 2-3 hours at a moderate pace. Bring water, food, extra clothing and dress for whatever weather we have. We'll meet at 10am, exact location to be determined by water levels. All participants must wear a pfd (lifejacket). Please confirm with leader.

Sun, Apr 28 - Moneyhole Mountain Vista. Fahnestock 5 miles, 3 - 4 hours.

Leader: Margaret Douglas 845 661-4132 mljdm@gmail.com Voice mail preferred. No calls after 9pm.

As I write this I am looking forward to new growth and no snow. Out and back trails from Sunken Mine Road parking lot off Dennytown Road. Lunch/snack at the Vista. If time and desire, we can explore a nearby loop. From Route 301 turn onto Dennytown Road. Drive past Taconic Outdoor Center. Parking lot on left. Be prepared for mud. Bad weather cancels. Confirm with leader.

LOOKING AHEAD:

White Mountains trip will be held July 21-27 this year. Trip is full. There is a wait list.

Leader: Ginny Fauci 845-399-2170 (text preferred) or gefauci@gmail.com .

We will stay at various places during the week as usual and we will hike some 4,000 footers during our week at the leader's moderate pace and hike in a group. If interested, please contact Ginny. Limit 10-12 hikers.