MHADK OUTINGS SCHEDULE JUNE 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. Leader: Ginny Fauci, gefauci@gmail.com or 845-399-2170 (text preferred). 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.

MID-WEEK PADDLES – Leader: Glenda Schwarze schwar582@aol.com. She will lead quiet water 2 hour paddles with beach put-ins. Starting in May they will be held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of every month. To add your name to the Mid-Week paddle list, go to the bottom of the weekly e-mail to update your subscription.

TUESDAY EVENING PADDLES – Leader: Dave Webber, webberd1@yahoo.com, 845-242-9905. Paddling on the Hudson River at spots between Beacon and Norrie Point. On the water at 5:30pm and paddling for 1.5 to 2 hours. Often a refreshment stop after. For the Hudson River you need a boat at least 13.5' long kayak with front and rear bulkheads. To add your name to the Tuesday evening and Mid-Week paddle list, go to the bottom of the weekly e-mail to update your subscription preferences and select Kayaking.

Sat, June 1 – National Trails Day – contact Tom Amisson tamisson@aol.com for information.

Sat, June 1 - Black Creek Paddle & Clean-up
Leader: Russ Faller 845-297-5126 (before 9:30 PM) or OutdoorsRuss@gmail.com
Come help clean-up the Black Creek in the Town of Lloyd. Our Chapter worked with the Highland Environmental Conservation Council to clear this water trail many years ago. The maintenance is typically light work. Bring work gloves, loppers, saws, rope. (If you need tools, leader can supply). Trash bags supplied. Bring own boat, paddle & PFD. (Leader can loan a canoe & gear.) Meet at 10 AM in the signed parking area at the bridge on Rt. 299. This is @5 mi. east of the New Paltz exit of the Thruway & @1.5 mi. west of the jct. of Rtes. 9W & 299.

Sat, June 8 - Kingston Kayak Festival
Contact: Russ Faller 845-297-5126 (before 9:30 PM) or russoutdoors@yahoo.com
A fun-filled day for you and your entire family, whether you're paddlers or have never paddled before. Bring the kids, grandchildren, spouse, partner & friends. Don't let the name fool you. It's not just kayaks. There will be canoes and stand-up paddle boards (SUPs) for you to try. The emphasis will be on education, demonstrations, lessons and guided tours for all levels of paddler, as well as, for those who've never paddled before. If you have a boat, bring it. We need volunteers to help run this event. You need not be a paddler to be of help - contact Russ. You will not be asked to help for more than a couple of hours, so you'll still be able to do some paddling - a lesson, a guided tour, etc.
Members of the Mid-Hudson Chapter of ADK get in free. Bring your membership card. Non-members are asked to donate $10 to the non-profit Forsyth Nature Center. Go to Kingston Point Beach, 53 Delaware Av., Kingston, NY, between 10 AM to 4 PM.

Sun, June 9 - Scenic Hudson’s Falling Waters Preserve (FWP) and Saugerties Lighthouse Trail  C+ hike approx 3.5 miles.
Leader: Carla Barrett  barrettinClinton@gmail.com  Cell 315-527-8478.
This is a family-friendly walk/hike. Start at 11AM 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, June 9 - Angle Fly Preserve Hike, Somers, NY (3 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 (look for faded, wood sign). Take park road to end at parking lot. Confirm with leader. Heavy rain cancels.

Fri, June 14 - Stissing Mountain Fire Tower, (with optional walk around Thompson Pond) Pine Plains, Dutchess County. Level A.
Leader: Georgette Weir, georgette.weir@gmail.com.
The short climb to the fire tower is considered Strenuous owing to the steep, 1000’ ascent in less than a mile. But the views from the 90-foot fire tower are worth it. Afterwards, we can relax with a stroll around Thompson’s Pond, a National Natural Landmark, and perhaps a stop in the café in town for a snack.

Sun, June 16 – Mt. Beacon to Fire Tower, 4 mi+, approx 4 hrs, B+
Leader: Louis Ruidisch  (845) 896-9332  cell (845) 453-0871 or ruidisch3@gmail.com

Fri, June 21 - Snake Hill in Newburgh/New Windsor 4 mile RT, 500’ elevation gain.
Leader: Tom Amisson at Tamisson@aol.com
Come check out this new Scenic Hudson Park and its newly constructed trail with breathtaking views of the Hudson River. We will meet at the trailhead at the intersection of Little Britain Rd and Temple Ave. Contact leader to register and for meet up time and directions.

Sat, June 22 – Overlook Mountain Fire Tower (3,140’ Catskills) from Platt Clove Road. A+ Level.
Leader: Georgette Weir, georgette.weir@gmail.com.
(Trail Conference Map #141) 11 miles round-trip earns this hike a rating of Strenuous. But the trail follows a scenic, gentle (for the Catskills) grade of an old access way to bluestone quarries (we will stop at one known as Codfish Point). Required: 2-3 quarts of water, snacks, good boots; rain gear recommended. Group size is limited to 12 by DEC guidelines.

Sun, June 30 - 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 10:30 am 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 for reasonable prices. Easy put-in. There's a beautiful park we can paddle to on the Peekskill side and have a picnic lunch. Bring water, sunscreen and a hat. Heavy rain cancels. Confirm with Leader.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Mon, July 15 – Sat, July 20 - “Cranberry Lake 65 “ 2 to 3 mph pace, moderate terrain & 65 miles over 6 days. Joint with AMC
http://activities.outdoors.org/search/index.cfm/action/details/id/112366
Leaders: Chris Bickford chrisbick4d@gmail.com and Ingrid Strauch istrauch11@gmail.com
This 6 day trip will explore the rolling hills, lakes, ponds and rivers of the Cranberry Lake Wild Forest and Five Ponds Wilderness. Some backpacking will be on the CL50 trail. Other times we will backpack side trails and ascend a few moderate peaks. A highlight will be backpacking to the Five Ponds and Sand Lake trails to witness ancient forests and giant trees. For those who have already done the CL 50 this is a chance to see some of the areas you didn’t see the first time around. For those who haven't been to this area it's an introduction to a truly wild place with remnants of logging and sportsmen's camps inhabited in the early 1900. We will travel at a moderate pace and cover 10-12 miles a day. There are no early outs once we get started. This is a trip suited for experienced multi day backpackers who can manage their food and gear for 5 days. This is not suitable for first time backpackers. Please refer to the Adirondack Mountain Club's "Western Trails 1st Edition" for detailed information. See the Nat Geo Old Forge/Oswegatchie Map #745 or The Five Ponds Publication map for trail info and topography.