

Hunterdon Hiking Club

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GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE HUNTERDON HIKING CLUB

Who we are!

The Hunterdon Hiking Club (HHC) is an affiliated organization of the Hunterdon County Parks System. The purpose of the club is to provide a forum where individuals may join with others for the personal enjoyment of hiking and other outdoor activities.

What do we do?

Hikes are scheduled for almost every Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Bicycle rides are scheduled on Tuesdays and Fridays in season and shorter hikes are scheduled for Tuesdays. Snowshoeing and Cross Country Skiing trips are often scheduled as the weather permits. Weekday trips combining a city walk plus a visit to a museum are occasionally scheduled.

HHC General Membership Meetings

HHC meetings are the second Thursday of the month.

The meetings start at 7pm.

Hunterdon Hiking Club Officers – June 2025 – May 2026

President:	Gail Jacobsen	Jacobseng@mail.com	917-939-6391
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ACTIVITY COORDINATORS

Tuesday Bike Rides:	Pat Hennessy:
Tuesday Hikes:	Geoff Nicklen
Wednesday Hikes:	Johanna McAteer
Thursday Hikes:	Mark Hermsmeier:
Thursday Mindfulness Hikes:	
	Carolyn Creed:
	Doris Spencer:
Friday Hikes, Bike Rides:	Pat Hennessy:
Weekends:	Pam Bland:
	Mary Curtis:

INDOOR PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Monthly meetings will be held at South Ridge Community Church (Ridge View Room), 7 Pittstown Rd. (Rt 513), Clinton at 7:00pm. This is an opportunity to get together with fellow HHC members off trail. There will be refreshments, time to socialize, an interesting program presentation, and the business meeting. You are welcome to arrive at 6:45pm for refreshments and to socialize. Please RSVP only if attending in person. The Zoom link will be emailed a few days before each meeting.

We hope you can join us!

Organizers: Teresa Londino,
 Joann Pieloch,

September Monthly Meeting:

Thursday, September 10, 7:00 PM

During this meeting we will have a presentation from Sarah Crosby from the Hunterdon Land Trust who will be discussing the hiking trails on their preserves.

November Monthly Meeting:

Thursday, November 12, 7:00 PM

During this meeting we will have a presentation from long-time members John Sterbinsky and Charlie Behnken who will present about their trip to Portugal. It will include walking Remote Coastal Trails, and exploring the Algarve, an unspoiled corner of Portugal. They follow beautiful coastal paths to discover impressive cliff tops and quiet sandy beaches on the tip of Europe.

SAVE THE DATES!

The HHC Annual Picnic will be held on Saturday, October 3rd at Kingwood Township Park. For the Annual Picnic, hikes are planned prior to the picnic. See the Weekend Activities for details about the hikes. Also see the flyer on page 4 for more information.

The 2026 Christmas/Holiday Party will be on Sunday, December 6th from 4:30-8:30 pm at Razberry's in Frenchtown, NJ. The cost will be \$73.50 per member, and \$89.50 per guest, and will include hot appetizers and a hot buffet. A minimum of 60 attendees is required. Details are provided in the flyer on page 5 and in the calendar on Groups.io.

HHc - th Anniversary Picnic

aturday, Oct 3, 2026, 1-4pm

Kingwood Township Park

200 Union Rd, Frenchtown, NJ 08825

1-2pm-Grilled burgers, hot dogs, veggieburgers.

1-4pm-Lawn games, basketball, volleyball, bocci available

*RSVP ON GROUPS. 9/1-9/30 to attend picnic and pre-picnic hikes.

*BRING A SIDE DISH OR SNACK TO SHARE
(with serving utensil)

*BYO CHAIRS/BALLS FOR SPORTS

*BYO WATER/BEVERAGES (NO ALCOHOL)

*DESSERT PROVIDED BY THE CLUB

QUESTIONS- REACH OUT TO:

JOANN. 908-305-1110 or: IERESA90U3L 9110

*Bring a check to pay for the Christmas/Holiday Party if you'd like.



Dec 6, 2026
Sunday
430pm-830pm
Razberry's



834N}-12'
Frenchtown, NJ

HHC Annual Christmas/Holiday Party

COMI CILIBRATI!

We are excited to be able to have this annual even again.
Dress up and join us as we celebrate the season enjoying good
conversation, dining and dancing.

MEMBERS \$73.50
GUESTS \$89.50

**RSVP IN GROUPS.10
MAIL CHECK ASAP**

Appetizers
Soft Drinks
Buffet Dinner
Cash Bar
Dessert: Coffee, Tea
Dance and Dancing
Tax and Gratuity

Questions? Joann 908-319-5256, Teresa 908-432-4083

Pay via Zelle-
treasurer@hunterdonhikingclub.org or

Mail checks payable to HHC
HHC c/o Floni-Brooklyn

Clifford, NJ

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HHC MEMBERSHIP

How to join the Hunterdon Hiking Club

As of this year we no longer accept paper applications. To join, please go to our website, www.hunterdonhikingclub.org, and you will see a link to fill out a simple Google online form to join and how to pay dues.

Dues are \$20 per year for a single membership and \$30 for a family membership.

Our membership year begins on August 1 and runs through July 31 of the following year. You can join at any time, but the membership year always ends on July 31; however, members who join after March 1 of any given year have their membership extended through July 31 of the following year.

Please note there are still a few current members who have paid their dues for 2026-2027 but did not register online. If you have not registered online, please do this ASAP. You can also go to the website and follow the link if you lost my original email with the reminder.

Thank you!

Loretta Mizeski – Membership Chair ljmski64@gmail.com

IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTES

Time to go into your garage and dig out our safety vests. Deer hunting season begins in New Jersey on September 12th. Please note that hunting is permitted on EVERY Hunterdon County Park property in addition to other properties that we hike.

Also, a reminder that last year, we required vests or safety orange or safety green clothing on hikes that included walking on roads and tow paths – hikes that necessitate our interacting with bicycles and cars.

Thank you!

Jack Caffrey, Treasurer

IN MEMORIAM

HHC Remembers Ed Filipski 5th President and member since 1982

After joining HHC in 1982, the Ed and June dynamic duo dove right into leadership mode. In September 1983, they led a camping trip to Cape May. This success was followed by numerous day hikes including Island Beach State Park. By 1984 Ed took on the ultimate leadership job as our 5th president. Camping at the beach was a specialty of theirs – next up was to the Ocean State, Rhode Island, which included hiking and biking on Block Island and later, Surf City. Among the many other destinations led by Ed and June were to Washington DC – a bus trip for 48 happy hikers, the start of the Cedar Run trips, and a Frolic and Soup on frozen Spruce Run Reservoir.

In 1985 Ed and June switched roles when June became president and Ed became the outdoor program co-chair. Ed continued to lead hikes of special interest, such as the Balloon races at Solberg airport and a ski and swim at Deer Path Park and the YMCA. And then there was the Ottawa bus trip, and back to NJ and the Pine Barrens. Let's not forget NYC, or the Indoor program of their Canadian Rockies and Glacier National Park trip.

Ed continued to serve as an officer – this time in a multi-year stint as our Treasurer.

And just to mention a few more trips that Ed and June led – there were trips to Montreal, Boston, WV, NH, the Four Sisters Winery hike with tasting and dinner for 40, and the several years of extraordinary bus trips to Indian Lake in the Adirondacks for cross-country skiing. And the list goes on!

In our formative years, Ed helped grow our little band of hikers into the vibrant membership that we have today. We are immensely grateful to him and trust that his legacy will continue to encourage us all to lead and enjoy the outdoors together!

OUTDOOR ACTIVITY INFORMATION

Weekend Activities

See pages 10 – 14 for information on weekend activities.

Tuesday Short Hikes

1. There are no write -ups in the newsletter. A hike invite will be sent out on Groups.io system to all members on the Saturday prior to the actual Tuesday hike.
2. Should anyone else like to lead a Tuesday hike, please let me know: Geoff Nicklen – . This would be most welcome. Folks on the waiting list should also consider this option.
3. The hike meeting place is shown on Groups.io and can be seen if your RSVP is accepted. These places can be the trail head or a central location if the trailhead is hard to find or a distance away. For those wanting to go directly to the trail head, directions are also included in Groups.io.
4. Lunches are a favorite Tuesday option for hikers. Details are included in Groups.io.

Tuesday and Friday Bike Rides and Hikes

The Tuesday and Friday bike rides and hikes are not provided in the newsletter but will be scheduled and sent out on Groups.io a few days before the activity, with the meeting place, description, and leader(s) provided.

Special “Extra” Weekday Activities

Go to pages 15 and 16 for the Special Weekday Activity schedule.

Wednesday Hikes

Go to page 17 for the Wednesday hike schedule.

Thursday “C-Pace” (Energetic) Hikes

Go to page 18 for the Thursday “C-Pace” (Energetic) hike schedule.

Thursday Short (Mindfulness) Hikes

Mindfulness is the practice of quieting the mind and focusing on the present moment – feel the breeze, hear the birds, watch the water, commune with the trees.

Mindfulness hikes are Class: 1 – 2; A – C – Self-paced. We will hike at our own pace for 30 to 45 minutes (decided at the start of each hike), then turn around and return to the starting point. We will practice mindfulness for at least 20 minutes, determined individually. We then will have the option of talking for the rest of the hike. Bring a working cell phone.

Details for each upcoming hike will be emailed weekly via HunterdonHikingClub@groups.io. For more information contact Carolyn Creed (908-581-2192) or Doris Spencer (908-310-3654).

Museum Walks

Museum walks will be listed on HHC Groups.io and may be scheduled on the same day as other events. The number of participants will be limited.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FALL HIKE IN GARRISON AND BEACON, NY

Tuesday October 13th to Wednesday October 14th

An email was sent out in June for signups. Signups are not being done on groups.io.

Tues

Meet for Arden Point/Glenclyffe hike (2B approximately 5 miles). Highlights include Benedict Arnold's escape route and interesting scenery

Hike the Cornish Estate Trail (2B approximately 2-3 miles)

Wed

Hike the Dennings Point and Klara Sauer Trail along the Hudson (flat hike approximately 5 miles). Highlights include waterfall and abandoned hat factory.

Lindsay and Dave Dunne

BACKPACKING THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL IN PA

Thursday to Sunday, October 15-18.

- Join us as we continue backpacking the AT in PA
- 18.5 miles, Class 3C
- We will hike from the game commission parking lot for Bake Oven Knob to a side trail 1.5 miles south of Eckville Shelter. Highlights of this section will include Bear Rocks with 360-degree views , the Knife Edge known as the " Cliffs " , A possible restaurant stop crossing Rt. 309 (Blue Mountain Summit) , Tri-County Corner , Balanced Rock & Dan's Pulpit.

Meeting place and departure time to be determined – contact leader:

Paul U.

LITCHFIELD, CT HIKE THE "NW QUIET CORNER"

Tuesday, November 17th to Friday, November 19th

4-day 3 nights get away. 4-mile Class 2 B+ hikes every day. 3-hour drive from Flemington. Hike Lovers Leap SP/Pine Knob on the AT /MT Tom/Kent Falls. Visit Hard Cider Mill/museum Tour/Free Distillery Tour and Tasting Coffee/pastry/ice cream /gift shop around town and more.

Dinner at nearby restaurants (separate checks)

Litchfield Inn Bed and Breakfast – shared very nice HHC discounted furnished rooms up to 4 people. INCLUDES FULL BUFFET/OMELETTE STATION BREAKFAST FOR EACH.

See calendar write up for more details/cost etc. Rain or Shine.

I will be sending out more info the week of October 12th

Jeff Alte

WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

There are still available dates to lead activities on Saturdays and Sundays in September, October and November. You can add an activity to the Groups.io calendar AFTER the newsletter is published. Select your date, complete the requested information, update the calendar, and LOCK the event. Two weeks prior to the event invite the group members to the event. (You have only to have hiked or biked at least 3 times with HHC to lead an activity.) Please contact the weekend coordinators for help with planning and posting your activity.

Sunday, September 13, Hike at Mercer County Park: East Picnic Area to the Finn M.W. Caspersen Rowing Center, 3.5 Miles, Class 2B

Alison Brancone

Level: 2B Distance: 3-3.5 miles A mostly wooded loop hike with intermittent views of the lake. Slight ups and downs with roots. Bring poles, water, bug spray. Bathrooms are available at the parking lot.

Sunday, September 27, Washington Crossing - Morrisville Loop Bike Ride, 17 Miles, Class 2B

Bill Riley

17 miles Class 2B-C Washington's Crossing / Morrisville Loop Hard packed gravel and dirt canal towpath with a short stretch of on road. Hybrid or mountain bikes. Not suitable for road bikes. We will start and end at the parking area just north of the bridge to PA on the NJ side and ride south to Trenton on the D&R towpath, cross the Calhoun St bridge to Morrisville and head north on the D&L Trail. There will be a lunch stop in Washington Crossing, PA near the end of our ride. We will stop as needed for rest breaks. Chemical toilets at our start point, and full facilities at the Morrisville Trail head (our turning point). Coordinates: 40.314467 -74.862882 RidewithGPS link: Wash X Ing / Morrisville Loop · Ride with GPS (<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/56562779>) You will be required to sign the liability waiver at the trailhead. As always, helmets are required. Do not reply to this email. Only RSVPs will be accepted.

WEEKEND ACTIVITIES (continued)

Saturday October 3, HHC 46th Anniversary Picnic, Unknown Miles, Class 1A

Teresa & O. Anthony Londino

Picnic Description ♦Please RSVP to this listing only if you are NOT ATTENDING A HIKE TODAY. ♦Please bring a side dish or snack to share with the group, a serving utensil if needed, your own beverage, and camp chair if you'd like. The Club will provide burgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, condiments, buns and dessert. Some side dish suggestions include--Tossed Salad, Pasta Salad, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Vegetable Salad, Veggies and Dip, Quiche, Chips and Dip. Please--No desserts. We would like a couple of fruit platters and sliced lettuce, tomatoes, onion platter so let us know if you'd like to provide those. *We are having the Hiking Gear & Clothing Swap in case there's something you'd like to pass on. *Feel free to bring volleyballs, basketballs, and bocci balls if you'd like to play on the courts in the park. *Feel free to bring your own plate, mug, and silverware if you'd prefer. (We will have paper and plastic available).

Saturday, October 3, medium hike for the annual picnic, Creek Road in Frenchtown, 2 Miles, Class Unknown

mileage 3 to 3 1/2 miles classification 1 B Meet 10am in the parking lot by the little playground in Frenchtown Bathroom available at the playground park Walk on Creek Road for approximately 1 1/2 miles and return At the end of the walk drive to Kingwood Park for the annual picnic.

Saturday, October 3, Horseshoe Bend East. 11-00 am start at the trail head., 2.5 Miles, Class 1A

Geoff N.

A 2.5-mile class 1A hike in the woods. One mild uphill at the start. Then following pretty creek back to the start. Meet at the trail head at 11-00 am. Address; 97 Horseshoe bend Rd. Frenchtown. NJ. Specific directions. If coming on Horseshoe Bend Rd from Rte. 12. That' heading West, you will come to a very small stone bridge. Cross the bridge and the entrance to the park is on your left about 500 ft beyond this bridge. There is a big sign "Horsehoe Bend East". Turn left onto a gravel road and over another bridge. Parking is on your left in a grassy plot just before an old white house. The first entrance into the plot has a deep ditch. The 2nd entrance is better. If you are coming on Horseshoe bend from the other direction. (heading East) look for the Horsehoe Bend sign which will be on your right. If you pass it by mistake and get to the little stone bridge. Turn back. Note that there are no restrooms. (Rustic only) Some might wish to go to Kingwood Park earlier for restrooms.

WEEKEND ACTIVITIES (continued)

Saturday, October 10, Pizza Party Hike for Hike/Bike/Event Leaders and Board Members, 3 Miles, Class 2B

10:00 AM Meet: TBD

Gail J.

Class: 2B Miles: 3 To show our appreciation, this hike and pizza party is for anyone in the club who has volunteered their time as a hike leader, a bike leader or an event leader. We will be having a pizza party after the hike. More details on when and where to follow.

Saturday, October 17, Jersey Shore Boardwalk Hike, 7 Miles, Class 1B

Linda M.

Class 1B, 7 Miles This is an out and back flat hike from Belmar to Asbury Park & return. We will walk the boardwalk at a moderate pace enjoying the smell of salt water and listening to the sound of waves breaking on the beach and seagulls squawking overhead. When we reach Asbury Park, we will take a lunch break. You can either buy lunch on the boardwalk or bring your own. We will then turn around and retrace our steps to Belmar. Each year the bathroom/drinking fountain water situation here seems to change. There are usually open bathrooms in 3 of the towns and sometimes water. I will try to update this a week prior to the hike. But to be safe, please use a bathroom before you meet us in Belmar and definitely bring drinking water.

Sunday, October 18, Bike Ride Kingwood "fplateau" roads, 23 Miles, Class 2D

Dave (& Liz Johnson) Jenkins

23 miles Class 2D. Nice fall afternoon road ride loop on the quiet backroads of the upper Kingwood Twp. (north of rt. 12) "fplateau" starting at the Old Stone Church (UU Fellowship) on Oak Summit Rd. Mostly flat with a few very modest climbs. Our average moving pace will be >12 mph, thus the "D" speed rating. The mostly flat terrain and decent pavement make this somewhat quicker pace very doable. As with all HHC rides, this is a no-drop ride. After the ride, dinner at Café Maria is an option. Helmets required. You will be required to sign the liability waiver at the trailhead. Do not reply to this email. Only RSVPs will be accepted.

WEEKEND ACTIVITIES (continued)

Saturday, October 24, Stockton to Stockton roundtrip towpath hike, 7.3 Miles, Class 2B
Frank Murray

This is a 7.3-mile towpath hike starting and ending in Stockton with a lunch/refreshment break at the Lumberville General Store. Class 2B. Call leader with questions.

Sunday, November 1, Paxson Hill/Cutalosa Road Walk, ~5 Miles, Class 2C
Yolanda E.

Miles ~5 Miles Class 2C An easy walk in Solebury, PA on scenic, country back roads, with a steep hill at the start.

Saturday, November 7, Mt Tammany Sunrise Hike, 4 Miles, Class 3C
Mark H.

It is that time of the year again. Get an early start on the day by hiking up Mt Tammany to see the sunrise. 4 miles class 3C. You must have a flashlight and ice grippers if conditions warrant. Bad weather date is Saturday, January 3, same time, same place. We leave promptly at 5 AM from the carpooling meeting point at Spruce Run and we start hiking promptly at 6 am from the Dunnfield Creek trail head (main parking lot).

Sunday, November 8, Rockhopper Trail Hike, 3.5 Miles, Class 2B
Pam B.

3.5 miles, Class 2B – 10:00 AM Meet: Parking lot BEHIND Lambertville Inn (follow driveway for public boat launch). **One way hike.** Meet at Lambertville parking lot for car shuttle to Rt. 518 to small parking lot for beginning of Rockhopper Trail. Trail aptly named – walking over and around large rocks through the woods. One section follows the path of George Washington and his troops enroute to the Monmouth Battle. Pass by old stone ruins of a farm, under power lines, ending up in residential Lambertville, then walking through town returning to parking lot behind Lambertville Inn. NO bathroom facilities on trail. Public toilet before and after hike at boat launch.

WEEKEND ACTIVITIES (continued)

Saturday, November 14, Hike at Bulk Farm Preserve, Plainsboro NJ, 3 Miles, Class 1A
Alison Brancone

Class: 1A Distance: 3 miles. An easy hike at a former nursery through grasslands with some woods. Trails are flat, many consist of mowed grass with a minimum of roots. Poles may not be needed. Highlights are the bald eagle nest, and a lovely view of the Millstone River on the far side. Bathrooms are not available.

Sunday, November 29, Mercer Meadows Rosedale Park Hike, 3-4 Miles, Class 2B

Mary Curtis

3-4 miles, Class 2B. Meet 10am at Rosedale Park in the parking lot near the playground and the lake. (Bear right after you enter the park). We will hike past lakes, wooded areas, and open fields. Terrain varies with cinder/gravel, dirt and paved underfoot. Restrooms are at Rosedale Park and the Hunt House.

SPECIAL “EXTRA” WEEKDAY ACTIVITIES – FALL 2026

Wednesday, September 9, D&R Canal Bike Ride Blackwells Mills - Princeton RT 25m, 25 Miles, Class 2B

Bill Riley

25 miles Class 2B-C Hard packed gravel and dirt canal towpath & rail trail. Hybrid or mountain bikes. Not suitable for road bikes. We will start and end at the Blackwells Mills trailhead on the Blackwells Mills causeway. Our route takes us south along the towpath between the D&R canal and Millstone River through Rocky Hill, Kingston and to Turning Basin Park in Princeton where we turn to head back northward. From Kingston north we will ride on the old PRR Kingston Branch ROW to Rocky Hill, then cross to the towpath for the remainder of the ride. There will a lunch stop at Genarro's Deli in Kingston about 3 blocks off the towpath. We will stop as needed for rest breaks. Chemical toilets near our start point, Kingston and Rocky Hill (return only) Full facilities at Genarro's. Coordinates: 40.475240 -74.572700 Ride with GPS link: B W Mills - Turning Basin Park 25m · Ride with GPS (<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/56539949>) You will be required to sign the liability form.

Wednesday, September 16, Walkway Over the Hudson Bike Ride, 29 Miles, Class 2B

Bill Riley

29 miles Class 2B All paved rail trail. Highlight of the trip is spectacular Walkway over the Hudson pedestrian & bikeway bridge. 1.28 miles long and 228 feet above the river. Suitable for any type of bike. We will start and end at the Depot Museum in Hopewell Junction on the east side of the Hudson and pedal northwest about 14 miles to the bridge, then return. Bring a lunch to enjoy at our turning point. We will stop as needed for rest breaks. There are bathrooms at our starting point and at both ends of the bridge as well as chemical toilets along the way. Coordinates: 41.585449 -73.806814 Ride with GPS link: Hopewell Junction - Walkway > Hudson 29m · Ride with GPS (<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/56477867>) You will be required to sign the liability waiver at the trailhead. As always, helmets are required. Do not reply to this email. Only RSVPs will be accepted. If you are interested in car-pooling; I can transport 2 additional riders and 2 additional

Thursday, September 17, Bike and Brew - Saucon Valley and Upper Bucks Rail Trail. Lost Tavern Brewery, 20+ Miles, Class 1C

Dave (& Liz Johnson) Jenkins

20+ miles Class 1C 20+ mile out-and-back rail trail ride on the Saucon Valley and Upper Bucks Rail Trails, Hellertown, PA to Veterans Park, just north of Quakertown, PA. Flat, rail-trail, wide, hard packed gravel. Gravel bike or hybrid best, or a road bike with wider tires. After the ride, join us for some fine craft-brewed beer (or other beverage) and/or for some excellent eats at Lost Tavern Brewery. Helmets required. You will be required to sign the liability waiver at the trailhead. Do not reply to this email. Only RSVPs will be accepted.

SPECIAL “EXTRA” WEEKDAY ACTIVITIES – FALL 2026

(continued)

Thursday, October 8, NYC – The Park Ave Armory + Public Atrium Garden – 8:30 am - 6:00 pm

Location: NYC – Class 1B, 5 – 6 miles

Yolanda Elmes

1. Visit the Ford Foundation Public Atrium Garden & Gallery – a 12-story glass enclosed indoor rain forest. Free Admission but **Must pre-register by 5:00 the day before (Oct 7) to gain access on Oct 8. Go to Ford Foundation preregistration form for Gallery & Garden visit.**
2. Walk up to the Park Ave. Armory/Seventh Regiment Armory for a guided tour of this historic Guilded Age landmark with “lavishly embellished handsome woodwork,” Tiffany stained glass windows and intricate iron fixtures.

I’ve booked the tickets in advance to hold a spot for our group. **To hold your spot, your immediate payment of \$23 is requested upon registering for this trip. Thank you.**

Thursday, October 15, Bike and Brew - D&L / D&R trail. Boo's Firehouse Tavern, Pt. Pleasant PA, 19 Miles, Class 1C

Dave (& Liz Johnson) Jenkins

19 miles, Class 1C 19+ mile, two-bridge, loop ride on the D&R and D&L trails, beginning at Boo's Firehouse Tavern in Pt. Pleasant, PA, heading south to Lumberville/Bulls Island, then north to Frenchtown before crossing the Delaware and heading south again back to Boo's. Flat rail-trail / towpath ride. Moving pace will be ~11 mph with ~4 rest brief stops. Gravel bike or hybrid best. The PA side especially is not suitable for road bikes. After the ride, join us for some fine craft-brewed beer and/or for some excellent eats. You will be required to sign the liability waiver at the trailhead. Helmets required. Do not reply to this email. Only RSVPs will be accepted

Thursday, October 22, Urban Hike Green-Wood Cemetery / Brooklyn NY, 5-6 Miles, Class 1A
Station Pat P.

2a-b / 5-6 miles between hiking to subway + hiking to GW Cemetery from subway + hiking through the cemetery and back more details to come / will attempt to procure a guided tour with GWC volunteers (1.5 hours / \$20/person).

Friday, October 23, Mount Vernon Hotel & Museum & Roosevelt Island, NYC, 6.5 Miles, Class 1A
12:00 AM Meet: None

Linda M.

Note: This is an all-day event leaving for NYC early in the morning via train. walking approx. 6.5 miles in NYC during the day and arriving back in NJ early evening. If you can't commit to both, this is not the event for you. After taking the train to NYC, we will walk from NY Penn Station to our first destination: the historic Mount Vernon Hotel & Museum nestled between high rise buildings on the upper east side. During our guided 1-hour docent led tour you will learn the interesting history of Mount Vernon and its owners; this will be followed by some time to view the museum artifacts on your own. The tour costs \$12; please bring exact change. Leaving Mount Vernon, we will catch a quick lunch then board the Roosevelt Island aerial tramway which takes us to the island. This approximately 5-minute ride carries us over the East River, providing unobstructed views on all sides. The tram adult fare is \$3 each way or \$1..50 each way for seniors who have a pre-authorized senior discount.

WEDNESDAY HIKES – FALL 2026

Class: 1B – 4B, Leaders: See individual hikes, Meeting Times: 9:30 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

Leaders: Joann P. and Johanna M.; Johanna M.; Robert Jacobs

Note: In case of bad weather call leader to make sure hike is on or check Groups.io message.

Sep 2, Durham Furnace, Mill & Boat tour/hike Class: 2B Miles: 3 Leader: Joann P. and Johanna M.	Oct 28, DELWARE CANAL HIKE Class: 2B Miles: 4 Leader: Joann P. and Johanna M.
Sep 9, Mountain Lake / Jenny Jump trail Class: 2B Miles: 5 Leader: Johanna M.	Nov 4, Autumn Farm Event Class: 1A Miles: 2 Leader: Joann P. and Johanna M.
Sep 30, Natirar Park hike, Peapack, NJ Class: 2B Miles: 5 Leader: Robert Jacobs	Nov 25, Merrill Creek Reservoir Class: 2B Miles: 6 Leader: Johanna M.
Oct 7, Frelinghuysen Arboretum / Morris Museum tour Class: 1B Miles: 2 Leader: Joann P. and Johanna M.	

THURSDAY “C PACE” (ENERGETIC) HIKES – FALL 2026

Class: 1C – 3C, Meeting Times: See listing. Always bring a packed lunch to eat on the trail.

Note: In case of bad weather call leader to make sure hike is on or check the Groups.io message.

Sep 3, Pyramid Mountain Class: 3C Miles: 6 Leader: Mark H.	Oct 15, NJ AT Hike #7 LAST hike in series! Class: 3C Miles: 2 Leader: Shelley Lee Harvey
Sep 10, Trexler Nature Preserve Border Trail Class: 3C Miles: 9 Leader: Charlie B.	Oct 22, Green Pond Rd/Charlotteburg Reservoir/Judney Farms Loop Class: 3C Miles: 6 Leader: Cecilia B.
Sep 17, AT Hike #8 NJ 94 to Greenwood Lake Class: 3C Miles: 11 Leader: Mark H.	Oct 29, Slateford Farm Loop Class: 3B Miles: 7 Leader: Charlie B.
Sep 24, Black River Trail Class: 3C Miles: 6.3 Leader: Michael W.	Nov 12, Pequest WMA to Hot Dog Johnny's Class: 2C Miles: 6.2 Leader: Mark H.
Oct 1, Vam Campens Glen and area trails. Class: 3C Miles: 6 Leader: Jackie S.	Nov 19, South Mountain Reservation, West Orange NJ Class: 3C Miles: 6-7 Leader: Jackie S.
Oct 8, Mt Minsi Class: 3C Miles: 6 Leader: John S.	

Hike and Bike Ride Classifications

Hikes and bike rides are rated based on type of terrain and pace. It is important that you select physical activities based on your personal abilities.

Terrain Classification	Hikes	Rides
Class 1	Easy, mostly flat.	Easy, flat. Mostly on bike paths, gravel or paved. Occasionally on roads that will have a small amount of traffic
Class 2	Intermediate, rolling hills, some stone or rocks on trail.	Easy, some moderate hills (ascended slowly). Mainly on quiet roads, sometimes on busier county roads. May include some unpaved, gravel sections.
Class 3	More difficult, steep ups and downs, trail rocky but stable.	Intermediate, includes hills. Primarily roads (quiet, as well as busier country); but may include some unpaved sections.
Class 4	Most difficult, very steep ups and downs, unstable footing, hand holds may be necessary.	Intermediate, including hills, some steep and long. Primarily roads (quiet as well as busy). Bike paths, if involved, must be paved.
Pace Classifications	Hikes	Rides
Class A	Leisure pace, accommodates the leisure hiker Amble, unhurried, with frequent stops	Leisurely pace, cruise on flat 7 to 12 mph; overall average 7 to 8 mph; frequent stops
Class B	Amble, unhurried, with frequent stops	Steady but leisurely pace. Cruise on flat 9 to 13 mph; overall moving average 9 to 10 mph
Class C	Moderate, energetic to cover a proposed distance.	Moderate. Cruise on flat 11 to 14 mph; overall moving average 10 to 11 mph.
Class D	Brisk, capable of walking at a quick pace for prolonged periods	Cruise on flat 12 to 16 mph; overall moving average 11 to 12 mph.

Hiking Guidelines

1. Questions about a hike should be directed to the hike leader prior to day of the hike.
2. Hiking boots are required for all hikes other than those classified as 1A.
Sneakers may be appropriate for a Class 1A hike. Check with hike leader.
3. Many find that hiking sticks increase stability on steep and/or rocky trails.
Consider bringing one!
4. Remember to contribute towards gas when you are a passenger in a carpool.
5. What to Bring on a Hike:
 - a. adequate drinking water, especially during hot weather.
 - b. your own snacks, as needed. If lunch is planned following the hike, it may be later than a normal lunchtime meal.
 - c. your own basic first-aid kit. Leaders are not trained in first aid and are not expected to provide first-aid supplies.
 - d. weather-appropriate clothing items to layer as conditions change.
6. Wear safety vests where appropriate.

Bicycle Ride Guidelines

1. On all rides, leader will wait at intervals for all riders to catch up.
2. Questions about a ride should be directed to the ride leader prior to day of the ride.
3. **A suitable bicycle, helmet, extra inner tube and water are required for ALL rides.**
4. For most HHC rides a hybrid bicycle is very suitable. For longer faster rides a road bicycle might be considered. Note that hybrids with their wider tires excel on all types of surfaces and are sturdy and reliable. Road bikes with their narrow high-pressure tires roll easier but are not good on gravel.
5. Your bicycle must be in good operating condition, especially the brakes and gears.
6. Tires should be fully inflated and wheels securely fastened.
7. A cell phone is recommended. A spare inner tube, levers and a multi-tool are useful items to carry. Also, a small first aid kit for treating cuts, grazes etc. Leaders are not trained in first aid and are not expected to provide first aid supplies.

A Selection of Directions from Flemington to HHC Hike Starting Points

Bulls Island State Park

- Route 202 South to Lambertville exit (last exit in NJ, just before toll bridge)
- Left at end of exit ramp; Right at stop sign onto Route 29 North; continue through Stockton
- Left onto Route 29 North after passing Prallsville Mill; continue three miles to Bulls Island on the left
- Park in first parking on the right

Alternate Route 1:

- Route 12 West to Frenchtown
- Left at blinking light, then first Left onto Route 29 South; continue nine miles to Bulls Island on the right

Alternate Route 2:

- Route 523 to Stockton; Right onto Route 29 North; follow directions above from Stockton

Clinton Commuter Lot, Clinton, NJ

- Route 31 North to intersection with Route 78
 - Take the first right, the first right again, and left at the first traffic signal.
 - Parking lot is on the right, across from McDonald's
- From Route 78 East: exit 16, right at first light
From Route 78 West: exit 17 onto Route 31 North

Clinton Wal-Mart from Route 78 West

- Exit 15: Left onto Route 513 South to second traffic light
- Turn Left, go up hill, Right at stop sign into parking lot; park in area farthest from the stores

Deerpath Park

From Flemington:

- Route 31 North, Right onto West Woodschurch Road; continue 0.7 mile to park entrance on right (follow YMCA and Deerpath signs)
- Continue past YMCA and soccer fields to main parking lot at end of driveway near rest rooms

From Clinton:

- Route 31 South 6.5 miles from I-78 to West Woodschurch Road jug handle
- Cross over Route 31 and follow directions above

Frenchtown by Delaware River Bridge

- Route 12 West to traffic light in Frenchtown
- Turn Left and follow road around to the right
- Parking lot is on Left just before bridge, after Bridge Street Café

High Bridge Municipal Lot

- Route 31 North, Right onto Route 513 towards High Bridge
- Right just before train station onto Route 513 and continue under the overpass
- Left onto Main Street; continue a few blocks almost to end, then Left into parking lot just before Route 513 turns right

Holcombe-Jimison Farm, Lambertville, NJ

- Route 202 South to Lambertville exit (last exit in NJ).
- Left at stop sign at bottom of ramp, right at the stop sign onto Route 29 North
- Immediate left into Holcombe-Jimison Farmstead.
- Follow entrance road to the end and park on left just before towpath.

Morales Park, Flemington

- Route 202 to Flemington circle; follow signs for Route 12 West.
- Pass another circle (Hess station), continue on Route 12 past third circle (Dvoor Farm)
- Right onto Old Croton Road; Right at Capner Street; parking lot is on the right.

Pennington Market

- Route 202/31 South six miles; Route 31 South eight miles to Delaware Avenue, Pennington
- Park at south end of lot, away from buildings

Prallsville Mill, Stockton, NJ

- Route 523 South to Stockton.
- Right on Route 29.
- Go 1/2 mile to Mill on left.

Spruce Run

- Route 31 North past Clinton and High Bridge.
- LEFT at Van Syckles Road traffic light (Toyota dealer)
- Park in the first lot on the left by the water.

Taco Bell, Flemington

Route 202, one-fifth mile south of Flemington Circle (Shop-Rite, Marshalls, Dollar Tree)