

WINTER OUTINGS SCHEDULE

OUTINGS INTEREST GROUPS

Mid-Hudson Chapter Members: Stay Connected!
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New Offering: Wednesday Meet-Up Walks Here's a chance to get out when the weather cooperates. On occasional Wednesdays during the winter months, when the weather is suitable, Nancy Keenan-Rich will lead short walks centered around Poughkeepsie and environs. Details will be available through the weekly e-mails the Monday prior, or reach Nancy at 845-452-1727.

Mid-Week Hikes Every Thursday chapter hiking leaders offer 3-6 hour hikes of varying difficulty to different areas of the Mid Hudson Valley. Hikes may be followed by a stop for refreshments. **Leaders: Ginny Fauci, 845-399-2170, vfauci1@hvc.rr.com or Lalita Malik, LalitaMalik@aol.com, 845-592-0204.** To learn about the upcoming hike get on the email list, as above.

Leisurely 4th Tuesday of the Month Walks and hikes that are shorter and more leisurely in pace than the Thursday group currently offers. We will cover familiar and unfamiliar territory. **Contact: Sue Mackson at 845-471-9892 or susiem6@juno.com, or the leader, for information. To learn about the upcoming hikes get on the email list, as above (or below!) Jan 24, Feb 28, Mar 27**

NOTE: ADK Members should join the MEMBERS ONLY EMAIL LIST, for the Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday hikes described above. To join this email list, contact Eli Cohen at ebc12533@yahoo.com with "Join Mid-Week Hikers email list" as the subject. Upcoming walks and hikes may also be viewed at <http://groups.google.com/group/mid-week-hikers?lnk=src>

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING: GET ON THE LIST NOW!
Quick Response X-C Ski List
(PLEASE NOTE: THIS LIST IS A SERVICE OPEN ONLY TO ADK MEMBERS)

Good snow doesn't last very long around here. That's why you've got to get out and enjoy it right after the storm. If you have the luxury of dropping everything and going out to ski, contact Russ Faller at russoutdoors@yahoo.com to be put on the **Quick Response X-C Ski List**. When there's a good snowstorm, you'll get an e-mail invitation to ski right after the storm ends. This could fall on a weekend or a weekday. If you were on the list last Winter, you're still on the list. If you want off the list, contact Russ.

THINK SNOW!

Sun Jan 1 Wappingers Greenway Trail 4mi. ADK Members Only Level B Leaders: Jean-Claude Fouere and Georgette Weir georgette.weir@gmail.com; 845-462-0142
Start the new year with a hike and a dessert potluck at the leaders' home. We'll hike on the Wappingers Creek Trail, a surprisingly rugged (lots of ups and downs, and possibly some overs of blowdowns), lollipop route from Market Street Industrial Park in Wappingers Falls to New Hamburg, then back. We'll pay our respects at a 19th-century cemetery that overlooks the creek and the Hudson River, and then warm up and socialize over hot cider/tea and potluck desserts. Contact leaders for exact meeting place and time, and car pooling plans.

Sat Jan 7 Nature's Pathways - Halcott Mtn Wild Forest, Catskills 1500 Vert 4+ miles A
Leader David Koehler K2David121@gmail.com (preferred) or 917-613-2043

Experience efficient navigation of the wilderness and read the land and sky for direction while traveling off trail using far less energy than what is commonly thought of as bushwhacking. On this journey we will be starting up toward the tailless summit of Halcott Mountain. Our goal is to take natural pathways and also follow tracks left by wild animals and let that take us where it will. Mileage is variable, as well as vertical. Halcott Mtn Friday mountain is typically a 1500' accent and a 4 mile bushwhack, we expect to be in the woods from 10am to approx 3pm on a winter day and will be traveling the animal paths in that area. Hikers Note: Though Halcott is a challenging Catskill 3500' peak that many hikers wish to add to their peak bagging list, we can't say for sure we'll summit, as nature's journey is the goal.

Sat Jan 7 Vanderbilt Mansion Walk
Leader: Beth Willis 845-373-8202, bethwillis@optonline.net

Enjoy a short but sweet Saturday afternoon hike with great Hudson River views on January 7th at the Vanderbilt Mansion. Start time 1:00 pm. Wear sturdy hiking boots and bring traction devices, such as microspikes, if there is ice and snow. Bring plenty of water. Contact leader to register. **Please leave a phone number where you can be reached.**

Fri Jan 13 – Mon Jan 16 Adirondacks Winter Training for Hikers & Backcountry Skiers Leader Barry Skura at 914-779-0936; Barry.Skura@gmail.com

Spend MLK weekend at a motel "base camp" in Saranac Lake in the Northern Adirondacks. Learn to enjoy the mountains in the winter. Each day, have a choice of instructional hikes and backcountry ski trips. Register via e mail to leader indicating your hike and backpack experience and that you are an ADK member. Joint with AMC

Sat Jan 14 Wallkill Rail Trail
Leader Brian Sullivan (845-594-9545); Call before 9 PM
Hike (Walk) part of the Wallkill Rail Trail in New Paltz. We will be seeing the Wallkill River and the Gunk's. Bad road conditions may cancel the trip. Meeting Time & Place: 9:15 at Trailways Bus Station, Main St, New Paltz. Leader will be on the 8:45 bus from Kingston. We can walk to the rail trail from the bus station.

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Jan 21 Bashakill Wetlands Area B/A

Leader: Pete McGinnis at 845-454-4428; pmcgin1@aol.com Hike, snowshoe, or cross country ski depending on conditions & participants' choice. Contact leader for meeting details.

Sun Jan 22 Go to the Snow X-C Ski (or hike if no snow)

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

Location will depend on where the good snow is. It could be a backcountry (ungroomed) location or a nordic ski center, but it'll be within a reasonable drive from Poughkeepsie and on an intermediate level. Bring lunch, water and dress for the weather. Contact leader for final plan.

Sun Jan 22 No Blazes - No Snowshoes. 10 miles

off trail in Harriman in whatever weather we are dealt. Leader & Contact Skip Doyle skipnewyork@yahoo.com.

Sat Jan 28 Schunemunk 7 m B+

Leader: Al DeMaria 845-255-1704

Climb Jessup to the ridge, then south to Highpoint (1664 ft.) and descend Dark Hollow trail. Approx 1400 ft of climbing. Telephone leader for meeting place and time.

Sun Jan 29 Nuclear Lake in Winter 4 m. C+, B-

Leader: Sue Mackson 845-471-9892, susiem6@juno.com

We'll do an out and back on the AT to this quiet spot which I only know in the warmer months. If it hasn't snowed we will do this hike. If there's been snow, but not too much, we'll get out on the Dutchess County rail trail- either north or south from Titusville Road. In either case, return to the leader's house for soup and hot chocolate.

Sat Feb 4 – Sun Feb 5 Delaware Water Gap Winter Training Backpack Leader: Barry Skura at

914-779-0936 or Barry.Skura@gmail.com.

Great views from AT ridge in the area between Mount Tammany and Cooper Mine/ Camp Mohican. 15 miles. Open to three-season backpackers with necessary equipment. Register via e mail to leader indicating your hike and backpack experience and that you are an ADK member.

Sat Feb 4 Blackhead Catskills 7miles+ A

Leader: David Koehler k2david121@gmail.com

(preferred) or 917-613-2043 From Big Hollow Road we will journey 3 miles ascending 1700 ft to the summit of Blackhead. Depending on winter conditions and the group we may include Blackdome and some other treasures along the way. Blackhead is a peak required to be hiked in the winter for those who are working on their Catskill 3500 peaks. Register with leader.

Sat Feb 11 Go to the Snow X-C Ski (or hike if no snow)

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

Location will depend on where the good snow is. It could be a backcountry (ungroomed) location or a nordic ski center, but it'll be within a reasonable drive from Poughkeepsie and

on an intermediate level. Bring lunch, water and dress for the weather. Contact leader for final plan.

Sun Feb 12 Fahnestock B/A up to group

Leader: Pete McGinnis at 845-454-4428 or pmcgin1@aol.com Hike, snow shoe, or cross country ski depending on conditions and participants' choice. We will gather at the warming hut for refreshments at some point.

Fri Feb 17 - Mon Feb 20 Spend Presidents Day Weekend in the Adirondack High Peaks Varying levels and activities RESERVE NOW. SPACE IS LIMITED.

Leader Pete McGinnis at 845-454-4428, e mail pmcgin1@aol.com

To reserve a spot for the Weitzel Trail Cabin near Lake Placid send your check as soon as possible to: Pete McGinnis, 515 Haight Avenue, Poughkeepsie 12603; E-mail any questions to pmcgin1@aol.com. Your check is your reservation. The cost is \$75 per person for the 3 nights. There are four rooms with 2 bunk beds in each room; separate bathroom facilities for men/women; kitchen and living room. It's conveniently located to the parking lot and trails for all levels of hiking, snow showing and cross country skiing. Bring food to cook. Pot Luck meal on Sat evening.



Sat Feb 18 - Mon Feb 20 (Presidents Day Weekend) XC skiing at Garnet Hill Ski Center Leader: Barry Skura at 914-779-0936 or Barry.Skura@gmail.com

(about a 4-hour drive from George Washington Bridge). Qualified backcountry skiers have access to Siamese Ponds wilderness. Lodging at moderately priced Lake George motel. Register via e mail to leader indicating your cross country skiing experience, if any, and that you are an ADK member. Contact Leader via email for more info and to register.

Mon Feb 20 Beginner Snowshoe and Cross-Country Skiing Leader & Contact: Skip Doyle skipnewyork@yahoo.com.

One hour clinic at Fahnestock for those brand new to snowshoeing or X-C skiing. Bring your own equipment or rent. Contact leader for meeting details

Sat Feb 25 Fahnestock Park Hiking or Snow Shoeing, depending on snow cover A

Leaders: Jean-Claude Fouéré & Georgette Weir at

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845-462-0142 or jcfouere@gmail.com A 7-8 mile loop hike in Fahnestock Park will take us through winter wood scenery, snow or no snow, along trails and carriage roads. Contact leaders for meeting place and time, and carpooling information.

Sat Mar 3 Mohonk Preserve B/A
Leader: Pete McGinnis at 845-454-4428. pmcgin1@aol.com
Hike, snow shoe, or cross country ski depending on conditions & participants' choice. One destination: skating rink for R & R. Per person day fee.

Sun Mar 4 Balsam Mt (& possibly Belleayre Mt) LvA
4.5miles/1,700 elevation gain. If Belleayre, additional 4.2 miles (RT) to true Summit

Leaders: Catrine Moore & Gino Platania (son-13)
845-691-2310 or championsupplies@aol.com.
This is a required winter peak to become a 3500 Club member. Snowshoes with good crampons required. We will ascend from Rider Hollow via the Oliverea-Mapledale trail and loop over Balsam Mtn, descending via the Mine Hollow trail. Depending on conditions, time and willingness of group, we will venture up to the true summit of Belleayre at the Belleayre Mtn. Ski area to take in the excellent views. Contact leader to register and make possible car-pooling arrangements.

Sat March 10 Go to the Snow X-C Ski (or hike if no snow)
Leader: Russ Faller, 845-297-5126 (before 9:30 PM) or russoutdoors@yahoo.com Location will depend on where the good snow is. It could be a backcountry (ungroomed) location or a nordic ski center, but it'll be within a reasonable drive from Poughkeepsie and on an intermediate level. Bring lunch, water and dress for the weather. Contact leader for final plan.

Sun Mar 11 Afternoon Walk at Locust Grove, Rt.9, Poughkeepsie **Leader: Georgette Weir at 845-462-0142 or georgette.weir@gmail.com.** Easy to moderate couple of miles in Poughkeepsie. Will spring be in the air? Contact leader for meeting time and place.

Sat Mar 17 Harriman Park 8 m B+
Leader: Al DeMaria at 845-255-1704 From Anthony Wayne parking area, hike the Timp Torne ridge to the Timp. Return on the Ramapo-Dunderberg trail and Beechy Bottom Rd. Telephone leader for meeting place and time.

Sun Mar 18 Hudson Highlands Hike B+/A
Leader & Contact: Skip Doyle skipnewyork@yahoo.com
Scrambling before the snakes come out. Extreme scrambling in the Hudson Highlands. Rocks and drama. Contact leader for meeting details.

Sun March 25 Shaunpeneak Ridge Hike, Esopus
Moderate Pace Hike 7 miles
Leader: Michele VanHoesen 845-691-7442 call before 9:30PM, Michelevh8@yahoo.com
Register by 3/22/12. After meeting in the parking lot at 1:00 pm we will hike to view the waterfall and then up the ridge to

a view point of the tree orchard farm below the ridge and the Hudson River in the distance; stopping for lunch & snacks along the way. We will continue around Louisa Pond which contains beavers and other wildlife, stop to look for them, then continue back down the ridge. Bring lunch, snacks, water and wear good hiking shoes. Bad weather Cancels.

Directions: From North: Take Route 9W South into Esopus. Make Right on Old Post Road. (by new firehouse) **From South:** Take Route 9W North into Esopus. Make Left on Old Post Road. (by new firehouse) Lower parking lot is 0.2 miles on right after RR Tracks.

Sat Mar 31 Leisurely Hike at Falling Waters and possibly, Esopus Bend under 6 m B-C+
Leader: Salley Decker at (845) 454-4206 evenings 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Contact leader for meeting time and carpool location. Explore Scenic Hudson's newest preserve, "Falling Waters," in Saugerties. If time and weather permit, we will also visit the nearby Esopus Bend Preserve. C+/B- (less than 6 miles). Bring lunch, water, and snacks. Hiking boots recommended. Rain or bad weather cancels.

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and locations of the various sessions, the application process, and the program's curriculum, are available at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/education/29.html>. After reviewing the extensive information on the website, any questions can be answered by calling Randy Caccia, DEC Environmental Educator III, at 518-402-8029, or Patti Bolton, the camp's registrar, at 518-402-8014.

To receive the \$350 grant from MHADK, the applicant should submit a persuasive statement citing the reasons why s/he should be sponsored. This may include outdoor interests and skills, expectations regarding the camp experience, environmental concerns and/or anything else that might be considered relevant in the decision process. Applicants are encouraged to check out the website before submitting their applications.

Please email the above by January 15, 2012 to:

DEC Camp Project Coordinator, % Peter C McGinnis at Pmcgin1@aol.com.

Applicants Take Note: to receive the MHADK scholarship, applications must be submitted to Pete McGinnis, as above, and NOT THE DEC!