



NEWSLETTER & SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES (243)

April/May/June 2017

I understand that I participate in today's outing entirely at my own risk. The volunteer leader will try to make the event enjoyable, informative and safe, but neither The Urban Trail Conference Inc. nor its officers and leaders can be held responsible for accident or injury. The leader may reject from the outing anyone whose preparation or conduct is inappropriate. I will comply with all applicable laws.

! Per hike dues are \$3 for non-members -- members pay no fee. First year membership is \$7 – see contact info at end of schedule to join.

Announcements

Leaders' Appreciation Dinner: *Our annual dinner and club business meeting will be held on Wed., April 5, 2017. All Urban Trail Conference leaders and staff are invited for dinner at The Gemini Restaurant. See Apr. 5 listing below for details. Please respond by Sat. Apr 1. All other members are welcome at their own expense.*

Thank you, New York Hiking Club We gratefully acknowledge and thank the officers and members of the former New York Hiking Club for their generous contribution to our club. The New York Hiking Club was founded in 1922 and was disbanded in 2016.

Membership: Check your mailing envelopes for expiration dates and send dues as required. First year membership only \$7. Thereafter, membership dues are \$10 for 1 year (a great gift idea). See contact information at the end of this schedule.

Extra Hikes via the Internet In addition to our printed schedule, many leaders give unscheduled "extra-hikes" via the internet. To receive notification of them, your membership dues must be current and you must send your Email address to urbantrail2000@yahoo.com. If you have been receiving hike messages from us, we already have your email address, SO DO NOT RESEND. Also, check your "Spam", "Junk" messages. *Members only will be listed.*

We publish hikes through this printed schedule and by Email, BUT!! **New leaders are needed along with our veteran leaders.** So, why not share a favorite hike, walk or other outdoor / indoor activity with us? Contact us before the last month of this schedule to be listed in our next printed schedule. After listing your 1st activity in our printed schedule, we will also post your hike or group activity via the internet, at your convenience and without having to plan your walk months ahead. Leaders get free membership plus an invitation to our annual dinner. Use the "Contact Us" information at the end of this newsletter for Email, phone or mail replies.

I Need Help Proof-Reading And Editing This Newsletter Required tasks are minimal and can increase if you wish. Editor will work along with me and other volunteers to produce this Newsletter four times per year and must have an Email address that can be used to receive hike write-ups; be comfortable working with Word Processing and have a computer available. Please contact, President: Victor Scelzo at: URBANTRAIL2000@YAHOO.COM. Also, let me know your experience

Membership in NY / NJ Trail Conference -Trail Ambassador Program: More than 2,000 miles of trails throughout New York and New Jersey are maintained by volunteers of the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference. By volunteering for trail maintenance or just becoming a member you play a part in maintaining and creating many of the trails we enjoy. Now, members of the Urban Trail Conference can join the NY/NJ Trail Conference and get a free quality, durable trail map OR 50% off the regular membership rate. Join by visiting [HTTP://WWW.NYNJTC.ORG/TA-JOIN](http://WWW.NYNJTC.ORG/TA-JOIN) and using Redemption Code "TA36935." You can also call Brendan at 201-512-9348 ext. 28; Ask for the Trail Ambassador program. Membership includes a subscription to their quarterly Trail Walker newsletter containing trail-maintenance, conservation and hiking articles of interest.

Trail Maintenance in Queens, N.Y Bob Ward is looking for volunteers to maintain walking trails in Queens. Required is the ability to enjoy pleasant outdoor activity, using light hand tools. Schedule at your own convenience. Contact him: 718-471-7036 by 9-pm or by email: NY.RobertWard@gmail.com Bob is the former President of the NY Hiking Club and long time trail-maintainer.

Contact the leader before going: Leader contact information is provided at the end of each hike listing. So before going on a hike, Call or Email for info, and to see if the hike is on. Also, re-check train/bus fares and schedules for changes. The MTA Website is WWW.MTA.INFO. Also, "The Map" lists subway, metro north routes, and transit information and is available along with NYC borough bus-maps free of charge at NYC subway fare booths (bus maps also).

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES FOLLOWS

Note: Welcome our new leader David Bernstein, veteran bicyclist, by joining his 10-mile bike ride on Sun Apr 30. See details below and prepare in advance.

Sun., Apr. 2 - **UNION SQUARE TO FOLEY SQUARE AND BEYOND.** Meet 12 noon at benches near southeast corner of Union Square Park, just north of 14th St where Broadway meets Park Ave. We will walk 4 miles down Broadway to Foley Square Park and City Hall Park, and end at South St Seaport. Bring or buy lunch. Frequent stops to explain the history. No go in rain. Leaders: Ken King, **631-592-1937**, nhochike@optonline.net, cell 516-238-7694 (day of hike only); Bob Ward **718-471-7036**. Non-members \$3.

Wed, Apr.5 - **6:30 PM - ANNUAL LEADER APPRECIATION DINNER AND MEETING.** All Urban trail hike leaders, staff and members are invited for dinner at the Gemini Restaurant at 641- 2nd Avenue (Corner of 35th St.) - 212-532-2143 / 2177. Varied menu. Leaders that attend will be given \$20 cash for their dinner expense (you pay the tip). All other members are welcome, but dinner is at their own expense (no minimum required). And reservations for leaders have priority if space becomes limited. We will discuss club business and elect officers. You must respond by Apr.01 by Calling or Emailing: Victor 718-652-9075 or urbantrail2000@yahoo.com, No calls after 9 P.M. please.

Sat., Apr. 8 - **MORNINGSIDE HEIGHTS TO WEST HARLEM.** About 4.5 miles in upper Manhattan, moderately paced with a few gentle ups & downs. Visits to Columbia University campus and via Morningside Park & Manhattanville, to the City College campus as well. Continue through lovely Hamilton Heights, pause at Trinity Cemetery (to give our greetings to J.J. Audubon, Ed Koch & Ralph Ellison), visit an art exhibition at the American Academy of Arts & Letters and end up near 145th Street & Broadway. Bring lunch & beverage. Possible early dinner option. Joint with Outdoors Club. MEET 11:15AM at the gateway to the Columbia campus (West 116th St. & Broadway). Take #1 train to 116th Street Broadway or the M104 bus from West 96th St. & Broadway to our meeting point. Steady rain (or snow) cancels. Leader: Devra Zetlan, **212-662-8922**. Joint with Outdoors Club. Non-members: \$3.

Sat., Apr. 08 – **BYRAM RIVER GORGE, Connecticut.** 6 miles, moderate pace. See evergreen trees that stay green all year round. Bring lunch and an extra pair of socks. Meet 9:25 AM at Grand Central terminal, upper level Information Booth. The round-trip costs approximately \$20, but half price from / to the Bronx. Bring Metrocard. Leader: Mayer Wiesen, **516-671-2095**. Call to confirm the status of the hike, till 10:30 PM. Joint hike. Members only.

Sun., Apr.9 - **SANDY HOOK AND FORT HANCOCK, N.J.** 15 miles at a moderate pace. No drop out points. Walk is linear; in and out. We walk from Highlands, NJ into Sandy Hook and to Fort Hancock Historic District. Beautiful vistas of Highlands, NJ; Sea Bright, NJ; and Raritan Bay. Pass a 19th century life-saving station. View buildings in Fort Hancock from another era. See what a 19th century Army post looked like. Important: bring water and lunch. There is no place to buy lunch. Travel: we will take the 8:00 a.m. Academy bus, Route 36 to Highlands, arrive Highlands, NJ at 9:23 a.m. **Meet at the Port Authority Bus Terminal, at white commuter statue no later than 7:45 a.m.** Fare: round trip: \$34 / \$17. seniors 62 and over. Rain cancels. The r/t fare may be a little high, but the beauty of the scenery is worth it. Leader: Bill Wrublewski; Cell: 646-369-0279, Email: summer.time101@verizon.net. Contact to confirm hike status. Non-members \$3.

Wed., Apr.12 - **FORT TRYON TO WAVE HILL.** 6 miles at a moderate pace. Meet 10AM, at the entrance to Ft. Tryon Park, at the end of Fort Washington Ave. Take the M4 bus to the entrance to Ft. Tryon Park, or take the "A" train to 190th street and the elevator up. Return via bus to the #1 train. We'll walk through Ft. Tryon and Inwood Hill Parks, and on to Wave Hill. Wave Hill admission \$4 for seniors. We'll be on paved walks much of the time except for well-maintained woodland trails in Inwood Hill and later in the Bronx in Riverdale Park. Hiking boots are recommended as the trail can be muddy. A few gradual ups and downs. Bring water and lunch or buy lunch at Wave Hill. Leader: Pat Belanoff, **212-568- 2052**. Rain cancels. Call after Monday, but not after 9:30 at night or email padaulton@gmail.com, but you must check to make sure hike is on. You can also call up to 9AM morning of hike. Joint Hike with Outdoors Club. Members only.

Sat., Apr.15 - **BRONX BOTANICAL GARDEN.** Should be a perfect day to visit the Garden. Daffodils, magnolias, cherries, lilacs, crab apples, and tulips should all be in bloom. Then we'll walk through NYC's only primeval forest. After lunch, those who wish can visit the orchid show in the conservatory (admission fee). A relaxed stroll of around 2 miles at a very slow pace -- not moderate! (if walking at a slow pace drives you crazy, then PLEASE DON'T COME!). Take the 9:25 Harlem Line train from Grand Central, arriving at the "Botanical Garden" Station at 9:44. Get "City Ticket" \$4. Alternatively, take the 4 or D subway to "Bedford Park Blvd." and then the #26 bus east to the Mosholu Gate entrance -- or, the 2 subway to "Allerton Ave." and then the #26 bus west to the entrance. Meet just inside the Mosholu Gate at 9:45. Admission to the Garden is free until 10am on Saturdays. If driving, park in the parking facility by the station (\$12) or on a nearby street (free). No coordination of rides. The 3:37 train gets you back to Grand Central at 3:59, or you can take the bus and subway back. Lunch in the cafeteria (reasonable). No pets; no smoking. Please email or call me to make sure that the visit is on, to let me know you are coming, and if you have any questions. Leader: Bob Susser **212-666-4371**; rsusser@aol.com.

Sat., Apr. 22 – **SETAUKET TO PORT JEFFERSON GREENWAY.** 8 to 9 miles, moderate steady pace, flat terrain. Hike the Greenway from Port Jefferson Station to Stony Brook followed by an optional loop around the Stony Brook Campus. Bring lunch and water. Meet: Penn Station, Long Island Rail Road level at the ticket counters. You must call for hike status and meeting time Friday evening Apr. 21 only. Leader: Ludwig Hendel, **718-626-3983**. Members only; no Meetup groups.

Sat., Apr. 22 - **SUNNYSIDE TO LONG ISLAND CITY- EAST & WEST**. About 5 miles in Queens, level & moderately paced. We'll tour Sunnyside Gardens (the first example of a planned community in the US) and then walk east to Greenpoint Ave. that we will follow into a less developed part of Long Island City. Then see what's happening there & at a "foodie" destination, the Falchi Building, & continue across the train yard to the waterside park with its adjacent densely developed residential towers. MEET 1 PM at the North-West corner of Queens Boulevard & 46th Street. Take the #7 train (make sure it's running locally) to 46th-Bliss Street (or take shuttle bus if weekend service on #7 is out). Steady rain cancels. Leader: Devra Zetlan, **212-662-8922**. Joint with Outdoors Club. Non-members: \$3

Sun., Apr. 23 - **RUMSON, NEW JERSEY**. Sea Bright, N.J. to Red Bank, N.J. Via Rumson, Little Silver, and Fair Haven. 15 miles, at a moderate-pace. There are no drop out points. We walk through Rumson, NJ, which calls itself the borough beautiful, and for good reason, because it is beautiful. Rumson is one of the wealthiest communities in the United States. Then through Little Silver and Fair Haven, wealthy communities that border Rumson, then on to Red Bank, a quaint town reminiscent of a town circa 1900. **Meet: Port Authority bus station by the white commuter statue no later than 7:45 A.M.** to get the 8:00 a.m. Academy bus to Sea Bright (we take the route 36 bus). Bus arrives in Sea Bright at 9:31 a.m. Fare: Bus fare: \$17 / \$8.50 seniors, one way; train fare: \$16 / \$7:35 senior. Total fares: \$33 / \$15:85 seniors. Important: bring lunch and water as there is no place to buy lunch. The r/t fare may be a little high, but the beauty of the scenery is worth it. Leader: Bill Wrublewski, Cell: 646-369-0279 or Email: summer.time101@verizon.net. Contact to confirm hike status. Non-members \$3.

Sun., Apr. 23 - **LAKES OF BABYLON**. Take the 9:55 AM train from Penn Station to Babylon and meet leaders in ticket office at 11:15 am. We will walk 3-4 mi around Argyle Lake and up to Southard Pond and back. Bring or buy lunch; places to buy in Babylon near station. No go in rain. Leaders: Ken King, **631-592-1937**, nhochike@optonline.net, cell 516-238-7694 (day of hike only); Eileen Mahler, **516-382-5804**. Non-members \$3.

Sun., Apr 23 - **FOREST PARK including proposed QUEENS HIGHLINE AREAS**. 6-7 miles, moderate pace. Paved surfaces, and sloping woodland trails. Lunch at Carousel /Greenhouse then continue on to Strack Pond, Golf Course and Oak Ridge, depending on group. Bring H2O (water) and lunch. Bring good walking shoes. Meet 11:00 AM, in front of Vitamin Shoppe on South West corner of 71st Road & Queens Blvd. Travel: Take the E, F, R or M to 71st-Continental Ave. Exit front of train. Register with leader: Cheryl Heyman, at cfheyman@twc.com. **347-749-1452** cell morning of hike.

Sun., Apr 23 - **SPRAIN RIDGE PARK**. 9 miles, moderate pace and moderate terrain with some ups and downs. We start from the Ardsley on Hudson Station, go south on the Old Croton Aqueduct then proceed to the trail systems of the Hillside Park and Woods and Sprain Ridge Park. Return by Bee-Line: Bus #78. Bring lunch and hiking boots. **Meet 9:00 AM** at Grand Central Terminal Information Kiosk to take the 9:20am Metro North, Hudson Line, to Ardsley-on-Hudson. Cost round-trip: MetroCard fare plus \$8.75 / \$5.75 seniors. Leader: Joel Pomerantz. Must call to confirm **212-691-3844** evenings before 10pm. Rain cancels. Joint hike with the Outdoors Club. Members only.

Thur., Apr. 27 - **BLYDENBURG COUNTY PARK**. 7 miles at a moderate pace, some ups and downs. Meet near the Long Island RR ticket windows by the latest 9AM to take the 9:14 AM train to Smithtown (change at Hicksville); return will be from the same station. We'll walk around Blydenburgh Lake and view the ducks and turtles. Bring lunch and water and wear boots as the trail can be muddy in spots. Fare round trip: \$19 /13.25 senior. Rain cancels. Leader: Pat Belanoff, **212-568-2052** or email padaulton@gmail.com, but you must check to make sure hike is on. Call after Tuesday, but not after 9:30 PM. Joint Hike with Outdoors Club. Members only.

Sat., Apr. 29 - **OLD AND NEW CHELSEA and THE HIGH LINE-Optional**. Meet 1:30am, before lunch. 3 miles, easy pace. Historic area, 19th century buildings. Houses of worship, Chelsea Pier & High Line - optional. Meet 11:30 AM, 14 Street and 8th Ave., North West corner. Take the A; C; E or L Train to 14 Street and 8th Ave. Leader: Susan B. **718-275-7654**; call to confirm hike status. Members and their friends only; non-members \$3. No Meet-Up Group members. Joint walk with other clubs.

Sat., Apr. 29 - **CENTRAL PARK TREES (NORTHERN)**. A relaxed stroll to identify some of the approximately 140 species of trees in Central Park, as described in the book "New York City Trees" by Ned Barnard. Both tree experts (whose assistance will be much appreciated) and complete beginners are cordially welcome. This walk will necessarily proceed at a snail's pace, with many stops to look at and identify trees. Meet 10:30am inside the Dana Discovery Center (bathrooms!), a short walk east inside the entrance to the park at 110 St. and Lenox Ave. Please email or call me to make sure that the walk is on, to let me know you are coming, and if you have any questions. Bring lunch and beverage. Bob Susser, rsusser@aol.com; **212-666-4371**.

Sun., Apr. 30 - **BIKE RIDE to TIBBETTS BROOK PARK ***. After you tune up your bike join us for a fairly easy 10-mile ride; half on paved trail, half on dirt trail and learn a little history on the way. It's all flat except a short uphill. No streets. We take the South County Trailway to Tibbetts Brook Park then the Old Croton Aqueduct Trail back to the Bronx. Meet at 11:00 AM outside the end of the no.1 train (242nd St.), last stop in the Bronx. Bring lunch and water as needed. Option to return via same train or the no. 4 Woodlawn train. Leader: David Bernstein. **Text me at 347-224-7376** or email me islay6@gmail.com.

* Even if you cannot participate, please tell us if you would like more biking trips in the future. Email: Urbantrail2000@yahoo.com.

Sun., Apr. 30 - **EAST RIVER WALK**. Write-up on next page...

Sun., Apr. 30 - **EAST RIVER WALK.** 4-6 miles along the east river path to 50th St. and along the 1st Ave. viewing & walking on promenades of the East River, as well as passing through the UN headquarter. We may be able to stop at private garden located at 42nd. Meet 10:30 AM at the Staten Island Ferry Terminal lobby, Manhattan side, near the escalator, on your left side, as you enter the Ferry terminal. Take the #1 train to South Ferry Station, or the #4 or 5 train to Bowling Green, and walk to Staten Island Ferry terminal. The "R" train to WHITEHALL street is another option. Check with the MTA information website. Bring lunch water and snack. Dress according to the weather, bug spray and prepare for rain. Heavy rain/storm cancels the walk. Call to confirm the walk status on the week of the walk. NO CALLS AFTER 9:30 PM, NO FLIP-FLOP FOOTWEAR and NO SLOW WALKERS PLEASE!!
Leader: Youn, **917-670-3845**. MEMBERS ONLY.

Sat., May 6 - **BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDENS.** Cherry Blossom time at the gardens. We will walk the full length of the Gardens including the Cherry Esplanade, where all the cherry trees will be in bloom. Lunch will be at the Botanic Garden Restaurant – no outside food permitted. Take #2 or #3 train to Eastern Parkway and meet 11:30 AM outside ticket office. Bring snack, water, and lunch. This is a Joint Hike. Leaders: Ken King, 631-592-1937, nhochike@optonline.net, cell 516-238-7694 (day of hike only); Bob Ward, **718-471-7036**. Non-members \$3.

Sun., May 07 - **CENTRAL PARK TREES (SOUTHERN).** A relaxed stroll partly along the southern Central Park "tree trail" described in the book "New York City Trees" by Ned Barnard (around \$12 at Amazon) passing through the Mall, with its row of large shady elms, as well as the Conservatory Water, Cedar Hill, Belvedere Castle, and the Ramble, and ending at the Boathouse Cafe around 1pm for lunch (reasonable). Both tree experts (whose assistance will be much appreciated) and complete beginners are cordially welcome. Of course, the walk will proceed at a snail's pace with many stops to look at and identify trees. Meet 10:30am inside the entrance of the Time-Warner building on 59th & Broadway. Please email or call me to make sure that the walk is on, to let me know you are coming, and if you have any questions. Leader: Bob Susser, **212-666-4371**; rsusser@aol.com.

Wed., May 10 – **MORRIS CANAL TOWPATH – NETCONG TO HACKETTSTOWN- New Jersey.** 12 to 14 miles at a moderate steady pace on flat terrain. Follow the unique Morris Canal with its incline planes from Netcong past locks and reservoirs along the scenic Musconetcong River, Waterloo Village on towpaths and country roads to Hackettstown. We return by train (weekday service only). Bring lunch and water. Meet: Port Authority Bus Terminal, South Wing by the white Commuter Statue for bus, one-way to Netcong. You must call for hike status and meeting time, Tuesday evening May 9th only. Leader: Ludwig Hendel, **718-626-3983**. Members only, no Meetup-Groups.

Sat., May 13 – **SHORE WALK: SHEEPSHEAD BAY TO FLOYD BENNETT AIRFIELD.** 7 miles, moderate- brisk paced flat hike. Combination of beaches and pathways. A visit to Hanger B, displaying many vintage WWII aircraft (some in stages of restoration). Possible hike extension across the Marine Park Bridge. Meet 9:30 AM, outside the Q / B Sheepshead Bay Road station in Brooklyn (Sheepshead Bay Road Exit). Bring lunch and water. Leader: Marvin Malater, **718-376-3608**. Call for hike status and info. Non members \$3.

Sat., May 13 - **NORTH BRONX WALK.** About 4 miles, moderately paced. A little loop in the upper reaches of the Grand Concourse, then tour Lehman College (CUNY) campus with a visit to its art gallery and conclude with exploration of the nearby areas of Kingsbridge Heights & Van Cortlandt Village. We'll be in pursuit of a little mystery (a shrine) & some history (United Nations beginnings, the WAVES, exemplary worker housing, the Jerome Park Reservoir & its parks & fortifications). Unavoidable but manageable ups & downs in places, due to the area's quite craggy topography. Steady rain cancels. Bring snacks & water. MEET 12:30 PM at North West corner of Grand Concourse & Bedford Park Blvd. Take the "D" train to "Bedford Park Boulevard" or #4 train to "Bedford Pk. Blvd.- Lehman College" (from the #4, walk a few blocks east on the Boulevard to the Concourse). Leader: Devra Zetlan, **212-662-8922**. Joint with Outdoors Club. Non-members: \$3

Sat., May 20 - **RED HOOK, BROOKLYN.** About 4 miles, level, moderately paced. A quick walk down from Brooklyn Heights through its charming Willowtown area, then a bit of Brooklyn Bridge Park, after which we begin our leisurely walk to & through the distinctive cityscape of Red Hook, enjoying its watery vistas, industrial relics, art spaces & other attractions. Take #2 or #3 to "Clark St.- Brooklyn Heights" & meet just outside station on Clark St. Steady rain cancels. Optional early dinner in a Middle Eastern restaurant on Atlantic Avenue. MEET 1PM (after lunch). Joint with Outdoors Club. Leader: Devra Zetlan, **212-662-8922**. Non-members: \$3

Sat., May 20 – **BRONX AQUEDUCT from KINGSBRIDGE over THE HIGHBRIDGE to NORTHERN MANHATTAN** - About 6 miles, some hills, at a moderate pace. View the Harlem River from the Highbridge. See the Morris-Jumel Mansion and Sylvan terrace. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Lenny Morgenstern. Please call **917- 842- 9490** for time and meeting place. You may call any time 24/ 7 starting Wednesday before hike.

Sat., May 20 – **OLD CROTON AQUEDUCT.** About 5 easy miles on flat terrain. Enjoy the colorful Hudson River from Upper Yonkers to Irvington. Bring lunch and water. Take the #1 train to 242nd St / Broadway (last stop in the Bronx) and meet at 242nd St. / Broadway at 10:30 AM. Then take the Yonkers bus (free transfer with your metro-card). Leader: Mayer Wiesen, **516-671-2095**. Call to confirm hike status up till 10:30 PM. Joint hike; members only.

Thur., May 25 - **ROCKLAND LAKE AND HAVERSTRAW.** About 7 miles at a moderate pace, mostly flat terrain. Meet at the George Washington Bus Station by 10:30 AM at the latest, to take the 10:40 - 9A bus to Rockland Lake. We'll walk around the lake and then go down toward the river and take the river trail to Haverstraw. There we can get the 4:15 pm ferry to Ossining and Metro-North back to the city. Bring lunch and water; wear sturdy shoes. If we have time in Haverstraw, we'll walk about, and see the modern sculptures. Bus \$10.20 / less for seniors; ferry \$3.15 / less for seniors; train \$2.50 / less for seniors. Rain cancels. Leader: Pat Belanoff; call after Tuesday but no calls after 9:30 PM please, **212-568-2052** or email padaulton@gmail.com up to 10:00 the morning of the hike, Joint Hike with Outdoors Club. Members only.

Sat., May 27 - **CITY ISLAND, BRONX**. 2 to 3 miles, easy pace. Sea air, tiny island, with short streets, private homes and hometown shops. With many fish food eateries. We Lunch at end of main drag, bring liquids You can bring you own lunch and eat outdoors- weather permitting. Bus runs *both ways* on main artery. Meet 11am, before lunch, indoors near the subway turnstiles, at the Pelham Bay Park stop of #6 train (last stop). Restrooms available but arrive early enough to use, before boarding bus, Bx. 29 to City Island (careful: only one of two #29 buses will go to City Island). We will get off first stop City Island. Leader: Susan B. **718-275-7654**; call to confirm hike status. Joint walk. Members, friends only. Non-members \$3; but No hikers from Meet-Up Group. Joint walk with other clubs.

Sat., May 27 (**Memorial Day Weekend**) - **AIR SHOW, AT JONES BEACH** - USA Air Force Thunderbirds, Army Golden Knights, and others. (Jones Beach call: 516- 785-1600 for information). **Meet 8:45 A.M.** at parking lot 4, southeast side by benches, at the east tunnel leading to the center mall (flags). There is a bus / LIRR package. Ask bus driver to let you off at the Center Mall. Follow the path toward the flags, and then take the path on your right. This path will turn, and lead to the tunnel going under the road; this tunnel leads to the South-East side of parking lot 4. Bring chair or blanket to sit on at the beach to watch the air show. After the show ends – approx. 3 p.m. We will walk the boardwalk and enjoy the exhibits and displays. Parking fee (\$\$\$00) will be collected (free with Empire Pass). You can wear shorts or swimsuit; bring lunch, liquid, sunscreen, sun-hat, sunglasses, and binoculars. If you plan on arriving late, please let me know so that I can attempt to leave space for you. The beach gets very crowded very fast. FYI the show is also Sunday. If lost the day of the show call leader Joanne's cell @ 516-503-3069 (will only be active the day of the hike). I can only answer after I am parked, so please be patient. After the fun on the South Shore, there may be a great fireworks display on the North Shore. We will head there (after stopping for dinner). Arriving early will give us time to visit some really interesting architecture, or just hang out on the beach, after getting a prime parking and viewing spot. Those that came by train will be dropped off at the LIRR after the fireworks. Leader: Joanne Tow. (hm) **516-931-2073**. Non members \$3.

Mon., May 29 (**Memorial Day**) - **FAR ROCKAWAY**. Easy 5 to 6 miles with drop-out points. Meet 11:30 AM at the "A" subway train stop at Mott Ave. for walk to the beach about 20 minutes. Some boardwalk walking. Return to same spot. Bring lunch and water. Leader: John Socolick, 516-359-1592, (serious inquiries only by phone). Emails preferred at Finch1149@gmail.com. Rain cancels. Joint with other clubs. Non members \$3

Sun., Jun. 4 - **BAYARD CUTTING ARBORETUM**. Easy hike at one of Long Island's jewels with open meadows, lawns, marshy refuge and its conifer collection from all parts of the world. Rhododendrons and mountain laurel should be in bloom. Bring water, snack and a smile. Bring or buy lunch at the Cafe. Rain cancels. Take the 9:55 AM train from Penn Station to Babylon and change there for diesel train to Patchogue; train arrives at Great River at 11:33 am. Meet leaders in parking lot. 6 mi. including 2 mi. to and from Great River station to arboretum. Leaders: Ken King, **631-592-1937**, nhochike@optonline.net, cell 516-238-7694 (day of hike only); Eileen Mahler, **516-382-5804**. Non-members \$3.

Thur., Jun. 08 - **RONKONKOMA TO BAYARD CUTTING ARBORETUM**. We hike on the Long Island Green Belt; 8 miles at a moderate pace. Terrain is almost all flat, but boots are best because the trail can be muddy in places. We'll walk through Connetquot State Park, look at the fish hatcheries there, and end up at Bayard Cutting Arboretum where we can get tea / coffee. Meet at Penn Station / 34th St. in the Long Island R.R. ticketing area, at the latest 9A.M. to take the 9:15 a.m. train to Ronkonkoma: arriving at Ronkonkoma 10:37 (check schedule for any changes). Return from the Great River LIRR station. Fare round trip: \$26.50 / \$18 seniors. Rain cancels. Leader: Pat Belanoff, **212- 568- 2052** or email padaulton@gmail.com. Call after Tuesday, but no calls after 9:30 PM. Joint Hike with Outdoors Club. Members only.

Sat., Jun. 10 – **WALLKILL TO RAIL TRAIL – NEW PALTZ TO KINGSTON, New York**. 15 miles, at a moderate steady pace on flat terrain (optional drop-out at 8 miles). Hike this scenic rail-trail, crossing the Wallkill River and lakes passing the Rosendale R.R. trestle, the ruins of cement-kilns and furnaces out to Kingston. Bring lunch and water. Meet: Grand Central Terminal Info booth for the 7:43 AM. train departure, one-way to Poughkeepsie N.Y. and bus to New Paltz. You must call for hike status and meeting time on Friday evening June 9, only. Leader: Ludwig Hendel, **718-626-3983**. Members only, no Meet-up Groups.

Sat., Jun 10 – **MANITOU NATURE PRESERVE: OUTWARD BOUND TRAILS**. 6 miles on forested trail paths and winding creeks. Vivid views from high banks overlooking the Hudson River; At a moderate pace through flat terrain and small hills. Bring food and water. Meet in Grand Central Terminal by the big clock at the information booth. Tentative schedule: Hudson Line Train departs 8:43 AM arriving at Manitou at 9:55 AM. Return is from Manitou at 4:26 PM, arriving GCT at 5:48PM pm. Leader: Marvin Malater, **718-376-3608**. Call for hike status and info. Non members \$3.

Sat., Jun. 10. **FORT TRYON & INWOOD HILL PARKS**. A relaxed stroll of around 2 miles at a very slow pace -- not moderate! (if walking at a slow pace drives you crazy, then PLEASE DON'T COME!). Take the "A" train to 190 St. and then the elevator up to Fort Washington Ave. -- or take the #4 bus directly to 190 St. and Fort Washington Ave. Meet 11 a.m. by the benches at the entrance to Fort Tryon Park on Margaret Corbin Circle. After a stop at the New Leaf Cafe (restrooms), we'll go through Linden Terrace (the highest point in Fort Tryon Park and the second highest natural elevation in Manhattan, with great views of the Hudson and the city). Then we'll visit the Cloisters where we can look at the famous Unicorn Tapestries -- and anything else people might want to see. (Admission is "pay what you wish" -- \$1 is fine). Buy lunch in the cafe in the Cloisters (around \$11), or bring your own. Afterwards, we'll walk through Inwood Hill Park, the largest forested area still remaining in Manhattan, and the only entirely undeveloped park -- nothing but trees! (Early out at Dyckman St. or by taking the #4 bus from the Cloisters.) The walk should end around 4 with a pause for refreshment at the Indian Road Cafe on 218 St. (near the 215 St. stop on the #1 subway). Call or email me to make sure the hike is on, to let me know you are coming, and if you have any questions. Leader: Bob Susser **212 666-4371**; rsusser@aol.com.

Note: the following hike will be repeated this July 09th:

Sun., Jun.11 - **SCENIC FIRE ISLAND TOUR**. 6 miles. Pace is leisurely and sand may be soft. Visit the Pines, Cherry Grove, Sunken Forest, and AMC Camp at Atlantique for lemonade and swimming. Take Long Island Rail Road, 9:45 AM train (check schedule) from Penn Station arriving at 10:09 AM in Sayville, L.I. Then we will taxi to ferry for the Pines. Cost \$5 admission to house, \$16 for ferries plus LIRR. (Do not buy LIRR day trip package as we take two separate ferry companies). We return by ferry to Bayshore L.I. for return to NYC by LIRR. Drivers park at Bayshore station and buy ticket for Sayville at machines on NYC bound platform then take the 9:52 train to Sayville. Seniors can buy ticket on the train, without penalty. Please do NOT park at Sayville because we are a making a round trip ending in Bayshore. Leader: Frank Bamberger, 718- 457- 5159; fbamberger@nyc.rr.com. Nonmembers \$3.

Sat., Jun. 17 – **BRIGHTON BEACH, CONEY ISLAND TO SEAGATE**. Meet 12-noon before lunch. 2.5 to 3 miles, easy pace. We will eat at a Brighton Beach restaurant or bring own lunch (bring liquids for walk). Then we will walk to the boardwalk, passing all these areas: amusement parks, hot dog stands, aquarium, baseball park, beautiful subway station at Stillwell Ave. Meet 12- noon before lunch, at Brighton Beach stop of the Q or B train; exit at main booth that is manned by an attendant. Exit on the water side of Brighton Beach Ave. Leader: Susan B. 718-275-7654; call to confirm hike status. Members only and friends. Non-members \$3. No Meet-Up Group members. Joint walk with other clubs.

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