The Answers Are Blowing in the Wind

By Jeff Titel and Becca Glenn, our Chapter staff

On October 3rd the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities (BPU) voted to move forward with offshore, electricity-generating wind turbines in New Jersey, by inviting proposals from manufacturers for a $4 million pilot project. The Sierra Club applauded this action by the BPU, citing the importance of wind for the state’s energy future. We have to do this if we are serious about dealing with global warming.

The BPU has adopted a Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) requiring that utilities obtain 6.5% of their electricity from renewable sources by May 31, 2009. This is a long-standing standard in the nation. In addition, the recently passed Global Warming Response Act mandates a reduction of greenhouse gases to 1990 levels by 2020. If New Jersey is to meet these goals, the state must go forward with development of offshore wind.

Without offshore wind, the Global Warming Response Act is just a lot of hot air. The RPS and the Global Warming Response Act were huge steps forward for New Jersey, but now we need to make sure that they are fully implemented. We can’t do that without wind.

According to a study released in mid-October by Monmouth University’s Urban Coast and Polling Institutes, Jersey shore residents agree with us. The survey of residents of coastal communities in Monmouth, Ocean, Atlantic, and Cape May Counties, as well as the neighboring counties in New York and on the Delmarva Peninsula, found that 59% named beach erosion/sea rise as the single most important environmental issue affecting their local coast. 57% supported the siting of wind farms near-by, even if the turbines would be visible from the shoreline, and 71% supported such installations if they would be located beyond the horizon. [Full survey report available at http://www.monmouth.edu/polling/]

New Jersey cannot wait for the results of the Department of Environmental Protection’s baseline studies to begin the process of reviewing proposals for an offshore wind facility. We need to go forward with offshore wind development now. Reviewing these proposals will not interfere with the DEP’s ongoing research - in fact, it will enhance the baseline studies by providing, through the proposals, additional data on what sites have the most advantageous weather patterns, fewest environmental features, and available transmission systems. The BPU’s decision was the right one for the State Assembly, and two seats in the State Senate. In just four years, New Jersey’s national ranking for women legislators has gone from 43rd to 15th, a major improvement.

New Jersey Clean Elections Program

Established in 2007, New Jersey’s Clean Elections Program is a voluntary, experimental, full public campaign-financing program for candidates seeking election in three State Senate and Assembly districts. The three districts selected last November were the 14th, 24th and 57th, of which only one, the 14th (Mercer Co), is “competitive.” The results were muddied; providing public funding certainly had no impact whatsoever in Republican LD-24, nor in Democratic LD-57. In LD-14, organized outside lobbying exposed a possible loophole in the program, calling into question whether it will eventually be expandable throughout the state.
**West Jersey Group:** Legislation Introduced

**Bottle Recycling Legislation Introduced**

By David Yenner, Recycling Issues Coordinator

The Smart Container Act, A-4483, was introduced in the New Jersey Assembly on February 12, 2008. Assemblywoman Valerie Vainieri-Huttle (D-57th LD, Bergen) has sponsored this legislation, which aims to protect New Jersey's environment by ensuring that consumers have more opportunities to recycle materials. The act was modeled primarily after Michigan's statute, which imposes 10¢ deposits, and includes aspects from the other ten bottle bill states in the U.S.

The bill would require a 10¢ deposit on all personal beverage containers and would establish a redemption process for the State of NJ. The bill was modeled primarily after Michigan's statute, which also imposes 10¢ deposits, but includes aspects from some of the ten other bottle bill states. As in Michigan the Smart Container Act would direct 75% of the unclaimed deposits to environmental projects.

Assemblywoman Vainieri-Huttle's sponsorship of this legislation is getting much attention, according to Roberta Pitarma, New Jersey's Chief of Staff. Members in our Northwest and Hudson-Meadowlands Groups: please vote for GROUP OFFICERS using the ballot on this page. Please stay posted for further communications about strategy and taking action. Expect soon to see a website for sponsors of A-4483 that you see. We need everyone of you. Finally, special thanks go to Heidi Breeze-Harris, the former head of NJ-Public Institute have been invaluable.

**OBSTETRIC FISTULA**

Obstetric fistula is an injury caused by obstructed labor when the mother survives but the child's head presses against the mother's tissues, causing them to die and leaving a hole. Usually the child is stillborn. The mother survives (and many don't) she will leak urine and feces uncontrollably. Because of the smell she is ostracized from her community. This is what women with obstetric fistula experience. It is a great joy that after surgery (at a cost of as little as $300) they can go back to their village and associate with other people.

In May, 2007, Representative Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) introduced H.R. 2114, "Helping Young Women's Lives with a Vaginal Fistula Repair Around the World Act." This would provide a contribution of $5 million to the United Nations Population Fund for the express purpose of "prevention, treatment, and repair of obstetric fistula." Only 20 cosponsors, not one from New Jersey. You can be the power of one person by contacting your Representative and urging him to sign on to H.R. 2114. For more information, go to www.dignityfistula.org. The Sierra Club has joined with One-by-One to help eradicate this problem and you can learn more about how to help by hosting a Pink-Green Party—www.sierraclub.org/population.

Another person moved to action: “Since the global warming race is on, women have delivered for society. It is now time for the world to deliver for women.” So sustained the indefatigable Jane Roberts from an article in The Lancet (10/12/07). Jane is the co-founder of 34 Million Friends. She is determined that a medical problem which she herself was pregnant. She had access to some of the best medical care but was left in a developing country and had to deliver for society. It is now time for the world to deliver. She is determined that a medical problem which she herself was pregnant. She had access to some of the best medical care but was left in a developing country and had to deliver for society. It is now time for the world to deliver for women. What could she do to help eradicate this problem and you can learn more about how to help by hosting a Pink-Green Party—www.sierraclub.org/population.

Island Hopping in Channel Islands National Park (California) — Six fundraising cruises offered in 2008, benefiting the Club's population program

February 9-11: 3 islands, $475.
April 4-7, May 2-5, July 18-21: 4 islands, $775.
August 25-27, September 13-17: 5 islands, $925.

Come explore the wild, windswept islands of Channel Islands National Park. This unique protected area of ocean, life, and the surrounding waters chime with colorful fish, seals, and sea lions. All islands have rugged shorelines dotted with sea caves. In spring the islands are ablaze with wildflowers. In summer you will see guano, 15,000 birds, sharks, and kayak. Each island offers special charm: San Miguel for a friendly colony of sea lions who swim with snorkelers and stand in kayaks. Santa Rosa for its rare stand of Torrey Pines. Santa Cruz for its pockets of alpine meadows and the finest caves in the Channel Islands. Santa Rosa for its brown pelican rookery, picturesque lighthouse, and excellent snorkeling waters.}

Jane Roberts of 34 Million Friends answering questions at one of the 11 New Jersey presentations in October.

**POPULATION ISSUES COORDINATOR'S REPORT:**

**The Power of One Person**

By Bonnie Tillyer, btt44b@verizon.net

A picture of the elegant Font Aosta Hotel in New York City flanked up on the screen, and I wondered what to do with poor women in Africa who suffer with obstetric fistula. As it turned out, it was the site of the last fistula hospital in the country, which closed in 1989.

Heidi Breeze-Harris was speaking about why she co-founded and is the executive director of One-by-One, an organization dedicated to ending obstetric fistula. She first heard about this problem when she herself was pregnant. She had access to some of the best medical care but was left in a developing country and had to deliver for society. It is now time for the world to deliver. She is determined that a medical problem which she herself was pregnant. She had access to some of the best medical care but was left in a developing country and had to deliver for society. It is now time for the world to deliver. She is determined that a medical problem which she herself was pregnant. She had access to some of the best medical care but was left in a developing country and had to deliver for society. It is now time for the world to deliver for women. What could she do to help eradicate this problem and you can learn more about how to help by hosting a Pink-Green Party—www.sierraclub.org/population.

Heidi Breeze-Harris and Jane Roberts: everyday women who stood up and said that no matter what we do to curb global health issues worldwide what ‘An Outrage’ must be concerned about these issues? When women are educated and have family planning resources, their first child is healthy, and they avoid unwanted pregnancies. This is not only healthy for the women themselves but for the country's health administration saw change as well. With the help of a Packard Grant, Jane and a documentary filmmaker are making a film she hopes will do for women's health issues worldwide what ‘An Outrage’ did for global warming awareness.

In 1940 there were 3 billion people; today there are 6 billion people. It is estimated that this will grow to 9 billion. Jane noted that there is a worldwide shortage of family planning services, which will not help this “environmental and humanist” cause. Heidi and Jane hope to do for women's health what happened to American women...
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Maplewood is a community of 24,000 people with a broad spectrum of income and ethnic mix. The government of the town is composed of a five-member Council which elects the mayor. Fred Profeta, has taken advantage of the legacy of environmentalism in his community to push Maplewood to the forefront of the movement to reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions and improve energy efficiency. His work has recently been recognized at the Global Warming & Energy Solution Conference, in New Hampshire, where he was given one of the 2007 Climate Champion Awards.

A long-term activist in social and environmental causes, Mayor Profeta believes that the problem of Global Warming and Climate Change will be solved only through grassroots action. Fred thinks that the level of awareness of the New Jersey public is generally high and the acceptance of the recently approved Global Warming Response Act will be good. However, people are not yet sufficiently alarmed by Global Warming. He believes that some of the skeleton of the grassroots action in this area do not necessarily doubt the scientific evidence but are more worried about the cost of implementing such initiatives. They do not yet understand that in the end going green will result in cost savings and the development of new technologies with high paying jobs. Maplewood has already moved from talk to action. Besides the existing Jersey program which eliminates the use of about 500 bottles a day, the town has improved its recycling program by allowing composting, has completed an energy audit of all its buildings, has bought the first LEED-certified police station in New Jersey with solar panels on the roof ($85,000 per saving), and has committed to reduce GHG emissions 20% by 2015, ahead of state mandates.

In many cases, preventive education starts at home. And home is the municipal building. One of the tasks of the town administration is to clearly communicate to the entire staff the decisions of the Town Council regarding green initiatives. Maplewood is also planning to hire an energy efficiency expert to train its other employees, and to be available to surrounding municipalities. His efforts for a broader involvement of the community were expanded this year with the first Maplewood Green Day Fair, distribution of Fight Global Warming lawn signs, launch of a Choice Campaign where the town residents pledge to substitute five incandescent with compact fluorescent bulbs in their homes and businesses, and the enactment of an Environmental Action Plan. This asks residents to implement personal initiatives from changing to local food to eating less meat, from becoming fully informed on how to understand cost- and emission-reduction initiatives. Mayor Profeta is working with the Committee for a Green Future under which he is a Co-Chair, to develop a series of toolkits with clear and simple instructions on how to develop green initiatives. These packages will be available to any municipality in New Jersey. The Committee is also going to establish criteria that have to be met by any municipality in New Jersey. The Committee is also going to establish criteria that have to be met by any municipality in New Jersey. Mayor Profeta has thought long and hard on how to blend development with sustainability. He strongly believes that continuous economic development is needed for New Jersey municipalities which are strongly dependent on property taxes. However, development must be done the smart way. We need to preserve open spaces and stop the development of farmland. We need to redevelop and housing closer together to reduce the amount of commuting. One way by which the same helps to eliminate the present waiver that permits rich communities to pay poorer ones to take over their share of low cost housing. This has the effect of separating the homes of many low-income workers from their jobs, forcing environmental unhealthy commuters on them.

While Fred believes it is not going to be an easy fight, his vision for the future is sunny. He trusts that we will be able to meet the challenge of Global Warming and beat it. He does not think that government mandates alone will do it. A grassroots involvement by the public is essential. Government, however, has a duty to rally the troops to the task ahead. We need the same leadership that aroused the country to face the challenge of World War II and win the race to the moon. The power of American ingenuity and the flexibility of the American industrial system, combined with the political will of the nation, will allow the United States to succeed. His optimism is not limited to America. He believes that the leaders of the developing nations will take strong actions to control their emissions. His main concern is that, if we wait too long to move, we might not be able to remedy the damage wrought by Global Warming.

**Appreciation Day Awards**

November 11th was a brilliant day on Princeton Ridge, as Chapter officers, benefactors and award-winners gathered for the Chapter’s annual Appreciation Day bash—to enjoy conversation, fine wines, select cheeses, other delicacies, soft music, and, even, dancing to some not-so-soft music. Special awards went to college students Carlos Rymser, Brittany Hopkins and Andrew Mathe, who organized and led the NJ Climate March, April 15-16, 2007. Rallies were held at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, at Princeton University, and at The College of New Jersey, each then proceeding to march on Trenton to lobby for the Global Warming Response Act—which eventually passed both houses and was signed into law by Governor Corzine. Assembly-woman Valerie Vainieri-Huttle (D, LD-37, Bergen Co) was recognized for her prime sponsorship of a bill to introduce Beverage Container Recycling to New Jersey as well as her prime sponsorship of the landmark Global Warming Response Act. DEP Commissioner Lisa Jackson was recognized for helping to advance the Club’s agenda and working to protect the State’s natural environment. The Chapter’s “Volunteer of the Year” award went to Greg Auriemma, organizer and Chair of our new Ocean County Group, and delegate to the Club’s Atlantic Coast Ecoregion working group, which is pressuring for protection for endangered North Atlantic Right Whales. Greg’s Group distributed more than 140,000 circulars in support of the 2007 Ballot Question #3.

The affair was organized, advertised, cooked for, set up and cleaned up by the remarkable Denzer family, Joan and George, with a precision that made their hefty work look easy.

As can be seen in the photographs, taken by Melling Chin and Wynn Johnson of our Loantaka Group, everyone had a good time.

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**YOU HAVE MORE TO GIVE THAN YOU KNOW**

Maybe you can’t make a gift to protect the environment during your lifetime, but you can become a financial hero by remembering the Sierra Club in your will. You can even direct your gift to a special Club program or to the New Jersey Chapter. For information about making a bequest to the New Jersey Chapter call George Denzer at 609-799-5839.
Conservation Eco-Tip
Alternatives to Conventional Water Heating Methods
By Chapter Conservation Chair, Laura Lynch. (Her weekly eco-tips can be found at www.sustainablelawrence.org, which we thank for permission to reprint.)

There are alternate and more energy-efficient ways to heat water. According to Energy Star, a project sponsored by the Environmental Protection Agency, tankless water heaters can save 50% to 65% of the energy that traditional storage tanks waste. They also take up much less space and demand water heaters have replaceable standby loss.

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One alternative to storage systems is "demand" or "tankless" water heating systems. These are small boxes with a coil inside. Water circulates through this heating system and is heated on demand.

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For those using solar power, there is the option to heat water through home solar panels as well. Operating costs can be reduced up to 90%, with energy savings to make a solar system pay for itself on a renewable resource, which is a goal of sustainability. However, users should have a backup system for cloudy days.

If one likes to tinker, there are systems available that capture heat from dishwash-

ers and dryers or from the waste heat of a car's engine. For more information on sustainability, including some valuable links to websites on water-heating, visit ecotips.sus-
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Our Group has reorganized: We are focusing on the following goals: building a more active and vibrant Group; scheduling more guest speakers; and hosting more frequent meetings. We are working hard to save open space on the Hudson River shore, and to protect the ancient Forest on Gov. McClellan’s former estate. Working to preserve wetlands in the Gateway, and supporting the North Jersey Group!

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Held at least four times a year. Please contact Betsy or Mike (see above) for date and location.

GENERAL MEETINGS: Begin at 7:30 pm; dates and locations indicated below. For more information, call Betsy (see above) or sign up for e-mail notices of group activities at http://northsierraclub.org. Cool Cities Campaign, recycling, environmental justice or other issues, please contact Betsy or Mike (see above).

Mar 17: At the Paramus Public Library, E-116 Century Road, Paramus – “We Are The Sierra Club,” an introduction to Club activities, conservation issues and volunteer opportunities in northern New Jersey, with group activities.

Feb 14: Location and program TBA.

CONSERVATION ISSUES: Below are some issue updates. To find out more or alert us to others, please contact Mike, Tom, Betsy, or Tricia (see above).

(1) Congratulations to SaveParamusWetlands.com for moving a step closer toward permanently preserving 35 acres containing wetlands and the headwaters of the C1 Musquopak Brook that flows into the Oradell Reservoir! A month after the August hearing, The DEP denied the developer’s application for freshwater wetlands and stream encroachment permits.

(2) Large-scale housing projects threaten the Ramapo River and watershed just over the NY/NJ border where the sole source aquifer provides drinking water for NJ and Rockland County residents. The first phase of the proposed 1,195-unit Tuxedo Reserve – 105 houses on the rocky slopes between Shoharog and Tuxedo Park — is now before the Tuxedo Planning Board.

(3) In Mahwah, the citizen group STOP opposes the Pilot Travel Centers plan for a truck stop on Route 17, just 50 feet from the High School and not far from other schools. The Pilot project raises serious concerns about children’s exposure to diesel emissions and more pollution in the Ramapo River watershed.

(4) We continue to be concerned about Clifton’s Latteri Park, Elmwood Park’s air quality as bankruptcy Marcal reorganizes under new ownership, Hackensack River vegetative riparian corridors, essential for flood control and habitat, and Van Biskirk Island where the Eastern Towhee, Baltimore Oriole, Black-crowned Night Heron, and other migratory species have been sighted.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS! To find out how you can help with issues, outings, meetings, Cool Cities Campaign, recycling, environmental justice, transportation, and more, please contact Betsy or Mike (see above).

RECYCLE PRINTER CARTRIDGES! Please leave your used printer cartridges in the window by the exit area at Whole Foods Market, 905 River Road, Edgewater (open 8am to 10pm every day). No remanufactured cartridges, please. Thank you for recycling and supporting the North Jersey Group!

Hudson-Meadowslands Group (Hudson and southern Bergen County: Lyndhurst, Rutherford, East Rutherford, Carlstadt, Ridgetfield, Edgewater, Cliffside Park and Fairview)

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Please visit our website for details on what we have planned each month: http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/northwest/Essex County Group

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Meetings: The Hudson-Meadowslands Group holds four General Meetings per year. Please contact Louise Taylor for information about the next meeting.

We distributed about 1200 flyers and 1000+ hand cards in support of Ballot Question #3, bumper stickers and posters, and put up a carefully-targeted smattering of lawn-signs, both in N. Bergen and in Hoboken. Hudson County had the highest “Yes” vote in the state. We think we had at least something to do with that.

We are working hard to save open space on the Hudson River shore, and to protect the New Jersey Palisades south of the George Washington Bridge from further destruction. We need your help. Please contact Louise Taylor to volunteer.

ACTIVITIES: Presently working with land conservation groups to preserve 120 acres atop the Second Watchung Mountain (known as the West Essex Highlands) in West Orange as bankrupt Marcal reorganizes under new ownership, Hackensack River vegetative riparian corridors, essential for flood control and habitat, and Van Biskirk Island where the Eastern Towhee, Baltimore Oriole, Black-crowned Night Heron, and other migratory species have been sighted.

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County, continuing to ensure that the Essex County Park and Open Space Trust Fund is implemented in a fair and consistent way, and addressing environmental justice (EJ) issues.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Held on the SECOND TUESDAY of every month at the Essex County Environmental Center in Roseland, 621 E. Eagle Rock Ave., Roseland. Refreshments are provided. Contact Walt Goldenbaum (goldenb1@optonline.net or 973-925-8662) for general information.

Feb 5: “Who Killed the Electric Car?” 7 to 9 pm. The Sierra Club Essex Group invites you to view this thought-provoking film about the downfall of the electric car industry. A lively discussion will follow. Free and open to the public.

Jan 8: Get Involved at an Essex County Bio Blitz! 7 to 9 pm. Volunteers needed to help launch the first ever BioBlitz of the South Mountain Reservation! The Railway River Association will present information on how to conduct and participate in a 24-hour effort to sample & identify flora and fauna in Essex County’s 2047-acre South Mountain Reservation. Our Bio Blitz is planned over a 24-hour period starting at 5pm on June 20 and concluding at 5pm on June 21. For more information please telephone 973-228-8776. Free and open to the public.

The Loantaka Group is working with concerned citizens and local environmental organizations to protect open space and wildlife habitat in Morris and Union counties.

Loantaka Group (Morris and Union Counties, approximately)

There is a new website address for the Loantaka group: http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/loantaka/

OFFICERS:
- Group Chair: Eric Hauser 732-669-0719 hauserk@aol.com
- Vice Chair: Paul Sanderson 908-253-2414 paulsanderson@aol.com
- Treasurer: Joyce White JoyceWhite2001@yahoo.com
- Secretary: Open Position!

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- Greenbrook: Bob Muska 908-665-2296

If you might be interested in getting involved, come to one of our Executive Committee Meetings on the FIRST TUESDAY of the month and get to know us. There are no obligations and there will be no pressure.

To find out our activities, go to: http://loantaka.njsierra.org
To join our e-mailing list, send a blank e-mail to: lists.sierraclub.org/archives/nj-loantaka-news.html

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:
- Meetings are held on the FIRST TUESDAY of the month at 7:30 pm at Library of the Chathams, 214 Main St., Chatham.

All members are welcome at Executive Committee meetings. Right now, we have open positions on it! If you would like to find out more, please contact Paul Sanderson.

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The chapter sends a fund-raising appeal each March. Please be supportive.

The Chapter's website is http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/central/

GENERAL MEETINGS: Our general meetings are free and open to all - members and public alike. Come join us, make new friends, enjoy refreshments and share conservation ideas! Please see our website for meeting locations, directions, maps and last minute inclement weather announcements.

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OUTINGS: For more information on Central Group Outings see our website and the Chapter Outings list in this Sierra.

Feb 25 (Mon): D&R Canal State Park Hike (Princeton - Mercer Co.)

Mar 17 (Mon): Canoe/Kayak The Crosswicks Creek/Hamilton-Trenton-Bordentown Marsh.

SOME LOCAL ISSUES and ACTIONS: The Central Group is currently addressing include: Princeton Nursery (Mercer and Monmouth Co.), Klockner Woods (Hamilton Twp.), Rte 35 Woods (Hamilton), NJ Turnpike Exit 6-8 Expansion, and Rte 35 By-Pass (Hamilton, Washington Twp).

HAVE A FEW HOURS? WILLING TO HELP concerned? WANT TO TAKE ACTION? Please contact Terry.

Please e-mail Terry to receive up-to-the-minute Central Group meeting reminders and notices of local events. And please e-mail Laura Lynch at oujsierrachub@gmail.com to receive new Sierra Chapter-wide Issue Alert messages.

Raritan Valley Group
(Middlesex and Somerset Counties, approximately)

WEBSITE: http://www.newjersey.sierraclub.org/RaritanValley/

OFFICERS and CONTACTS:
Chair: Sandi Lowich abstract46@aol.com
Vice Chair: OpenPosition
Conservation Chair: Jane Tousman 908-561-5504 jdtous@aol.com
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At-large ExCom: Dan Aronson

ISSUES: We are fighting development along streams, wetlands, flood plains and steep slopes. We are pro-farmland preservation. Group members are involved in local issues, answering questions for concerned citizens regarding development and monitoring/regarding all township/regional land use master plans in our area. This includes working to protect threatened and endangered species in these areas. We are also focusing on addressing global warming at the local level.

Calling All Volunteers: The Raritan Valley Group welcomes you to our activities. Currently, the positions of Vice-Chair, Outings Chair and Programs Chair are open. If you are interested in filling an open position, contact Sandi Lowich, the Group Chair.

GENERAL MEETINGS: Held at 7:30 pm on the SECOND MONDAY of the month except for July and August. Meetings are held at the Unitarian Society of New Brunswick, 345 Tices Lane, East Brunswick. Take the Ryders Lane exit off Rte 1 towards East Brunswick. Make a left turn at the first four-way intersection onto Tices Lane, and the church is the second driveway on the right. The public is invited and refreshments are served. For further directions and information, visit our website.

PROGRAMS SCHEDULE: Unless otherwise noted. Please contact officers above, or website.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Held at 7pm on the SECOND MONDAY of January, April and July (before the General Meetings and at the same location). All Sierra Club members are invited to attend.

Jersey Shore Group
(Monmouth County, approximately)


WEBSITE: http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/JerseyShore/

OFFICERS:
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Secretary: Joe Delacoe 722-889-1835 joe.delacoe@att.net
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Webmaster: George Newome newomel@pobox.com
Treasurer: Pat Fuschetto 722-308-4588 fuschps@sierraclub.org
Political Chair: Laura Bagwell lbagwell@verizon.net
Outings Chair: Mike Verano 609-892-0178 mvercano@aol.com
Membership Chair: Alan Rosen 722-780-1308 arosman@monmouth.com

GENERAL MEETINGS: Held at 6pm on the FOURTH MONDAY of each month - except in July, August and December - at a NEW LOCATION: the Unitarian Universalist Meetinghouse at 1475 West Front Street, Toms River. (please check the congregation’s website for directions: http://www.uuomc.org/where-we-are.htm). Come early to socialize and enjoy refreshments. For additional directions or information, please contact Dennis Anderson or Mike Verano at 609-892-0178.

Ocean County Group

WEBSITE: www.newjersey.sierraclub.org/ocean

OFFICERS:
Chair: Robert Kramer 732-451-9220 sierracoc@aol.com
Vice-Chair: OpenPosition
Secretary: OpenPosition
Membership Chair: OpenPosition
Fundraising Chair: OpenPosition

GENERAL MEETINGS: Held at 7pm each month at the home of one of our ExCom members.

GENERAL MEETINGS AND EVENTS: Meetings are held bimonthly (i.e., in alternate months) usually on the FOURTH MONDAY at 7pm at the “Skywalk Cafe” in the Ocean County Administration Building, 129 Hooper Avenue (2nd Floor), Toms River. See our Website for directions. We’ve recently purchased a new computer projector and large screen, which has made our meetings even more dynamic, interactive and interesting.

ACTIVITIES & ISSUES: We recently celebrated our 2nd Anniversary as a Group! And we’re hard at work: Preventing drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, defending the Endangered Species Act, fighting drilling off the Jersey Coast, repealing New Jersey’s “Fast Track” (pro-development-short-cut law), and supporting expanded recycling legislation.

We’ve also targeted critical local open space, sprawl, and air and water quality issues with special emphasis on the massive “over-development” of Jackson Township which will impact the drinking water for Brick, Pt Pleasant, Pt Pleasant Beach and Ram-Town (Howell). We’re also involved in the campaigns to create a new park at “Anchorage Reef” on Barnegat Bay and to stop “nitrogen pollution” of the Bay. We’re also fighting to defend both the Toms River and Cedar Creek against more development and protect Ocean County’s newest park in Lacey against “Big Box” money’s demand for new roads. Volunteers are needed to help with these all issues, membership outreach, tracking, at local events, fund-raising, and a computer-based voter education program.

FOR MORE INFORMATION about our activities and events, please visit our WEBSITE: www.newjersey.sierraclub.org/ocean. Special thanks go to our Web-Master, Rick Washik!

Jan 20 (Mon): All our welcome for our first GENERAL MEETING of the New Year will be held at the “SKYWALK CAFE” in Toms RIVER! We will recap the events and issues covered in 2007 and discuss the events and issues planned for the year ahead. MAIN TOPIC: SMART GROWTH.

Feb (Sat): Join us for our first out-of-town meeting. This will be a “Special Event” as we take an “ECO TOUR” of the Barnegat Bay at the Forthye National Wildlife Refuge. Pack a lunch and bring your binoculars, as we will see lots of waterfowl. For more details and the date of the event, please contact Dawn Marie Johns, our Outings Chair.

Mar 26 (Mon): GENERAL MEETING held at 7pm at the “SKYWALK CAFE” in Toms River - our main TOPIC: SMART GROWTH.

West Jersey Group
(Camden, Gloucester and Burlington Counties, approximately)

Web site: http://wesjersey.sierraclub.org

OFFICERS:
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Vice-Chair: OpenPosition
Secretary: OpenPosition
Treasurer: OpenPosition
Publicity Chair: OpenPosition
Fundraising Chair: OpenPosition

GENERAL MEETINGS: Held at 7pm on the SECOND TUESDAY of each month, at the Unitarian Church, 401 N. Kings Highway (Rte 41), Cherry Hill (located between Rtes 70 and the convergence of Rtes 58 and 73, just north of a traffic light at Chapel Avenue). Handicap accessible parking and entrance in rear of building.

Jan 8: Nick Charles Harrison, journalist from Woodstown will lead a panel discussion on “TDV vs. NJ Home Rule” in the context of the soon to be published essay in the DRA monthly Bulletin. Please share this newsletter with a non-member friend, inviting use of the coupon on p. 12.

Please contact Dawn Marie Johns, our Outings Chair.
The best way to be notified of upcoming events is to join our free listserv. Anyone may subscribe by going to: http://lists.sierracarb.org/archives/NJ-SINGLES-NEWS.html and entering an e-mail address. You may unsubscribe and leave the listserv at any time. You may subscribe or unsubscribe (and see directions on how to unsubscribe are at the bottom of each announcement. We recommend joining the listserv as some events are advertised only by email. If you prefer not to receive email, you may view an archive of all prior messages at http://lists.sier- racarb.org/archives/NJ-SINGLES-NEWS.html.

**South Jersey Group**

(Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland and Salem Counties, approximately)

**OFFICERS:**
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- Outing Chair: Dick Colby - dick.colby@stockton.edu
- Membership Chair: Gary Roman - 609-625-3438
- Secretary/Treasurer: Julie Akers - 856-697-5479 julie_akers@hughes.net

**Please join us!** The NJ Singles Section was specifically created to offer a variety of singles-oriented activities to NJ Sierra Club members and those who would like to know more about us. We are not a local group; we are a statewide additional "layer" of Club involvement. Everyone is welcome to attend our events. Come out and meet fellow Club members and others who are about the environment. We can only offer as many activities as we have volunteers to run them — if you have the slightest urge to get involved, please give us a call!

**Volunteer Opportunities:** We need volunteers in all areas of the state to run events. Volunteers needed for the positions of: hike leaders, members of all committees, including social event planners. Please attend an executive committee meeting or email any of the officers if you are interested. You may co-chair any position with a friend, if desired. We're happy to help you learn the ropes.

**General Meetings:** Casual pizza gathering, introduction to club issues and activities, and letter-writing. SECOND MONDAY of each month (except July/August) starting at 7pm with optional pizza, at the Chatham Library (214 Main St). Guest speakers at each meeting at 7 and $5 donation at door and RSVP required for pizza. joycewhite@netzero.net or 973-564-7575 ext. 3, by noon before the day. Please leave name and specify plain or veggie-topping pizza. Free (and no RSVP required) if you're not having pizza.

Jan 14, Feb 11, Mar 10 - speakers to be announced.

**Directions to the Chatham Library:** From I-287 take Rt 24 East to Exit 8 (Summit Ave). Turn left at the top of the ramp and then left again so you go back onto Rt 24 South to West. Take exit 7A for Chatham and bear right onto Rt 124 (Main St). Follow Main St. through 2 lights. The Library is to your right about 1/2 block past the 2nd light. From Park Ave take I-78 West to Rt 24 West. Take exit 7A for Chatham and follow all directions.

**InCom Meetings:** take place once a month at various locations. All welcome. Contact any officer for location.

**Social Gatherings:**
- **Social Dinner:** First Wednesday of each month at 6-30 pm. Join us for dinner at Morristown at the Farnished Frog. RSVP required. Join our listserv for further details.
- **Social Dinner:** Third Tuesday of each month at 7pm. Join us for dinner at a local restaurant. Location will be announced 2 weeks before the social. RSVP is required to jkhaddad@juno.com or 973-564-7575 option 4.

**Consider volunteering with the Cool Cities Campaign:** The message and method of empowering groups to manage carbon dioxide emissions are relevant for public and private school systems, nonprofit community operations, etc. in New Jersey. Volunteers with diverse skills and contacts are important for environmental success. Sign on now. Want to promote the Cool Cities goals but have limited free time? Contact Terry Stimpfel at terystimp@hotmail.com with your ideas and to learn about short duration assignments.

**Hikes:**
Please see the Outings section of this newsletter for our hikes. Many of Paul Serdiuk's South Jersey hikes/events are also oriented toward singles.

**Senior Section/Fifty-Plus Section**

(A chapter-wide special interest section which offers a monthly calendar of activities and events, including hikes, clean ups, social gatherings, and other functions which might be of interest to those members over fifty)

The mission of this section is to support Sierra Club goals, and to promote activism through letter writing, phone calls, and other active support for environmental issues. We work through a "ListServ," by which members learn about current environmental issues, and how they can be supported. Issues range from local to State to national.

Nancy Carringer is the founding Coordinator of this Section, but she is now leaving New Jersey. She leaves this message: "I've enjoyed working with the Sierra Seniors FiftyPlus (SSFP) — it has been a source of great joy! I have reached 102 members in June. Now holding steady at 93. Some members have been with us since we started back in 1985. I know many of you have not only participated in activities, but also been faithful participants in "action alerts." Thanks for getting involved.

I have relocated to Massachusetts, and look forward to getting involved in the Massachusetts Sierra Club. Airline Zax has volunteered to replace me. We shall co-lead our next FunTravels which will be "A Trip to Stowe" and "A trip to Tangerine Mtn." It has been a most enjoyable year for many of you. There are 102 members in June. Now holding steady at 93. Some members have been with us since we started back in 1985. I know many of you have not only participated in activities, but also been faithful participants in "action alerts." Thanks for getting involved.

**FunTravels:**
- Contact Terry Stimpfel at terystimp@hotmail.com with your ideas and to learn about short duration assignments.

**Young Sierrans**

(A special interest section for Young Sierra Club Members in their 20's & 30's with socials and ECOS chats along with discussions meant to connect and inform environmentally-minded individuals seeking to get involved with preserve...
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GROUP OUTINGS COORDINATORS
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Note: If possible, leaders should send their trip description to the Group Outing Coordinator instead of directly to the Group Coordinator. This is particularly important for occasional leaders.

Group Outings Coordinators: Please submit your April-June write-ups to us by January 15.

NOTES ON OUTINGS:
All outings are open to Club members, guests, and anyone interested in outings. Unless other- wise stated, all outings are open to nonmembers and ICOS. All participants must sign liability waivers on all outings organized by the leader. All participants must agree to participate in all outings. A parent or other adult must accompany any child under 18. If you are an experienced paddler, please bring a back-up paddler with you. All leaders may require that participants provide proof of insurance or liability waivers. All participants are advised to register with the leader at least one week in advance. Unless a phone number is provided, please send a SASE with an estimated cost of your paddling experience, whether you need or can offer a ride, your paddling place, and experience. You will receive a description of the trip, the directions, where you can find the meeting point, and what you need (including instructions). In order to protect your health, we only encourage you to bring your own equipment. In some cases, it may be rented from an outfitter at a small additional cost. The Green Wood offers rentals to all participants at a reasonable price.

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ter. Inclement weather. Proper foot gear required (sabrilles, crampons or snowshoes) if appropriate for the conditions. Optional lunch at a local eatery if we get done in time. No pets. Please bring drinks and snacks - water is available. Call Brown Eagles Creek Trailhead at Cooper Mill in Morris County. Leader: Ellen Blumenkrantz, eblumenkrantz@hotmail.com (NJ)

Jan 20 (Sat) Black River Trail/Paterson Path 11am 8 miles very scenic trail connects two nature centers in Morris County and follows the Black River. Snowshoes/ Yaktrax recommended. Meet at trail head at Cooper Mill in Morris County. Leader: Ellen Blumenkrantz, eblumenkrantz@hotmail.com (NJ)

Jan 25 (Sat) (Optional) Cascadilla Mountain (NY) Winter Weekender Alpine Inn. Enjoy all of winter's white magic around the section of the Catskill Mountains north of Ithaca, NY. Perfect winter hike to enjoy the beauty of the snow & cross country ski trails. Hikers and snowshoers can explore and photograph the scenic mountain beauty of the miles of the separate maintained trail system covering this mountain range. In the evening we will have a great mountaineering or SCUBA color slide program and/or magic show. Excellent accommodations and gourmet food! Total cost for 2 nights lodging, 2 breakfasts, 1 dinner, 1 picnic lunch and all gear and equipment is $50 per person. Bring your own dinner or book the optional dinner at the Alpines Inn Info website: http://www.geocities.com/petebek/00/caskids_Reginator & coleader: Peter Bek 201-274-4712 212 Perry St, Dover NJ 07801 (E)

FEBRUARY


Feb 3 (Sat) Windshushonok Forge (Philadelphia) 8:30 am. 8 miles, moderate pace, over hills and valleys. Hike the Forge in winter with its spectacular views. Bring picnic food to share at lunch on the end of the hike. Leader: Richard Ebel, 609-662-5595 or ebel@optonline.net Inclement weather cancels

Feb 5 (Sat) Ramapo Reservation, Bergen Passiac Cos. 8am. 8-mile, moderate-paced loop connects Ramapo Reservation with the Great Wall of Bergen County. Lunch & dinner and a great view of the Ramapo. Bring lunch & lots of water. Heavy rain/snow/sleet would cancel. Limit 12 people. Opt. pizza/beer stop after hike. Must preregister. Leader: Ellen Blumenkrantz, eblumenkrantz@hotmail.com (NJ)

Feb 6 (Sat) Social Hike at Eagle Rock Reservation, Bernards Co. 10am. 10 miles at a moderate pace on trails and roads through the beautiful Ramapo Mountain State Park and view the boulders and old mines. We will then walk the long-mire Perigian path parallel to the Atlantic Highlands. Trails include the Long Path. Bring lunch and water. Take Rte 9W to Perigian NY. Drivers meet in front of 450 Perigian Ave. (building with mural). Leader: John P. Jurasek 973-696-8316 (no calls past 10pm) or Jurasek@optonline.net (ACOC)

Feb 9 (Sat) Hartshorne Woods, Monmouth Co. Special interest: Recent History. Moderate 6-mile hike on a fairly hilly trail. Please bring drinking and snacks. Hiking shoes are suggested. Meet at 9am at the Rock Tree parking area. Take GSP to exit 117. Take S. Rt towards Sandy Hook Park, approx 3 miles. Exit at Rte at Portland Rd (also exit before bridge). Stop at Portland Rd at top of hill. Parking area is ahead to the left. Bad weather, (includes snow cover) cancels. Confirmation/questions please call Leader: Mike Verzange, 908-902-0718 or mverzange@comcast.net (B)

Feb 9 (Sat) Let’s socialize on ah (snow)board! Join other New Jersey Singles for a day of skiing/snowboarding at Campgaw Mountain. Campgaw Mountain is a 50% discount off its regular rates! Bring your own equipment or rent it at Campgaw. Don’t know how to ski or snowboard? We’ll sign you up before the trip. Certified instructor (that would be me for skiing and our Snow Sports School Director for snowboarding) will be there. Inclement weather cancels. Proper footgear required (sabrilles, crampons or snowshoes) if appropriate for the conditions. Please bring lunch/dinner and sunscreen. Call to confirm trip, meeting logistics and participation. Leaders: George & Leona F, 609-259-763-2303 - no calls after 10pm. Send transportation, activities planned and other info with $100 deposit and SASE envelope to our co-leader and registrar: Balance of payment is due on arrival at the Alpines Inn. Info website: http://www.geocities.com/petebek/00/caskids_Reginator & coleader: Peter Bek 201-274-4712 212 Perry St, Dover NJ 07801 (E)

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Mar 2 (Sat) Social Hike and Birthday Brunch 9:30 am. 5 miles, moderate pace. Hike between two rivers in late winter, wildlife watching possible. Then help celebrate the leader's birthday as we enjoy an all you can eat buffet at Renault Winery Restaurant. NJ/NP. Meet at Atsion Office on Rte 206, between Hammonton and Red Lion Circle, Burl. Co. Leader. Paul Sendich 609-662-5595 eve., pis1@cccnj.net Inclement weather cancels. Bring lunch & lots of water. Limit 12 people. Must preregister. Leader: Ellen Blumenkrantz, eblumenkrantz@hotmail.com (NJ)

Mar 2 (Sat) Roebuck Trail Packing Pick-up (Mercer Co.) 9-12pm. Enjoy a “Walk in the Park” while supporting the spring trash pickup. Bring working gloves, if you have them. Wear long-sleeves and long pants. Meet at Spring Lake - Roebuck Park (end of Sewell Ave, Hamilton). Joint with Mercer County Parks and DAR Greenway Land Trust. Leader: Harriett RAPP HAILPAUL@AOL.COM (C)

Mar 3 (Sat) Breakneck Ridge loop (Rockland Co., NY) 10am. 10-mile moderate paced hike in Harriman. Trail conditions will determine exact route/combo of fire roads and hiking trails to this hike for a lovely picnic lunch spot at old summer camp on lake shore. Heavy rain/snow/sleet would cancel. Bring lunch & lots of water. Limit 12 people. Must preregister. Leader: Ellen Blumenkrantz, eblumenkrantz@hotmail.com (NJ)

Mar 4 (Sat) Social Hike at Eagle Rock Reservation, 10am. We will hike 4-5 miles at a moderate pace. Bring water and snacks and wear hiking boots. Meet at the Highlawn Pavilion Parking lot off Eagle Rock Rd behind Revlon Hike, which is off Rte 19A, north, right turn onto Rte 19A, right onto Rte 9W/Piermont, turn right onto the trail head. Take Rte 9W to Piermont NY. Drivers meet in front of 450 Piermont Ave. (building with mural). Leader: John P. Jurasek 973-696-8316 (no calls past 10pm) or Jurasek@optonline.net (ACOC)

Mar 9 (Sat) Canoe/Kayak the Mullica River (Burlington Co., NJ) 9am. Daylight Savings Time begins today! We’ll paddle 14 miles from Aitison to Pic Meant. This is a trip for experienced paddlers. Call to confirm trip, meeting logistics and participation. Leaders: George & Leona F, 609-295-573-574 or leona@pineypaddlers.com (W)

Mar 17 (Mon) Canoe/Kayak the Crowders Creek Wisconsin/Trenton Bordenhurst March on St. Patrick’s Day (Mercer Co.). 8am. Wear Your Green! We’ll paddle from the Bordenhurst up to the Crowders Creek to Roebuck Park. Bring lunch and beverage. After lunch: option to hike to Spring Lake. Meet at Bordenhurst Park and go to Spring Lake. Bordenhurst 1.3 miles, near Rt 206. Contact leaders to confirm trip and participation. Leaders: George & Leona F, 609-295-573-574 or leona@pineypaddlers.com (W)

Mar 20 (Thu) Canoe/Kayak the N Branch Ramnoos or Celebrate the Vernal Equinox (Burlington Co.) at Mapleton Mill in Morristown. Meet at the Science Center parking lot on Coates Ave, where it intersects with New Providence Rd. in Morristown. We should be done around Noon. Leader: John P. Jurasek 973-655-9318 (no calls past 10pm) or Jurasek@optonline.net (ACOC)

Mar 20 (Sat) Lewisa Mountains, Morris Co. 10am. We will start at Sunrise Lake, then hike to the park- ing area and back down to the lake using a combination of the Yellow and Red trails. The pace will be a moderate to slow one. See the Morris County Parks Commission website (http://www.mor- riscountyparks.com) for directions. Bring lots of water, lunch, and wear hiking boots. Meet in parking lot. Inclement weather cancels. Proper footwear required (sabrilles, crampons or snow- shoes) if appropriate for the conditions. Please contact Brown Eagles creek trailhead. Call to confirm trip, meeting logistics and participation. Leaders: George & Leona F, 609-295-573-574 or leona@pineypaddlers.com (W)

Mar 21 (Sat) Watchung Reservation Ramble, Union Co. 10am. Moderate 5-mile hike. Meet at the Science Center parking lot on Coates Ave, where it intersects with New Providence Rd. in Morristown. We should be done around Noon. Leader: John P. Jurasek 973-655-9318 (no calls past 10pm) or Jurasek@optonline.net (ACOC)

Mar 23 (Sat) Clasiddal Mountain (Rockland Co., NY) 11am 6 miles. We will climb Clasiddal Mountain with Mount O’Gurteen through an old growth forest to enjoy the views. Bring hiking boots, lunch, 2 quarts of water. Take Rte 9W to Piemont NY. Drivers meet in front of 450 Piemont Ave. (building with mural) on Sun. 10:15 am. Leader: John P. Jurasek 973-696-8316 (no calls past 10pm) or Jurasek@optonline.net (ACOC)

Mar 25 (Sat) Social Full Moon Moon hike. 7pm - 6.7 miles. Moderate pace. All are welcome. Hike the pisces in winter under the Snow moon. Bring small snack food to share at tailgate social after hike. NJ/NP. Meet at the Rock & Riser Ranger station Rte 206 between Hammonton and Red Lion Circle, Burl. Co. Leader. Paul Sendich 609-662-5595 eve. Must pcc@cccnj.net Contact leader to confirm hike

Mar 29 (Sat) D&R Cat Canal State Park Hike (Princeton, Mercer Co.) 10am. 4 miles, easy pace. We’ll enjoy a leisurely hike on the Princeton Path. Alpinist Trails Inc. trip. Cross through the Millstone Aqueduct and end at the Kingston Lock on Rte 27. Bring binoculars, lunch and beverage. We’ll stop for lunch as we hike along Canoe Cent. Drinks are welcome! Inclement weather cancels. Leaders: Leona and George F. 609-259-573-574 or leona@pineypaddlers.com (E)
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Mar 22 (Sat): Patapsco Park Front (Morrall Gap). 9am Come take an easy stroll on Patapsco Path in Mountsown. This 3-1/2 mile trail will start out from the Speechwick Lake parking lot, across the street from Historic Speechwick. See the Morristown County Parks website (http://www.morristownparks.org/) for directions. The path is wide, and partly-paved, partly crushed stabilized gravel with very little in the way of elevation gains. We will be strolling at a very moderate pace. Please bring plenty of water and a light snack. Great for beginners. No pets please. Indulgent weather (e.g., proper footwear required, cotton shirts, smuggliness, or snowshoes if appropriate for the conditions. Optional lunch afterwards. Leader: Jeffrey Sovelove, Hiker_Dood@yahoo.com. Joint ADK/Sierra Club hike. (E)

Mar 23 (Sun): Pine Meadow Lake/Blairton Paint Rock (Rockland County, NY). 7am 114 mile beautiful bike along the scenic trails to/from Pine Meadow Lake and the figy for NY-DieHard views. key conditions would change route. Bring lunch & loss of water. Heavy rain, snow/cold would cancel. Limit 122 people. Must preregister. Leader: Ellen Blumenkrantz, eblumenkrantz@hotmail.com (NJ)

Mar 29 (Sat): Hook Mountain Trail (Rockland County, NY). 10am 7 miles Excellent views of the Hudson River and Croton Point. Meet at the South Parking Lot of Rockland Lake State Park off Rte 88. Leader: John P. Jaworski, 845-605-5618 (no calls past 10pm) or Jaworks@optonline.net (AOC)

Mar 50 (Sat): Maukaup River Reserve. Monmouth County (Special Interest: birds) Enjoy an easy 5-mile circular bike on one of the largest reservoirs in the area. We may observe waterfowl. Bring small snacks for a picnic lunch. 10am Meet at the main entrance on the reservoir on Wanderer Rd. Take the GSP to exit 26 (Rte 26), which is north of Exit 26. Make right onto Wanderer Rd. The main entrance is 1.5 miles on your left. Meet in the parking area at the far left toward the back. Bad weather, (includes snow/cells) cancels. Confirmation/Questions please call or text leader Mike Verzage, 908-902-0718 or mverzage@opt.com (NJ)

Mar 9 (Sat): Buck Hollow Trail (Warren County, NJ). 8am 8 miles Join the Warren County Friends of the Nature Reserve for a hike on the Buck Hollow Trail. Meet at the parking area on Mill Street, Westhampton. This 8 mile trail is mostly moderate with some steeper parts. Meet at 9am. Bring your lunch, water, and appropriate gear. This area is poorly marked; bring your map and compass. AOC)

Mar 10 (Sun): Rockland County Reservoir (Rockland County, NY). 9am 11 miles Easy hike on a 3 mile circular hike on one of the largest reservoirs in the area. We may observe waterfowl. Bring small snacks for a picnic lunch. 9am Meet at the main entrance on the reservoir on Wanderer Rd. Take the GSP to exit 26 (Rte 26), which is north of Exit 26. Make right onto Wanderer Rd. The main entrance is 1.5 miles on your left. Meet in the parking area at the far left toward the back. Bad weather, (includes snow/cells) cancels. Confirmation/Questions please call or text leader Mike Verzage, 908-902-0718 or mverzage@opt.com (NJ)

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