



WINTER 2012

Trail Talk

Adirondack Mountain Club

NORTH JERSEY RAMAPO CHAPTER NEWSLETTER & HIKE SCHEDULE

A Message From the Chair

It's worth repeating. Volunteers are the most important part of our chapter. Our long-term volunteers are an especially valuable part of our institutional memory. One of our long-term volunteers is Manny Silberberg. For most of the the last twenty years he has been our director. He has represented our chapter at the meetings of the Board of Directors of ADK in Lake George. Several times a year he makes the trip to Lake George to attend the Saturday board meetings. He has been doing such a good job that a few years ago he was asked to join the executive committee of ADK which meant even more trips to Lake George. But alas, now that he has come to the end of yet another term, Manny has decided that his tenure is coming to an end. We will be electing a new director in 2012 along with a new set of officers for the chapter. Until then we will be represented in Lake George by one of our alternate directors. Manny has always been an important part of our chapter board meetings, and I and the rest of the board will miss him.

In addition to being an ADK member, hiker and director, Manny is a musician. He is a retired music teacher and he plays the cello. While a teacher, he twice had the privilege of conducting The Bronx Borough Wide Orchestra in Carnegie Hall. Now he plays with the Riverside Orchestra in NYC (riversideorchestra.org) and with the North Jersey Symphony in Fair Lawn (northjersesymphony.com). Visit the websites for information about upcoming concerts.

Richard

What Irene Hath Wrought

by Chris Connolly

More than three months after Hurricane Irene flooded the Hudson Valley on her record rain-making rampage, her residue on our area's hiking trails is most marked by the continued absence of bridges big and small. In Harriman alone, the casualties include the Kakiat crossing over Stony Brook; HTS crossing over Pine Meadow Brook; the tri-trail Pine Meadow/Kakiat/Seven Hills over Pine Meadow Brook; Stahahe Brook crossing over the collapsed Arden Road; 1779 crossing at the Turkey Hill Lake outlet; R-D crossing south of Anthony Wayne; Red Cross crossing south of Hasenclever Mine; and, most spectacular and sorrowful of all, the seven-year old 65-foot Popolopen Gorge bridge. Also, Route 106 between Route 17 and Kanawauke Circle is closed indefinitely, precluding use of the White Bar and R-D parking areas on that road section. The hiking bridges will be replaced, but it may be a slow process because of park engineering approval procedures.

In addition, through late Spring 2012 a 2.2 mile section of the Popolopen Gorge, Timp-Torne and 1777W Trails are closed because of the replacement of the old aqueduct between Queensboro Lake and the Bear Mountain buildings with a new water pipeline. Along with the loss of the Popolopen bridge, the gorge area is effectively off-limits during the water line construction. In view of all these developments, hikers are well-advised to plan their Harriman/Bear Mountain routes with care.

Our Chapter, by the way, has responded to the fall-out from Irene by contributing \$1,000 each to the NY-NJ Trail Conference's Goodbye Irene Fund for trail structure restoration, and to ADK's special fund to repair Irene's trail ravages in the Adirondacks.

China Comes To Harriman

by Chris Connolly

Among the views enjoyed by hikers on the Long Path on Harriman Park's western border are those of the 100,000 square foot Arden House built in 1909 by railroad magnate E. H. Harriman. As of September, both the Arden House and its adjoining 452 acres are owned by a Chinese entity, the newly-formed nonprofit Research Center on Natural Conservation, which is part of a Beijing real estate company, Sou Fun Holdings. The Open Space Institute (OSI), the previous owner, sold the property for \$6.5 million after years of trying to find a buyer. According to OSI, the Research Center will use Arden House for programs on conservation and global warming. The adjoining acreage is protected from development by a conservation easement, but there is no provision for public access. The transaction is thought to be the first time that an Asian-based company has bought a conservation-protected property.

HIKER'S GUIDE

RESPONSIBILITIES - Hikers with children under 16 and new hikers are required to contact the hike leader in advance to determine if the hike is suitable for them. Minors under 16 are welcome on day hikes when accompanied by a parent or guardian. No person under 18 shall participate in overnight outings unless accompanied by a parent or adult sponsor over 21. The hike leader may refuse to allow a person to hike who is judged to be poorly equipped or unable to do the published hike. Pets are not permitted on hikes unless the hike description clearly states that it is "dog friendly". Non-members are welcome on two hikes after which ADK membership is required. Participants should get to the hike at least 10 minutes prior to the starting time.

RISKS - As with all physical activities, hiking involves hazards. Persons participate at their own risk and will be asked to sign a statement acknowledging that fact before starting the hike. Prior to the hike please advise the leader of any medical condition or physical liability that could affect you during the hike.

FOOTWEAR AND CLOTHING - Wear clothing suited to the weather and carry extra garments for unexpected weather conditions. Dress in thin layers so that you can adjust the number of layers as required to maintain comfort. In winter carry a wool cap and wool or polypropylene gloves or mitts and a windproof shell. Be prepared for rain. Bring a rain jacket and rain pants, preferably of the type that permits venting body moisture. Wear comfortable, sturdy boots. Do not wear cotton garments in winter.

DRINK AND FOOD - Adequate hydration is important year round. Drink frequently during the hike. Carry food to enjoy during the midday lunch stop.

DOG-FRIENDLY HIKES - All hikers with dogs must abide by park leash regulations.

HIKE RATINGS - represent the Pace, Distance and Terrain covered during the hike. A hike's rating is determined by the hike leader.

PACE: A - fast - 2.5 mph or faster
B - moderate - about 2 mph
C - easy - 1.5 mph or less

DISTANCE: is given in miles as noted

TERRAIN: A - Strenuous, long ups and downs, some rock scrambling possible.
B - Moderate ups and downs as occur typically in Harriman.
C - Generally flat with little elevation change.

MAPS - The TC number indicates a NY-NJ Trail Conference map for the area of the hike. For example: TC-118 refers to the Southern Harriman Park map.

ABBREVIATIONS - NCA-No Calls After . . . , Pref.- Leader's contact preference.

EXPENSE SHARING - When car-pooling, passengers are expected to offer the driver funds sufficient to cover the cost of fuel, tolls and parking fees. A \$3.00 minimum per person is recommended. Most hike trailhead meeting locations can be found on NY-NJ Trail Conference maps.

HIKE CANCELLATION POLICY - Sometimes an illness, injury or other unforeseen problem will make it impossible for a hike leader to lead his/her hike as announced in the schedule. When this happens the leader should first try to find a substitute leader so the hike can proceed. The hike schedule chair person or any club officer can assist if necessary. If no substitute leader can be found then the leader or a substitute should appear at the hike meeting place to inform hikers of the situation. If a qualified leader volunteers, he/she should be given the sign-in sheet and the hike can proceed as scheduled. If the hike is one that requires preregistration, the leader must inform all who registered of the change by phone or e-mail.

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HIKE SCHEDULE • WINTER 2012 • JANUARY • FEBRUARY • MARCH

Sunday, 1/1 A Happy Harriman New Year B6/7B
Chris Connolly c.connolly7@verizon.net (pref.) or 201-321-6605
What better way to start 2012 than with a Harriman hike? Route will depend on weather conditions. Precipitation cancels. Meet 10 AM at Sebago Boat Launch Parking Lot off 7 Lakes Drive. TC map 118.

Saturday, 1/7 Mountains, Lakes and Legends (Part 1) B 8 B
Dean Gletsos 845-354-0738
We will meander into Harriman Park visiting old legendary ruins, a fire tower still there, a big hill, a couple of lakes and more. Bring warm clothing and sturdy boots, warm drinks, your favored snack and a broad smile. Meet at the parking area off Rt. 106, where it meets the SBM, at 9:30 AM. If questions call leader. TC map 3 (old) or 118 (new).

Sunday, 1/8 X Ski Sterling Forest Moderate
Peggy Wissler (c) 914-260-7506
Meet at the Sterling Visitor Center at 10 AM. Contact leader by Friday before to discuss conditions, equipment and route. TC map 100.

Thursday, 1/12 In The Woods B 6/8 B
Georgette Fazzari grfhiker@gmail.com (pref.) or 551-265-2369 (NCA 9 PM)
Varied terrain in Harriman or nearby parks. Contact leader the week of hike for details and to register.

Saturday, 1/14 Ringwood State Park B 9 B+
Peter Reiner psr7777@gmail.com
Meet at 9:30AM at Shepherd Lake parking lot in Ringwood State Park. Our hike will include several interesting trails, including Ringwood Ramapo, Halifax and Mountain Loop. We will lunch near a pretty pond and return on the Mountain Loop to the parking lot. Bad weather cancels. E-mail hike leader for directions to meeting spot. TC Map 115.

Sunday, 1/15 Winter Hike in Ramapo Valley Reservation B 5/7 B
Karen Rose kkarose@aol.com or 201-962-8546
Get out to enjoy winter. Route determined by weather conditions. Must have traction devices or snowshoes. Bad driving conditions cancels. Call if weather uncertain. Must e-mail or call to register. Meet 10:00 AM at parking lot on Rt. 202. TC map 115.

Thursday, 1/19 In The Woods B 7/9 B
Paul Margiotta pjmm11@verizon.net (pref.) or 201-693-6705
"Regular" Thursday hikers will receive a group e-mail from leader by Tuesday for location, time and other details of hike. Others can contact the leader by 7:00 PM on Wednesday. No beginners please.

Saturday, 1/21 Skyline Drive Circular 7 B 7
Hank Zulauf hankz46@verizon.net or 201-391-5867
From lower parking lot off Skyland Drive (Exit 57 off Rt. 287 South) we will hike various trails depending on weather conditions and group size. If ample snow we will snowshoe in the vicinity of Lake

Ramapo. Call or e-mail for details the week of the hike. Pace and route to be determined by weather conditions on the day of the hike. Inclement weather will cancel. Meet 9:30 AM. TC map 115.

Sunday, 1/22 Silvermine Circular B 6 B
Chris Connolly c.connolly7@verizon.net (pref.) or 201-321-6605
We'll meet 10 AM at Silvermine Parking Lot off 7 Lakes Drive and traverse circuit via Menomine Trail, Long Path, and AT. Precipitation cancels. TC map 119.

Saturday, 1/28 Tallman Mt. State Park B 6 B
John Jurasek Jurasek@optonline.net or 845-519-4247 (NCA 10 PM)
We will meet at 450 Piermont Ave. in Piermont, NY at 11 AM. We will hike through Tallman on the Long Path. Lunch at the Tallman Mountain Shelter. Then out on the pier halfway across the Hudson. Early out possible. Snow may modify the hike. Joint with other groups. TC map 109.

Sunday, 1/29 Sterling Fire Tower Hike / Traverse B 7.5 B
Peggy Wissler 914-260-7506
Meet 9 AM sharp at the Sterling Lautenberg Visitor Center Upper Parking Area. We will snowshoe/hike the Fire Tower Trail to the Sterling Fire Tower and continue on the Sterling Ridge Trail traverse parallel to Sterling Lake. We will return on the Sterling Valley Trail to the Sterling Lake Loop and back to the Visitor Center. Call leader to register and discuss winter equipment. TC map 100.

Thursday, 2/2 In The Woods B/C 5/7 B
Richard Sumner RLS@RSUMNER.COM or 845-362-8470
Harriman or nearby parks. Call or e-mail for details the week of the hike. Pace may be B or C depending on the group and the weather. Details will also be posted on Facebook and the Yahoo group.

Saturday, 2/4 Stonetown's Other Half B 5.5 B
Despina Metaxatos dmetaxatos@hotmail.com or 201-952-4151 (NCA 9 PM)
Meet 9:30 AM at Stonetown Recreation Area ball fields parking off Mary Roth Drive in West Milford. From here we shuttle to Lake Riconda Drive to begin the hike with a challenging uphill on White Trail to Harrison Mountain. We descend south on Red Stonetown Circular Trail, possibly lunching at Tory Rocks or near Signal Rock, hiking through meadows back to the ball fields parking. Register with leader by 2/3. Rain/snow cancels. Appropriate footwear required (traction devices). TC map 115.

Sunday, 2/5 Catskills – Sherrill Mountain C 6 A+
Elie Bijou adirondacks@verizon.net or call 718-377-2990
9 AM - 9 PM Mon.-Th., 9AM - 6 PM Fri. & Sat.
Sherrill (3540 ft.), is a complete bushwhack. Ascent 1800 ft. Distance 6 miles. Please bring standard winter gear, including snowshoes, warm clothes, lunch, snacks and at least two liters of water. Pace slower to moderate. Please contact leader to register. TC map 142.

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Sunday, 2/5 The Allis Trail to The AT and Return B 7.5 B
Pete Tilgner, Suzan Gordon browning.27@verizon.net or
201-871-3531

This hike begins (9:30 AM) and ends at the Sterling Ridge trail head parking off Rt. 17A (P-8 on TC map 100). We hike the Allis through the Doris Duke Wildlife Sanctuary with good views to the north and south. Lunch at the AT junction. You must register by phone or e-mail for this hike. Traction devices may be necessary. If deep snow an alternate snowshoe hike will be arranged.

Sunday, 2/12 In The Woods B 6/7 B
John Roebig jhroebig@gmail.com or cell 845-642-8368

Varied terrain in Harriman or nearby parks. Contact leader for hike details. Traction devices may be necessary. Call if weather uncertain. Must e-mail or call to register.

Thursday, 2/16 In The Woods B 5/8 B
Debbie Bell deb2@columbia.edu or 845-358-8386 (NCA 9 PM)
Varied terrain in Harriman or nearby parks. Contact leader for hike details.

Thursday, 2/16 NJR Executive Committee Meeting 7:30 PM
at Sheila Rizzo's home.

Saturday, 2/18 Mountains, Lakes and Legends (Part 2) B 8 B
Dean Gletsos 845-354-0738

We will meander into Harriman Park visiting old legendary ruins, a fire tower still there, a big hill, a couple of lakes and more. Bring warm clothing and sturdy boots, warm drinks, your favored snack and a broad smile. Meet at the parking area off Rt. 106, where it meets the SBM, at 9:30 AM. If questions call leader. TC map 3 (old) or 118 (new).

Sunday, 2/19 Sterling Forest Surprise B 6 B
Fred Hodde Bullwnk1@aol.com or 973-728-3223 (H) 973-722-7824 (C)

We'll meet at the upper parking lot for the Sterling Forest Visitor's Center at 9:30 AM. I haven't a clue what February's weather will be, that's the Surprise. The route will be dependent on trail conditions. The goal will be climbing to the Fire Tower or Bare Rock Vista (both if the weather cooperates). Come appropriately prepared (i.e., traction devices as needed) for winter hiking. Registration by e-mail is preferred. Call 973-722-7824 before 9:00 AM if the weather is questionable. TC Map 100.

Thursday, 2/23 In The Woods B/C 5/7 B
Richard Sumner RLS@RSUMNER.COM or 845-362-8470
Harriman or nearby parks. Call or e-mail for details the week of the hike. Pace may be B or C depending on the group and the weather. Details will also be posted on Facebook and the Yahoo group.

Sunday, 2/26 Catskills In February B 7/8 B+
Deanna Felicetta felicetta.deanna@gmail.com 845-216-2021
Must call to register for this winter hike in the Catskills' little known peaks by the Beaver Kill Valley. This trail affords scrambles, views and nice mix of forest flora. It is worth the ride. Dress for

winter, warm and in layers. Snowshoes and/or crampons/microspikes will be needed. Register with full name and cell phone number. NO E-MAIL after Tuesday, 7 PM due to limited e-mail access. Hope you will join the fun in this part of the Catskills. Poor weather will cancel. Decision for winter conditions will be made by 6 PM Friday before the hike. Call if uncertain.

Thursday, 3/1 In The Woods B 7/9 B
Paul Margiotta pjmm11@verizon.net (preferred) or 201-693-6705

"Regular" Thursday hikers will receive a group e-mail from leader by Tuesday for location, time and other details of hike. Others can contact the leader by 7:00 PM on Wednesday. No beginners please.

Saturday, 3/3 Columbia Rail Trail C 11 C
Aaron Schoenberg askus3@optonline.net (pref.) or
845-987-4893 (cell)

The Columbia Trail strings together forests, farms and parklands as it stretches 11 miles among the small towns of High Bridge, Califon and Long Valley in New Jersey. Most of the corridor parallels the South Branch of the Raritan River. A NY/NJ Trail Conference web site with more information on this trail is <http://www.nynjtc.org/park/columbia-trail>. An indoor lunch stop at a cafe along the trail is planned. Note that if significant snow cover exists the hike will still take place but it will be much more strenuous. Traction aids or snowshoes may be required. Contact Aaron for further info about meeting location, time, registering, and snow conditions a couple of days before the hike. A car shuttle is required.

Sunday, 3/4 Sterling Valley/Sterling Ridge Circular B 7.5 B
Pete Tilgner, Suzan Gordon browning.27@verizon.net or
201-871-3531

This hike begins (9:30AM) and ends at the Sterling Ridge trail head parking off Rt. 17A (P-8 on TC map 100). We hike down into the valley then on to Sterling Lake for lunch. We return to the ridge on the Bare Rock Trail than hike north on the Sterling Ridge Trail to our starting point. You must register by phone or e-mail for this hike. Traction devices may be necessary.

Thursday, 3/8 In The Woods B/C 5/7 B
Richard Sumner RLS@RSUMNER.COM or 845-362-8470
Harriman or nearby parks. Call or e-mail for details the week of the hike. Pace may be B or C depending on the group and the weather. Details will also be posted on Facebook and the Yahoo group.

Saturday, 3/10 1777 Trail B 4 B
Peter Reiner psr7777@gmail.com
Meet at 10 AM in a gravel parking lot on the east side of Rt. 9W north of Tompkins Cove, where the 1777 ends. We will follow the 1777 Trail northbound passing through Doodletown. Lunch will be at the Doodletown Reservoir. Continue on the 1777E Trail and end at the parking area near Iona Island. Car shuttle will be required. E-mail hike leader to register for hike and for directions.

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Saturday, 3/10 Catskills - Peekamoose, Table C 7 A+
and possibly Lone

Elie Bijou adirondacks@verizon.net or call 718-377-2990
9 AM - 9 PM Mon.-Th., 9AM - 6 PM Fri. & Sat.

We will attempt Peekamoose and Table Mts. These two peaks, at 3843 and 3847 ft respectively are the most southerly of the Catskill 3500 peaks. Ascent 2000 ft. If we have enough time we'll attempt Lone. Please bring standard winter gear, including snowshoes, warm clothes, lunch, snacks and at least two liters of water. Please contact leader to register. TC map 143.

Sunday, 3/11 Daylight Savings Time Begins

Sunday, 3/11 Winter Hike in Harriman B 5/7 B

Karen Rose kkarose@aol.com or 201-962-8546 Meet 10:00 AM at Reeves Meadow Visitor Center. Experience the beauty of winter in Harriman Park. Route determined by weather conditions. Must have traction devices or snowshoes. Bad driving conditions cancels. Call if weather uncertain. Must e-mail or call to register. TC map 118.

Thursday, 3/15 Bare Rock Vista B 6 B

Fred Hodde Bullwnkl1@aol.com or 973-728-3223 (H) 973-722-7824 (C)

We'll meet at the upper parking lot for the Sterling Forest Visitor's Center at 9:30 AM. The route will be dependent on trail conditions. If all goes according to plan, we'll start with a climb to the Sterling Forest Fire Tower. The main goal will be enjoying lunch and the view on Bare Rock Vista. Come appropriately prepared (i.e., traction devices as needed) for winter hiking. Registration by e-mail is preferred. Call 973-722-7824 before 9:00 AM if the weather is questionable. TC Map 100.

Saturday, 3/17 Adirondacks - Phelps Mt. C 9 A+

Elie Bijou adirondacks@verizon.net or call 718-377-2990
9 AM - 9 PM Mon.-Th., 9AM - 6 PM Fri. & Sat.

Please join me for a great winter climb. We'll ascend the normal way and then descend via a slide, which is often used by skiers. Elevation 4161 ft. Ascent 2000 ft. Please bring standard winter gear, including snowshoes, warm clothes, lunch, snacks and at least two liters of water. Please contact leader to register and for carpool information.

Sunday, 3/18 Fahnestock Loop B 7 B

Richard Sumner RLS@RSUMNER.COM or 845-362-8470

My favorite hike in Fahnestock. It includes a nice section of the AT. Meet at 9:30 AM at first parking lot (where the AT crosses) at Canopus Lake (take Rt. 301 from Cold Spring), Foul weather will cancel. Call before 8:00 AM if uncertain. TC Map 103.

Wednesday, 3/21 Rockland Lake C 3 C

Louise & John Parnell parnelljt@optonline.net or 845-290-5287
Meet 10 AM at parking lot #1 near the swimming pool. We will walk around Rockland Lake. Rain cancels. If there are any questions call for info. TC map 110.

Thursday, 3/22 Stony Brook to Pine Meadow Lake B 7 B

Pat Marcotullio patros@optonline.net or 845-729-4046

Meet 9:30 AM Reeves Visitor Center for a hike up Pine Meadow Lake using different trails. Inclement weather cancels. TC map 118.

Thursday, 3/22 NJR Meeting At Nanuet Public Library 7:30 PM

The program, "The Boys of Bergen: The Civilian Conservation Corps in Bergen County" will be presented by Kathleen Duxbury, CCC Researcher. This is a multi-media presentation and discussion of the history of one of the most successful of the 1930's New Deal programs.

Saturday 3/24 Long Path From Rt. 6 C 5 B

Denis and Joan Kmiec kmiec20@yahoo.com or 845-634-1397 (NCA 9 PM)

We take the Long Path south to Stockbridge Shelter. We return on the Menomine and Nawhaunta Fire Road. Out by 1:30. E-mail or call for directions. Snow, ice or rain cancels. Call if weather is doubtful by 8 AM. Meet 10 AM Rt. 6 Long Path crossing Parking Lot. TC Map 119.

Sunday, 3/25 Torne Mountain Hike B 5 B

Peggy Wissler 914-260-7506

Meet at 9 AM sharp at the Reeves Visitor Center parking area. We will follow the blue Seven Hills trail until the intersection with the orange Hillburn-Torne-Sebago Trail. We will follow this trail to the Summit of Torne Mountain. After lunch, we will reverse our route. If conditions are very good, an addition to the return route may be added. Call leader to register and discuss winter equipment. TC map 118.

Wednesday, 3/28 Hessian Lake & Bear Mt. Bridge C 4 C

Louise & John Parnell parnelljt@optonline.net or 845-290-5287

Meet at 10 AM at the Bear Mt. Inn parking lot for a walk around Hessian Lake and a possible walk over the Bear Mt. Bridge, if weather permits. Enjoy a hot drink in the newly opened cafe at the inn. If there are any questions call for info. TC map 119.

Thursday, 3/29 In The Woods B 5/8 B

Debbie Bell deb2@columbia.edu or 845-358-8386 (NCA 9 PM)

Varied terrain in Harriman or nearby parks. Contact leader for hike details.

Saturday, 3/31 Harriman Park-Suffern- B 8 B+

Bear Mountain (SBM) Trail

Elie Bijou adirondacks@verizon.net or call 718-377-2990

9 AM - 9 PM Mon.-Th., 9AM - 6 PM Fri. & Sat.

We will hike the southernmost third of this trail from the southern terminus to the Equestrian Center off the Pine Meadow Trail with all the SBM's ups and downs. We'll spot vehicles at each end. Well-behaved and leashed dogs welcome. Please contact leader for meeting time, place, and to register. TC map 118.



Last-minute changes in the hike schedule will be posted on Facebook and/or Yahoo. This is the place to look for cancellations, changes in meeting place or time and last-minute additions to the hike schedule. The easiest way to get there for the first time is from our website home page. Just click on the icon to go to those pages. Remember, you don't have to join Yahoo or Facebook to see our pages.



OSI Acquires Historic Joppenbergh Mountain

In October, the Open Space Institute (OSI) announced its acquisition of the 119-acre, 495-foot high Joppenbergh Mountain in the Ulster County hamlet of Rosendale. The mountain, which sits along the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail near the north end of the Rosendale Trestle, was acquired from Joppenbergh Mountain Corporation for \$185,000. Named after Jacob Rutsen, who founded the first settlement in Rosendale, it has numerous cliffs, ravines and crevices, and expansive views of much of the Hudson River Valley.

The Shawangunk Conservancy, the land trust affiliate of the Friends of Shawangunks, is to raise \$85,000 of the \$185,000 acquisition price, and has just launched a fundraising campaign to that end. "We are excited to be part of this project," said Neil Zimmerman, long-time Chapter member and president of Friends of Shawangunks. "Saving this mountain as forever-protected open space and a recreational resource for the Rosendale area is a significant challenge for us. It's a great deal of money and we need lots of folks to help with the effort."

OSI intends to convey Joppenbergh Mountain to the Wallkill Valley Land Trust, which will manage the property for public use, by the end of the year. The two organizations are already partnering in the extension of the nearby Wallkill Valley Rail Trail and the restoration of the Rosendale trestle. To donate to the Joppenbergh fundraising campaign, contact Friends of Shawangunks at info@shawangunks.org or donate via their website: www.shawangunks.org.



Photo by Joel Miller

Schunemunk Hike led by Chris . The stream is the Dark Hollow Brook, taken from the Sweet Clover Trail.

Chapter Meeting

CCC LEGACY - ALL THAT REMAINS is the topic of our Chapter meeting on March 22nd, 7 PM , at the Nanuet Public Library, Nanuet, NY. Kathleen Duxbury, CCC Researcher, will give a multi-media presentation and discuss the history of the most successful 1930's New Deal camps located in Bergen County, NJ and other nearby locations. Kathleen will share amusing, shocking, remarkable, and inspiring stories from different camps located in our area. The Civilian Conservation Corps lasted nine years (1933-1942) and provided over 3 million people the opportunity to combat hunger and adversity. It was one of the most successful of FDR's New Deal programs. Hardest hit were the youth of our country; therefore many camps were set up to bring children from the city to the country. Kathleen will provide us with information about these camps. Please join us for this truly fascinating meeting. Refreshments and conversation before and after the program.

See you there.

Suzan Gordon
Programs Chair

NJ/R ADK members climb all 67 4,000 foot mountains in New England.

by Aaron Schoenberg

On a cool damp day, Monday, Oct. 17, 2011 a group of fifteen started out on our first Long Trail hike in this year's installment in our ADK series of annual hiking trips traversing the Long Trail from the Canadian border south towards Massachusetts (all as dayhikes). The route of this day's hike followed the Long Trail south from US 4 east of Rutland to a spur that was 0.5 mile long that ascended to the summit of Killington Peak. What was amazing was that this section of trail was closed up until a week prior to the trip, because of downed trees, a landslide and bridges out over streams along our planned route. This was due to the havoc Irene wrought on the trail and roads in southern Vermont. But we were fortunate that the trail was reopened in time for our trip.

On a cold windswept summit with a wind chill temperature in the upper 20s, Alex Mitrakos, Chris Connolly and Aaron Schoenberg, all members of our North Jersey/Ramapo Chapter of ADK (Aaron & Chris are both past presidents of the Ramapo Chapter), completed climbing all 67 4,000 footers in New England. It was bitterly cold up there and we just weren't used to this cold weather yet, but with a little sip of vodka brought up to celebrate, we huddled together on this summit and toasted our accomplishment. The three of us are good friends and have climbed many of these peaks together. We were all together when Aaron and Constantine Gletsos completed their New Hampshire 48 on Mt. Moosilauke on Thursday, August 5, 2004. Then we were all together for Chris's completion of his NH peaks on Mt. Flume on Saturday, July 19, 2008. Chris was there on South Kinsman when Alex completed his 48 NH peaks on August 24, 2010. So it was fitting that we were all together when we finished our New England peaks on this beautiful summit on this raw and blustery day.

Where will we go from here? We still have one more annual trip to complete: the 270-mile Long Trail to MA. Maybe we will climb all 46 of the Adirondack peaks to celebrate our Northeast 115. We also are talking of hiking in all the national parks in the continental United States. So I am sure we will continue to do plenty of hiking together.

Where does your dues money go?

When you renew your membership and pay the dues to ADK headquarters in Lake George, most of it stays there and is used to support the many things that our club does to help preserve the Adirondacks and make them accessible for everyone. Part of your dues comes to our local chapter to support our activities. Here's how we spend it.



Our biggest expense is for printing and mailing our quarterly newsletter. Office supplies include printing and mailing the hike sign-in forms, sending a welcoming packet to new members and printing the posters that are in places like Campmor. Meeting expenses are things like refreshments, renting the space and a small honorarium for the speaker. What's left over (more than half of our income) we give away. Most goes to the New York New Jersey Trail Conference and other local environmental organizations that help preserve our parks and forests. We also give some back to ADK. This past year, after storms Irene and Lee, we made extra donations to the Trail Conference and ADK to help repair the damage to the trails that we all use.



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Dates to Remember!

Thursday, March 22nd

Meeting and Program, 7 PM, Nanuet
 Public Library, Nanuet NY

Kathleen Duxbury will speak about
 the CCC Youth Camps created dur-
 ing the Great Depression that were
 located in the areas we hike through today,



Welcome New Members!

Michael Brazitis – Sparta NJ
 Jon Feinstein – Montville NJ
 Robert & Judith Kuhn – River Vale NJ
 Judith & Richard Malsbury – Ringoes NJ
 Douglar Miller – Parsippany NJ
 James & Susan Nicholson – Ramsey NJ
 Veronique Rosenberg – Fanwood NJ
 Edward Romain – Bayonne NJ
 Nancy Vranich – Edison NJ
 James Irish – Skillman NJ
 Maria Costa – Teaneck NJ
 Ron Bucco - Aberdeen NJ
 Victoria Valdez – Airmont NY
 Neil Sutter – Plainsboro NJ
 Rafael Suarez/Akiko Sulisataj – Denville NJ
 Wendy & Paul Schechter – Ridgewood NJ

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Emily Tourin & Jon Crowell – West Orange NJ
 Sandra Kissam – Newburgh NY
 Anna Ridgill – Whippany NJ
 Ann Silverstein – River Vale NJ
 Lynne Smith – Nanuet NY