

OTZINACHSON REGIONAL GROUP OF THE SIERRA CLUB

Edward Abbey Hiking Society
Spring-Summer 2012 Outings Schedule

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Saturday, March 17: Mid State Trail Work Day, Union County

Kick off the hiking season by helping make sure Otzinachson's section of the Mid State Trail is in ship shape with a walk thru from RB Winter State Park to the Sand Mountain fire tower. Bring work gloves. Meet in parking area of RB Winter SP dam at 10 a.m. Leaders: Catherine McLaughlin and Ed Lawrence; cathyed@nationi.net 570-925-5285.

Saturday, March 31: Rider Park & Loyalsock State Forest, Lycoming County

10 miles, *strenuous*. Hikers looking for an easy to moderate hike can easily exit the hike after 2.5 or 3.5 miles. At Rider Park we will walk the Katy Jane, Francis X. Kennedy, and Cheryl's Trails onto adjoining trails on the Loyalsock State Forest before returning to Rider Park. Rider Park contains forests, fields and meadows and sports 3 breathtaking vistas and is a special piece of northcentral PA wilderness. Meet at

the large pull out on Warrensville Road next to Loyalsock Creek just beyond the Interstate 180 overpass over Warrensville road at 8:30 am or 8:45 am at the Rider Park parking lot 1.6 miles up Calebs Creek Road. Bring water and a snack/lunch. The entire hike should take between 5 - 6 hours. Leader: Tom Schmick 570-435-5539.

Sunday, April 1: RB Winter State Park, Union County

10 miles, *moderate to strenuous*. We'll hike a variety of trails to make a 10-mile loop. Meet at the park at the breast of the dam along Rt 192 at 8:30. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Joe Rebar 570-259-0134.

Saturday, April 14: Loyalsock Trail, Sullivan County

6.5 miles, *easy to moderate*. We will hike the LT from Sones Pond to the end of the LT on Route 220 via the Haystacks. Meet 8:30 am at the McDonald's in Hughesville. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Roy Fontaine 570-220-4707.

Thursday, April 19: Bartley Gap Trail, Union County

4 miles, *moderate* with rough footing. A mid-week hike for a change. This is a nice way to get to know Bald Eagle State Forest. We'll go up a stream valley and onto a ridge and try to work our way back down along the Halls Pike Trail, and loop back along the forest road. Meet at the Lewisburg PO parking lot at 9:00 am or at the trailhead at 9:45. The ground is very rocky and there are multiple stream crossings, so wear boots. Also bring water and a snack. Leader: Sam Pearson, 570-522-8159; sam.z.pearson@gmail.com.

Sunday, April 22: The Pinnacle on the Appalachian Trail, Berks County

13 miles, *very strenuous*. This loop hike on the Appalachian Trail and adjoining side trails leads to the spectacular Pinnacle, one of the finest vistas in Pennsylvania. Meet at parking lot behind Lewisburg

post office at 8:30 am, Sheetz on Rt. 54 in Elysburg at 9:10, or Hamburg Reservoir parking lot at 10:30. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Paul Shaw 717-215-8339; pshaw@ptd.net.

*Saturday, May 5: **Rider Park, Lycoming County***

6.2 miles, *easy to moderate*. We will walk a figure 8 loop centered around the parking lot. 6.2 miles total but the tired hiker can bail after only 2 miles. Rider Park is a real gem and a good place to see migratory spring song birds. Meet on Warrensville Road next to Loyalsock Creek just beyond the Interstate 180 overpass over Warrensville road at 8:30 am or 8:45am at the parking area 1.6 miles up Calebs Creek Road. Bring water and a snack if you want. We should be done by noon. Leader: Roy Fontaine 570-220-4707.

*Sunday, May 6: **Molasses Gap Trail Family Hike, Union County***

2 miles, *easy* (for grown ups). This is a short hike with a quick payoff as you encounter lovely streams right away. Go further and find fun wooden bridges. Good for those with younger children. Out and back for those with kids 7 and under. A slightly longer and harder loop on the Mule Shanty Trail can be worked in for those with more endurance. We will meet in the Lewisburg PO Parking lot at 1:30pm or at the trailhead at 2:15. Dress for stream encounters. Bring water and a snack. Leader Sam Pearson: 570-522-8159; sam.z.pearson@gmail.com

*Sunday, May 13: **Golden Eagle Trail, Lycoming County***

9 miles, *moderate to strenuous*. One of the best hikes in PA with excellent views. Meet at 8:00 am at the Sovereign Bank parking lot, Southern Avenue between Market and Hastings Streets (Rt. 15) in South Williamsport or at the trail parking lot along Rt. 414 at 8:50 am. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Roy Fontaine, 570-220-4707.

*Saturday, May 19: **Zindel Park, Clinton County***

10 miles, *strenuous*. We will be hiking various trails in Zindel Park including trails used for the Bald Eagle Megatransect in a beautiful area near Lock Haven. Meet at 10:00 am at the McDonald's at the McElhattan exit off Rt. 220 northeast of Lock Haven. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Joanne Heimer, 570-295-1431; jheimer@comcast.net

*Saturday, May 26: **Hickory Run State Park, Carbon County***

9 miles, *moderate*. We will return to Hickory Run State Park and hike another loop of its extensive trail system. Meet at 9:00 a.m. at the McDonalds off Rte. 80 at the Mifflinville/339 exit #242. Leaders: Catherine McLaughlin and Ed Lawrence, 570-925-5285; cathyed@nationi.net

*Saturday, June 2: **National Trails Day at Woolrich, Clinton County***

Celebrate National Trails Day at the Woolrich flagship store in Woolrich with Randy and Sheri Propster and the Backpacker Magazine GET OUT MORE TOUR. Woolrich is sponsoring this event to help promote the Mid State Trail and the Great Eastern Trail. Various events, workshops and hiking opportunities will be offered. Woolrich Store. Time to be announced. Contact Ed Lawrence for more information: 570-925-5285; cathyed@nationi.net

*Sunday, June 3: **Old Loggers' Path, Lycoming County***

8.5 miles, *moderate to strenuous*. We will hike the middle section of OLP from Yellow Dog Road to Ellenton Road and back to complete a loop. Meet 8:30 at the Steam Valley Restaurant on Route 14 just off Route 15, north of Williamsport. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Roy Fontaine 570-220-4707.

Sunday, June 10: **RB Winter State Park, Union County**

10 miles, *moderate to strenuous*. We'll hike a variety of trails to make a 10-mile loop. Meet at the park at the breast of the dam along Rt 192 at 8:30. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Joe Rebar 570-259-0134.

Sunday, June 17: **Mason-Dixon Trail, York County**

14.8 miles, *very strenuous*. We will hike from Otter Creek Campground to historic Lock 12 through the River Hills on the west side of the Susquehanna River in York County. This is a fast-paced preview hike offered to participants in the Susquehanna Super Hike (September 8), but all are welcome. Meet at K-Mart parking lot on Rt. 15 in Shamokin Dam at 6:30 am or Clarks Ferry Truck Stop along Rt. 322 in Duncannon at 7:15 am. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Paul Shaw 717-215-8339; pshaw@ptd.net.

Saturday, June 23: **Shingletown Gap: Bald Knob Ridge, Centre County**

6.2 miles, *moderate*. This loop hike will start out along Roaring Run and gradually ascend to Bald Knob. From Bald Knob, there is a steep ascent on the Clemons Trail followed by a long downhill that passes the ruins of an old cabin. Meet at the parking lot behind the Lewisburg Post Office at 8:00 am or the trailhead parking lot on Mountain Road at 9:30. To get to the trailhead, in Boalsburg, continue west on Rt. 45 for 1.8 miles to the village of Shingletown and turn left on Mountain Road. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Tony Robbins, tony.robbins@excellservices.com.

Sunday, July 1: **Bear Meadows, Centre County**

6.8 miles, *easy to moderate*. This is a figure 8 hike combining the Bear Meadows Trail and the Jean Aron/Tuxedo/Lonberger paths. Bear Meadows is an unusual remnant boreal bog with vegetation usually only found much further north. The Bear Meadows Trail can get quite soggy, so bring extra socks or waterproof boots. Meet at the parking lot behind Lewisburg Post Office at 8:00 am or the Bear Meadows parking area at 9:30. To get to Bear Meadows, turn onto Bear Meadows Road from Rt. 322 at the entrance to Tussey Mountain Ski Resort, and follow the road for 3 miles to a stone monument with ample parking. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Tony Robbins, tony.robbins@excellservices.com.

Sunday, July 15: **RB Winter State Park, Union County**

10 miles, *moderate to strenuous*. We'll hike a variety of trails to make a 10-mile loop. Meet at the park at the breast of the dam along Rt 192 at 8:30. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Joe Rebar 570-259-0134.

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Sunday, July 29: **Conestoga Trail, Lancaster County**

11.8 miles, *very strenuous*. We will hike from the east side of the Norman Wood Bridge to Pequea Creek Campground through the River Hills on the east side of the Susquehanna River in Lancaster County. Outstanding vistas overlooking the Susquehanna River. This is a fast-paced preview hike offered to participants in the Susquehanna Super Hike (September 8), but all are welcome. Meet at K-Mart parking lot on Rt. 15 in Shamokin Dam at 6:30 am or Clarks Ferry Truck Stop along Rt. 322

in Duncannon at 7:15 am. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Paul Shaw 717-215-8339;
pshaw@ptd.net.

Saturday, August 4: **Cherry Run Gamelands Loop, Clinton County**

10 miles, moderate. This circuit hike in SGL 295 south of Lamar will take us into the heart of the syncline. Meet at 9:00 a.m. in the parking lot of the Lewisburg Big Lots off Rte. 15, or at the I-80 Lamar exit McDonalds at 10:00. Leaders: Catherine McLaughlin and Ed Lawrence, 570-925-5285;
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NOTE: All participants on Sierra Club outings are required to sign a standard liability waiver. If you would like to read the Liability Waiver before you choose to participate on an outing, please go to:<http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/>, or contact the Outings Department at (415) 977-5528 for a printed version.