

# OTZINACHSON REGIONAL GROUP OF THE SIERRA CLUB

Edward Abbey Hiking Society

Fall 2012 Outings Schedule

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**Saturday, September 8: Hunter Mountain, Catskills NY**

4 miles, *moderate*. This 4 mile hike up and down Hunter Mountain captures the magnificent scenery of the Catskill Mountains in southern New York with great views of the Hudson Valley. Meet in back of Wegman's in Williamsport at 6:00 am. 4.5 hours each way, but we'll share driving. Bring lunch and water. We will stop for dinner in Woodstock after the hike. Leader: Richard Sahn 570-435-2401; Richardsahn5@aol.com. Please contact to confirm attendance and for information.

**Sunday, September 9: Sierra Club Gathering, R.B. Winter State Park, Union County**

The Otzinachson Group is having an informal membership get-together at R.B. Winter State Park, Pavilion #1, from 2:00-4:00 pm. Possible hike earlier in the day led by Roy Fontaine. For more information, contact Jack Miller: [jmiller1018@yahoo.com](mailto:jmiller1018@yahoo.com).

**Sunday September 23: Loyalsock Trail, Lycoming County**

13.5 miles, *strenuous*. We will hike 13.5 miles from Miller Road to PA Route 87 with tremendous views of the Loyalsock Creek Valley from Smith's Knob. Meet at 8:30 at the Minit Mart/Sovereign Bank parking lot along Rt. 87 (off Rt. 220) in Montoursville. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Roy Fontaine 570-220-4707.

**Sunday, September 30: Gillespie Point Figure 8 Loop, Tioga County**

11 miles, *strenuous*. A classic hike! From Blackwell, we will climb to the top of Pennsylvania's Matterhorn, Gillespie Point with fine views of the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon. After looping back to Blackwell, we will continue on the Bohemian Run Falls Trail to the West Rim Trail, then back to Blackwell on the Pine Creek Rail Trail. Meet at parking lot behind Lewisburg Post Office at 7:45 a.m. or boat launch parking lot in Blackwell at 9:30. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Duane Button 570-596-3454.

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**Saturday, October 6 : Sones Pond and Haystacks, Loyalsock Trail, Sullivan County**

6.5 miles, *easy to moderate*. We will hike the Loyalsock Trail 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.

**Sunday, October 7: 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 parking lot at the breast of the dam along Rt 192 at 8:30 am. Bring lunch and water.

Leader: Joe Rebar 570-259-0134.

**Sunday, October 14: 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 parking lot at the breast of the dam along Rt 192 at 8:30 am. Bring lunch and water.

Leader: Joe Rebar 570-259-0134.

**Saturday, October 20: 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 4 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, October 21: 1000 Steps: Standing Stone Trail Hike, Huntingdon County**

9 miles, *strenuous*. A great scenic hike with views and much historical interest, ending with the descent down the 1000 Steps near Mt. Union. The steps were created for quarry workers who had to climb and descend Jack's Mountain every day. Meet 9:00 am at K-Mart parking lot on Rt. 15 in Shamokin Dam or 10:30 am at the 1000 Steps parking area on Rt. 522 between Mt. Union and Mapleton. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Paul Shaw, 717-215-8339; [pshaw@ptd.net](mailto:pshaw@ptd.net).

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**Saturday, October 27: 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 9:00 am. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Roy Fontaine, 570-220-4707.

**Saturday, November 3: The Hawkeye Trail, Lycoming County**

7.5 miles, *moderate*. North of the Ghost town of Masten and west of Shunk the Hawkeye Trail loop keeps its vigil. See for yourself. Meet at 9 a.m. in the parking lot of Valley Pizza, on Route 487 at the north end of Benton. Bring lunch, water and appropriate clothing for the weather of the day. Leaders: Catherine McLaughlin and Ed Lawrence [cathyed@nacioni.net](mailto:cathyed@nacioni.net), 570-925-5285.

**Saturday, November 10: Mid State Trail, Tioga County**

11 miles, *strenuous*. We will hike one of the newest sections of the MST, a scenic traverse between Hammond Lake and Hills Creek Lake east of Wellsboro in Tioga County. Meet at parking lot behind Lewisburg Post Office at 7:30 am or along Hills Creek Road by Hills Creek State Park entrance at 9:30 am. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Duane Button 570-596-3454.

**Sunday, November 11: 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 parking lot at the breast of the dam along Rt 192 at 8:30 am. Bring lunch and water.  
Leader: Joe Rebar 570-259-0134.

**Saturday, November 17: Tiadaghton State Forest, Lycoming County**

12.3 miles, *strenuous*. This hike in the Tiadaghton State Forest incorporates parts of the Golden Eagle Trail and the Pine Creek Rail Trail and features two excellent vistas. Meet at 7:45 am at the parking lot of the Comfort Inn in New Columbia, just off Rt. 15 south of I-80, or at 9:00 am at the parking area along RT 414 off of Slate Run Road. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Tony Robbins, [tony.robbins@excellservices.com](mailto:tony.robbins@excellservices.com).

**Sunday, November 18: Boxcar Rocks, Lebanon and Schuylkill Counties**

11 miles, *moderate-strenuous*. Our loop hike begins near the impressive Boxcar Rocks (a.k.a. The Chinese Wall), and continues through old coal mining lands to the Lebanon Reservoir. Our hike concludes after passing through a portion of State Game Lands 211. Bring lunch and water. Meet at K-Mart parking lot off Rt. 15 in Shamokin Dam at 9:00 am or McDonald's on Rt. 61 in Shamokin at 9:30 am. Leader: Paul Shaw, 717-215-8339 or [pshaw@ptd.net](mailto:pshaw@ptd.net).

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**Sunday, November 25: 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 parking lot at the breast of the dam along Rt 192 at 8:30 am. Bring lunch and water.

Leader: Joe Rebar 570-259-0134.

**Sunday, December 2: The Chili Hike, Luzerne County**

8 miles, *moderate*. This year's chili hike will take us back to North Mountain for a brisk walk followed by a bowl of hot chili and cold beverages at the leaders' home near Stillwater. Meet at 10 a.m. in the parking lot of the Ricketts Glen Hotel, one mile east of Red Rock on Rte. 118. Bring lunch, water and appropriate clothing for the weather. Leaders: Catherine McLaughlin and Ed Lawrence, [cathyed@nationi.net](mailto:cathyed@nationi.net) 570-925-5285.

**Sunday, December 9: Appalachian Trail, Perry County**

12 miles, *strenuous*. This hike begins at Rt. 944 and climbs to the top of Cove Mountain, following the ridgeline to Hawk Rock with spectacular views of the Juniata and Susquehanna Rivers and Duncannon. Meet at K-Mart parking lot along Rt. 15 in Shamokin Dam at 8:30 am or at Sheetz along Rt. 322 just north of Duncannon at 9:00 am. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Paul Shaw, 717-215-8339 or [pshaw@ptd.net](mailto:pshaw@ptd.net).

**Sunday, December 16: 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 parking lot at the breast of the dam along Rt 192 at 8:30 am. Bring lunch and water.

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