2018 WALK SCHEDULE

Schuylkill On the Move is a project of Schuylkill County’s VISION and promotes positive steps toward good health through walking and an appreciation of the natural beauty and fascinating history of our area. For more information on each walk: porcupinepat@yahoo.com

- **Sunday, January 28th, 8:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., “Stump Dam”**. “Hiker Jim” Murphy will take you to the Gumboot then Black Diamond Road to Blackwood and then Stump Dam. You’ll follow the old Lehigh Railroad to Silverton. Meet at Llewellyn Hose parking lot. (9 miles, easy) This walk goes on even with light snow on ground.

- **Sunday, January 28th, 2:00-4:30 p.m., “Fort Dietrich Snyder and Appalachian Trail”**. Located on top of Blue Mountain at Rte. 183. A short hike to a monument for the fort location. See a natural spring along an abandoned farm pond and continue to hike the AT. Meet at Rte. 183 on top of Blue Mountain. (3 miles, easy)

- **Saturday, February 24th, 10:00-11:00 a.m., “Cabin Fever Walk”**. “Porcupine Pat” guarantees that this walk will cure your fever! Meet at the Waterfall Road parking lot of Sweet Arrow Lake Park. (3 miles, moderate)

- **Sunday, February 25th, 8:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., “County View”**. “Hiker Jim” offers plenty to see including the “88” and diversion canal plus “The Old Jerk” and a spectacular view of County Schuylkill. Meet behind Mt. Pleasant Hose Company in Buck Run on Rte. 901. (8.4 miles, easy)

- **Sunday, March 11th, 8:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., “Broad Mtn. Bench Trail”**. Trek the old Mine Hill and Schuylkill Haven Railbed and historic Centre Turnpike with “Hiker Jim”. There is a lot to see on this dog friendly hike. Meet at 806 Valley Road, Pine Knot. (10.6 miles, easy)

- **Sunday, March 25th, 2:00-4:00 p.m., “Tri-Valley Trail Trek”**. “Porcupine Pat” takes you on a wilderness-like experience in the outskirts of Heggies. Meet in front of Tri-Valley High School in Heggies. (3 miles, moderate)

- **Sunday, April 8th, 8:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., “West Creek Headwaters and Waterfall Hike”**. Start on Old Airport Road with “Hiker Jim” as you follow the stream to the waterfall and end in Forestville. The downhill is rocky in spots. Meet outside of 901 Pub on Old Airport Road. (8 miles, moderate)

- **Saturday, April 14th, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., “Rausch Gap”**. State Park Education Specialist Robin Tracey takes you on a hike up the mountain and across to the Village of Rausch Gap. There will be one difficult stream crossing. You’ll be taken back in time! Meet at the concrete pad at the state game lands parking lot on Gold Mine Road off Rte. 443 outside of Pine Grove. Bring a lunch and dogs are welcome but must be leashed. (9.5 miles, difficult)

- **Sunday, April 15th, 1:00-3:30 p.m., “Peak Experience”**. Traverse the top of the Blue Mountain above Port Clinton on this trek that features an overlook and charcoal history. Meet “Porcupine Pat” at the entrance to Conrad Weiser State Forest along Rte. 61 northbound just north of Port Clinton. (3-4 miles, moderate)

- **Saturday, April 28th, 1:00-4:00 p.m., “Spring Wildflower Walk”**. Naturalist Mike Centelegh helps you to enjoy the many beautiful flowers of Frog Hollow which is managed by the South Schuylkill Garden Club. Meet in the parking lot of Frog Hollow on Stone Mountain Road just outside of Friedensville. Open to all ages. (2 miles, easy)

- **Sunday, May 6th, 8:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., “Dyer Run Gorge”**. “Hiker Jim” leads you on this Gorge Trail that was re-opened in 2014. Walk in a wilderness area then downhill on “Stephen’s Road.” Meet at 806 Valley Road in Pine Knot. (7 miles, moderate)

- **Saturday, May 19th, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., “Silver Creek Fire Tower & Reservoir Hike”**. Meet Robin Tracey at the Locust Lake State Park parking lot to carpool. We’ll go to the reservoir then down to the fire tower for lunch. Bring a lunch and dogs are welcome but must be leashed. (8 miles, difficult)

- **Saturday, May 19th, 1:00-3:00 p.m., “SCEETR Sojourn”**. Visit the site of a major watershed improvement project managed by Schuylkill Headwaters. “Porcupine Pat” leads this walk that features mine water drainage being cleaned before it empties into the nearby river. Meet at the New Philadelphia Post Office along Rte. 209. (3 miles, moderate)

- **Saturday, June 9th, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., “Cold Springs”**. Cold Springs at Hawk Watch, Fort Indiantown Gap. **You must register for this walk by calling Robin at 570-476-2506.** Bring a lunch. **No dogs please.** Meet at the AT parking lot at Rtes. 443 & 72 to carpool. (8 miles, moderate)

- **Sunday, June 10th, 8:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., “Mine Hill to Mine Hill Gap”**. “Hiker Jim” offers another view of Broad Mountain. See strip mine regrowth, the “black desert”, Mine Hill Gap and views of Heckscherville Valley. Meet at Sunbury Road and Hillside Road. (7 miles, easy)

- **Saturday, June 16th, 1:00-4:00 p.m., “St. Anthony’s Wilderness Walk”**. Hike Pennsylvania’s second largest roadless area with Mike Centelegh who will also teach you about the trees of Penn’s Woods. Open to all ages. Meet in State Game Lands 211 parking lot on Gold Mine Road. (3 miles, moderate)

- **Saturday, July 7th, 2:00-4:00 p.m., “Rte. 61 Schuylkill River Trail Segment”**. Hike a new stretch of the Bartram Trail, aka Schuylkill River Trail, with “Porcupine Pat”. Scenic views from Tumbling Run to Seven Stars. Meet at the Schuylkill County Ag Center for carpool to the trailhead. (2 miles, easy)

- **Saturday, July 21st, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., “Sweet Arrow Splash”**. Join Mike Centelegh for a walk around the lake at our first county park. End up at the Waterfall Pavilion area to catch and observe some aquatic critters. Open to all ages. Meet at the Waterfall Road parking lot. (3 miles, easy)
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