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The Outdoors Club is a non-profit 501(c) (3) volunteer-run organization open to all adults 18 and over which engages in hiking, biking, wilderness trekking, canoeing, mountaineering, snowshoeing and skiing, nature and educational city walking tours of varying difficulty. Individual participants are expected to engage in activities suitable to their ability, experience and physical condition. Leaders may refuse to take anyone who lacks ability or is not properly dressed or equipped. These precautions are for your safety, and the wellbeing of the group. Your participation is voluntary and at your own risk. Remember to bring lunch and water on all full day activities. Telephone the leader or Lenny if unsure what to wear or bring with you on an activity. **Nonmembers pay one-day membership dues of \$3.**

It is with sorrow that we say goodbye to Robert Kaye, the brother of Alan Kaye, who died in January. We have been able to keep the dues the same, and publish the Newsletter because of Robert's benevolence to the Club. Robert wanted to make sure that the Club would continue after Alan's death. Please join Bob Susser and Helen Yee on Saturday, **October 18th**, at the New York Botanical Gardens for a memorial walk in honor of Robert Kaye.

CHECK THE MAILING LABEL ON YOUR SCHEDULE FOR EXPIRATION DATE! RENEWAL NOTICES WILL NO LONGER BE SENT. **It takes 4-6 weeks to process your renewal.** Some leaders will be asking members for proof of membership, so **please carry your membership card or schedule on activities** (the expiration date is on the top line of your mailing label).

ELECTIONS: In November we will be electing an officer for the position of treasurer. Al McKee, the present treasurer, will be running for re-election. If you would like to run against him, please e-mail your resume and three references to hbmanjee@yahoo.com by September 1st.

VOLUNTEERS: The Club cannot function without volunteers. We need you to lead outings. We also need another **editor for the Newsletter**. You must have MsWord. Please contact Helen at hbmanjee@yahoo.com or 212-348-5344 if you would be able to help.

NEED TO CONFIRM has been **underlined** in the outing write-up. Please be sure to confirm that the outing will take place. We have also underlined any special instructions from leaders.

TRANSPORTATION. Please pay attention to the hikes and outings that require advance registration. Remember that our schedule is printed months in advance, so it is a good idea to check transportation information the week of the trip. Here are some useful transportation phone numbers: New York City Travel info: 212-330-1234 and 718-243-7777; Long Island Railroad: 516-822-5477 or 719-217-5477; Metro North: 212-532-4900. You can also log onto: www.mta.nyc.ny.us.

SUMMER TIME and the weather may be hot. Please bring **plenty of water**, sunscreen, bug spray, head protection. Prevent Lyme disease and poison ivy by walking in the center of trails, and avoiding overhanging grass and bush. Use insecticide that repels ticks and mosquitoes. Other safeguards include wearing long-sleeved shirts, hats, pants tucked into socks, and shoes or sneakers that leave no part of the feet exposed. Light colored clothing makes it easier to detect ticks. Check yourself for ticks and don't overlook anything that at first glance may appear to be a speck but is in fact a tick the size of a poppy seed. It is also advisable to wash all clothes and shower immediately after spending a day outdoors.

INQUIRIES, COMPLAINTS AND SUGGESTIONS – Mail to the post office box, call Lenny Morgenstern at 917-842-9490 or send an e-mail to hbmanjee@yahoo.com

Many thanks to all our volunteers and hike leaders! We could not do it without you!

Come hike with us. You'll never know how much fun you might have until you try it.

Stephanie Leveene, Dorothy Szorc, Helen Mangione-Yee and Ray Lin

7/4 FRI, SOUTH BEACH PARK to MILLER FIELD, S.I. 7-mile shore hike, flat and easy. Drop off points available. Visit to interesting points, Fort Wadsworth with great views, and new wood trails at Miller Field. Visit a pier with history, gazebos on boardwalk on the South Bay. Bring lunch/plenty water. NO SMOKING ON HIKE. Take any train to Staten Island Ferry (Manhattan side) and meet in Ferry waiting room to take 10:30 AM ferry! Fare: MetroCard for bus S51 to Fort W. Leader: Rolande Chapeau. Members only.

7/5 SAT, EAST RIVER PARK WALK, 2-3 miles, easy walk. Bring lunch and water. We will stop at a restaurant, if so desired. Scenic walk along the East River. Take L subway or 14th crosstown bus to 1st Avenue and 14th St. Meet at SW corner of 14th Street at 12 pm. Call to confirm a few days before the walk. Leaders: Joan Mendelson and her dog Archie 973-230-0761 before 9 PM. Nonmembers: \$3.

7/6 SUN, NEW ROCHELLE PARKS ALONG THE WATER, 5 miles, easy/slow pace, rest stops, drop-off points. We will visit parks in Davenport Neck on our way to Glen Island passing by the College of New Rochelle. Bring lunch, water and sunscreen. Too hot & rain may cancel, call. Meet 11 AM at IRT #6 Pelham Bay station token booth (last stop in Bronx) to catch W45 Bee-Line bus (bring MetroCard). Leader: Helen Mangione-Yee 212-348-5344 call to confirm Sat. evening (7/5) 8-9 pm ONLY. Nonmembers: \$3.

7/12 SAT, HALF THE G, 7 miles, mostly level. In 2013, the G line had the highest percentage weekday ridership growth of any NY subway line. To see why, we will walk about 7 miles of the route starting from the northern end at Court Square, with a few diversions to see nearby interesting sights. Plan to end at Barclays Center. Bring lunch and water. Meet at 10:30 AM at Court Square station (E,G, and 7 lines) by exit to Citicorp building (between the two moving walkways). Call to confirm. Leader: Richard Sklar (718-782-7732). Nonmembers: \$3.

7/12, SAT, LONG PATH-GEORGE WASHINGTON BRIDGE TO ALPINE, 10 miles. We will meet at the George Washington Bridge Bus Terminal to walk across the bridge and on to Alpine, NJ. There will be a few rest stops along the way and many breathtaking views. Bring lunch and drinks, or buy them at a convenience store at about the 1-mile mark. We will meet about 10 AM, but you will need to call and confirm the meeting time. We will be getting back to the city about 7-8 PM (remember, it gets dark at around 9 PM). I might start this in the opposite direction from Alpine to NYC; please listen to my message or e-mail me to confirm direction. Leader: Mike Puder (718-743-0920 or nyhiker50@verizon.net). Can start calling Wednesday night for recorded message with details or e-mail me any time up to 1 day before the hike (e-mails preferred). Nonmembers: \$3.

7/12, SAT, ROCKLAND LAKE TO NYACK, 7-mile linear, southbound hike on the Long Path, with several climbs at a moderate pace. Many panoramic vistas along the Hook Mountain ridgeline and summit. Deer sightings included with several overlooks of the Hudson River. The Upper Nyack Trail and suburban roads complete the way to Nyack. There are additional choices for the Edward Hopper Art Gallery and/or an optional dinner; both are close to the returning bus stop. Bring lunch and water. Meet no later than 8:45 AM at the Port Authority Bus Terminal, South Wing, by the white commuter statues. Bus departs at 9:15 AM (bus 9A, gate 220) o/w to Rockland Lake, arriving at 10:35 AM. Bus can also be boarded at the GW Bridge Bus Terminal at 9:40 AM, platform 20. Call leader for hike status and info. Leader: Marvin Malater (718-376-3608). Nonmembers: \$3.

7/13, SUN, GOVERNORS ISLAND, about 3-5 miles, slow pace. Meet 11:15 AM at Penn Station or at the ferry at 12 PM. We will take the #1 train to South Ferry and the Battery to catch the noon ferry to Governors Island (ferry is free). Once on Governors Island, we will look for ranger-led tours of the two forts, then walk the perimeter path. Bring lunch, snack, and water. No go in extreme weather conditions. Leaders: Ken King (631-991-8170, nhochike@optonline.net, cell [day of hike] 516-238-7694); Phyllis Spisto (516-547-0497). Joint walk. Members only.

7/13, SUN, LIBERTY STATE PARK, NJ. We will go and return via Hudson River ferry, stroll on two waterfront promenades, and see a historic rail terminal, a lightship, and possibly a replica of the "Half Moon". Bring lunch and beverage. Meet at 11:00 AM inside Staten Island Ferry terminal, at foot of escalators. Leader: Bob Ward (718-471-7036 after 8:00 PM). Joint hike. Nonmembers: \$3.

7/13 SUN, THE WHITE TRAIL on the Greenbelt, S.I. 8 miles + on fairly good trails (snowed out, let's try again!). Starting from Willow Brook Lake we'll continue through the end to Hylan Blvd. Bring lunch/plenty water and insect repellent. HIKING BOOTS RECOMMENDED. NO SMOKING ON HIKE. Take any train to downtown and meet in Ferry Terminal on Manhattan side to take 10:30 a.m. ferry. We'll ride the Bus 62 to Willow Brook Pk. Fare: Metrocard. Leader: Rolande Chapeau. Members only.

7/19, SAT, CITY ISLAND, 2-3 miles, city walk. Breathe sea air, note history, local buildings of interest on this tiny island with short streets, fish-based eateries. Lunch at end of main drag (City Island Avenue). Bus runs both ways on City Island Avenue with many stops along the way. Bring sunhat/sunscreen and liquids. Meet at 11:00 AM indoors at the turnstiles at the #6 train Pelham Bay Park stop (last stop in Bronx). Allow time to use restrooms (at neighborhood takeout) before boarding the Bx29 bus to City Island (note: there are two Bx29s, but only one goes to City island) to its first stop on the island. Leader: Susan B. (718-275-7654; call to confirm). Joint walk. Nonmembers: \$3.

7/19, SAT, METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART. We will stroll through the museum and look at a few of the current exhibitions (Goya and the Altamira Family). Lunch in the Met's general public cafeteria or a local restaurant afterwards. Meet at 10:00 AM just inside the museum entrance, up the steps. Call leader on July 18th for exact meeting venue and lunch situation; leave message on answering machine plus a callback number. Leader: John Early (212-691-3974 [no cell phone]; e-mail jearly12@nyc.rr.com). Nonmembers: \$3.

7/19, SAT, SANDS POINT PRESERVE, about 3-5 miles, slow pace. Walk on grounds, forests, meadows, and Long Island Sound shoreline, above and below the cliffs, in this beautiful preserve, a former Gold Coast estate. Optional tour of Falaise, the former estate of Harry Guggenheim, after hike (\$10 admission). Bring lunch, snack, and water. No go in extreme weather conditions. Hike starts at 1 PM. Take 11:42 AM LIRR Port Washington Branch train to Port Washington, arriving at 12:35 PM, then taxi to Preserve (Deluxe Cab 516-621-1111, approx. \$5 to Preserve.) Driving directions: Long Island Expressway to Exit 36–Searingtown Road. At first traffic light, turn NORTH onto Searingtown Road and continue north for 6 miles. Searingtown Road becomes Port Washington Boulevard and then Middle Neck Road. Entrance to Preserve on right. Leaders: Ken King (631-991-8170, nhochike@optonline.net, cell [day of hike] 516-238-7694); Phyllis Spisto (516-547-0497). Joint walk. Members only.

7/20, SUN, WALK THROUGH CENTRAL PARK, 4 miles. We will be walking through Central Park to Columbus Circle for some exercise and to enjoy the day. Be ready to climb some rocks instead of staying on some of the paths! Meet at the Conservancy Gardens Gate between 104th and 105th Streets (call or e-mail to confirm meeting time). Leader: Mike Puder (718-743-0920 or nyhiker50@verizon.net). Leave a message to let me know if you're coming (e-mails preferred). Nonmembers: \$3.

7/20 SUN, ROOSEVELT ISLAND, about 3- 4 miles, easy/slow pace, rest stops. We'll walk around Roosevelt Island & take the tram back to Manhattan for an early dinner. Meet 2 PM (after lunch) near F-subway token booth on Roosevelt Island stop. Bring water. Take Tram, F subway or Q102 bus. Rain/heat may cancel. Leader: Helen Mangione-Yee call to confirm morning of walk 8-9 AM ONLY 212-348-5344. Nonmembers: \$3.

7/26 SAT, IRVINGTON WOODS/HALSEY POND PARK. 8 miles. Some hills. Walk around a reservoir surrounded with a pine forest. We'll hike on old and new trails to a Nature Center. Later visit the enchanting and charming Halsey Pond Park. Continue through a tranquil road with ponds, very scenic. Bring LUNCH/PLENTY WATER. HIKING BOOTS RECOMMENDED. NO SMOKING ON HIKE. Take IRT # 1 train to 242nd St., last stop and meet downstairs by park side. Bus W1 leaves at 11:00 AM to Harriman Rd in Irvington, arriv. at 11:47. Fare: Metrocard. Return from Dobbs Ferry by train or bus. Leader: Rolande Chapeau. Members only.

7/26, SAT, CAUMSETT STATE HISTORIC PARK PRESERVE, about 3-5 miles, slow pace. Situated on a scenic peninsula extending into Long Island Sound, the Preserve offers miles of bridle paths, walking, jogging, hiking, biking, cross-country skiing, and nature trails over acres of woodland, meadows, rock shoreline, salt marsh and beautiful gardens. Bring lunch, snack, and water. No go in extreme weather conditions. Hike starts at 1 PM. Take 11:42 AM LIRR Port Jefferson Branch train to Huntington, arriving at 12:28 PM, then taxi to Preserve (approx. \$8). Driving directions: take Woodbury Road North (becomes West Neck Road), continue north another 5.5 miles to park. Leaders: Ken King (631-991-8170, nhochike@optonline.net, cell [day of hike] 516-238-7694); Phyllis Spisto (516-547-0497). Joint hike. Members only.

7/26, SAT, GOVERNORS ISLAND, moderate terrain with some ups and downs. Island is open from 10 AM to 7 PM. Ferries run from Lower Manhattan and will also run from Brooklyn Bridge Park's Pier 6 on Saturday. All weekend afternoon ferries from Brooklyn and Manhattan are \$2 round trip for adults. Children under 12 ride for free at all times and senior citizens' fares are half price. Morning ferries (10 AM and 11 AM) on Saturdays are free for all. There is no surcharge for bicycles. You can purchase ferry tickets at the Battery Maritime Building in Lower Manhattan or at Pier 6 in Brooklyn. There's also East River Ferry service to Governors Island for \$6. Call leader on July 25th for exact meeting venue and lunch situation; leave message on answering machine plus a callback number. Leader: John Early 212-691-3974 [no cell phone]; e-mail yearly12@nyc.rr.com.) Nonmembers: \$3.

7/27, SUN, JONES BEACH., about 5 miles, moderate pace (no running). We'll walk on the path from Cedar Creek Park to Jones Beach, then go swimming at Zach Bay. Bring lunch, water, bathing suit, and sunscreen. Take LIRR Babylon Branch train to Wantagh, in time to meet at station at 11:00 AM sharp (leave at least 1½ hours from NYC). Come back to the city on bus (Fare: \$2.25 or Metrocard). Cannot make provision for anybody to drive there and meet us. Leader: John (e-mail preferred Finch1149@yahoo.com or phone [serious inquiries only] 516-359-1591). Nonmembers: \$3.

7/27 SUN, GLEN ISLAND TO THE BRONX, 3-4 miles, easy pace, rest stops, some road walking. We'll walk around Glen Island in New Rochelle and stop for a snack. After lunch we'll walk through Pelham back to the Bronx. Bring snacks & water, and save your appetite for an optional IHOP stop after the walk. Heavy rain or too hot may cancel call. Meet 11 AM at IRT #6 Pelham Bay station token booth (last stop in Bronx) to catch W45 Bee-Line bus to New Rochelle. Bring MetroCard. We will return via Bx16 bus to #2 subway. Leader: Helen Mangione-Yee 212-348-5344 call to confirm morning of walk 8-9 ONLY. Nonmembers: \$3.

8/2, SAT, BROOKLYN'S BEST BLOCKS PART I, 6-12 miles at a moderately brisk pace on city streets - distance depending on how hot it is. About a year ago, "The L Magazine" purported to identify Brooklyn's 50 best blocks. It was a silly exercise and you may well disagree with most of it, but it provides a fun way of peripatetically perambulating about Brooklyn's neighborhoods. This is the first of a series of hikes to walk all 50. Bring lunch, snacks and water. Awful or dangerous weather cancels. Leader: Craig Nunn (551-206-6823 or dystopicnj@gmail.com). E-mail (preferred) or phone leader a week before the hike for meeting time and place. Contact leader after 7:00 AM morning of hike if uncertain. Joint hike. Nonmembers: \$3.

8/2, SAT, WELWYN PRESERVE, about 3-5 miles, slow pace. A sprawling 204-acre preserve, the former estate of Harold Irving Pratt, heir to an oil fortune. The densely wooded preserve has four marked nature trails that provide access to a magnificent wooded stream

valley, fresh water ponds, swamps, a coastal salt marsh and a stretch of Long Island Sound shoreline. Bring lunch, snack, and water. No go in extreme weather conditions. Hike starts at 1 PM. Driving directions: Long Island Expressway (Route 495) to exit 39. Go north on Glen Cove Road for 6.2 miles, bearing left at a major fork near the end. Turn north (right) onto Brewster; go 0.5 miles. Turn north (left) onto Dosoris Lane; go 0.7 miles. Go left for 0.4 miles on New Woods Road. At Crescent Beach Road, proceed for about 0.1 mile to the Welwyn gate on the right. Park at the left of the main house. Leaders: Ken King (631-991-8170, nhochike@optonline.net, cell [day of hike] 516-238-7694); Phyllis Spisto (516-547-0497). Joint hike. Members only.

8/2 SAT, 3 BEACH WALK from Sheepshead Bay to Manhattan Beach and Brighton Beach, 2-3 miles easy walk. Meet 12 pm at Sheepshead Bay Station (Q subway), downstairs. We will eat after the walk, bring snacks and water. Call to confirm a few days before the walk. Leaders: Joan Mendelson and her dog Archie 973-230-0761 before 9 PM. Nonmembers: \$3.

8/3 SUN, WATERFRONT PARKS – NEW ROCHELLE TO LARCHMONT, about 5 miles, slow easy pace, rest stops, ups & downs, road walking. We'll walk along the water from 5-Island Park to Manor Park. Bring lunch/water. Meet 11 AM at IRT #6 Pelham Bay station token booth (last stop in Bronx) to catch #45 Bee-Line bus to New Rochelle (bring Metrocard). Return via Metro-North or #60 bus to the Bronx. Leader: Helen Mangione-Yee 212-348-5344 call to confirm Friday evening (8/2) 8-9 pm ONLY. Nonmembers: \$3.

8/9, SAT, FIELDSTON, RIVERDALE PARK, AND POSSIBLY INWOOD PARK, 7 to 10 miles, moderate, some hills. Walk through the residential area of Fieldston and the wilderness of Riverdale Park; then, if the construction on the Henry Hudson Bridge is complete, we will continue to the Inwood Nature Center. Several dropoff points. Bring lunch and water. Call leader any time, beginning on Wednesday, for meeting place and time. Leader: Leonard Morgenstern (917-842-9490). Nonmembers: \$3.

8/9 SAT, TACKAPAUSHA PRESERVE. 7 miles, easy flat circular hike into a two strip trails in a woody area with a lovely lake and ponds with lush greenery and a museum. Bring lunch/plenty water. NO SMOKING ON HIKE. Take the LIRR Babylon Line train from Penn Station to Seaford at 10:40 a.m., OR from Brooklyn at 10:35 (change at Jamaica), OR from Jamaica at 11:02 arriv. 11:37 (TIME CHANGE, CHECK SCHEDULE). Meet downstairs. Fare: O/W \$9.00/Srs.\$6.25. Leader: Rolande Chapeau. Cars may park by Seaford train station. Members only.

8/10, SUN, GOVERNOR'S ISLAND. We will walk through the federal area, seeing two fortresses and the second largest government building in this country. Bring lunch and plenty of water. Meet at 11:00 AM in front of the Governor's Island ferry terminal, just east of the 1 train South Ferry stop and the Staten Island Ferry. Leader: Bob Ward (718-471-7036 after 8:00 PM). Joint walk. Nonmembers: \$3.

8/10, SUN, RIVERDALE AND FIELDSTON STROLL, 3 miles. See Riverdale estates and Fieldston private streets, all within the Bronx. No smoking on trip. Meet at 1:30 PM at NE corner of Broadway and 207th Street. Leader: Mayer Wiesen (516-671-2095 before 10:30 PM.) Joint walk. Nonmembers \$3.

8/16, SAT, BOWLING GREEN, WALL STREET, SOUTH STREET SEAPORT, 3+ miles, city walk. Start at Bowling Green area, see the Wall Street Bull and Trinity Church and its historic graveyard, then head east on Wall Street to South Street, and to the South Street Seaport, looking at this historic district which may soon be overrun by luxury buildings. Bring lunch or eat locally (Note: Pier 17 is now closed). Bring sunhat/sunscreen and liquids. Meet 11 AM at Bowling Green in front of the Museum of the American Indian (4 and 5 trains to Bowling Green, 1 to South Ferry, or R to Whitehall Street). Restrooms available at Museum (free entry). Leader: Susan B. (718-275-7654; call to confirm). Joint walk. Nonmembers: \$3.

8/16, SAT, CLOSTER DOCK ROAD TO PIERMONT PALISADES, 10 miles at a moderate-to-brisk pace. Mostly level terrain with mild hills and a range of up-and-down rock steps. Hike passes through elements of the Long Path by State-Line, Tallman Mountain State Park, and Piermont. Bring lunch and water. Meet no later than 8:45 AM at the Port Authority Bus Terminal, South Wing, by the white commuter statues. Bus departs at 9:15 AM, o/w to Closter Dock Road, NJ (bus 9A, gate 220), arriving at 10:00 AM. Bus also available at GW Bridge at 9:40 am. Call leader for hike status, schedule, and info. Leader: Marvin Malater (718-376-3608). Nonmembers: \$3.

8/16, SAT, WANTAGH'S HIDDEN LAKES, about 3-5 miles, slow pace. The newest greenbelt trail, Wantagh Nature Trail, through a long-ignored area features streams, lakes, woods, wetlands, and open fields. Bring lunch, snack, and water. No go in extreme weather conditions. Hike starts at 1 PM. Take 11:40 AM LIRR Babylon Branch train to Wantagh, arriving at 12:35 PM. Meet leader at LIRR ticket office. Driving directions: Sunrise Highway to Wantagh Avenue to LIRR Ticket Office. Leaders: Ken King (631-991-8170, nhochike@optonline.net, cell [day of hike] 516-238-7694); Phyllis Spisto (516-547-0497). Joint hike. Members only.

8/17, SUN, BAYARD CUTTING ARBORETUM, 3-4 miles, slow, easy pace, flat terrain. Take a leisurely walk around the beautiful gardens, ponds, and Connetquot River. Bring water and lunch; Rain cancels. Take the 9:15 AM LIRR Montauk Branch train to Great River (check at mta.infolirr for current train schedule). Fare: \$23.50 round trip/\$17.50 seniors. Leader will meet group at Great River at 10:33 AM. Must register by Saturday, 8/16. Leader: Quyen (Quinn) Pham (631-234-5486 8:00-10:00 PM and morning of hike; e-mail qwpham@yahoo.com). Nonmembers: \$3.

8/17 SUN, RED HOOK to BROOKLYN BRIDGE PARK ESPLANADE. 6-7 miles, easy hike on Brooklyn's newest gem and see the exciting future of the parks along the East River. Drop off available. Bring lunch/plenty water or buy there to eat at the brand new lovely Fairway outdoor café. Visit the Apple Pie Café, the Pier and continue through the Bridge, all very scenic. NO SMOKING ON

HIKE. Take any train to Staten Island Ferry (Manhattan side) and meet at 10:30 AM in waiting area. Walk to Pier 11 at end of Wall St. to take the free ferry to Red Hook. Fare: MetroCard. Leader: Rolande Chapeau. Members only.

8/24, SUN, EAST RIVER WALK, around 6-7 miles, moderate and steady pace on paved streets. We'll start walking along the East River path to 34th Street while viewing the renovated South Street Seaport and its newly constructed promenade; the magnificent view of the bridges and the flowers from the well-kept gardens will be an additional sensory pleasure. We'll have an optional brunch stop in the East 50s or you can bring your own lunch. As a post-lunch walk, we'll head over to Belvedere Castle in Central Park. Bring water and dress according to the weather. Heavy rain/storm cancels. No flip-flops and no slow walkers please. Meet at 10:30 AM at the Staten Island Ferry Station inside the terminal near the escalator. Take the #1 to the South Ferry station or the #4 or 5 to the Bowling Green station and walk to Staten Island Ferry Terminal. Must call for hike status on the week of the walk (no calls after 9:30 PM) Leader: Youn (718-392-4645). Joint walk. Members only.

8/30, SAT, THE AMBOYS, 8-12 mostly flat miles at a moderately brisk pace on city streets and park paths. Walk waterfront parks in South Amboy, then cross the Raritan River on the Victory Bridge to finish with the waterfront walkways and historical sites of Perth Amboy. Bring lunch, snacks and water. Awful or dangerous weather cancels. Leader: Craig Nunn (551-206-6823 or dystopicnj@gmail.com). E-mail (preferred) or phone leader a week before the hike for meeting time and place. Contact leader after 7:00 AM morning of hike if uncertain. Joint hike. Nonmembers: \$3.

8/30, SAT, NYACK TO TALLMAN MOUNTAIN STATE PARK, 8 miles. A delightful day awaits us here. We will walk along an old rail bed, then on to the Long Path and the pier in Piermont. Spectacular views of the Hudson River and the Tappan-Zee Bridge. May or may not stop briefly in ice cream parlor, then continue on some rocky areas on the Long Path to Oak Tree Road. Bring water, snacks, and sunscreen. Late return. Meet in the south wing of the Port Authority Bus Terminal, at the statue of the commuters near ticket windows on the main floor. Purchase a one-way ticket at the terminal (they do not take payment on the bus anymore!) to Nyack; return ticket can be purchased on bus back. Start calling Thursday night during the week of the hike for recorded message. Leader: Mike Puder (718-743-0920 or nyhiker50@verizon.net; e-mails preferred). Possible joint hike with other clubs. Nonmembers: \$3.

8/30 SAT, BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDENS, 2 miles, easy, slow pace. Meet 11:30 AM in front of the BBG Eastern Parkway entrance. Take IRT #2 or #3 train to Eastern Parkway/Brooklyn Museum stop (right at token booth, right after stairs). Bring snacks/water. Admission: Free before noon. We'll take a bus ride (bring MetroCard) for an early lunch in Brooklyn Heights. Rain may cancel. Leader: Helen Yee 212-348-5344 call to confirm morning of walk 8-9 am ONLY. Nonmembers: \$3.

8/31, SUN, BELMONT LAKE STATE PARK, about 5 miles, easy hike. We will walk on a lovely flat, treed trail from the LIRR to Belmont Lake, then go around the lake and have a nice snack/late lunch in the picnic area. Bring plenty of liquid (FYI, the refreshment stand may be open), insect repellent, and sunscreen. Walking shoes are fine. Meet at 10:30 AM at the Babylon LIRR station waiting room (bathrooms are there). Take the 9:12 AM LIRR Babylon Branch train to Babylon, arriving at 10:10 AM (fare \$10.75; seniors \$7.25). Driving directions: Southern State Parkway to Exit 39 South. Drive south on Deer Park Avenue, about 2-3 miles to railroad trestle. At the first block after the trestle, make a right turn into the station. Free parking on street, lot is \$0.25 per hour. Leader: Joanne (516-931-2073 for questions before hike; cell 516-503-3069 day of hike only). Members only.

8/31 SUN, HARLEM WALK from the Museum of the City of New York (pay what you want) to Sylvia's for a late lunch or early soul food dinner. We'll walk past the Morris Park Historic District, 3 miles, easy pace, rest stops. Arrive early and visit the Museum (opens 10am) on your own. Meet 1 PM (after bathrooms) inside 5th Avenue entrance of the Museum of the City of NY (1220 Fifth Av at 103 St). Take #6 subway to 103rd Street. Inclement weather cancels. Leader: Helen Yee 212-348-5344 call morning of walk to confirm 8:30-9:30 am ONLY. Nonmembers: \$3.

9/1 MON, NORMAN LEVY PARK and PRESERVE. 5 miles, circular easy hike. Explore this 50-acre environmental Masterpiece, featuring a working windmill circulating water to ponds. Also trails, exercise stations, a pier, varieties of plants and flowers, and waterfowl. Fabulous unexpected views all around. Bring lunch/plenty water, hat/sunglasses. NO SMOKING ON HIKE. From PENN Station LIRR lower level; board the Babylon Line train at 10:57 AM to Freeport, from Flatbush at 10:45 (change at Jamaica), and from Jamaica at 11:22, arriving at 11:44 (TIME CHANGE, CHECK SCHEDULE). Meet downstairs in station waiting room. Fare: O/W \$9.00/Srs.\$6.25. Leader: Rolande Chapeau. Cars may park by Freeport station. Members only.

9/1, MON, FAR ROCKAWAY, about 3-4 miles, easy, some boardwalk walking. Bring lunch/water and bathing suit. Rain cancels. Meet 11:30 AM at the A train Mott Avenue stop (last stop) for walk to beach. Leader: John (e-mail preferred Finch1149@yahoo.com or phone [serious inquiries only] 516-359-1591). Nonmembers: \$3.

9/6, SAT, LAKE SEBAGO, HARRIMAN, SLOATSBURG TO TUXEDO, 8 miles, level rock-strewn trails and several hills. We parallel Pine Brook and Stony Brook Trails for an extended lunch on a rock shelf at the banks of Lake Sebago. The Dutch Doc Trail Shelter and Claudius Smith Cave are points of interest on the trek to Tuxedo. Bring lunch and water. Meet no later than 8:45 AM at the Port Authority Bus Terminal, South Wing, by the white commuter statues. Bus departs at 9:10 AM, o/w to Sloatsburg, NY, arriving 10:07 AM. Return from Tuxedo by train or bus. Call leader for hike status and schedule. Leader: Marvin Malater (718-376-3608). Nonmembers: \$3.

9/6, SAT, WALK ACROSS NEW JERSEY PART XI: BROAD STREET STATION, NEWARK TO HOBOKEN, 10-14 essentially flat miles at a moderately brisk pace on city streets and park paths. Eleventh in a series of a dozen hikes crossing the Garden State. From Newark Broad Street Station, walk to downtown Newark then through the Ironbound to Jersey City, ending at Hoboken Terminal. Bring lunch, snacks and water. Awful or dangerous weather cancels. Leader: Craig Nunn (551-206-6823 or dystopicnj@gmail.com). E-mail (preferred) or phone leader a week before the hike for meeting time and place. Contact leader after 7:00 AM morning of hike if uncertain. Joint hike. Nonmembers: \$3.

9/6 SAT, ITALIAN FESTIVAL IN HOBOKEN (NJ), easy walk. Come to the annual festival, and eat at a restaurant in Hoboken. Meet 11:30 am at PATH station (waiting room) in Hoboken. Take PATH train at 32nd Street/6th Avenue in New York to Hoboken. You can also take a bus from PABT. Call to confirm a few days before the walk. Leaders: Joan Mendelson and her dog Archie 973-230-0761 before 9 PM. Nonmembers: \$3.

9/6 SAT, QUEENS SHORE WALK, about 5 miles. Bring lunch and water. Meet at 10:30 AM at the N train Astoria-Ditmars Boulevard station (last stop). Call to make sure walk is on. Leader: Ellen Juro (212-861-4267). Nonmembers \$3.

9/7, SUN, CENTRAL PARK TREES (NORTHERN). A relaxed stroll to identify some of the approximately 140 species of trees in Central Park, as described in the book "New York City Trees" by Ned Barnard. Both tree experts (whose assistance will be much appreciated) and complete beginners are cordially welcome. This walk will necessarily proceed at a snail's pace, with many stops to look at and identify trees. Meet at 10:00 AM inside the Dana Discovery Center (with bathrooms), a short distance east inside the entrance to the park at 110th Street and Lenox Avenue. Walk should end around 1:00 PM, with lunch at some convenient (and inexpensive) nearby restaurant. Call or e-mail leader beforehand to if it looks like rain and if you have any questions. Sorry, but no pets and no smoking. Leader: Bob Susser (212-666-4371; rsusser@aol.com). Nonmembers: \$3.

9/10 WED, KINGS POINT PARK/MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY. Easy 7 miles circular hike on refurbished new trails. We'll also visit the beautiful grounds in the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. Museum opens only during weekdays. Scenic shore. Bring LUNCH/PLENTY WATER. NO SMOKING ON HIKE. Take the Flushing Line # 7 train to last stop, Flushing – corner Roosevelt Av./Main St. by bus pole N20. Bus leaves at 10:25 a.m. to Great Neck Station arriving at 10:56. Fare: bring NYC Metrocard for bus rides. Leader: Rolande Chapeau. Cars may park by Great Neck Station. Members only.

9/13, SAT, SUNNYSIDE TO ASTORIA, 2½-3 miles, city walk. Visit historic housing development of Sunnyside Gardens, Kaufman Astoria studio, and Socrates Sculpture Garden; Isamu Noguchi Museum optional. Bring sunhat/sunscreen and liquids; either bring lunch or buy en route. Meet at 11:00 AM in front of Dunkin Donuts on the north side of Queens Boulevard between 45th and 46th Streets (#7 train to 46th Street stop). Leader: Susan B. (718-275-7654; call to confirm). Joint walk. Nonmembers: \$3.

9/13, SAT, WAVE HILL, around 2 miles, very moderate pace. Visit the renowned gardens and conservatory at Wave Hill, with its beautiful trees and spectacular views over the Hudson. Admission is free on Saturdays until noon. After lunch (bring your own or buy it at the cafe), we'll take a stroll on some shady trails on the property and then take the shuttle bus back down to Van Cortlandt Park, where those who wish can visit the Van Cortlandt House Museum (well worth the \$3 admission) or explore several interesting nature trails. Meet at 10:45 AM outside the Burger King on the west side of Broadway around a block north of the 242nd Street terminus of the 1 train, in time for a free shuttle bus to Wave Hill. Call or e-mail leader beforehand to make sure that the walk will take place and if you have any questions. Sorry, but no pets and no smoking. Leader: Bob Susser (212-666-4371; rsusser@aol.com). Nonmembers: \$3.

9/13 SAT, FIFTH AVENUE BROOKLYN WALK. 5-6 Miles thru some interesting Ethnic neighborhoods. Food tasting along the way or bring your own lunch. We will MEET AT 12 PM in FRONT OF TARGET at Atlantic Ave and Flatbush Ave near the LIRR and Atlantic Ave Subway stations. Leaders: Sarina Meones and Mary Durkee 212-924-8412 (Sarina) or 609-915-1949 (Mary) ques. call ONLY 9-10AM on day of walk or Email, (preferable) SarinaM@msn.com Start time 12 PM, end time around 5 PM. Possible dinner in Sunset Park. NM: \$3.

9/13 SAT, HARLEM AT THE TURN OF TWO CENTURIES – Through the Lens of its Public Schools, 10 miles, city streets, good pace. This walk will look at grand public schools that Charles B. J. Snyder provided Harlem, when it was home to prominent citizens and had the lowest percentage of immigrants of any neighborhood in the city. Then the decade of the 1920s transformed it and its schools with the departure of 110,000 whites and the arrival 80,000 African-Americans. In the 1960s and 1970s more than half of Harlem's historic schools were demolished or abandoned. Is the 21st century seeing another transformation back to the old privilege and prestige but with a new inclusiveness? Bring or pick up lunch. Meet 10 AM, Email jean.arrington@gmail.com for the meeting place the week of the hike, or call. Leader: Jean Arrington, 646-290-4119. Nonmembers: \$3.

9/14, SUN, RIVERSIDE DRIVE. We will walk about 3 miles at a slow pace, stopping to see the memorials to great people, three graves, and the inside of the Riverside Church. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet at 11:00 AM on the NW corner of Broadway and 72nd Street. Leader: Bob Ward (718-471-7036 after 8:00 PM). Joint walk. Nonmembers: \$3.

9/19 FRI, POCANTICO RAMBLE. We will do most of the trails here. Bring lunch and something to drink. Not a runaway pace. Meet at the info booth at Grand Central Station at 9:00 A.M. We take the Hudson Line train at 9:20 to Philipse Manor. We will return via the 4:10 train. Call the evening before to confirm. Leader: Oliver Wayne 201.840.4145. Members only.

9/20, SAT, PARKS OF WASHINGTON HEIGHTS, 3 miles, moderate pace with some ups and downs. Walk around three beautiful parks: J. Hood Wright Park, Bennett Park and Fort Tryon Park. Lunch at the Mexican Grill on Fort Washington Avenue. Bring water. Rain cancels. Meet at 1:00 PM in front of J. Hood Wright Park at 173rd Street and Fort Washington Avenue (A train to 175th Street). Leaders: Esther and Sam Dorfman (no phone calls). Joint walk. Nonmembers: \$3.

9/20 SAT, ROCKEFELLER STATE PARK PRESERVE. 12 miles. A moderate all day circular hike with some hills. No drop off point. See 6 lakes, hiking along Pocantico Lake with gorgeous waterfall, Swan Lake and along the Greenrock Property to visit the Fergusons Lake. We may see Union Church. Very scenic. Bring lunch/plenty water. NO SMOKING ON HIKE. Take the Hudson Line local train from GCT (42nd St.) to Philipse Manor at 9:20 AM. OR from Marble Hill (225th St. Sta., near subway #1) at 9:40, arriving at 10:12. Fare: buy O/W trip \$9.75/Srs. \$6.50. Leader: Rolande Chapeau. Cars may park by P. Manor Station. Members only.

9/20, SAT, PERIPATETIC PERAMBULATION, FAR EASTERN QUEENS, 8-14 essentially flat miles at a moderately brisk pace. Connect various dots in far eastern Queens, including Queens' highest natural elevation, walking along streets and through various parks, such as Alley Pond Park and the Queens County Farm Museum. Bring lunch, snacks and water. Awful or dangerous weather cancels. Leader: Craig Nunn (551-206-6823 or dystopicnj@gmail.com). E-mail (preferred) or phone leader a week before the hike for meeting time and place. Contact leader after 7:00 AM morning of hike if uncertain. Joint hike. Nonmembers: \$3.

9/21, SUN, QUEENS WATERFRONT, PART 2, 15 miles, moderate pace. Walk the Queens waterfront from Flushing to Bayside. Walk through Flushing, College Point, Malba, Whitestone, Fort Totten, and Bayside. Some drop-off points. Bring water and lunch. Rain cancels. Meet at 9 AM at NE corner of Main Street and Roosevelt Avenue (by AT&T store); take #7 train to Main Street (Flushing). Leader: Bill Wrublewski (cell: 646-369-0279 or summer.time101@verizon.net). Nonmembers: \$3.

9/21, SUN, ROOSEVELT ISLAND, about 3-5 miles, slow pace. Meet 11:15 am Penn Station (LIRR waiting room), or 12 Noon Citicorp Food Court at 53d St, btwn Lex & 3d Ave. We will take the E train to 53rd St and Lexington Ave, regroup in the Citicorp Food Court, then at 12:15 pm walk to the Roosevelt Island Tram at 59th St. We will ride the tram, walk to the new Four Freedoms Memorial, then walk the perimeter of the island, which stretches from 44th St to 90th St. Bring lunch, snack, water. No go in extreme weather conditions. Leaders: Ken King 631-991-8170 nhochike@optonline.net, cell (day of hike) 516-238-7694; Phyllis Spisto 516-547-0497. Joint walk. Members only.

9/27 SAT, ASTORIA RAMBLE, about 4 miles, easy and steady, level terrain. Variable mix of churches, a beer garden, Astoria Park, and a few interesting old houses. Possibility of early dinner at a Greek restaurant. Steady rain cancels. Meet at 1:00 PM at the Starbucks on the NW corner of 31st Street and Ditmars Boulevard. Take N train to Ditmars Boulevard (last stop). Leader: Devra Zetlan (212-662-8922; cell around time of walk only 917-526-3908). Nonmembers: \$3.

9/27, SAT, WASHINGTON VALLEY PARK CIRCULAR, 8-9 miles, moderately brisk pace with some ups and downs. See Washington Valley Reservoir, Buttermilk Falls and Hawk Watch Area. Bring lunch and water. Meet at the Penn Station NJ Transit ticket area and buy a round-trip ticket to Bridgewater. Cost: \$26/seniors \$13. Call leader for departure time Friday evening, 9/26 ONLY. Leader: Ludwig Hendel (718-626-3983). Nonmembers: \$3.

9/28, SUN, FORT TRYON TO FORT LEE, 5 or 8 miles on pavement with some hills. Starting from Dyckman Street, we will walk up to the Cloisters, past the sites of Fort Tryon and Fort Washington, then over the George Washington bridge to the Fort Lee Historic Park, which has a small museum. Plan to eat lunch overlooking the Hudson. The 5-mile walk will end at the bus stop in Fort Lee. If conditions are good, those who wish may continue to the Shore Path (a steep down) to the Englewood boat basin and up to get a bus from Englewood Cliffs. Meet at 10:30 AM at the SW corner of Dyckman Street and Broadway (A train to Dyckman Street). Rain or high winds cancels. Call to confirm. Leader: Richard Sklar (718-782-7732). Nonmembers: \$3.

9/28 SUN, ANNUAL FRESHKILLS PARK FESTIVAL, S.I. 5-6 miles, easy walking on newly restored parts of the park. Hike to the top of green mounds with flowers, grass, trees, shrubbery, birds, also games and great views all around. Bring lunch/plenty water and binoculars. Sneakers OK. Take any train to Ferry Terminal (Manhattan side) to take 10:30 a.m. ferry. We may get free bus rides to go and back to ferry. Leader: Rolande Chapeau. Rain or shine.

10/4, SAT, FORT TRYON & INWOOD HILL PARKS, about 2-3 miles at a slow pace, but with some hills. We'll first go to the New Leaf Café, where there are restrooms, then head through Linden Terrace (the highest point in Fort Tryon Park and the second highest natural elevation in Manhattan, with great views of the Hudson and the city). Next, we'll visit the Cloisters, where we'll have lunch (bring lunch & or buy it their cafeteria). Admission is "pay what you wish" -- \$1 is fine. Afterwards, we'll walk through Inwood Hill Park, the largest forested area still remaining in Manhattan, and the only entirely undeveloped park -- nothing but trees! The walk should end around 4:00 PM with a pause for refreshment at the Indian Road Cafe on 218th Street (near the 1 train 215th Street stop). Meet at 11:00 AM by the benches at the entrance to Fort Tryon Park on Margaret Corbin Circle. Take the A train to 190th Street and then the elevator up to Fort Washington Avenue, or take the M4 bus directly to 190 Street and Fort Washington Avenue. Call or e-mail leader beforehand to make sure that the walk will take place and if you have any questions. Sorry, but no pets and no smoking. Leader: Bob Susser (212-666-4371; rsusser@aol.com). Nonmembers: \$3.

10/4, SAT, NISSEQUOGUE RIVER TO SUNKEN MEADOW, 6 miles, moderate/brisk pace with both flat and hilly terrain--not for slow hikers. Hike along hilly bluffs to Sunken Meadow with awesome view of Nissequogue River and L. I. Sound. Rain cancels. From Penn Station take the 8:51 AM LIRR Port Jefferson Branch train to Kings Park (check mta.info/lirr for current train schedule). Fare: \$23.50 round trip/\$17.50 seniors. Leader will meet group in front of waiting room at Kings Park at 10:20 AM. Must register by Friday, 10/3. Leader: Quyen (Quinn) Pham (631-234-5486 8:00-10:00 PM and morning of hike; e-mail qwpham@yahoo.com). Nonmembers: \$3.

10/4 SAT, MOUNT VERNON/SCARSDALE. 7-8 miles flat hiking, few hills on dirt path and paved paths along the Laurel Brook and Bronx River into parks with scenery in beautiful section. Bring lunch/plenty water, sneakers OK. NO SMOKING ON HIKE. Take #5 subway to Dyre Ave, last stop and meet downstairs at 10:30 a.m. We'll take a short Bus W52 ride to E. Broad St. Fare: MetroCard + O/W return fare by train \$7.50/Srs.\$5. (we may continue to W. Plains or another stop before (same fare). Leader: Rolande Chapeau. Members only.

10/5, SUN, CENTRAL PARK NORTH, about 3-5 miles, slow pace. Explore the winding trails through the Ravine, the Loch (fed by a natural watercourse), the Montayne's Rivulet that flows under the Glen Span and Huddlestone arches before connecting to the Meer, the Blockhouse, and the Conservatory Gardens. Museum visit afterwards. Bring lunch, snack, and water. No go in extreme weather conditions. Meet 11:15 am Penn Station (LIRR Waiting Rm) or 12 PM at the Dana Discovery Center (corner of 110th Street and Lenox Avenue); take #2 or #3 train to 110th Street. Leaders: Ken King (631-991-8170, nhochike@optonline.net, cell [day of hike] 516-238-7694); Phyllis Spisto (516-547-0497). Joint walk. Members only.

10/11, SAT, EAST VILLAGE, 2+ miles, city walk. Travel down lower 3rd Avenue to Bowery, St. Mark's Place, and Astor Place; New Museum of Contemporary Art optional. Historic area with many changes. Meet at 12:30 PM (after lunch) on the SW corner of 14th Street and 3rd Avenue. Take any train to Union Square and walk east to 3rd Avenue. Use restroom before walk--there are many in area. Leader: Susan B. (718-275-7654; call to confirm). Joint walk. Nonmembers: \$3.

10/11, SAT, MONTCLAIR, NJ, easy walk. We will eat in Montclair. Meet at 11:30 AM at Newark Penn Station, take the #108 bus from Port Authority, PATH, or the train from NYC Penn Station to Newark. Call leader a few days before hike to confirm. Leaders: Joan Mendelson and Archie (her dog) (973-230-0761). Nonmembers: \$3.

10/11, SAT, WESTSIDE RIVERWALK, ART AND BRUNCH, 5 miles. River vistas from 14th to 57th Streets along the Hudson. At 57th Street, a tour of some selected art galleries and a finish at Parnells on 1st Avenue for an optional late brunch (about \$20, including tip). Meet at 10:00 AM at NW corner of 14th Street and 8th Avenue (A/C/E trains). Leaders: Marvin Malater (718-376-3608) and Joani Auerbach. Nonmembers \$3.

10/12, SUN, CENTRAL PARK TREES (SOUTHERN). Relaxed stroll partly along the southern Central Park "tree trail" described in the book "New York City Trees" by Ned Barnard, passing through the Mall, with its row of large shady elms, as well as the Conservatory /Water, Cedar Hill, Belvedere Castle, and the Ramble, ending at the Boathouse around 1:00 PM for lunch (bring your own or buy it there). Both tree experts (whose assistance will be much appreciated) and complete beginners are cordially welcome. This walk will necessarily proceed at a snail's pace with many stops to look at and identify trees. Meet at 10:00 AM inside the entrance of the Time-Warner building on 59th Street and Broadway. Call or e-mail leader beforehand to if it looks like rain and if you have any questions. Sorry, but no pets and no smoking. Leader: Bob Susser (212-666-4371; rsusser@aol.com). Nonmembers: \$3.

10/12 SUN, NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN (1 Bowling Green, NYC). See art and archaeology. Cost Free. Meet 10 AM at ground level entrance opposite #4/#5 subway. Lunch at Stone St. Call Cecile to register Friday evening 8-9 PM ONLY 212 472 5028. Rain or shine. Members only.

10/18, SAT, DUKE FARMS CIRCULAR, 8-9 miles, moderately brisk pace, mostly flat. See the former Duke estate with many lakes and gardens on trails and carriage roads. Bring lunch and water. Meet at Penn Station NJ Transit ticket area and buy a round-trip ticket to Somerville. Cost: \$28/seniors \$14. Call leader for departure time Friday evening, 10/17 ONLY. Leader: Ludwig Hendel (718-626-3983). Nonmembers: \$3.

10/18, SAT, NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN MEMORIAL WALK FOR ROBERT KAYE, BENEFACTOR OF THE OUTDOORS CLUB, 3 miles, leisurely pace. We will remember Robert Kaye today, and honor his memory. Chrysanthemum show in conservatory, plus conifers & primeval forest walk. Bring lunch and beverage or buy in cafeteria. Take the 9:25 AM Harlem Line train from GCT, arriving at the Botanical Garden station at 9:45 AM (check schedule and purchase "City Ticket"). Alternatively, take the 4 or D train to Bedford Park Boulevard and then the Bx26 bus east to the Mosholu Gate entrance, or the 2 train to Allerton Avenue and then the Bx26 bus west to the entrance. Meet just inside the Mosholu Gate at 9:50 AM. Admission to the Gardens is free on Saturdays until 10:00 AM, but there is a fee for admission to the conservatory. If driving, park in the lot by the station or on a nearby street. No coordination of rides. The visit should end around 3:00 PM, but you are free to stay as long as you wish. Call or preferably e-mail leader beforehand to make sure the visit is on. Leader: Bob Susser (212-666-4371; rsusser@aol.com). Members and friends of Robert Kaye only.

10/18, SAT, SCULPTURE TO SHIPS, 3 or 5 miles, one hill. We will walk through Pratt Institute, which contains the best outdoor modern sculpture in the city, then on to Fort Greene Park and the Prison Ship Martyrs Monument. A short walk brings us to the Brooklyn Navy

Yard Museum, where we will spend at least 45 minutes looking at the exhibits. Finally, we'll go to DUMBO and an optional extension through Brooklyn Bridge Park with a chance to ride the carousel (\$2). Meet at 11:30 AM at the G train Classon Avenue stop. Call to confirm. Leader: Richard Sklar (718-782-7732). Members and friends only.

10/19, SUN, GREEN-WOOD CEMETERY, about 2-3 miles plus two-hour guided trolley tour (\$10). Founded in 1838 and now a National Historic Landmark, Green-Wood Cemetery is 478 spectacular acres of hills, valleys, glacial ponds, and paths, throughout which exists one of the largest outdoor collections of 19th- and 20th-century statuary and mausoleums. Four seasons of beauty from century-and-a-half-old trees offer a peaceful oasis to visitors. Bring lunch, snack, and water. No go in extreme weather conditions. Must register--limited participation. Meet at 11:30 AM LIRR Waiting Room Penn Station or 12:30 PM at Green-Wood main entrance; take Brooklyn-bound R train to 25th Street and walk up one block to 5th Avenue. Leaders: Ken King (631-991-8170, nhochike@optonline.net, cell [day of hike] 516-238-7694); Phyllis Spisto (516-547-0497). Joint walk. Members only.

10/19, SUN, QUEENS COUNTY FARM MUSEUM. We will visit the only farm left in New York City and see the interior of the farmhouse, a corn maze and farm animals, all at a leisurely pace. Bring lunch and beverage. Meet at 12:30 PM at the entrance on Little Neck Parkway. Take Q45 bus from Kew Gardens-Union Turnpike E/F subway station to Little Neck Parkway and walk north about 3 short blocks. Allow about a half hour for the bus ride. Leader: Bob Ward (718-471-7036 after 8:00 PM). Joint walk. Nonmembers: \$3.

10/21, TUE, THE NEW JERSEY SILK ROAD – LAMBERT CASTLE TO THE PATERSON FALLS, 6-10 miles, up and down on trails and city streets at a moderately brisk pace. Starting at Lambert Castle, walk around Garret Mountain Reservation, then on to Paterson where we will visit the Great Falls National Historic Park and downtown. Bring lunch, snacks and water. Awful or dangerous weather cancels. Leader: Craig Nunn (551-206-6823 or dystopicnj@gmail.com). E-mail (preferred) or phone leader a week before the hike for meeting time and place. Contact leader after 7:00 AM morning of hike if uncertain. Joint hike. Nonmembers: \$3.

10/25, SAT, CRANBERRY LAKE, 6 miles, moderate pace with some ups and downs. A woods walk on marked trails. Lunch on picnic benches by a museum. No smoking on trip. Meet at 9:25 AM at Grand Central Terminal upper-level information booth. Cost: R/T \$19.50/seniors \$13, (half price from or to the Bronx). Leader: Mayer Wiesen (516-671-2095, Friday evening before 10:30 PM). Joint hike. Nonmembers \$3.

10/25, SAT, LITERARY BROOKLYN, about 3-4 miles, urban walk. Many prominent writers have lived in Brooklyn Heights at one time or another, starting with Walt Whitman. We will stop and look at where they lived (where possible) and listen to readings of passages that dwell on their surroundings. After lunch, we will continue to nearby Cobble Hill (home to Thomas Wolfe), Fort Greene Park, where a monument to Revolutionary War martyrs includes a moving passage by Whitman, and the nearby home of Marianne Moore. Meet at 11:00 AM outside the 2/3 Clark Street subway stop. Leader: Robert Halasz (212-866-3563; cell 917-482-9757). Nonmembers: \$3.

10/25, SAT, SOUTH BROOKLYN AMBLE, about 4 miles, easy and steady. Experience autumn in Brooklyn Heights (promenade views and portions of new waterfront park), Cobble Hill, and Carroll Gardens, with maybe a bit of Gowanus and Red Hook. Possibility of early dinner in the Atlantic Avenue vicinity. Steady rain cancels. Meet at 1:00 PM by the grand staircase of Brooklyn Borough Hall. Take the 2, 3, 4, or 5 train to Borough Hall. Leader: Devra Zetlan (212-662-8922; cell around time of walk only 917-526-3908). Nonmembers: \$3.

10/25 SAT, SOUTH COUNTY TRAILWAY. 8 miles easy hiking on soft asphalt trail from Odell Ave to Elmsford and beyond. Lunch by a lake with a waterfall. Enjoy the early fall foliage scenery all along woody area. Bring lunch/plenty water. Sneakers OK. NO SMOKING ON HIKE. Take IRT Subway # 1 to 242nd St, Van Cortlandt Park, last stop and meet by park side. Bus W1 leaves at 10:30 a.m. to Getty Square, then W5 bus short ride to Odell Ave. Fare: Bring Metrocard. Leader: Rolande Chapeau. Members only.

10/26, SUN, HISTORIC GRAVESEND, 3 miles, easy walk. Colonial history, old roads and homes, pretty sites. Optional early dinner in area. Take F train to Kings Highway stop or bus B82. Meet at 1:00 PM at HSBC Bank at Kings Highway and McDonald Ave (481 Kings Highway). Leader: Alan B. Hecht (718-252-2161). Nonmembers: \$3.

10/26, SUN, ROCKEFELLER PRESERVE, 12-13 miles, moderate pace. Walk from Philipse Manor through Sleepy Hollow Cemetery to the Rockefeller Preserve, on former carriage roads alongside brooks and the Pocantico River. Meet at Grand Central Station by the information booth to take the 9:20 AM Hudson Line train to Philipse Manor, arriving at 10:12 AM. Check schedule for possible changes. Rain cancels. Round trip fare from Grand Central: \$19.50/\$13 seniors (65 and older); from Marble Hill: \$10.00/\$5.00 seniors). Leader: Bill Wrublewski (cell: 646-369-0279 or summer.time101@verizon.net). Nonmembers: \$3.

10/29 WED, HAMILTON, NJ TO KINGSTON, NJ along the D&R Canal. We take a NJ Transit train to Kingston, NJ and then proceed North along the D&R Canal through fairly flat terrain. Not a runaway pace. Bring lunch and something to drink. We will return by NJ Transit bus from Kingston probably around 5 or 6 P.M. Call me for details and to confirm. Oliver Wayne. 201.840.4145. Members only.

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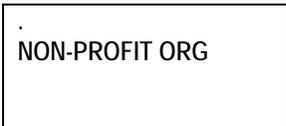
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