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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.**

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).

Need to confirm has been underlined in the outing write-up. Please be sure to confirm that the outing will take place.

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

The New York Hiking Club recently dissolved their Club, and gave the Outdoors Club, Inc. a very generous contribution. We want to thank New York Hiking for the contribution. We know that the members of the Outdoors Club are thankful for the support from N. Y. Hiking.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICE DELAYS are a constant problem on the weekends. It is a good idea to confirm transportation information the week of the trip by logging onto: www.mta.nyc.ny.us or calling or checking websites of local transportation companies for bus and train information.

We have several new and returning leaders leading in this issue. Please meet and greet them on their outings as follows: Margo on her 11/6 Palisades Loop hike; 1/8 Maria on her South Ferry to Brooklyn Heights walk; 1/28 Kristina's East Village walk; and walk through the Bronx with Joe on 11/26, 2/4 and 2/18.

Please remember winter walking may involve icy paths and extreme cold. Please dress appropriately to avoid frostbite and falls – wear hiking boots, face protection, a hat, gloves, use a cane, layer clothing, bring a hot beverage.

Don't hibernate! Come and join us often on walks and hikes.

Happy Holidays!

Benay, Dorothy, Ray, and Helen

11/5 SAT, BRINTON BROOK SANCTUARY/LYTLE ARBORETUM. 7-8 miles on forested moderate terrain with some up and down hills. Scenic views. Must be in condition! No drop off! Bring lunch/plenty water. **HIKING BOOTS RECOMMENDED. NO SMOKING ON HIKE.** From GCT (42nd St) board the Hudson Line Local Train at 9:47 AM to Croton Harmon or from Marble Hill at 10:08 arriv. at 10:55. (TIME CHANGES, CHECK SCHEDULE). We board W14 Bus for a short scenic ride to Warren Rd. Fare: O/W ticket \$10:25/Srs.\$6.75, N.Y. MetroCard for bus. Leader: Rolande Chapeau. Members only.

11/5 SAT, LOWER STATEN ISLAND TOWN/BEACH NIGHT HIKE. 7 miles, moderate pace. Enjoy the mystery of the night and prepare for winter. We will start in the town of Tottenville and leader will talk about its past, then on to a nice beach trip where the Night Mystery stops can be enjoyed with our food and wonder. Bring love of mystery and night along with poncho, lunch, plenty of water, bug repellent, layered clothing, a flashlight, and trail-worthy shoes for this cold weather and possible ice walk. Out late, but a few drop-off spots. Optional pizza at end. Meet at St. George Ferry Terminal in Staten Island at 3 p.m.; call leader to hear information. Registration not required, but boat and leader's work schedule requires confirmation via recorded message or email. Round-trip MTA fare from meeting spot at SI Ferry in SI. Nonmembers one-day dues: \$3. Leader/Phone: Brian J., 718-967-0855 to hear recorded message starting 1 week before. Questions best via email: night.hiker.nyc@gmail.com as I have odd hours for work. Email anytime. Members only.

11/5 SAT, NEW PALTZ TO ROSENDALE, 7 miles, moderate pace, flat on gravel and paved dirt. Walkill Valley rail trail between New Paltz to Rosendale for 4:30 pm departure from Rosendale. Rain, snow or icy conditions, hike is canceled. Bring water/lunch. Meet GCT 7:30 am near ticket windows. Cost: \$17.75 O/W from GCT to Poughkeepsie, \$1.75 bus to New Paltz, \$2 bus fare from Rosendale, Leader: Yon Lee, 718-638-0010, yonderwalker@gmail.com. Nonmembers: \$3.

11/5 SAT, NYU BUILDINGS—WASHINGTON SQ. CAMPUS AND SURROUNDINGS. 2 to 3 miles, easy pace. NYU occupies historic area in Village and beyond. Meet at 1 p.m., after lunch, in front of Starbucks on Astor Place/8th St. Restrooms at Starbucks and K-mart (upstairs). Take N, R to 8th St. or 6 to Astor Place or E, F to 8th St. and walk east. Call to confirm. Leader: Susan B.; 718-275-7654. Members and friends only. Nonmembers: \$3.

11/5 SAT, RIVERSIDE PARK. A very leisurely morning stroll of around a mile in Riverside Park. Riverside Park is widely regarded as Manhattan's most spectacular waterfront park and is one of only eight officially designated scenic landmarks in NYC. Meet at 11 a.m. just inside the northernmost entrance of the Broadway and 96th Street subway station (take the 2, 3, or 1 train). Afterward, a nice bowl of hot soup—or whatever—at Ollie's Chinese restaurant at Freedom Place. Please email or call me to make sure that the walk is on and/or if you have any questions. Bob Susser, rsusser@aol.com, 212-666-4371. Members only.

11/6 SUN, LOWER MANHATTAN HISTORICAL TOUR. This walk will follow a zigzag pattern to enable you to see and learn about most of the major historic sights of Manhattan south of Park Row plus Foley Square and Broadway from Worth to 14 St. Inclement weather may cancel. You must register in advance by calling leader Bob Ward (718-471-7036, AFTER 8:00 p.m.) during the week before. Do not call morning of walk. Meet leader inside, by the escalator, Staten Island Ferry terminal, at 11:00 a.m. Bring lunch and beverage. Members only. Joint walk.

11/6 SUN, PALISADES LOOP. 6 to 7 miles, easy terrain but boots are recommended. We will learn some of the history of this National Historic Landmark and have lovely Hudson River views. On our walk, we will visit Alison Park, Englewood Boat Basin and walk along the shore path to Edgewater. Meeting at 9:30 a.m. at McDonald's, Lemoine Ave., Fort Lee, NJ. Take any bus over the GWB, get off bus at the first stop, come up the stairs, cross the street, and you will see McDonald's next to the gas station. Leader: Margo Moss, 201-568-5325 (landline): Email: acephoto@verizon.net. Please register by email by Saturday evening, November 5. Drivers can park on the street in Fort Lee or at meters, which are free on Sundays. Members only.

11/12 SAT, D&R CANAL TOWPATH. 7 to 8 miles, flat. Bound Brook to New Brunswick, moderate pace. Hike this historic canal along the Raritan River, passing locks and dams to New Brunswick. Bring lunch and water. Meet at Penn Station at the N.J. Transit ticket area (7th Avenue side) at 9 a.m. Leader: Ludwig Hendel. 718-626-3983. Must call for hike status Friday evening November 11 ONLY. Members only.

11/12 SAT, HEMPSTEAD LAKE STATE PARK. Meet at Rockville Centre LIRR Station. Train gets in from NYC at 11:36 a.m., leaves NYC at 10:55 a.m.; please check. About a 20 minute walk to get to trails from railroad. 6 easy miles, no hills. Bring lunch and water; will return to same spot. Wide paths like Central Park. Cancelled if raining. Railroad station is across from St. Agnes Church, 29 Quealy Pl. Leader John S., email Finch1149@gmail.com. Phone (serious calls only), 516-359-1591. NM: \$3.

11/12 SAT, JAMAICA TO ST. JOHN'S. 7 miles on pavement, second half hilly. Relaxed pace. After looping through the historical center of Jamaica we will wander about mostly residential areas of Jamaica and Jamaica Estates with many fine homes. After crossing over the Grand Central Parkway, we will walk through the campus of St. John's University. Meet at 10:30 a.m. at Sutphin Blvd. and Archer Ave. by the Long Island Railroad station (E and J trains). Bring lunch, water. Awful or dangerous weather cancels. Call to confirm. Leader: Richard Sklar, 718-782-7732. Nonmembers: \$3.

11/12 SAT, QUEENS SHOREWALK. 4 miles. We will visit Astoria Park and walk along the shore. Bring lunch and water. Meet at Astoria/Ditmars stop (use N or Q train) at 11:00 a.m. Leader: Ellen Juro, 212-861-4267. Call to confirm that walk is on. Nonmembers: \$3.

11/13 SUN, BRONX RIVER GREENWAY. 9 miles, moderate pace, level terrain, mostly on pavement. From the north of the borough, follow the Greenway south through Shoelace, Fort Knox, Bronx, Starlight, Concrete Plant, Southview and Harding Parks. Bring lunch/water. Take 2 train to 233 Street. Meet at 10:30 a.m. in front of Capital One Bank. (Alternatively, if subway is not running, take 9:24 Harlem Line train from GCT to Woodlawn and walk 3 blocks east.). Leader: Joel Pomerantz, 212-691-3844 evenings before 10 p.m. Joint hike. Rain cancels. Nonmembers: \$3.

11/13 SUN, LIBERTY STATE PARK, NJ. This is a rescheduling of the trip that had to be canceled in July due to inclement weather. You must register in advance by calling leader Bob Ward (718-471-7036, AFTER 8:00 p.m.) during the week before. Do not call morning of walk. Meet leaders Bob Ward and Kenneth King (631-991-8170) outside turnstiles "E" train World Trade Station. Take southernmost stairway at 11:30 am. Wear appropriate clothing if the wind is predicted to be from the south. Bring lunch and beverage. Members only. Joint walk.

11/13 SUN, STATEN ISLAND GREENBELT FROM WILLOWBROOK PARK TO MOSES MOUNTAIN AND BEYOND. 8 to 10 miles some hills, moderate pace. We will start from Willowbrook Park via the White Trail, take a number of trails to lunch at Moses Mountain, then meander, time willing, farther and out via bike path to Yukon Ave. Bring poncho, lunch, plenty of water, bug repellent, layered clothing and trail-worthy shoes for this forest hike. Out late, but a few drop-off spots. Meet at St. George Ferry Terminal on Staten Island; call leader to hear information. Registration not required, but boat and leader's work schedule requires confirmation. Round-trip MTA fare from meeting spot at SI Ferry in SI. Nonmembers, one-day dues: \$3. Leader/Phone: Brian J. (718) 967-0855 to hear informational message starting 1 week before. Questions best via email: night.hiker.nyc@gmail.com as I have odd hours for work. Email anytime.

11/17 THURS, ROCKLAND LAKE AND HAVERSTRAW. About 7 miles at a moderate pace. Meet at the George Washington Bus Station by 10:30 at the latest to take the 10:40 9A bus to Rockland Lake. We'll walk around the lake and then go down toward the river and take the river trail to Haverstraw. There we can get the 4:15 ferry to Ossining and then Metro-North back to the city. Mostly flat. Bring lunch and water; wear sturdy shoes. If we have time in Haverstraw, we'll walk about and see the modern sculptures. Bus \$10.20/less for seniors; ferry \$3.15/less for seniors; train \$2.50/less for seniors. Rain cancels. Leader Pat Belanoff; call after Tuesday (212-568-2052) or email padaulton@gmail.com up to 10 the morning of hike, but no calls after 9:30 PM please to make sure hike is on. Joint hike. Members only.

11/19 SAT, NORTH BRONX WALK. A little loop in the upper reaches of the Grand Concourse, then tour Lehman College (CUNY) campus, view exhibitions in its art gallery, and conclude with exploration of the nearby areas of Kingsbridge Heights and Van Cortlandt Village. We'll be in pursuit of a little mystery (a shrine) and some history (United Nations beginnings, the WAVES, exemplary worker housing, the Jerome Park Reservoir and its parks & fortifications). We'll also see varieties of domestic architecture amidst the area's quite craggy topography. Unavoidable but manageable ups and downs, 3 to 4 miles. Steady rain or slippery underfoot conditions cancel. Bring snacks and water. Meet 12:30 p.m. at NW corner of Grand Concourse and Bedford Park Blvd. (D train to Bedford Park Blvd or 4 to Bedford Park Blvd.-Lehman College—from the 4, walk a few blocks east on the Boulevard to the Concourse). Joint walk. Members and friends only. Leader: Devra Zetlan, 212-662-8922.

11/20 SUN, 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 waterfowls. Fabulous unexpected views all around. Bring lunch/plenty water. **NO SMOKING ON HIKE.** From Penn Station LIRR lower level, board the Babylon Line train at 10:45 AM to Freeport, from Flatbush at 10:45 (Change at Jamaica), and from Jamaica at 11:08, arriving at 11:31. (TIME CHANGE, CHECK SCHEDULE). Meet downstairs in station waiting room. Fare: O/W \$9.50/Srs. \$6.50 Leader: Rolande Chapeau. Cars may park by Freeport Station. Members only.

11/20 SUN, NORTHERN BOULEVARD IN QUEENS. City streets. Look for Yahoo Group email the week of walk for details. Leader: Julia; questions, email walklover1@gmail.com or call to confirm with Helen 212-348-5344 on 11/19 (Saturday) evening 7 P.M.-9 P.M. ONLY. Nonmembers: \$3.

11/24 THU, FLUSHING BAY ESPLANADE. 6-7 miles, flat and easy hike on the lovely Esplanade along the Bay with its magnificent views of the harbor with waterfowls viewing. Continue through Flushing Corona Park. Surprise on the way! Bring lunch/plenty water. NO SMOKING ON HIKE. Take #7 Flushing Line Train to 111th St Station and meet downstairs west corner of 111th St/Roosevelt Ave. at 10:50 AM. Fare: MetroCard. Leader: Rolande Chapeau. Nonmembers: \$3.

11/26 SAT, WOODLAWN CEMETERY, BRONX RIVER PARK NORTH, AND MOSHOLU PARKWAY WALK & TOUR. 4 miles, moderate pace with some ups and downs. We'll walk through the cemetery and visit some important burial sites and mausoleums; next we exit the cemetery at 233rd/Webster Ave., cross the Bronx River, and follow it down through Bronx R. Park N. until we come to Mosholu Pkwy., on which we'll turn west and end at Jerome Ave./Mosholu Pkwy. (4 train). MEET at 1 p.m., after lunch, at Woodlawn Station of the 4 Train near the token booth. Bring water/snack. Hiking boots not necessary unless weather conditions necessitate. Rain/snow/inclement weather cancels; contact leader to be sure. Leader: Joe Palladino, 718-295-7929 (11 a.m.-11 p.m. and up to 11 a.m. the morning of the walk), or email any time before 11 a.m. the morning of the walk at jpalladino5228@yahoo.com. Members only.

11/27 SUN, BROADWAY IN MANHATTAN. City streets. Look for Yahoo Group email the week of walk for details. Leader: Julia; questions, email walklover1@gmail.com or call to confirm with Helen, 212-348-5344 on 11/26 (Saturday) evening 7 pm - 9 pm ONLY. Nonmembers: \$3.

12/3 SAT, GREAT SOUTH BAY PLUS BAYARD ARBORETUM. Two options, 6 or 10 miles. Moderate, varied; might include half-mile walk on beach. Hike to fantastic view of Great South Bay in Heckscher State Park. Drop out after 6 miles or, if you wish, continue to explore the beautiful arboretum. Bring water and food; wear hiking boots. Rain or snow cancels. From Penn Station, take the 9:16 a.m. LIRR train to Great River. Fare \$26.50 round-trip/seniors \$18. Leader will meet group at Great River train station at 10:33 a.m. Check mta.info/lirr for current train schedule. Leader: Quyen (Quinn) Pham, 631-234-5486, 8 p.m.-10 p.m. and morning of hike. Email: qwpham@yahoo.com. Members only.

12/3 SAT, MAMARONECK TO BRONXVILLE. 8 miles, moderate pace with some ups and downs. Hike the length of the Leatherstocking Trail. West to Nature Study Woods, Eastchester, then enter Hunt Woods Park and follow Laurel Brook to its confluence with the Bronx River. Bring lunch/water, hiking boots. Meet at 9:50 a.m. at Grand Central Terminal info kiosk for 10:05 train to Mamaroneck. Cost: R/T \$16.50/seniors \$11.00; one-day dues \$3 nonmembers. Leader: Joel Pomerantz, 212-691-3844 evenings before 10 p.m. Joint hike. Rain cancels.

12/3 SAT, WILHELM VON KNYPHAUSEN 1780 RAID MEMORIAL HIKE PART III—SPRINGFIELD TO SUMMIT, NJ. Third in a series of hikes starting in Elizabeth tracing more or less the 1780 route Hessian commander von Knyphausen took (in part) and might have taken had he been successful (he wasn't) marching through the Hobart Gap to destroy the Continental Army in Morristown. 8 to 12 miles at a moderately brisk pace, some on rocky trails with substantial elevation gain in South Mountain Reservation. Bring lunch, snacks, and water. Email (preferred) or phone leader no earlier than a week before the hike for meeting time and place. Leader: Craig Nunn, 551-206-6823 or dystopicnj@gmail.com. Joint hike. Awful or dangerous weather cancels. Contact leader after 7:00 a.m. morning of hike if uncertain. Members and guests only.

12/3 SAT, SOUTH BEACH TO NEW DORP STATEN ISLAND TOWN/BEACH NIGHT HIKE. 7 miles, moderate pace. Enjoy the mystery of the night and prepare for winter. We will start at South Beach and go to New Dorp. This is a nice beach trip where the Night Mystery stops can be enjoyed with our food and wonder. Bring love of mystery and night along with poncho, lunch, plenty of water, bug repellent, layered clothing, a flashlight, and trail-worthy shoes for this cold weather and possible ice walk. Out late, but a few drop-off spots. Optional pizza at end. Meet at St. George Ferry Terminal in Staten Island at 3 p.m.; call leader to hear information. Registration not required, but boat and leader's work schedule requires confirmation via recorded message or email. Round-trip MTA fare from meeting spot at SI Ferry in SI. Nonmembers one-day dues: \$3. Leader/Phone: Brian J., 718-967-0855 to hear recorded message starting 1 week before. Questions best via email: night.hiker.nyc@gmail.com as I have odd hours for work. Email anytime.

12/4 SUN, EAST SIDE WALK. Moderate pace. 5 to 6 miles; 3.5 to 4.5 hours. Walk along 1st Avenue and East River Walkway from 59th and Lexington Ave. to Chinatown. Optional (possibly late) lunch at Chinese restaurant. Bring water. Leader: Ed Leibowitz, 201-332-1709, email eleibow@verizon.net. Meet at 59th Street and Lexington Ave. at 10:00 a.m. Take 4, 5, 6, N, R, Q trains to meeting place. Bathrooms at Home Depot on 3rd Ave. nearby. Call or email to confirm. Cell phone 201-850-9649 on

day of walk only between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Rain or snow on day of walk cancels. Joint with Shorewalkers. Nonmembers of Shorewalkers and Outdoors Club, \$3.

12/10 SAT, CHINATOWN—EAST MEETS WEST. 3 miles, city walk, easy. Changes in expanding Chinatown, landmarks, ancient gravesite. Specific architecture. Meet 12 noon, before lunch, on the NE corner of Canal St. and B'way (NOT West B'way) in front of the Broadway Bank of America (there is one on West B'way, too). Lunch at nearby restaurant, or bring your own (a pity—take advantage of Chinatown). Any train to Canal and B'way, or A,C,E to Canal and walk east to B'way. Leader: Susan B; 718-275-7654 call to confirm. Joint walk; members and friends only. Nonmembers, \$3.

12/10 SAT, OLD CROTON AQUEDUCT, GREYSTONE TO TARRYTOWN. 8 miles, flat. Moderate pace. Hike this historic aqueduct; walk in a short tunnel underneath the aqueduct, passing Dobbs Ferry and Irvington out to Tarrytown. Bring lunch and water. Meet at Grand Central Terminal (42nd Street) information booth at 9 a.m. Leader: Ludwig Hendel, 718-626-3983. Must call for hike status Friday evening December 9 ONLY. Members only.

12/11 SUN, BRONX WALK—RIVERDALE THROUGH NORTHERN PARKS. Take #1 train to last stop in the Bronx. Look for Yahoo Group email the week of walk for details. Leader: Julia; questions, email walklover1@gmail.com or call to confirm with Helen 212-348-5344 on 12/10 (Saturday) evening 7-9 p.m. ONLY. Nonmembers: \$3.

12/11 SUN, STATEN ISLAND GREENBELT NORTH TO SOUTH. 9 to 12 miles with some drop-out spots, a bit peppy but rest stops. This will be a different SI Greenbelt Hike but some stuff will overlap with the November hike. Starting at Victory Blvd, we will enter behind Petrides HS over Deere Park, Todt Hill, then lunch at Moses Mountain. Over to Heyerdahl Hill and either ending at Willowbrook, time permitting, or take the bike path out for fast exit. Bring poncho, lunch, plenty of water, bug repellent, layered clothing and trail-worthy shoes for this FOREST HIKE. Out late. But a few drop off spots. Good transition hike to Harri-man. Meet at St. George Ferry Terminal on Staten Island; call leader to hear information. Registration not required, but boat and leader's work schedule requires confirmation via recorded message or email. Round trip MTA fare from meeting spot at SI Ferry in SI. Nonmembers one-day dues: \$3. Leader/Phone: Brian J., 718-967-0855 to hear recorded message starting 1 week before. Questions best via email: night.hiker.nyc@gmail.com as I have odd hours for work. Email anytime.

12/15 THURS, PALISADES TO ENGLEWOOD. 6 miles at a moderate pace. We'll meet at the George Washington Bus station at 9:30, walk across the bridge, circumnavigate the Fort Lee Historical Park, then take the road down to the river trail. A gentle slope down, but a steeper walk up; the remainder of the walk is mostly flat. Return will be by foot or by bus (your choice). From Englewood \$4.20 to GWB station; \$6.10 to Port Authority; less for seniors. Leader: Pat Belanoff, 212-568-2052 or email padaulton@gmail.com, but you must check to make sure hike is on. Call after Tuesday, but not after 9:30 PM. Joint hike. Members only.

12/17 SAT, SCULPTURE TO SHIPS PLUS. 3.5 miles, mostly flat. We will walk through Pratt Institute looking at the best outdoor modern sculpture in NY, then into two small historic districts including Walt Whitman's house and a bakery reborn as a high school, then into Ft. Greene Park with the Prison Ship Martyrs' Monument, then spend at least 45 minutes at the Brooklyn Navy Yard Museum. Finally, we'll walk through the Vinegar Hill historic district and end in DUMBO at the York Street station. Awful or dangerous weather cancels. Bring lunch. Meet at the Classon Ave. stop on the G train at 11:30 a.m. Call to confirm. Leader: Richard Sklar, 718-782-7732. Nonmembers: \$3.

12/18 SUN, CORONA-FLUSHING MEADOWS PARK, QUEENS. Over 80 years ago, this part of northern Queens was a wetland, to put it mildly. Let us visit this area, which has undergone two major transformations to become what it looks like today. Inclement weather may cancel. To go on this walk, you must register in advance by calling leader Bob Ward (718-471-7036, AFTER 8:00 p.m.) during the week before. Do not call morning of walk. Co-leader Kenneth King (631-991-8170). Members only. Joint walk.

12/24 SAT, MCNY & CARNEGIE HILL WALK, 2 miles, easy pace. We'll visit the Museum of the City of NY and walk around the Carnegie Hill Historic District. Afterwards we'll have a late lunch in a Chinese restaurant. Meet inside Museum at 11 am. Admission: Pay what you wish. Any rain, ice or snow cancels! Take #6 subway to 103rd St. stop or buses M1, 2, 3, 4, 101, 102 or 103. Leader: Helen Yee 212-348-5344 call Friday (12/23) evening 7pm-8pm ONLY to confirm (message on answering machine). Nonmembers: \$3.

12/25 SUN, CENTRAL PARK TRAIL. 7-8 easy miles with drop off points. Hike along ponds, Bethesda Fountain, Reservoir and up as much as we can hike. Bring lunch/hot drink. Dress Warmly. NO SMOKING ON HIKE. Take A, C, D or #1 train to 59th St Columbus Circle and meet at 10:30 AM by the Statue. Fare: MetroCard. Leader: Rolande Chapeau. Possible light snow, GO! Nonmembers: \$3.

12/27 TUES, NYC TUNNEL VENTILATION STRUCTURES CONNECT-THE-DOTS PERIPATETIC PERAMBULATION. Connect lots of ventilation structures associated with all sorts of tunnels (subway, automobile, rail) in NYC, probably including Manhattan, Brooklyn, and Queens. 10 to 20 essentially flat miles at a moderately brisk pace on city streets and park paths. Bring lunch, snacks, and water. E-mail (preferred) or phone leader no earlier than a week before the hike for meeting time and place. Leader: Craig Nunn, (551-206-6823 or dystopicnj@gmail.com). Joint hike. Awful or dangerous weather cancels. Contact leader after 7:00 a.m. morning of hike if uncertain. Members and guests only.

1/31 SAT, SOUTH BRONX WALK (MELROSE/MORRISANIA NEIGHBORHOODS), city walk, about 2-3 miles, rest stops, easy pace, ups/downs. Take 2, 4, 5 subway or Bx19, B1, Bx2 bus to 149th Street & Grand Concourse. We'll visit the Bronx Museum and circle back to the meeting place for pizza. Meet 11 AM at the post office corner of 149th St. & Grand Concourse. Use bathrooms before walk either at McDonalds or Lincoln Medical Center. Rain, ice, any snow, temperatures below 20 cancels! Leader: Helen Mangione-Yee 212-348-5344 call to confirm Friday (1/30) evening ONLY 7pm-8pm (message on answering machine). Nonmembers: \$3.

1/1/2017 SUN, HIKE along the HUDSON RIVER. 7-8 miles, easy and flat hike. Starting on the Brand new subway station and going uptown along the Hudson River Park. Drop offs available. Bring lunch/hot drink, and dress warmly. **NO SMOKING ON HIKE.** Take any train to Times Square 42nd St (DO NOT GET OFF THE TURNSTILE) and meet promptly at 10:30 AM on the Flushing Line # 7 train platform below by the elevator. Fare: MetroCard. Leader: Rolande Chapeau. Possible little snow, GO! Nonmembers: \$3.

1/7 SAT, VERDI'S *NABUCCO* AND THE ALLERTON/BRONXWOOD SECTION OF THE BRONX - We'll have a short, brisk walk exploring the Allerton/Bronxwood area of the Bronx. You might enjoy reading a recent novel set there – Coe Booth's *Bronxwood*. We'll end by walking or taking the bus across Bedford Avenue to Lehman College for the 1:00 free Metropolitan Opera Simulcast of *Nabucco*. MEET at 9:45 a.m. so we can leave promptly at 10:00. Email jean.arrington@gmail.com for the meeting place the week of the walk, or call. Torrential or all-day rain, treacherous snow conditions, or bitter cold cancels the walk. Leader: Jean Arrington, 646-290-4119. Nonmembers: \$3.

1/8 SUN, LOWER STATEN ISLAND TOWN/BEACH AND MAYBE WOODS. 7 to 9 miles. Moderate pace. Last year we had a nice trip. Prepare for cold. We will start in the town of Tottenville and leader will talk about its past, then on to a nice beach trip where the sun/wind can give varied temp results. Bring poncho, lunch, plenty of water, bug repellent, layered clothing, and trail-worthy shoes for this cold-weather and possible ice walk. Out late, but a few drop-off spots. Optional pizza at end. Meet at St. George Ferry Terminal on Staten Island; call leader to hear information. Registration not required, but boat and leader's work schedule requires confirmation via recorded message or email. Round-trip MTA fare from meeting spot at SI Ferry in SI. Nonmembers one-day dues: \$3. Leader/Phone: Brian J., 718-967-0855 to hear recorded message starting 1 week before. Questions best via email: night.hiker.nyc@gmail.com as I have odd hours for work. Email anytime.

1/8 SUN, SOUTH FERRY TO BROOKLYN HEIGHTS. Moderate/easy pace, 3-4 miles. We'll walk uptown to City Hall observing some buildings of historic and cultural interest; then over the Brooklyn Bridge to the stoney streets of DUMBO stopping at Jacques Torres for a cup of hot chocolate (optional) and a restroom break. We'll walk through a section of Brooklyn Bridge Park to cross the pedestrian overpass to Brooklyn Heights seeing some landmark houses. We'll finish at the Civic Center/Cadman Plaza in downtown Brooklyn. Meet at 9:45 am by the stairs inside the Staten Island Ferry Station (take #1 to South Ferry, R to Whitehall, #4 or #5 to Bowling Green). Snow or sleet cancels. Leader: Maria P., for questions or confirmation, text/call to 347-990-5766 the night before the walk (after 6pm) for message on answering machine. Nonmembers: \$3

1/10 TUES, MOSTLY BERGENLINE AVENUE, UNION CITY TO NORTH BERGEN, NJ. With a few deviations, walk the entire length of Bergenline Avenue through the NJ municipalities of Union City, West New York, Guttenberg, and North Bergen. Described, perhaps dubiously, by Wikipedia as the longest commercial avenue in NJ, it is certainly one of the most diverse. 8 to 12 mostly flat miles at a moderately brisk pace on city streets and occasional park paths. Likely lunch at a Cuban or other Latin American restaurant. Bring snacks and water. Email (preferred) or phone leader no earlier than a week before the hike for meeting time and place. Leader: Craig Nunn (551-206-6823 or dystopicnj@gmail.com). Joint hike. Awful or dangerous weather cancels. Contact leader after 7:00 a.m. morning of hike if uncertain. Members and guests only.

1/12 THURS, VAN CORTLANDT PARK. 6 miles at a moderate pace. Exact trails will depend on the weather. Meet at 10:30 at the end of the No. 1 train (242nd St.). Please match your footwear to weather conditions; hiking boots are probably best. Bring lunch and water. Hike will end where it began. Leader: Pat Belanoff, 212 568 2052. Call after Tuesday, but not after 9:30 at night or email padaulton@gmail.com, but you must check to make sure hike is on. Joint hike. Members only.

1/14 SAT, BRONX RIVER PATHWAY, VALHALLA TO SCARSDALE. 7 miles, moderate pace, flat. Starting in Valhalla, see the impressive Kensico Dam, then pass White Plains and Hartsdale out to Scarsdale. Bring lunch and water. Meet at Grand Central Terminal (42nd Street), information booth at 9:15 a.m. Leader: Ludwig Hendel, 718-626-3983. Must call for hike status Friday evening January 13 ONLY. Members only.

1/15 SUN, PELHAM BAY PARK. 7-8 miles, easy circular hike to Twin Island, Hunter and on other trails. Variety of winter ducks and may be the owls, scenic harbor. Bring water/hot drink, and dress warmly. HIKING BOOTS RECOMMENDED. NO SMOKING ON HIKE. Take # 6 train to last stop, Pelham Bay Station and meet by token booth at 10:30 AM. From Flushing, Bus Q 50 on hour or ½ hour to Pelham Bay Station, also Q 44 to # 6 subway. Fare: MetroCard. Leader: Rolande Chapeau. Cars may park near Pelham Bay Station. Members only.

1/15 SUN, QUEENS' WATERFRONT, PART 1. 14 miles. Meet at southwest corner of Vernon Blvd and 50th Ave., Long Island City, at 9:00 a.m., Vernon Blvd-Jackson Ave. station on 7 line. Check to be sure that the 7 train is running. If the 7 is not running, meeting place is still the same; MTA will provide a shuttle bus to meeting place. Walk the Queens waterfront from Long Island City to Flushing, at least as much of it as we can get to. Pass Socrates Sculpture Park, Steinway mansion, and Lent-Riker-Smith Homestead (circa 1654). Drop-off points. Important: Bring water and lunch; food and water not available where we will have lunch. Leader: Bill Wrublewski. Email: summer.time101@verizon.net. Cell: 646-369-0279. Nonmembers: \$3.

1/15 SUN, WEST SIDE WALK. Moderate pace. 5 to 6 miles; 3.5 to 4.5 hours. Walk along Hudson River Greenway Path to 102nd Street, taking in the beautiful views along the Greenway. Optional late lunch at Hunan Balcony Restaurant at 98th Street and Broadway. Bring water. Meet in lobby of Millenium Hilton at the corner of Church and Fulton Streets at 10:00 a.m. Take any train to Fulton Street or WTC. Leader: Ed Leibowitz, 201-332-1709, email: eleibow@verizon.net. Call or email to confirm. Cell phone 201-850-9649 on day of walk only between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Rain or snow on day of walk cancels. Nonmembers of Shorewalkers and Outdoors Club, \$3.

1/21 SAT, BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDEN. At around 50 acres (only one-fifth the size of the New York Botanical Garden in the Bronx), this entire garden can be comfortably seen in one visit. Maybe a mile of walking altogether, at a very leisurely pace with many stops. Meet just outside the Eastern Parkway entrance at 11. Take the 2 or 3 subway to the Eastern Parkway station. We'll buy lunch at the Terrace Cafe (reasonable). Admission is free on Saturdays until 12. In case of inclement weather the garden visit will be converted into a visit to the Brooklyn Museum, which is right next door and has a policy of "pay what you wish" for admission (\$1 is fine). In that case, we'll have lunch in the museum cafeteria. Please email or call me to make sure that the walk is on and/or if you have any questions. Bob Susser, rsusser@aol.com; 212-666-4371. Members only.

1/21 SAT, GOUNOD'S ROMEO ET JULIETTE AND EARLY 20TH-CENTURY STATEN ISLAND NOW OUTDATED INSTITUTIONS. We'll have a short, brisk walk exploring what was the Willowbrook State School (See Geraldo Rivera's expose on Youtube), the New York City Farm Colony for the poor, and Seabrook Hospital for tuberculosis patients. We'll end at Wagner High School (1200 Manor Road) for the 1:00 free Metropolitan Opera Simulcast of *Romeo et Juliette*. Email jean.arrington@gmail.com for the meeting place the week of the walk, or call. Torrential or all-day rain, treacherous snow conditions, or bitter cold cancels the walk. Leader: Jean Arrington, 646-290-4119. Nonmembers: \$3.

1/22 SUN, POCANTICO TRAILS. A 12-mile circular hike. Meet at Grand Central near ticket windows in time to take the 8:47 Hudson Line train to Philipse Manor. We walk from the train station to the carriage roads of the Rockefeller estate. Bring lunch and something liquid. We return from the same train station that we arrived from using the 4:10 or possibly the 5:10 train. Members only. Any questions call me, Oliver Wayne, 201-840-4145.

1/28 SAT, CONNETQUOT RIVER PLUS ARBORETUM. Two options, 6 or 10 miles. Moderate, varied. A winter hike to interesting Connetquot Park Preserve. See ponds, river, fish hatchery, and wildlife; drop out after 6 miles or, if you wish, continue to exploring the beautiful Bayard Cutting Arboretum. Bring water, food; wear hiking boots. Rain or snow cancels. From Penn Station, take the 9:16 a.m. LIRR train to Great River. Fare \$26.50 round-trip/seniors \$18. Leader will meet group at Great River train station at 10:33 a.m. Check mta.info/lirr for current train schedule. Leader Quyen (Quinn) Pham 631-234-5486, 8 p.m.-10 p.m. and morning of hike. Email: qwpham@yahoo.com. Members only.

1/28 SAT, EAST VILLAGE, easy walk. Visit architectural and historical sights of East Village. Meet: 9:00 a.m. at Starbucks, Astor Place and Lafayette. Take 6 subway to Astor Place. Bad weather cancels! Call/text 347-735-1086 to confirm that hike is on before 10:00 p.m. on Friday evening Jan 27th ONLY. Leader: Kristina Bilello. Nonmembers: \$3.

1/29 SUN, FORT TRYON PARK, WITH A VISIT TO THE CLOISTERS. About one mile at a very leisurely pace. Take the A train to 190 St. and then the elevator up to Fort Washington Ave.—or take the M4 bus directly to 190 St. and Fort Washington Ave. Meet

at 11 a.m. just inside the subway entrance there. We'll go 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). After lunch (bring lunch and hot beverage—we will not be passing any place to buy food), we'll visit the Cloisters (restrooms) where we can take a look at the famous Unicorn Tapestries and anything else people might want to see. Admission is pay what you wish (\$1 is fine). Please email or call me to make sure that the walk is on and/or if you have any questions. Bob Susser, rsusser@aol.com, 212-666-4371. Members only.

2/4 SAT, POE PARK TO WILLIAMSBRIDGE OVAL PARK (AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN!) WALK & TOUR. 4 miles, moderate pace with some ups and downs. We'll walk around Poe Cottage (please visit on your own before walk or on another day) and Poe Park, then through St. James Park, part of the Old Croton Aqueduct, going north around the Jerome Park Reservoir, skirting Lehman College, Harris Field, and then onto Mosholu Parkway. We turn on Van Cortlandt Park East to Bainbridge Ave. and enter Williamsbridge Oval Park, which we tour before ending the walk. Meet at 1 p.m., after lunch, on the SE corner of Kingsbridge Rd. and the Grand Concourse, near the gate surrounding Poe Cottage. Bring water/snack. Hiking boots not necessary unless weather conditions necessitate. Rain/snow/inclement weather cancels; contact leader to be sure. Leader: Joe Palladino, 718-295-7929 (11 a.m.- 11 p.m. and up to 11 a.m. the morning of the walk), or email any time before 11 a.m. the morning of the walk at jpalladino5228@yahoo.com. Members only.

2/4 SAT, CROTON POINT PARK. 7 miles, circular easy flat hike. Great trails and views of the Hudson Valley. We'll cover the new esplanade, Model Airplane Field, Nature Center and the Mound. We may see owls, eagles and Red Tail Hawks. Bring lunch/hot drink and dress warmly, (HIKING BOOTS ONLY IF SNOW). NO SMOKING ON HIKE. From GCT (42nd St.) board the Hudson Line train at 9:47 AM to Croton Harmon or from Marble Hill (near 225th St subway #1) at 10:08, arriv. 10:55. (Time change, check schedule). Fare: O/W \$10.25/Srs. \$6.75, (less from M. Hill). Leader: Rolande Chapeau. (May park in the Park (free) and join us on the bridge). Heavy snow/rain cancel. Members only.

2/5 SUN, SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF CENTRAL CENTRAL PARK. The Obelisk, Turtle Pond, Belvedere Castle, with its panoramic views, and the Ramble (38 acres of winding wooded trails). Maybe a mile altogether at a very leisurely pace and with quite a few stops. We'll end up around 1 p.m. with lunch at the Boathouse Café—bring your own or buy it there. In case of inclement weather the Central Park visit will be converted into a visit to the Metropolitan Museum, which is right next door and has a policy of “pay what you wish” for admission (\$1 is fine). If we decide to go to the museum, we'll have lunch in its cafeteria. Meet at 11 a.m. on the benches at the SW corner of 85th Street and 5th Ave. (restrooms). Please email or call me to make sure that the walk is on and/or if you have any questions. Bob Susser, rsusser@aol.com, 212-666-4371. Members only.

2/11 SAT, 57TH STREET, RIVER TO RIVER. The northern end of midtown is the nexus between art and commerce. Start by sculptural new building near the Hudson; pass by familiar landmarks like Carnegie Hall and newly erected Billionaire's Row. Continuing east, the walk ends by Sutton Place and the Queensboro Bridge (sorry, Ed Koch). Meet at 11 a.m. outside the cafe on the southwest corner of 57th Street and 11th Avenue. Leader: Robert Halasz. Home 212-866-3563; cell 917-482-9757; email: rjhalasz@gmail.com. Nonmembers, \$3.

2/12 SUN, SMOGGED APPLE EXPEDITION. It will be too cold to go into the woods, so we will walk up the side of Manhattan from the South Ferry. Moderate pace. Prepare for cold. City walk; we will seek to eat in Central Park, weather permitting. Bring poncho, lunch, plenty of water, layered clothing, and good shoes for this cold-weather and possible ice walk. Out late, but a few drop off spots. Optional pizza at end. Meet at South Ferry terminal at base of escalator; call leader to hear information. Take #1 to South Ferry, R to Whitehall, #4 or #5 to Bowling Green. Registration not required, but boat and leader's work schedule requires confirmation via recorded message or email. Nonmembers one-day dues: \$3. Leader/Phone: Brian J., 718-967-0855 to hear recorded message starting 1 week before. Questions best via email: night.hiker.nyc@gmail.com as I have odd hours for work. Email anytime.

2/18 SAT, BRONX BOTANICAL GARDENS, MOSHOLU PARKWAY, AND VAN CORTLANDT PARK WALK & TOUR. 7 miles, moderate pace with some ups & downs. We'll walk along Mosholu Pkwy. to the Botanical Gardens, walk around the grounds, have lunch here, then walk back to the Parkway and end at 242nd Street/Broadway by Van Cortlandt Park (#1 train). Meet at 9 a.m. at Mosholu Pkwy. station (4 train) near the token booth. Bring lunch/water/snack. Hiking boots not necessary unless weather conditions necessitate. Rain/snow/inclement weather cancels; contact leader to be sure. Leader: Joe Palladino, 718-295-7929 (11 a.m.-11 p.m. and up to 8 a.m. the morning of the walk), or email me any time before 8 a.m. the morning of the walk at jpalladino5228@yahoo.com. Members only.

2/19 SUN, WILLIAMSBURG WALK. Moderate pace. Approx. 6 to 8 miles; 5 to 7 hours including lunch. Walk over Queensboro Bridge going through Greenpoint and Williamsburg and over the Williamsburg Bridge. Optional (possibly late) lunch in gentrified section of Williamsburg at Whole Foods. There are many restaurants near Whole foods. Bring water. Walk will end at

subway station on Delancey and Essex Streets in Manhattan. Meet at 59th Street and Lexington Ave. at 10:00 a.m. Take 4, 5, 6, N, R, Q trains to meeting place. Bathrooms at Home Depot on 3rd Ave. nearby. Leader: Ed Leibowitz, 201-332-1709, email: eleibow@verizon.net. Call or email to confirm. Cell phone 201-850-9649 on day of walk only between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Rain or snow on day of walk cancels. Joint with Shorewalkers. Nonmembers of Shorewalkers and Outdoors Club, \$3.

2/19 SUN, ROCKEFELLER STATE PARK PRESERVE. 13 miles on moderate circular hike with some hills. No drop off point. Hike on newly marked different trails, all very scenic. Bring lunch/hot drink. Dress warmly. Good sneakers OK. NO SMOKING ON HIKE. Take the Hudson Line Train from GCT (42nd St) to Philipse Manor at 9:20 AM, from Marble Hill (near 225th St. Station and #1 subway) at 9:42, arriv. 10:16 (TIME CHANGES, CHECK SCHEDULE). Fare: O/W \$10.25/Srs. \$6.75. Leader: Rolande Chapeau. Cars may park near train station. Heavy snow/rain cancel. Members only.

2/25 SAT, BROOKLYN'S "BEST" BLOCKS (PART VI). Sixth in an indeterminate series of hikes aiming to connect some 200 or so "best" blocks in Brooklyn suggested in a series of articles published between 2010 and 2014 in *The L* magazine. Connecting two TBD subway stations. Probably "best blocks" in Red Hook, Carroll Gardens and Park Slope, but perhaps something different. Bring lunch, snacks, and water. 8 to 12 essentially flat miles at a moderately brisk pace on city streets and park paths. E-mail (preferred) or phone leader no earlier than a week before the hike for meeting time and place. Leader: Craig Nunn (551-206-6823 or dystopicnj@gmail.com). Joint hike. Awful or dangerous weather cancels. Contact leader after 7 a.m. morning of hike if uncertain. Members/guests only.

2/25 SAT, BROOKLYN'S CARNEGIE LIBRARIES: EXPLORING THE ARCHITECTURE OF LITERACY. 8 to 10 miles, easy pace, city streets, numerous drop-off points. Bring lunch/water. Visit Brooklyn's historic Carnegie Libraries in Brownsville (including the first Children's Library), Bedford Stuyvesant, Bushwick, Williamsburg, and more! We will go inside each library to appreciate the architecture and discuss writers who got their starts in these amazing spaces. Meet at 10 a.m. sharp at Eastern Parkway Branch, 1044 Eastern Parkway (near Utica Avenue stop on 3 train). Leader: Joyce Zonana, 609-670-1112, joyce.zonana@gmail.com. Nonmembers: \$3.

2/26 SUN, HAMILTON, NJ, TO KINGSTON, NJ, ALONG THE TOWPATH OF THE D&R CANAL. We meet at the ticket windows of New Jersey Transit at Penn Station (near 7th Avenue) at 8:50 a.m. to take NJ Transit train to Hamilton, NJ, from which we will walk to Kingston, NJ, about 11 miles to the north. We may stop to take a look at Breyerly House, an 18th-century landmark. Bring lunch and something to drink, as there will not be any opportunity to buy food along the way. Members only. Any questions call Oliver Wayne, 201-840-4145.

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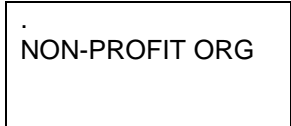
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