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The Outdoors Club is a non-profit 501(c) (3) volunteer-run organization open to all pleasant adults 18 and over that 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 well-being 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! It takes 4-6 weeks to process your renewal, but only 2 weeks if you use PayPal. Some leaders will be asking members for proof of membership, so please carry your membership card or schedule of 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, however, if a leader does not return phone calls or email inquiries presume it was cancelled.

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.

Elections took place and the following officers were elected for one-year: Co-President: Helen Yee; and Treasurer: Al McKee.

VOLUNTEERS: The Club cannot function without volunteers. We need you to lead outings. We do have an outing book, and would be able to supply you with an outing to lead. Please contact Helen at hbmanjee@yahoo.com or 212-348-5344 if you would be able to help.

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.

May and June may be hot, please bring plenty of water, sunscreen, bug spray, and head protection.

Happy Trails,

Richard Lefkowitz, Dorothy Szorc, Helen Mangione-Yee and Craig Nunn

3/4 SAT, SOUTH BRONX WALK (MELROSE/MORRISANIA NEIGHBORHOODS), city walk, about 2-3 miles, rest stops, slow pace, ups/downs. No fast walkers! 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 (3/3) evening ONLY 7pm-8pm (message on answering machine). Nonmembers: \$3.

3/5 SUN, SCULPTURE TO SHIPS PLUS. 3.5 miles, mostly flat. We 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 St station. A blizzard cancels. Bring lunch. Meet at the Classon Ave stop on the G train at 11:30 am. Call to confirm. Leader: Richard Sklar, 718-782-7732. Nonmembers: \$3.

3/5 SUN, HEMPSTEAD LAKE STATE PARK. 6 easy miles, wide paths and no hills. 20 minute walk from station. Meet at the Rockville Centre railroad station in downstairs meeting room (restrooms available) at 11:36 (train leaves Penn Station NYC at 10:55). CHECK SCHEDULE: www.mta.info. The railroad station is across from St. Agnes Church at 29 Quealy. Leader: John S. Email is Finch1149@gmail.com—email contact strongly preferred. Phone: serious calls only, 516-359-1591, texts are preferred. Hike will return to the same spot. Nonmembers: \$3.

3/11 SAT, EARLY 20TH CENTURY STATEN ISLAND NOW OUTDATED INSTITUTION AND VERDI'S LA TRAVIATA. We'll have a short, brisk walk exploring what was the Willowbrook State School for the insane (see Geraldo Rivera's expose on Youtube), the New York City Farm Colony for the poor, and Seabrook Hospital for tuberculosis patients—three institutions to which the city devoted hundreds of acres and almost a hundred buildings, but that lasted only about 50 years. We'll end up at Wagner High School (1200 Manor Road) for the 1:00 free Metropolitan Opera Simulcast of *La Traviata*. Email jean.arrington@gmail.com for the meeting place the week of the walk, or call. All-day rain, treacherous walking conditions, or bitter cold cancels the walk. Leader: Jean Arrington, 646-290-4119. Nonmembers: \$3.

3/12 SUN, MID-MANHATTAN OVAL. 3 miles at a slow steady pace. Meet leader, Bob Ward (718-471-7036, call to confirm after 8:00 pm and NOT on day of the trip) on the NW corner of 34th St. & 7th Ave. at 11:00 am. We will walk west, go thru Farley P.O., come east thru Penn Station, work our way to and thru north side of Madison Sq. Park, up to 35th and end at Herald Sq. Bring lunch & beverage. Members only. Joint w/ other clubs.

3/18 SAT, TRENTON CIRCULAR. 6-7 miles, moderate pace, flat terrain. From Trenton Sta. proceed across historic downtown Trenton, then Delaware & Raritan Canal to Olmsted's Cadwalader Park. Return to station on the canal, the abandoned Del-Bel Railroad, passing the Battle Monument. Bring lunch/water. Rain/snow cancels. Meet: 8:55 Penn Station NJ Transit Ticket indows for 9:14 train. Cost: R/T \$33.50/seniors \$15.30. Leader: Joel Pomerantz 1-212-691-3844. Call to confirm hike before 10 PM. Joint Hike. Members only.

3/19 SUN, LOWER EAST SIDE WALK. About 4 miles. See sites in the Lower East Side. Bring water. We will eat lunch at a neighborhood restaurant. Meet 11 AM at corner of Essex and Delancey Street. Leader: Ellen Juro. Call 212-861-4267 to confirm that walk is on. Nonmembers: \$3.

3/19 SUN, ROOSEVELT ISLAND at a slow steady pace. Meet leaders Ken King (631-991-8170) & Bob Ward (718-471-7036 call to confirm after 8:00 pm and NOT on day of the walk) at 12:00 pm in the food court in the basement of the Citicorp Bldg., 53rd and 3rd Ave. Walk up to 59th & take tram and walk circuit of the island. Bring lunch & beverage. Members only. Joint w/ other clubs.

3/25 SAT, GREAT KILLS TO FORT WADSWORTH. 8-9 miles, moderate pace, flat. After taking the Staten Island Ferry and subway, hike along the boardwalk facing Lower New York Bay and the Verrazano Bridge to Fort Wadsworth with its imposing fortifications! Bring lunch and water. Take No. "1" or "R" train to South Ferry. Meet: upper level Staten Island Ferry Terminal. Must call to confirm hike status and meeting time Friday evening March 24th only. Leader: Ludwig Hendel, 718-626-3983. Members only.

3/25 SAT, LOWER EAST SIDE. 2-3 miles, city walk. Hear some history, see some remaining structures of the fabled Lower East Side in a changing, gentrifying neighborhood. Meet: 1pm, after lunch. Bring liquids; possible stop for refreshment. F train to East Broadway stop, or B, D to Grand St. and walk east on Canal to where it meets East B'wy, then to E. B'wy stop of F train. Meet outside E. B'wy station; I will look for you. L-Susan B.; 718-275-7654. Call to confirm. Joint walk. Members friends only. Nonmembers \$3.

3/26 SUN, SI GREENBELT. 8-9 miles, moderate pace, woods and hills. We will start at Willowbrook Park via the white trail and then on assorted trails to lunch on Moses Mt. Then go to Yukon Ave. Back late, bring water, lunch, trail worthy shoes, and be prepared for both cold and deer ticks (DEET SPRAY). You will take the SI Ferry from Manhattan to meet the leader at the door way of RAMP A. Registration NOT required but calling or emailing to hear confirmation and details is needed. Cost: Ferry is free but round trip MTA bus fare is required. Leader/Phone: Brian J (718-967-0855) or email: night.hiker.nyc@gmail.com. Joint hike. Nonmembers one-day dues: \$3.

3/26 SUN, RIVERSIDE PARK. A relaxed stroll of around 2 miles at a very slow pace—not moderate! (if walking at a slow pace drives you crazy, then PLEASE DON'T COME!), followed by a nice bowl of hot soup (or whatever) at Ollie's in Freedom Place. Riverside Park is widely regarded as Manhattan's most spectacular waterfront park, and one of only eight officially designated scenic landmarks in NYC. Meet at 11am inside the south side of Broadway and 96th St. subway station (96th St. exit) on the #1, 2, or 3 subway line, but outside the turnstiles. Please email or call me to make sure that the walk is on, to let me know you are coming, and if you have any questions. Bob Susser, rsusser@aol.com, 212-666-4371. Members only.

4/1 SAT, GREENPOINT, THE LONGER VERSION. 8 miles, moderate pace. Passing churches and parks we will walk through the mostly industrial east side of Greenpoint, passing movie studios and the Newtown Creek Nature Walk. Then swing south through the historic district with some buildings dating back to the 1850s. Finally, we will go through parks and end at the Bedford Ave stop of the L train. Lunch about 12:30 at an inexpensive Polish restaurant, or bring your own and eat in a park. Expect to end about 5 pm to get a look inside a Russian Orthodox cathedral. Meet 11:15 am at Graham and Metropolitan Aves (Graham Ave stop on the L train). Awful or dangerous weather may cancel. Call to confirm. Leader: Richard Sklar: 718-782-7732. Nonmembers: \$3.

4/2 SUN, UNION SQUARE TO FOLEY SQUARE PLUS. 3 miles at a slow pace w/ frequent stops. Meet leaders Bob Ward (718-471-7036, call to confirm after 8:00 pm and NOT on day of the walk) & Ken King (631-991-8170) on the SE corner on 14th and Broadway at 12:00 pm. we will walk S on Broadway, go through Foley Sq., go around City Hall Park, and end up at the South Street Seaport. Bring lunch and beverage. Members only. Joint w/ other clubs.

4/2 SUN, EXCHANGE PLACE TO WEEHAWKEN along the Hudson River waterfront, taking in the scenic views. 5 to 6 miles, with some ups and downs, at a moderate pace. See dueling location of Burr and Hamilton. Rain cancels. Duration: 4 to 5 hours. Bring lunch and water. Meet at Exchange Place PATH TERMINAL in front of Katyn Memorial statue at 11:00 A.M. Take PATH train from WTC to Exchange Place; get off at first stop. Must call 201-332-1709, eleibow@verizon.net, to confirm walk status. Joint walk. Cellphone 201-850-9649 on day of hike only between 10:00 and 11:00 A.M. Nonmembers of Shorewalkers and Outdoors Club, \$3.

4/8 SAT, BYRAM RIVER GORGE. 6 miles moderate. See evergreen trees that stay green all year round. Bring lunch and an extra pair of socks. Meet: Grand Central Terminal, Upper Level Information Booth at 9:25 AM. Cost: Round Trip approx. \$20, half price from the Bronx. Bring Metrocard. Leader: Mayer Wiesen, 1-516-671-2095. Call to confirm to 10:30 PM. Joint hike. Members only.

4/8 SAT, MORNINGSIDE HEIGHTS TO WEST HARLEM. About 4.5 miles in upper Manhattan, moderately paced w/a few gentle ups & downs. Visits to Columbia campus &, via Morningside Park & Manhattanville, to the City College campus as well. Continue through lovely Hamilton Heights, pause at Trinity Cemetery (to give our greetings to JJ Audubon, Ed Koch & Ralph Ellison), visit an exhibition at the American Academy of Arts & Letters & end up near 145th St. & Broadway. Bring lunch and beverage. Possible early dinner option. Meet 11:15AM at the gateway to the Columbia campus (116th St. & Broadway). Take #1 train to 116th St. Broadway or the M104 bus from W96th St. & Broadway to our meeting point. Steady rain (or snow, go know) cancels. Call to confirm during week of walk. Leader: Devra Zetlan, 212-662-8922. Non-members: \$3.

4/9 SUN, SANDY HOOK AND FORT HANCOCK. Distance: 15 miles. Walk from Highlands, NJ into Sandy Hook and to Fort Hancock Historic District. Beautiful vistas of Highlands, NJ; Sea Bright, NJ, and Raritan Bay. Pass a 19th century life-saving station. View buildings in Fort Hancock from another era. See what a 19th century Army post looked like. No drop out points. Walk is linear, in and out. Important: bring water and lunch. There is no place to buy lunch. Take 8:00 a.m. Academy bus, Route 36 to Highlands, NJ, from Port Authority Bus Terminal, arrive Highlands, NJ at 9:23 a.m. Meet at commuter statue no later than 7:45 a.m. Fare: round trip: \$34.00/\$17.00 seniors 62 and over. Rain cancels. The r/t fare may be a little high, but the beauty of the scenery is worth it. Leader: Bill Wrublewski. Cell: 646-369-0279. Email: summer.time101@verizon.net. Nonmembers: \$3.

4/15 SAT, BRONX BOTANICAL GARDEN. Should be a perfect day to visit the Garden. Daffodils, magnolias, cherries, lilacs, crab apples, and tulips should all be in bloom. Then we'll walk through NYC's only primeval forest. After lunch, those who wish can visit the orchid show in the conservatory (admission fee). A relaxed stroll of around 2 miles at a very slow pace—not moderate! (if walking at a slow pace drives you crazy, then PLEASE DON'T COME!). Take the 9:25 Harlem Line train from Grand Central, arriving at the "Botanical Garden" Station at 9:44. Get "City Ticket" \$4. Alternatively, take the 4 or D subway to "Bedford Park Blvd." and then the #26 bus east to the Mosholu Gate entrance—or, the 2 subway to "Allerton Ave." and then the #26 bus west to the entrance. Meet just inside the Mosholu Gate at 9:45. Admission to the Garden is free until 10am on Saturdays. If driving, park in the parking facility by the station (\$12) or on a nearby street (free). No coordination of rides. The 3:37 train gets you back to Grand Central at 3:59, or you can take the bus and subway back. Lunch in the cafeteria (reasonable). No pets; no smoking. Please email or call me to make sure that the visit is on, to let me know you are coming, and if you have any questions. Bob Susser 212-666-4371; rsusser@aol.com. Members only.

4/16 SUN, BROOKLYN WALK starting in Coney Island. Meet Coney Island in front of Nathans. Walk about 8 miles. Look for email week before walk. Email walklover@gmail.com or call to confirm with Helen 212-348-5344 on 4/15 Saturday evening 7-9 P.M. ONLY. Nonmembers: \$3.

4/22 SAT, PELHAM BAY PARK, ORCHARD BEACH, AND CITY ISLAND. 7 miles, moderately paced walk. We will traverse some beautiful wooded trails, most notably, the Kazimiroff Nature Trail in Orchard Beach and then move on to some little-known sites on City Island, such as the Pelham Cemetery. MEET 1PM, after lunch, on the park side of the No. 6 Pelham Bay Train Station. Bring water/snack. Hiking boots are not necessary unless ground conditions warrant them. Rain/inclement weather cancels—contact leader to be sure. Leader: Joe Palladino, 718-295-7929/jpalladino5228@yahoo.com. Call any day between 10AM-10PM or email up to 11AM on day of walk. MEMBERS ONLY.

4/22 SAT, SETAUKET TO PORT JEFFERSON GREENWAY. 8-9 miles, moderate pace, flat. Hike the Greenway from the Port Jefferson Station to Stony Brook followed by an optional loop around the Stony Brook Campus. Bring lunch and water. Meet: Penn Station L.I.R.R. Level at the ticket counters. Must call for hike status and meeting time Friday evening April 21 only. Leader: Ludwig Hendel, 718-626-3983. Members only.

4/22 SAT, TCHAIKOVSKY'S *EUGENE ONEGIN* 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 *Eugene Onegin*. 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. All-day rain, treacherous walking conditions, or bitter cold cancels the walk. Leader: Jean Arrington, 646-290-4119. Nonmembers: \$3.

4/22 SAT, SUNNYSIDE TO LONG ISLAND CITY/EAST & WEST. About 5 miles in Queens, level and moderately paced. We'll tour Sunnyside Gardens (the 1st example of a planned community in the US) & then walk east to Greenpoint Ave. which we'll follow into a less developed part of Long Island City, see what's happening there & at a "foodie" destination, the Falchi Building, & continue across the train yard to the waterside park with its adjacent densely developed residential towers. Meet 1PM at the NW corner of Queens Boulevard and 46th St. Take the #7 train (make sure it's running locally) to 46th-Bliss St. (or take shuttle bus if weekend service on #7 is out). Steady rain cancels. Leader: Devra Zetlan, 212-662-8922. Joint with UTC. Nonmembers: \$3.

4/23 SUN, RUMSON, N.J. Distance: 15miles. Sea Bright, NJ to Red Bank, NJ via Rumson, Little Silver, and Fair Haven. A moderate-paced walk through Rumson, NJ, which calls itself the borough beautiful, and for good reason, because it is beautiful. Rumson is one of the wealthiest communities in the United States Then through Little Silver and Fair Haven, wealthy communities that border Rumson, then on to Red Bank, a quaint town reminiscent of a town circa 1900. No drop out points. Meet: Port Authority bus station by the commuter statue no later than 7:45 a.m. to get the 8:00 a.m. Academy bus to Sea Bright (we take bus route 36). Bus arrives in Sea Bright at 9:31 a.m. Fare: Bus fare: \$17.00/\$8.50 senior, one way; train fare: \$16.00/\$7.35 senior. Total fares: \$33.00/\$15.85 senior. Important: bring lunch and water as there is no place to buy lunch. The r/t fare may be a little high, but the beauty of the scenery is worth it. Leader: Bill Wrublewski. Cell: 646-369-0279. Email: summer.time101@verizon.net. Nonmembers: \$3.

4/23 SUN, SPRAIN RIDGE PARK. 8 miles, moderate pace with some ups and downs, wilderness terrain. From Ardsley-on-Hudson Sta. south on Old Croton Aqueduct, proceed to the trail systems of Hillside Park and woods. Using various unmarked trails hike the length of Sprain Ridge Park ending at Ridge Hill Mall. Return by Bee-line bus No. 78. Bring lunch/water, wear hiking boots. Rain cancels. Meet: GCT Info kiosk at 9:00 AM for 9:20 train. Cost: R/T \$8.75/seniors \$5.75 plus Metrocard. Leader: Joel Pomerantz 1-212-691-3844, must call to confirm hike before 10 PM. Members only.

4/23 SUN, RANDALL'S ISLAND/PORT MORRIS. About six miles on easy, flat ground and city streets. A guided tour will acquaint us with the meadows, gardens, and wetlands of this island, located in the East River between Manhattan, Queens, and the Bronx. Bring lunch and dine al fresco at the northern end. Then continue into the Bronx via a short causeway and investigate the seldom-visited Port Morris neighborhood. Meet 9:30 at 102 Street and First Avenue to take the footbridge to the island. Arrive at the meeting place by M15 bus or no. 6 subway train to 103 Street, then walking East from stop. Leader: Robert Halasz (cell 917-482-9757, or rjhalasz@gmail.com. Call to confirm. Nonmembers: \$3.

4/29 SAT, 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 10:30am inside the Dana Discovery Center (bathrooms!), a short walk east inside the entrance to the park at 110 St. and Lenox Ave. Please email or call me to make sure that the walk is on, to let me know you are coming, and if you have any questions. Bring lunch and beverage. Bob Susser, rsusser@aol.com. 212-666-4371. Members only.

4/29 SAT, OLD AND NEW CHELSEA, HIGH LINE (OPTIONAL). 3 miles easy pace. Historic area, 19th century buildings, houses of worship, and Chelsea Pier. High Line optional. Meet 11:30 am, 14 St. and 8th Ave., NW corner. Take A, C, E, or L to 14 St. and 8th Av. L-Susan B; 718-275-7654; call to confirm. Joint walk; members, friends only; nonmembers \$3.

4/30 SUN, SI GREENBELT. 10-11 miles, moderate pace, woods and hills. We will start at Clove Lake Park via the Blue, Yellow and assorted trails to lunch on Moses Mt. Then go to Yukon Ave. Back late, bring water, lunch, trail worthy shoes and be prepared for both cold and deer ticks (DEET SPRAY). You will take the SI Ferry from Manhattan to meet the leader at the door way of RAMP A. Registration NOT required but calling or emailing to hear confirmation and details is needed. Cost: Ferry is free but round trip MTA bus fare required. Leader: Brian J (718-967-0855) or email: night.hiker.nyc@gmail.com. Joint hike. Nonmembers: \$3.

4/30 SUN, BROOKLYN WALK. Walk about 6 miles. Meet 4th Avenue and 9th Street. Walk in Prospect Park. Look for email week before walk. Email walklover@gmail.com or call to confirm with Helen 212-348-5344 on 4/29 Saturday evening 7-9 P.M. ONLY. Nonmembers: \$3.

5/6 SAT, HOBOKEN JERSEY CITY SHORE LOOP. About 5 mostly flat miles. From Hoboken terminal along the shore to Stevens Institute then inland to some interesting areas of Hoboken and Jersey City including a couple of private streets. Return to the start via the Hudson shoreline. Take PATH train to Hoboken and meet at 11 am in the NJ Transit waiting room. Awful or dangerous weather cancels. Bring lunch, water. Call to confirm and for exact meeting spot as the station may still be under repair. Leader: Richard Sklar, 718-782-7732. Nonmembers: \$3.

5/6 SAT, CHERRY BLOSSOMS IN BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDEN. Meet leaders Ken King (631-991-8170) & Bob Ward (718-471-7036 call to confirm after 8:00 pm and NOT on day the trip) in front of the Eastern Parkway entrance to the Garden. We will walk thru the garden admiring one of the largest collection of cherry trees and the United States and see the new water garden. Bring lunch & beverage or buy in café. Members only. Joint with other clubs.

5/7 SUN, TESSIE MCNAMARA/KINGSLAND EXPLOSION 100th ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL HIKE. Wander about the Meadowlands (including DeKorte Park) and adjacent Lyndhurst, NJ connecting sites associated with the 1917 Kingsland Explosion and its heroine, Tessie McNamara. 8-12 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 AM morning of the hike if uncertain. Members and guests only.

5/7 SUN, LOWER STATEN ISLAND HIKE. 7-8 miles. Moderate pace on rocky beach, woods and town walk. We will start in the town of Tottenville and leader will talk about its past, then on to a nice undeveloped beach trip where the sun/wind can give varied temp results, finally a bit of woods. Bring lunch, water, trail worthy shoes, deer tick repellent and enthusiasm. Registration NOT required but calling or emailing to hear confirmation and details is needed as leader's work schedule changes. You will take the boat from Manhattan and meet leader in Staten Island in the ferry terminal. Cost: Ferry free then round trip MTA MetroCard fare required. Leader: 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. Nonmembers: \$3.

5/7 SUN, CENTRAL PARK TREES (SOUTHERN). A relaxed stroll partly along the southern Central Park "tree trail" described in the book "New York City Trees" by Ned Barnard (around \$12 at Amazon) passing through the Mall, with its row of large shady elms, as well as the Conservatory Water, Cedar Hill, Belvedere Castle, and the Ramble, and ending at the Boathouse Café around 1pm for lunch (reasonable). Both tree experts (whose assistance will be much appreciated) and complete beginners are cordially welcome. Of course, the walk will proceed at a snail's pace with many stops to look at and identify trees. Meet 10:30am inside the entrance of the Time-Warner building on 59th & Broadway. Please email or call me to make sure that the walk is on, to let met know you are coming, and if you have any questions. Bob Susser 212-666-4371; rsusser@aol.com. Members only.

5/10 WED, MORRIS CANAL TOWPATH—NETCONG TO HACKETTSTOWN. 12-14 miles, moderate pace, flat. Follow the unique Morris Canal with its incline planes from Netcong past locks and reservoirs along the scenic Musconetcong River, Old Waterloo Village on towpaths and country roads to Hackettstown. Return by train (weekday service only). Bring lunch and water. Meet: PABT by white commuter statues for bus: o.w. to Netcong. Must call for hike status and meeting time Tuesday evening May 9 only. Leader: Ludwig Hendel, 718-626-3983. Members only.

5/13 SAT, SHOREWALK: SHEEPSHEAD BAY TO FLOYD BENNETT AIRFIELD. 7 miles. Moderate-brisk paced flat hike. Combination of beaches and pathways. A visit to Hanger B, displaying many vintage WW II aircraft (some in stages of restoration). Possible hike extension across the Marine Park Bridge. Meet: 9:30 AM outside the Q/B Sheepshead Bay Road station in Brooklyn (Sheepshead Bay Road Exit). Bring lunch and water. Leader: Marvin Malater. Phone: 718-376-3608. Call for hike statue. Nonmembers: \$3.

5/13 SAT, NORTH BRONX WALK. About 4 miles, moderately paced. A little loop in the upper reaches of the Grand Concourse, then tour Lehman College (CUNY) campus with a visit to its art gallery & conclude with exploration of the nearby areas of Kingsbridge Heights & Van Cortlandt Village. We'll be in pursuit of a little mystery (a shrine) & some history (United Nations beginnings, the WAVES, exemplary worker housing, the Jerome Park Reservoir & its parks & fortifications). Unavoidable but manageable ups & downs, due the area's craggy topography. Steady rain cancels. Bring snacks & water. Meet 12:30PM at NW corner of Grand Concourse & Bedford Park Blvd. Take "D" train to "Bedford Park Boulevard" or #4 train to "Bedford Pk. Blvd.-Lehman College" (from the #4, walk a few blocks east on the Boulevard to the Concourse). Call to confirm during week of walk. Leader: Devra Zelan, 212-662-8922. Joint with UTC. Nonmembers: \$3.

5/14 SUN, BROOKLYN BRIDGE TO CHINATOWN. About 5-8 miles at a brisk & steady pace, mostly on paved streets. We start walking from York & Jay Streets in Brooklyn walking to Adams & Plymouth Streets to view a public art exhibition displayed under the Brooklyn Bridge and then head to Myrtle Ave. where there is another pubic art exhibition showing various

sculptures in the park. We next walk to Atlantic & Flatbush Avenues to taste the products of its Middle Eastern stores. We continue to the East River in Brooklyn to see Brooklyn Bridge Park and Pier 6 where there is free ferry service to Governors Island (Memorial Day—Labor Day, 11:00 am-5 pm). We also walk through the Swing Bridge to reach Dumbo, with possible tastes of free sample hot/cold chocolate. Finally, we walk over the Brooklyn Bridge to have an optional post-lunch snack at a Chinese café/restaurant in Chinatown. Meet 10:30 am on the corner of York & Jay Street in Brooklyn. Take the F train to York Street. Metrocard fares. Bring lunch and water. Dress according to the weather. Heavy rain/storm cancels the walk. **NO FLIP-FLOP FOOTWEAR and NO SLOW WALKERS PLEASE.** Leader: Youn: 718-392-4645. Call for the walk status on the week of the walk (no calls after 9:30 pm). Members only.

5/20 SAT, OLD CROTON AQUEDUCT. 5 easy level miles. Enjoy the colorful Hudson River from Upper Yonkers to Irvington. Bring lunch/water. Meet by Van Cortlandt Park at 242 Street and Broadway at 10 AM for the Yonkers bus. Bring Metrocard. Leader: Mayer Wiesen, 1-516-671-2095. Call to confirm evenings to 10:30 PM. Joint hike. Members only.

5/20 SAT, RED HOOK, BROOKLYN. About 4 miles, level, moderately paced. A quick walk down from Brooklyn Heights through its charming Willowtown area, then a bit of Brooklyn Bridge Park, after which we begin our leisurely walk to & through the distinctive cityscape of Red Hook, enjoying its watery vistas, industrial relics, art spaces & other attractions. Take #2 or #3 to “Clark St.-Brooklyn Heights” & meet just outside station on Clark St. Steady rain cancels. Optional early dinner in a Middle Eastern restaurant on Atlantic Avenue. Meet 1 PM (after lunch). Bring water and snacks. Joint with UTC. Leader: Devra Zetlan, 212-662-8922. Call to confirm during week of walk. Nonmembers: \$3.

5/20 SAT, VAN CORTLANDT PARK AND “LITTLE IRELAND”. 5 miles, moderately paced walk. We will cover a variety of trails and finish with the John Muir Trail (the only East-West trail in the park!) en route to the neighborhood of Woodlawn aka “Little Ireland”. We finish the walk here except for an optional snack in an Irish bakery or some heavier fare in an Irish pub. MEET AT 1PM, after lunch, on the park side of the No. 1 Van Cortlandt Park Train Station. Bring water/snack. Hiking boots are not necessary unless ground conditions warrant them. Rain/inclement weather cancels—contact leader to be sure. LEADER: Joe Palladino, 718-295-7929/jpalladino5228@yahoo.com. Call any day between 10AM-10PM; call/email up to 11AM on day of walk. MEMBERS ONLY.

5/20 SAT, BRONX-MANHATTAN WALK. About 6 miles, some hills, moderate pace. We will walk the Bronx Aqueduct, view the Hudson from the High Bridge, see the Morris Jumel Mansion and Sylvan Terrace. Bring lunch and water. Please call 917 842 9490 for time and meeting place. You may call any time 24/7 starting Wed. Leader: Lenny Morgenstern. Nonmembers: \$3.

5/21 SUN, SUNSET PARK. This polyglot Brooklyn neighborhood takes in Chinese and Hispanic areas, an old maritime terminal, a new waterfront park, a redeveloped Industry City, and the park itself, which offers a magnificent view of the harbor. Expect to walk six miles, mostly on level ground. We'll meet at noon outside the Eighth Avenue N train stop and fortify ourselves with lunch at a Chinese food court. Leader: Robert Halasz (917-482-9757), or rjhalasz@gmail.com. Call to confirm. Nonmembers: \$3.

5/27 SAT, CANARSIE. About 5 miles, relaxed pace, drop out spot. Honestly, there's not much to see in Canarsie. But, if you want a rare chance to explore this neighborhood that most have heard of, but few have visited now's the time. Meet 11 am at Rockaway Pkwy—last stop on the L train by the turnstiles. (Poor toilets in station.) Bring lunch, water. Nasty weather cancels. Call to confirm. Leader: Richard Sklar, 718-782-7732. Nonmembers: \$3.

5/27 SAT (Memorial Day Weekend), AIR SHOW AT JONES BEACH—AIR FORCE THUNDERBIRDS, ARMY GOLDEN KNIGHTS, AND OTHERS. (Jones Beach call: 516-785-1600 for information). Meet 8:45 a.m. at parking lot 4, southeast side of the benches, at the east tunnel leading to the center mall (flags). There is a bus/LIRR package. Ask bus driver to let you off at the Center Mall. Follow the path toward the flags, and then take the path on your right. This path will turn and lead to the tunnel under the road; this tunnel leads to the SE side of parking lot 4. Bring chair or blanket to sit on the beach to watch the air show. After the show ends—approx. 3 p.m., we will walk to the boardwalk and enjoy the exhibits and displays. Parking fee (\$\$\$00) will be collected, free with Empire Pass. Can wear shorts or swimsuit; bring lunch, liquid, sunscreen, sun-hat, sunglasses and binoculars. If you plan on arriving late please let me know so I can attempt to leave space for you. The beach gets crowded very fast. FYI the show is also Sunday. If lost the day of the show call leader Joanne's cell @ 516-503-3069 (will only be active the day of the hike). I can only answer after I am parked so please be patient. After fun on the South Shore,

there may be a great fireworks display on the North Shore. We will head there (after stopping for dinner). Arriving early will give us time to visit some really interesting architecture, or just hang out on the beach, after getting a prime parking and viewing spot. Those that came by train will be dropped off at the LIRR after the fireworks. Leader: Joanne Tow. (h) 516-931-2073. Nonmembers: \$3.

5/27 SAT, CITY ISLAND, BRONX. 2-3 miles, easy pace. Sea air, tiny island, short streets, fish based eateries. Lunch at end of main drag, bring liquids. Meet indoors at subway turnstile at Pelham Bay Park stop of #6 train (last stop) at 11am. Allow time for restroom before boarding bus, Bx. 29, City Island. Get off first stop City Island. L-Susan B.; 718-275-7654; call to confirm. Joint walk. Members, friends only. Nonmembers \$3.

5/28 SUN, BRIDGEBAGGING NEWTOWN CREEK. Cross every pedestrian accessible bridge (there aren't many) over Newtown Creek and its tributaries, checking out interesting things along the way. 8-12 miles at a moderately brisk pace on city streets and occasional 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 AM morning of hike if uncertain. Members and guests only.

5/29 MON, ROOSEVELT ISLAND, about 3 miles, easy/slow pace, rest stops. No fast walkers! We'll 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. Leader: Helen Mangione-Yee call ONLY morning of walk 9-10 AM to confirm 212-348-5344. Nonmembers: \$3.

6/3 SAT, NOTTINGHAM PARK AND VICINITY. 2 miles, easy pace. Visit old roads and old houses, and learn history of area. Optional early dinner in area. Meet: 3 PM at token booth Q train, Avenue M Station. Leader: Alan Hecht 1-718-252-2161 call to confirm week of walk evenings before 10 PM. Nonmembers: \$3.

6/4 SUN, WALKILL VALLEY RAIL TRAIL (PART 2), ROSENDALE TO KINGSTON, 8 miles, moderate pace, flat on gravel and paved dirt. E-mail (preferred) or phone leader the week of the hike for details including meeting time and place. Inclement weather cancels. Bring water/lunch. Leader: Yon Lee, 718-638-0010, yonderwalker@gmail.com. Nonmembers: \$3.

6/10 SAT, MANITOU NATURE PRESERVE: OUTWARD BOUND TRAILS. 6 miles on forested trail paths and winding creeks. Vivid views from high banks overlooking the Hudson River. A moderate pace through flat terrain and small hills. Bring food and water. Meet: Grand Central Terminal by the big clock at the Information Booth. Tentative schedule: Hudson Line Train departs 8:43 AM arriving Manitou at 9:55 AM, return from Manitou at 4:26 PM, arriving GCT at 5:48 PM. Leader: Marvin Malater 718-376-3608. Call for hike status or information. Nonmembers: \$3.

6/10 SAT, WALLKILL RAIL TRAIL – NEW PALTZ TO KINGSTON. 15 miles, moderate pace, flat (optional dropout at 8 miles). Hike this scenic rail trail, crossing the Walkkill River and lakes passing the Rosendale R.R. trestle, the ruins of cement-kilns and furnaces out to Kingston. Bring lunch and water. Meet: Grand Central Terminal Info. Booth for 7:43 A.M. train departure, o.w. to Poughkeepsie and bus to New Paltz. Must call for hike status and meeting time Friday evening June 9 only. Leader: Ludwig Hendel, 718-626-3983. Members only.

6/10 SAT, FORT TRYON & INWOOD HILL PARKS. A relaxed stroll of around 2 miles at a very slow pace—not moderate! (if walking at a slow pace drives you crazy, then PLEASE DON'T COME!). Take the "A" train to 190 St. and then the elevator up to Fort Washington Ave.—or take the #4 bus directly to 190 St and Fort Washington Ave. Meet 11 a.m. by the benches at the entrance to Fort Tryon Park on Margaret Corbin Circle. After a stop at the New Leaf Café (restrooms), 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). Then we'll visit the Cloisters 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). Buy lunch in the café in the Cloisters (around \$11), or bring your own. 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! (Early out at Dyckman St. or by taking the #4 bus from the Cloisters.) The walk should end around 4 with a pause for refreshment at the Indian Road Café on 218 St. (near the 215 St. stop on the #1 subway). Call or email me to make sure the hike is on, to let me know you are coming, and if you have any questions. Bob Susser 212-666-4371; rsusser@aol.com. Members only.

6/11 SUN, BAYARD CUTTING ARBORETUM, GREAT RIVER. Please reserve the date and contact leader, Bob Ward (718-471-7036 after 8:00 pm) at least ONE WEEK in advance for meeting time and place.

6/17 SAT, BRIGHTON BEACH, CONEY ISLAND TO SEAGATE. 2 1/2-3 miles, easy pace. Eat at BB restaurant or bring your own lunch. (Bring liquids). Then to boardwalk, passing all these areas, amusement parks, hot dog stands, aquarium, baseball field, beautiful subway station at Stillwell. Meet 12 noon before lunch, at Brighton Beach stop of Q or B; exit at MANNED main booth, water side of Brighton Beach Ave. L-Susan B.; 718-275-7654; call to confirm. Joint walk; members only; friends \$3.

6/18 SUN, CONEY ISLAND TO SHEEPSHEAD BAY along boardwalk from Coney Island to Manhattan Beach. Lunch and possible swim at Manhattan Beach. From Manhattan Beach walk will continue along Shore Boulevard to West End Avenue, where we'll stop to visit the Holocaust Memorial. Walk will end at Sheepshead Bay Q-subway station. Flat terrain, moderate pace, 4-5 hours, approximate distance 4-6 miles. Bring lunch/water and bathing suit. Rain cancels. Meeting Place & Time – Meet in front of Nathan's, across street from subway station at 11:00 A.M. Take D, F, Q subways and exit at Surf & Stillwell Avenues. Rain cancels. Joint walk. Must call or email to confirm walk status Ed Leibowitz, 201-332-1709, eleibow@verizon.net. Cell phone 201-850-9649 only on day of walk after 10:00 A.M. Nonmembers of Shorewalkers and Outdoors Club, \$3.

6/24 SAT, WESTSIDE RIVER WALK. About 6-7 miles at a moderate pace, mostly on paved streets. Starting from Riverside Park and walking along the path to the waterfront to walk on the promenades. We will reach the High Line, the elevated 1930's freight rail track which has been transformed into a wild wonderland of city wilderness. We will also view the flower gardens of St. Luke's Church. An optional late post-lunch snack at small Joe's pizza as well as Grom's Ice Cream. Take #1, 2, or 3 train to 72nd Street. Bring lunch, water and snacks. Dress according to the weather. Meet 10:00 A.M. @ 72 Street & Broadway at Trader Joe's lobby. Heavy rain or bad weather conditions cancels. Call for the walk status a day before, no later than 9:30 P.M. PLEASE NO SLOW WALKERS AND NO FLIP-FLOP FOOT WEAR. Leader: Youn. Phone: 917-670-3845. Members only.

6/25 SUN, SI GREENBELT. 10-11 miles, moderate pace, woods and hills. We will start at Clove Lake Park via the Blue, Yellow and assorted trails to lunch of Moses Mt. Then go to Yukon Ave. Back late, bring water, lunch, trail worthy shoes and be prepared for both heat and deer ticks (DEET SPRAY). You will take the SI Ferry from Manhattan to meet the leader at the doorway of RAMP A. Registration NOT required but calling or emailing to hear confirmation and details is needed. Cost: Ferry is free but round trip MTA bus fare required. Leader: Brian J (718-967-0855) or email: night.hiker.nyc@gmail.com. Joint hike. Nonmembers: \$3.

6/25 SUN, SOUTH FERRY TO BROOKLYN HEIGHTS. Moderate 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 stony 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). Severe weather cancels. Leader: Maria P., for questions or confirmation, text/call to 347-990-5766 the night before the walk (after 6 pm) for message on answering machine. Nonmembers: \$3.

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