



2018 WALK SCHEDULE



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

- **Sunday, January 28th, 8:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., "Stump Dam"**. "Hiker Jim" Murphy will take you to the Gumboot then Black Diamond Road to Blackwood and then Stump Dam. You'll follow the old Lehigh Railroad to Silverton. Meet at Llewellyn Hose parking lot. (9 miles, easy) This walk goes on even with light snow on ground.
- **Sunday, January 28th, 2:00-4:30 p.m., "Fort Dietrich Snyder and Appalachian Trail"**. Located on top of Blue Mountain at Rte.183. A short hike to a monument for the fort location. See a natural spring along an abandoned farm pond and continue to hike the AT. Meet at Rte. 183 on top of Blue Mountain. (3 miles, easy)
- **Saturday, February 24th, 10:00-11:00 a.m., "Cabin Fever Walk"**. "Porcupine Pat" guarantees that this walk will cure your fever! Meet at the Waterfall Road parking lot of Sweet Arrow Lake Park. (3 miles, moderate)
- **Sunday, February 25th, 8:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., "County View"**. "Hiker Jim" offers plenty to see including the "88" and diversion canal plus "The Old Jerk" and a spectacular view of County Schuylkill. Meet behind Mt. Pleasant Hose Company in Buck Run on Rte. 901. (8.4 miles, easy)
- **Sunday, March 11th, 8:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., "Broad Mtn. Bench Trail"**. Trek the old Mine Hill and Schuylkill Haven Railbed and historic Centre Turnpike with "Hiker Jim." There is a lot to see on this dog friendly hike. Meet at 806 Valley Road, Pine Knot. (10.6 miles, easy)
- **Sunday, March 25th, 2:00- 4:00 p.m., "Tri-Valley Trail Trek"**. "Porcupine Pat" takes you on a wilderness-like experience in the outskirts of Hegins. Meet in front of Tri-Valley High School in Hegins. (3 miles, moderate)
- **Sunday, April 8th, 8:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., "West Creek Headwaters and Waterfall Hike"**. Start on Old Airport Road with "Hiker Jim" as you follow the stream to the waterfall and end in Forestville. The downhill is rocky in spots. Meet outside of 901 Pub on Old Airport Road. (8 miles, moderate)
- **Saturday, April 14th, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., "Rausch Gap"**. State Park Education Specialist Robin Tracey takes you on a hike up the mountain and across to the Village of Rausch Gap. There will be one difficult stream crossing. You'll be taken back in time! Meet at the concrete pad at the state game lands parking lot on Gold Mine Road off Rte. 443 outside of Pine Grove. Bring a lunch and dogs are welcome but must be leashed. (9.5 miles, difficult)
- **Sunday, April 15th, 1:00-3:30 p.m., "Peak Experience"**. Traverse the top of the Blue Mountain above Port Clinton on this trek that features an overlook and charcoal history. Meet "Porcupine Pat" at the entrance to Conrad Weiser State Forest along Rte. 61 northbound just north of Port Clinton. (3-4 miles, moderate)
- **Saturday, April 28th, 1:00-4:00 p.m., "Spring Wildflower Walk"**. Naturalist Mike Centeleghe helps you to enjoy the many beautiful flowers of Frog Hollow which is managed by the South Schuylkill Garden Club. Meet in the parking lot of Frog Hollow on Stone Mountain Road just outside of Friedensburg. Open to all ages. (2 miles, easy)
- **Sunday, May 6th, 8:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., "Dyer Run Gorge"**. "Hiker Jim" leads you on this Gorge Trail that was re-opened in 2014. Walk in a wilderness area then downhill on "Stephen's Road." Meet at 806 Valley Road in Pine Knot. (7 miles, moderate)
- **Saturday, May 19th, 10:00 am.-3:00 p.m., "Silver Creek Fire Tower & Reservoir Hike"**. Meet Robin Tracey at the Locust Lake State Park parking lot to carpool. We'll go to the reservoir then down to the fire tower for lunch. Bring a lunch and dogs are welcome but must be leashed. (8 miles, difficult)
- **Saturday, May 19th, 1:00-3:00 p.m., "SCEETR Sojourn"**. Visit the site of a major watershed improvement project managed by Schuylkill Headwaters. "Porcupine Pat" leads this walk that features mine water drainage being cleaned before it empties into the nearby river. Meet at the New Philadelphia Post Office along Rte. 209. (3 miles, moderate)
- **Saturday, June 9th, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., "Cold Springs"**. Cold Springs at Hawk Watch, Fort Indiantown Gap. **You must register for this walk by calling Robin at 570-467-2506.** Bring a lunch. **No dogs please.** Meet at the AT parking lot at Rtes. 443 & 72 to carpool. (8 miles, moderate)
- **Sunday, June 10th, 8:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., "Mine Hill to Mine Hill Gap"**. "Hiker Jim" offers another view of Broad Mountain. See strip mine regrowth, the "black desert", Mine Hill Gap and views of Heckscherville Valley. Meet at Sunbury Road and Hillside Road. (7 miles, easy)
- **Saturday, June 16th, 1:00-4:00 p.m., "St. Anthony's Wilderness Walk"**. Hike Pennsylvania's second largest roadless area with Mike Centeleghe who will also teach you about the trees of Penn's Woods. Open to all ages. Meet in State Game Lands 211 parking lot on Gold Mine Road. (3 miles, moderate)
- **Saturday, July 7th, 2:00-4:00 p.m., "Rte. 61 Schuylkill River Trail Segment"**. Hike a new stretch of the Bartram Trail, aka Schuylkill River Trail, with "Porcupine Pat". Scenic views from Tumbling Run to Seven Stars. Meet at the Schuylkill County Ag Center for carpool to the trailhead. (2 miles, easy)
- **Saturday, July 21st, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., "Sweet Arrow Splash"**. Join Mike Centeleghe for a walk around the lake at our first county park. End up at the Waterfall Pavilion area to catch and observe some aquatic critters. Open to all ages. Meet at the Waterfall Road parking lot. (3 miles, easy)

- **Saturday, July 21st, 10:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m., “Trout Run”.** Robin Tracey leads you on this hike near the creek that includes a visit to the Bordner Cabin. Dogs must be leashed and bring a lunch. Meet at the Trout Run Trailhead located just off Rte. 443 in Swatara State Park. (8 miles, moderate)
- **Sunday, July 22nd, 8:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., “Broad Mt. Bench Trail”.** Trek the old Mine Hill and Schuylkill Haven Railbed and historic Centre Turnpike with “Hiker Jim.” There is lots to see on this dog friendly hike. Meet at 806 Valley Road, Pine Knot. (10.6 miles, easy)
- **Saturday, August 11th, 1:00-4:00 p.m., “Swatara State Park Stroll”.** Hike the Swatara State Park with Mike Centeleghe to view natural beauty and see some of nature’s edibles. Open to all ages. (3 miles, moderate)
- **Saturday, August 18th, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., “Long Loop Hike”.** You will hike with Robin Tracey on most of the trails in Tuscarora State Park. See great lake views and cross the dam breast. We finish our hike on the Spirit of Tuscarora Trail. Dogs must be leashed and bring a lunch. Meet at the Crow Trail parking lot at Tuscarora State Park. (8 miles, moderate)
- **Sunday, August 19th, 8:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., “West Creek Headwaters and Waterfall Hike”.** Start on Old Airport Road in Mt. Pleasant with “Hiker Jim” as you follow the stream to the waterfall and end in Forestville. The downhill is rocky in spots. Nice shady walk! Meet outside of 901 Pub on Old Airport Road. (8 miles, moderate)
- **Sunday, August 26th, 2:00-4:00 p.m., “Frackville Foray”.** Hike leader John Domalakes showcases the grave of Frackville founder Daniel Frack and then an awesome overlook of the Mahanoy Valley. Meet at St. Joseph’s Church on North Line Street, Frackville. (3 miles, easy)
- **Monday, September 3rd, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., “Wolf Creek Falls & Reservoir Hike”.** Meet Robin Tracey at the east end of the Wal-Mart parking lot in Saint Clair. **You must register for this walk by calling Robin at 570-467-2506.** A hidden gem! Bring a lunch and dogs must be leashed. (7.5 miles, difficult)
- **Sunday, September 9th, 1:00-4:30 p.m., “Mystical Red Hole Ramble”.** Hike leader John Domalakes leads this tour that features this historic site from the 1750’s French and Indian War. Meet in the parking lot of the Schuylkill County Ag Center, Rte. 901, Pottsville for carpool to the trailhead. (3-4 miles, moderate)
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- **Saturday, September 22nd, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., “The Pinnacle”.** Gorgeous views from the top of Blue Mountain. Meet Robin Tracey in the State Game Lands parking lot off Rte. 61 south near Port Clinton to carpool. **You must register for this walk by calling Robin at 570-467-2506.** Bring a lunch. **No dogs please.** (11 miles, difficult)
- **Saturday, October 6th, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., “Lebanon Reservoir and Swatara Furnace”.** Robin Tracey leads you on this historic and scenic tour. Meet at the concrete pad at State Game Lands off Gold Mine Road. We will see a large reservoir and follow the old railbed and then drive to the Swatara Furnace. Bring a lunch and dogs are welcome. (7 miles, moderate)
- **Sunday, October 7th, 1:00-4:00 p.m., “Walk in Penn’s Woods—Tuscarora State Park”.** Walk in Penn’s Woods aims to get people out to enjoy the woods and to learn about how these woods work for us – from recreation and wildlife habitat to seeing the outcomes of timber harvests. Last year every county in PA hosted this kind of walk and this year is no exception. Meet at the office of Tuscarora State Park. Open to all ages. (2 miles, moderate)
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- **Sunday, October 21st, 1:00-4:00 p.m., “Peddler’s Grave”.** Visit the site of the first murder in our area along a turnpike from the late 1700’s. Meet in the parking lot for the Coal Miner’s Memorial on the north side of Shenandoah for carpool to the trailhead. (5 miles, moderate)
- **Sunday, November 4th, 8:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m., “Dyer Run Gorge”.** “Hiker Jim” leads you on this Gorge Trail that was re-opened in 2014. Walk in a wilderness area then downhill on “Stephen’s Road.” Meet at 806 Valley Road in Pine Knot. (7 miles, moderate)
- **Sunday, November 4th, 1:00-3:00 p.m., “Bartram Trail North Stretch”.** Some nature, some history on this trail section. Meet at the Auburn Trailhead on Rte. 895 just before the river to travel to hike start location. (4 miles, easy)
- **Saturday, December 1st, 10:00-11:00 a.m., “Sweet Arrow Sojourn”.** “Porcupine Pat” leads us on a different path for a jaunt around the park that includes some nice scenes of the water. Meet at the Waterfall Road parking lot of Sweet Arrow Lake County Park. (3 miles, easy)
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