

NEW YORK HIKING CLUB, INC.

Our 90th Year!!!



Schedule of Events: January – April 2012

NEW YORK HIKING CLUB
(Organized 1922) Affiliated with
New York-New Jersey Trail Conference.

Meeting Notice:
Anniversary Dinner: Sunday, March 18, 2012
Time and Location TBA

Aim - To further interest in hiking and other outdoor activities
Membership – Open to congenial individuals, 18 years of age and older

Dues - \$5 per year, payable annually on Jan. 1st.
General Membership Meetings –
Held in March, June and November

NYHC Officers:

President, Robert Ward; **Vice President**, Harvey Fishman; **Treasurer**, Mayer Wiesen;
Recording Secretary, Bettye Soffer;

Delegate to The NYNJTC, Halina Jensen; **Contractor**, Toby Brandt; **Highlights Editor**, Robert Ward; **Trails Chair**, Bettye Soffer

Are you interested in becoming a New York Hiking Club Leader? It's fun, easy and you get to meet many nice people. For details contact Bettye Soffer - Bettyesfr@aol.com

NOTE: Please read through the Schedule now, noting walks with special requirements, e.g. prior registration

Sunday, January 1, 2012. Brooklyn Heights to Chinatown. 5 miles,
Moderate/easy steady pace, ups/downs. Walk ends at restaurant in Chinatown. Use bathrooms and eat lunch before walk. Meet 12:30 PM at Joralemon & Court Streets (in front of Starbucks). **Leader: Helen Yee 212-348-5344 inclement weather may cancel; call to confirm morning of walk 8-9 AM only. Members only.**

Saturday, January 7, 2012
Northern Harlem Walk C+ 4-5 miles
Some ups/downs, moderate steady pace. Visit the Hispanic Museum on your own before the walk starts. Bring lunch/beverage. Meet 11:15 AM in front of the Hispanic Museum on Audubon Terrace (Bet. 155th/ 156th Streets and Broadway). Take #1/9 train to 157th Street & Broadway. **Leader: Helen Mangione-Yee you must call to confirm on morning of walk 8-9 AM only 212-348-5344. Members only.**

Sunday, January 8, 2012 Staten Island Winter Hike/XCO Tour C+ 4-6 miles
Depending on the weather, we will hike on Greenbelt trails or Staten Island streets in area to be decided. If you have cross country skis or snowshoes, call to register for a cross country tour in a local park or golf course when there is sufficient snow cover. For the winter hike, bring lunch and beverage and allow sufficient time to take the 10:30 AM ferry from Manhattan to Staten Island. Please use rest room facilities before you get to Staten Island so we can leave promptly. Meet the leader at the train station steps in the rear of the terminal. Drivers or those not coming from Manhattan may call leader for instructions. Metrocard - 2 fares. **Leader: Bettie Soffer. Call (718) 720-1593 between 7-9 PM to register for hike. Cell phone on day of hike: (718) 612-6824 Heavy rain or snow cancels.**

Saturday, January 14, 2012 Liberty Park: Jersey City, NJ B 9 miles
Enjoy a day at Liberty Park with its breathtaking views of NYC. A real treat. Dinner at a diner either inside or outside the park afterwards. Dress for strong sun! Late return. Meet at turnstiles at 32nd Street and 6th Avenue, Path Station for train to Grove Street. Fare: \$1.50 each way. **Leader; Mike Puder 718-743-0920. Call from Wednesday eve (til 9:30 pm) the week of the hike for recorded message with details or email at [nyhiker50@verizon.net/](mailto:nyhiker50@verizon.net) Up till afternoon the day before the walk. Joint hike, Nonmembers \$3.**



Sunday, January 15, 2012
Brooklyn Botanic Gardens, 1-2 miles.
Very slow easy pace with rest stops like Ina Stone's walks. We will slowly walk around the gardens (about 2 hours), and then take a bus (bring Metrocard) to Greenpoint for a late lunch. Take #2 or #3 subway to Eastern Parkway stop (right after turnstiles, right after steps). Meet outside the Eastern Parkway entrance to gardens after lunch at 1 PM. **Leader: Helen Mangione-Yee 212-348-5344 call to confirm day of walk only 8-9 AM. Members only.**

Wednesday, January 18, 2012 Lincoln Center Concert Hike. C hike, 3-5 miles, some ups and downs. See Upper West Side sights, Riverside Park and a chamber concert at Juilliard. Meet leader at 72nd Street park, just north of the subway station between Broadway and Amsterdam Avenue at 10 AM. Join us for lunch at a local Chinese restaurant or bring your own to eat nearby. The free concert will be at 1 PM. We will check out the Performing Arts Library, see a garden, a church and wind up at Columbus Circle. Drop out whenever you are tired. **Leader: Bettye. Call 718-720-1593 between 7-9 PM to confirm walk. Heavy rain/snow cancels. On day of walk call cell phone 718-612-6284. Joint hike with other clubs.**

Sunday, January 22, 2012

Glen Island to the Bronx, approx. 4 miles, ups/downs, easy/moderate pace. Bring snacks/water, & save your appetite for an early dinner. Meet 11 AM at IRT #6 Pelham Bay station token booth (last stop in Bronx) for W45 bus. Bring MetroCard. Walk ends in the Bronx near Bx16 bus with optional early dinner. **Leader: Helen Mangione-Yee 212-348-5344, must call to confirm morning of walk 8-9 only. Members only.**

Saturday, January 28, 2012 Nassau-Suffolk Trail B+ 12 miles, flat Moderate pace from Smithtown to Sunken Meadow. Bring lunch/drink. Meet in Penn Station at the LIRR waiting room on the lower level. See the mighty Nissequog River and pass by the Smith House, which is over 300 years old. Dinner at a diner in Kings Park. Fare: \$23.50 RT. LATE RETURN. **Leader: Mike Puder 718-743-0920 Call beginning Thursday eve (until 9:30 pm) the week of hike for recorded message with details or email me at nyhiker50@verizon.net any time up to 1 day before hike. Joint hike, nonmembers \$3**

Sunday, January 29, 2012 Park Slope to Brooklyn Heights, approx. 5 miles, easy/moderate steady pace.

We'll walk through different neighborhoods in Brooklyn for an early dinner afterwards. Bring hot beverage. Meet 12:45 PM in front of the library near Grand Army Plaza on Flatbush Avenue and Eastern Parkway. Take IRT #2 or #3 train to Grand Army Plaza stop and walk towards arch. **Leader: Helen Yee MUST call to confirm morning of walk 8-9 am ONLY 212-348-5344. Members only.**

Saturday, February 4, 2012

Tottenville (Staten Island) 2-3 miles Easy pace, some ups/downs, stopping for pizza/sandwich and coffee/dessert at an ice cream parlor. Meet 10:15 am SI Ferry (Manhattan) waiting room. Train ride is about 1 hour. Bring MetroCard & beverage. **Leader: Helen Mangione-Yee call to confirm morning of walk 8-9 only 212-348-5344. Members only.**

Sunday, February 5, 2012

Clove Lake Park C 2-3 miles Moderate pace around lovely lake with bridges and small waterfalls. See the largest tulip tree on Staten Island. Bring lunch and beverage. take the 10:30 AM ferry from Manhattan to Staten Island. Please use rest room facilities before you get to Staten Island so we can leave promptly. Meet the leader at the train station steps in the rear of the terminal to take the S61/62 bus to Royal Oak Rd. Drivers or those not coming from Manhattan may call leader for instructions. Metrocard - 2 fares. **Leader: Bettye Soffer. Call (718) 720-1593 between 7-9 PM to register for hike. On day of hike call cell phone 718-612-6284.**

Thursday, February 9, 2012 - NYNJTC Meeting Walk C 3 miles

Once more the New York, New Jersey Trail Conference will convene its winter meeting at the Community Church of New York, 90 East 35th Street in Manhattan at 7:00 PM. A continuation of last year's highly successful walk will meet at 3:00 PM on 25th Street and 5th Avenue by the World War I Eternal Light Memorial to complete the tour. You will see an old cemetery, a church building that is not a church, pass by the former residence of a great American author, as well as the birthplace of an American President. **Leader: Bob Ward at 718-471-7036 after 8:00 PM.** **We will arrive at the Trail Conference Meeting in time for the social hour.**

Saturday, February 11, 2012 Harriman Park Night Hike B 10 miles

Walk at a slow pace at night in Harriman State Park (You can't go fast in the dark!!) Treat this like a day hike in the dark with frequent stops and rests. This is an easy path in the park. In the morning we'll go into town and have breakfast at a diner, take the train back and sleep at home. Bring at least 2 flashlights, or spare batteries and bulbs. If not sure what else to bring, email me at ny-hiker50@verizon.net for additional information. This will be an enjoyable night in the woods, for those who can overcome their fear of the dark. This could also be done by leaving late on Friday night so you can be home on Saturday. Please confirm meeting time with me, emails preferred. **Leader: Mike Puder, 718-743-0920, start calling Monday night the week before the hike for details on the answering machine.**

Saturday, February 25, 2012 Byram River Gorge C+ 6 miles

See green hemlocks along a rushing river. Maybe there will be white snow, a blue sky, and a yellow sun. Bring an extra pair of socks. Take #4/5/6 to Grand Central, meet

at Grand Central Terminal, Upper Level Information Booth at 8:30 AM. Fare: \$16 RT, ½ from the Bronx. No smoking on hike. Joint hike with Outdoors Club, Shorewalkers and Urban Trail Conference. **Leader: Mayer Wiesen, call (516) 671-2095 until 10:30 PM.**

Sunday, March 4, 2012

42nd Street Walk C 2-3 miles

See the sights of restored theaters, Bryant Park, a statue of Lincoln, Grand Central, the Chrysler Building, then on to the UN. Return to Grand Central for your choice of lunch. Meet at 11 AM 42nd Street & 8th Avenue, SW corner. **Leader: Bettye Soffer, call 718-720-1593 between 7-9 PM to confirm hike. On day of walk call cell phone 718-612-6284. Rain/snow cancels.**

Sunday, March 11, 2012 Brooklyn Greenbelt & Narrows C+ 7 miles

Walk mostly on paved paths through various Brooklyn parks connected to each other, as well as the trail along the Narrows leading under the Verrazano Bridge. Many scenic views. Bring food and water. Meet at 1 PM in front of the Fort Hamilton Parkway station on the "N" line in Brooklyn. Exit the rear of the train coming from Manhattan on Fort Hamilton Parkway. Fare: Metrocard. **Leader: Ray Krant, 718-435-4994**

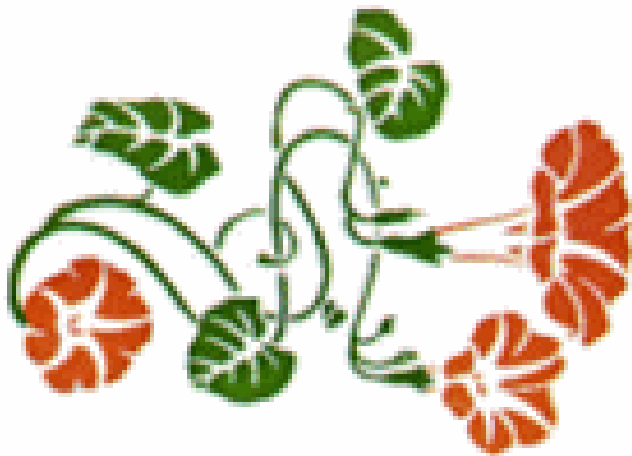
Sunday March 18, 2012 Anniversary Dinner

Reservations must be made, in advance, with a deposit of \$5.00 per member, mailed to our Treasurer, Mayer Weisen, at least one week in advance. Paid-up members will receive \$15 additional toward their dinner from the club at the restaurant. Location information will be in HiLites issue.



Sunday, March 25, 2012 Lower Manhattan Historic Walk C 3 miles

Meet leader and guide Bob Ward for tour of historic Lower Manhattan. Visit a famous graveyard where two signers of the Declaration of Independence are buried and see the site of the first capitol of the United States and many other historic sites. We will assemble at 11:00 AM at the foot of the escalators in the South Ferry Terminal. For further information call **Leader Bob Ward. 718-471-7036 after 8:00 PM.**



Saturday, March 31, 2012 Cranberry Lake Moderate C+ 7 miles

Explore a Westchester County Park with marked trails, ponds, boardwalks and picnic tables. Bring lunch, beverage, and extra pair of socks. Take #4/5/6 to Grand Central, meet at Grand Central Terminal, Upper Level Information Booth at 9:30 AM. Fare: \$14 RT, ½ from the Bronx. No smoking on hike. Joint hike with Outdoors Club, Shorewalkers and Urban Trail Conference. **Leader: Mayer Wiesen, call (516) 671-2095 until 10:30 PM.**

Sunday, April 1, 2012 Jamaica Bay Wildlife Sanctuary C 2 miles

See a part of the only national park facility lying completely within New York City. This

sanctuary pre-existed Gateway. Bring lunch and beverage and meet **leader Bob Ward** outside the turnstile in Broad Channel Station. Take Far Rockaway bound "A" train. **Call 718-471-7036 one week in advance for meeting time.**

Sunday, April 8, 2012 South Ferry to Upper East Side C+ 6-7 miles

Walk at moderate pace on path along East River with scenic views of bridges, Brooklyn and Queens. Frequent drop off points. Hike can be extended. Bring food and water. Take 1/R train to Whitehall/South Ferry. Meet 10:30 AM in front of the Staten Island Ferry Terminal (Manhattan side). Fare: Metro-card. **Leader: Ray Krant, 718-435-4994**

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Lower East Side C 3-4 miles

Learn the history of this area where immigrants lived and how it is changing today. Synagogues, settlement houses, Orchard Street shops, Guss' Pickles and more. Lunch at Katz' Deli or Turkish Kebab house. Meet leader 11 AM at Allen & Canal Streets, NE Corner. Take F train to Essex & Canal or M15 bus to Allen & Canal. Heavy rain cancels. Joint walk with other clubs. **Leader: Bettye Soffer, call 718-720-1593 to confirm walk between 7-9 PM. On day of hike, call cell 718-612-6284.**

Saturday, April 28, 2012 Millionaire Row C+ 3 miles

Look at beautiful mansions and other places on Fifth Avenue and adjacent streets. Bring water and sandwiches. Meet at NE corner of 5th Avenue and 88th Street at 10:30 AM. **Leader: Halina Jensen, call 212-568-6323 evenings until 10 PM. Joint hike with The Polish Daily News.**



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Application for Membership In the NEW YORK HIKING CLUB, INC.

(Subject to its Constitution and By-Laws)

With the submission of this application to become a member of the NEW YORK HIKING CLUB, INC., the applicant acknowledges that there may be risks in hiking or other club activities; and the applicant does hereby release the NEW YORK HIKING CLUB, INC., its leaders, substitute leaders, and persons in charge of any club activities, from any liability whatsoever, for any loss or injury to person, or loss or damage to personal property, however caused

Name (Please Print): _____

Phone(s): _____

Address: _____ Apt. _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Signature: _____ Date _____

Email Address: _____

Source (Friend, Advertisement, What?): _____

I would like to lead, or learn to lead hikes: _____ Yes Do volunteer work: _____ Yes

I hiked with NYHC on

(Dates): _____

Membership Dues:

_____ 1 year \$5.00 _____ 2 years \$10.00 _____ 3 years \$15.00 _____ 4 years \$20.00

Please mail this application with a check for dues made out to NYHC to the Membership Chairperson:
MR. MAYER WEISEN, 16 Marden Avenue, Sea Cliff, New York 11579

PLEASE REMEMBER

Hiking has certain hazards which each hiker undertakes and for which each hiker is responsible. *Neither the leader nor substitute leader is responsible in any way whatsoever for any of the hazards of hiking.* All hikers assume the responsibilities and risks of hiking and Club events and release the New York Hiking Club, its leaders or substitute leaders, from any liability whatsoever for any loss, damage to personal property, or injury, however caused, of any kind, nature, and description.

THE LEADER

- asks the support of all present to help make the day enjoyable.
- is in charge of the group from the time of leaving until the time of return and is to set a pace that all can maintain.
- may decide upon the proper place to have lunch.
- may change a hike if conditions warrant it.
- may exclude any person because of improper behavior or inappropriate clothing or whom, in the sole judgment of the hike leader, would not be capable of safely completing the hike.

MEMBERS OF A GROUP are expected to:

- *Refrain from smoking during a hike.*
- Remain with the leader.
- Leave lunch sites in a clean condition.
- Respect private and public property.
- Enjoy, but not strip, beauty spots of ferns, shrubs, wild flowers, &c.
- Wear clothes and shoes suitable for hiking comfort.
- Bring water and extra socks.

MEMBERS' CODE

The **OBJECT** of **HIKING** is to
PROMOTE GOOD FELLOWSHIP

Forget city troubles; make the day pleasant for yourself and for others.

Welcome the newcomer warmly.

Introduce congenial people as prospective hiking members.

Do nothing to discredit the club.

In fairness to yourself and to the group, join hikes which are within your scope of hiking. For your guidance, they are carefully graded.

A—Strenuous B—Moderate C—Easy

IMPORTANT NOTES

Please allow sufficient time to meet the leader and to purchase tickets.

Bus and train schedules are subject to change without prior notice so be sure to check with the carrier or the leader. The latest bus and train schedules are generally posted on the Internet so that is a good place to check. Please call the leader the night before walk if in doubt.

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