

2015 Walk Schedule



Schuykill on the Move (SOM) promotes positive steps toward good health through walking. SOM is a project of Schuykill County's VISION in partnership with the Schuykill County Visitors Bureau. The Schuykill Conservation District and Schuykill County Conservancy partners with SOM as a way to connect with our environment. Info: "Porcupine Pat": porcupinepat@yahoo.com or 570.622.4124 x 113.

- *Sunday, January 25 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.:** "Stonehedge Gardens Tour & LNE Rail Trail" "Porcupine Pat" leads this hike to explore the beauty of the gardens and the nearby rail trail. Meets in the parking lot of the gardens on Dairy Road. (3 miles-easy)
- *Sunday, February 8 from 12:30-4:30 p.m.:** "Frackville Grade Grinder" Jim Eisenhart, Jr. leads a narrative hike of the old Reading Company Frackville Grade from top to bottom. See features like hammer and jumper work in a cut, old retaining walls and bridges plus the PRR Darkwater Trestle abutments. Meets at game lands parking lot by Schuykill Mall exit sign. (six miles-moderate) Info: call Jim at 570.527.7748.
- *Sunday, February 22 from 1:30-4:00 p.m.:** "Molly Maguire Meander" Tamaqua is renowned for its Molly Maguire heritage. We'll tour the town to hike and learn about its Molly history. Meets at the Tamaqua Public Library located on South Railroad Street. (3 miles-moderate)
- *Saturday, March 14 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.:** "Oak Loop Trail at Locust Lake State Park" Park Naturalist Robin Tracey leads this five mile and difficult hike at the park. Meets in the Lake parking lot. (Robin permits friendly dogs on her hikes.)
- *Saturday, March 28 from 1:00-4:00 p.m.:** "Schuykill Haven Heritage Trail" Hike leader Mike Centeleghe takes you around the borough to see their new historical interpretive trail. Meets at Bubeck Park on Washington Street. (2-3 miles easy)
- *Sunday, March 29 from 1:00-4:30 p.m.** "Schuykill Valley Sojourn" Rail fan Jim Eisenhart, Jr. starts on the Reading and treks up to Wetherill Junction and then up the interchange to Morris Junction then on to New Boston. Meets at game lands parking lot by Schuykill Mall exit sign. (7 miles-moderate)
- *Saturday, April 4 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** "Silver Creek Fire Tower Hike" Moderate and 8.5 miles in length and led by Robin Tracey. Meet in Locust Lake Parking Lot. Bring a lunch.. Dog friendly.
- *Sunday, April 19 from 1:00-4:00 p.m.** "Peddler's Grave" John Domalakes leads this historic trek to visit the site of the first murder in our area that happened along a turnpike in the late 1700's. Meets at the Miner's Memorial in Girard Park next to the diner on the north side of Shenandoah for carpool. (3 miles-easy).
- *Saturday, May 2 from 1:00-4:00 p.m.:** "Spring Wildflower Walk" Naturalist Mike Centeleghe helps you to enjoy the many beautiful flowers of Frog Hollow. Meets in the parking lot of Frog Hollow on Stone Mountain Road in Friedensburg. (2 miles-easy)
- *Saturday, May 16 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** "Wolf Creek Falls Hike" Must sign up in advance by calling Robin at 570-467-2506. Space is limited. Meets at west end of Wal-Mart Saint Clair parking lot. Bring a lunch. Dog friendly. (7 miles-difficult)
- *Sunday, June 7 from 1:30-4:30 p.m.** "Mahanoy Plane Trek" Visit the site of the one-time largest steam engine in the world. Meet railfan Jim Eisenhart, Jr. in front of the Frackville Public Library on Lehigh Street (Rt. 924) for a walk to the plane ruins and then down a steep but scenic slope to a tunnel. (3 miles – challenging)
- *Saturday, June 20 from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** "Swatara State Park Hike to Bordner Cabin" Meet Robin Tracey in the parking lot just off Swopes Valley Road in Suedberg. Moderate and 8 miles in length. Bring a lunch. Dog friendly.
- *Sunday, July 12 from 1:00-4:00 p.m.** "Mystical Red Hole Ramble" Hike leader John Domalakes leads us into the mystical Red Hole Area. This historic site is from the 1750's French and Indian War and was an American Indian encampment. Meets in the parking lot of the Schuykill County AG Center on Rt. 901, Pottsville for carpool to site. (3-4 miles-moderate)
- *Saturday, July 18 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** "Spirit Trail Hike at Tuscarora State Park" Meet Robin Tracey at the Tuscarora Visitor Center. 5 miles in length and moderate. Bring a lunch. Dog friendly.
- *Sunday, August 16 from 1:00-4:00 p.m.** "Brush Valley Bushwhack" John Domalakes provides another tour of the scenic state forest land known as the Roaring Creek tract. Meets at the Rt. 42 parking lot. (4 miles-moderate)
- *Saturday, August 22 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** "Lebanon Reservoir" Meet Robin Tracey at the Swatara State Park parking lot to carpool to site. Bring a lunch and enjoy this dog friendly hike. (5 miles—easy)
- *Saturday, September 5 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** "Long Loop Hike" Meet Robin Tracey for this challenging hike at the Crow Trail parking lot off Tuscarora Mountain Road. Bring a lunch and dogs are welcome. (9 miles-difficult)
- *Saturday, September 12 from 1:00-4:00 p.m.** "Journey to Boxcar Rocks" Mike Centeleghe will thrill us with a trip to these massive boulders. Meets in the state game lands parking lot off Gold Mine Road south of Tower City. (3 miles-moderate)
- *Saturday, September 26 from 2:00-5:00 p.m.** "Lofty Dam & Pumping Station" Northern Schuykill outdoors enthusiast Tom Pesock leads this beautiful walk in the woods of the north slope of Locust Mountain. Meets on Route 924 north of Shenandoah Heights and along the road by the windmills. (3 miles—moderate)
- *Saturday, October 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** "Pinnacle Hike" Robin Tracey takes you to see what is considered the best view on the AT in our state. Meet in the Hamburg Reservoir parking lot. Bring a lunch and dogs are welcome. (9.5 miles-VERY DIFFICULT!)
- *Sunday, October 11 from 1:00-4:00 p.m.:** "Crow Trail" Meets in the parking lot of the visitor center of Tuscarora State Park. John Domalakes leads us to sites that include the chestnut grove during this almost peak color time. (3 miles-moderate)
- *Saturday, October 24 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.** "Oneida Adventure" Tom Pesock shows us an old rail line plus vestiges of past coal mining in this northern Schuykill village. Meets initially at the old Schoolhouse Auction on Rt. 924. (3 miles-easy)
- *Sunday, November 22 from 1:00-4:00 p.m.** "Old Coal Storage Yards" This is the site of the largest coal storage yard on the East Coast. Mike Centeleghe leads this tour that begins at the Adamsdale Road parking lot (right at the road bend). (4 miles– easy)
- *Sunday, December 6 from 2:00-3:30 p.m.** "Sweet Arrow Sojourn" "Porcupine Pat" leads us on this adventure featuring a jaunt around the park that includes some nice scenes of the water. (3 miles-easy)