

OTZINACHSON REGIONAL GROUP OF THE SIERRA CLUB
Edward Abbey Hiking Society
Fall 2009 Outings Schedule

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Saturday, September 12: Susquehanna Super Hike

25 miles, *extremely strenuous*. This grueling one-day challenge hike, organized by Keystone Trails Association, is a test of fitness and endurance for strong hikers and trail runners. The route follows the Mason-Dixon Trail on the west side of the Susquehanna River before crossing the Norman Wood Bridge near Holtwood, then continues up the east side of the Susquehanna River on the Conestoga Trail. Over 8000' in total elevation changes. Spectacular scenery along the way. \$50 fee to register. For more information and to register, go to www.kta-hike.org.

Sunday, September 27: Old Loggers Path

12 miles, *strenuous*. We will hike the southern section of the Old Loggers Path from Masten Ghost Town to Pleasant Stream Road. Fine views. Meet at 9:00 am at the Steam Valley Restaurant on Rt. 14, just off Rt. 15 north of Williamsport. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Roy Fontaine 570-220-4707.

Sunday, October 4: Gillespie Point – West Rim Figure 8 Hike

11 miles, *strenuous*. Starting at the River Runners' parking lot in the village of Blackwell, we will do a figure 8 hike, climbing to the top of Pennsylvania's Matterhorn, Gillespie Point, then crossing Pine Creek to link up with the West Rim Trail before looping back to the parking lot via the Pine Creek Rail Trail. Great views of the PA Grand Canyon! Meet at Lewisburg P.O. parking lot at 8:30 am, Harvest Moon Restaurant parking lot on Rt. 220 west of Williamsport at 9:15, or River Runners' parking lot in Blackwell at 10:45. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Paul Shaw, 570-672-2389 or pshaw@ptd.net.

Saturday, October 10: Tuscarora Trail

9 miles, *moderate-strenuous*. We will hike Big Blue from Route 233 at Colonel Denning State Park south to Cowpers Road. Meet at 9:00 am in the parking lot of Snyder County Produce located along Rt. 11-15, 10 miles south of Selinsgrove. Bring lunch and water. Leaders: Catherine McLaughlin / Ed Lawrence 570-925-5285 or cathyed@nationi.net.

Sunday, October 11: Old Loggers Path

14 miles, *strenuous to very strenuous*. We will hike the northern section of the Old Loggers Path, including Sullivan Mountain and the Rock Run area. Very scenic. Meet at 9:00 am at the Steam Valley Restaurant on Rt. 14, just off Rt. 15 north of Williamsport. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Roy Fontaine 570-220-4707.

Sunday, October 18:: **Loyalsock Trail**

6.5 miles, *easy to moderate*. Join us on a hike on the Loyalsock Trail from Sone's Pond to the end of the LT at Route 220, passing the Haystacks. Meet 9:30 am at the McDonald's in Hughesville. Bring lunch and water. Severe weather cancels. Leader: Roy Fontaine 570-220-4707.

Sunday, October 25: **Penns Creek Rail Trail**

4 miles, *easy*. A pleasant fall foliage walk on the Penns Creek Rail Trail through the Paddy Mountain Tunnel to the Poe Paddy bridge. Meet 11:00 at the Lewisburg P.O. parking lot. Bring snack and water. Leader: Dave Hafer 570-523-3107.

Sunday, November 1: **Black Forest Trail**

8 miles, *moderate*. Francis Road to Slate Run on the Black Forest Trail. Nice vistas overlooking Slate Run and Red Run. Meet 9:00 at the Lewisburg P.O. or 9:45 at the Harvest Moon Restaurant parking lot along Rt. 220, west of Williamsport. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Paul Shaw, 570-672-2389 or pshaw@ptd.net.

Sunday, November 15: **Delaware Water Gap**

6 miles, *moderate*. We will hike the Jersey side of the Delaware Water Gap, climbing Mt. Tammany for a gorgeous view of the Gap. Depending on trail conditions, we will walk up Dunfield Creek and return on the Appalachian Trail. Meet 9:00 am in the parking lot of the First Columbia Bank next to the Columbia Mall, Buckhorn Exit 232 off Route 80. Bring lunch and water. Leader: Dave Jansky, 570-988-0544.

Sunday, November 22: **The Hawkeye Trail**

7 miles, *moderate*. We will hike this loop trail located north of the Old Loggers Path near Shunk. Meet at 10:00 am in the parking lot of World's End State Park nearest the Park Office along Route 154. Bring lunch and water. Leaders: Catherine McLaughlin / Ed Lawrence 570-925-5285 or cathyed@nationi.net.

Sunday, December 6: **State Game Lands 13**

7 miles, *moderate*. We will access SGL 13 just north of Jamison City and, depending on conditions, walk along the east branch of Fishing Creek. Meet at 9:30 in the parking lot of the Grocery Market / Car Wash just north of Benton on Route 487. Bring lunch and water. Leaders: Catherine McLaughlin / Ed Lawrence 570-925-5285 or cathyed@nationi.net.