

## Hike Schedule

February 2017



Founded in 1921  
Utica, New York

This short column is being included in the schedule as a reminder of some practices that will make events more pleasant for everyone participating.

1. In the gathering at the meeting place, identify who does not know how to get to the trailhead, give them written directions, or make some accommodation so they will not get lost or left behind.
2. Hike leader will assign someone to be the last car in the caravan to the trailhead. All vehicles should slow down when you make a turn to assure the car behind you is following.
3. Every hiker should carry basic first aid supplies, as well as identification and emergency contact.
4. Every hiker should always stay behind the leader on the trail.
5. If you have a health problem you should inform the leader for the safety of the entire group.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** All hikes will start at the time and location specified in each individual hike description. In order to facilitate carpooling, these locations will be within 15 miles of Utica. Leaders and co-leaders will have phone numbers listed so that they may answer any questions participants may have about possible last minute hike changes. Please try to arrive at the starting location 15 minutes before the start time so that you can be signed in and receive instructions. **Reminder: If you plan to meet at the trailhead, call the leader to verify scheduled activity for late modifications.**

HD - Hiking Distance (Total both ways)    DD - Driving Distance (One way from meeting place)

H – Hike

B – Bike

C/K - Canoe/Kayak

TM - Trail Maintenance

## *SCHEDULE SUMMARY*

FEBRUARY 2017	
4	Russell Park – S/SS
5	Thendara Golf Course – S/SS
11	Wolf Moon Ski – S/SS
12	Nicks to Nelson – S/SS
17/18/19	Camp Fowler Weekend - S/SS
18	Sand Plains & Wood Creek - SS
19	Kunjamuk Trail- S/SS
20	Carpenter Road- S/SS
25	Bald Mountain - SS
26	Spectacle Lake Trail – SS/S

**NOTE:** *The Levels of Difficulty on the following hikes are approximate and are determined by the leader at the time the schedule is developed (usually 2-3 months prior to the hike). The leader often has not yet "pre-hiked" the location. You are encouraged to contact the leader should you have any concerns or questions regarding the hike pace or difficulty.*

**Forest Ranger/DEC**  
**Emergency: 518-891-0235**  
**Trail Conditions: 518-408-5850**

## FEBRUARY 2017

### RUSSELL PARK

S/SS

Sat. Feb 4 11:00AM Hike # 6602

HD: 3-5 mi. DD: 12 mi.

Difficulty: Easy

Leader: Lu Blanchard – 315-768-3566

Co-Leader: Deb Roberts – 315-790-3618

Meet At: DOT Parking- N. Genesee Street, Utica

We will be primarily snowshoeing, but there are trails that can be skied. Pray for snow!!

### THENDARA GOLF COURSE

S/SS

Sun. Feb 5 10:00AM Hike # 6603

HD: Optional DD: 38 mi.

Difficulty: Moderate

Leader: Madonna Fellows – 315-736-2564

Co-Leader: Don Fellows – 315-736-2564

Meet At: Mapledale

We will begin our ski on the golf course and continue on the trail along the Moose River.

### WOLF MOON SKI

S/SS

Sat. Feb 11 7:00PM Hike # 6604

HD: 4 mi. DD: 0

Difficulty: Easy/Moderate

Leader: Nina Belmar – 315-794-7012

Co-Leader: Nancy Coleman – 315-867-3088

Meet At: Valley View Golf Parking lot (off Valley View Road)

Celebrate the first full moon of the New Year. We will X-C ski the Valley View Golf trails by moonlight. Dress warmly. Night skiing can be extremely cold.

### NICKS TO NELSON

S/SS

Sun. Feb 12 10:00AM Hike # 6605

HD: 7 mi. DD: 35 mi.

Difficulty: Moderate

Leader: Doug Wasielewski – 315-896-2817

Co-Leader: Deb Wasielewski – 315-896-2817

Meet At: Mapledale

Ski from Nicks Lake to Nelson Lake trailhead.

Shuttle required.

### 5<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CAMP FOWLER WEEKEND

S/SS

Feb 17, 18, 19 5:00PM Hike # 6606

HD: Optional DD: 60 mi.

Difficulty: Optional

Leader: Bobbie Scarpino – 315-269-4099

Co-Leader: Mike Huss – 315-768-7374

Meet At: Meet at Camp Fowler

\$130 per person (Friday night thru Sunday morning includes meals & linens). Camp Fowler weekend is close to full. If interested, contact Bobbie or Mike to determine availability and/or to be placed on a waiting list.

### SAND PLAINS AND WOOD CREEK

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Sat. Feb 18 11:00AM Hike # 6607

HD: 3.5 mi. DD: 6 mi.

Difficulty: Easy

Leader: Deb Roberts – 315-790-3618

Co-Leader: George Fogg – 315-853-3713

Meet At: McDonalds on ERIE Boulevard, Rome

Pleasant snowshoe from Hogsback Road to Wood Creek, then we take the Blue Trail across the road.

### KUNJAMUK TRAIL IN SPECULATOR

SS/S

Sun. Feb 19 9:00AM Hike # 6608

HD: 6 mi. DD: 60 mi.

Difficulty: Moderate

Leader: Bobbie Scarpino – 315-269-4099

Co-Leader: Mike Huss – 315-768-7374

Meet At: Mapledale

Meg Higgerson will be the Mapledale starter. Regroup at the Speculator Firehouse and ski or snowshoe the Kunjamuk Trail.

## CARPENTER ROAD

S/SS

Mon. Feb 20      10:00AM      Hike # 6609  
HD: 6 mi.      DD: 37 mi.

**Difficulty: Moderate**

Leader: John Gilbert – 315-942-5176

Co-Leader: Charlene Zebley – 315-942-5176

**Meet At: Mapledale**

Regroup at Burger King in Boonville. From there we drive to the second parking lot off Carpenter Rd. to start the hike to the top of Snow Ridge and return.

## BALD MOUNTAIN

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Sat. Feb 25      10:00AM      Hike # 6610  
HD: 4 mi.      DD: 42 mi.

**Difficulty: Moderate**

Leader: Amanda Zdanowicz – 315-351-6143

Co-Leader: Sharon Kaelin – 315-732-2407

**Meet At: Mapledale**

After a climb up Bald Mountain, we'll cross the road and hike to Cary Lake.

## SPECTACLE LAKE TRAIL

SS/S

Sun. Feb 26      9:00AM      Hike # 6611  
HD: 6 mi.      DD: 21 mi.

**Difficulty: Moderate**

Leader: Carolyn Eastman – 315-525-0366

Co-Leader: Jerry Stewart – 315-264-8280

**Meet At: NBT Bank, Middleville**

We will hike to the junction of Fourth Lake and return the same way.

### News from the History Corner:

*Thank you to former committee members Barb Thomas, Bill Wilson and Ralph DeCristo for their many contributions to the History Corner. At this time, Mary Pat Connors has taken over those duties. Contact her if you would like to assist.*

### **Attention Hike Leaders**

Please send your release/sign-up sheets promptly to our Hike Records Chairperson:  
Chuck Balsler, 9 Overbrook Crescent, New Hartford, NY 13414-4104.

Make sure all signatures are legible, reprinting them if necessary, and identify on the sheet the name of the leader and co-leader. Leaders should make sure every hiker signs in before beginning the hike and should not cross off anyone's name who does not complete the hike. You may note any unusual occurrences in the comments section.

**Return your sheet within 3-5 days.**

### **Hike Write-Ups and Photos should be sent by e-mail.**

Please denote the hike title, number and date to:

Mary Pat Connors: [mconnors921@roadrunner.com](mailto:mconnors921@roadrunner.com) for inclusion on the website blog.

### **T&T Birthday Breakfasts**

Come celebrate, have some fun and entertainment with Tramps having a birthday. Continuing a tradition begun by Peter Pliniski, Nancy Agen will accept reservations at 733-1408 for breakfast at the Inn at the Beeches in Rome.

Breakfast celebrations begin at 9:00am on the second Friday of each month.

# Welcome New Members!

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# Thank you John!

Since March of 2002, John Gilbert has been our DEC liaison for Carpenter Road recreation trails. After 14 years, he has decided to step aside and pass his golden clippers and silver loppers to Paul Fortin and Tom Schenck. Thank you John for your terrific coordination and for your enthusiasm for the task. Thank you Paul and Tom for stepping up!!

# Congratulations!

To Nancy Coleman ... our newest Adirondack 46er, finishing on White Face on August 20, 2016.  
To Amanda Zdanowicz and Sharon Kaelin... on completing the Fire Tower Challenge.  
To Grace McNasser, Pam Carrier and Meg Higgerson... on completing the Saranac 6.

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## HISTORY CORNER OF THE TRAMP AND TRAIL CLUB

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“On January 3, 1922, the first ski and snowshoe trip was taken along Budlong Creek. In the 24 years since, the Club has had a number of favorite skiing areas. Of these, the South Woods' slopes easily lead in the number of times Tramps and Trailers have slid down them. For a few years the Club held its own Winter Carnivals in the Park, with the comfort of fires and hot food added to the pleasure of skiing.” (History Book #1)

And here's a photo from our most recent carnival outing in Inlet, February 2016.

Jean and Emil Misiaszek

