

Schuylkill on the Move (SOM) encourages people to take positive steps toward good health and is an advocate for more walkable communities. SOM is a project of Schuylkill County's VISION. The Schuylkill Conservation District partners with SOM as it promotes connections with our environment. Contact "Porcupine Pat" for more information at: porcupinepat@yahoo.com or 570.622.4124 x 113. **See you on the trail!**

· **Saturday, January 28 from 2:00-3:30 p.m.: "Locust Lake Winter Walk"** Locust Lake State Park is Schuylkill County's #1 tourist attraction and is beautiful in winter. Meets in the parking lot to the right of the entrance to the state park. (2-1/2 miles-easy)

· **Sunday, February 26 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.: "Kernsville Dam to Schuylkill County's Lowest Elevation Point"** A walk along the Schuylkill River to the dam and on to Pulpit Rock. Meets in the parking lot for the John Bartram Trail which is located past Cracker Barrel in Hamburg. Turn left after crossing the tracks. (three miles –easy)

· **Saturday, March 24 from 2:00-4:30 p.m.: "Tuscarora Trek"** A return to the Tamaqua area for a jaunt around Tuscarora State Park. Meets at the far end of the Beach parking lot. We'll take the Old Log Trail to Laurel Loop then to Ravine Trail and Forest Edge Trail with a detour to the Visitor Center. (two miles-moderate)

· **Sunday, April 15 from 2:00-4:30 p.m.: "Kaufman Run Ramble"** A natural area of Broad Mountain forest habitat. Meets at the Schuylkill Mall parking lot at the far end (south) behind Sears Store. (four miles—moderate with some uphill climbing)

· **Saturday, May 19 from 2:00-3:30 p.m.: "Pilgrimage aka Pilgrim's Rest"** Conrad Weiser and others rested here en route to visit Shawnees in Wyoming Valley. Meets in the parking lot of the Appalachian Trail on Rt. 501. (five miles – easy)

· **Saturday, June 2 "National Trails Day"** In recognition of how trails promote health and well-being and also to celebrate National Trails Day. Four hikes are planned throughout Schuylkill County at varying times of the day. TBA

· **Sunday, June 24 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. : "Blue Mountain Charcoal Pits in Port Clinton"** Check out charcoal pits from the 1700's and the remains of a charcoal tender's hut. Charcoal was made extensively during the American Revolution from trees atop the mountain. Meets at the base of the Conrad Weiser State Forest Road along Rt. 61 north. You will see the road on the right about 1/2 mile north of Port Clinton. (three miles – moderate)

· **Saturday, July 28 from 2:00-4:30 p.m.: "Second Mountain Sojourn"** A new walk on top of the mountain above Panther Valley Road outside of Cressona. We'll trek on Conrad Weiser State Forest land and may have a forester join us to explain forestry practices to benefit wildlife and the health of the forest. Meets in the parking lot of the Schuylkill County AG Center on Rt. 901 (Gordon Nagle Trail) in Pottsville for carpool. Entrance road is rugged — high vehicles encouraged. (three miles – moderate)

- **Saturday, August 18 from 2:00–4:00 p.m.:** “Swatara State Park Trail Trek” Meets at the rail trail on Swopes Valley Road in Suedberg just off Rt. 443. Bring a bag for fossil collecting. (three miles – easy)
- **Saturday, September 29 from 2:00-5:00 p.m.:** “Crow Trail” Another trip to Tuscarora State Park on a very scenic trail. A good challenge hike. Meets in the Beach parking lot. (5.5 miles - moderate)
- **Saturday, October 20 from 2:00-5:00 p.m.:** “Wolf Creek Waterfalls Trek” Meets on the Burma Road just outside of Saint Clair for carpool to site. Bring a camera for peak foliage photos. (four miles— moderate)
- **Sunday, October 21 from 2:00-4:30 p.m.:** “Brush Valley Bushwhack” Meets in the state forest parking lot on Rt. 54 just north of Natalie. This is in the Roaring Creek Watershed and is part of the Conrad Weiser Forest District. (4.5 miles—moderate)
- **Saturday, October 28 from 1:30-5:00 p.m.:** “Port Clinton Fire Tower to Pinnacle Hike” The Pinnacle is said to be the best vista on the Appalachian Trail. Meets at the base of the Conrad Weiser State Forest Road along Rt. 61 north. You will see the road on the right about 1/2 mile north of Port Clinton. **(10.5 miles — moderate to challenging)**
- **Sunday, November 18 from 2:00-4:30 p.m.:** “Mahanoy Plane” Meets at the Frackville Public Library in downtown for a walk to the plane ruins and then down the steep ruins to a tunnel. (3 miles – challenging)
- **Sunday, December 2 from 2:00 – 4:30 p.m.:** “Fort Dietrich Snyder and Appalachian Trail” Located on top of Blue Mountain on Rt. 183. Short hike to a monument for the fort location. See a natural spring along an abandoned farm pond and we’ll continue to hike the Appalachian Trail. Meets on Rt. 183 on top of the Blue Mountain. (hike rating: three miles – easy)



WALK SCHEDULE FOR 2012

All ages welcome! Bad weather cancels the walk. RSVP please by calling Teddi at 570-624-3012 or 1.800.621.6325. Contact Teddi for carpool information or Pati at 570.624.3020.

Monday, April 9 - 1:30 – 3:00....**Box Car Rocks**....Huge rock formation with a pine forest lead in. Guide: Dave McSurdy. Take 443 West. Turn right on Gold Mine Road. Meet at the bottom of the mountain at the concrete slab on right. (Drive beyond Twin Grove Camp Park. First right past the camp will be Gold Mine Road.)

Monday, April 16 - 12:00 – 2:00....**St. Catherine's Medical Center Walking Trail**.... St. Catherine's will be serving a lite lunch and offer different health screenings before our walk.

Monday, April 23 - 1:30 – 3:00....**Peddler's Grave**....Meet at the Miners Memorial in Shenandoah. We will carpool from there. Guide: Robin Tracey 2 miles in length and easy.

Monday, April 30 - 1:30 – 2:30....**Spring Wildflower Walk**....Swatara State Park's early wildflowers. Guide: Dave McSurdy Take 443 West through Pine Grove. Turn left on Swope Valley Road and park on the left. (Your landmark will be an old shack on left corner.) Easy.

Monday, May 7 - 1:30 – 3:00....**Wolf Creek Falls**....Guide: Robin Tracey Meet at the Walmart parking lot in St. Clair at the Western end. 3 miles in length and moderately difficult.

Monday, May 14 – 10:00 am – 3:00 pm....**Lehigh Gorge Bike Path**.... Jim Thorpe - Details to be announced. Guide: Robin Tracey Moderately easy.

Monday, May 21—1:30 – 3:00....**Locust Lake State Park**

Saturday, June 2....**National Trails Day**....Details TBA

Monday, June 4 - 1:30 – 3:00.... **Landingville Marsh**

Monday, June 11 - 1:30 – 3:00....**Tuscarora State Park**

Thursday, June 21—10:00 – 3:00....**Sweet Arrow Lake County Park Guided Walk, Picnic, Games and Entertainment**....Guide: Denise Donmoyer Cost: \$12

Monday, August 27 – 10:00 – 11:00....**Wagner Pond**....Swatara State Park's beautiful asters and late blooming wildflowers. Guide: Dave McSurdy (Follow directions to April 30 walk.) Easy.

Friday, August 31 – 6:30 - ????.**Only Once in a Blue Moon**....A barbecue, guided walk plus kayaking/canoeing at Sweet Arrow Lake County Park - You can join us for one, two or all of the above. There is a cost to attend the BBQ. A limited number of canoes and kayaks are available to rent. Bring your own if you have it. Don't forget the pfd's and lights. For more information and/or reservations call Susan Long at 624-3018.