



# 2010 WALK SCHEDULE

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 is partnering with SOM as it also promotes connections with our environment. **NEW! A freewill donation will be accepted that will benefit our education program.** For more information: [www.schuylkillonthemove.com](http://www.schuylkillonthemove.com) or [porcupinepat@yahoo.com](mailto:porcupinepat@yahoo.com) or 570.622.4124 x 113.

- \* **Saturday, January 23 from 2:00-3:00 p.m.:** “**Soup-er Saturday Cabin Fever Hike**” Meets in the Clubhouse of Sweet Arrow Lake County Park. Celebrate the season and warm up with bean soup after the walk for a small fee. A Cabin Fever Fest will also be held from 12:00-4:00 p.m.. (Hike rating: 1.5 miles-easy to moderate)
- \* **Sunday, February 21 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.:** “**Sharp Mountain Sojourn**” Meets in front of the Schuylkill Y on South Centre Street in Pottsville (park along South Centre Street) for a trek on the mountain's east side and the Schuylkill River Gap. See the view from the Henry Clay monument and enjoy spectacular scenery above our county seat. (Hike rating: three miles – moderate)
- \* **Sunday, March 28 from 2:00-4:30 p.m.:** “**Tri-Valley Trail Trek**” Features a wilderness-like experience within the village of Hegins within the Tri-Valley Environmental Education Center. Meets in front of Tri-Valley High School located on Rt. 25 in Hegins. (three miles – moderate)
- \* **Saturday, April 17 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. :** “**Frog Hollow Hike**” with hike volunteer Mike Centeleghe. This beautiful nature center is managed by the South Schuylkill Garden Club and features many spring wildflowers in bloom. Meet Mike in the Frog Hollow parking lot on Stone Mountain Road just off Rt. 443. (two miles – easy)
- \* **Saturday, May 16 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.:** “**Swatara State Park Trail Trek**” with hike volunteer Mike Centeleghe. Meets at the rail trail on Swopes Valley Road in Suedberg just off Rt. 443. This scenic state park features a rail trail and many spring blossoms. (three miles – easy)
- \* **Saturday, June 5 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.:** “**Frog Hollow Fun Day.**” Youngsters ages 3-9 will enjoy a host of activities guaranteed to excite them about the wonders of nature. Activities include a sensory nature hike with Mike Centeleghe, a Scavenger Hunt, and a Show 'n Do at the picnic pavilion. Free and open to the public.
- \* **Saturday, June 12 from 2:00-4:30 p.m.** “**Trek to the Tower**” Hike to the Silver Creek Fire Tower on scenic state park land above Saint Clair. Meets on the Burma Road about one mile outside of Saint Clair for carpool to hike start location. (hike rating: 3 miles - moderate).
- \* **Saturday, July 10 from 2:00-5:00 p.m.:** “**Mystery Waterfalls Walk**” A historic waterfalls will be explored as we trek through the cool understory of the summer forest. Meets at the AG Center parking lot for carpool to the site. (three miles – challenging)
- \* **Sunday, August 29 from 2:00–3:30 p.m.:** “**Magnificent Mar Lin Meander**” Trek the outskirts of Pottsville to view a very shady (and cool!) forest. Meets at the Schuylkill County AG Center for carpool to hike start location. (hike rating: two miles – easy to moderate)
- \* **Sunday, September 26 from 2:00-4:30 p.m.:** “**Stony Valley Rail Trail**” Meet in the parking lot on the east side of Gold Mine Road (where concrete slabs are located). The trail goes for many miles into Saint Anthony's Wilderness. (hike rating: 4 miles - easy)
- \* **Sunday, October 17 from 2:00-4:30 p.m.** “**Roaring Creek Tract – Conrad Weiser State Forest**” The state forest is headquartered in Schuylkill County and the trail to the reservoir is very scenic. Meets in the state forest parking lot located on Rt. 42 about 2.5 miles north of Centralia and Aristes. (hike rating: three miles - easy)
- \* **Sunday, November 14 from 2:00-4:30 p.m.** “**Box Car Rocks**” See large precariously balanced boulders in a place where three counties meet. Meets at Rt. 443 carpool lot at I-81 promptly by 2:00 p.m. (hike rating: 2 miles - moderate)
- \* **Sunday, December 5 from 2:00-3:30 p.m.** “**Fort Dietrich Snyder**” 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 the Appalachian Trail. Meets on Rt. 183 on top of the Blue Mountain. (hike rating: two miles – easy)

- ***New this year!*** We are advertising Spring Treks and Autumn Strolls offered by Diakon Community Services for Seniors – Prime Time Health. These are hikes held on Mondays from 1:30-2:30 p.m. and are especially for walkers age 50+ (other ages are welcomed too!). All tours are flat and easy to walk and are in beautiful natural areas. For more information contact: Teddi Cunningham at 570.621.3012 or 1.800.621.6325.
- **April 5 – John Bartram Trail at Kernsville Dam** – meets in the parking lot of the trail. Travel to Cracker Barrel in Hamburg and turn left onto Kernsville Dam Road and then right into the parking lot.
- **April 12 – Albright’s Woods Trail** – meets in the parking lot just outside of Orwigsburg past Memorial Hall on Grove Street.
- **April 19—West Creek Park**—meets in the park parking lot on Brickey Street in Llewellyn.
- **April 26—Landingville Marsh**—meets in the parking lot of the marsh and Bartram Trail.
- **May 3—(1:00-4:00 p.m.) –Hawk Mountain Sanctuary**—meets in the parking lot of the sanctuary. This will be a more challenging hike and there is a trail fee.
- **May 10—Locust Lake State Park**—meets in the parking lot of the Ranger Station for a flat hike around the lake at peak foliage time.
- **May 17—Tree Qigong with George Graham**—at Sweet Arrow Lake County Park near Pine Grove. Go to the Clubhouse parking lot located just off Rt. 443.
- **June 12—Full Moon Walk**—meets in the Waterfall Road parking lot of Sweet Arrow Lake County Park. This will be held on a Saturday from 8:00-9:00 p.m. and presented by Porcupine Pat of the Schuylkill Conservation District. Open to all ages.
- **September 13—The Island Trail**—meets in the parking lot of the Island in Schuylkill Haven.
- **September 21—Tuscarora State Park**—meets in the park office parking lot at this site near Tamaqua off Rt. 309. (This program is on a Tuesday).
- **September 27—Minersville Walking Trail**—meets in the Minersville Recreation Area parking lot off Sunbury Street.
- **October 4– Frog Hollow Poetry Tour** – meets in the parking lot of Frog Hollow on Stone Mountain Road just off Rt. 443 in Friedensburg. You are invited to bring a poem about nature and read it or have somebody else read for you!
- **October 11-JFK Walking Path**—meets in the parking lot for the swimming pool and tennis courts in Pottsville.
- **October 18— Lehigh Valley and New England Rail Trail**—meets in the parking lot of Stonehedge Gardens in South Tamaqua off Rt. 309.