

FALL 2010 Walks

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. A freewill donation will be accepted that will benefit our education program. For more information: www.schuylkillonthemove.com or porcupinepat@yahoo.com or 570.622.4124 x 113.

* **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)

Autumn Strolls offered by Diakon Community Services for Seniors – Prime Time Health. Most of these hikes are 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) 624 -3012 or 1 – 800 – 621 - 6325.

- **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

End of Season Celebration and Covered Dish – October 25, 11:00 am – 2:00 pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, 300 West Arch Street, Pottsville