

May 19—Catoctin Mountain Park, MD Starting from the Hunting Creek Lake parking area, all hikers will take the Old Misery Trail to the Cat Rock Trail, and then descend to the Visitor Center. From there they will pass Chimney Rock, Wolf Rock, and Thurmont Vista. Moderate hikers will then descend via Hog Rock to Cunningham Falls and go briefly on Rte. 77 to the Catoctin Trail, while long hikers will turn onto Park Central Road and arrive at the Catoctin Trail further north, then go south to the junction with Rte. 77. All hikers will take the Catoctin Trail to the Cat Rock Trail and go past Cat Rock to return to the parking area via the Old Misery Trail. Est.: 10 miles, 2000' elevation and 8 miles, 1500' elevation. Fare: \$20/\$25. Leaders: Kiko Alvarez, kiko_a_c@yahoo.com, 607-279-3455 and Susana Mendez, susaname@yahoo.com, 607-279-4363. (MD)

May 26—Susquehanna State Park, MD Starting from Shures Landing, we will pass a popular area for eagle sighting as we head downstream (south) on the Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenways Trail. Then we'll add a loop on the Deer Creek Trail before heading south on the Susquehanna Ridge Trail. Both hikes will do a loop before ending at the Rock Run Mill. Moderate hikers will take the Rock Run Trail and turn left on the Land of Promise Trail back to the mill. Long hikers will also take the Rock Run Trail, but turn right on the Land of Promise Trail and continue to the Susquehanna Ridge Trail's north endpoint, using the latter to return to Rock Run Mill. Est.: 13 miles, 1400' elevation and 9.5, 1000' elevation. Susquehanna State Park Map. Fare: \$20/\$25. Leaders: Bill Peters, billtakoma@aol.com, 301-337-5858 and George Saxton, george@saxfam.net, 703-855-0876. (MD)

June 2—Stephens, Massanutten, and Kennedy Peak Trails, GWNF, VA All hikers begin at Camp Roosevelt and climb Stephens

Trail to Massanutten Trail. Here, long hikers turn left to do an out-and-back toward Habron Gap and then join the route of the moderate hikers. Moderate hikers turn right to ascend Kennedy Peak Trail and then return to Massanutten Trail, which they follow to Camp Roosevelt. Est.: up to 14.5 miles, 1700' elevation and 9 miles, 1300' elevation. PATC Map G. Fare: \$20/\$25. Leaders: Kathryn Good, avignon7@aol.com, 571-218-9225 and Kay Weston, kweston70@gmail.com, 240-381-7845. (VA)

June 9—Appalachian Trail, Turners Gap to Weverton Cliffs, MD This hike passes several sites of Civil War skirmishes that led to the climatic Antietam Battle. It also traverses Lamb's Knoll, Maryland's second highest mountain. Moderate hikers start at Gathland State Park and hike north on the Appalachian Trail to Turners Gap (Route 40). Long hikers start at Weverton Cliffs, follow the AT north past Gathland to Turners Gap (Route 40). Est.: 14 miles, 2200' elevation and 7.5 miles, 1000' elevation. PATC Map 5-6. Fare: \$20/25. Leaders: Annetta DePompa, hikerfool@yahoo.com, 410-535-5171 and Michael Roehm, miroehm@gmail.com, 301-223-7385. (MD)

June 16—Halfmoon Mountain, Great North Mountain, WV This hike has outstanding views of the Trout Run Valley and Wilson Cove. Both hikes start from Trout Run Valley Road and will do circuits on Halfmoon Mountain. Long hikers take the Bucktail Trail to the Capon Trail, go along Waites Run Road, and ascend the German Wilson and Halfmoon Trails to reach the Halfmoon Lookout to enjoy the views and watch hawks. They then descend on the Halfmoon and Bucktail Cutoff Trails to reach the Trout Run Valley Road and the bus. Moderate hikers follow the Bucktail Trail, ascend the German Wilson Trail, and continue on the path of the long hikers. (This includes the spectacular

Halfmoon Lookout). Est.: 13 miles, 2500' elevation and 10 miles, 2100' elevation. PATC Map F. Fare: \$20/\$25. Leaders: Mike Ollinger, edward_ollieollie@yahoo.com, 301-933-2196 and Anna Ollinger, anika_o_99@yahoo.com, 301-933-2196. (VA)

June 23—Doyle River and Jones Run Loops, SNP, VA Both hikes are clockwise loops. All hikers start at Browns Gap and go north on the AT. After a short distance, long hikers turn left to complete Big Run Loop. Moderate hikers continue on the AT to Big Run Overlook, where they are rejoined by the long hikers. All hikers turn right to descend Doyle River Trail and then ascend Jones Run Trail. At the AT, they turn right to return to Browns Gap, completing the loops. Est.: 11 miles, 2800' elevation and 8.5 miles, 1800' elevation. PATC map 11. Fare: \$20/\$25 plus park fee or pass. Leaders: Robert Holley, reilex@yahoo.com, 571-247-2172 or Chris Bublitz, cbublitz4@comcast.net, 240-687-3390. (VA)

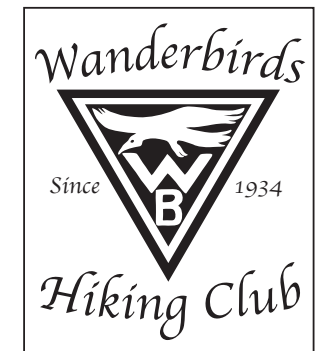
June 30—Shenandoah River State Park, VA Departs from 17th & K Sts. and the Vienna Metro. (Picnic hike) The moderate hikers will start at the picnic shelter and take the Allen Mountain and Point trails then head back to the picnic shelter. The long hikers will do a loop consisting of these trails: Hemlock, Overlook, Campground, Culler, Bear Bottom, Big Oak, Redtail, Big Oak, Culler, River, Bluebell. Est.: 9 miles, 1200' elevation and 6.5 miles, 1200' elevation. Shenandoah River Park map. Fare: \$20/\$25. Leaders: Larry Miller, prpltoupee@sprintmail.com, 240-353-3143 or Laura Heaton, lauraheaton41@gmail.com, 571-212-2592. (VA)

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Reservations, Cancellation Policy, and Fees A reservation made to the hike leader is a commitment to attend the hike. If you make a reservation and then must cancel, please do so by 8:00 a.m. Saturday preceding the hike. All “no-shows” and cancellations made after 8:00 a.m. Saturday are asked to pay the designated fare for the hike. Fees are \$25 for nonmembers and \$20 for members.

Chartered Coach Trips All hikes are coach trips unless otherwise noted. Reservations should be made with the hike leader no later than 10 a.m. Saturday preceding a hike. If the number of reservations does not permit chartering a bus, efforts will be made to arrange carpools.

Suggestions for New Hikers All Wanderbirds hikes are for the entire day and go rain or shine. Generally, drinking water is not available. Hikers should bring lunch and water. Boots are recommended for all hikes. Depending on weather conditions, additional clothing may be necessary. Leaders have the option of refusing to allow improperly dressed persons to hike.

Responsibility Hikers are responsible for their own safety and must assume all risk and liability when hiking with the Wanderbirds. Club leaders and officers shall not be liable for any injuries, loss, or damage to persons or property arising from any hikes, activities, or travel by car or bus.

Membership Dues are \$20 per calendar year, which allows you to vote at membership meetings and attend members-only events. Please notify hike leader or the Vice President of any change in your home address or other data.

Park Fees Shenandoah National Park entrance fees are \$8.00 per bus passenger Mar. thru Nov. and \$5.00 Dec. thru Feb. Golden Eagle or Golden Age pass holders do not pay a fee and are allowed 3 guests. This rule typically allows the bus to enter the park free.

Meeting Place Departure point for all chartered coach hikes is 17th and K Streets, NW unless otherwise noted. Bus departs at 8:00 a.m. from that location unless specified otherwise. (VA) indicates an additional pickup in Virginia (Vienna Metro) and (MD) indicates an

additional pickup in Maryland (Grosvenor-Strathmore Metro).

Hike Distances We schedule a long hike of 10–13 miles and a moderate hike of 6–9 miles each Sunday. Additional mileage is generally possible with the permission of the leaders for fit, experienced hikers at their own risk with the understanding that they will return to the bus by the specified time. An easy hike, less than 7 miles, may be offered if the trail permits. Hikers new to the club must hike the moderate hike.

HIKES

April 7—Antietam Battlefield, MD Antietam was one of the most decisive battles of the Civil War and also the bloodiest as more men were killed or wounded than on any other day in US military history. Our hike today will cover the major confrontations during the battle on September 17, 1862. Both long and moderate hikes are flexible as to distance with no major elevation gain. The major trails cover over 12 miles and include major attacks and defenses by Union and Confederate soldiers, such as Bloody Lane and the Burnside Bridge. Est.: 10 and 8 miles, minimal elevation. NPS Map. Fare: \$20/\$25. Leaders: Josh Silverman, betula54@msn.com, 703-582-3456 and Debbie Wallace, deborahawallace@hotmail.com, 301-318-1526. (MD)

April 14—Virginia Bluebell hike, Bull Run-Occoquan Trail, VA There are literally acres of Virginia Bluebells on the banks of Bull Run, the result of rich, seasonally-flooded, sandy soil. If the season’s timing cooperates, we will see vast stands of these flowers in full bloom. Trout lilies, beavers, heron, kingfishers and migratory warblers also vie for attention. Moderate hikers start at Hemlock Overlook and proceed north (upstream) on the Bull Run-Occoquan Trail to Bull Run Regional Park. Long hikers start hiking north from Bull Run Marina; extra-long

hikers start at Fountainhead Regional Park. Est.: 8 miles, 500’ elevation; 12 miles, 900’ elevation; and 18 miles, 3000’ elevation. Bull Run-Occoquan Trail Map. Fare: \$20/\$25. Leaders: John Hanley, jhanley@cox.net, 703-424-0787 and Roslyn Rubin, roslynva@gmail.com, 703-812-4855. (VA)

April 21—James River/Richmond, VA This hike takes us to Richmond, the one-time capital of the Confederacy, for a scenic and educational walk along the north and south shores of the James River. All hikers begin in the historic north district of the city, follow the elevated Pipeline Trail walkway overlooking a heron rookery, then cross the river on a pedestrian bridge that leads to the Buttermilk Trail around Belle Island, site of a Civil War prison camp. The hike ends in Maymont Park, where long hikers will walk an additional loop. Est.: 10 and 7.5 miles, minimal elevation for both hikes. Fare: \$20/\$25. Leaders: Emil Friberg, emilfriberg@hotmail.com, 202-812-8990 and Marsha Johnston, mwjohnston1@gmail.com, 619-855-0669. (VA)

April 28—Big Schloss and Mill Mountain, GWNF, VA Big Schloss and Mill Mountain, GWNF, VA. All hikers walk past Woodstock Reservoir from route 749. Long hikers then follow Little Stony Creek Trail, the Tuscarora, and then Mill Mountain Trails. About 1 mile past Big Schloss Cutoff Trail, they turn left to go to Big Schloss (optional), and then return to Mill Mountain Trail and go left to Wolf Gap Recreation Area. Moderate hikers also follow Little Stony Creek Trail, but go left at FR 92 and then right on Big Schloss Cutoff Trail. At the junction with Mill Mountain Trail, moderate hikers go left and follow the path of the long hikers. Est. (without side trip to the top of Big Schloss): 13 miles, 2900’ elevation and 7.5 miles, 1950’ elevation. PATC Map F. Fare \$20/\$25.

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May 5—Trillium Hike, Thompson Wildlife Management Area, VA Long hikers start at Manassas Gap, and follow the AT north past Manassas Gap Shelter and the junction with Verlin Smith Trail to continue on the AT to a point just south of Dicks Dome Shelter. Here they turn right and follow Verlin Smith Trail around Lake Thompson and to parking area #4 and the waiting bus. Moderate hikers begin at parking area #4 and complete a circuit by joining the path of the long hikers. Est.: 12 miles, 1600’ elevation and 9 miles, 1000’ elevation. PATC Map 8. Fare: \$20/\$25. Leaders: Bob Malkowski, bmalkowski@cox.net, 703-731-9983 and Jeannie Fauntleroy, jeannie.fauntleroy@outlook.com, 703-851-6592. (VA)

May 12—White Oak Canyon and Cedar Run, SNP This hike affords excellent views of the waterfalls in the canyon. All hikers will start at Crescent Rock Overlook. All hikers will then proceed south on the AT. Long hikers will take Cedar Run down to the White Oak Cedar Run link trail and bear left to access the White Oak Canyon trail where they will also bear left to climb all the way up to the AT. Long hikers will then proceed south on the AT back to the bus. Moderate hikers will bear left at Cedar Run and take the White Oak Canyon Fire Road to the White Oak Canyon trail where they will bear left and follow the path of the long hikers to the bus. Some hikers may wish to view some of the waterfalls by heading down the trail to the first waterfall. Est.: 11 miles, 2300’ elevation and 7-8 miles, 1200’-1850’ elevation. PATC Map 10. Fare: \$20/\$25. Leaders: Wendy Gasch 202-363-4446 and Susan Whiteman, susanwhiteman1@gmail.com, 240-723-5091. (VA)