

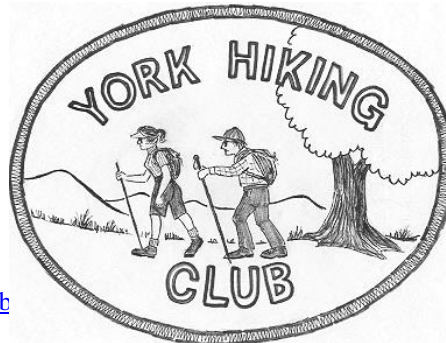
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## December 2024

**Chairperson: Irina Svishchova, 717-424-5526**

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**Inclement Weather: Please contact the hike leader** or check our web page for cancellation information.

**Sunday, December 1, Medium Loop Hike (7.6 miles):** Rocky Ridge Perimeter Trail. Mix of flat terrain and a few easy ups and downs. The average weight gain during Thanksgiving is .8 to just under 2 pounds. Let's see if we can work some of it off. Bring snack, water, etc. It's PA hunting Sunday. Please have your orange on.

Meeting Location: main parking lot (first lot on the left), 3699 Deininger Road, York

Meeting Time: 9:00 AM

Carpool Fee: none

Hike Leader: Yudi Watkins, 717-870-1716

**Sunday, December 8, Medium Hike (7.5 miles):** Most of this hike follows the Mason-Dixon Trail through the Robert Kinsley Nature Preserve. Although listed in All Trails as a 10-miler, we will take a little shortcut, making it a lollypop rather than an out-and-back. Also, I would really consider this hike to be Moderate, not Hard. There are a few parts that are very steep or rocky, so trekking poles would be a good idea. We will stop for lunch at an overlook, so don't forget it's December and bring your puffy. And lunch, obviously.

Meeting Location: Boscov's lot at Galleria Mall near Red Robin.

Meeting Time: 9:00 AM

You can meet us at the trailhead at 9:30 -- parking is on the shoulder of River Rd. right after it crosses Furnace Rd. in Hellam Township. Parking is limited there. Call the hike leader if you are meeting us there.

Carpool Fee: \$1

Hike Leader: Jeff Lander, 717-818-9461, [landerjeffrey@aol.com](mailto:landerjeffrey@aol.com)

**Sunday, November 15, Long Hike (12 miles):** Long, loop hike. Caledonia State Park. Approximately 12 miles beginning at the end of Quarry Gap Rd. Hike follows the Appalachian Trail past Quarry Gap shelter and PATC's Milesburn Cabin, connecting to Rocky Knob Trail, then around the Chambersburg Reservoir on the Beaver Trail. Two good climbs, several rocky sections, one stream crossing, and lots of rhododendrons. Bring lunch, snacks and water, good hiking shoes, and dress in layers.

Meeting Location: Woodberry Road 8:00 AM or end of Quarry Gap Rd. at 9:00 AM

Carpool Fee: \$5

Hike leader: Gwen Loose at (717) 891-9967. No calls or texts after 9 PM

**Saturday, December 21, Medium Hike (6 miles):** We will explore the trails around Nixon Park. There are some inclines and hiking sticks can be an asset with possibly wet leaves or icy conditions depending on weather. Anyone wearing Holiday attire will receive a candy cane from hike leader. Bring a snack, water, and be prepared to sing at least one Christmas song. If enough interest we can have a sit-down lunch at a restaurant of our choice afterwards.

Meeting Location: Nixon Park Nature Center located at 5922 Nixon Dr, York, PA 17403

Meeting Time: 10 AM

Carpool Fee: none

Hike Leader: Regina Haritos, 717-332-2221 (cell) [reginahelga62@yahoo.com](mailto:reginahelga62@yahoo.com)

**Sunday, Dec. 22:** Medium hike 8 miles

Come on out for a vigorous hike on the Mason-Dixon Trail along Susq River; will start at Long Level then south on trail. Hopefully we'll see birds like hawks, eagles, seagulls, waterfalls if running! There is a rock scramble in beginning called Dragon Spine to geocaches. Then trail is rolling hills in woods w/ some rocky sections at descents to Green branch and Cuff's Run. For those wanting shorter hike, you may turn back at Green branch or anytime though on your own. Bring plenty of water, snacks/lunch and sturdy hiking shoes, poles if desired. Not a beginner hike b/c many rocks-more difficult for experienced hikers, very FUN w/ careful stepping!

Hike leader: Janine Zell -any questions, call 717-684-7891 by 9pm please or cell/text 717-406-6544

Meet: 9:30am at Long Level parking lot across from Shanks Mare next to playground

**Sunday, December 29:– SHORT HIKE (4 MILES):** This will be a loop hike around part of Lake Redman. Meet at the parking lot off Spartan Road. Some hills, but a relatively easy hike.

Hike Leader: Bernie Frick

Meeting Location: 200-266 Spartan Rd,

Departure Time: 1:00 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

I need a “volunteer” for the month of December 2025. Irina has done a wonderful job, but has asked for someone else to step up. So people who will be the person to “VOLUNTEER”?

**2024 Hike Leaders Wanted:** We would love to add some new members to our list of hike leaders for 2024. Please contact Allen Britton at [loralhiker@gmail.com](mailto:loralhiker@gmail.com) you would like to start leading hikes for the club. Training will be provided.

**Thursday Weekly Trail Maintenance:** Contact Jim Hooper for the current week at 717-252-3784 or [j.e.hooper@ieee.org](mailto:j.e.hooper@ieee.org). We are also looking for volunteers to be on the house committee email Sara Tateosian, [sateo@comcast.net](mailto:sateo@comcast.net), we also need volunteers to work on our section of the Appalachian Trail email Tom Morley [morleyphy175@gmail.com](mailto:morleyphy175@gmail.com) or David Strine 717-858-2089

**Card Committee:** If you know of someone with a serious illness, having surgery, etc., please notify Linda Bean at [walktodq@gmail.com](mailto:walktodq@gmail.com) or 717-881-6651 and she will send them a card from the club.

**New Email Address:** Contact Kathy Yost [acc.kathy@verizon.net](mailto:acc.kathy@verizon.net) this information is held by the club only. It will be used to send club information and for inclusion in our yearly logbook. Thank you for your cooperation.

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