

## WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

Bill Hardam, Backpacking Chair (H: 302/654-6577)  
Julius Meisel, Weekend Hiking Chair (H: 302/652-0844)

### BACKPACKING

**ATTENTION NEW BACKPACKERS:** We'll hold an evening orientation session for anyone interested in learning about backpacking – call Bill (see above) to indicate interest.

**May 4-5, Beginner Backpack – Pinnacle, Hamburg, PA.** Leader: Rob King (C: 302/379-3179, E: robking3179@gmail.com). Our goal for the weekend: go through all the motions without making a challenging trip out of it. We'll be on moderate terrain with short climbs, 7-11 miles total for the loop. We plan a short day on Saturday. Sunday could be 4 miles longer, depending on our interest. Once camp is set on Sat., we can do a short side trip to the Pinnacle overlook, leaving our packs behind in camp. Driving distance is about 90 miles each way. Contact Rob for details and to sign up.

*Also, see above to sign up for an orientation to backpacking.*

**May 18-20, Susquehannock Trail System, north-central PA.** Leader: Rob King (C: 302/379-3179; E: robking3179@gmail.com). The Susquehannock Trail System is in remote Potter County east of Coudersport PA, an area is known as God's Country. Saturday night, we'll meet at the Susquehannock Lodge, long a WTC favorite, for dinner, lodging, and breakfast. Sunday morning, we'll be shuttled to the trailhead, then hike back 20 miles to the lodge over Sunday-Monday. In May, we should enjoy cool spring weather and beautiful blooms. The route has some good hills. Participants need to be prepared for that and pack light! The Lodge is \$70 plus tax per person, including dinner and lodging Saturday night and breakfast on Sunday. Participants should make their own reservations with the Lodge (814-435-2163). We'll share the cost of the shuttle to the trailhead, probably about \$60. Carpooling will be encouraged. Contact Rob for additional details or to sign up for the trip.

This backpack trip immediately precedes Jim and Joan March's **midweek trip to the Susquehannock Lodge, 5/20 to 5/23 (Mon - Thur)**. Participants may elect to combine these trips for a total of 6 days by also signing up for the March's trip.

**June 7-9, Black Forest Trail, north-central PA.** Leader: Steve Weber (C: 443/845-2135, E: weber962@hotmail.com). The Black Forest Trail is in the Tiadaghton State Forest in PA. The northern loop is 25 miles long and has several steep ascents. However, the vistas make it worth the effort. The trail is rated strenuous. Daily mileage is 6/10.5/8.5 with nearly 4,000 ft. of elevation. Pace will be 2mph and slower on the steep ascents. Contact Steve for additional details and to sign up for the trip.

### July

- AT Wind Gap-Water Gap, PA, Glenn Shealy Leader; *stay tuned for details.*

### August (OPEN)

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**September 20-22 Allegheny Front Trail, North-central PA.** Leader: Tom Overbaugh (H: 302-383-4498, E: [toverbaugh@comcast.net](mailto:toverbaugh@comcast.net)). This hike covers the western half of the AFT, using the Shingle Mill and Moss-Hanne trails in Black Moshannon State Park to complete a 31-mile loop. We will leave Delaware Thursday evening and camp Thursday night at the state park group tenting area. The hike will start Friday morning and finish on Sunday. The AFT is one of Pennsylvania's newer backpacking trails, completed in 1998. Terrain is moderate with less rockier footing than much of PA. Daily details are Day 1: 8-9 miles / 500 ft of climb, Day 2: 11-12 miles / 1700 ft of climb, Day 3: 11 miles / 300 ft climb. This trip is open to experienced backpackers who have demonstrated ability to cover these daily distances and elevation changes. Contact Tom for additional details or to sign up for the trip.

**October 5-6, Table & Peekamoose (Catskills, NY).** Leader: Paul Henry (610-470-4466; [paul\\_henry@verizon.net](mailto:paul_henry@verizon.net)). This is one of the most popular trails in the Catskills with lots of overlooks and an adjacent waterfall. We'll do an A-B-A trip, on Saturday starting at the base of Peekamoose Mt., hiking over the twin peaks, and descending Table Mt. We'll camp along the Neversink River. On Sunday we'll retrace our route. Total distance covered will be ~10 miles each day; total elevation **gain** will be ~2500' each day.

### November

- Possible AT hike; *stay tuned for details.*