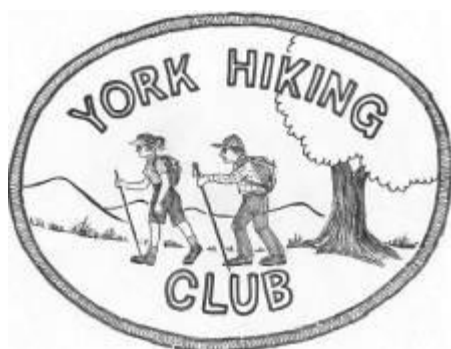


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#### January 2009

**Chairperson:** Bill Anderson 717.993.2828 or [william.j.anderson@navy.mil](mailto:william.j.anderson@navy.mil)

**January 4:** Pork and Sauerkraut at the JPJ Cabin. "Pick-up" hike begins at 10 AM; meal at 1:30 PM. Cook is Diane McCoy. Contact her if you want to help. Reservations are required & must be made by 9:00 PM Jan. 1 & once made must be paid. Cost for the meal will tentatively be \$4 plus \$1 cabin fee or \$5 total for members & non-members. Call Diane before 9 PM at 717-852-7570 with questions or to reserve.

**January 9:** Covered dish and slides. York Township Rec. Building 6:30 PM. Bring a dish to share. Your own place setting also appreciated, but paper goods will be available. Slide show: "Henry Mercer and the Safe Harbor Petroglyphs"

In the late spring of 1885, Henry Mercer -- eccentric, archaeologist, collector of pre-industrial tools and implements, and founder of the Mercer Museum and the Moravian Pottery and Tile Works journeyed to see the ancient Indian carvings on the rocks in the Susquehanna River at Safe Harbor, PA. In this presentation, local rock art researcher Paul Nevin uses Mercer's journal entries as a backdrop to guide you through a tour and explanation of the sites on the lower Susquehanna that quite possibly comprise the largest concentration of Native American rock art in the northeast United States.

**JAN. 11 - (Medium/long):** 8.3-mile loop hike in Michaux State Forest starting at Pine Grove Furnace, going south to Tom's Run Shelter, then returning on the Sunset Rocks Trail. About half the hike will be on the Appalachian Trail and will include a mountaintop view, a section of two handed rock scrambling, some short climbs and sections along mountain streams. Meet at the Adams Electric parking lot at 8:30 AM. Fee \$5. Bring lunch, suitable footwear and drinking water. Hike leader: Bernie Frick at 717-843-6675 or [blf268@lehigh.edu](mailto:blf268@lehigh.edu) .

**January 18 (Medium):** Enjoy a winter hike that is just over 5 miles in length by combining a number of shorter trails that meander through the Spring Valley County Park. Trail difficulty: Small hills, but trails well marked. The multi-use trails maybe muddy in some sections depending on the weather. Bring boots, water, and snacks. Meet Vo-Tec School at 1:30 PM. Fee: \$1.50. Hike Leader: Alan Noble at 717-938-8506.

**January 18 (Long):** Circle hike of about 11 miles in one of the coldest places we've been in January, Stony Mountain. Fortunately for us, we'll have a 1,000 ft climb on the Water Tank Trail to warm us up on the way to the Horseshoe Trail & the Stony Mountain fire tower. After a nice break of about 3 ½ miles along the rocky ridgeline, we'll have another climb of about 600 ft to intersect with the Appalachian Trail, then heading south on the AT to return to the cars. Bring good boots, lunch, & plenty of water. We will leave the north meeting place (Rutters) promptly at 8:00 AM. Fee: \$6. Leader Jim McCoy, 717-852-7570 or [gonehikin830@Comcast.net](mailto:gonehikin830@Comcast.net)

**January 23 (Trails Meeting):** Meeting is one of two we hold every year for planning trail work. Everyone is invited. Meet at the Hooper farm at 7:15 PM. Contact Jim Hooper 717-252-3784 or [j.e.hooper@ieec.org](mailto:j.e.hooper@ieec.org) if you have any questions or need directions.

**January 25 (Medium hike):** NO LEADER.

**January 27:** Board of Directors Meeting at Al Britton's residence at 7 PM.

#### **Announcements:**

**THURSDAY WORK TRIPS:** Join the group that does trail work on Thursdays. Contact Jim Hooper (717)252-3784 or [j.e.hooper@ieec.org](mailto:j.e.hooper@ieec.org) to get on the email list announcing each week's work trip.

**ADVANCED ANNOUNCEMENT:** Feb. 13-16 Winter Weekend in Endless Mts., staying at High Winds Lodge (limited space); members have priority until Feb. 6. Contact Joyce Hooper at 717-252-3784 or [jem.mil@att.net](mailto:jem.mil@att.net) for reservations.

**HELP THE CLUB SAVE POSTAGE:** Receive your newsletters by email. If you are not already receiving your monthly newsletters by email, just send an email to Bernie Frick at [Treasurer@yorkhikingclub.com](mailto:Treasurer@yorkhikingclub.com) and tell him to put you on the newsletter email list...it's that easy!

**FEBRUARY HIKE LEADERS NEEDED** for the following dates in February: 1 (long), 8 (Chili Hike Hike leader), 15 (short and medium), 22 (short). Please contact Joyce Hooper at [james.hooper@worldwide.att.net](mailto:james.hooper@worldwide.att.net) .

**WELCOME** The following people have fulfilled the requirements for membership and will be invited to join the club if there are no objections within ten days: Jerry & Chris Broome, York, PA 17406.

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