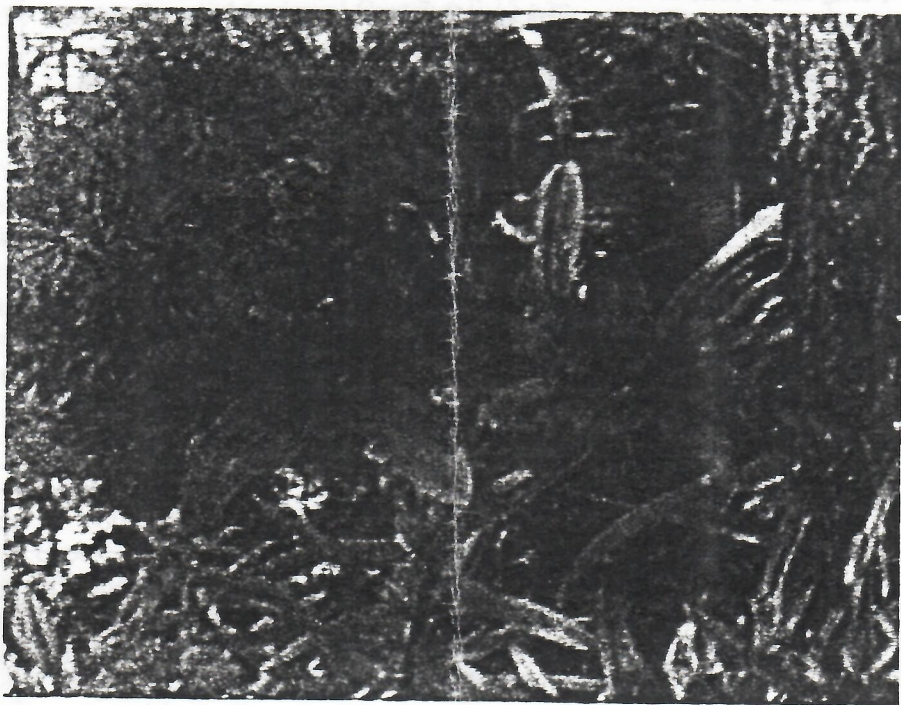


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The Crooked Canes

May & June, 1999



ATTENTION PLEASE

The Crooked Canes plan to celebrate the anniversary of the 700th hike on May 6 at 9:00 a.m. with a breakfast gathering at the Packhorse Restaurant, which is off Exit 13N, next to the Roosevelt Motel. The breakfast will be followed by Trudy VanRyn's hike in the Huyck Preserve. Important: We need a head count. If you plan to attend, please call Irv Boyle at 584-5206.

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May

May 6 #704 – HUYCK PRESERVE, Renselearville

Trudy Van Ryn 439-4088

This is a 4 mile hike in the preserve around Lake Myasotis and Lincoln Pond, and 1 mile in the backyards along the river in Renselaerville.

There is a steep hill to the falls at the beginning of the hike. We will cross two streams –bring water shoes. There should be many spring



May 13 #705 – SUNRISE MT. AND JABES POND

Ruth Lamb 769-2229

Wildflower hike along Silver Bay Assoc. trails near Lake George in Hague. Includes hike to the top of Sunrise Mt. with a view of the lake, along with a hike to Jabes Pond, for a total of about 5 ½ miles. Meet at the Warren County Municipal Center at 915 a.m., or Exit 24 around 9:45.

May 20 #706 – ROUND LAKE CANOE

Mary Bruno 489-7216

We will canoe around the lake and in the Anthony Kill Creek for an easy trip. Bring binoculars for bird watching. There are two parking lots by the shore of the lake, both are accessible from Rt. 9. Meet at the southernmost parking lot at 10:00 am.

May 27 #707 – HADLEY MOUNTAIN

Irv Boyle 584-5206

Hike about four miles round trip with a 1,500 foot change in elevation. A gradual climb and great views. Meet at the Warren County Municipal Center at 9:15 a.m.

* See meeting information on front of schedule

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June

June 3 #708 – STEVENS POND

Bob Herrick 973-3015

The 6 mile hike is on an easy part of the Northville – Lake Placid Trail, beginning at the Durant Lake campsite, with lunch at the pond. Meet at the Warren County Municipal Center at 9:15 a.m.

June 10 #709 – TACONIC CREST TRAIL

Doris Ludewig 885-9032

Hike 6 miles round-trip from Petersburg Pass to Snow Hole with 400 ft elevation change. Great views of the Hoosic Valley to the west and Mt. Greylock to the southwest. Doris says there should be many wild flowers including the wild azalea. Meet at K-Mart, Exit 9-W, Clifton Park at 9:15 a.m.

June 17 #710 – TREADWAY MT. CANOE / HIKE

Tom Gibbs 583-1550

We will canoe across Putnam Pond and pick up the trail to Treadway Mt. The hike round-trip is 5 miles with 1,000 ft. elevation change. Super views at the top. People without canoes will be transported across the pond – no charge. Meet at the Warren County Municipal Center at 9:15 a.m.

June 24 #711 – GLASS LAKE

Gordon French 674-5753

We are invited to Gordon's place on Glass Lake for canoeing, swimming, or hot tub. If you wish, Gordon will lead us on a short hike overlooking Glass Lake. Lunch will be a cookout of hot dogs and hamburgers. Bring a covered dish. Meet at K-Mart, Exit 9W, in Clifton Park at 9:15 a.m.

Ode to Bill Wetzel
A Man Who Loved The Woods
Aug 22, 1922 – March 4 1999

We walked with him on Thursdays,
 This man who loved the woods.
He climbed so fast with certain steps,
 We struggled to keep up.
With tracking eyes, he saw it all –
 A bush, a burl, a bird

A Crooked branch on forest floor,
 Something we might trample,
Spoke to him in secret voice
 And found a second life.
Polished and jeweled, a new beauty boomed.
 We prize our crooked canes.

He walked with joy and reverence
 At home with forest creatures.
Deer and moose, hidden from us,
 Connected with his sympatric glance
Tracks they left revealed to him
 Their secret woodland ways.

Our forest guru told us tales
 Of history, lore and life
Enriching the times we walked with him –
 We miss our good friend, Bill,
For over the years we grew to love
 This man who loved the woods.

Reworked
March 4, 1999
From a poem
Written for
Bill Wetzel Day
February 4, 1993

Ruth Dibelius for
The Crooked Canes

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WARNING

Hiking, cross-country skiing, canoeing, and other outdoor activities are potentially dangerous with many hazards. Trails may be rocky, steep, wet, icy, or covered with leaves or snow. Trails may be slippery and may be along the edge of a cliff or a steep drop. Bushwhacks can be especially rugged. Lakes may be windy, have rough waves or frigid water. Power boats also present a hazard to canoers. Each person assumes full responsibility for his/her own safety during Crooked Cane activities.