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Ed Kleciak Leading a Wildlife Hike at a Lake in Scotland

NEW AGE Hiking

Are you tired of hiking at a compassionate pace? Looking for an end to those gentle hearted co-leaders? Expecting more than an uplifting, inspiring, gloriously flowing views and fauna hike? Then this is the hike for you. Join us as we lead an Un-compassionately paced death march. We will practice the violent art of dictatorship leading, no gentle art of co-leading here, as we march at a fast pace in difficult terrain. Slackers and slow hikers will be left where they fall. Hike leaves exactly at 5:00am, late arrivals will be left behind. No Social ice cream stop is planned but if you must we will allow a two minute rest break during the hike if you don't have the discipline to hold the call of nature till you get home. Contact Ed "Deathmarch" Laroche for further details.

Mystery Hike

Join us on a mystery hike. The actual location of this hike will be kept a secret to increase the suspense and enjoyment of the hike. The date of the hike will also be kept a mystery until after the hike to increase the spontaneity of this exciting mystery. Please contact the hike leader, whose name and phone number will be kept a mystery as well, prior to the start of the hike.



Dave Rotondo Night Hike

Beware of Poisonous Snakes

Two little snakes were wiggling along the side of the road when the first little snake turned to the second little snake and asked, "Are we poisonous?" "Why?" asked the second little snake, to which the first little snake replied, "Because I just bit. My lip!"

Wilderness Gourmet Cooking:

CAMPFIRE Chili-Mac
(Not for beginners)

Place enough dehydrated water in a pot to make 16 ounces of pure mountain spring water. Add 16 ounces of brackish beaver swamp water. Place a small quantity, five or ten ounces, of white gas in priming cup of backpacking stove. Attempt to light using old, wet, soggy matches left over from last hike during the rainy season. After consuming all matches without success, borrow burning ember from native headhunter and light stove. While waiting for flames to burn down and stove to heat up, apply burn treatment first aid to hands and face. Place pot on stove and bring to boil. Allow to boil for 20 minutes or until all water has evaporated or fuel runs out. Put aside small quantity of leaves, twigs, and black fly remains that have settled on bottom of pan.

Ask camping partner if you can borrow two cups of his hot water. Pour 2 full cups hot water into purchased Chili-Mac dehydrated backpacking meal. (Please ignore instructions that say to only use 1

cup of water) Let steep for 30 seconds (skip this step if really hungry) Do not stir – this adds a nice partly soggy and partly crunchy texture. Season with black flies, leaves, twigs, set aside in above. Place open container near campfire to season with fire ashes, if available. Consume your dinner.

Remember that little package of moisture absorbing crystals acts as a seasoning adding a lot of flavor. Don't remove it until ready to eat. Enjoy! And remember to bury any remaining food scraps at least 297.60 feet from any water source, 3.7526 inches below the surface, and down wind from the latrine.



Club VP saves fellow hiker during lightning strike in the Whites



Donna Jago's Whitewater Canoe Trip ends up on the Rocks.

Bear Encounter

Two hikers were on the trails in Maine. As they make their way along the path, they hear a loud crashing noise and look up to see a very large bear charging down a hillside. Realizing simultaneously, that they are the bear's intended targets, not to mention lunch, one of the hikers immediately takes off his back pack, drops to the ground and begins to change from his hiking boots to tennis shoes. The other hiker bewildered asks, "You don't really think you can out run that bear do you?" The first hiker replies, "No, but I can outrun you."

Public Service Announcement:

In case anyone is considering doing some camping this summer, please note the following public service announcement:

In Alaska, tourists are warned to carry pepper spray and wear tiny bells on their clothing when hiking in bear country. The bells warn away MOST bears. Tourists are also cautioned to watch the ground on the trail, paying particular attention to bear droppings to be alert for the presence of Grizzly Bears.

One can tell a Grizzly dropping because it smells like pepper and has tiny bells in it.



B-Hiking

Kay Sylvain

In this issues column I would like to correct a misconception that has been brought to my attention. This columns title was meant to be B-Hiking with Kay not E-Hiking with Jay. Sorry we didn't pick this up earlier. Many people are unaware of the gentle art of B-Hiking. Yes that's bare hiking and we don't mean the four-legged bear variety. This column is meant to introduce you to the great feelings of hiking in New England completely free of clothing and material trappings. Nothing like hiking in the nude. The feel of the mosquitoes and black flies on ones sweat soaked skin, the sunburns, etc.

But B-Hiking is not just about hiking Bare in the woods! This is also your chance to learn about the lesser-known B-Rated hikes in New England. That's right. Just like a bad B movie, B-hiking takes you to trails and places no one, in their right mind, would want to go.

Some of our feature hikes:

- Touring our Town Dump
- Marshland Morgue walk
- Fifty Laps around the Prison Cell Pen

Up Coming in a Future Issue:

Upcoming Hikes:

- Night Hiking around Nuclear Lake (no flashlights needed)
- Mile-high Brown-bagger – bring a lunch and hike one of New England's over 5280 foot mile-high summits and join the mile-high club.

Upcoming Clinics:

- How to pee in the woods and like it.
- Wilderness Survival; "How to squeeze water from rocks to say hydrated"

Upcoming hard-hitting Investigative News:

- Does a bear shit in the woods?
- Legal Defense Strategies; "Is it really manslaughter to suffocate a snoring tent partner with his own dirty trail socks?"

PVHC Mailbox



Open Letter to the Club:

We've landed. Just in from the nearby galaxy of Andromeda please join Dave's Relatives for an out of this world Birthday Party in Dave's honor. Meet in front of Wilderness Experiences after the Meeting.

Your Friends,
Iggie and Family



For Sale:

One slightly used flying saucer. Like new, only 200 million miles on it. Can be seen at Area 51. Contact Dave.

For Sale:

I have a large quantity of dehydrated water for sale. This stuff is great for backpacking. Did you know that plain pure water weighs over 8 lbs per gallon? Why carry all that extra weight. An ounce of dehydrated water, when re-hydrated, makes over 10 gallons. \$10 or best offer.

Pioneer Valley Ice-cream Club Officers & Committed Felons

Acting President

- Rob (Awaiting Florida Recount of Pregnant Chads)

Vice President

- John (Under Impeachment for Bootprint Abuse)

Secretary

- AnnMarie (Rated L8-L8-L8 by Club Membership)

Treasurer

- Shari (Wanted for illegal U-turn Northbound on AT)

Standing Committee Chairs

Trail Demolition:

- Joey "Chain Saw" Zawrotny

Hike Planning Coordinator:

- Dick Lost & Inthe Forest

Nude Backpacking Coordinator:

- Mikie "Waving them in the breeze" Rattelle

IMPORTANT NOTICES

- ❑ Next Club Meetings:
February 31, 2002
- ❑ Next Hike Planning Meeting:
Postponed due to lack of planning.
- ❑ Deadline for Submissions for next FeetPrints is: April Fools Day 2002.
- ❑ **SPECIAL NOTE:**
Happy April Fools Day.

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We would have changed the names of contributors to protect the innocent but no one would own up to writing any of this issue anyway. Besides, no one in PVHC is innocent.

