

TWELFTH ANNUAL BATONA TRAIL RUN SERIES

!!!! ATTENTION !!!!

2016

Hello All Pineland Striders and Strider Friends!

We are pleased to announce that once again the Pineland Striders will be conducting our annual Batona Trail Run Series.

This is year 12 of this wonderful trail run series in the pines. It continues to be an excellent opportunity to appreciate this great resource just out our back doors and to enjoy the company of old and new friends.

Once again awards will be presented to those who have completed all five legs of the series as well as "special recognition" to those who run each leg of the series "out and back"; all in the same event year. "Out and back" being a great accomplishment and a challenge for those marathoners and ultra runners who can't get enough of the trails.

If anyone has questions or needs clarification on any aspect of the series please contact me, Bill Scott.

Announcements of the upcoming scheduled runs will be made approximately 2 weeks prior to the running of each leg to make all aware and to determine an approximate number of participants.

Looking forward to another great Batona Trail Run Series!

Thank you,

Bill Scott



For all those hearty running souls who think they would enjoy a little adventure by running a 53 mile trail, but not all at once, here is your opportunity!!!!!!

The Batona Trail traverses through a unique area called "The Pine Barrens" of NJ. The trail meanders through the "Pine Barrens" of Burlington County NJ from Ong's Hat, in Brendan T. Byrne State Forest near the intersections of routes 70 and 72, to Bass River State Forest near Lower Bank, NJ. The trail is a single track for the most part, with some exceptions, traversing through a mixture of oak and pine forests as well as cedar swamps. As you run this trail you will experience the sounds of nature beckoning as you wander aimlessly.....lost.

The terrain on this trail varies from hills and vales to swamps. Sand underfoot is a factor in some locations, mud and water in others. On several past year's runs we experienced running the trail in snow. Keep in mind obstacles are a factor. There are logs to vault and brush to bush-wack through but for the most part the trail is moderately easy running and considerably well marked....for the most part. Most appealing of all is the beauty you will see, the experience of running in the woods, listening to the wind, swatting the insects and hearing the enchanting melody of the wildlife and, of course, the camaraderie of friends... for rescue purposes.

This will be The Twelfth Annual running of the BATONA TRAIL RUN SERIES. This trail run is scheduled for five Sundays in a five month period September to January.

This year's schedule for the 53 mile Batona Trail Run Series 9 is as follows:

[LEG #1: September 25th, 2016 Ong's Hat to Pakim Pond in Brendan Byrne SF - 8.0 miles](#)

[LEG #2: October 30th, 2016 Pakim Pond to Carranza in Wharton SF - 13.5 miles](#)

[LEG #3: November 27th, 2016 Carranza to Batsto Village - 12.4 miles](#)

[LEG #4: December 18th, 2016 Batsto Village to Evans Bridge - 9.2 miles](#)

[LEG #5: January 8th, 2017 Evans Bridge to Bass River SF - 9.6 miles](#)

Run Details:

- All legs will begin between approximately 7:15 AM to 7:45 AM depending on location and daylight savings time. Details of each leg will be announced approximately two weeks prior to the actual event (via e-mail and facebook) specifying times, locations and other pertinent information. All legs will be run point to point so any voluntary assistance with transportation will be greatly appreciated.
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- Donations of amenities (Gatorade, snacks) are greatly appreciated. Historically those interested have gathered informally for breakfast after the trail run at a determined location prior to the trip home. Be advised as we venture farther from home these runs can take a 3 hour or more time span to complete considering travel and search and rescue operations henceforth on some legs don't expect to be home by 11 AM.
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- Cancellations will be rescheduled.

Pertinent Precautionary Pronouncements

Be prepared!

- Wear proper attire for trail running
- Bring a cell phone
- Water stops will be available but consider carrying water
- Trail running can be unstable and inherently injurious
- Insect repellent is advisable for early season runs; i.e. ticks, flies and chiggers.

!!! AWARDS ARE PRESENTED ANNUALLY TO ALL WHO COMPLETE EACH LEG OF THE ENTIRE 53 MILE TRAIL!!!

The awards are given for running all 5 sections of the trail. For those who ran sections in previous years Batona Trail Run Series who need to know what sections they need to run for a completion award please contact me, Bill Scott, and I'll search our records for your completed sections and inform you as to what sections you'll need to run.

Makeup runs are permissible and are conducted on an informal honor system basis. If a makeup section is completed we require notification for the record. Makeup run leg completions are only accepted up until the weekend prior to the Striders annual holiday party in February when the completion awards are presented.

See you in the woods!

Courtesy of Bill Scott and El Hamersly of "Bill and El's Excellent Adventure!"

Detailed information regarding each scheduled leg of the trail:

BATONA TRAIL RUN SERIES 12 - LEG #1

Brendan T. Byrne S. F. - Ong's Hat to Pakim Pond

Date: Sunday, September 25th, 2016 Start time: 7:30 AM

Start Location: Trail head at Ong's Hat

Distance: 8 Miles

Join us in the first leg in a series of trail runs towards the complete running of the 53 mile Batona Trail. This section of the trail is particularly scenic traversing rolling hills through oak and pine forests, foot bridges through cedar swamps and terminating at picturesque Pakim Pond.

Transportation options:

1. Meet at Pakim Pond by 7:15 AM at the trail head. (Directions below). From here we will carpool to the start at Ong's Hat.

Directions to Pakim Pond:

From Rt. 70 and Cherry Hill:

Take Rt. 70 east to Rt. 206 at the Red Lion Circle. At the circle you will see the Red Lion Diner. Continue east on Rt. 70 to the next traffic circle you encounter which is the Four Mile Circle and follow the below directions from the Four Mile Circle.

From Rt. 206 and 30 in Hammonton:

Take Rt. 206 north to the first traffic circle you encounter where Rt. 70 intersects. Take Rt. 70 east and follow the below directions from the Four Mile Circle.

From Rt. 50 and 30 in Egg Harbor City:

Take Rt. 50 north to Rt. 563 north. At the sign for Green Bank make a right and cross the Green Bank Bridge and continue north on Rt. 563 thru Chatsworth and continue north on Rt. 563 until it dead ends at Rt. 72. Make a left and take Rt. 72 west to the Four Mile Circle where Rt. 72 and 70 meet and follow the below directions from the Four Mile Circle.

From the Four Mile Circle:

Go around the circle to the exit for Rt. 72. Take the exit heading east on Rt. 72. Travel 1 mile to the Brendan Byrne State Forest sign on the left just beyond the fire tower. Make a left and take the forest road to the first paved intersection. Make a right and follow the paved road approximately 2.5 miles to a stop sign. Make a left and follow the paved road to the Pakim Pond parking area which will be on your left. Pull into the parking area and meet us there.

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- Water stops will be available but consider carrying water.
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- Insect repellent is advisable for the early season runs; i.e. ticks, flies and chiggers. (Sounds like fun!!)
- Toilet facilities are at Pakim Pond.

We kindly request a head count as soon as possible so we can make logistical arrangements. Please call or e-mail Bill Scott to let us know you will be coming. Should this run be cancelled due to extreme

weather conditions, hazardous roads, forest fires, floods or for other pertinent reasons I will post an e-mail prior to 5 AM on the run date. If you have any doubts please call me, Bill Scott, prior to the run. Any questions? E-mail Bill Scott at scotclan5@aol.com or call 609-268-0857 / cell 609-314-5911

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BATONA TRAIL RUN SERIES 12 - LEG #2

Brendan Byrne SF @ Pakim Pond to Wharton SF @ Carranza Memorial

Distance: 13.5 Miles

Date: Sunday, October 30th, 2016 Start time: 7:30 AM

Start Location: Trail head at Pakim Pond

Join us for the second leg in a series of 5 trail runs towards the completion of running the entire 53 mile Batona Trail. This is the longest of the five legs. This section of the trail begins at Pakim Pond and crosses Rt. 72 entering the back trails and roads around "The Capitol of The Pines"; Chatsworth, NJ. It then proceeds through the beautiful Franklin Parker Preserve to a Route 532 crossing and then on and over Apple Pie Hill. Enjoy the views of the pines and Philadelphia from the hill if it's clear. Next you will continue along a very scenic winding path for 4.1 miles to the 13.5 mile finish at the Carranza Memorial. Transportation options:

1. Meet at Pakim Pond by 7:15 AM at the trail head (Directions Below).
2. Meet at Carranza Memorial by 6:45 AM.
 1. We will carpool to Pakim Pond from there leaving cars behind for transportation back to Pakim Pond after the run.
 2. For those who need to depart immediately after the run.

Directions to Pakim Pond:

From Rt. 70 and Cherry Hill:

Take Rt. 70 east to Rt. 206 at the Red Lion Circle. At the circle you will see the Red Lion Diner. Continue east on Rt. 70 to the next traffic circle you encounter which is the Four Mile Circle and follow the below directions from the Four Mile Circle.

From Rt 206 and 30 in Hammonton:

Take Rt. 206 north to the first traffic circle you encounter where Rt. 70 intersects. Take Rt. 70 east and follow the below directions from the Four Mile Circle.

From Rt. 50 and 30 in Egg Harbor City:

Take Rt. 50 north to Rt 563 north. At the sign for Green Bank make a right and cross the Green Bank Bridge and continue north on Rt. 563 thru Chatsworth and continue north on Rt. 563 until it dead ends at Rt. 72. Make a left and take Rt. 72 west to the Four Mile Circle where Rt. 72 and 70 meet and follow the below directions from the Four Mile Circle.

From the Four Mile Circle:

Go around the circle to the exit for Rt. 72. Take the exit heading east on Rt. 72. Travel 1 mile to the Brendan Byrne State Forest sign on the left just beyond the fire tower. Make a left and take the forest road to the first paved intersection. Make a right and follow the paved road approximately 2.5 miles to a stop sign. Make a left and follow the paved road to the Pakim Pond parking area which will be on your left. Pull into the parking area and meet us there.

Directions to Carranza Memorial:

From Rt. 70 and Cherry Hill:

Take Rt. 70 east to Rt. 206 at the Red Lion Circle. At the circle you will see the Red Lion Diner. Make a right at the circle and proceed south on Rt. 206 to the second traffic light. The Tabernacle Inn will be on your left. Make a left. Note: Making a right here would take you to Shawnee HS. Continue on Rt. 532, Tabernacle Chatsworth Rd., to the first stop sign in downtown Tabernacle. Russo's Farm Market will be on your right. This intersecting road will be Carranza Rd. Make a right. Follow directions from Carranza Rd. in Tabernacle below.

From Rt 206 and 30 in Hammonton:

Take Rt. 206 north to the first traffic light you encounter. This is Tuckerton Rd. Make a right on Tuckerton Rd. Follow Tuckerton Rd. to the second stop sign. Make a left. Follow this road to the first stop sign. This will be Carranza Rd. Make a right and follow directions from Carranza Rd. in Tabernacle below.

From Rt. 50 and 30 in Egg Harbor City:

Take Rt. 50 north to Rt 563 north. At the sign for Green Bank make a right and cross the Green Bank Bridge and continue north on Rt. 563 to Chatsworth. Just past Buzby's General Store and at the firehouse in Chatsworth make a left. This is Rt. 532, Chatsworth - Tabernacle Rd. Follow this, approximately 8 miles, until you come to the first stop sign. This will be Carranza Rd. Make a left on Carranza Rd. and follow directions from Carranza Rd. in Tabernacle below.

From Carranza Rd. in Tabernacle:

Follow Carranza Rd. for approximately four to five miles until you see a low wooden guard rail on the right. This is the Carranza parking lot. Look for others at this location. If the road turns to dirt you went too far. Go back 1/10 of a mile. Pull into the parking area and meet us there.

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- Toilet facilities are at Pakim Pond.

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BATONA TRAIL RUN SERIES 12 - LEG #3

Carranza Memorial @ Wharton SF to Batsto Village @ Wharton SF

Distance: 12.4 Miles

Date: Sunday, November 27th, 2016 Start time: 7:45 AM

Start Location: Trail head at Carranza Memorial

Join us for the third in a series of 5 trail runs towards the completion of running the entire 53 mile Batona Trail.

This section of the trail begins at the Carranza Memorial in Wharton S.F. in Tabernacle Township, NJ and proceeds south to Batsto Village in Wharton S.F. This portion of the trail is much more remote than previous sections as it never crossing a paved or traveled roadway.

I refer to this portion as "The Wilderness."

Mostly flat this section travels on narrow pathways as well as sand roads. On this run we will begin at the Carranza Memorial, pass by Lower Forge Campsite, cross the Old Tuckerton Stage route, parallel the Batsto River at Quaker Bridge and end at Batsto Village. A rest break with water and Gatorade will be at Quaker Bridge at approximately the 6 mile mark.

Transportation options:

1. Meet at the Carranza Memorial by 7:30 AM at the trail head.
2. Meet at Batsto Village by 6:45 AM for a carpool to Carranza Memorial.
 1. We will carpool to Carranza Memorial from there leaving cars behind for transportation back to Carranza Memorial after the run.
 2. For those who need to depart immediately after the run.

Directions to Carranza Memorial:

From Rt. 70 and Cherry Hill:

Take Rt. 70 east to Rt. 206 at the Red Lion Circle. At the circle you will see the Red Lion Diner. Make a right at the circle and proceed south on Rt. 206 to the second traffic light. The Tabernacle Inn will be on your left. Make a left. Note: Making a right here would take you to Shawnee HS. Continue on Rt. 532, Tabernacle Chatsworth Rd., to the first stop sign in downtown Tabernacle. Russo's Farm Market will be on your right. This intersecting road will be Carranza Rd. Make a right. Follow directions from Carranza Rd. in Tabernacle below.

From Rt. 206 and 30 in Hammonton:

Take Rt. 206 north to the first traffic light you encounter. This is Tuckerton Rd. Make a right on Tuckerton Rd. Follow Tuckerton Rd. to the second stop sign. Make a left. Follow this road to the first stop sign. This will be Carranza Rd. Make a right and follow directions from Carranza Rd. in Tabernacle below.

From Rt. 50 and 30 in Egg Harbor City:

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From Carranza Rd. in Tabernacle:

Follow Carranza Rd. for approximately four to five miles until you see a low wooden guard rail on the right. This is the Carranza parking lot. Look for others at this location. If the road turns to dirt you went too far. Go back 1/10 of a mile. Pull into the parking area and meet us there.

Directions to Batsto Village:

From the Red Lion Circle at Rt. 70 and Rt. 206:

Take Rt. 206 south from the Red Lion Circle. The second traffic light you encounter as you proceed south on Rt. 206 is Rt. 532. This is the road which Shawnee High School is on. The third traffic light you encounter as you proceed south on Rt. 206 is Tuckerton Rd. Continue south on Rt. 206 passing the Pic-A-Lilli Inn on your left then Atsion Lake on your right.

Continue south and look for the sign for Batsto Village which is at the next left you can make on Rt. 206. Bear left just beyond the Batsto Village sign and follow to the very first paved road going left. Make a left there then proceed to the first stop sign. Make another left and follow this road until it dead ends into Rt. 542. Make another left.

Follow Rt. 542 continuing for approximately 5 miles until you come to Batsto Village on your left. You will see a wooden sign on Rt. 542 indicating Batsto Village. Make a left and follow to the first left which will take you into the parking lot.

From Rt 206 and 30 in Hammonton:

Take Rt. 30 east to the third traffic light. On your right is William B. Kessler Hospital. Make a left. This is Rt. 542. Follow Rt. 542 for approximately 7 miles until you come to Batsto Village on your left. You will see a wooden sign on Rt. 542 indicating Batsto Village. Make a left and follow to the first left which will take you into the parking lot.

From Rt. 50 and 30 in Egg Harbor City:

Take Rt. 50 north to Rt. 563 north in Egg Harbor City. At the sign for Green Bank make a right and cross the Green Bank Bridge. After crossing the bridge make an immediate left and follow to Rt. 542. Bel Haven Canoes will be across the highway. Make a left and follow for approximately 4 miles to Batsto Village. A sign for Batsto Village will be on your left. Make a right here and follow to the first left. Make a left and follow to the parking lot.

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BATONA TRAIL RUN SERIES 12 - LEG # 4

BATSTO VILLAGE, WHARTON S. F. to EVANS BRIDGE, WHARTON S. F.

Distance: 9.2 Miles

Date: Sunday, December 18th, 2016

Start Time: 7:45 AM

Start Location: Trail head at Batsto Village

Join us for the (4th) fourth in a series of 5 trail runs towards the completion of running the entire 53 mile Batona Trail.

This section of the trail begins at historic Batsto Village in Wharton S. F. and courses through the pine-oak forests and cedar swamps ending at Evans Bridge on Rt. 563 where the Wading River meets the highway, a popular launch and take out point for kayakers and canoeists. An interesting portion of the trail where we travel through some sections of cedar swamps and the temperature takes a noticeable plunge. Transportation options:

1. Meet at Batsto Village by 7:30 AM
2. Meet at Evans Bridge by 7:10 AM
 1. We will carpool to Batsto Village from there leaving cars behind for transportation back to Batsto Village after the run.

Directions to Batsto Village:

From the Red Lion Circle at Rt. 70 and Rt. 206:

Take Rt. 206 south from the Red Lion Circle. The second traffic light you encounter as you proceed south on Rt. 206 is Rt. 532. This is the road which Shawnee High School is on. The third traffic light you encounter as you proceed south on Rt. 206 is Tuckerton Rd. Continue south on Rt. 206 passing the Pic-A-Lilli Inn on your left then Atsion Lake on your right.

Continue south and look for the sign for Batsto Village which is at the next left you can make on Rt. 206. Bear left just beyond the Batsto Village sign and follow to the very first paved road going left. Make a left there then proceed to the first stop sign. Make another left and follow this road until it dead ends into Rt. 542. Make another left.

Follow Rt. 542 continuing for approximately 5 miles until you come to Batsto Village on your left. You will see a wooden sign on Rt. 542 indicating Batsto Village. Make a left and follow to the first left which will take you into the parking lot.

From Rt. 206 and 30 in Hammonton:

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Directions to Evans Bridge:

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BATONA TRAIL RUN SERIES 12 - LEG #5

Evans Bridge at Wharton SF to Bass River S. F.

Distance: 9.6 Miles

Date: Sunday, January 8th, 2017

Start Time 7:45 AM

Start Location: Trail head at Evans Bridge

Join us for the (5th) fifth and final run in the series of 5 trail runs towards the completion of running the entire 53 mile Batona Trail.

This section of the trail begins at Evans Bridge on Rt. 563 at the Wading River in Wharton S. F. and ends at the Bass River State Forest. This section traverses pine forests, rolling hills, and through lowlands along the Wading River. It follows much of the old Tuckerton Stage and Martha Furnace Roads.

Transportation options:

1. Meet at Evans Bridge on Rt. 563 by 7:45 AM.
2. Meet at Bass River S.F. Batona parking area by 7:15 AM.
 1. We will carpool to Evans Bridge from there leaving cars behind for transportation back to Evans Bridge after the run.

Directions to Evans Bridge:

From the Red Lion Circle at Rt. 70 and Rt. 206:

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Continue south and look for the sign for Batsto Village which is at the next left you can make on Rt. 206. Bear left just beyond the Batsto Village sign and follow to the very first paved road going left. Make a left there then proceed to the first stop sign. Make another left and follow this road until it dead ends into Rt. 542. Make another left.

Follow Rt. 542 continuing for approximately 5 miles until you come to Batsto Village on your left. You will see a wooden sign on Rt. 542 indicating Batsto Village. Continue past Batsto Village for approximately 4 miles until you come to the Green Bank Inn on your left. The intersection here is Rt. 563. Make a left on Rt. 563 heading for Chatsworth and continue for approximately 4 miles to Evans Bridge which is the only bridge you will cross. There is a parking area just on the other side of the bridge where we will meet.

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- The only toilet facilities will be at Batsto Village

If you are completing the entire trail run series this is the final test! Go for it!

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So come on out for some fun and adventure. For those who complete the entire 50 miles a Batona Trail Run Series Award will be presented.

Any questions?:

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