

## SKI MEISTERS SUMMER HIKE

“Please join us for an afternoon of hiking with one or two easy hikes on Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. The first hike will be to the Ferncliff Forest Fire Tower at 68 Mount Rutsen Road in Rhinebeck, NY. We will meet at 1:00 p.m. in the parking lot. Mount Rutsen Road is a left turn off route 9 just before the Northern Dutchess Hospital as you are heading north on Route 9. There are signs heading to the Ferncliff Forest.

This is an easy hike, approximately ½ mile each way to the fire tower. The fire tower has 101 steps to the top and your reward is a great view of the Hudson River and the Catskill Mountains.

The second hike is a ‘poets walk’ on River Road (county route 103) which is north off route 199 at the traffic light between route 9G and the Kingston-Rhinecliff Bridge. From the fire tower continue on Mount Rutsen Road to River Road (county route 103) and turn right (north) to route 199. Cross route 199 at the light and the poet’s walk is .6 mile on the left.

We will meet at the poet’s walk parking lot at 2:00 p.m. This is a very scenic walk through open fields and woods with river views. Walking is easy with a pavilion .66 miles from the parking lot. The total loop is about 2.25 miles. You can do part or all of it. It is pretty the entire length.

Children will enjoy both hikes as well as older members. After the hike there are endless dining options in Rhinebeck or a short drive to Red Hook for ice cream at the Holy Cow.

Please sign up and join us for a great afternoon of hiking!”