

To the editor:

Spring may have gotten off to a cold start, but warm weather will be enticing you to get outside soon. There is no better way to get about Croton than to walk or bicycle. Either way you can run many errands, get exercise and enjoy the beauty of nature.

Take a walk or bicycle to a new place in the village. Maybe you have not explored the Croton Trail System, created by the village with the help of the Croton Trails Committee. The village website has



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a map of the extensive trails that can take you all across the village. There is no need to drive to a trail head; you can walk or bicycle a short distance from your home to find connections nearby.

You can, for example, reserve a book at the library and on your way to pick it up follow the trail markers that guide you via trail links. Stop in the Upper Village to grab a coffee or a treat from one of our eateries. Continue walking from the library to find access via our streets to the Croton Gorge Trail and wind your way down to Black Rock Park or Silver Lake. Remember that the containers for whatever you picked up to eat or drink should go into a garbage can, like those you will find at trail heads or near the library.

If that is too familiar maybe you want to explore in the other direction and seek out the Upper Village Loop. While bicycling is not practical or permitted along that trail, you can head down the hill on Brook Street and, before crossing the bridge over Route 9, find more places to eat and drink. Then take the overpass to Croton Landing. There a mostly level paved, shared bike and walking path can take you to the 9/11 memorial at the northern end of the Westchester RiverWalk, or go south and find your way between the railroad tracks and Half Moon Bay to explore Croton Point Park.

For a different adventure use the Upper Village Loop to climb towards Mount Airy. Here the Highland Trail takes you to the Jane E. Lytle Memorial Arboretum, then skirt the edge of the Hudson National Golf Club to find the trails of Saw Mill River Audubon's Brinton Brook Sanctuary. (This too is a pedestrian-only route.) Work your way to Route 9A. Here you will be near a supermarket and other options for food. If you are looking to shop for your bicycle or any accessories there is a bicycle store just over the village line from where you can also meander to the Graff Sanctuary. And, not that there is any reason to leave Croton, but the village trails also link to paths that head into Cortlandt and Ossining.

There are so many reasons to get out and walk or bicycle in and around the village.

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