Deeper into the Wild: Hiking the Seasons as a Mystic on the Trail

The meeting, helping, bonding, and experience of raw beauty, survival and transformation that occurs on the hiking trail is sometimes called "trail magic." Five Oasis pilgrims experienced this magic on a challenging "day one" hike at Ghost Ranch, New Mexico, in the summer of 2015. One of the participants, after an exhausting, challenging, rain-soaked, hail-stormed, muddy day, exclaimed laughing, "This is the best day of my whole life!" This team wants to pass it on, helping to guide others into the transforming possibilities and joy that exist when we go deeper into the wild.

Deeper into the Wild consists of four hikes, each five to seven miles, occurring, if possible, on the actual day of the solstice or equinox, as a celebration of the season at hand. Registration can be for single hikes or for all four. The hikes are open to everyone, regardless of experience. Hiking participants will be guided into times of reflection and sharing as part of the experience, to deepen awareness, the quality of solitude, the sense of freedom, and the depth of the experience of community. (more details on-line at www.oasismin.org/DeeperIntoTheWild.htm)

The hikes will be in south central PA and northern Maryland, from 9:00am to 3:00pm. The September hike will take place at Pine Grove Furnace State Park. Gathering place will be in front of the Pine Grove Furnace General Store, 1 Bendersville Road, Gardners, PA.

DATES:
Autumn Equinox, Thursday, September 22, 2016
Winter Solstice, Wednesday, December 21, 2016
Spring Equinox, Monday, March 20, 2017
Summer Solstice, Wednesday, June 21, 2017

LEADERS:
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COST: $25-$50 as you are able, per hike in gratitude for Oasis

To register (or receive more information), please contact Betsy Keller at 717.737.8222; betsykeller@oasismin.org