



## AKRON METRO PARKS HIKING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Dec. 1 (Sat.) - 9:30 a.m. - **SIPPO VALLEY HIKE/DALTON CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL**  
Meet at Village Green Park trailhead, 41 South Freet St., Dalton, OH 44618. We'll hike part of the Sippo Valley Trail (flat) out and back. Take I77 to exit 104, head west on US 30/US62 and go 16 miles. Turn right onto US 30 Alt/Main Street and in 0.8 miles turn left onto Freet St. which dead ends at Village Green Park. Afterwards, lunch at Das Dutch Kitchen; 14278 E. Lincolnway (US 30), Dalton, OH. You may also want to check out the Annual Christmas Festival (music, crafts, food) at the high school at 177 N. Mill St. or visit nearby famous Lehman's Hardware, 4779 Kidron Rd., Dalton, OH 44618. (#1 destination in Amish country). - APT - 1-8 miles - Chris Tiedemann 330-524-9415.

Dec. 2 (Sun.) - **2:00 p.m.!! - H & B AT YOUNG ROAD/STOW** - 5090 Young Rd., Stow, OH 44224. Trailhead on Young Rd. just north of Call Rd.  
H & B - 5 miles - Sue Donahue 330-990-0588.

Dec. 3 (Mon.) - 9:30 a.m. - **CVNP/OAK HILL** - 3901 Oak Hill Rd. Peninsula, OH 44264. Day use parking lot on Oak Hill Rd. north of Everett Rd.  
Trails - 5 miles - Kincaid Early 330-400-4835 (H), 330-815-8308 (C).

**AND/OR**

Dec. 3 (Mon.) - 2:00 p.m. - **H & B AT 303/LEISURE** - 64 W. Streetsboro Rd., Boston Heights, OH 44264. Trailhead on SR 303 west of Rt. 8 and BP Station.  
H & B - 5 miles - Roy Kress 330-434-8450.

Dec. 4 (Tues.) - 9:30 a.m. - **BOTZUM** - 2928 Riverview Rd., Akron, OH 44313. Trailhead on Riverview Rd. south of Bath Rd. - OEC - 5 miles - Brenda Hairston 330-715-4069 (C)

**AND/OR**

Dec. 4 (Tues.) - 4:00 p.m. - **FIRESTONE METRO PARK** - 2620 Harrington Rd., Akron, OH 44319. Tuscarawas parking lot on Harrington Rd. south of Swartz.  
Trails - 3 miles - Bruce Ahonen 330-794-1039.

Dec. 5 (Wed.) - 9:30 a.m. - **SNYDER AVE./BARBERTON/LEISURE** - 33 Snyder Ave., Barberton, OH 44203. Parking lot on Snyder Ave. west of Van Buren.  
OEC - 5 miles - Jack Wenrick 330-923-6371.

Dec. 6 (Thurs.) - **2:00 p.m.!! - SAND RUN METRO PARK** - 1400 Sand Run Pkwy, Akron, OH 44313. Wadsworth parking area (third area on Sand Run Pkwy. west of Portage Path). - APT - 5 miles - Billy Stacy 330-968-7898.

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Dec. 7 (Fri.) - 9:30 a.m. - **BUCKEYE WOODS** - 6335 Wedgewood Road, Medina, OH 44256 Take I-76 west to SR 3, right on SR 3, then left on Wedgewood (SR 162), then right into park (Buckeye Woods). Park in second lot. Bring your lunch to the Carpinellos after the hike. Coffee and dessert will be provided. Trails - 5 miles - Colleen Carpinello 330-331-7269 (H); 330-814-2621 (C).

Dec. 8 (Sat.) - 9:30 a.m. - **CANAL FULTON** - 125 Tuscarawas Ave., Canal Fulton, OH 44614. Canal Park on SR 93 in Canal Fulton.  
OEC - 6 miles - Mary Pawlicki 330-658-2623 (H); 234-205-0253 (C).

Dec. 9 (Sun.) - ***2:00 p.m.!!*** - **HAMPTON HILLS METRO PARK** - 2925 Akron Peninsula Rd., Akron, OH 44313. Meet in parking lot off Akron-Peninsula Road just north of Bath Rd.  
Trails/hills - 5 miles (alternative hike available) - Kathy 330-923-2659; (H) 330-604-4869 (C).

Dec. 10 (Mon.) - 9:30 a.m. - **TALLMADGE MEADOWS** - 1088 North Ave., Tallmadge, OH 44278. On SR 91 opposite Northmoreland Ave. - Trails/APT - 6 miles (alternative hike available).  
Kathy 330-923-2659; (H) 330-604-4869 (C).

Dec. 11 (Tues.) - 9:30 a.m. - **H & B AT 303/LEISURE** - 64 W. Streetsboro Rd., Boston Heights, OH 44264. Trailhead on SR 303 west of Rt. 8 and BP Station. - H & B - 4 miles - Roy Kress 330-434-8450.

Dec. 12 (Wed.) - 9:30 a.m. - **FREEDOM TRAIL** - 445 N. Arlington St., Akron, OH 44311. On Arlington St. north of E. Market St. ***PLEASE NOTE THE ADDRESS OF THIS HIKE!!!!***  
H & B - 5 miles - Billy Stacy 330-968-7898.

Dec. 13 (Thurs.) - ***2:00 p.m.!!*** - **FREEDOM TRAIL/LEISURE** - 445 N. Arlington St., Akron, OH 44311. On Arlington St. north of E. Market St. ***PLEASE NOTE THE ADDRESS OF THIS HIKE!!!!***  
H & B - 5 miles - Jack Wenrick 330-923-6371.

Dec.14 (Fri.) - 9:30 a.m. - **CVNP/WETMORE TRAIL** - 4653 Wetmore Rd., Peninsula, OH 44264. Wetmore Rd. is off of Akron Peninsula Rd. north of Bolanz Rd.  
Trails/hills - 6 miles - Kathy 330-923-2659 (H); 330-604-4869 (C).

**OR**

Dec.14 (Fri.) - 9:30 a.m. - **STATION ROAD BRIDGE/LEISURE** - 13513 Station Rd., Brecksville, OH 44141. On Riverview Rd. south of SR 82. - OEC - 5 miles - Jack Wenrick 330-923-6371.

Dec. 15 (Sat.) - 9:30 a.m. - **BRANDYWINE FALLS** - 8176 Brandywine Rd. Sagamore Hills, OH 44067. Located on Brandywine Rd. between Olde Eight Rd. and West Highland Rd.  
Trails - 5 miles (alternative hike available) - Colleen Carpinello 330-331-7269 (H); 330-814-2621 (C).

**AND/OR**

Dec. 15 (Sat.) - 6:00 p.m. - **STRONGSVILLE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS/HOT CHOCOLATE HIKE** - Meet at Dillard's parking lot (near Buca di Beppos) 16996 Southpark Center, Strongsville OH 44136 at South Park Mall (I-71 and Route 82) for the hike. Take I-71 North to Route 82 Strongsville/North Royalton exit and turn left. You may want to eat dinner at one of the many restaurants in the mall area prior to the hike. We'll walk residential streets to Crown Point Parkway, featured on ABC's "The Great Christmas Light Fights" and voted the 5th best display in the United States by Redfin real estate. The Festival of Lights is a display of moving decorations, trains, lighted walking paths and a merry go-round on a suburban cul de sac. The highlight of the display is the Hoag Home. After, we can stop at Starbucks at the mall for hot chocolate. Carpooling will be organized. - Sidewalks/streets/easy - 5 miles - Chris Tiedemann 330-524-9415.



Dec. 16 (Sun.) - ***2:00 p.m.!!*** - **SILVER CREEK METRO PARK** - 5000 Hametown Rd., Norton, OH 44203. Off Hametown Rd. north of SR 585, use Pheasant Run parking lot.  
Trails - 5 miles - Dean Pawlicki 330-658-2623 (H); 330-690-8589 (C).

Dec. 17 (Mon.) - 9:30 a.m. - **HORSESHOE POND** - 2075 Major Rd., Peninsula, OH 44264. Parking lot on Major Rd. off Riverview Rd. - Trails - 6 miles - Kincaid Early 330-400-4835 (H), 330-815-8308 (C).

Dec. 18 (Tues.) - 9:30 a.m. - **H & B AT 303/HOT CHOCOLATE HIKE/LEISURE** - 64 W. Streetsboro Rd., Boston Heights, OH 44264. Trailhead on SR 303 west of Rt. 8 and BP Station.  
H & B - 7 miles - Roy Kress 330-434-8450.

Dec. 19 (Wed.) - 9:30 a.m. - **MUSTILL STORE/CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON** - 57 W North St., Akron, OH 44303. Trailhead on North St. west of Howard.  
OEC/sidewalks - 5 miles - Kincaid Early 330-400-4835 (H), 330-815-8308 (C).

**OR**

Dec. 19 (Wed.) - 9:30 a.m. - **MUSTILL STORE/CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON/LEISURE** - 57 W North St., Akron, OH 44303. Trailhead on North St. west of Howard.  
OEC/sidewalks - 3 miles - Roy Kress 330-434-8450.

Dec. 20 (Thurs.) - 9:30 a.m. - **IRA RD./O'NEIL WOODS** - 3801 Riverview Rd., Peninsula, OH 44264. On Riverview Rd. just north of Ira Rd.  
Trails/hills/OEC - 6 miles (alternative hike available) - Kincaid Early 330-400-4835 (H), 330-815-8308 (C).

**AND/OR**

Dec. 20 (Thurs.) - ***2:00 p.m.!!*** - **SAND RUN METRO PARK** - 1400 Sand Run Pkwy, Akron, OH 44313. Wadsworth parking area (third area on Sand Run Pkwy. west of Portage Path).  
APT - 5 miles - Brenda Hairston 330-715-4069 (C).

Dec. 21 (Fri.) - 9:30 a.m. - **BOTZUM** - 2928 Riverview Rd., Akron, OH 44313. Trailhead on Riverview Rd. south of Bath Rd. - OEC - 5 miles - Kathy 330-923-2659 (H); 330-604-4869 (C).

Dec. 22 (Sat.) - 9:30 a.m. - **CASCADE/CHUCKERY** - 837 Cuyahoga St., Akron, OH 44303. First parking lot on Peck Rd. off of Cuyahoga St. - Trails/hills - 5 miles - Jim Welling 330-858-8311.

Dec. 23 (Sun.) - ***2:00 p.m.!!*** - **GOODYEAR METRO PARK** - 2077 Newton St., Akron, OH 44305. On Newton St. west of SR 91 (rear lot near restrooms). - Trails - 5 miles - Lester Phillips 234-417-2054.

Dec. 24 (Mon.) - 9:30 a.m. - **HUDSON PLAZA/LEISURE** - 134 W. Streetsboro St., Hudson, OH 44236. Hudson Plaza (near McDonald's) on SR 303 west of SR 91.  
Parks/sidewalks - 4 miles - Roy Kress 330-434-8450.

Dec. 26 (Wed.) - 9:30 a.m. - **WILBETH ROAD** - 392 W. Wilbeth Rd., Akron, Oh 44301. Trailhead on Wilbeth Rd. west of S. Main St. - OEC - 5 miles - Billy Stacy 330-968-7898.

Dec. 27 (Thurs.) - ***2:00 p.m.!!*** - **VANDERHOOF ROAD** - 2445 Vanderhoof Rd., Barberton, OH 44203. Trailhead on Vanderhoof Rd. west of Van Buren Rd.  
OEC - 5 miles - Dean Pawlicki 330-658-2623 (H); 330-690-8589 (C).

Dec. 28 (Fri.) - 9:30 a.m. - **MEMORIAL PARKWAY** - 499 Memorial Pkwy., Akron, OH 44310. Trailhead on Memorial Parkway east of Merriman Rd. - OEC - 5 miles - Brenda Hairston 330-715-4069 (C)

Dec. 29 (Sat.) - 9:30 a.m. - **LOCK 29/BT** - 1648 Mill St., Peninsula, OH 44264. Parking lot behind train station, north side of SR 303.  
Trails/OEC - 8 miles (alternative hike available) - Billy Stacy 330-968-7898.

Dec. 30 (Sun.) - ***2:00 p.m. !!*** - **RIDING RUN TRAIL** - 2370 Everett Rd. Meet at Everett Rd. covered bridge trail head.  
Trails/hills - 5 miles (alternative hike available) - Kathy 330-923-2659 (H); 330-604-4869 (C).

Dec. 31 (Mon.) - 9:30 a.m. - **FREEDOM TRAIL** - 245 Northeast Ave. Tallmadge, OH 44278. Lion's Park at end of Lions Park Dr. off of Northeast Ave. in Tallmadge.  
H & B - 6 miles - Billy Stacy 330-968-7898.



<b>Key</b>	<b>SFA = Spree For All</b>	<b>TT = Towpath Trek</b>
<b>MP = Metro Park</b>	<b>BT = Buckeye Trail</b>	<b>APT = All Purpose Trail</b>
<b>H&amp;B = Hike &amp; Bike Trail</b>	<b>CC= Cuyahoga Challenge</b>	<b>OEC = Ohio &amp; Erie Canal Towpath</b>
<b>FHS = Fall Hiking Spree</b>	<b>VM=Volksmarch</b>	<b>CVNP = Cuyahoga Valley National Park</b>



**LETCHWORTH STATE PARK – NEW YORK  
OCTOBER 13 - 18, 2019**

Our fall trip for 2019 will be to the spectacular Letchworth State Park in western New York, known as the “Grand Canyon of the East”. In 2015, Letchworth won the USA TODAY Readers’ Choice Award for Best State Park in the United States and is also New York State’s top attraction. Over 4000 acres, 17 miles long and with 3 major waterfalls, the park offers 66 miles of great hiking trails. The fall foliage here should be really beautiful!

Lodging will be at Country Inn and Suites by Radisson located in Mount Morris NY – at the northern entrance to the park. We have a block of 9 rooms - 3 single rooms (1 king bed) and 6 double rooms (2 queen beds). When reserving your room, please call 1 (585) 658-4080 and state you are with the Akron Hiking Club. The hotel offers a free hot breakfast buffet (eggs, sausage waffles, potatoes included), mini-fridges and microwaves in all rooms, free wifi, and an indoor pool, hot tub and fitness center. Trip Advisor online reviews are very good for both the hotel and breakfast. Room rate is \$100 + 11% tax. Check in is Sunday October 13 and check out is Friday October 18. Any rooms in our block not reserved by October 1 will be released back to the hotel.

There are several restaurants in the town of Mount Morris we can choose from for dinner. Also the Glen Iris Inn located right in the Park by the falls has a beautiful dining room we may want to check out for lunch one day.

This park is about 260 miles from the greater Akron area (5 hour drive). You may also want to take a day trip to one of the Finger Lakes and check out a wine trail during or after your stay here. Other attractions in this area include hot air ballooning, white water rafting and the historic Attica and Arcade Railroad offering fall foliage steam train rides. Rochester, Buffalo and Niagara Falls are also within an hour or two drive.

Once you make your reservation, please let me know so I can keep a running tab on who will be attending.

Chris Tiedemann 330-524-9415