



## *AKRON METRO PARKS HIKING CLUB*

Thank you so much for the interest you have shown in our Club. You have completed the requirement of one hike with us and, upon receipt of your dues, you will officially become a new member. Enclosed please find a fact sheet with general information concerning the Akron Metro Parks Hiking Club.

Please fill out the Member Application form and send with a \$10.00 check for dues (individual) or \$15.00 (family) payable to AMPHC to:

Jack Wenrick  
2583 7th Street  
Cuyahoga Falls OH 44221-2405

We publish a monthly newsletter, *Footprint*, containing the schedule of our hikes and other information. Printing and mailing the newsletter is by far our biggest expense. So we would appreciate if you would opt to receive the newsletter via email on the attached application form.

You can also visit our website [www.akronhikers.org](http://www.akronhikers.org) at any time for the schedule of our hikes.

We are looking forward to seeing you on the trails!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jack Wenrick". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Akron Metro Parks Hiking Club

Enclosures

The Akron Metro Parks Hiking Club (“AMPHC”) is a recreational non-profit organization founded in 1965. Our hikes are usually five miles and are scheduled throughout the month at different locations in Summit County and surrounding areas of Ohio. Many of our hikes are on trails in Cuyahoga Valley or one of the Metro Parks, and on sections of the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath, and Bike and Hike Trails, although we also feature “neighborhood” walks on sidewalks and streets. Upon joining the club, a *Footprint* listing all the hikes and events for the upcoming month will be mailed to you or can be downloaded from our website at [www.akronhikers.org](http://www.akronhikers.org).

After one hike as a visitor, an individual may join the Club for a yearly membership fee of \$10.00 for singles; \$15.00 for family.

Occasionally social events are included with a hike – such as lunch or dinner, ice cream stops, etc. Every summer the club hosts an annual picnic and in February the Soup/Chili hike is a great way to enjoy a winter day in the company of friends. An annual meeting and dinner is scheduled every October at which time we elect new Board officers. Our Assistant Pathfinder plans at least one weekend trip each year along with a variety of day trips to places of interest (Geneva-on-the-Lake, Presque Isle, PA, Amish country, etc.) where we hike, have lunch and spend the afternoon visiting museums, historical places of interest, etc.

Mileage patches are awarded once a hiker has achieved a certain level of miles walked: 100, 250, 500, 750, 1000, 1500, etc. One of our members has hiked over 15,000 miles! If you are interested in purchasing a t-shirt, sweatshirt or club jacket, please contact Jack Wenrick at 330-923-6371.

### **A FEW POINTERS ON HIKING ETIQUETTE AND GENERAL RULES**

- It is a good idea to bring water and wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Trails are often muddy after periods of rain. In winter there may be ice. There are various safety items you can purchase for more traction to slip on the sole of your hiking boots that can help prevent slipping. A hiking ski-type pole or stick is a good investment.
- Depending on the pace of the hike set by the leader and the difficulty (easy to strenuous), our 5 mile hikes generally average 1-1/2 to 2 hours.
- Keep the hiker in front of you within sight at all times.
- A rear guard may be assigned on some hikes so that no hikers are left way behind.
- When walking on the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath or Hike & Bike trails, keep to the right so bikers and runners may pass. Please remember that these are shared trails.
- On bridle trails, horses get the right of way. Please step to the side and let them pass.
- When walking along roads, face oncoming traffic.
- If you are in doubt if a hike will take place due to extreme weather, call the hike leader.

We are glad you have contacted us and are always happy to welcome new members!



**AKRON METRO PARKS HIKING CLUB  
NEW MEMBER INFORMATION**

Please **PRINT**:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE THE *FOOTPRINT* (SCHEDULE OF HIKES)  
BY E-MAIL OR REGULAR MAIL? (If E-mail please make sure you indicate your  
address above)**

Regular Mail \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY PLEASE NOTIFY**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**MEDICAL INFORMATION**

Do you have any medical problems we should be aware of?

If so, please list here: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please fill out and return to:

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Cuyahoga Falls OH 44221-2405

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please don't forget to include your check for \$10.00-Individual, \$15.00-Family, if due.  
Checks payable to AMPHC.