



## AKRON METRO PARKS HIKING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Sept. 1 (Sun.) - 2:00 p.m. - **DEEP LOCK QUARRY METRO PARK/FHS** - 5779 Riverview Rd., Peninsula, OH 44264. On Riverview Rd. south of SR 303. Trails/OEC - 5 miles - Kincaid Early.

Sept. 2 (Mon.) - 8:00 a.m. - **TALLMADGE MEADOWS** - 1088 North Ave., Tallmadge, OH 44278. On SR 91 opposite Northmoreland Ave. Trails/APT - 6 miles (alternative hike available) - Kathy.

Sept. 3 (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.

OR

Sept. 3 (Tues.) - 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.

AND/OR

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

OR

Sept. 3 (Tues.) - 4:00 p.m. - **FIRESTONE METRO PARK/LEISURE/FHS** - 2620 Harrington Rd., Akron, OH 44319. Tuscarawas parking lot on Harrington Rd. south of Swartz. - Trails - 3 miles (one mile option) - Roy Kress.

Sept. 4 (Wed.) - 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - **GERVASI WINERY** 1700 55th Street NE (across the street from Rice Nursery), Canton, Ohio 44721. We will hike the Middle Branch Trail starting at the Gervasi Winery overflow parking lot. We will eat at the Winery's outdoor patio by the lake, weather permitting. You can take 77 South to the Everhard Road exit (Belden Village Mall exit) and turn LEFT on Everhard. Take Everhard to S. Main, turn LEFT on S Main then a quick RIGHT on Easthill St./55th St. N.E. ( Easthill turns into 55th St NE.) Once you cross over Rte 43, named Market Ave N, Gervasi Winery is .07 of a mile away. Turn RIGHT into Gervasi Winery and park in the first parking lot on your right, the overflow parking lot. If coming down Rte 43, take 43 (Market Ave N) to 55th St N.E. Turn LEFT onto 55th St NE, Gervasi is .07 of a mile away, on your right. - Trails - 5 miles - Diane Lybarger.

Sept. 5 (Thurs.) - 8:00 a.m. - **IRA ROAD** - 3801 Riverview Rd., Peninsula, OH 44264. On Riverview Rd. just north of Ira Rd. - OEC - 5 miles - Sue Donahue.

Sept. 6 (Fri.) - 9:30 a.m. - **EVERETT ROAD** - 2370 Everett Rd., Peninsula, OH 44264. Everett Rd. west of Riverview. Trails/hills - 5 miles (alternative hike available) - Kathy.

AND/OR

Sept. 6 (Fri.) - 2:00 p.m. - **IRA ROAD** - 3801 Riverview Rd., Peninsula, OH 44264. On Riverview Rd. just north of Ira Rd. - OEC - 5 miles - Dean Pawlicki.



Sept. 7 (Sat.) - 9:30 a.m. - **CANAL FULTON** - 125 Tuscarawas Ave., Canal Fulton, OH 44614. Canal Park on SR 93 in Canal Fulton. - OEC - 5 miles - Kincaid Early.

Sept. 8 (Sun.) - 2:00 p.m. - **H & B AT YOUNG ROAD** - 5090 Young Rd., Stow, OH 44224. Trailhead on Young Rd. just north of Call Rd. - H & B - 5 miles - Sue Donahue.

Sept. 9 (Mon.) - 9:30 a.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/steps - 5 miles - Kincaid Early.

**OR**

Sept. 9 (Mon.) - 9:30 a.m. - **IRA RD** - 3801 Riverview Rd, Peninsula. OH 44264. On Riverview Rd. just north of Ira Rd. - OEC - 5 miles - Billy Stacy.

Sept. 10 (Tues.) - 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.

**OR**

Sept. 10 (Tues.) - 9:30 a.m. - **BRUST PARK/FHS** - 128 N. Main St., Munroe Falls, OH 44262. Meet at Brust Park gazebo on SR 91, just north of the river. - H & B - 6 miles - Elisabeth.

Sept. 11 (Wed.) - 9:30 a.m. - **IRA RD/O'NEIL WOODS/FHS** - 3801 Riverview Rd., Peninsula, OH 44264. On Riverview Rd. just north of Ira Rd.  
Trails/BT/OEC (alternative hike available) - 6 miles - Kincaid Early.

Sept. 12 (Thurs.) - 8:00 a.m. - **BOTZUM** - 2928 Riverview Rd., Akron, OH 44313. Trailhead on Riverview Rd. south of Bath Rd. - OEC - 5 miles - Sue Donahue.

**AND/OR**

Sept. 12 (Thurs.) - 2:00 p.m. - **BOTZUM** - 2928 Riverview Rd., Akron, OH 44313. Trailhead on Riverview Rd. south of Bath Rd. - OEC - 5 miles - Dean Pawlicki.

Sept. 13 (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.

**OR**

Sept. 13 (Fri.) - 9:30 a.m. - **LOCK 29** - 1648 Mill St., Peninsula, OH 44264. Parking lot behind train station, north side of SR 303. - OEC - 6 miles - Billy Stacy.

Sept. 14 (Sat.) - 9:00 a.m. - **BATH NATURE PRESERVE** - 1615 Cleveland Massillon Road. Meet at the Bath Community Park trailhead north of Shade Rd. (Indian head parking lot). After the hike we will have lunch at Dough and Pam Lightner's home, 3583 Sanctuary Dr., Bath, OH 44333. They will provide sloppy joes, barbecue chicken sandwiches and soft drinks. Please bring a side dish to share.  
Trails/APT - 5 miles - Pam and Doug Lightner.

Sept. 15 (Sun.) - 2:00 p.m. - **VANDERHOOF ROAD** - 2445 Vanderhoof Rd., Barberton, OH 44203. Trailhead on Vanderhoof Rd. west of Van Buren Rd. - OEC - 5 miles - Chris Tiedemann.

Sept. 16 (Mon.) - 9:30 a.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/steps - 5 miles - Kathy.

**OR**

Sept. 16 (Mon.) - 9:30 a.m. - **IRA RD** - 3801 Riverview Rd, Peninsula. OH 44264. On Riverview Rd. just north of Ira Rd. - OEC - 5 miles - Billy Stacy.



Sept. 17 (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.

Sept. 18 (Wed.) - 9:30 a.m. - **SAND RUN METRO PARK/VALLEY LINK TRAIL** - 1400 Sand Run Pkwy, Akron, OH 44313. Wadsworth parking area (third area on Sand Run Pkwy. west of Portage Path).  
Trails/hills - 5 miles (5 mile Jogging Trail option) - Marie Harvey.

- Sept. 19 (Thurs.) - 2:00 p.m. - **GORGE METRO PARK/FHS** - 1160 Front St. Cuyahoga Falls, OH. 44223. On Front St. just north of river in Cuyahoga Falls. - Trails - 5 miles - Billy Stacy.
- Sept. 20 (Fri.) - 9:30 a.m. - **NIMISILA RIM** - 4929 Christman Rd. Take S. Main St. south of Rt. 619 1 1/4 miles to E. Caston Rd. Turn left on E. Caston Rd., go .3-.4 mile to Christman Rd. Turn right on Christman Rd. to 4929 Christman Rd. (park access street). - Trails - 5 miles - Jim Welling.
- Sept. 21 (Sat.) - 9:30 a.m. - **MOGADORE RESERVOIR** - 2578 SR 43, Mogadore, OH 44260. Boathouse parking lot on SR 43 north of spillway (south of I-76). - Trails - 1 - 8 miles - Elisabeth.
- Sept. 22 (Sun.) - 2:00 p.m. - **SAND RUN METRO PARK/MINGO & DOGWOOD**- 1400 Sand Run Pkwy, Akron, OH 44313. Wadsworth parking area (third area on Sand Run Parkway west of Portage Path). We will hike Dogwood and Mingo Trails. - Trails - 5 miles (alternate hike available) - Kincaid Early.
- Sept. 23 (Mon.) - 9:30 a.m. - **STATION ROAD BRIDGE**- 13513 Station Rd., Brecksville, OH 44141. On Riverview Rd. south of SR 82. Strenuous hike, portions of Hemlock Loop, Deer Lick Loop and Buckeye Trail. Allow three hours for hike. - Trails/hills - 7 miles (alternate hike available) - Kathy.
- Sept. 24 (Tues.) - 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.
- Sept. 25 (Wed.) - 9:30 a.m. - **FREEDOM TRAIL/TALLMADGE** - 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 - Chris Tiedemann.
- Sept. 26 (Thurs.) - 2:00 p.m. - **HUDSON SPRINGS PARK** - 7095 Stow Rd., Hudson, OH 44224. On Stow Rd. north of SR 303. - Trails - 5 miles - Billy Stacy.
- Sept. 27 (Fri.) - 9:30 a.m. - **WILBETH ROAD/FHS** - 392 W. Wilbeth Rd., Akron, Oh 44301. Trailhead on Wilbeth Rd. west of S. Main St. - OEC - 5 miles - Mary Pawlicki.
- Sept. 28 (Sat.) - 10:00 a.m. - **WESTERN RESERVE GREENWAY TRAIL/AUSTINBURG** - Meet at Lampson Road Staging Area parking lot in Austinburg. Part of the Ashtabula County Metroparks. For those that would like to have lunch, hike will be 4 miles south to Three Brother's Creek and return (total 8 miles). Restroom facilities available at trailhead. From I-90 take State Route 45 (exit 223) south 2.3 miles. Turn left (east) onto Lampson Road. Go 1/2 mile to the Lampson Road Staging Area and turn right (south) into the parking lot. Lunch at Clay Street Grill in Austinburg after the hike and then a stop at M Cellars Vineyards, 6193 South River Road, Geneva, OH with outdoor patio. H & B - 1-14 miles - Chris Tiedemann.
- Sept. 29 (Sun.) - 2:00 p.m. - **GOODYEAR METRO PARK/FHS** - 2077 Newton St., Akron, OH 44305. On Newton St. west of SR 91 (rear lot near restrooms). - Trails - 5 miles - Lester Phillips
- Sept. 30 (Mon.) - 9:30 a.m. - **TOWNER'S WOODS** - 2264 Ravenna Rd. Kent OH 44240, 2 miles east of SR 43 just north of RR tracks. ***ENTER THE PARK FROM RT 43--THE BRIDGE IS CLOSED FROM THE OTHER DIRECTION!!!!*** - Trails - 5 miles - Billy Stacy.



**Key**  
**MP = Metro Park**  
**H&B = Hike & Bike Trail**  
**FHS = Fall Hiking Spree**

**SFA = Spree For All**  
**BT = Buckeye Trail**  
**CC= Cuyahoga Challenge**  
**VM=Volksmarch**

**TT = Towpath Trek**  
**APT = All Purpose Trail**  
**OEC = Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath**  
**CVNP = Cuyahoga Valley National Park**



## **CANAAN VALLEY – WEST VIRGINIA OCTOBER 7 - 11, 2020**

Our fall trip for 2020 will be to Canaan Valley Resort State Park in West Virginia, about a 4.5 hour drive – 250 miles from Akron. Situated in one of the most scenic and tranquil settings in the Mid-Atlantic and in one of the most photographed areas of WVA, Canaan Valley is a four season mountain retreat offering hiking, bike rentals, a golf course, chair lift, tubing, skiing and horseback riding. A restaurant is on site. Davis WVA is the nearest town with more restaurants and shopping. Fifteen miles long by three miles wide, Canaan Valley is the highest mountain valley east of the Rocky Mountains. There are so many trails here (easy, moderate and difficult) and at neighboring Blackwater Falls State Park (an 8 mile segment of the Allegheny Trail connects the two parks). There are also a lot of trails in the Canaan Valley backcountry in neighboring Monongahela National Forest. There will be a 16 mile round trip hike offered one day to Blackwater Falls and back (with an 8 mile one-way option). A bluegrass show at the Purple Fiddle looks like good entertainment on Friday and Saturday evenings in nearby Thomas, WV.

There is quite a variety of lodging available in this Park (163 lodge rooms and suites and 2, 3 and 4 bedroom cabins). Due to a strict cancellation policy on group reservations (we would lose all of our deposits if more than 25% of our block cancelled within 4 months of the arrival date), I did not go ahead with a group contract for this park.

Please make your own individual reservation and choose the type of lodge room/cabin you need. You can go online at <https://www.canaanresort.com/accommodations> to book a lodge room online or call 1-800-622-4121 and speak with a representative of the Park for a cabin. If you choose a lodge room, make sure you get the Senior Savvy rate (10% discount – age 60 or older). Floor plans and photos are available on the website. Because this is a popular park, I highly recommend you book well in advance. **Please note that a 50% deposit is required upon reservation.** Two night minimum stay required. **Your deposit will be forfeited if you cancel 31 days or less prior to arrival (the park will consider extenuating circumstances however).** 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



### UPCOMING CLUB HIKING TRIPS

**October 13 – 18, 2019 – Letchworth State Park, New York** – Country Inn & Suites, Mount Morris, NY - 1 king room still available. Additional rooms may be added to our block upon demand. If interested, please call 1 (585) 658-4080 and state you are with the Akron Hiking Club. No deposit is required – just credit card information. Rooms are \$100 plus tax.

**January 25 – 31, 2020 – Siesta Key, Florida** – Tropical Beach Resorts, Siesta Key, Sarasota. **Closed to group rate (\$139 for single and \$169 for double).** If interested in this trip call 941-349-3330, state you are with Akron Hiking Club and ask for Dawn Bear. She will work to get you the best rate possible.

**October 7 - 11, 2020 – Blackwater Falls/Canaan Valley, WVA.** Canaan Valley State Resort Park, Davis, WVA. Lodge rooms and 2, 3 and 4 bedroom cabins available. We have no block of rooms. Make your own reservation at <https://www.canaanresort.com/accommodations> to book online for a lodge room or call 1-800-622-4121 and speak with a representative of the Park for a cabin.

**Please notify Chris Tiedemann after making reservation at 330-524-9415.**