



## Footprint

### Akron Metro Parks Hiking Club Newsletter Volume 61, No. 5, May 2026

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**Note:** When choosing a hike, for your safety and that of your fellow hikers read the hike description and consider your ability. Contact the hike leader if you need more trail detail. If you are concerned about the weather or the cancellation of a hike, contact the hike leader before venturing out.

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**Not a member? No problem! Just show up ten minutes early for one of our scheduled hikes below and try us out. Call the hike leader if you need more information.**

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**May. 01 (Fri.)** - 9:30 am - **Station Road Bridge** - 15315 Station Rd. Brecksville OH 44141 On Riverview Rd. south of SR 82. Brecksville Reservation - **C8** - Station Rd trailhead; allow 3 hrs for hike. Strenuous Hills/Trails/Stairs/Steps 7 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

**May. 01 (Fri.)** - 9:30 am - **Botzum** - 2928 Riverview Rd. Akron OH 44313 Trailhead on Riverview Rd. south of Bath Rd. Ohio and Erie Towpath - **C3** - APT 5 miles, Sue : 330-990-0588

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**May. 02 (Sat.)** - 9:30 am - **Oak Hill** - 3901 Oak Hill Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 Day use parking lot on Oak Hill Rd. north of Everett Rd. CVNP - **C3** - Moderate Hills/Trails 5 miles, Lynn L: 330-606-8471

**May. 02 (Sat.)** - 9:30 am - **Wolf Creek Trailhead** - 33 Snyder Ave Barberton OH 44203 Ohio and Erie Towpath - **C5** - APT 5 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

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**May. 03 (Sun.)** - 9:30 am - **Bath Nature Preserve** - 4160 Ira Rd. Akron OH 44333 Other - **C1** - Trails/APT 5 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

**May. 03 (Sun.)** - **2:00 pm** - **H & B at Young Rd.** - 5090 Young Rd. Stow OH 44224 Trailhead on Young Rd. just north of Call Rd. Summit Metro Parks - **C6** - APT 5 miles, Sue : 330-990-0588

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**May. 04 (Mon.)** - 9:30 am - **Everett Rd.** - 2370 Everett Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 Everett Rd. west of Riverview Rd. CVNP - **C3, Includes Riding Run/Furnace Run** - Hills/Trails/Stairs/Steps 6 or 4 miles, Becky : 419-960-9305

**May. 04 (Mon.)** - 9:30 am - **Sand Run - Wadsworth Parking Area** - 1400 Sand Run Pkwy. Akron OH 44313 Wadsworth parking area (3rd on Sand Run Parkway west of Portage Path) Summit Metro Parks - **C4** - JT: Jogging Trail - APT 5 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

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**May. 05 (Tue.)** - 9:30 am - **Liberty Park Nature Center** - 9999 Liberty Rd. Twinsburg OH 44087 Summit Metro Parks - **C6** - Wildflower hike Trails/APT 5 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

**May. 05 (Tue.)** - **4:00 pm** - **Firestone** - 2620 Harrington Rd. Akron OH 44319 Tuscarawas parking lot on Harrington Rd. south of Swartz. Summit Metro Parks - **C4** - Trails 3 miles, Bruce : 330-794-1039

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**May. 06 (Wed.)** - 9:30 am - **Boston Mills Visitors' Center** - 6947 Riverview Rd. (at Boston Mills Rd) Peninsula OH 44264 CVNP - **C3** - We hike to Blue Hen Falls and turnaround at Columbia Run. Moderate Hills/Trails 5 miles, Carla V: 216-544-5383

**May. 06 (Wed.)** - 9:30 am - **Memorial Parkway** - 499 Memorial Pkwy. Akron OH 44310 This Towpath Trailhead has a drinking fountain, restroom, bike repair station, and nearby dog park. Trailhead on Memorial Parkway east of Merriman Rd. Summit Metro Parks - **C3** - APT 5 miles, Carol C: 330-554-8991

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**May. 07 (Thu.)** - 9:30 am - **Happy Days** - 500 W. Streetsboro Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 Parking lot on SR 303 about 1 mile west of Rt. 8 CVNP - **C3, Includes Ledges.** - - Hills/Trails 5 miles, Nan : 216-402-1352

**May. 07 (Thu.)** - 9:30 am - **H&B at 303** - 64 W. Streetsboro St. Boston Heights OH 44264 Hike and Bike at Rt.303 Trailhead on SR 303 west of Rt. 8 and BP Station. Summit Metro Parks - **C6** - - Pavement/APT 5 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

**May. 08 (Fri.)** - 9:30 am - **Richfield Heritage Preserve** - 4374 Broadview Road Richfield OH 44286 Other - **Allow extra time** - WILDFLOWER HIKE Moderate Hills/Trails/Creek(s)/Stream(s) 5 miles, Pam F: 216-650-8832

**May. 08 (Fri.)** - 9:30 am - **Mustill Store** - 89 W. North St. Akron OH 44304 Ohio and Erie Towpath - **C4** - - APT 5 miles, Shelly : 330-608-6512 John : 330-472-3800

**May. 09 (Sat.)** - 9:30 am - **Mill Creek - Youngstown** - Lanternman's Mill 1001 Canfield Rd. Youngstown OH 44511 Other - **C1** - Restrooms available at trailhead. After the hike possible visit to Fellows Riverside Gardens, 123 McKinley Avenue, Youngstown. It is a free public garden located at the northern end of Mill Creek Park and features a landscape of remarkable beauty. It also includes a cafe. For more info go to [www.Millcreekmetroparks.org](http://www.Millcreekmetroparks.org) - 6 miles, Steve : 234-716-4910

**May. 09 (Sat.)** - 9:30 am - **Big Bend** - 1337 Merriman Rd. Akron OH 44313 Off of Merriman Rd. opposite Treaty Line Rd. Summit Metro Parks - **C6** - - APT 5 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

**May. 10 (Sun.)** - 9:30 am - **Happy Days** - 500 W. Streetsboro Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 Parking lot on SR 303 about 1 mile west of Rt. 8 CVNP - **C3, Includes Boston Run.** - - Hills/Trails 5 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

**May. 10 (Sun.)** - **2:00 pm** - **Memorial Parkway** - 499 Memorial Pkwy. Akron OH 44310 Trailhead on Memorial Parkway east of Merriman Rd. Ohio and Erie Towpath - **C4** - APT 5 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

**May. 11 (Mon.)** - 9:30 am - **Deep Lock Quarry** - 5779 Riverview Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 On Riverview Rd. south of SR 303 Summit Metro Parks - **C4, Includes Valley Picnic Area.** - - Trails/APT 5 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

**May. 11 (Mon.)** - 9:30 am - **Deep Lock Quarry** - 5779 Riverview Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 On Riverview Rd. south of SR 303 Summit Metro Parks - **C4** - - APT 5 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

**May. 12 (Tue.)** - 9:30 am - **Hampton Hills** - 2925 Akron Peninsula Rd. Akron OH 44313 Meet in parking lot off Akron-Peninsula Road just north of Bath Rd. Summit Metro Parks - **C3** - Moderate Hills/Trails/Grass/Gravel 5 miles, Marie : 330-618-4657

**May. 12 (Tue.)** - 9:30 am - **Canal Fulton** - 125 Tuscarawas Ave. Canal Fulton OH 44614 Canal Park on SR 93 in Canal Fulton. Ohio and Erie Towpath - **C5** - - APT 5 miles, Shelly : 330-608-6512 John : 330-472-3800

**May. 13 (Wed.)** - 9:30 am - **Ledges Trailhead** - 405 Truxell Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 Ledges shelter is off Truxell Rd. CVNP - **C3** - We will meet at the Ledges Shelter and hike the Ledges and Pine Grove trails. Moderate Hills/Trails/Stairs/Steps 5 miles, Carla V: 216-544-5383

**May. 13 (Wed.)** - 9:30 am - **Hunt Farm** - 2045 Bolanz Rd. Peninsula, OH 44264 Parking lot on Bolanz Rd. east of Riverview Rd. CVNP Meet at Hunt Farm. We will hike from Hunt Farm to Hale Farm Village passing Indigo Lake. Hills/APT 5 miles, Chris T: 330-524-9415

**May. 14 (Thu.)** - 9:30 am - **Ira Road** - 3801 Riverview Rd Peninsula OH 44264 On Riverview Rd just north of Ira Rd. Summit Metro Parks - **C4, Includes O'Neil Woods** - - Hills/Trails/Creek(s)/Stream(s)/APT 6 miles, Nan : 216-402-1352

**May. 14 (Thu.)** - 9:30 am - **Ira Rd.** - 3801 Riverview Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 On Riverview Rd. just north of Ira Rd. Ohio and Erie Towpath - **C3** - - APT 5 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

**May. 15 (Fri.)** - 9:30 am - **Mustill Store** - 89 W. North St. Akron OH 44304 Ohio and Erie Towpath - **C4** - - APT 5 miles, Shelly : 330-608-6512 John : 330-472-3800

**May. 15 (Fri.)** - 9:30 am - **Horseshoe Pond** - 2075 Major Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 Parking lot on Major Rd. off Riverview Rd. CVNP - **C3** - - Trails 6 miles, Elisabeth : 330-760-3844

**May. 16 (Sat.)** - 9:30 am - **Brandywine Falls** - 8176 Brandywine Rd. Northfield OH 44067 Located on Brandywine Rd. between Olde Eight Rd. and West Highland Rd. CVNP - **C3** - - Hills/Trails 5 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

**May. 16 (Sat.)** - 9:30 am - **Brandywine Falls** - 8176 Brandywine Rd. Northfield OH 44067 Located on Brandywine Rd. between Olde Eight Rd. and West Highland Rd. CVNP - **C3** - - APT 5 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

**May. 17 (Sun.)** - 9:30 am - **Silver Creek** - 5000 Hametown Rd. Norton OH 44203 Off Hametown Rd. north of SR 585, Pheasant Run parking lot. Summit Metro Parks - **C4** - - Trails 5 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

**May. 17 (Sun.)** - **2:00 pm** - **Brust Park** - 128 N. Main St. Munroe Falls OH 44264 Meet at Brust Park gazebo on SR 91, just north of the river. Summit Metro Parks - **C6** - APT 6 miles, Sue : 330-990-0588

**May. 18 (Mon.)** - 9:30 am - **Judge's Lake** - Across from 400 Ledge Rd. Hinckley OH 44233 Take N. Medina Line Rd or N. Cleveland-Massillon Rd North to Everett Rd. Go west (left - Everett Rd turns into Ledge Rd) or take SR 94 to Ledge Rd. Go East (right) on Ledge. Hinckley Reservation - **C8** - Moderate hills. - Trails/Pavement/Grass/Gravel 5 miles, Carol C: 330-554-8991

**May. 18 (Mon.)** - 9:30 am - **Wilbeth Rd.** - 380 W. Wilbeth Rd. Akron OH 44301 Trailhead on Wilbeth Rd. west of S. Main St. Ohio and Erie Towpath - **C5** - - APT 5 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

**May. 19 (Tue.)** - 9:30 am - **Red Lock** - 1175 W. Highland Rd. Northfield OH 44067 CVNP - **C3** - Moderate Hills/Trails/Pavement/Sidewalks/Grass/Gravel 6 miles, Marie : 330-618-4657

**May. 19 (Tue.)** - 9:30 am - **Vanderhoof** - 2445 Vanderhoof Rd. Barberton OH 44203 Trailhead on Vanderhoof Rd. west of Van Buren Rd. Ohio and Erie Towpath - **C5** - - APT 5 miles, Shelly : 330-608-6512

**May. 20 (Wed.)** - 9:30 am - **Boston Mills Visitors' Center** - 6947 Riverview Rd. (at Boston Mills Rd) Peninsula OH 44264 CVNP Shredder Falls via off-trail; Brandywine Falls & Conservancy Area Strenuous Hills/Trails/Stairs/Steps/Pavement/APT/Grass 6 miles, Gary : 216-777-9307

**May. 20 (Wed.)** - 9:30 am - **Boston Mills Visitors' Center** - 6947 Riverview Rd. (at Boston Mills Rd) Peninsula OH 44264 CVNP - **C3** - - APT 5 miles, Elisabeth : 330-760-3844

**May. 21 (Thu.)** - 9:30 am - **Wetmore** - 4653 Wetmore Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 Wetmore Rd. is off Akron Peninsula Rd., north of Bolanz Rd. CVNP - **C3** - - Hills/Trails/Creek(s)/Stream(s) 6 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

**May. 21 (Thu.)** - 9:30 am - **Portage Lakes** - 5031 Manchester Rd. Akron OH 44319 Park in the lot closest to the bathrooms which are located by taking the first right after pulling into the park. Other - **C2** - - Trails 5 miles, Shelly : 330-608-6512 John : 330-472-3800

**May. 22 (Fri.)** - 9:30 am - **Quail Hollow State Park** - 13480 Congress Lake Ave. NE Hartville OH 44632 State Parks - **C2** - Bob and I will lead the Outer Loop hike. We will bypass the boardwalk. Moderate Trails/Grass 5 miles, Carla V: 216-544-5383

**May. 22 (Fri.)** - 9:30 am - **Botzum** - 2928 Riverview Rd. Akron OH 44313 Trailhead on Riverview Rd. south of Bath Rd. Ohio and Erie Towpath - **C3** - - APT 5 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

**May. 23 (Sat.)** - 9:30 am - **Reagan Park** - 550 East Reagan Pky Medina OH 44256 Medina - **C1** - Large city park with mountain bike trails. The 5 mile hike is moderate; the 2 mile hike is flatter. Trails/Pavement/Grass 5 or 2 miles, Steve : 234-716-4910

**May. 23 (Sat.)** - 9:30 am - **H&B at 303** - 64 W. Streetsboro St. Boston Heights OH 44264 Hike and Bike at Rt.303 Trailhead on SR 303 west of Rt. 8 and BP Station. Summit Metro Parks - **C6** - - Pavement/APT 5 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

**May. 24 (Sun.)** - 9:30 am - **Furnace Run** - 4955 Townsend Rd. Richfield OH 44286 Summit Metro Parks - **C4** - Gentle Hills - Trails/APT 5 miles, Carol C: 330-554-8991

**May. 24 (Sun.)** - **2:00 pm** - **Freedom Trail/Tallmadge** - 245 Northeast Ave. Tallmadge OH 44278 Lion's Park at end of Lions Park Dr. off of Northeast Ave. in Tallmadge. Summit Metro Parks - **C6** - APT 6 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

**May. 25 (Mon.)** - 9:30 am - **Tallmadge Meadows** - 1088 North Ave. Tallmadge, OH 44278 On SR 91 opposite Northmoreland Ave. Summit Metro Parks - **C6** - Following the hike, treats, coffee for Memorial Day. - Trails/Stairs/Steps/APT 6 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

**May. 25 (Mon.)** - 9:30 am - **Tallmadge Meadows** - 1088 North Ave. Tallmadge, OH 44278 On SR 91 opposite Northmoreland Ave. Summit Metro Parks - **C4** - Following the hike, coffee and treats for Memorial Day. - Trails/APT 5 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

**May. 26 (Tue.)** - 9:30 am - **Sand Run - Wadsworth Parking Area** - 1400 Sand Run Pkwy. Akron OH 44313 Wadsworth parking area (3rd on Sand Run Parkway west of Portage Path) Summit Metro Parks - **C3** - Includes Schumacher Strenuous Hills/Trails/Pavement/Sidewalks/Grass/Gravel 6 miles, Marie : 330-618-4657

**May. 26 (Tue.)** - 9:30 am - **Lock 29** - 1648 Mill St. Peninsula OH 44264 Parking lot behind train station, north side of SR 303. CVNP - **C3** - - APT 5 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

**May. 27 (Wed.)** - 9:30 am - **Wildlife Woods** - 6160 North Locust St. Peninsula OH 44264 Buckeye Trail, Valley Bridle Trail. Akron-Peninsula Rd turns into N. Locust St. at SR 303. Just past 6160 turn left and park. CVNP Stairway to Heaven; some off-trail Strenuous Hills/Trails/Stairs/Steps/Creek(s)/Stream(s)/Pavement/Grass/Gravel 6 miles, Gary : 216-777-9307

**May. 27 (Wed.)** - 9:30 am - **Brust Park** - 128 N. Main St. Munroe Falls OH 44264 Meet at Brust Park gazebo on SR 91, just north of the river. Summit Metro Parks - **C6** - - APT 6 miles, Elisabeth : 330-760-3844

**May. 28 (Thu.)** - 9:30 am - **Wetmore** - 4653 Wetmore Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 Wetmore Rd. is off Akron Peninsula Rd., north of Bolanz Rd. CVNP - **C3, Includes portions of Langes Run.** - - Hills/Trails/Creek(s)/Stream(s) 5 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

**May. 28 (Thu.)** - 9:30 am - **Nimisila Rim** - 4929 Christman Rd. Akron OH 44319 Park at the south end of the Chrisman Road parking lot near the access road to the boat launch. Other - **C4, Hike will include a Fisherman's Trail.** - - Trails/APT 5 miles, Shelly : 330-608-6512 John : 330-472-3800

**May. 29 (Fri.)** - 9:30 am - **Bridal Veil Falls** - Gorge Parkway Walton Hills OH 44146 Restrooms before the hike: Coming from Egbert Rd on the east end of Gorge Parkway, use Egbert Rd Picnic Area restrooms. Then it's 1.8 miles to BVF trailhead. From Overlook Lane on the west, use the restroom at the Overlook, then it's one more mile to the BVF trailhead. Bedford Reservation - **C8** - Moderate - Hills/Trails 6 miles, Steve : 234-716-4910

**May. 29 (Fri.)** - 9:30 am - **Mustill Store** - 89 W. North St. Akron OH 44304 Ohio and Erie Towpath - **C4** - - APT 5 miles, Shelly : 330-608-6512 John : 330-472-3800

**May. 30 (Sat.)** - 9:30 am - **Sand Run - Wadsworth Parking Area** - 1400 Sand Run Pkwy. Akron OH 44313 Wadsworth parking area (3rd on Sand Run Parkway west of Portage Path) Summit Metro Parks - **C4, Includes Dogwood/Nuthatch/Seneca - No dogs** - - Hills/Trails 5 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

**May. 30 (Sat.)** - 9:30 am - **Sand Run - Wadsworth Parking Area** - 1400 Sand Run Pkwy. Akron OH 44313 Wadsworth parking area (3rd on Sand Run Parkway west of Portage Path) Summit Metro Parks - **C4** - JT: Jogging Trail - APT 5 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

**May. 31 (Sun.)** - 9:30 am - **Freedom Trail/Middlebury Trailhead** - 1324 Middlebury Rd. Kent OH 44240 across the street from Superior Aerial and Equipment Repair. Summit Metro Parks - **C6** - - APT 6 miles, Elisabeth : 330-760-3844

**May. 31 (Sun.)** - **2:00 pm** - **Big Bend** - 1337 Merriman Rd. Akron OH 44313 Off of Merriman Rd. opposite Treaty Line Rd. Summit Metro Parks - **C6** - APT 5 miles, Sue : 330-990-0588

Key: APT = All Purpose Trail, BT = Buckeye Trail, CC= Cuyahoga Challenge, CVNP = Cuyahoga Valley National Park, FHS = Fall Hiking Spree, H&B = Hike & Bike Trail, JT= Jogging Trail, MP = Metro Park, OEC= Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath, SFA = Spree-For-All, TT= Towpath Trek.