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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.

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.

Oct. 01 (Thu.) - 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 - Creeks/Streams/Trails/Hills 5 miles, Pamela L: 330-592-5470

Oct. 01 (Thu.) - 9:30 am - **Mogadore Reservoir West** - 2578 SR 43 Mogadore OH 44260 Boathouse parking lot on SR 43 (south of I-76) Other - Trails 6 miles, Elisabeth : 330-760-3844

Oct. 02 (Fri.) - 9:30 am - **Blue Hen Falls** - 6947 Riverview Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 Park at Boston Visitors' Center (at Boston Mills Rd.) CVNP Hike to Blue Hen Falls. Continue on the Buckeye Trail to Columbia Run and turn around at the creek - Hills/Pavement/Stairs/Steps/Trails 5 miles, Courtney : 330-413-3247

Oct. 02 (Fri.) - 9:30 am - **Botzum** - 2928 Riverview Rd. Akron OH 44313 Trailhead on Riverview Rd. south of Bath Rd. Ohio and Erie Towpath - APT 5 miles, Shelly : 330-608-6512 John : 330-472-3800

Oct. 03 (Sat.) - 9:30 am - **Furnace Run** - 4955 Townsend Rd. Richfield OH 44286 Summit Metro Parks Gentle Hills - Trails/APT 5 or 3 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

Oct. 04 (Sun.) - 9:30 am - **Horseshoe Pond** - 2075 Major Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 Parking lot on Major Rd. off Riverview Rd. CVNP - Trails 6 miles, Elisabeth : 330-760-3844

Oct. 04 (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 APT 5 miles, Sue : 330-990-0588

Oct. 05 (Mon.) - 9:30 am - **Hemlock Creek Picnic Area** - 14800 Button Road Walton Hills OH 44146 *Take I-77N to exit 153. Turn left (east) on E. Pleasant Valley Rd. Continues on Alexander Rd. Turn left on Canal Rd. Turn right on Tinker's Creek Rd. Continues at stop sign on Button Rd. Bedford Reservation Allow 3 hours for hike. - Trails/Hills 7 miles, Steve : 234-716-4910

Oct. 05 (Mon.) - 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 - 5 miles, Shelly : 330-608-6512 John : 330-472-3800

Oct. 06 (Tue.) - 9:30 am - **Red Lock** - 1175 W. Highland Rd. Northfield OH 44067 CVNP Moderate Grass/Pavement/Trails/Hills/Gravel 6 miles, Marie : 330-618-4657

Oct. 06 (Tue.) - 9:30 am - **Memorial Parkway** - 499 Memorial Pkwy. Akron OH 44310 Trailhead on Memorial Parkway east of Merriman Rd. Ohio and Erie Towpath - APT 5 miles, Shelly : 330-608-6512 John : 330-472-3800

Oct. 06 (Tue.) - **4:00 pm** - **Firestone** - 2620 Harrington Rd. Akron OH 44319 Tuscarawas parking lot on Harrington Rd. south of Swartz. Summit Metro Parks - Trails 3 miles, Bruce : 330-794-1039

Oct. 07 (Wed.) - 9:30 am - **Pine Hollow** - 5465 Quick Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 CVNP We will hike Wetmore to Tabletop to Little Meadow to Cross Country to Lake then a piece of Salt Run. Moderate Hills/Grass/Stairs/Steps/Trails 5 miles, Carla V: 216-544-5383

Oct. 07 (Wed.) - 9:30 am - **Richfield Heritage Preserve** - 4374 Broadview Road Richfield OH 44286 Other - **Enjoy cider and treats after hike** - Cider Hike Moderate Hills/Creeks/Streams/Trails 5 miles, Pam F: 216-650-8832

Oct. 07 (Wed.) - **4:00 pm** - **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 APT 3 miles, Nazy : 330-807-8837

Oct. 08 (Thu.) - 9:30 am - **Canal Fulton** - 125 Tuscarawas Ave. Canal Fulton OH 44614 Canal Park on SR 93 in Canal Fulton. Ohio and Erie Towpath - APT 5 miles, Shelly : 330-608-6512 John : 330-472-3800

Oct. 08 (Thu.) - 9:30 am - **Ledges Trailhead** - 405 Truxell Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 Ledges shelter is off Truxell Rd. CVNP Ledges Shelter to Lake Trail at Kendall Lake. This is a 6-mile loop including Ledges, Lake, and Pine Grove. Moderate Trails/Hills/Stairs/Steps 6 miles, Carla V: 216-544-5383

Oct. 09 (Fri.) - 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 - Hills/Trails 5 miles, Lynn L: 330-606-8471

Oct. 09 (Fri.) - 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 Leisure Gravel 3 miles, Dean : 330-690-8589

Oct. 10 (Sat.) - 9:30 am - **Tallmadge Meadows** - 1088 North Ave. Tallmadge, OH 44278 On SR 91 opposite Northmoreland Ave. Summit Metro Parks - APT/Stairs/Steps/Trails 6 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

Oct. 10 (Sat.) - **10:00 am** - **Mustill Store** - 89 W. North St. Akron OH 44304 Ohio and Erie Towpath Akron Oatmeal Festival starts at 12pm! Food, entertainment, food drive, and everything oatmeal! Hike then enjoy the free Oatmeal Festival! See Cascade Locks Park Association for more info. - APT 5 miles, Shelly : 330-608-6512

Oct. 11 (Sun.) - **1:30 pm** - **Goodyear** - 2077 Newton St. Akron OH 44305 On Newton St. west of SR 91 (rear lot near restrooms). Summit Metro Parks Annual meeting following the hike. - Trails/Hills 3 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

Oct. 12 (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 Moderate hills. - Grass/Pavement/Trails/Gravel 5 miles, Carol C: 330-554-8991

Oct. 12 (Mon.) - 9:30 am - **Big Bend** - 1337 Merriman Rd. Akron OH 44313 Off of Merriman Rd. opposite Treaty Line Rd. Summit Metro Parks - APT 5 miles, Shelly : 330-608-6512 John : 330-472-3800

Oct. 13 (Tue.) - 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 - Trails 5 miles, Shelly : 330-608-6512 John : 330-472-3800

Oct. 14 (Wed.) - 9:30 am - **Cascade Valley/Valley View** - 1134 Cuyahoga St. Akron OH 44313 The parking lot is at 1134 Cuyahoga St. Drive down the hill to the parking lot. Summit Metro Parks - **Includes Prather Trail, Missing Link Trail, most of Oxbow Trail and the Overlook.** - - Stairs/Steps/Trails/Hills 5 miles, Marie : 330-618-4657

Oct. 14 (Wed.) - 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 Jogging trail - APT 5 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

Oct. 15 (Thu.) - 9:30 am - **Mantua Headwater Trail** - 4501 Mill St. Mantua OH 44255 Parking Lot behind McDonalds Portage Co. Parks N/A APT 5 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

Oct. 15 (Thu.) - 9:30 am - **Blue Hen Falls** - 6947 Riverview Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 Park at Boston Visitors' Center (at Boston Mills Rd.) CVNP - Hills/Pavement/Stairs/Steps/Trails 5 miles, Rumpi : 330-310-5628

Oct. 16 (Fri.) - 9:30 am - **Boston Mills Visitors' Center** - 6947 Riverview Rd. (at Boston Mills Rd) Peninsula OH 44264 CVNP Towpath - APT 5 miles, Carol C: 330-554-8991

Oct. 16 (Fri.) - 9:30 am - **Top O'Ledges** - 386 Bellus Rd Hinckley OH 44233 This address is for the long driveway at the Top O'Ledges sign. Take I-77 north to Wheatley Rd. Take ramp to the right. Go about a mile and turn left on Hawkins Rd. Hawkins Rd turns into Bellus Rd in Hinckley. Look for park sign on left. Hinckley Reservation Hike includes the Whipp's Ledges Loop and Hinckley Lake Loop. Restrooms at parking lot and halfway point. Moderate Trails/Gravel/Hills/APT/Pavement 5 miles, Courtney : 330-413-3247

Oct. 17 (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 - **Includes Dogwood/Nuthatch/Seneca - No dogs** - - Trails/Hills 5 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

Oct. 17 (Sat.) - 9:30 am - **Marc's - Route 82 - Sagamore Hills** - 550 W. Aurora Road Sagamore Hills OH 44067 Marc's is located in Sagamore Hills Shopping Center. Other - **Joint hike with Cleveland.** - Moderate APT/Pavement 6 or 4 miles, Janice R: 330-714-0024

Oct. 18 (Sun.) - 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 - Hills/Creeks/Streams/Trails 5 miles, Nan : 216-402-1352

Oct. 18 (Sun.) - **2:00 pm** - **Wood Hollow Park** - 2121 Barlow Rd Hudson OH 44236 Summit Metro Parks This hike will qualify for the Fall Hiking Spree. Trails/APT 5 miles, Sue : 330-990-0588

Oct. 19 (Mon.) - 9:30 am - **Egbert Picnic Area** - Gorge Prkwy Walton Hills OH 44146 Description area Take SR8 to left on Union St. at the gas station. Turn Left on Egbert Rd. OR Take I-271 to SR 14 W and bear left on Union St. Then turn left on Egbert Rd. Once on Egbert Rd, go up and over the bridge. Turn right on Gorge Pky. Go .4 miles to the parking lot. Bedford Reservation Buckeye Trail, Mtn Bike Paths, Brille Trails, APT Moderate Hills/APT/Trails 6 miles, Steve : 234-716-4910

Oct. 19 (Mon.) - 9:30 am - **Liberty Park Nature Center** - 9999 Liberty Rd. Twinsburg OH 44087 Summit Metro Parks Fall Hiking Spree APT/Trails 5 miles, Shelly : 330-608-6512

Oct. 20 (Tue.) - 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 - APT 6 miles, Elisabeth : 330-760-3844

Oct. 21 (Wed.) - 9:30 am - **Allardale Park** - 141 Remsen Road Medina OH 44256 Medina Park at Allardale Lodge parking area Moderate Stairs/Steps/Trails/Hills 5 miles, Chris T: 330-524-9415

Oct. 21 (Wed.) - 9:30 am - **Botzum** - 2928 Riverview Rd. Akron OH 44313 Trailhead on Riverview Rd. south of Bath Rd. Ohio and Erie Towpath APT 5 miles, Sue : 330-990-0588

Oct. 21 (Wed.) - **4:00 pm** - **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 APT 3 miles, Nazy : 330-807-8837

Oct. 22 (Thu.) - 9:30 am - **Ira Road** - 3801 Riverview Rd Peninsula OH 44264 On Riverview Rd just north of Ira Rd. Summit Metro Parks - **Includes O'Neil Woods** - - Hills/APT/Creeks/Streams/Trails 6 miles, Nan : 216-402-1352

Oct. 22 (Thu.) - 9:30 am - **Boettler/Southgate Park** - 5300 Massillon Rd North Canton OH 44720 City of Green. Meet at Boettler Park parking lot by the restrooms. Other Trails/APT 5 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

Oct. 23 (Fri.) - 9:30 am - **Hiram College Biological Station** - 11305 Wheeler Rd Garrettsville OH 44231 NE Ohio oldest beech maple forest. Other overgrown areas, woodland areas Moderate Trails/Hills/Grass 5 miles, Pat : 330-357-2587

Oct. 23 (Fri.) - 9:30 am - **Canal Fulton** - 125 Tuscarawas Ave. Canal Fulton OH 44614 Canal Park on SR 93 in Canal Fulton. Ohio and Erie Towpath Leisure Pavement/Gravel 3 miles, Dean : 330-690-8589

Oct. 24 (Sat.) - 9:30 am - **Wetmore** - 4653 Wetmore Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 Wetmore Rd. is off Akron Peninsula Rd., north of Bolanz Rd. CVNP - Creeks/Streams/Trails/Hills 6 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

Oct. 24 (Sat.) - 9:30 am - **John Brown Tannery Park** - 300 Stow St Kent OH 44240 Other APT 5 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

Oct. 25 (Sun.) - 9:30 am - **Happy Days / Boston Run Trailhead** - 501 W. Streetsboro Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 Parking lot north side of road on SR 303 about 1 mile west of Rt. 8 CVNP - **Includes Boston Run.** - Hills/Trails 5 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

Oct. 25 (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 APT 6 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

Oct. 26 (Mon.) - 9:30 am - **Johnson's Picnic Area** - Hinckley OH 44233 Directions: I77 North to Wheatley Rd exit. Go West (right) about a mile to Hawkins Rd. - turn left. Hawkins turns into Bellus Rd in Medina County. Go past spillway and turn left on Metropolitan Park West. Turn left at Boathouse but GO PAST the Boathouse parking to Johnson's Picnic Area at the end of the road. (If comin Hinckley Reservation - Trails/APT 5 miles, Carol C: 330-554-8991

Oct. 26 (Mon.) - 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 - APT/Pavement 5 miles, Karen : 330-607-2394

Oct. 27 (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 Includes Schumacher Strenuous Stairs/Steps/Grass/Sidewalks/Trails/Pavement/Hills/Creeks/Streams 6 miles, Marie : 330-618-4657

Oct. 27 (Tue.) - 9:30 am - **Memorial Parkway** - 499 Memorial Pkwy. Akron OH 44310 Trailhead on Memorial Parkway east of Merriman Rd. Ohio and Erie Towpath - APT 5 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

Oct. 28 (Wed.) - 9:30 am - **Brandywine Falls** - 8176 Brandywine Rd. Northfield OH 44067 Located on Brandywine Rd. between Olde Eight Rd. and West Highland Rd. CVNP - Trails/Hills 5 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

Oct. 28 (Wed.) - 9:30 am - **Brandywine Falls** - 8176 Brandywine Rd. Northfield OH 44067 Located on Brandywine Rd. between Olde Eight Rd. and West Highland Rd. CVNP - APT 5 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

Oct. 28 (Wed.) - **4:00 pm** - **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 APT 3 miles, Nazy : 330-807-8837

Oct. 29 (Thu.) - 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 - **Before hike restrooms at Lock 29.** - Trails/Hills/Creeks/Streams 7 miles, Steve : 234-716-4910

Oct. 29 (Thu.) - 9:30 am - **Munroe Falls/Lake Area** - 521 S.River Rd. Munroe Falls OH 44262 Park in the first parking lot as you pull in Summit Metro Parks APT 5 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

Oct. 30 (Fri.) - 9:30 am - **Kendall Lake** - 1000 Truxell Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 (Kendall Park Rd. becomes Truxell Rd west of State Rd.) CVNP Hike Cross Country, Lake and the short version of Salt Run. Moderate Hills/Grass/Stairs/Steps/Trails 5 miles, Carla V: 216-544-5383

Oct. 30 (Fri.) - 9:30 am - **Hunt Farm** - 2045 Bolanz Rd. Peninsula, OH 44264 Parking lot on Bolanz Rd. east of Riverview Rd. CVNP - APT 5 miles, Carol C: 330-554-8991

Oct. 31 (Sat.) - 9:30 am - **Deep Lock Quarry** - 5779 Riverview Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 On Riverview Rd. south of SR 303 Summit Metro Parks - **Includes Valley Picnic Area.** - Halloween trunk or treat after the hike. - Hills/APT/Trails 5 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

Oct. 31 (Sat.) - 9:30 am - **Deep Lock Quarry** - 5779 Riverview Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 On Riverview Rd. south of SR 303 Summit Metro Parks Halloween Trunk or Treat after the hike - APT 5 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

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.

