

CELEBRATING 31 YEARS

FEBRUARY 2024 HIKING SCHEDULE

ALL VISITORS MUST BE 18 YEARS OR OLDER.

VISITORS, PLEASE WRITE DOWN YOUR PHONE NUMBER AND AN EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER ON OUR SIGN UP SHEET PRIOR TO HIKING. BEST TO ARRIVE 15 MINUTES AHEAD OF THE HIKE. THE LEADER WILL LEAVE THE TRAILHEAD ON TIME.

Guests, if you intend to show up on a hike that is not a designated lap hike, please be advised that it should be your goal to complete the miles that are board approved for that hike. You should be able to complete a 3-mile hike in 1 hour and a 5-mile hike in less than 2 hours. Showing up to a hike and asking the hike leader to modify their hike based on your personal agenda, time constraints or skill level is putting our hike leaders in a very uncomfortable position. Please use good judgment by reading the start times correctly, the miles listed and the intended skill level to complete the hike.

FEBRUARY 1 THURSDAY 10 AM ME AND MY DOG HIKE FRY FAMILY PARK (Dogs not required) Level 3, 5 miles, RR. Hilly terrain on rolling fields, mostly grass trails, beautiful views. Address: 2533 Farber St. SE, Magnolia. Directions: I-77 south, take the Cleveland Ave./Rte. 800 exit (exit # 103). Turn south onto Rte. 800 and after approximately 8.5 miles turn left onto Farber St. SE. The park will be 3/10 of a mile on the left. Drive through the park to the picnic shelter on the hill. Leader: Mary Lee

FEBRUARY 1 THURSDAY 6 PM NIGHT HIKE DIAMOND COMMUNITY PARK Level 1, up to 5 miles. Lap hike. RR. Paved trail. Approximate address: <u>2782 Diamond St. NE, Canton</u>. Directions: Follow Market Ave. north past 44th Street and 55th street. Continue on Market Ave past East Maple and Washington Square. Turn right onto Diamond Ave. Go just beyond Little Flower Catholic Church. The gravel parking lot is on the right. Look for the recycle bins. BRING A FLASHLIGHT! **Leader: Colleen Logan**



FEBRUARY 2 FRIDAY 9:30 AM GROUNDHOGS DAY HIKE FIRESTONE METRO PARK Level 3, 5 miles, RR. Meet at the first parking lot (Tuscarawas Meadows) after entering the park from the south on Harrington Rd. Address: <u>2620 Harrington Rd.</u>, Akron. Directions: Take I-77 north to the Arlington Rd. exit. Turn north (right) onto Arlington Rd. then left onto Warner Rd. Turn right (north) onto Harrington Rd. to entrance of park just across the bridge on the left. During the hike, look for your shadow and a groundhog hole. **Leader: Lena Earles**

FEBRUARY 3 SATURDAY 9:30 AM GORGE ICICLE HIKE, Level 3, 5 miles, RR. We are going to try to get this hike in one last time before the dam is taken down. Address: 1100/1101/ Meet at Gorge parking lot off of Front St. Directions: Take I-77/8 north to Cuyahoga Falls Ave. exit. Make a left turn at end of ramp. It will become Gorge then Front St. at traffic light. Park entrance is on the left side after crossing the other side of the bridge. **Leader: Lena Earles**

FEBRUARY 3 SATURDAY 10 AM ME AND MY DOG HIKE IRON HORSE TRAIL IN ALLIANCE (Dogs not required) Level 2, 6 miles, seasonally RR. Address: <u>1141 W. Beech St., Alliance</u>. Directions: Take US 62 east towards Alliance. Turn right on Beech, the first street past the PARIS light on US 62. Go east on Beech approximately 4.2 miles (past stops at Easton and Beechwood) to First Christian Church on the left. Trailhead and parking is adjacent to the church. **Leader: Mary Lee**

FEBRUARY 4 SUNDAY 9:30 AM LAKE AVE. TRAILHEAD FROM ERNIE'S Level 2, 5 miles, RR. Hike the Towpath. Address: <u>135 Lake Avenue NW., Massillon</u>. Directions: From Rte. 30: Follow Rte. 21 into Massillon and exit at Lake Ave. Ernie's is on the southwest corner of Rte. 21 and Lake Ave. **Leader: Rosanne Swigart**

FEBRUARY 4 SUNDAY 2 PM SILVER CREEK METRO PARK Level 2/3, 5 miles, RR. Meet in the Pheasant Run parking lot off Hametown Road. Address: 5000 Hametown Rd., Norton. Directions: Take Rte. 21 north to Eastern Rd. Go west (left) on Eastern and make a right onto Hametown Rd. (Dollar General on corner). Go north a short way (.6 miles) to the road on the left into the park. There is a Metro Park sign at the entrance. Parking lot will be on the right. We will hike the Pheasant Run and Chippewa Trails, along with the newly added Miner's Trail. **Leader: Deb Withnell**

FEBRUARY 5 MONDAY 10 AM ME AND MY DOG HIKE VETERANS COMMUNITY PARK (Dogs not required) Level 2, 5 miles, RR. Address: <u>1714 Schneider St. NE, Canton</u>. Directions: South on Main Street from North Canton, then east (left) onto Schneider St NE. Go across Market and continue on Schneider to the Park, across from Glen Oak HS. We will hike the Middle Branch Trail. **Leader: Brenda Ball**

FEBRUARY 6 TUESDAY 9:30 AM BUTTERBRIDGE RD. ON THE TOWPATH Level 2, 5 miles, RR. Address: 5400 Block of Butterbridge Rd. NW Meet at the horse trail (Olde Muskingum Trail) parking lot on Butterbridge Road just across the river west of the towpath. Directions: Take Erie Avenue from either Massillon or Canal Fulton. Go west (towards the towpath) at Butterbridge intersection to the trailhead. Or, if you come via Rte. 21, it intersects Butterbridge west of Erie. Take Butterbridge to the trailhead. **Leader: Rosanne Swigart**

FEBRUARY 6 TUESDAY 4:30 PM ME AND MY DOG HIKE SOUTHGATE PARK IN GREEN (Dogs not required) Level 2, 3 miles, RR. Address: <u>5300 Massillon Rd, North Canton</u>. Meet at the Boettler Park parking lot just after the basketball court. Directions: Take I-77 to the Shuffel St. exit. Go west on Shuffel to Wales Rd. (241) Turn right on Wales and go north to Green to Boettler Park on the left. There is an orthodox church on your right. Turn left into the park. Take the first road on your left just before you reach the basketball court to the parking area. We will hike the Southgate trails. **Leader: Erica Richardson**

FEBRUARY 7 WEDNESDAY 10 AM CANTON PARKS FROM THE GARDEN CENTER Level 1, 3 miles, RR. This is not a lap hike. Meet at the Garden Center Parking Lot. Address: 1615 Stadium Park Dr. NW, Canton. Directions: Enter the park from 12th street, make left onto Stadium Park Dr. and go to the Garden Center Lot.

Leaders: Lola Bender & Ted Bender

FEBRUARY 7 WEDNESDAY 10 AM WICKED WEDNESDAY HIKE HUNT FARM Level 4, 8 miles, RR. Heading north on the Valley Bridle Trail to Wetmore. Hills, trails, and stream crossings. Meet at Hunt Farm Trailhead parking lot on Bolanz Rd. Address: 2045 Bolanz Rd., Peninsula. Directions: Take I-77/8 to Steels Corner Rd. exit, turn left (west). Follow Steel's Corner Rd., after 3 miles make right on to Northampton

Rd. After 2.5 miles, make left onto Akron Peninsula Rd. Go to Bolanz Rd. (about 1/2 mile) and turn right, parking lot on your left. If you get to Szalay's Farm market at Riverview Rd., you went too far. **Leader: Bob Haren**

FEBRUARY 7 WEDNESDAY 6 PM JACKSON COMMUNITY PARK Level 1, up to 5 miles, lap hike, RR. Address: 7660 Fulton Dr. NW, Massillon. Meet at the parking lot at Jackson Park Track by the gazebo and pond. Directions: Reach it from Fulton or Wales Rd. (241). Parking lot is ½ mile west of Wales Rd. on the right. **Leader: Kathy Dimos**

FEBRUARY 8 THURSDAY 10 AM TALLMADGE MEADOWS PARK/MUNROE FALLS Level 2/3, 5 miles, RR. Address: 1088 North Ave., Tallmadge. THIS IS A DIFFERENT START LOCATION THAN OUR NORMAL START LOCATION IN MUNROE FALLS METRO PARK. Directions: Take Rte. 8 North to Portage Trail exit. Turn right (east) and go to Munroe Falls Avenue (at first traffic light). Turn left onto Munroe Falls Ave. Travel approximately 2 miles where it dead ends into State Route 91. Turn (south) on State Rte. 91. Make a left onto North Ave. across from Northmoreland Ave. We will hike Tallmadge Meadows and Munroe Falls Metro Park. **Leader: David Kulik**

FEBRUARY 8 THURSDAY 6 PM NIGHT HIKE DIAMOND COMMUNITY PARK Level 1, up to 5 miles. Lap hike. RR. Paved trail. Approximate address: <u>2782 Diamond St. NE, Canton</u>. Directions: Follow Market Ave. north past 44th Street and 55th street. Continue on Market Ave past East Maple and Washington Square. Turn right onto Diamond Ave. Go just beyond Little Flower Catholic Church. The gravel parking lot is on the right. Look for the recycle bins. BRING A FLASHLIGHT! **Leader: Colleen Logan**

FEBRUARY 9 FRIDAY 9:30 AM BOLIVAR AQUEDUCT MCDONNELL TRAILHEAD (on route 212). Level 2, 5 miles, no RR. Restroom is located 1 ½ miles away on Towpath which we will pass on our hike or you can stop at DQ/Bell Stores. gas station just off I-77 exit. Address: 715 OH-212, Bolivar. Directions: Take I-77 south to Bolivar exit #93. Turn right (west) following Rte. 212 through 212 through Bolivar. Go a short distance on Rte. 212 and just before the Tuscarawas river, the parking lot will be on the right. (If you go over the river and pass Shepler Church Road you went too far.) Leader: Lena Earles

FEBRUARY 10 SATURDAY 9:30 AM TAM O'SHANTER PROPERTY, Level 2/3, 5 miles, RR. Address: 5055 Hills and Dales Rd NW, Canton 44708. Directions: Go South on Dressler Road from Belden Village, then turn right onto Hills and Dales Road and go west for about 1 mile. Turn right into the Tam O'Shanter Property. Go to the parking lot on the right side of the entrance. **Leader: Kathy Dimos**

FEBRUARY 10 SATURDAY 10 AM BEAVER MARSH, INDIGO LAKE & HOWE MEADOW /CVNP Level 2, 5 miles, RR. Meet at Ira Road Trailhead on Riverview Road. Address: 3801 Riverview Rd., Peninsula. Directions: Take I-77/8 north to Graham Rd. exit then turn west (left) on to Graham Rd. Then right on to Bath Rd. past Krieger's Market. Take Bath Rd. to Riverview Rd., turn right onto Riverview and go approx. 1 mile to Ira Rd. trailhead on the right. Alternate Directions: Take I-77/Rte. 8 north to Steels Corners Rd. exit then turn west (left) onto Steels Corner Rd. Take Steels Corner Rd. to Akron Peninsula Road, turn right onto Akron Peninsula Road and go approximately 3/4 mile and make left on to Ira Rd. Make right onto Riverview Rd. and the Ira Road Trailhead will be on the right. This hike starts on the towpath, goes past Beaver Marsh, then crosses over to Indigo Lake, loops around Howe Meadow (grassy path) and returns. Leader: Deb Withnel

FEBRUARY 11 SUNDAY 9:30 AM SIPPO LAKE EXPLORATION GATEWAY Level 2/3, 5 miles. RR at the library. Address: <u>5712 12th St. NW, Canton</u>. Directions: Get to the intersection of 12th St. NW and Perry

Dr. NW. Go west on 12th St. to the entrance to Exploration Gateway at Sippo Lake Park on the left. Meet at the first parking lot on the right as you arrive. **Leader: Lena Earles**

FEBRUARY 11 SUNDAY 2 PM ME AND MY DOG HIKE MOGADORE RESERVOIR WEST (Dog not required) Level 2, 5 miles, RR available seasonally. Address: <u>2578 SR 43, Mogadore</u>. Meet at the parking lot just off of Rte. 43 approximately 2 miles north of Rte. 224. If that parking lot is full, there is more parking by the Boathouse. Directions: Take Rte. 43 north through Hartville, past Rte. 224, to the parking lot on the right. Restrooms are available in Hartville at gas stations or fast food restaurants, or 3 miles north of the trailhead on Rte. 43 at McDonalds. We will hike the west side of the reservoir. **Leader: Carl Humenik**

FEBRUARY 12 MONDAY 10 AM ME AND MY DOG HIKE VETERANS COMMUNITY PARK (Dogs not required) Level 2, 5 miles, RR. Address: <u>1714 Schneider St. NE, Canton</u>. Directions: South on Main Street from North Canton, then east (left) onto Schneider St NE. Go across Market and continue on Schneider to the Park, across from Glen Oak HS. We will hike the Middle Branch Trail. **Leader: Brenda Ball**

FEBRUARY 13 TUESDAY 9:30 AM BUTTERBRIDGE RD. ON THE TOWPATH Level 2, 5 miles, RR. Address: 5400 Block of Butterbridge Rd. NW Meet at the horse trail (Olde Muskingum Trail) parking lot on Butterbridge Road just across the river west of the towpath. Directions: Take Erie Avenue from either Massillon or Canal Fulton. Go west (towards the towpath) at Butterbridge intersection to the trailhead. Or, if you come via Rte. 21, it intersects Butterbridge west of Erie. Take Butterbridge to the trailhead. **Leader: Rosanne Swigart**

FEBRUARY 13 TUESDAY 4:30 PM ME AND MY DOG HIKE SOUTHGATE PARK IN GREEN (Dogs not required) Level 2, 3 miles, RR. Address: <u>5300 Massillon Rd, North Canton</u>. Meet at the Boettler Park parking lot just after the basketball court. Directions: Take I-77 to the Shuffel St. exit. Go west on Shuffel to Wales Rd. (241) Turn right on Wales and go north to Green to Boettler Park on the left. There is an orthodox church on your right. Turn left into the park. Take the first road on your left just before you reach the basketball court to the parking area. We will hike the Southgate trails. **Leader: Erica Richardson**

FEBRUARY 14 WEDNESDAY 10 AM VALENTINE'S DAY HIKE MARTINDALE PARK Level 2, 3 miles, RR. Bring your leaders a valentine! Meet at Martindale Canton Park. Address: 4053 Martindale Rd. NE, Canton. Directions: Take I-77 into Canton, then Rte. 62 east to Middlebranch Rd. Turn left at the light. Then left onto Martindale Road. Trailhead is on the right. We will hike the Middlebranch trail. Leaders: Lola Bender & Ted Bender

FEBRUARY 14 WEDNESDAY 10 AM VALENTINE'S DAY HIKE LEDGES FROM THE LEDGES
SHELTER Level 3, 5 miles, RR. Bring your leader a valentine! Address: 405 Kendall Park Road,
Peninsula. Directions: North on I-77/8 to Seasons Road exit. At the stop sign, turn left. Go to
the first stop sign (Wyoga Lake Rd.) turn right. Go a short distance to the next stop sign on
State Street, turn right. Go to the traffic light. Turn left onto Truxell/Kendall Park Rd. Turn right into the
driveway to Ledges Shelter. THIS IS NOT OUR NORMAL START AT OCTAGON SHELTER! Leader: Carla
Vondrak



FEBRUARY 14 WEDNESDAY 6 PM VALENTINE'S DAY HIKE JACKSON COMMUNITY PARKLevel 1, up to 5 miles, lap hike, RR. Bring your leaders a valentine! Address: <u>7660 Fulton Dr. NW, Massillon</u>. Meet at the parking lot at Jackson Park Track by the gazebo and pond.

Directions: Reach it from Fulton or Wales Rd. (241). Parking lot is ½ mile west of Wales Rd. on the right. **Leaders: Ann Warren & Bill Warren**

FEBRUARY 15 THURSDAY 10 AM O'NEIL WOODS STARTING AT IRA RD TRAILHEAD Level 3/4, 6 miles, RR. This hike has a little of everything. Towpath, Buckeye Trail, and a loop through O'Neil Woods. Meet at Ira Road Trailhead on Riverview Road. Address: 3801 Riverview Rd., Peninsula. Directions: Take I-77/8 north to Graham Rd. exit then turn west (left) on to Graham Rd. Then right on to Bath Rd. past Krieger's Market. Take Bath Rd. to Riverview Rd., turn right onto Riverview and go approx. 1 mile to Ira Rd. trailhead on the right. Alternate Directions: Take I-77/Rte. 8 north to Steels Corners Rd. exit then turn west (left) onto Steels Corner Rd. Take Steels Corner Rd. to Akron Peninsula Road, turn right onto Akron Peninsula Road and go approximately 3/4 mile and make left on to Ira Rd. Make right onto Riverview Rd. and the Ira Road Trailhead will be on the right. The parking lot fills up and carpooling is encouraged. Leader: Bob Haren

FEBRUARY 15 THURSDAY 6 PM NIGHT HIKE DIAMOND COMMUNITY PARK Level 1, up to 5 miles. Lap hike. RR. Paved trail. Approximate address: <u>2782 Diamond St. NE, Canton</u>. Directions: Follow Market Ave. north past 44th Street and 55th street. Continue on Market Ave past East Maple and Washington Square. Turn right onto Diamond Ave. Go just beyond Little Flower Catholic Church. The gravel parking lot is on the right. Look for the recycle bins. BRING A FLASHLIGHT! **Leader: Colleen Logan**

FEBRUARY 16 FRIDAY 10 AM ME AND MY DOG HIKE QUAIL HOLLOW STATE PARK (Dogs not required) Level 3, 5 miles, RR. Meet at the first large parking lot on the left (go left at the fork). Follow signs for the playground, pond and parking lot. Address: 13480 Congress Lake Ave., Hartville. Directions: Go north on Rte. 43 or east on Rte. 619 to the square of Hartville. Go north on Congress Lake Rd. for approximately 1 mile to the park entrance on the right. Go about ¼ mile, then make left at the fork to the parking lot. Leader: Karla Bedard

FEBRUARY 17 SATURDAY 10 AM ME AND MY DOG HIKE CANAL LANDS TRAILHEAD (Dogs not required) Level 2, 6 miles, RR. Meet at towpath parking lot on Dover/Zoar Rd. by the river. Approximate address: 8645 Dover Zoar Rd NE, Dover (GPS may want Zoar). Directions: Take I-77 south to the Bolivar/Zoar exit #93. Turn left (east) on Rte. 212 and go into Zoar. In Zoar, turn right on Dover/Zoar Rd., go across the levee to the trailhead on the left. **Leader: Kathy Smith**

FEBRUARY 17 SATURDAY 10 AM DEER CREEK RESERVOIR Level 2, 5 miles, RR. Address: 14514 Price St. NE, Alliance. Directions: Take US 62 towards Alliance. Continue onto US 62 (Atlantic Blvd.) until it dead ends to SR 225. Turn left onto SR225. Turn left onto Price St. NE then turn left onto the driveway to the parking lot. We will hike the Mahoning Valley Trail. **Leader: Augie Schmitthenner**

FEBRUARY 18 SUNDAY 9:30 AM LAKE AVE. TRAILHEAD FROM ERNIE'S Level 2, 5 miles, RR. Hike the Towpath. Address: <u>135 Lake Avenue NW., Massillon</u>. Directions: From Rte. 30: Follow Rte. 21 into Massillon and exit at Lake Ave. Ernie's is on the southwest corner of Rte. 21 and Lake Ave. **Leader: Rosanne Swigart**

FEBRUARY 18 SUNDAY 2 PM TOWNER'S WOODS Level 3, 5 miles, RR. Approximate address: 2195
Ravenna Rd., Kent. DIRECTIONS ARE FROM THE EAST TO AVOID A BRIDGE CLOSURE! MAKE SURE YOU
READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS. YOU MUST TAKE LAKE ROCKWELL RD. OFF OF BRADY LAKE. IF YOU TAKE
RAVENNA RD.OFF OF BRADY LAKE YOU WILL BE ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE BRIDGE CLOSURE.
Directions: Take Rte. 43 north. In Kent, continue straight then follow Water St. to Lake St.

becomes Brady Lake Rd. After 2.5 miles, make left onto Lake Rockwell Rd. You will pass Beckwith Orchards. At Ravenna Rd, make a sharp right onto Ravenna Rd (there is a road closed barrier here but go around it). Just before the closed bridge, make left into the parking lot. (37 miles from Canton.) Beautiful views of the lake, hilly mostly wooded trails. **Leader: David Kulik**



FEBRUARY 19 MONDAY 10 AM PRESIDENT'S DAY ME AND MY DOG HIKE WASHINGTON SQUARE (Dogs not required) Level 2, 5 miles. Restroom at Starbucks, Jimmy John's or Giant Eagle. Wear Red, White and Blue, dogs too! Approximate address: 2197 E Maple St, North Canton. Directions: From Main Street in North Canton go east on Maple about 1.2 miles to Washington Square shopping plaza. Park behind Starbucks, back parking lot between 91

Wood Fired Oven and the bank. There is a nice parking lot near the trailhead. We will hike the Hoover trail. **Leader: Brenda Ball**



FEBRUARY 19 MONDAY 1 PM PRESIDENT'S DAY ME AND MY DOG HIKE HAPPY DAYS (Dogs not required) Level 3, 5 miles, RR. Wear Red, White and Blue, dogs too! Meet in the parking lot across the street from Happy Days. Address: 500 West Streetsboro Rd., Peninsula. We will hike Boston run and some trails on the Happy Days side. Directions: Take I-77/8 north

to Rte. 303. Turn west (left) to the parking lot on the right about one mile from Rte. 8.

Leader: Ann Dolvin

FEBRUARY 20 TUESDAY 9:30 AM BUTTERBRIDGE RD. ON THE TOWPATH Level 2, 5 miles, RR. Address: 5400 Block of Butterbridge Rd. NW Meet at the horse trail (Olde Muskingum Trail) parking lot on Butterbridge Road just across the river west of the towpath. Directions: Take Erie Avenue from either Massillon or Canal Fulton. Go west (towards the towpath) at Butterbridge intersection to the trailhead. Or, if you come via Rte. 21, it intersects Butterbridge west of Erie. Take Butterbridge to the trailhead. **Leader: Rosanne Swigart**

FEBRUARY 20 TUESDAY 4:30 PM ME AND MY DOG HIKE SOUTHGATE PARK IN GREEN (Dogs not required) Level 2, 3 miles, RR. Address: <u>5300 Massillon Rd, North Canton</u>. Meet at the Boettler Park parking lot just after the basketball court. Directions: Take I-77 to the Shuffel St. exit. Go west on Shuffel to Wales Rd. (241) Turn right on Wales and go north to Green to Boettler Park on the left. There is an orthodox church on your right. Turn left into the park. Take the first road on your left just before you reach the basketball court to the parking area. We will hike the Southgate trails.

Leader: Erica Richardson

FEBRUARY 21 WEDNESDAY 10 AM PETROS PARK Level 2, 3 miles, RR. Address: 3519 Perry Dr. SW, Canton. Meet at the Lower Parking lot (sign says Lower Parking lot NOT Stark Parks Petros Park) Directions: Take Rte. 77 to Faircrest Exit south of Canton. Turn west, go to Perry Road, turn north to the first parking lot on the left, which will be a one way entrance. **Leaders: Lola Bender & Ted Bender**

FEBRUARY 21 WEDNESDAY 10 AM WICKED WEDNESDAY TREATY LINE RD Level 3/4 5 miles, RR. Address: 995 Treaty Line Rd., Akron. Directions: Take Rte. 77/8 north to Tallmadge Road exit. Turn left (west). Follow Tallmadge to Merriman Rd. Turn right onto Merriman. Go about 1.5 mi and turn left at Treaty Line Rd. The entrance to parking is on the right. This is a very scenic hike through beautiful woods over moderately challenging hills and steps. **Leader: David Kulik**

FEBRUARY 21 WEDNESDAY 6 PM JACKSON COMMUNITY PARK Level 1, up to 5 miles, lap hike, RR. Address: 7660 Fulton Dr. NW, Massillon. Meet at the parking lot at Jackson Park Track by the gazebo

and pond. Directions: Reach it from Fulton or Wales Rd. (241). Parking lot is ½ mile west of Wales Rd. on the right. **Leader: Barb Hoot**

FEBRUARY 22 THURSDAY 10 AM KENDALL LAKE TRAILHEAD Level 3/4, 6 miles, RR. We will hike Salt Run and Cross Country trail. Address: 1000 Kendall Park Road, Peninsula. Directions: Go north on I-77 to Rte. 8. Take the Seasons Rd. exit and at the stop sign turn left. Go to the first stop sign (Wyoga Lake Rd.) turn right. Go a short distance to the next stop sign at State Street, turn right. At the traffic light turn left onto Truxell/Kendall Park Rd. Continue to the trailhead on the left after passing the Ledges and the Octagon areas on the right. **Leader: Carla Vondrak**

FEBRUARY 22 THURSDAY 6 PM CANTON PARKS FROM THE GARDEN CENTER Level 1, 3/5 miles, RR. This is a lap hike. Meet at the Garden Center Parking Lot. Address: 1615 Stadium Park Dr. NW, Canton. Directions: Enter the park from 12th street, make left onto Stadium Park Dr. and go to the Garden Center Lot. Leader: Erica Richardson

FEBRUARY 23 FRIDAY 9:30 AM WALBORN RESERVOIR Level 3, 5 miles, RR. Address: <u>11324 Price St., Alliance</u>. Go north on Rte. 44 (Ravenna Ave.) to the intersection of Pontius Rd. in New Baltimore. Go right (east) on Pontius and continue east until you get to Walborn. Turn right into the park then take the left lane to park in the rear lot back near the pavilion. **Leader: Lena Earles**

FEBRUARY 24 SATURDAY 10 AM LAKE AVE. TRAILHEAD FROM ERNIE'S ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON. HIKE 10 AM/FOOD AT NOON Level 2, 3/5 miles, RR. Hike the Towpath. Address: <u>135 Lake Avenue NW., Massillon</u>. Directions: From Rte. 30: Follow Rte. 21 into Massillon and exit at Lake Ave. Ernie's is on the southwest corner of Rte. 21 and Lake Ave. After the hike is a **member only event, see newsletter for more details.** Leaders: Rosanne Swigart (5 mi) & Brenda Ball (3 mi)

FEBRUARY 25 SUNDAY 9:30 AM SIPPO LAKE EXPLORATION GATEWAY Level 2/3, 5 miles. RR at the library. Address: <u>5712 12th St. NW, Canton</u>. Directions: Get to the intersection of 12th St. NW and Perry Dr. NW. Go west on 12th St. to the entrance to Exploration Gateway at Sippo Lake Park on the left. Meet at the first parking lot on the right as you arrive. **Leader: Lena Earles**

FEBRUARY 25 SUNDAY 2 PM ME AND MY DOG HIKE HUSTON BRUMBAUGH NATURE CENTER (Dogs not required) Level 3, 5 miles, RR. Lots of hills and boardwalks. Meet at the Huston Woods parking lot on Daniel St. south of Alliance. Address: <u>16146 Daniel St. NE, Minerva</u>. Directions: Take Maple Street (which becomes Easton) to the roundabout at Paris Ave. Turn right and continue to Route 153 (by Motts). Turn left. Continue to Route 183 (Union Ave.). Turn right and continue to Daniel Street. Turn left on Daniel and go a short distance to the parking lot on the right. **Leader: Mary Lee**

FEBRUARY 26 MONDAY 10 AM ME AND MY DOG HIKE VETERANS COMMUNITY PARK (Dogs not required) Level 2, 5 miles, RR. Address: <u>1714 Schneider St. NE, Canton</u>. Directions: South on Main Street from North Canton, then east (left) onto Schneider St NE. Go across Market and continue on Schneider to the Park, across from Glen Oak HS. We will hike the Middle Branch Trail. **Leader: Brenda Ball**

FEBRUARY 26 MONDAY 6 PM NIGHT HIKE PORTAGE LAKES STATE PARK Level 2, 5 miles, RR. Address: 5031 Manchester Rd., Akron Directions: Take I-77 north to the Rte. 241/619 exit. Go north (right) on Rte. 241, then turn left onto Rte. 619. Go to Rte. 93 and turn south (left) for about a mile to the park entrance on the left. Follow the park road, turn right at the first road on the right,

where sign points to Big Oaks Shelter. Follow this to the parking lot near the restrooms. This is not the parking lot right off of park road where we used to start. BRING A FLASHLIGHT. **Leader: Bob Haren**

FEBRUARY 27 TUESDAY 9:30 AM BUTTERBRIDGE RD. ON THE TOWPATH Level 2, 5 miles, RR. Address: 5400 Block of Butterbridge Rd. NW Meet at the horse trail (Olde Muskingum Trail) parking lot on Butterbridge Road just across the river west of the towpath. Directions: Take Erie Avenue from either Massillon or Canal Fulton. Go west (towards the towpath) at Butterbridge intersection to the trailhead. Or, if you come via Rte. 21, it intersects Butterbridge west of Erie. Take Butterbridge to the trailhead. **Leader: Rosanne Swigart**

FEBRUARY 27 TUESDAY 4:30 PM ME AND MY DOG HIKE SOUTHGATE PARK IN GREEN (Dogs not required) Level 2, 3 miles, RR. Address: <u>5300 Massillon Rd, North Canton</u>. Meet at the Boettler Park parking lot just after the basketball court. Directions: Take I-77 to the Shuffel St. exit. Go west on Shuffel to Wales Rd. (241) Turn right on Wales and go north to Green to Boettler Park on the left. There is an orthodox church on your right. Turn left into the park. Take the first road on your left just before you reach the basketball court to the parking area. We will hike the Southgate trails.

Leader: Dave Lenart

FEBRUARY 28 WEDNESDAY 10 AM HOOVER COMMUNITY RECREATION COMPLEX Level 2, 3 miles, no RR at trailhead. The closest restrooms are available at Giant Eagle, Starbucks and Jimmy Johns. Address: 1325 E. Maple St., North Canton. Directions: From Main Street in North Canton go east on Maple about 1.2 miles. Complex will be on the north side of the street. Turn into the complex and drive to the rear of the parking lot. The trailhead is at the rear of the parking lot. We will hike the Hoover trail.

Leaders: Lola Bender & Ted Bender

FEBRUARY 28 WEDNESDAY 10 AM WICKED WEDNESDAY ME AND MY DOG HIKE CAMP TUSCAZOAR, (Dogs not required) Level 4, 5 miles Meet at the parking lot at the entrance for Camp Tuscazoar. Address: 6066 Boy Scout Rd NE, Dover. Directions: Take I-77 south to Bolivar/Zoar exit. Take Rte. 212 left (east) through Zoar to Rte. 800, turn left (north), go a short distance, turn right (east), go over a bridge, turn right onto Boy Scout Rd. and go to camp entrance on the right. Leader: Mary Lee

FEBRUARY 28 WEDNESDAY 6 PM JACKSON COMMUNITY PARK Level 1, up to 5 miles, lap hike, RR. Address: 7660 Fulton Dr. NW, Massillon. Meet at the parking lot at Jackson Park Track by the gazebo and pond. Directions: Reach it from Fulton or Wales Rd. (241). Parking lot is ½ mile west of Wales Rd. on the right. **Leader: Kathy Dimos**



FEBRUARY 29 THURSDAY 10 AM LEAP DAY HIKE GOODYEAR HEIGHTS METRO PARK Level 3, 5 miles, RR. Address: 2077 Newton St., Akron. Meet at the 2rd parking lot north of Newton St. Directions: Take Cleveland Ave./Canton Rd. north (becomes Rte. 91/Darrow Rd.) to Newton St. Turn west (left) on Newton to entrance just west of the

shelter, go to 2⁻⁻⁻ parking lot. This hike will be in the woods and will include hills. **Leader: David Kulik**



FEBRUARY 29 THURSDAY 6 PM LEAP DAY HIKE CANTON PARKS FROM THE GARDEN CENTER Level 1, 3/5 miles, RR. This is a lap hike. Hikers take a leap someplace during the hike to celebrate Leap Year! Meet at the Garden Center Parking Lot. Address:

1615 Stadium Park Dr. NW, Canton. Directions: Enter the park from 12th street, make left onto Stadium Park Dr. and go to the Garden Center Lot. **Leader: Kathy Smith**