

Hiking Schedule for Hilltop Hikers February, 2020 Celebrating 27 years!

This schedule allows you to hike with us as a guest. If you enjoy yourself and feel it will be a good fit, please join the club. Joining will give you special member privileges in addition to what you see listed here.

FEBRUARY 1 SATURDAY 9:45 AM FINDLEY STATE PARK ANNUAL WINTER HIKE (Buckeye Trail Association's annual Bean Soup and Cornbread hike). Level 3, 6 miles, RR. WE WILL CIRCLE UP AT 9:45 FOR LAST MINUTE DETAILS. HIKE BEGINS AT 10:00. Address: [25381 State Rte. 58, Wellington](#). Take US-224 west towards Lodi. Continue on US-224 for 31 miles to State Route 58/OH-58 North. Turn right on 58 for 6.5 miles. Findley State Park is on the right. The sign to the park is very small. Follow park signs to the campground. You will pass a house and a block building before coming to a stop sign. Turn right at the stop sign. Park in the lots on the left. Meet at the Nature Center. We will join the BTA for a hike through Findley Park's woodlands and around the lake. Enjoy bean soup and corn bread by the campfire after the hike. There is no charge for the food but donations to benefit the Friends of Findley State Park, Inc. will be accepted. This hike is a little over an hour away, so leave plenty of time to get there.

Leaders: Penni and Pam

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FEBRUARY 1 SATURDAY 10 AM CRYSTAL SPRINGS TRAILHEAD Level 2, 5 miles, RR. Address: [4503 Erie Ave. NW, Massillon](#). Meet at the Crystal Springs parking lot on Erie St. across from Bocca Grande Restaurant between Canal Fulton and Massillon close to High Mill. We will hike the Towpath.

Leader: Kathy

FEBRUARY 2 SUNDAY 2 PM LOCK 29/DEEP LOCK QUARRY HIKE
CVNP Level 2, 5 miles, RR. Address: [1648 Mill St W, Peninsula](#). Directions: Take I-77/8 north to Rte. 303 exit. Turn west (left) onto Rte. 303. Follow Rte. 303 for 3.5 miles to Peninsula. Make a right at the first stop light onto N. Locus St., then left onto Main St. W. Lock 29 parking lot on the left. If lot is full continue north on Mill St. to overflow parking. Meet at the trailhead by the Towpath. We will head south on the Towpath for an out-and-back hike, with a loop through Deep Lock Quarry. Lock 29 and remaining aqueduct structure is on the National Register of Historic Places. **Leader: Lynn**

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

FEBRUARY 4 TUESDAY 9:30 AM JACKSON BOG STATE NATURE PRESERVE Level 2/3, 5 miles, RR. Address: [7984 Fulton Dr NW, Massillon.](#) Meet at the Jackson Bog parking lot, west of Jackson High School near the old school house. Pull into the South Park entrance and go right into the Jackson Bog parking lot. **Leader: Deb**

FEBRUARY 5 WEDNESDAY 6 PM JACKSON COMMUNITY PARK Level 1, 3 to 5 laps (3 to 5 miles), 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. **Leaders: Marylou and Sue**

FEBRUARY 6 THURSDAY 10 AM TAM O'SHANTER PROPERTY, Level 2/3, **3 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. **Leaders: Lola & Ted**

FEBRUARY 7 FRIDAY 11:00 AM WASHINGTON SQUARE Level 2, 5 miles. Restroom at Starbucks or Jimmy John's or Giant Eagle. 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. **Leaders: Lena and Mary Lou**

FEBRUARY 8 SATURDAY 10 AM ICICLE HIKE AT THE GORGE Level 3, 5 miles, RR. Come see the supersize icicles hanging from the cliffs of the Gorge (if it ever snows this winter!). Address: [1160 Front Street, Cuyahoga Falls.](#) 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 onto Gorge Blvd. which becomes Front St. at traffic light. Park entrance is on the left side after crossing the bridge. **Leader: Denver**

FEBRUARY 9 SUNDAY 2 PM IRON HORSE TRAIL IN ALLIANCE Level 1, 5/6 miles, NO RR. Address: [1141 W. Beech St., Alliance.](#) 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 left. Trailhead and parking are adjacent to the church. **Leaders Kathy & Jeff**

FEBRUARY 10 MONDAY 10 AM SIPPO LAKE EXPLORATION GATEWAY Level 2/3, **3 miles**. RR at library. Address: [5712 12th St. NW, Canton.](#)

Directions: Get to the intersection of 12th St. NW and Perry Dr. NW. Go west on 12th St. to entrance to Exploration Gateway at Sippo Lake Park on the left. Meet at the first parking lot on the right as you arrive. **Leaders: Lola and Ted**

FEBRUARY 11 TUESDAY 9:30 AM BOETTLER/SOUTHGATE PARK IN GREEN Level 2, **3 miles**, RR. Address: [5300 Massillon Rd, North Canton](#). Meet at the parking lot just after the basketball court. Directions: Take I-77 to the Portage Rd. exit. Go west on Portage 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. **Leader: Deb**

FEBRUARY 12 WEDNESDAY 6 PM JACKSON COMMUNITY PARK Level 1, 3 to 5 laps (3 to 5 miles), 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. **Leaders: Mary Lou & Sue**

FEBRUARY 13 THURSDAY 10 AM VETERANS COMMUNITY PARK Level 2, **3 miles**, RR. Address: [1714 Schneider St. NE, Canton](#). 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. **Leaders: Lola & Ted**

FEBRUARY 14 FRIDAY 10 AM ME AND MY DOG/VALENTINE HIKE METZGER PARK Level 2, 5 miles, RR. Meet at Metzger Park on Nickleplate Rd. in Louisville. Address: [1420 S. Nickelplate St., Louisville](#). Directions: Take Rte. 62 to Louisville exit. Take Rte. 44 south (Ravenna Ave.) to center of Louisville, turn east (left) on to Main St. (Rte. 153). Go to 2nd light (Nickleplate), then turn right (south) to the park on the left. This is past the high school and across from the YMCA. Hike the Nickelplate Trail. **Leader: Karla**

FEBRUARY 15 SATURDAY 10 AM PINE HOLLOW/SALT RUN/KENDAL LAKE HIKE CVNP Level 3/ 4, 5 miles, RR. Meet at the Pine Hollow Trailhead off Quick Road in CVNP. We will hike Salt Run and Kendall Lake Trails. This is a pretty hike in the woods with some challenging hills. Salt Run stream feeds into Kendall Lake. The name comes from salt works that were located here during pioneer times. Address: [5465 Quick Road, Peninsula](#). Directions: Take I-77/8 north and exit at Steels Corners Rd. (exit 9). Turn left (west). Go until you intersect State Rd./Akron-Cleveland Rd. Turn right and go short distance where Quick Rd. branches off to the left. Take Quick Rd. about 2 miles to Pine Hollow Trailhead on the right. **Leader: Lynn**

FEBRUARY 16 SUNDAY 2 PM HUSTON BRUMBAUGH NATURE CENTER Level 3, **4 miles**, RR. Meet at the Huston Woods parking lot on Daniel St. south of Alliance. Address: [16146 Daniel St. NE, Minerva](#). Directions #1: Take Route 62 east to Route 44. Turn right onto Route 44 south. Continue to Louisville.

At Route 153 (E. Main St.) by the gas station, 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 parking lot on the right. Alternate Directions #2: 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 parking lot on the right. **Leader: Paul**

FEBRUARY 17 MONDAY 10 AM PRESIDENT'S DAY FIRESTONE

METRO PARK Level 3, 5 miles, RR. Bring birdseed if you want to hand feed the birds! Meet at the first parking lot (Tuscarawas Meadows) after entering the park from the south on Harrington Rd. Address: [2620 Harrington Rd., 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. Hills and trails.

Leader: Ann

FEBRUARY 18 TUESDAY 9:30 AM LAKE AVE. TRAILHEAD FROM

ERNIE'S Level 2, 5 miles, RR. Hike the Towpath. Address: [135 Lake Avenue NW., Massillon](#). 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: Roseanne

FEBRUARY 19 WEDNESDAY 6 PM JACKSON COMMUNITY PARK Level

1, 3 to 5 laps (3 to 5 miles), 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. **Leaders: Mary Lou & Sue**

FEBRUARY 20 THURSDAY 10 AM CRYSTAL SPRINGS TRAILHEAD

Level 2, **3 miles**, RR. Address: [4503 Erie Ave. NW, Massillon](#). Meet at the Crystal Springs parking lot on Erie St. across from Bocca Grande Restaurant between Canal Fulton and Massillon close to High Mill. We will hike the Towpath. **Leader: Lucy**

FEBRUARY 21 FRIDAY 11:00 AM WASHINGTON SQUARE Level 2, 5

miles. Restroom at Starbucks or Jimmy John's or Giant Eagle. 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.

Leaders: Lena & Mary Lou

FEBRUARY 22 Special Member Only Event

FEBRUARY 23 SUNDAY 2 PM MUNROE FALLS METRO PARK Level 2/3,

5 miles, RR. Address: [521 South River Road, Munroe Falls](#). Directions: Take Rte. 8 North to Portage Trail. Turn right (east) and go to Munroe Falls Avenue (at first

traffic light). Turn left onto Munroe Falls Ave. Travel approximately 2 miles where dead ends into State Route 91. Turn right (south) on State Rt 91 to South River Rd. (approximately ¼ mile. Turn left onto South River Road. Go about 1 mile to Park Entrance on right. Follow the driveway around the lake. About ½ mile to “Trails” parking lot on right. We will hike the Indian Spring trail and a section of Tallmadge Meadows. **Leader: Lynn**

FEBRUARY 24 MONDAY 9:30 AM SIPPO LAKE EXPLORATION

GATEWAY Level 2/3, 5 miles. RR at library. Address: [5712 12th St. NW, Canton](#). Directions: Get to the intersection of 12th St. NW and Perry Dr. NW. Go west on 12th St. to entrance to Exploration Gateway at Sippo Lake Park on the left. Meet at the first parking lot on the right as you arrive. **Leader: Kathy**

FEBRUARY 25 TUESDAY 9:30 AM LAKE AVE. TRAILHEAD FROM

ERNIE’S Level 2, 5 miles, RR. Hike the Towpath. Address: [135 Lake Avenue NW, Massillon](#). 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: Patty**

FEBRUARY 26 WEDNESDAY 6 PM JACKSON COMMUNITY PARK

Level 1, 3 to 5 laps (3 to 5 miles), 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. **Leaders: Mary Lou & Sue**

FEBRUARY 27 THURSDAY 10 AM PETROS PARK

Level 2, **3 miles**, RR. Address: [3519 Perry Dr. SW, Canton](#). Meet at the Parking Lot on Perry Road. Directions: Take Rte. 77 to Faircrest Exit south of Canton. Turn west, go to Perry Road, turn north to parking lot on the left. **Leaders: Lola & Ted**

FEBRUARY 28 FRIDAY 11:00 AM WASHINGTON SQUARE

Level 2, 5 miles. Restroom at Starbucks or Jimmy John’s or Giant Eagle. 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. **Leaders: Lena & Mary Lou**

FEBRUARY 29 SATURDAY 10 AM LEAP DAY ME AND MY DOG QUAIL

HOLLOW STATE PARK Level 3, 5 miles, RR. Meet at first large parking lot on left. Follow signs for 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 to the parking lot. Bring your dog for a walk! **Leader: Karla**