

## **Hilltop Hikers January 2020 Hiking Schedule** **Celebrating 27 years!**

**JANUARY 2 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 Bender**

**JANUARY 3 FRIDAY 10 AM BOETTLER/SOUTHGATE PARK IN GREEN** Level 2, 5 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. Lunch at the Twisted Olive.  
**Leader: Patty Sheppard**

**JANUARY 4 SATURDAY 10 AM NORMA JOHNSON CONSERVATION CENTER (NJCC)** Level 3/4, 5 miles, RR. The Center will unlock the restrooms for our group on Jan. 4! Meet at the parking lot on Conservation Drive. Address: [Conservation Dr., Dover](#) (no street number available). Directions: Take I-77 south to the Dover/Sugarcreek exit 83 (Route 39). Take Rte. 39 west 3.2 miles then turn right (north) on Old Rte. 39 (County Road 139). Travel about 0.1 mile to Conservation Drive and entrance to NJCC on the right. Follow Conservation Drive for 0.3 mile to the parking lot. This scenic hike is on 303 acres of Tuscarawas Soil and Water Conservation District property. **Leader: Denver Fitzgerald**

**JANUARY 5 SUNDAY 2 PM ANNUAL SOUP HIKE DOGWOOD PARK HIKE 2 PM/FOOD AT 4 PM.** Level 2, 5 miles, RR. Address: : [241 7th St. NE in North Canton](#). Directions: Get off at Portage St. NW and head east. Make left on to Main St., then right on to 7th St. The drive to the shelter is on the left. Bring soup, stew, salad, dessert or breads/rolls. Drop food off at the shelter before the hike (crock pots may be plugged in, etc.). The club will supply coffee and bottled water. We will hike the Hoover Trail and then enjoy a great lunch of hot soup!  
**Leader: Lena Earles Please note this is a member only event.**

**JANUARY 7 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 Swigart**

**JANUARY 8 WEDNESDAY 6 PM CANTON PARKS FROM THE GARDEN CENTER**

Level 1, 5 miles, RR (may not be available, RR is available at the Circle K on Fulton Road).

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. We will hike Stadium Park. BRING A FLASHLIGHT!

**Leader: Ted Bender**

**JANUARY 9 THURSDAY 10 AM JACKSON BOG STATE NATURE PRESERVE**

Level 2/3, 3 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 Withnell**

**JANUARY 10 FRIDAY 11 AM HOOVER 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, between 91 Wood Fired Oven and the bank. There is a nice parking lot near the trailhead. We will hike through the neighborhoods to the Middle Branch trail. **Leader: Lena Earles**

**JANUARY 11 SATURDAY 10 AM OAK HILL/CVNP**

Level 3, 7 miles (or 5 mile alternative), RR. Address: [3901 Oak Hill Road, Peninsula](#). Directions: Go north on I-77 to Rte. 8 and take the Steels Corner Road Exit. Turn left. Follow it until it dead ends. Turn right onto Akron/Peninsula Road. Go to Ira Road and turn left. At the stop sign turn right onto Riverview Rd. Continue to Everett Road on your left. Turn left on Everett Rd. After rounding the corner past Everett Covered Bridge, turn right onto Oak Hill Rd. Go past the Environmental Education Center and the Oak Hill Parking lot is on the right. We will first hike the 5 mile Plateau Trail and return to the parking lot. For those interested, we will then hike the 2 mile Oak Hill Trail.

**Leader: Lynn Lenart**

**JANUARY 12 SUNDAY 2 PM ME AND MY DOG HIKE MOGADORE RESERVOIR**

**WEST** Level 2, 5 miles RR available seasonally. Address: [2578 SR 43, Mogadore](#). 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 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**

**JANUARY 14 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 Sheppard**

**JANUARY 15 WEDNESDAY 6 PM CANTON PARKS FROM THE GARDEN CENTER**

Level 1, 5 miles, RR (may not be available, RR is available at the Circle K on Fulton Road).

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. We will hike Stadium Park. BRING A FLASHLIGHT!

**Leader: Ted Bender**

**JANUARY 16 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 Bender**

**JANUARY 17 FRIDAY 11 AM HOOVER 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, between 91 Wood Fired Oven and the bank. There is a nice parking lot near the trailhead. We will hike through the neighborhoods to the Middle Branch trail. **Leader: Lena Earles**

**JANUARY 18 SATURDAY WAYNESBURG PARK LOOP AND SANDY VALLEY**

**TRAIL HIKE** Level 2, 5 miles, no RR. Address: [134 W. Lisbon St., Waynesburg.](#) (Restroom at McDonald's, 8720 Waynesburg Dr. SE). Directions: Take I-77 south to Rte. 30 east, to Rte. 43 south towards Waynesburg. In Waynesburg, at the light in front of Rite Aid, go straight on Rte. 183 west. Do not turn left on Rte. 43 south. Go to the light in town and turn right. Park at Cibo's lot. We will hike the Waynesburg Village Park Loop trail and the Sandy Valley Trail along the Sandy Creek. Please join us for lunch afterwards at Cibo's.

**Leader: Kathy Smith**

**JANUARY 19 SUNDAY 2 PM ME AND MY DOG HIKE 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. **Leader: Ann Dolvin**

**JANUARY 20 MONDAY 10 AM ME AND MY DOG HIKE** Metzgar 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Bedard**

**JANUARY 21 TUESDAY 10 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 Withnell**

**JANUARY 22 WEDNESDAY 6 PM CANTON PARKS FROM THE GARDEN CENTER** Level 2, 5 miles, RR (may not be available, RR is available at the Circle K on Fulton Road). 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. We will hike Stadium Park. BRING A FLASHLIGHT!  
**Leader: Ted Bender**

**JANUARY 23 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 Bender**

**JANUARY 24 FRIDAY 11 AM HOOVER 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, between 91 Wood Fired Oven and the bank. There is a nice parking lot near the trailhead. We will hike through the neighborhoods to the Middle Branch trail. **Leader: Lena Earles**

**JANUARY 25 SATURDAY 10 AM LOCK 29/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. We will hike north to Boston Store and then return to Peninsula. This is a very pretty section of the Towpath with views of the Cuyahoga River. Lock 29 and the remaining aqueduct structure is on the National Register of Historic Places.  
**Leader: Lynn Lenart**

**JANUARY 26 SUNDAY 2 PM CRAZY HAT HIKE SEIBERLING NATURE REALM**

Level 2/3, 5 miles. RR in visitor center. Meet at the main parking lot off Smith Rd. Address: [1828 Smith Rd., Akron](#) 44313. Directions: Take I-77 north to Rte. 18. Take Rte. 18 east towards Fairlawn. Make a left onto Smith Road. Nature Realm will be on the right.

**Leader: Deb Withnell**

**JANUARY 27 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 12<sup>th</sup> St. NW and Perry Dr. NW. Go west on 12<sup>th</sup> 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 Dimos**

**JANUARY 28 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 Sheppard**

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**Leader: Ted Bender**

**JANUARY 30 THURSDAY 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 north side of 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 & Ted Bender**