

2023 TRAILFEST HIKES

HIKES	PROGRAMS	ANNUAL MEETING	<u>LOCATION</u>	LODGING
REGISTRATION	<u>MEALS</u>	SILENT AUCTION	TRAILFEST HOME	SPONSORS

Confirmed Hikes

Hike into TrailFest

Partner: MoonDoggie LIVERee

Description: Over The Creek & The Edge Into the Foothills We Go! GET ELEVATED with MoonDoggie LIVERee and 33 miles in the Lil Smokies of Ohio in some of Ohio's highest elevations!

Join us for this Two Night, Three Day Hike In from MoonDoggie to Trailfest 2023 at Shawnee State Park! Can't handle the heat or elevation for the whole trip, day hike options available!

Schedule: Day 1 — Arrive at MoonDoggie LIVERee in West Manchester, OH and shuttle to Creeks Bend, hiking 11.3 miles to Shawnee Point 23. Day 2 — Depart Shawnee Point 23, hiking 4.9 miles for lunch provided by Sunshine Catering, and then continuing on for a total of 11.9 miles ending

Day 3 — Depart Dead Mans Hollow and hike in to TrailFest for a total of 10.1 miles.

Registration: Contact Nikki at MoonDoggie LIVERee using the Facebook message system or via email at moondoggieliveree2020@gmail.com to register or to get additional information.

Friday Hikes

History Hike

Presenter: Dr. Drew Feight and naturalist Jenny Richards

Shawnee Point 17 at Dead Mans Hollow for the evening.

Description: Walk the BT through the heart of the wilderness area on Buckhorn Ridge. Learn the fascinating story of Shawnee and how it came to be a state forest, from rock mining to CCC camps. Buckhorn Ridge is 7 miles one way. We can walk out and back and make this an all day or half day event of 3-5 hours. Easy hiking.

Time/Location: Friday, 7:30AM. Meet at Shawnee Lodge to carpool to Sunshine Ridge to be on the trail by 8:00AM. We may have a van available for transportation,

Wildflower Hike

Presenter: David and Joyce Riepenhoff

Description: We will hike Forest Route 5 looking for fall wildflowers along the road. There should be ample time for butterflies and birds. This is an out and back hike, 5 mi., moderate in difficulty on a gravel road and will take about 6 hours.

Time/Location: Friday, 8:30AM to 2:30PM (6 hours). We will start at the Junction of Forest Routes 2 and 5.

Rock Run Wilderness Preserve

Hike Leader: Elijah Crabtree, Arc of Appalachia

Description: Experience Appalachia within the scenic Ohio River Valley and explore the birthplace of a bustling stone industry that began over 200 years ago. Rock Run Wilderness is an 800+ Arc of Appalachia acre preserve. It borders Shawnee State Forests 7000+ acre designated Wilderness area and is situated along the Ohio River, offering several scenic vista overlooks along a 3.3 mile moderately difficult trail with a steady incline. The preserve is home to beautiful, mature Oak-Hickory forests and the site of one of the first Buena Vista Quarries. The hike is 3.3 mi and 3 hours with long stretches of inclined, somewhat rocky, uneven ground.

Time/Location: Friday, 9:00AM, Moderate hiking with a rocky and steep cliff at one point.

Butterflies of Shawnee State Forest

Hike Leader: Ron Howard

Description: We will do some short 1/2 mi hikes, mostly along roads to see some of the beautiful butterflies and other insects of late summer. Hikes are easy, will be out and back, and are mostly on roadways. We will need to carpool between sites.

Time/Location: Friday 1:15PM, Meet at Shawnee Lodge.

Portsmouth Earthworks Tour

Presenter: Elijah Crabtree, Arc of Appalachia and Emily Uldrich

Description: Walk in the footsteps of Indigenous People at the mounds of the Portsmouth Earthworks! Tour The Southern Ohio Museum & Cultural Center's "Art of the Ancients" permanent exhibition of over 10,000 of the area's prehistoric Native American artifacts, followed by a caravan to The East Twin Horseshoe Mound, The Tremper Mound, The Scioto County Infirmary Mound, and Kalanu Cemetery Mound. Optional hikes are 1.5 miles at Tremper Mound and 1 mile at Kalanu Cemetery Mound. The tour will caravan by vehicle between locations with a short hike at each stop.

Transportation will NOT be provided. We will meet at the Southern Ohio Museum & Cultural Center.

Time/Location: Friday, 1:30PM, Easy to moderate hiking, potentially uneven ground.

A tour of the Portsmouth Murals

Presenter: Nate Welch, Scioto County Visitors Bureau

Description: Discover the history of Portsmouth and Scioto County with a tour of the murals. This is easy walking. We need to leave from the Shawnee Lodge and carpool to the Scioto County Welcome Center.

Time/Location: Friday, 2:15PM

Day Hike, West Loop

Leader: Ashlynn Pfau, Hiking Club at Shawnee State University

Description: This moderately challenging loop trail gives newer and seasoned hikers a beautiful trek through Shawnee State forest. We will start from the Visitor's Center and hike 4.5 mi.

Time/Location: Friday, 2:00PM, Moderate hiking with a rocky and steep cliff at one point.

Saturday Hikes

Morning Bird Hike

Hike Leader: Mark Richards

Description: Early morning hike to see how many species we can find. Birders of all levels, from novice to experienced, are encouraged to attend. We can talk about life lists, identifying species, and how modern technology is used by today's birders. Bring binoculars if you can. We will be moving slowly and focused on the birds. The hike is 1-2 mi out and back. We will meet at Shawnee Lodge. Time/Location: Saturday, 8:00AM. Easy hiking on level ground.

Section Hike following the North Loop of the Shawnee Backpack trail to Forest Road 6

Hike Leader: Kevin Bradbury, Connex Inc., Portsmouth, Ohio hiking, biking, and paddling club, and Kaci Keilmar, Description: A vigorous hike through varied forest types with pauses for rest, conversation, and interpretation. We will identify tree species and other

natural features along the way. The hike is 6 miles, although if anyone wants to shorten the hike they can arrange to meet a shuttle driver at the

Time/Location: Saturday, 8:30AM. Moderate hiking with a rocky and steep cliff at one point. **Devotional Hike on Lookout Trail**

Hike Leader: Teresa Shope

Description: Encourage individuals through God's word and share the goodness and beauty of God's creation through hiking. Located on Mackeltree

Road and across from Roosevelt Lake, Lookout Trail is 1.5 miles through diverse terrain and views. During the gradual climb you will be able to enjoy views of Roosevelt Lake. Midway through the trail a short devotional will be presented overlooking Roosevelt Lake. Time/Location: Saturday, 8:30-9:30AM. Meet at Trailhead on Mackeltree Road. Hike is a moderate, 1.5 mi loop

Kids Nature Hike

Hike Leader: Ashley Ducheney, Cincinnati Hikes: Kid's Collaborative Description: Bring the kiddos and meet by the Nature Center for a short 0.5 mile hike. This is a kid-friendly adventure for all ages. We'll hike the

Turkey Creek Nature Center Trail which is a 0.5 mile loop, covered in crushed gravel so it is family, wheelchair, and stroller friendly. We'll start with a craft. Parental supervision is required and snacks are encouraged. Please wear comfortable shoes and bring water. Time/Location: Saturday 9:30AM, This is not at the main lodge. Please park at the boat ramp and Nature Center parking off of RT 125. Meet at the

Nature Center between Turkey Creek Lake and Roosevelt Lake.

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Shawnee Lodge and carpool to the Scioto County Welcome Center. Time/Location: Saturday, 10:45AM

Hike to Buzzardroost Rock at the Edge of Appalachia Preserve Presenter: Martin McAllister, The Nature Conservancy

Description: Don't miss this opportunity to visit one of the most iconic hiking destinations in Ohio! This 4.5 mile round-trip hike will take visitors to

an extraordinary dolostone promontory overlooking the valley of Ohio Brush Creek. Both a highly visited hiking destination and a National Natural Landmark, Buzzardroost Rock never disappoints. Time/Location: Saturday, 1:00PM, Moderate hiking

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