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Akron Metro Parks Hiking Club Newsletter

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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.

Sep. 01 (Mon.) - 9:30 am - Tallmadge Meadows - 1088 North Ave. Tallmadge, OH 44278 On SR 91 opposite Northmoreland Ave. Summit Metro Parks - **C4, followed by coffee and treats.** - - Trails/APT 6 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

Sep. 01 (Mon.) - 9:30 am - Tallmadge Meadows - 1088 North Ave. Tallmadge, OH 44278 On SR 91 opposite Northmoreland Ave. Summit Metro Parks - **C4, followed by coffee and treats.** - - APT/Trails 6 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

Sep. 02 (Tue.) - 8:30 am - H&B at 303 - 64 W. Streetsboro Rd., Boston Heights OH 44264 Hike and Bike at Rt.303 Trailhead on SR 303 west of Rt. 8 and BP Station. Summit Metro Parks - **C6** - 5 miles, Sue : 330-990-0588

Sep. 02 (Tue.) - 8:30 am - Kendall Lake - 1000 Truxell Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 On Kendall Park Rd. west of State Rd. CVNP - **C3, Includes Salt Run w/Pine Grove option.** - - Hills/Stairs/Steps/Trails 5 or 7 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

Sep. 02 (Tue.) - 4:00 pm - Firestone - 2620 Harrington Rd. Akron OH 44319 Tuscarawas parking lot on Harrington Rd. south of Swartz. Summit Metro Parks - **C4** - - Trails 3 miles, Bruce : 330-794-1039

Sep. 03 (Wed.) - 8:30 am - Ira Rd. - 3801 Riverview Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 On Riverview Rd. just north of Ira Rd. Ohio and Erie Towpath - **C3** - - APT 5 miles, Sue : 330-990-0588

Sep. 03 (Wed.) - 9:30 am - Canal Fulton - 125 Tuscarawas Ave. Canal Fulton OH 44614 Canal Park on SR 93 in Canal Fulton. Ohio and Erie Towpath - **C5** - APT 5 miles, Shelly : 330-608-6512 John : 330-472-3800

Sep. 04 (Thu.) - 8:30 am - Wetmore - 4653 Wetmore Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 Wetmore Rd. is off Akron Peninsula Rd., north of Bolanz Rd. CVNP - **C3, Includes portions of Langes Run.** - - Creek(s)/Stream(s)/Trails/Hills 5 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

Sep. 04 (Thu.) - 9:30 am - Big Bend - 1337 Merriman Rd. Akron OH 44313 Off of Merriman Rd. opposite Treaty Line Rd. Summit Metro Parks - **C6** - - APT 5 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

Sep. 05 (Fri.) - 8:30 am - Stanford Trailhead - 6093 Stanford Rd Peninsula OH 44264 Go .1 mile past 6093 (Stanford House). CVNP - **C3 - Starts at the new Stanford Trailhead. Hike includes some off-trail and Brandywine Falls.** - Grass/Pavement/Trails/Hills/Gravel 6 miles, Steve : 234-716-4910

Sep. 05 (Fri.) - 9:30 am - Mustill Store - 89 W. North St. Akron OH 44304 Ohio and Erie Towpath - **C4** - - APT 5 miles, Shelly : 330-608-6512 John : 330-472-3800

Sep. 06 (Sat.) - 9:30 am - Bath Nature Preserve - 4160 Ira Rd. Akron OH 44333 Other - APT/Trails 5 or 3 miles, Pamela L: 330-592-5470

Sep. 07 (Sun.) - 9:30 am - **Furnace Run** - 4955 Townsend Rd. Richfield OH 44286 Summit Metro Parks - **C4** - Gentle Hills - APT/Trails 5 miles, Carol C: 330-554-8991

Sep. 07 (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 - **C6** - APT 5 miles, Sue : 330-990-0588

Sep. 08 (Mon.) - 9:30 am - **Everett Rd.** - 2370 Everett Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 Everett Rd. west of Riverview Rd. CVNP - **C3, Includes Riding Run/Furnace Run** - - Trails/Stairs/Steps/Hills 6 or 4 miles, Becky : 419-960-9305

Sep. 08 (Mon.) - 9:30 am - **Vanderhoof** - 2445 Vanderhoof Rd. Barberton OH 44203 Trailhead on Vanderhoof Rd. west of Van Buren Rd. Ohio and Erie Towpath - **C5** - APT 5 miles, Shelly : 330-608-6512 John : 330-472-3800

Sep. 09 (Tue.) - **8:30 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 - **C4, Includes Dogwood/Nuthatch/Seneca** - - Trails/Hills 5 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

Sep. 09 (Tue.) - 9:30 am - **Mantua Headwater Trail** - 4501 Mill St. Mantua OH 44255 Parking Lot behind McDonalds Portage Co. Parks - Trails 5 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

Sep. 10 (Wed.) - **8:30 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 Moderate Hills/Trails 5 miles, Marie : 330-618-4657

Sep. 10 (Wed.) - 9:30 am - **Memorial Parkway** - 499 Memorial Pkwy. Akron OH 44310 Trailhead on Memorial Parkway east of Merriman Rd. Ohio and Erie Towpath - **C4** - - APT 5 miles, Carol C: 330-554-8991

Sep. 11 (Thu.) - **8:30 am** - **Deep Lock Quarry** - 5779 Riverview Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 On Riverview Rd. south of SR 303 Summit Metro Parks - **C4, Includes Valley Picnic Area.** - - APT/Trails 5 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

Sep. 11 (Thu.) - 9:30 am - **Deep Lock Quarry** - 5779 Riverview Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 On Riverview Rd. south of SR 303 Summit Metro Parks - **C4** - - APT 5 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

Sep. 12 (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 - **C3** - - Grass/Trails/Hills 5 miles, Pamela L: 330-592-5470

Sep. 12 (Fri.) - 9:30 am - **Nimisila Rim** - 4929 Christman Road Akron OH 44319 Park at the south end of the Chrisman Road parking lot near the access road to the boat launch. Other - **C4** - APT/Trails 5 miles, Shelly : 330-608-6512 John : 330-472-3800

Sep. 13 (Sat.) - 9:30 am - **Oxbow Parking Lot** - 1061 Cuyahoga St. Akron OH 44313 Across the street from Cascade Valley Metro Park. Summit Metro Parks Hiking Oxbow Tr, Overlook, Babb Run Bird & Wildlife Sanctuary. Moderate Hills/Sidewalks/Stairs/Steps/Trails 5 miles, Lynn L: 330-606-8471

Sep. 13 (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 - **C4** - JT: Jogging Trail - APT 5 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

Sep. 14 (Sun.) - **8:30 am** - **Wingfoot State Park** - 993 Goodyear Park Blvd. Mogadore OH 44260 State Parks - **C2; meet in the large parking lot second on the left. Pull in by the Goodyear sign; closest to restrooms and Pine Tree Lodge.** - Trails 5 miles, Courtney : 330-413-3247

Sep. 14 (Sun.) - **2:00 pm** - **Goodyear/Pioneer** - 550 Frazier Ave. Akron OH 44305 Pioneer Shelter parking lot. Summit Metro Parks - **C6** - **Due to the closure of the large parking lot at 2077 Newton St. (through Sept. 30, 2025) where we usually park, all hikers should park at the Pioneer area of Goodyear Metro Park, 550 Frazier Ave., Akron. Hikes will begin from this location.** - Trails/Hills 5 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

Sep. 15 (Mon.) - 9:30 am - **Richfield Heritage Preserve** - 4374 Broadview Road Richfield OH 44286 Other Trails 5 miles, Karen : 330-607-2394

Sep. 15 (Mon.) - 9:30 am - **Clinton** - 2749 North St. Clinton OH 44216. On North St. in Clinton west of Van Buren. Other - **C5** - APT 5 miles, Shelly : 330-608-6512 John : 330-472-3800

Sep. 16 (Tue.) - 9:30 am - **Egbert Rd Picnic Area** - Walton Hills OH 44146 Description area Take SR8 to left on Union. Turn Left on Egbert Rd. OR Take I-271 to SR 14 and turn left on Hawthorne Pky, which turns into 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 - **C8 Hike is easy/moderate 3 miles O&B and follows the BT on APT and wooded trails and turns around at the Forbes Woods Parking Lot.** - Trails/Gravel/Grass/APT/Pavement/Hills 6 miles, Steve : 234-716-4910

Sep. 16 (Tue.) - 9:30 am - **Mogadore Reservoir West** - 2578 SR 43 Mogadore OH 44260 Boathouse parking lot on SR 43 (south of I-76) Other - **C1** - - Trails 6 miles, Elisabeth : 330-760-3844

Sep. 17 (Wed.) - 9:30 am - **Cascade Valley/Valley View Area** - 1134 Cuyahoga St. Akron OH 44313 Driveway closest to the silver sculpture in the parking lot. Summit Metro Parks - **C 4** - C 4 We will begin on a portion of the Missing Link Trail. We will hike the Oxbox Trail and head to the Overlook, then Babb Runn. We will take a stop at the Cemetery to view the pond. Moderate Sidewalks/Stairs/Steps/Trails/Grass/Hills 5 miles, Carla V: 216-544-5383

Sep. 17 (Wed.) - 9:30 am - **Ira Rd.** - 3801 Riverview Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 On Riverview Rd. just north of Ira Rd. Ohio and Erie Towpath - **C3** - - APT 5 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

Sep. 18 (Thu.) - 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 - **C2** - Trails 5 miles, Shelly : 330-608-6512 John : 330-472-3800

Sep. 18 (Thu.) - 9:30 am - **Kendall Lake** - 1000 Truxell Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 On Kendall Park Rd. west of State Rd. CVNP - **C3, Includes Salt Run w/Pine Grove option.** - - Trails/Hills 5 or 7 miles, Brenda W: 330-928-3925 Darryl F: 330-267-9724

Sep. 19 (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 - **C3** - - Trails/Hills 5 miles, Courtney : 330-413-3247

Sep. 19 (Fri.) - 9:30 am - **Hunt Farm** - 2045 Bolanz Rd. Peninsula, OH 44264 Parking lot on Bolanz Rd. east of Riverview Rd. CVNP - **C3** - - APT 5 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

Sep. 20 (Sat.) - 9:30 am - **Wilbeth Rd.** - 392 W. Wilbeth Rd. Akron OH 44301 Trailhead on Wilbeth Rd. west of S. Main St. Ohio and Erie Towpath - **C5** - - APT 5 miles, Courtney : 330-413-3247

Sep. 20 (Sat.) - 9:30 am - **Ira Rd.** - 3801 Riverview Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 On Riverview Rd. just north of Ira Rd. CVNP Ira Rd/O'Neil Woods Moderate Creek(s)/Stream(s)/Stairs/Steps/Trails/Hills 6 miles, Nan : 216-402-1352

Sep. 21 (Sun.) - 9:30 am - **Cascade Valley/Valley View Area** - 1134 Cuyahoga St. Akron OH 44313 Driveway closest to the silver sculpture in the parking lot. Summit Metro Parks - **C4, Includes Missing Link** - Park in the lower lot. - Trails/Pavement 5 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

Sep. 21 (Sun.) - **2:00 pm** - **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 - **C6** - APT 6 miles, Sue : 330-990-0588

Sep. 22 (Mon.) - 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 - **C3, Before hike restrooms at Lock 29.** - - Hills/Grass/Pavement/Trails 6 miles, Steve : 234-716-4910

Sep. 22 (Mon.) - 9:30 am - **Freedom Trail/Middlebury Trailhead** - 1324 Middlebury Rd. Kent OH 44240 across the street from Superior Aerial and Equipment Repair. Summit Metro Parks - **C6** - going towards Tallmadge - APT 6 miles, Elisabeth : 330-760-3844

Sep. 23 (Tue.) - 9:30 am - **Firestone** - 2620 Harrington Rd. Akron OH 44319 Tuscarawas parking lot on Harrington Rd. south of Swartz. Summit Metro Parks Trails/Hills 5 miles, Karen : 330-607-2394

Sep. 23 (Tue.) - 9:30 am - **Big Bend** - 1337 Merriman Rd. Akron OH 44313 Off of Merriman Rd. opposite Treaty Line Rd. Summit Metro Parks - **C6** - - APT 5 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

Sep. 24 (Wed.) - 9:30 am - **Station Road Bridge** - 13513 Station Rd. Brecksville OH 44141 On Riverview Rd. south of SR 82. Brecksville Reservation - **C8** - Station Rd trailhead; allow 3 hrs for hike. Strenuous Hills/Stairs/Steps/Trails 7 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

Sep. 24 (Wed.) - 9:30 am - **Botzum** - 2928 Riverview Rd. Akron OH 44313 Trailhead on Riverview Rd. south of Bath Rd. Ohio and Erie Towpath - **C3** - APT 5 miles, Sue : 330-990-0588

Sep. 25 (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 - **C1** - Grass/APT/Trails 5 miles, Shelly : 330-608-6512 John : 330-472-3800

Sep. 25 (Thu.) - 9:30 am - **Everett Rd.** - 2370 Everett Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 Everett Rd. west of Riverview Rd. CVNP - **C3, Includes Perkins/Riding Run/Furnace Run** - - Hills/Trails 5 or 7 miles, Brenda W: 330-928-3925 Darryl F: 330-267-9724

Sep. 26 (Fri.) - 9:30 am - **Judge's Lake** - 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 - **C8** - Moderate hills. - Trails/Grass/Gravel/Pavement 5 miles, Carol C: 330-554-8991

Sep. 26 (Fri.) - 9:30 am - **Memorial Parkway** - 499 Memorial Pkwy. Akron OH 44310 Trailhead on Memorial Parkway east of Merriman Rd. Ohio and Erie Towpath - **C4** - - APT 5 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

Sep. 27 (Sat.) - 9:30 am - **Liberty Park Nature Center** - 9999 Liberty Rd. Twinsburg OH 44087 Summit Metro Parks - **C 4** - C 4 We will hike all of the trails at Liberty Park. Maple, Ledges, Black Bear, Coyote, and Blue Bird. Moderate Trails/Grass/Pavement 5 miles, Carla V: 216-544-5383

Sep. 27 (Sat.) - 9:30 am - **H&B at 303** - 64 W. Streetsboro Rd., Boston Heights OH 44264 Hike and Bike at Rt.303 Trailhead on SR 303 west of Rt. 8 and BP Station. Summit Metro Parks - **C6** - - APT/Pavement 5 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

Sep. 28 (Sun.) - 9:30 am - **Happy Days** - 500 W. Streetsboro Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 Parking lot on SR 303 about 1 mile west of Rt. 8 CVNP - **C3, Includes Boston Run.** - - Trails/Hills 5 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

Sep. 28 (Sun.) - **2:00 pm** - **Freedom Trail/Middlebury Trailhead** - 1324 Middlebury Rd. Kent OH 44240 across the street from Superior Aerial and Equipment Repair. Summit Metro Parks - **C6** - Head east towards Kent on the Portage Bike & Hike APT/Pavement/Stairs/Steps 6 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

Sep. 29 (Mon.) - 9:30 am - **Chippewa Creek** - Chippewa Rd. Brecksville OH 44141 Park on Chippewa Rd just before the old ford. Brecksville Reservation - **C8, Includes Brecksville Ledges** - One steep hill climb, strenuous, some off-trail. - Trails/APT/Hills/Pavement/Creek(s)/Stream(s)/Gravel/Stairs/Steps 7 miles, Steve : 234-716-4910

Sep. 29 (Mon.) - 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 - **C6** - - APT 6 miles, Elisabeth : 330-760-3844

Sep. 29 (Mon.) - 9:30 am - **Chippewa Creek** - Chippewa Rd. Brecksville OH 44141 Park on Chippewa Rd just before the old ford. Brecksville Reservation - **C8** - Flat, some logs, but easily passible, some off-trail - Trails/APT 5 or 3 miles, Carol C: 330-554-8991

Sep. 30 (Tue.) - 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, Karen : 330-607-2394

Sep. 30 (Tue.) - 9:30 am - **Red Lock** - 1175 W. Highland Rd. Northfield OH 44067 CVNP - **C3** - Moderate Gravel/Pavement/Trails/Hills 6 miles, Marie : 330-618-4657

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.