



# Footprint

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.**

**Dec. 01 (Mon.)** - 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

**Dec. 01 (Mon.)** - 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, Pamela L: 330-592-5470

**Dec. 02 (Tue.)** - 9:30 am - **Boston Mills Visitors' Center** - 6947 Riverview Rd. (at Boston Mills Rd) Peninsula OH 44264 CVNP - **C3** - We will hike to Blue Hen Falls and Columbia Run. Moderate Trails/Hills 5 miles, Carla V: 216-544-5383

**Dec. 02 (Tue.)** - 9:30 am - **Hunt Farm** - 2045 Bolanz Rd. Peninsula, OH 44264 Parking lot on Bolanz Rd. east of Riverview Rd. CVNP - **C3** - APT 5 or 2 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

**Dec. 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

**Dec. 03 (Wed.)** - 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, includes Dogwood, Nuthatch, Seneca** - Trails/Hills 5 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

**Dec. 03 (Wed.)** - 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

**Dec. 04 (Thu.)** - 9:30 am - **Everett Rd.** - 2370 Everett Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 Everett Rd. west of Riverview Rd. CVNP - **C3, Includes Riding Run/Furnace Run** - Stairs/Steps/Trails/Hills 6 or 4 miles, Becky : 419-960-9305

**Dec. 04 (Thu.)** - 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

**Dec. 05 (Fri.)** - 9:30 am - **Wingfoot State Park** - 993 Goodyear Park Blvd. Mogadore OH 44260 State Parks - **C2** - 5 miles, Courtney : 330-413-3247

**Dec. 05 (Fri.)** - 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

**Dec. 06 (Sat.)** - 9:30 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.** - Gravel/Hills/Grass/Pavement/Trails 6 miles, Steve : 234-716-4910

**Dec. 06 (Sat.)** - 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

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**Dec. 07 (Sun.)** - 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

**Dec. 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** - May do 4 or 5 miles with group. APT 5 miles, Sue : 330-990-0588

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**Dec. 08 (Mon.)** - 9:30 am - **Tallmadge Meadows** - 1088 North Ave. Tallmadge, OH 44278 On SR 91 opposite Northmoreland Ave. Summit Metro Parks - **C6** - - APT/Stairs/Steps/Trails 6 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

**Dec. 08 (Mon.)** - 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, Pamela L: 330-592-5470

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**Dec. 09 (Tue.)** - 9:30 am - **Richfield Heritage Preserve** - 4374 Broadview Road Richfield OH 44286 Other - **C1** - - Trails/Hills 5 miles, Karen : 330-607-2394

**Dec. 09 (Tue.)** - 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

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**Dec. 10 (Wed.)** - 9:30 am - **Red Lock** - 1175 W. Highland Rd. Northfield OH 44067 CVNP - **C3** - Moderate Hills/APT/Trails 6 miles, Marie : 330-618-4657

**Dec. 10 (Wed.)** - 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

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**Dec. 11 (Thu.)** - 9:30 am - **Lock 29** - 1648 Mill St. Peninsula OH 44264 Parking lot behind train station, north side of SR 303. CVNP - **C3** - Following the hike-holiday luncheon at the Winking Lizard. - APT 5 or 3 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

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**Dec. 12 (Fri.)** - 9:30 am - **Brandywine Falls** - 8176 Brandywine Rd. Northfield OH 44067 Located on Brandywine Rd. between Olde Eight Rd. and West Highland Rd. CVNP - **C3** - - Trails/Hills 5 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

**Dec. 12 (Fri.)** - 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

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**Dec. 13 (Sat.)** - 9:30 am - **Wilbeth Rd.** - 380 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

**Dec. 13 (Sat.)** - 9:30 am - **Furnace Run** - 4955 Townsend Rd. Richfield OH 44286 Summit Metro Parks - **C4** - Trails 5 miles, Shelly : 330-608-6512 John : 330-472-3800

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**Dec. 14 (Sun.)** - 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, Karen : 330-607-2394

**Dec. 14 (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, Billy : 330-968-7898

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**Dec. 15 (Mon.)** - 9:30 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 - **C4** - - Creek(s)/Stream(s)/Trails/Hills 5 miles, Pamela L: 330-592-5470

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

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**Dec. 16 (Tue.)** - 9:30 am - **Fairview Trailhead** - 5 Fairview Ave. Barberton OH 44203 Off E. State St., parking lots on each side of Fairview Ave. Ohio and Erie Towpath - **C5** - Ice Cream Hike, stop at Skoops after hike. APT 5 miles, Shelly : 330-608-6512 John : 330-472-3800

**Dec. 16 (Tue.)** - 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. - Pavement/Trails/Gravel/Grass 5 miles, Carol C: 330-554-8991

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**Dec. 17 (Wed.)** - 9:30 am - **Lock 29** - 1648 Mill St. Peninsula OH 44264 Parking lot behind train station, north side of SR 303. CVNP - **C3** - We will meet and Lock 29 and hike the Buckeye Trail to Boston Mills and return on the Towpath. Moderate APT/Pavement/Trails/Hills 6 miles, Carla V: 216-544-5383

**Dec. 17 (Wed.)** - 9:30 am - **Portage Lakes State Park** - 5031 Manchester Rd. Akron OH 44319 State Parks - **C2** - Trails 5 miles, Shelly : 330-608-6512 John : 330-472-3800

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**Dec. 18 (Thu.)** - 9:30 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 - **C4** - Moderate Hills/Creek(s)/Stream(s)/Stairs/Steps/Trails 5 miles, Marie : 330-618-4657

**Dec. 18 (Thu.)** - 9:30 am - **H&B at 303** - 64 W. Streetsboro St. 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 5 miles, Shelly : 330-608-6512 John : 330-472-3800

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**Dec. 19 (Fri.)** - 9:30 am - **Treaty Line Trailhead** - 995 Treaty Line Rd. Akron OH 44313 Summit Metro Parks - **C4**, **Includes Parcours, Valley Link, Valley View, Schumacher** - - Trails/Hills 6 miles, Steve : 234-716-4910

**Dec. 19 (Fri.)** - 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

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**Dec. 20 (Sat.)** - 9:30 am - **Munroe Falls/Lake Area** - 521 S.River Rd. Munroe Falls OH 44262 Park in the first parking lot as you pull in Summit Metro Parks - **C4** - APT 5 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

**Dec. 20 (Sat.)** - 9:30 am - **Ira Road** - 3801 Riverview Rd Peninsula OH 44264 On Riverview Rd just north of Ira Rd. Summit Metro Parks - **C4, Includes O'Neil Woods** - - Hills/APT/Creek(s)/Stream(s)/Trails 6 miles, Nan : 216-402-1352

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**Dec. 21 (Sun.)** - 9:30 am - **Horseshoe Pond** - 2075 Major Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 Parking lot on Major Rd. off Riverview Rd. CVNP - **C3** - - APT/Trails 5 miles, Elisabeth : 330-760-3844

**Dec. 21 (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** - APT 6 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

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**Dec. 22 (Mon.)** - 9:30 am - **Mustill Store** - 89 W. North St. Akron OH 44304 Ohio and Erie Towpath - **C4** - - APT 5 miles, Lynn L: 330-606-8471

**Dec. 22 (Mon.)** - 9:30 am - **Kendall Lake** - 1000 Truxell Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 (Kendall Park Rd. becomes Truxell Rd west of State Rd.) CVNP - **C3, Includes Salt Run** - - Trails/Hills 5 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

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**Dec. 23 (Tue.)** - 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, Elisabeth : 330-760-3844

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**Dec. 24 (Wed.)** - 9:30 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

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**Dec. 25 (Thu.)** - 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, Kathy : 330-604-4869

**Dec. 26 (Fri.)** - 9:30 am - **Boston Mills Visitors' Center** - 6947 Riverview Rd. (at Boston Mills Rd) Peninsula OH 44264 CVNP - **C3** - - APT 5 miles, Carol C: 330-554-8991

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**Dec. 27 (Sat.)** - 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, Courtney : 330-413-3247

**Dec. 27 (Sat.)** - 9:30 am - **Hemlock Creek Picnic Area** - 14800 Button Road Walton Hills OH 44146 \*Take I-77N to exit 153. Turn left (east) on E. Pleasant Valley Rd. Continues on Alexander Rd. Turn left on Canal Rd. Turn right on Tinker's Creek Rd. Continues at stop sign on Button Rd. Bedford Reservation - **C8** - Allow 3 hours for hike. - Hills/Trails 7 miles, Steve : 234-716-4910

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**Dec. 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.** - - APT/Trails/Hills 5 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

**Dec. 28 (Sun.)** - **2:00 pm** - **Memorial Parkway** - 499 Memorial Pkwy. Akron OH 44310 Trailhead on Memorial Parkway east of Merriman Rd. Ohio and Erie Towpath - **C5** - APT 5 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

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Wadsworth parking area (3rd on Sand Run Parkway west of Portage Path) Summit Metro Parks - **C4** - Strenuous Hills/Creek(s)/Stream(s)/Stairs/Steps/Trails 6 miles, Marie : 330-618-4657

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**Dec. 30 (Tue.)** - 9:30 am - **Freedom Trail/Tallmadge** - 245 Northeast Ave. Tallmadge OH 44278 Lion's Park at end of Lions Park Dr. off of Northeast Ave. in Tallmadge. Summit Metro Parks - **C6** - - APT 6 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

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**Dec. 31 (Wed.)** - 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, Includes**

**Dogwood/Nuthatch/Seneca - No dogs** - New Year's Eve brunch following hikes. - Hills/Trails 5 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

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Wadsworth parking area (3rd on Sand Run Parkway west of Portage Path) Summit Metro Parks - **C4** - New Year's Eve brunch following hikes. - APT 5 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

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.

