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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.

Jan. 01 (Thu.) - 9:30 am - **Mogadore Reservoir East** - 2578 SR 43 Mogadore OH 44260 Boathouse parking lot on SR43 (south of I-76) Other - **C1, Pretty flat trail in the woods with views of the lake.** - APT/Trails/Grass 6 miles, Steve : 234-716-4910

Jan. 01 (Thu.) - 9:30 am - **Nimisila Rim** - 4929 Christman Rd. Akron OH 44319 Park at the south end of the Chrisman Road parking lot near the access road to the boat launch. Other - **C4** - Moderate APT/Trails 5 miles, Shelly : 330-608-6512 John : 330-472-3800

Jan. 02 (Fri.) - 9:30 am - **Hudson Springs Park** - 7095 Stow Rd. Hudson OH 44236 On Stow Rd. north of SR 303. Other - **C1; Some small rolling hills are involved.** - - Hills/Pavement/Trails 5 or 3 miles, Darryl F: 330-267-9724

Jan. 02 (Fri.) - 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, Billy : 330-968-7898

Jan. 03 (Sat.) - 9:30 am - **Tallmadge Meadows** - 1088 North Ave. Tallmadge, OH 44278 On SR 91 opposite Northmoreland Ave. Summit Metro Parks - **C6** - - Trails/APT/Stairs/Steps 6 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

Jan. 03 (Sat.) - 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, Courtney : 330-413-3247

Jan. 04 (Sun.) - 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

Jan. 04 (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

Jan. 05 (Mon.) - 9:30 am - **Goodyear** - 2077 Newton St. Akron OH 44305 On Newton St. west of SR 91 (rear lot near restrooms). Summit Metro Parks - **C4** - We will hike Goodyear Heights Metro Park. Moderate Trails/Hills 5 miles, Lynn L: 330-606-8471

Jan. 05 (Mon.) - 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** - Moderate APT 5 miles, Shelly : 330-608-6512 John : 330-472-3800

Jan. 06 (Tue.) - 9:30 am - **Furnace Run** - 4955 Townsend Rd. Richfield OH 44286 Summit Metro Parks - **C4** - Gentle Hills - Trails 5 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

Jan. 06 (Tue.) - **10:30 am** - **Richfield Library** - 3761 South Grant St. Richfield, OH 44286 Other - **C1, Enjoy cocoa and cookies after the hike in the community room. Please no dogs.** - HOT cocoa hike - APT/Trails/Sidewalks 5 miles, Pam F: 216-650-8832

Jan. 06 (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

Jan. 07 (Wed.) - 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)/Trails 5 miles, Marie : 330-618-4657

Jan. 07 (Wed.) - 9:30 am - **Botzum** - 2928 Riverview Rd. Akron OH 44313 Trailhead on Riverview Rd. south of Bath Rd. Ohio and Erie Towpath - **C3** - Moderate APT 5 miles, Shelly : 330-608-6512 John : 330-472-3800

Jan. 08 (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

Jan. 08 (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, Shelly : 330-608-6512 John : 330-472-3800

Jan. 09 (Fri.) - 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.** - - Hills/APT/Trails 5 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

Jan. 09 (Fri.) - 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

Jan. 10 (Sat.) - 9:30 am - **Bridal Veil Falls** - Gorge Parkway Walton Hills OH 44146 Restrooms before the hike: Coming from Egbert Rd on the east end of Gorge Parkway, use Egbert Rd Picnic Area restrooms. Then it's 1.8 miles to BVF trailhead. From Overlook Lane on the west, use the restroom at the Overlook, then it's one more mile to the BVF trailhead. Bedford Reservation - **C8** - Moderate - Trails/Hills/Stairs/Steps 6 miles, Steve : 234-716-4910

Jan. 10 (Sat.) - 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/Pavement 5 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

Jan. 11 (Sun.) - 9:30 am - **Silver Creek** - 5000 Hametown Rd. Norton OH 44203 Off Hametown Rd. north of SR 585, Pheasant Run parking lot. Summit Metro Parks - **C4** - - Trails 5 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

Jan. 11 (Sun.) - 2:00 pm - **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, Billy : 330-968-7898

Jan. 12 (Mon.) - 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

Jan. 12 (Mon.) - 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 or 3 miles, Elisabeth : 330-760-3844

Jan. 13 (Tue.) - 9:30 am - **Kendall Lake** - 1000 Truxell Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 (Kendall Park Rd. becomes Truxell Rd west of State Rd.) CVNP - **C3** - Cross Country Trail - Trails/Hills 5 miles, Karen : 330-607-2394

Jan. 13 (Tue.) - 9:30 am - **Vanderhoof** - 2445 Vanderhoof Rd. Barberton OH 44203 Trailhead on Vanderhoof Rd. west of Van Buren Rd. Ohio and Erie Towpath - **C5** - Moderate APT 5 miles, Shelly : 330-608-6512 John : 330-472-3800

Jan. 14 (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 at Lock 29 and take the Buckeye Trail to Boston Mills and return on the Towpath. Moderate Trails/Hills 6 miles, Carla V: 216-544-5383

Jan. 14 (Wed.) - 9:30 am - **Lock 29** - 1648 Mill St. Peninsula OH 44264 Parking lot behind train station, north side of SR 303. CVNP - **C3** - - APT 5 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

Jan. 15 (Thu.) - 9:30 am - **Mustill Store** - 89 W. North St. Akron OH 44304 Ohio and Erie Towpath - **C4** - Moderate APT 5 miles, Shelly : 330-608-6512 John : 330-472-3800

Jan. 15 (Thu.) - 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 Ledges. If hazardous conditions, we will hike Boston Run.** - - Trails/Hills 5 miles, Nan : 216-402-1352

Jan. 16 (Fri.) - 9:30 am - **Treaty Line Trailhead** - 995 Treaty Line Rd. Akron OH 44313 Summit Metro Parks - **C4, Includes Parours, Valley Link, Schumacher** - - Pavement/Stairs/Steps/Parks/Trails/APT/Hills 6 miles, Steve : 234-716-4910

Jan. 16 (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

Jan. 17 (Sat.) - 9:30 am - **Wingfoot State Park** - 993 Goodyear Park Blvd. Mogadore OH 44260 State Parks - **meet in the large parking lot second on the left. Pull in by the Goodyear sign; closest to restrooms and Pine Tree Lodge.** - C2 Trails 5 miles, Courtney : 330-413-3247

Jan. 17 (Sat.) - 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

Jan. 18 (Sun.) - 9:30 am - **Horseshoe Pond** - 2075 Major Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 Parking lot on Major Rd. off Riverview Rd. CVNP - **C3** - - Trails 6 miles, Elisabeth : 330-760-3844

Jan. 18 (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

Jan. 19 (Mon.) - 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** - - Trails/Hills 5 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

Jan. 19 (Mon.) - 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

Jan. 20 (Tue.) - 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, Elisabeth : 330-760-3844

Jan. 20 (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

Jan. 21 (Wed.) - 9:30 am - **Portage Lakes State Park** - 5031 Manchester Rd. Akron OH 44319 State Parks - **C2** - Moderate Trails 5 miles, Shelly : 330-608-6512 John : 330-472-3800

Jan. 21 (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

Jan. 22 (Thu.) - 9:30 am - **Red Lock** - 1175 W. Highland Rd. Northfield OH 44067 CVNP - **C3** - Moderate APT/Pavement/Trails/Hills 6 miles, Marie : 330-618-4657

Jan. 22 (Thu.) - 9:30 am - **Wolf Creek Trailhead** - 33 Snyder Ave Barberton OH 44203 Ohio and Erie Towpath - **C5** - APT 5 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

Jan. 23 (Fri.) - 9:30 am - **Kendall Lake** - 1000 Truxell Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 (Kendall Park Rd. becomes Truxell Rd west of State Rd.) CVNP - **C3** - We will begin at Kendall Lake and take the connector to Pine Grove. We will hike the Ledges Trail and Pine Grove. This is a little over 5 miles, but not enough to bump to 6. Moderate Trails/Hills/Stairs/Steps 5 miles, Carla V: 216-544-5383

Jan. 23 (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, Carol C: 330-554-8991

Jan. 24 (Sat.) - 9:30 am - **Jaite Trailhead** - 15630 Vaughn Rd. Brecksville OH 44141 The gravel and dirt parking lot is on the northside of Vaughn Rd and east of the RR tracks (across the tracks coming from Riverview). CVNP - **C3** - Will be shortened to 4 miles if snow is too deep. - Grass/Hills/Creek(s)/Stream(s)/Stairs/Steps/Parks/Trails 6 miles, Steve : 234-716-4910

Jan. 24 (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

Jan. 25 (Sun.) - 9:30 am - **Ira Rd.** - 3801 Riverview Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 On Riverview Rd. just north of Ira Rd. CVNP Ira Rd/Buckeye Trail/O'Neil Woods Moderate Creek(s)/Stream(s)/Stairs/Steps/Trails/Hills 6 miles, Nan : 216-402-1352

Jan. 25 (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

Jan. 26 (Mon.) - 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

Jan. 26 (Mon.) - 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** - APT 5 miles, Shelly : 330-608-6512

Jan. 27 (Tue.) - 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 Schumacher and Valley Link.** - Strenuous Trails/Hills 6 miles, Marie : 330-618-4657

Jan. 27 (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, Billy : 330-968-7898

Jan. 28 (Wed.) - 9:30 am - **Memorial Parkway** - 499 Memorial Pkwy. Akron OH 44310 This Towpath Trailhead has a drinking fountain, restroom, bike repair station, and nearby dog park. Trailhead on Memorial Parkway east of Merriman Rd. Summit Metro Parks - **C4** - - APT 5 miles, Carol C: 330-554-8991

Jan. 29 (Thu.) - 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/Parks/Gravel/Trails 5 miles, Steve : 234-716-4910

Jan. 29 (Thu.) - 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

Jan. 30 (Fri.) - 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

Jan. 30 (Fri.) - 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, Billy : 330-968-7898

Jan. 31 (Sat.) - 9:30 am - **Goodyear** - 2077 Newton St. Akron OH 44305 On Newton St. west of SR 91 (rear lot near restrooms). Summit Metro Parks - **C4** - Our annual soup hike. - Trails/Hills 3 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.