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### Akron Metro Parks Hiking Club Newsletter Volume 61, No. 4, April 2026

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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.

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**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.**

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**Apr. 01 (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

**Apr. 01 (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 Trails/Pavement/Gravel 5 miles, Marie : 330-618-4657

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**Apr. 02 (Thu.)** - 9:30 am - **Mustill Store** - 89 W. North St. Akron OH 44304 Ohio and Erie Towpath - **C4 Cherry Blossoms** - - APT 5 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

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**Apr. 03 (Fri.)** - 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/Trails/Stairs/Steps 7 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

**Apr. 03 (Fri.)** - 9:30 am - **Botzum** - 2928 Riverview Rd. Akron OH 44313 Trailhead on Riverview Rd. south of Bath Rd. Ohio and Erie Towpath - **C4** - APT 5 miles, Sue : 330-990-0588

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**Apr. 04 (Sat.)** - 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

**Apr. 04 (Sat.)** - 9:30 am - **Judge's Lake** - Across from 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/Pavement/Grass/Gravel 5 miles, Carol C: 330-554-8991

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**Apr. 05 (Sun.)** - 9:30 am - **Bath Nature Preserve** - 4160 Ira Rd. Akron OH 44333 Other - **C1** - - Trails/APT 5 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

**Apr. 05 (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** - Stairs/Steps/APT 6 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

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**Apr. 06 (Mon.)** - 9:30 am - **Richfield Heritage Preserve** - 4374 Broadview Road Richfield OH 44286 Other - **C1** - - Hills/Trails 5 miles, Karen : 330-607-2394

**Apr. 06 (Mon.)** - 9:30 am - **Wolf Creek Trailhead** - 33 Snyder Ave Barberton OH 44203 Ohio and Erie Towpath - **C5, Cherry Blossoms near Lake Anna.** - APT 5 miles, Shelly : 330-608-6512

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**Apr. 07 (Tue.)** - 9:30 am - **Look About Lodge** - 37374 Miles Rd Bentleyville OH 44022 Rt 91 to Miles Rd. Go east just past Park Lane Rd on left, and turn right into Look About Lodge. South Chagrin Reservation - **Hike along Chagrin River to Chagrin River Overlook and return.** - Hills/Trails/Grass/Gravel 5 miles, Steve : 234-716-4910

**Apr. 07 (Tue.)** - 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** - - Pavement/APT 5 miles, Elisabeth : 330-760-3844

**Apr. 07 (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

**Apr. 08 (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.** - - Trails/APT 5 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

**Apr. 08 (Wed.)** - 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

**Apr. 09 (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

**Apr. 09 (Thu.)** - 9:30 am - **Furnace Run** - 4955 Townsend Rd. Richfield OH 44286 Summit Metro Parks - **C4** - Gentle Hills - Trails/APT 5 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

**Apr. 10 (Fri.)** - 9:30 am - **Pine Hollow** - 5465 Quick Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 CVNP - **C3** - We will hike a loop from Pine Hollow to Wetmore, Tabletop, Little Meadow, Cross Country, Lake and Salt Run. Moderate Hills/Trails/Grass 5 miles, Carla V: 216-544-5383

**Apr. 10 (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, Carol C: 330-554-8991

**Apr. 11 (Sat.)** - 9:30 am - **West Branch State Park (Esworthy)** - 5570 Esworthy Rd. Ravenna OH 44266 State Parks Park in Beach parking lot by Silver Creek Bay. Out and back on Buckeye trail to Kestrel Way Hills/Trails/Creek(s)/Stream(s) 6 miles, Courtney : 330-413-3247

**Apr. 11 (Sat.)** - 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

**Apr. 12 (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.** - - Hills/Trails 5 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

**Apr. 12 (Sun.)** - **2:00 pm** - **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

**Apr. 13 (Mon.)** - 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** - Moderate Hills/Trails/Creek(s)/Stream(s)/APT 6 miles, Nan : 216-402-1352

**Apr. 13 (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 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

**Apr. 14 (Tue.)** - 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/Trails 5 miles, Steve : 234-716-4910

**Apr. 14 (Tue.)** - 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, Hike will include a Fisherman's Trail.** - - Trails/APT 5 miles, Shelly : 330-608-6512 John : 330-472-3800

**Apr. 15 (Wed.)** - 9:30 am - **Tallmadge Meadows** - 1088 North Ave. Tallmadge, OH 44278 On SR 91 opposite Northmoreland Ave. Summit Metro Parks - **C6** - - Trails/Stairs/Steps/APT 6 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

**Apr. 15 (Wed.)** - 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

**Apr. 16 (Thu.)** - 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/Pavement/Sidewalks/Gravel 6 miles, Marie : 330-618-4657

**Apr. 16 (Thu.)** - 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

**Apr. 17 (Fri.)** - 9:30 am - **Lake View Cemetery** - Mayfield Rd. entrance. Rt. 271, exit at Cedar Rd., Cedar Rd. to right on S. Belvoir Blvd., to left on Mayfield Rd (Rt. 322), turn right into the cemetery. Then take the first left, then turn at the next right. Park on the side. NO WHEELS ON THE GRASS. Other - Grass 5 miles, Carla V: 216-544-5383

**Apr. 17 (Fri.)** - 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, Elisabeth : 330-760-3844

**Apr. 18 (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 Moderate Hills/Trails 5 miles, Lynn L: 330-606-8471

**Apr. 18 (Sat.)** - 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, Billy : 330-968-7898

**Apr. 19 (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

**Apr. 19 (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

**Apr. 20 (Mon.)** - 9:30 am - **Firestone** - 2620 Harrington Rd. Akron OH 44319 Tuscarawas parking lot on Harrington Rd. south of Swartz. Summit Metro Parks - **C4** - - Hills/Trails 5 miles, Karen : 330-607-2394

**Apr. 20 (Mon.)** - 9:30 am - **Mustill Store** - 89 W. North St. Akron OH 44304 Ohio and Erie Towpath - **C4** - - APT 5 miles, Carol C: 330-554-8991

**Apr. 21 (Tue.)** - 9:30 am - **Everett Rd.** - 2370 Everett Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 Everett Rd. west of Riverview Rd. CVNP Everett Rd. Furnace Run Bluebell Hike Moderate Hills/Trails/Creek(s)/Stream(s) 5 miles, Nan : 216-402-1352 Kathy : 330-604-4869

**Apr. 21 (Tue.)** - 9:30 am - **Hunt Farm** - 2045 Bolanz Rd. Peninsula, OH 44264 Parking lot on Bolanz Rd. east of Riverview Rd. CVNP - **C3** - Some trails to bluebells by the cornfield and towpath. - Trails/APT 5 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

**Apr. 22 (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** - Earth Day! Hike and enjoy a treat afterwards! - APT 5 miles, Shelly : 330-608-6512 John : 330-472-3800

**Apr. 22 (Wed.)** - 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 - **Litter Hike C5** - Some boardwalks. - Pavement/APT/Grass/Gravel 5 or 2 or 3 miles, Steve : 234-716-4910

**Apr. 23 (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** - - Hills/Trails/Stairs/Steps 6 or 4 miles, Becky : 419-960-9305

**Apr. 23 (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

**Apr. 24 (Fri.)** - 9:30 am - **Brandywine Falls / Boston Visitors' Center** - 6947 Riverview Rd. (at Boston Mills Rd.) Peninsula OH 44264 Park at Boston Mills Visitors'Center CVNP - **C3** - We will hike from Boston Mills to Brandywine Falls. Moderate Hills/Trails/Stairs/Steps 5 miles, Carla V: 216-544-5383

**Apr. 24 (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

**Apr. 25 (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/Pavement 5 miles, Courtney : 330-413-3247

**Apr. 25 (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 Outstanding bluebells near the picnic area for the seven-miler and the one-mile option.** - Allow 3 hours for hike. - Hills/Trails 7 or 1 miles, Steve : 234-716-4910

**Apr. 26 (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

**Apr. 26 (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

**Apr. 27 (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** - - Hills/Trails 5 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

**Apr. 27 (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

**Apr. 28 (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** - - Hills/Trails 5 miles, Karen : 330-607-2394

**Apr. 28 (Tue.)** - 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, Billy : 330-968-7898

**Apr. 29 (Wed.)** - 9:30 am - **Red Lock** - 1175 W. Highland Rd. Northfield OH 44067 CVNP - **C3** - Moderate Hills/Trails/Pavement/Gravel 6 miles, Marie : 330-618-4657

**Apr. 29 (Wed.)** - 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

**Apr. 30 (Thu.)** - 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

**Apr. 30 (Thu.)** - 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

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.