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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.

Aug. 01 (Sat.) - 8:30 am - Ira Road - 3801 Riverview Rd Peninsula OH 44264 On Riverview Rd just north of Ira Rd. Summit Metro Parks - **Includes O'Neil Woods** - - Creeks/Streams/Trails/Hills/APT 6 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

Aug. 01 (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 JT: Jogging Trail - APT 5 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

Aug. 02 (Sun.) - 9:30 am - Furnace Run - 4955 Townsend Rd. Richfield OH 44286 Summit Metro Parks Gentle Hills - APT/Trails 5 miles, Carol C: 330-554-8991

Aug. 02 (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 May do 4 or 5 miles. APT 5 miles, Sue : 330-990-0588

Aug. 03 (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 - APT 5 miles, Shelly : 330-608-6512

Aug. 03 (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 - Creeks/Streams/Trails/Hills 5 miles, Pamela L: 330-592-5470

Aug. 04 (Tue.) - 8:30 am - Station Road Bridge - 15315 Station Rd. Brecksville OH 44141 On Riverview Rd. south of SR 82. Brecksville Reservation Station Rd trailhead; allow 3 hrs for hike. Strenuous Hills/Stairs/Steps/Trails 7 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

Aug. 04 (Tue.) - 9:30 am - Vanderhoof - 2445 Vanderhoof Rd. Barberton OH 44203 Trailhead on Vanderhoof Rd. west of Van Buren Rd. Ohio and Erie Towpath - APT 5 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

Aug. 04 (Tue.) - 4:00 pm - Firestone - 2620 Harrington Rd. Akron OH 44319 Tuscarawas parking lot on Harrington Rd. south of Swartz. Summit Metro Parks - Trails 3 miles, Bruce : 330-794-1039

Aug. 05 (Wed.) - 9:30 am - Boston Mills Visitors' Center - 6947 Riverview Rd. (at Boston Mills Rd) Peninsula OH 44264 CVNP Blue Hen/Buttermilk Falls; some off-trail Strenuous Stairs/Steps/Trails/Hills/Creeks/Streams 6 miles, Gary : 216-777-9307

Aug. 05 (Wed.) - 9:30 am - Hunt Farm - 2045 Bolanz Rd. Peninsula, OH 44264 Parking lot on Bolanz Rd. east of Riverview Rd. CVNP - APT 5 miles, Carol C: 330-554-8991

Aug. 06 (Thu.) - 8:30 am - Stanford Trailhead - 6093 Stanford Rd Peninsula OH 44264 Go .1 mile past 6093 (Stanford House). CVNP - **Starts at the new Stanford Trailhead. Hike includes old road and Brandywine Falls. Offers 2 or 3 mile options with partner on APT between parking lot and Red Lock.** -

Pavement/Stairs/Steps/Gravel/Trails/Grass/APT/Hills 6 or 3 or 2 miles, Steve : 234-716-4910

Aug. 06 (Thu.) - 9:30 am - Big Bend - 1337 Merriman Rd. Akron OH 44313 Off of Merriman Rd. opposite Treaty Line Rd. Summit Metro Parks - APT 5 miles, Shelly : 330-608-6512

Aug. 07 (Fri.) - 8:30 am - Deep Lock Quarry - 5779 Riverview Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 On Riverview Rd. south of SR 303 Summit Metro Parks - **Includes Valley Picnic Area.** - - Trails/APT 5 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

Aug. 07 (Fri.) - 10:00 am - Mustill Store - 89 W. North St. Akron OH 44304 Ohio and Erie Towpath Free Lunch Friday! - APT 5 miles, Shelly : 330-608-6512

Aug. 08 (Sat.) - 8:30 am - Squires Castle - 2844 River Rd Willoughby Hills OH 44094 Take I-271 or SR91 north to Wilson Mills Rd. (exit 36.) Go east. Trn left (north) on Chagrin River Rd (SR174). Stay on 174 to Squires Castle on left. Park in the lot on the right. North Chagrin - **The flat 3 mile option needs a leader and one other hiker. As always,carpooling available.** - Grass/Hills/APT/Parks/Pavement/Gravel/Trails 7 or 3 miles, Steve : 234-716-4910

Aug. 08 (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 Remember bridge is closed. You will need to come from the north on Rt. 91. - APT 6 miles, Elisabeth : 330-760-3844

Aug. 09 (Sun.) - 1:30 pm - Chestnut Lodge - 1501 Sand Run Pkwy Akron Oh 44313 Summit Metro Parks Annual picnic APT 3 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

Aug. 10 (Mon.) - 8:30 am - Tallmadge Meadows - 1088 North Ave. Tallmadge, OH 44278 On SR 91 opposite Northmoreland Ave. Summit Metro Parks - APT/Stairs/Steps/Trails 6 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

Aug. 10 (Mon.) - 9:30 am - KSU Dix Stadium - 2213 Summit ST Kent OH 44240 Gate 2, drive to the back left. Kent State University Sidewalk hike of campus. Sidewalks/Pavement/Stairs/Steps 5 miles, Pat : 330-357-2587

Aug. 11 (Tue.) - 8:30 am - Red Lock - 1175 W. Highland Rd. Northfield OH 44067 CVNP Moderate Pavement/Gravel/Trails/Grass/Hills/Sidewalks 6 miles, Marie : 330-618-4657

Aug. 11 (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, Pamela L: 330-592-5470

Aug. 12 (Wed.) - 9:30 am - Ledges Trailhead - 405 Truxell Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 Ledges shelter is off Truxell Rd. CVNP Begin at the Ledges Shelter and hike Ledges and Pine Grove. Moderate Trails/Stairs/Steps 5 miles, Carla V: 216-544-5383

Aug. 12 (Wed.) - 10:00 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 - **Skoops Ice Cream after the hike!** - APT 5 miles, Shelly : 330-608-6512

Aug. 13 (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 - Trails 5 miles, Shelly : 330-608-6512 John : 330-472-3800

Aug. 13 (Thu.) - 9:30 am - Mogadore Reservoir West - 2578 SR 43 Mogadore OH 44260 Boathouse parking lot on SR 43 (south of I-76) Other - Trails 6 miles, Elisabeth : 330-760-3844

Aug. 14 (Fri.) - 8:30 am - Johnson's Picnic Area - - Hinckley OH 44233 Directions: I77 North to Wheatley Rd exit. Go West (right) about a mile to Hawkins Rd. - turn left. Hawkins turns into Bellus Rd in Medina County. Go past spillway and turn left on Metropolitan Park West. Turn left at Boathouse but GO PAST the Boathouse parking to Johnson's Picnic Area at the end of the road. (If comin Hinckley Reservation - APT/Trails 5 miles, Carol C: 330-554-8991

Aug. 14 (Fri.) - 10:00 am - Mustill Store - 89 W. North St. Akron OH 44304 Ohio and Erie Towpath Free Lunch Friday - APT 5 miles, Shelly : 330-608-6512

Aug. 15 (Sat.) - 9:30 am - **Furnace Run** - 4955 Townsend Rd. Richfield OH 44286 Summit Metro Parks - **Pack your picnic lunch, followed by a visit to Country Maid Ice Cream. 3252 W Streetsboro Rd, Richfield.** - Gentle Hills - APT/Trails 5 or 3 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869 Kincaid : 330-815-8308

Aug. 15 (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 - APT 5 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

Aug. 16 (Sun.) - **8:30 am** - **Happy Days / Boston Run Trailhead** - 501 W. Streetsboro Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 Parking lot north side of road on SR 303 about 1 mile west of Rt. 8 CVNP - **Includes Boston Run.** - - Trails/Hills 5 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

Aug. 16 (Sun.) - **2:00 pm** - **Big Bend** - 1337 Merriman Rd. Akron OH 44313 Off of Merriman Rd. opposite Treaty Line Rd. Ohio and Erie Towpath APT 5 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

Aug. 17 (Mon.) - 9:30 am - **Richfield Heritage Preserve** - 4374 Broadview Road Richfield OH 44286 Other - Hills/Trails 5 miles, Karen : 330-607-2394

Aug. 17 (Mon.) - 9:30 am - **Boston Mills Visitors' Center** - 6947 Riverview Rd. (at Boston Mills Rd) Peninsula OH 44264 CVNP - **Towpath** - - APT 5 miles, Carol C: 330-554-8991

Aug. 18 (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 - **Includes Dogwood/Nuthatch/Seneca - No dogs** - - Trails/Hills 5 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

Aug. 18 (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 JT: Jogging Trail - APT 5 miles, Lynn L: 330-606-8471

Aug. 19 (Wed.) - 9:30 am - **Boston Mills Visitors' Center** - 6947 Riverview Rd. (at Boston Mills Rd) Peninsula OH 44264 CVNP We will hike from Boston Mills to Blue Hen Falls then continue to Columbia Run for the turnaround. Moderate Stairs/Steps/Trails/Hills 5 miles, Carla V: 216-544-5383

Aug. 19 (Wed.) - 9:30 am - **Ira Rd.** - 3801 Riverview Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 On Riverview Rd. just north of Ira Rd. Ohio and Erie Towpath - APT 5 miles, Elisabeth : 330-760-3844

Aug. 19 (Wed.) - **6:30 pm** - **Canal Fulton** - 125 Tuscarawas Ave. Canal Fulton OH 44614 Canal Park on SR 93 in Canal Fulton. Ohio and Erie Towpath Night Hike followed by going to Cherry Street Creamery! - APT 3 miles, Shelly : 330-608-6512

Aug. 20 (Thu.) - **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/Creeks/Streams/Stairs/Steps/Trails 5 or 2 miles, Marie : 330-618-4657

Aug. 20 (Thu.) - 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, Pamela L: 330-592-5470

Aug. 21 (Fri.) - **8:30 am** - **Silver Creek** - 5000 Hametown Rd. Norton OH 44203 Off Hametown Rd. north of SR 585, Pheasant Run parking lot. Summit Metro Parks - 5 miles, Colleen : 330 814 2621

Aug. 21 (Fri.) - 9:30 am - **Brecksville Nature Center** - 9000 Chippewa Rd. Brecksville OH 44141 Brecksville Reservation We will hike to Deer Lick Cave and back Moderate Stairs/Steps/Trails/Hills/Parks 5 miles, Chris T: 330-524-9415

Aug. 22 (Sat.) - 9:30 am - **Top O'Ledges** - 386 Bellus Rd Hinckley OH 44233 This address is for the long driveway at the Top O'Ledges sign. Take I-77 north to Wheatley Rd. Take ramp to the right. Go about a mile and turn left on Hawkins Rd. Hawkins Rd turns into Bellus Rd in Hinckley. Look for park sign on left. Hinckley Reservation 5 miles, Steve : 234-716-4910

Aug. 22 (Sat.) - 9:30 am - **Memorial Parkway** - 499 Memorial Pkwy. Akron OH 44310 Trailhead on Memorial Parkway east of Merriman Rd. Ohio and Erie Towpath - APT 5 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

Aug. 23 (Sun.) - 9:30 am - **Horseshoe Pond** - 2075 Major Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 Parking lot on Major Rd. off Riverview Rd. CVNP - Trails 6 or 3 miles, Elisabeth : 330-760-3844

Aug. 23 (Sun.) - **2:00 pm** - **Goodyear** - 2077 Newton St. Akron OH 44305 On Newton St. west of SR 91 (rear lot near restrooms). Summit Metro Parks - **Kickoff of Fall Hiking Spree, meet at Parcours trailhead, joint hike with Cleveland** - - Trails/Hills 5 miles, Janice R: 330 714 0024

Aug. 24 (Mon.) - 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 - Trails/Hills 5 miles, Karen : 330-607-2394

Aug. 24 (Mon.) - 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 - APT 6 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

Aug. 25 (Tue.) - 9:30 am - **Boston Mills Visitors' Center** - 6947 Riverview Rd. (at Boston Mills Rd) Peninsula OH 44264 CVNP Hike to Shredder/Brandywine Falls; some off-trail Strenuous Stairs/Steps/Trails/Hills/Creeks/Streams 6 miles, Gary : 216-777-9307

Aug. 25 (Tue.) - 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 - **Reminder: Bridge is closed. Come to the park from 91 north.** - - APT 6 miles, Elisabeth : 330-760-3844

Aug. 26 (Wed.) - **8:30 am** - **Wetmore** - 4653 Wetmore Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 Wetmore Rd. is off Akron Peninsula Rd., north of Bolanz Rd. CVNP - **Includes portions of Langes Run.** - - Creeks/Streams/Trails/Hills 5 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

Aug. 26 (Wed.) - 9:30 am - **Crown Point Ecology Center** - 3220 Ira Rd Akron OH 44333 Other - **Joint hike with Cleveland club** - Tour of Ecology Center lead by director Ian Roberts. No fee or rsvp required; open to both Akron & Cleveland clubs. Grass/Trails/Gravel 3 miles, Janice R: 330 714 0024

Aug. 27 (Thu.) - 9:30 am - **Egbert Picnic Area** - Gorge Prkwy Walton Hills OH 44146 Description area Take SR8 to left on Union St. at the gas station. Turn Left on Egbert Rd. OR Take I-271 to SR 14 W and bear left on Union St. Then turn left on 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 - **Includes some BT, APT, mtn bike trails, waterfalls.** - Trails/Gravel/Hills/Grass/APT/Pavement 6 miles, Steve : 234-716-4910

Aug. 27 (Thu.) - 9:30 am - **Boston Mills Visitors' Center** - 6947 Riverview Rd. (at Boston Mills Rd) Peninsula OH 44264 CVNP - **Towpath** - - APT 5 miles, Elisabeth : 330-760-3844

Aug. 28 (Fri.) - **8:30 am** - **Brandywine Falls** - 8176 Brandywine Rd. Northfield OH 44067 Located on Brandywine Rd. between Olde Eight Rd. and West Highland Rd. CVNP - Trails/Hills 5 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

Aug. 28 (Fri.) - **10:00 am** - **Mustill Store** - 89 W. North St. Akron OH 44304 Ohio and Erie Towpath Free Lunch Friday! - APT 5 miles, Shelly : 330-608-6512

Aug. 29 (Sat.) - **8:30 am** - **Happy Days / Boston Run Trailhead** - 501 W. Streetsboro Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 Parking lot north side of road on SR 303 about 1 mile west of Rt. 8 CVNP - **Includes Ledges.** - - Hills/Trails 5 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

Aug. 29 (Sat.) - 9:30 am - **John Brown Tannery Park** - 300 Stow St Kent OH 44240 Other Following the hike there is a concert at the Farmer's Market location. APT 5 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

Aug. 30 (Sun.) - **8:30 am** - **Cascade Valley/Valley View/Oxbow** - 1134 Cuyahoga St Akron OH 44313 The parking lot is at 1134 Cuyahoga St. Enter between the Don Drumm Sculpture and the Valley View Area Sign and go down to the lower lot. Summit Metro Parks - **Includes Prather Trail, Missing Link Trail, most of Oxbow Trail and the Overlook.** - 2 mile option on Prather and Missing Link trails only. - Stairs/Steps/Trails/Hills 5 or 2 miles, Kathy : 330-604-4869

Aug. 30 (Sun.) - **2:00 pm** - **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 APT 5 miles, Sue : 330-990-0588

Aug. 31 (Mon.) - 8:30 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 Moderate hills. - Trails/Gravel/Grass/Pavement 5 miles, Carol C: 330-554-8991

Aug. 31 (Mon.) - 9:30 am - Boston Store Overflow Parking Lot - 1498 Boston Mills Rd Peninsula OH 44264 CVNP - **Joint hike with Cleveland club.** - Towpath Leisure APT 4 miles, Janice R: 330 714 0024

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.

