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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.

Dec. 01 (Tue.) - 9:30 am - **Furnace Run** - 4955 Townsend Rd. Richfield OH 44286 Summit Metro Parks - Stairs/Steps/Trails 5 or 3 miles, Carol C: 330-554-8991

Dec. 01 (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, Sue : 330-990-0588

Dec. 01 (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

Dec. 02 (Wed.) - 9:30 am - **Richfield Heritage Preserve** - 4374 Broadview Road RIchfield OH 44286 Other - Trails/Hills 5 miles, Karen : 330-607-2394

Dec. 02 (Wed.) - 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

Dec. 03 (Thu.) - 9:30 am - **Towner's Woods** - 2264 Ravenna Rd. Kent OH 44240 2 miles east of SR 43 just north of RR tracks. ENTER THE PARK FROM RT 43--THE BRIDGE IS CLOSED FROM THE OTHER DIRECTION!!!! Portage Co. Parks - Trails 5 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

Dec. 03 (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 - **Hike will include a Fisherman's Trail.** - - APT/Trails 5 miles, John : 330-472-3800 Shelly : 330-608-6512

Dec. 03 (Thu.) - 3:00 pm - **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 3 miles, Pamela L: 330-592-5470

Dec. 04 (Fri.) - 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 or 3 miles, Colleen : 330 814 2621 Dean : 330-690-8589

Dec. 04 (Fri.) - 9:30 am - **Broadway Trailhead** - Hawthorn Pkwy Bedford OH 44146 Take I271 to SR14 exit. Take SR14 west to Hawthorne Pkwy. Turn right. Parking lot on left in 100 yds.(9FMG+V5 Bedford, Ohio) Bedford Reservation - **Follows the Buckeye Trail through the woods and on some APT, turning right on the Forbes Woods Trail and returning on the same trail from the Forbes Woods parking lot (restroom).** - APT/Pavement/Gravel/Trails/Grass/Hills 6 miles, Steve : 234-716-4910

Dec. 05 (Sat.) - 9:30 am - **Wetmore** - 4653 Wetmore Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 Wetmore Rd. is off Akron Peninsula Rd., north of Bolanz Rd. CVNP - Trails/Hills/Creeks/Streams 6 miles, Courtney : 330-413-3247

Dec. 05 (Sat.) - 9:30 am - **John Brown Tannery Park** - 300 Stow St Kent OH 44240 Other Leisure APT 5 or 4 or 3 miles, Gloria : 330-413-6153

Dec. 06 (Sun.) - 9:30 am - **Horseshoe Pond** - 2075 Major Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 Parking lot on Major Rd. off Riverview Rd. CVNP - Trails 6 miles, Colleen : 330 814 2621

Dec. 06 (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 hike 5 or 4 miles** - APT 5 miles, Sue : 330-990-0588

Dec. 07 (Mon.) - 9:30 am - **Cascade Valley/Valley View** - 1134 Cuyahoga St. Akron OH 44313 The parking lot is at 1134 Cuyahoga St. Drive down the hill to the parking lot. Summit Metro Parks Strenuous Sidewalks/Hills/Pavement/Stairs/Steps/Gravel/Trails/Grass 5 miles, Marie : 330-618-4657

Dec. 07 (Mon.) - 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

Dec. 08 (Tue.) - 9:30 am - **Snowville Road North** - 10168 Riverview Road Breckville OH 44141 Buckeye Trail north Take Riverview Road north. Parking lot is second driveway past Snowville Road. CVNP - **3 miles out and back on Buckeye Trail.** - Trails/Grass/Hills/Creeks/Streams/Stairs/Steps 6 miles, Steve : 234-716-4910

Dec. 08 (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 APT 5 miles, Sue : 330-990-0588

Dec. 08 (Tue.) - 3:00 pm - **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 APT 3 miles, Nazy : 330-807-8837

Dec. 09 (Wed.) - 9:30 am - **Blue Hen Falls** - 6947 Riverview Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 Park at Boston Visitors' Center (at Boston Mills Rd.) CVNP - **Hike to Blue Hen Falls,continue on the Bucleye Trail to Columbia Run and turn around at creek.** - Park at Boston Visitors' Center Moderate Hills/Pavement/Stairs/Steps/Trails 5 miles, Pat : 330-357-2587

Dec. 09 (Wed.) - 9:30 am - **Vanderhoof** - 2445 Vanderhoof Rd. Barberton OH 44203 Trailhead on Vanderhoof Rd. west of Van Buren Rd. Ohio and Erie Towpath Leisure Gravel/Pavement 3 miles, Dean : 330-690-8589

Dec. 09 (Wed.) - 9:30 am - **Boston Mills Visitors' Center** - 6947 Riverview Rd. (at Boston Mills Rd) Peninsula OH 44264 CVNP - APT 5 miles, Carol C: 330-554-8991

Dec. 10 (Thu.) - 9:30 am - **Lock 29** - 1648 Mill St. Peninsula OH 44264 Parking lot behind train station, north side of SR 303. CVNP Following the hike-holiday luncheon at the Winking Lizard. - APT 5 or 3 miles, John : 330-472-3800

Dec. 11 (Fri.) - 9:30 am - **Ira Rd.** - 3801 Riverview Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 On Riverview Rd. just north of Ira Rd. CVNP Ira Rd to O'Neill Woods Moderate Stairs/Steps/Trails/Gravel/Hills/Creeks/Streams 6 miles, Carla V: 216-544-5383

Dec. 11 (Fri.) - 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, Colleen : 330 814 2621

Dec. 11 (Fri.) - 3:00 pm - **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 APT 3 miles, Nazy : 330-807-8837

Dec. 12 (Sat.) - 9:30 am - **Tallmadge Meadows** - 1088 North Ave. Tallmadge, OH 44278 On SR 91 opposite Northmoreland Ave. Summit Metro Parks - APT/Stairs/Steps/Trails 6 miles, Lynn L: 330-606-8471

Dec. 12 (Sat.) - 9:30 am - **Mustill Store** - 89 W. North St. Akron OH 44304 Ohio and Erie Towpath - APT 5 miles, Courtney : 330-413-3247

Dec. 13 (Sun.) - 9:30 am - **Goodyear** - 2077 Newton St. Akron OH 44305 On Newton St. west of SR 91 (rear lot near restrooms). Summit Metro Parks - Trails/Hills 5 miles, Lynn L: 330-606-8471

Dec. 13 (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 APT 6 miles, Sue : 330-990-0588

Dec. 14 (Mon.) - 9:30 am - **Clinton** - 2749 North St. Clinton OH 44216 On North St. in Clinton west of Van Buren. Ohio and Erie Towpath Leisure Gravel/Pavement 3 miles, Dean : 330-690-8589

Dec. 14 (Mon.) - 9:30 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 - Hills/APT/Trails 5 miles, Carol C: 330-554-8991

Dec. 15 (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 Includes Schumacher Strenuous Trails/Grass/Pavement/Hills/Creeks/Streams/Stairs/Steps/Gravel 6 miles, Marie : 330-618-4657

Dec. 15 (Tue.) - 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, Carol C: 330-554-8991

Dec. 15 (Tue.) - 3:00 pm - **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 APT 3 miles, Nazy : 330-807-8837

Dec. 16 (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 - **Includes Dogwood/Nuthatch/Seneca - No dogs** - - Trails/Hills 5 miles, Steve : 234-716-4910

Dec. 16 (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 JT: Jogging Trail - APT 5 or 3 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

Dec. 17 (Thu.) - 9:30 am - **Bath Nature Preserve** - 4160 Ira Rd. Akron OH 44333 Other - APT/Trails 5 miles, Pamela L: 330-592-5470

Dec. 17 (Thu.) - 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

Dec. 17 (Thu.) - 3:00 pm - **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 APT 3 miles, Nazy : 330-807-8837

Dec. 18 (Fri.) - 9:30 am - **Everett Rd.** - 2370 Everett Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 Everett Rd. west of Riverview Rd. CVNP Riding Run and Furnace Run. Moderate Trails/Hills/Pavement 5 miles, Carla V: 216-544-5383

Dec. 18 (Fri.) - 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 - **Hike will include a Fisherman's Trail.** - - APT/Trails 5 miles, Shelly : 330-608-6512 John : 330-472-3800

Dec. 19 (Sat.) - 9:30 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, Courtney : 330-413-3247

Dec. 19 (Sat.) - 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, Colleen : 330 814 2621

Dec. 20 (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 - Trails/Hills 5 miles, Karen : 330-607-2394

Dec. 20 (Sun.) - 2:00 pm - **John Brown Tannery Park** - 300 Stow St Kent OH 44240 Other APT/Stairs/Steps 5 miles, Billy : 330-968-7898

Dec. 21 (Mon.) - 9:30 am - **Red Lock** - 1175 W. Highland Rd. Northfield OH 44067 CVNP Moderate Creeks/Streams/Gravel/Trails/Grass/Sidewalks/Hills/Pavement 6 miles, Marie : 330-618-4657 Marie : 330-618-4657

Dec. 21 (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 Leisure Gravel/Pavement 3 miles, Dean : 330-690-8589

Dec. 22 (Tue.) - 9:30 am - **Hudson Springs Park** - 7095 Stow Rd. Hudson OH 44236 On Stow Rd. north of SR 303. Other Bicentennial Woods and Hudson Springs Park Moderate Pavement/Trails/Gravel/Hills/Sidewalks 5 miles, Carla V: 216-544-5383

Dec. 22 (Tue.) - 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

Dec. 23 (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 - Trails/Hills/Creeks/Streams 5 miles, Nan : 216-402-1352

Dec. 23 (Wed.) - 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, Carol T: 440-829-9099

Dec. 24 (Thu.) - 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

Dec. 25 (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 - Trails/Hills 5 miles, Nan : 216-402-1352

Dec. 26 (Sat.) - 9:30 am - **Mogadore Reservoir East** - 2578 SR 43 Mogadore OH 44260 South from I76 or SR18) Boathouse/dock parking lot (in back) Other - **Pretty flat trail along Mogadore Reservoir in the woods.** - Hills/Grass/Trails 6 miles, Steve : 234-716-4910

Dec. 26 (Sat.) - 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, Billy : 330-968-7898

Dec. 27 (Sun.) - 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 John : 330-472-3800

Dec. 27 (Sun.) - 2:00 pm - **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

Dec. 28 (Mon.) - 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 Leisure Pavement/Trails/Gravel 3 miles, Dean : 330-690-8589

Dec. 28 (Mon.) - 9:30 am - **Kendall Lake** - 1000 Truxell Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 (Kendall Park Rd. becomes Truxell Rd west of State Rd.) CVNP - **Moderate Trails,Hills, Grass** - CVNP, Connector, Pine Grove, Ledges Moderate Trails/Hills/Grass 5 miles, Pat : 330-357-2587

Dec. 29 (Tue.) - 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, Carol C: 330-554-8991

Dec. 29 (Tue.) - 9:30 am - **Boston Mills Visitors' Center** - 6947 Riverview Rd. (at Boston Mills Rd) Peninsula OH 44264 CVNP Boston Mills to Blue Hen Falls and Columbia Run turnaround Moderate Stairs/Steps/Trails/Hills 5 miles, Carla V: 216-544-5383

Dec. 30 (Wed.) - 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 - APT 6 miles, Shelly : 330-608-6512

Dec. 30 (Wed.) - 9:30 am - **Astorhurst** - 6980 Dunham Rd Walton Hills OH 44094 Take Valley View to Dunham Rd. Turn left before Tinker's Treats. Park there by the pond. Bedford Reservation Easy hike with rolling hills on old golf course (now Disc Golf) Trails/Gravel/Hills/Grass/Pavement 5 miles, Steve : 234-716-4910

Dec. 31 (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 JT: Jogging Trail - APT 5 or 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.