Sierra Club - Central Ohio Group - Outings Schedule + Descriptions: March-April 2016

Fri 03/04 Walk: Grove City. Ratings: E/S = 2/2

7:00 pm Leader: Eric Shaumann - <u>Schaumann@copper.net</u> - Ph: 614-270-5951

We will meet at Grove City Library, 3359 Park Street, Grove City, OH 43123. The walk will start at the library and proceed through the local neighborhood. An optional dinner will take place after the hike.

Sun 03/06 Hike: John Bryan/Glen Helen/Yellow Springs. Ratings: E/S = 2/2.

9:00 am Leader: Ed Norwood - EdNorwood.hiking@gmail.com - Ph: 614-774-2357

We will hike about 6 miles through John Bryan State Park and Glen Helen Nature Preserve. Bring water, food, and sturdy footwear. High boots and hiking poles are strongly recommended if the weather will be above freezing due to mud. Meet behind the Westland Mall Bob Evans, 4331 W Broad St, Columbus, OH 43228.

Fri 03/11 Walk: New Albany. Ratings: E/S = 2/2

7:00 pm Leader: Line Martineau – LineNMartineau@gmail.com

We will walk around the prestigious New Albany golf club and surrounding neighborhoods. Meet at the New Albany Library, 200 Market St, New Albany, OH 43054 and park at the northeast corner of the library parking lot. (The far right corner when facing the library). Flashlight and reflective clothing is recommended. There will be an optional dinner after the hike at a local restaurant.

Sun 03/13 Hike: Battelle Darby. Ratings: E/S = 3/3.

11:00 am Leader: Eric Shaumann - <u>Schaumann@copper.net</u> - Ph: 614-270-5951

NOTE: Meet in front of the Ranger Station at Cedar Ridge, 1775 Darby Creek Dr, Galloway, OH 43119 (which is 2.75 **11am** <u>DST</u> miles South of W Broad Street on Darby Creek Dr). The hike will be 8 miles on mostly level paths. We will visit the Nature Center. An optional dinner will take place after the walk

Fri 03/18 Walk: Grandview. Ratings: E/S = 2/2.

7:00 pm Leader: Ed Norwood - EdNorwood.hiking@gmail.com - Ph: 614-774-2357

We will take a neighborhood walk through this lovely community of majestic trees and homes. Meet at the Grandview Library parking lot at 1685 W First Ave, Grandview, OH 43212 (2 blocks west of Grandview Ave.) Dinner option afterwards close by.

Sun 03/20 Hike: Ceasar's Creek Winter Hike. Ratings: E/S = 2/2.

9:00 am Leader: Dave Dorsky - ValOrDave@hotmail.com - Ph: 614-848-7879

We will hike about 8 miles around scenic Ceasar's Creek lake and state park plus Pioneer Village. There may be an optional 1 mile additional hike and nature center tour after lunch. Bring water, food, and sturdy footwear. High boots and hiking poles are strongly recommended if the weather will be above freezing due to mud. Meet south of Columbus behind Tim Hortons, 3623 S High St, Columbus, OH 43206 (in the Great Southern Shopping Center on U.S. 23 just north of I-270).

Fri 03/25 German Village. Ratings: E/S = 2/2

7:00 pm Leader: Vicki Deisner - gh6@earthlink.net

Join us for a walk through historic German Village. We will walk around the German Village neighborhoods and visit Frank Fetch Park. Meet at Schiller Park (Deshler and Jaeger). We will be walking about 3 miles. Wear sturdy footwear appropriate for uneven walking surfaces. (Flashlight and reflective clothing is recommended). Optional potluck dinner after the hike at a Vicki's house.

Sun 03/27 Hike: Blacklick. Ratings: E/S = 3/3.

11:00 am Leader: Chris Tisdale - usacrkt@yahoo.com - Ph: 614-260-2109

Blacklick Woods is the first Columbus metro park and is located at 6975 E Livingston Ave, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068. The park has over 600 acres including a golf course for sledding and skiing. We will walk on mulch or asphalt trails for two 3-mile treks. Meet at the Nature Center. (boots, water, lunch).

Fri 04/01 Walk: Grove City. Ratings: E/S = 2/2

7:00 pm Leader: Eric Shaumann - <u>Schaumann@copper.net</u> - Ph: 614-270-5951

We will meet at Grove City Library, 3359 Park Street, Grove City, OH 43123. The walk will start at the library and proceed through the local neighborhood. An optional dinner will take place after the hike.

Sun 04/03 Bike Ride: Blacklick trail. Ratings: E/S = 2/2.

11:00 am Leader: Ed Norwood - EdNorwood.hiking@gmail.com - Ph: 614-774-2357

We will be biking at a moderate pace (10-12 mph) on the Blacklick bike trail from Three Creeks Park to Blacklick Woods Park for a lunch stop, then back again. Please bring your bike, water, and food, and meet at the Three Creeks MetroPark, 3860 Bixby Rd, Groveport, OH 43125 (South on US 33, Right on South Hamilton Rd 1.2 mi, Right on Bixby Rd 0.7mi, Right into Park). Meet at the bulliten board by the restrooms.

NOTE: If weather conditions are bad for biking, then we will meet at the same location and hike 3 Creeks park.

Fri 04/08 Walk: Franklin Park / Acadamy Park. Ratings: E/S = 2/2

7:00 pm Leader: Chris Tisdale - usacrkt@yahoo.com - Ph: 614-260-2109

Join us for an easy paced walk of 3 miles in the parks along Alum Creek and past the grand old mansions. Meet at Franklin Park, 1777 E Broad St, Columbus, OH 43203 - at the NE corner of the parking lot by the railroad.

Sun 04/10 Hike: Hargus Lake. Ratings: E/S = 2/2.

10:00 am Leader: Dave Dorsky - ValOrDave@hotmail.com - Ph: 614-848-7879

We will hike 5-6 miles around scenic Hargus Lake in AW Marion State Park. We will have one or two short snack stops during the hike and lunch in the park after the hike. If the weather is nice, you will have the option of hiking 2-3 more miles after lunch at nearby Stage's Pond. Bring your own food, plenty of water, and sturdy shoes or hiking boots for the wooded and at times uneven and muddy terrain. Meet south of Columbus behind Tim Hortons, 3623 S High St, Columbus, OH 43206 (in the Great Southern Shopping Center on U.S. 23 just north of I-270).

Fri 04/15 Walk: Old Beechwold. Ratings: E/S = 2/2

7:00 pm Leader: Line Martineau – LineNMartineau@gmail.com

Meet at the Kroger parking lot in Graceland Shopping Center. Please park and gather to the west of the Kroger store so that we don't disrupt shoppers. We will hike about 3 miles in the Old Beechwold area. The hike will end with an optional dinner at a local restaurant. Please wear sturdy footwear as we may encounter some wet and muddy areas.

Sun 04/17 Hike: Great Seal State Park . Ratings: E/S = 2/2.

9:00 am Leader: Jose Cabral – <u>Cabral.1@osu.edu</u>

This is one of our youngest state parks and takes its name from the emblem of Ohio which it helped to inspire. Great Seal is situated on the western edge of the Appalachian Plateau and offers views of the Scioto Valley to the west and south. This 9+ mile hike spans the southern region, teh hilly Bunker Hill and Mt Ives Trails, and then extends northward to Rocky Knob. It is a strenuous hike on steep hills and ridge tops. Bring water, lunch, suitable attire, and meet behind Tim Hortons, 3612 S High St, Columbus, OH 43206 (in the Great Southern Shopping Center on US 23 just north of I-270). Please RSVP to Jose Cabral at cabral.1@osu.edu.

Fri 04/22 Walk: Grandview. Ratings: E/S = 2/2.

7:00 pm Leader: Ed Norwood - EdNorwood.hiking@gmail.com - Ph: 614-774-2357

We will take a neighborhood walk through this lovely community of majestic trees and homes. Meet at the Grandview Library parking lot at 1685 W First Ave, Grandview, OH (2 blocks west of Grandview Ave.) Dinner option afterwards close by.

Sun 04/24 Hike: Dawes Arboretum. Ratings: E/S = 2/2

11:00 am Leader: Sherri Soble - Sherri.Soble@yahoo.com - Ph: 614-804-3215

We will hike 5-7 miles at a moderate pace in beautiful Dawes Arboretum. The arboretum was founded in 1929 by Berman and Bertie Dawes and is dedicated to increasing the love and knowledge of trees and the natural world. Bring hiking boots, lunch, and water. Meet at 11:00am at the Dawes Visitor Center deck. Or, if carpooling, meet at 10:00am in front of Staples, 2321 Taylor Park Dr, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068 (East on I-70 to exit 112B Reynoldsburg, North on OH 256 to the 2nd light, LEFT on Taylor Rd SW, and park behind McDonalds, near Staples).

Fri 04/29 Walk: Upper Arlington. Ratings: E/S = 2/2

7:00 pm Leader: Sherri Soble - Sherri.Soble@yahoo.com - Ph: 614-804-3215

Upper Arlington South: Join us for a walk through Upper Arlington. We'll meet at the main library at 2800 Tremont Rd, Upper Arlington, OH 43221. Our walk will take us south, then back to the library. There will be an optional dinner after the hike.

Sat 04/30 Bike Ride: Three Creeks/Blacklick. Ratings: E/S = 2/2.

10:00am Leader: Ed Norwood - EdNorwood.hiking@gmail.com - Ph: 614-774-2357

We will be biking at a moderate pace (10-12 mph) on the Three Creeks and Blacklick bike trails from Bexley to Pickerington Ponds MetroPark for a lunch stop, then back again. Please bring your bike, water, and food, and meet at the Circle K, 2481 Petzinger Rd, Columbus, OH 43209. Please park on the left side of the parking lot near the big bike rack.

Sun 05/01 Hike: Grandview / Scioto Greenway. Ratings: E/S = 2/2.

11:00am Leader: Ed Norwood - EdNorwood.hiking@gmail.com - Ph: 614-774-2357

We will walk through the new Scioto Greenway starting at Grandview and walking south through the new trails and paths lining the Scioto River. Please meet at The River Club (old Confluence Park Restaurant), 679 W Spring St, Columbus, OH 43215 (exit OH-315 northbound at the US-33/Long St/Dublin Rd exit, stay in the left lane, turn left on Dublin Rd, immediately turn left again on Souder Ave, immediately turn left again on Rickenbacker Dr, and park in the North part of the parking lot). There will be an optional brunch after the hike.

Note: Sierra Club COG is in the process of changing the website. If you want to be on a separate Outings Mailing List, please send a note to:

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