

Sierra Club - Central Ohio Group - Outings Schedule + Descriptions: Mar-Apr 2017

NOTE: Tentative schedule as of Fri 3/10 - Please check back for changes.

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

7:00 pm Leader: Eric Shaumann – Schaumann@copper.net – Ph: 614-270-5951

Join us for a walk starting at the OLD Library and proceed through the local neighborhoods. Reflective clothing is recommended. An optional dinner will take place after the hike. Meet at the OLD Grove City Library: 3359 Park Street, Grove City, OH 43123.

Sun 03/05 Moderate Hike: Highbanks MetroPark. Ratings: E/S=2/3.

11:00 am Leader: Ed Norwood – EdNorwood.hiking@gmail.com – Ph: 614-649-5701

We will hike about 3-6 miles depending on weather and trail conditions including some small but steep hills. Bring lunch, water, and sturdy footwear for possible wet or muddy conditions (poles optional, but may be a good idea). Meet at the Highbanks Park Nature Center (1st driveway on the right), 9466 Columbus Pike, Lewis Center, OH 43035.

Fri 03/10 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 the surrounding neighborhoods. Flashlight and reflective clothing is recommended. Optional dinner close by after the hike. 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).

Sun 03/12 Moderate Hike: Battelle Darby Creek. Ratings: E/S=2/3.

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

NOTE: Meet in front of the Ranger Station at Cedar Ridge, 1775 Darby Creek Dr, Galloway, OH 43119 (which is 2.75 miles South of W Broad Street on Darby Creek Dr). The hike will be 8 miles on mostly level paths. Bring water and lunch. Boots and poles are recommended if trails are muddy. We will visit the Nature Center. An optional dinner will take place after the walk.

11am DST

NOTE: Daylight Savings Time starts at 2am this morning.

Fri 03/17 Walk: Dublin on St Patrick's Day (wear your Green). Ratings: E/S = 2/2.

7:00 pm Leader: Nicole Tabit - Tabit.2@buckeyemail.osu.edu - Ph: 614-302-7042

Join us for a 3 mile walk along the South fork of Indian Run, including Indian Run Falls, the Scioto Rover, and historic old Dublin. Optional dinner after the hike. Meet at the Dublin Library, 75 N High St, Dublin, OH 43017. Park in the back left corner of the lot by the trail.

Sun 03/19 Hike: John Bryan/Glen Helen/Yellow Springs. Ratings: E/S = 2/2.

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

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 03/24 Walk: Reynoldsburg. Ratings: E/S = 2/2.

7:00 pm Leader: Debra Orellana – Orellana727@yahoo.com – Ph: 614-284-3512

Join us for a walk through Reynoldsburg. The walk will be on sidewalks and asphalt trails for about 2-3 miles. Please bring a flashlight and weather-appropriate clothing and footwear. Optional dinner afterwards. Meet in the Post Office parking lot at Davidson & Main St. The GPS address is: 7185 E Main St, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068.

Sun 03/26 Moderate Hike: Hoover Dam & Inniswood Gardens. Ratings: E/S = 2/3.

11:00 am Leader: Nicole Tabit - Tabit.2@buckeyemail.osu.edu - Ph: 614-302-7042

Join us for a 5-6 mile walk around Hoover Reservoir & Inniswood Gardens. Bring lunch, plenty of water, and hiking boots or shoes. Long pants are advised. Meet in the parking lot at the West end of Hoover Dam. The closest GPS address = 7701 Sunbury Rd, Westerville, OH 43081.

HINT: Turn at the traffic light at Sunbury Rd & Smoke Burr Dr.

Fri 03/31 Walk & Climb: Scioto Audubon MetroPark (trail & rock wall). Ratings: E/S=2/2.

7:00 pm Leader: Ed Norwood – EdNorwood.hiking@gmail.com – Ph: 614-649-5701

We will walk for about 3 miles along the South Scioto Greenway Path. There is an optional dinner after the hike. There is optional rock climbing after the dinner on the Audubon Park climbing wall until midnight. Meet at the Scioto Audubon MetroPark, 400 W Whittier St, Columbus, OH 43215.

Sun 04/02 open

11:00 am Please check back for changes/updates to the schedule.

Fri 04/07 Walk: Bexley. Ratings: E/S = 2/2.

7:00 pm Leader: Ed Norwood – EdNorwood.hiking@gmail.com – Ph: 614-649-5701

Take in the Capital University campus and surrounding neighborhoods of Bexley on this hike of about three miles. Flashlight and reflective clothing are recommended. Optional dinner close by after the hike. Meet at the Bexley Library parking lot at 2411 E Main St, Bexley, OH 43209.

Sun 04/09 Moderate Hike: Chestnut Ridge MetroPark. Ratings: E/S=2/2.

9:00 am Leader: Jim Rousseau – JRousseau@insight.rr.com – Ph: 614-546-7697

Join us for a 4-6 mile hike through the Chestnut Ridge MetroPark with a nice view of downtown Columbus from the top of the ridge on a clear day. Please meet at 9:00am behind the Gender Road McDonalds at 6161 Gender Rd, Canal Winchester, OH 43110.

Fri 04/14 Walk: Grove City. Ratings: E/S=2/2.

7:00 pm Leader: Eric Schaumann – Schaumann@copper.net – Ph: 614-270-5951

Join us for a walk starting at the OLD Library and proceed through the local neighborhoods. Reflective clothing is recommended. An optional dinner will take place after the hike. Meet at the OLD Grove City Library: 3359 Park Street, Grove City, OH 43123.

Sat 04/15 Pre-TAX Bike Ride: South Bexley -> Pickerington Ponds. Ratings: E/S=2/2.

10:00am Leader: Courtney George – George.707@osu.edu – Ph: 248-494-3698

Co-Leader: Ed Norwood – EdNorwood.hiking@gmail.com – Ph: 614-649-5701

Join us for a bike ride on Apr 15 (taxes not due till Tue Apr 18). 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 (Please park on the left side of the parking lot near the big bike rack). The GPS address is: 2481 Petzinger Rd, Columbus, OH 43209.

NOTE: This is a SATURDAY bike outing.

Sun 04/16 Easter Sunday - No outing

Easter Sunday + Orthodox Easter Sunday

Fri 04/21 Walk: Old Beechwold. Ratings: E/S=2/3.

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

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. 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. The GPS address is: 199 Graceland Blvd, Columbus, OH 43214.

Sat 04/22 Earth Day Celebration at the Columbus Commons

1:00pm Columbus Commons, 160 S High St, Columbus, OH 43215, USA

APRIL 22, 2017

1 – 7 PM • COLUMBUS COMMONS • FREE ADMISSION

We will cap off Earth Day Volunteer Week with a community celebration on Saturday, April 22, 2017. Join us rain or shine at Columbus Commons downtown for a day-long celebration featuring local music, family-friendly activities, eco-friendly artisans, and Columbus' best food trucks.

BOOTHS

You can sign up for a booth at the Celebration here. Green Columbus will provide the tent. Vendors must bring their own tables and chairs.

BEER GARDEN

Beverage of choice at this year's celebration will come from Great Lakes Brewing and OYO!

FAMILY FUN

Activities throughout the day.

MUSIC & FOOD!

<http://www.earthdaycolumbus.org/>

Sun 04/23 Moderate Hike: Granville + Dennison University. Ratings: E/S=2/3.

10:00am Leader: Sherri Soble – Sherri.Soble@yahoo.com – Ph: 614-804-3215

We will hike 6 - 8 miles in the Dennison University biological preserve and the lovely town of Granville. This is a medium paced hike with some challenging hills. Bring lunch, water, and hiking boots. We will meet at 10am in the parking lot **behind** Worthington United Methodist Church, 600 High St, Worthington, OH 43085 (on the East side of US-23 - about 2 blocks south of 161).

NOTE: MEETUP CHANGE - no longer meeting in the Tim Hortons parking lot.

Fri 04/28 Moderate Hike: Rocky Fork MetroPark. Ratings: E/S=2/2.

7:00 pm Leader: Jim Rousseau – JRousseau@insight.rr.com – Ph: 614-546-7697

Join us for a hike of about 3 miles in the new Rocky Fork park in Westerville. Optional dinner after the hike (Blue Agave ?). From I-270 drive East on OH-161 for 7.0mi to the New Albany exit, Turn Left on New Albany Rd and immediately Go Right on New Albany Rd East for 1.1mi, Go Left on OH-605/New Albany Condit Rd for 0.6mi, Go Right on E Walnut St 0.7mi, Turn Left on the park entrance drive and go back to the parking circle at the end of the drive. The GPS address is: 7180 Walnut St, Westerville, OH 43081.

Sat 04/29 Bike Ride: South Bexley -> Pickerington Ponds. Ratings: E/S=2/2.

10:00am Leader: Ed Norwood – EdNorwood.hiking@gmail.com – Ph: 614-649-5701

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 (Please park on the left side of the parking lot near the big bike rack). The GPS address is: 2481 Petzinger Rd, Columbus, OH 43209.

NOTE: This is a SATURDAY MORNING bike outing.

Sat 04/29 Bike Ride: OSU -> Antrum Lake. Ratings: E/S=2/2.

3:00pm Leader: Courtney George – George.707@osu.edu – Ph: 248-494-3698

Co-Leader: Ed Norwood – EdNorwood.hiking@gmail.com – Ph: 614-649-5701

We will be biking at a moderate pace (10-12 mph) on the Olantangy Bike Trail from the OSU campus up to Antrum Park, stopping at Antrum Lake for a lunch break, and then back to OSU again. Please bring your bike, water, and food, and meet in front of the Jesse Owens Recreation Center South at 175 W 11th Ave, Columbus, OH 43201. Parking is available at the OSU 11th Ave parking deck at 229 W 11th Ave, Columbus, OH 43201.

NOTE: This is a SATURDAY AFTERNOON bike outing.

Sun 04/30 Hike: Hargus Lake. Ratings: E/S = 2/2.

9:00am 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 at 9am behind the Tim Hortons located in the Great Southern Shopping Center on U.S. 23 just north of I-270 - the GPS address is: 3623 S High St, Columbus, OH 43206.

Note: NEW Sierra Club COG Outings web page with Calendar + PDF file:

<http://www.sierraclub.org/ohio/central-ohio/hiking-outings>