

Sierra Club - Central Ohio Group - Outings Schedule + Descriptions: Sep-Oct 2017

Tentative Schedule as of Sept 1, 2017

Fri 08/25 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. Park at the bottom of the hill in the lot **ACROSS FROM** the climbing wall at the Scioto Audubon MetroPark, 400 W Whittier St, Columbus, OH 43215.

Sat 08/26 MetroParks Off-trail Hike @ Highbanks

9:00am NOTE: popular hike - arrive early for parking

Hike four miles off-trail to the 300-year-old giant sycamores along the Olentangy River.

NOTE: This hike is organized and run by Columbus MetroParks - the GPS street address for Highbanks Park is 9466 Columbus Pike, Lewis Center, OH 43035.

Sun 08/27 Hike: Sherri - Clear Creek

9:00am Leader: Sherri Soble – SherriSoble.Yoga@yahoo.com – Ph: 614-804-3215

We will trek about 5-7 miles on different trails featuring winding paths along Clear Creek and fern-lined trails up to panoramic views from the ridge-tops. Bring water, lunch, and suitable attire for muddy trails. Some trails are steep so you may find hiking poles helpful. Meet behind McDonalds in the Winchester Square Shopping Center, right of US-33 on Gender Road at 6161 Gender Rd, Canal Winchester, OH 43110.

Fri 09/01 Hike: Academy Park / Black Walnut. Ratings: E/S=2/3.

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

We will walk about 3 miles along Walnut Creek. There is an optional dinner after the hike.
Park at Columbus Academy Park, 1201 Cherry Bottom Rd, Gahanna, OH 43230 (contact Line for more details).

Sun 09/03 Labor Day Weekend - No COG outing planned.

Fri 09/08 Walk: Blacklick Woods MetroPark. Ratings: E/S = 2/2.

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

Leader: Juan Orellana – OrellanaJC@yahoo.com – Ph: 614-284-3447

Join us for a walk through Blacklick Woods. The park has over 600 acres including a nature center, hiking trails, a golf course, and a hill for sledding and skiing. We will walk on mulch or asphalt trails for about 3 miles. Optional dinner afterwards.
Meet at the Nature Center at 6975 E Livingston Ave, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068.

Sun 09/10 Hike: Granville + Dennison University. Ratings: E/S=2/3.

9:00am Leader: Sherri Soble – SherriSoble.Yoga@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.

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.

Wed 09/13 Movie: Trail Magic: The Grandma Gatewood Story

7:00 pm Studio 35, 3055 Indianola Ave, Columbus, OH 43202 - Ph: 614-262-7505

Special showing of "Trail Magic: The Grandma Gatewood Story"

Join us at Studio 35 (3055 Indianola Avenue) for a viewing of "Trail Magic: The Grandma Gatewood Story" produced by Eden Valley Enterprises & Film effects about Emma Gatewood, the First woman to solo thru-hike the Appalachian Trail. Tickets cost \$8 at the door and all ticket sales will benefit Ohio's Buckeye Trail Association of which Grandma Gatewood is a founding member! More details will be provided in August. The Studio 35 phone number is 614-262-7505.

Fri 09/15 Hike: Shale Hollow Preservation Park - Delaware. E/S = 2/2.

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

Join us for a walk of about 3 miles in Shale Hollow Preservation Park (check web site

<http://www.preservationparks.com/parks/shale-hollow/> - about 6 minutes N of I-270). Optional dinner afterwards near by.

Directions: From I-270 go North on US-23/North High St for 6.3 mi, Turn Left on Olentangy Crossing West for 0.1 mi, Turn Right on Artesian Run for 400 ft. GPS address = 6320 Artesian Run, Delaware, OH 43015

NOTE: :The park is about 3 minutes NORTH of Highbanks Metro Park.

Sat 09/16 Independence Festival (or Independent Festival)

9:00am in Franklinton - Emma has info

Clouds +

lasers +

mist/rain +

Sun 09/17 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 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.

Fri 09/22 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 09/24 Hike: COG Annual Picnic @ Rocky Fork. Ratings: E/S = 2/2.

11am+3pm Leader: Chris Tisdale – usacrkt@yahoo.com – Ph: 614-260-2109

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

We will hike Rocky Fork - one of Columbus' newest MetroParks. There will be an early hike at 11am, then the COG Annual Pot-luck Picnic at 1pm, then an optional late hike at 3pm. Meet at Rocky Fork Metro Park - ??? Parking Area (Take I-270, go East on OH-161 New Albany for 8.3 miles, go Left (North) on US-62 Johnstown for 2.3 miles, turn Left (West) onto E Walnut St for 1.3 miles, turn right into Rocky Fork park, park at the ??? area, assemble at the picnic shelter). The GPS address is 7180 E Walnut St, Westerville, OH 43081.

NOTE: This is a Westerville address - but is actually just north of New Albany.

Fri 09/29 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

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Sun 10/01 Hike: 3 Creeks. Ratings: E/S = 2/3.

10:00 am Leader: Deborah Orellana – Orellana727@yahoo.com – Ph: 614-284-3512

Leader: Juan Orellana – OrellanaJC@yahoo.com – Ph: 614-284-3447

We will walk about 3-6 miles along the hiking trails (weather permitting) or bike paths around 3 Creeks Park. Hiking boots & poles are recommended for possible muddy/wet conditions. Bug spray recommended if bugs are bad. Pack water and lunch or snacks for the trail. Meet at 10am at the 3 Creeks Bulletin Board at: 3860 Bixby Rd, Groveport, OH 43125.

Fri 10/06 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 10/08 Hike: Dillon State Park - Zanesville. E/S = 2/2.

10:00am Leader: Jim Rousseau – JRousseau@insight.rr.com – Ph: 614-546-7697

Join us for a hike of about 5-7 miles in Dillon State Park. The park is located at 5265 Dillon Hills Dr, Nashport, OH 43830 (just north of Zanesville). To carpool: From I-270 drive East on OH-161 for 6.5 mi, Turn Right on US-62/Johnstown Rd 210 feet, Turn Left on Theisen Rd and park next to the New Albany Fire Station, 9500 Johnstown Rd, New Albany, OH 43054.

Sun 10/08 Darby Day at Battelle Darby Metro Park

10:00am Columbus Metro Parks event

See the Columbus Metro Parks web page for info:

Fri 10/13 Walk: German Village. Ratings: E/S = 2/2.

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

Leader: Juan Orellana – OrellanaJC@yahoo.com – Ph: 614-284-3447

Join us for a walk through historic German Village. We will walk around the German Village neighborhoods and visit Frank Fetch Park. We will be walking about 3 miles. Wear sturdy footwear appropriate for uneven walking surfaces. (Flashlight and reflective clothing are strongly recommended). Optional dinner after the hike near by.

Meet at Schiller Park, 1069 Jaeger St, Columbus, OH 43206 (**Corner** entrance at Deshler and Jaeger).

Sat 10/14 Hike: Yellow Springs Street Fair. Ratings: E/S=2/3.

9:00am Leader: Ed Norwood – EdNorwood.hiking@gmail.com – Ph: 614-649-5701

We will hike starting at Clifton Gorge or John Bryan, through Glen Helen, to the town of Yellow Springs. There we will take time to enjoy the food and crafts available at the Yellow Springs Street Fair. After lunch, we will hike back Clifton George. Bring water, snacks, appropriate attire, and boots. Meet at 9:00 AM behind the Westland Mall Bob Evans, 4331 W Broad St, Columbus, OH 43228 (at Westland Mall Shopping Center - just east of I-270 and West Broad St.).

NOTE: This is a SATURDAY outing with an extended stop at the Street Fair.

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Fri 10/20 Grandview. Ratings: E/S = 2/2.

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

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

Sun 10/22 To Be Determined (may be Buck Creek + Westcott House)

9:00am [TBD](#)

Buck Creek State Park: 1976 Buck Creek Ln, Springfield, OH 45502 - ph: 937-322-5284

<https://www.plotaroute.com/route/491973> Buck Creek 20Km / 12.21 mi

<https://www.plotaroute.com/route/491977> Buck Creek 12 Km / 7.457 mi

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Sun 10/29 Hike: Ceasar's Creek. Ratings: E/S = 2/3.

9:00am 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 seriously recommended due to the possibility of mud on the hiking trails. Meet south of Columbus at 9am in the Great Southern Shopping Center on U.S. 23 just north of I-270 - behind Tim Hortons at 3623 S High St, Columbus, OH 43206.

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

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Sun 11/05 Hike: 3 Creeks. Ratings: E/S = 2/3. **NOTE: DST Ends TODAY !!**

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

We will walk about 3-6 miles along the hiking trails (weather permitting) or bike paths around 3 Creeks Park. Hiking boots & poles are recommended for possible snowy/icy/muddy/wet conditions. Pack water and lunch or snacks for the trail. Meet at 11am at the 3 Creeks Bulletin Board at: 3860 Bixby Rd, Groveport, OH 43125.

NOTE: Daylight Savings Time Ends TODAY !!

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

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

Note: If you want to be on the Outings Mailing List, please send a note to:

LineNMartineau@gmail.com