

Sierra Club - Central Ohio Group - Outings Schedule + Descriptions: Jan-Feb 2018

Tentative Schedule as of Jan 20, 2018

Fri 12/29 Walk: German Village. Ratings: E/S = 2/2.

7:00 pm Leader: Debra 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 on Jaeger at Deshler).

Sun 12/31 Hike: New Year's Eve - TBD - check back later for changes.

10:00 am Leader: Open

Mon 01/01 Volkswalk - German Village + Downtown Columbus - 5K + 10K

10:00am Leader: n/a (AVA hike - For info - call: Barbara Jurjans at 614-530-1557)

Start the New Year right with walking your choice of 3 5k loops in Downtown Columbus, the Brewery District & the Audubon Metro Park - starting at the Kroger Taproom located in the Brewery District in Columbus - Registration at 9am-noon - finish by 3pm.

GPS add: Kroger, 150 W Sycamore St, Columbus, OH 43215 (see http://clubs.ava.org/gen3/data/clubevents_results.asp?club=AVA-0522)

Fri 01/05 Walk: New Albany - South. Ratings: E/S = 2/2. (tentative - may be Jim & Linda in Worthington)

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).

Sat 01/06 Walk: Metro Parks 45th Annual Winter Hike Series - Blacklick. Ratings: E/S = 2/2.

9:00 am Leader: Debra Orellana – Orellana727@yahoo.com – Ph: 614-284-3512

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

Run parallel to Columbus Metro Parks hike - For info - call: CMP at 614-508-8111)

Join the Columbus Metro Parks for their 45th Annual Winter Hike Series at the Blacklick Woods Metro Park for a 4 mile hike with free snacks and hot drinks to be served after the hike at the shelter (official Metro Parks hike starts at 10am, but COG hike intentionally starts one hour earlier at 9:00am to beat the crowds).

GPS Address is: 6975 E Livingston Ave, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068 - Meet at the Nature Center

(CMP is parking at the Ash Grove Picnic Area (3rd left after entering the park), but we will park all the way back at the Nature Center).

Sun 01/07 NO Sierra COG hike on Sunday due to the Blacklick hike the day before.

Fri 01/12 Walk: Grandview. Ratings: E/S = 2/2. (tentative - may change - check back for changes)

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

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

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.)

Sat 01/13 Walk: Metro Parks 45th Annual Winter Hike Series - Sharon Woods. Ratings: E/S = 2/2.

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

Run parallel to Columbus Metro Parks hike - For info - call: CMP at 614-508-8111.

Join the Columbus Metro Parks for their 45th Annual Winter Hike Series at the Sharon Woods Metro Park for a 4 mile hike through fields and forests with free hot soup and hot drinks to be served after the hike (official Metro Parks hike starts at 10am, but COG hike intentionally starts one hour earlier at 9am to beat the crowds - free food and drinks runs from 10:30 to 12:30).

GPS Address is: 6911 Cleveland Ave, Westerville, OH 43081 (turn right on Maier Place - Meet at the Maple Grove Picnic Shelter - the first ROAD to the left after entering the park - right AFTER the Naturalist Office which is the first driveway on the left).

NOTE: **Due to very limited parking in the park for this event, meet for car pooling at 9AM in the shared parking lot of Calvary Apostolic Church and Rasin Rack at the SE corner of Schrock Rd and Cleveland Avenue in Westerville, just north of I-270. GPS address of parking lot is: 2551 W Schrock Rd, Westerville, OH 43081.**

Sun 01/14 Hike: Prairie Oaks. Ratings: E/S = 2/2.

11:00 am Leader: Nicole

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

Run parallel to Columbus Metro Parks hike - For info - call: CMP at 614-508-8111)

Join us for a 5 mile hike around Darby Bend Lakes and park trails through the prairie and along the banks of the Big Darby Creek (run parallel to the the Columbus Metro Parks 45th Annual Winter Hike Series at the Prairie Oaks Metro Park which will be serving free snacks and hot drinks after the hike at the Shelter: food & HOT Cocoa).

NOTE: Official Metro Parks hike starts at noon, but COG hike intentionally starts one hour earlier at 11am to beat the crowds.

GPS Address is: 2755 Amity Rd, Hilliard, OH 43026 - Meet at the Darby Bend Lakes picnic shelter.

NOTE: Enter the park on the EAST SIDE Main Entrance!! - **NOT the WEST SIDE Entrance off highway 142 which is an exit off of I-70.**

Fri 01/19 Walk: Gahana. Ratings: E/S = 2/2.

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

Sat 01/20 Joint Hike: 53rd Annual Winter Hike @ Old Man's Cave. Ratings: E/S=3/3.

6:30 / 9:00 Leader: n/a (This is a Ohio State Park Service hike - not a Sierra Club hike)

Stunning 5 mile hike on the Grandma Gatewood Trail & Buckeye Trail to take in the winter splendor of Old Man's Cave. Please bring water, sturdy footwear, warm clothing (layers strongly recommended), and food if desired (bean stew provided at the end of the hike) and meet at the Hocking Hills State Park Visitor Center, 19852 State Route 664 S, Logan, OH 43138.

Carpool available at 6:30am (YIKES! That's early). Anyone wishing to carpool - please RSVP to save a seat. Meet at the South Hamilton Giant Eagle, 3841 S Hamilton Rd, Groveport, OH 43125 (1st exit off of US-33 South of I-270, Turn left, Turn left at traffic light by Sonic, turn right into the parking lot). Park in the South-West corner of the lot (next to the Sonic Drive-In) at 3841 South Hamilton Rd, Groveport, OH 43125.

NOTE: This is a very early SATURDAY outing.

Sat 01/20 Walk: Metro Parks 45th Annual Winter Hike Series - Scioto Audubon. Ratings: E/S = 2/2.

9:00 am Leader: n/a (Columbus Metro Parks hike - For info - call: CMP at 614-508-8111).

Join the Columbus Metro Parks for their 45th Annual Winter Hike Series at the Scioto Audubon Metro Park for a 2 mile hike along the Scioto Greenway and park trails with free snacks and hot drinks to be served after the hike (check with park ranger to be sure - official hike starts at 10am, but COG hike intentionally starts one hour earlier at 9am to beat the crowds..

GPS Address is: 585 Maier Place, Columbus, OH 43215 (turn right on Maier Place (the road to the right just BEFORE the Audubon Nature Center building parking lot) - Meet at the end of Maier Place near the dog park).

Sun 01/21 Hike: Hoover Dam + Inniswood Gardens. Ratings: E/S = 2/3.

1:00 pm Leader: Jim Rousseau – JRousseau@insight.rr.com – Ph: 614-546-7697

Run parallel to Columbus Metro Parks hike - For info - call: CMP at 614-508-8111.

Join us for a 5-mile hike of Hoover Dam and the Inniswood Gardens (in parallel with the Columbus Metro Parks 45th Annual Winter Hike Series at the Inniswood Gardens Metro Park - includes a 2-mile guided hike through the Inniswoods Gardens trails & garden paths).

GPS Address for Inniswood is: 940 S Hempstead Rd, Westerville, OH 43081 - COG hike will be meeting 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. - then park in the spaces closest to the dam.

Fri 01/26 Walk: Bexley. Ratings: E/S = 2/2.

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

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.

Sat 01/27 Walk: Metro Parks 45th Annual Winter Hike Series - Clear Creek. Ratings: E/S = 2/2.

9:00 am Leader: n/a (Columbus Metro Parks hike - For info - call: CMP at 614-508-8111) ck on parking + food

Join the Columbus Metro Parks for their 45th Annual Winter Hike Series at the Clear Creek Metro Park for a 3 mile self-guided hike (starting any time) or one of two 5-mile guided hikes. Official hike starts at 10am, but COG hike intentionally starts one hour earlier at 9am to beat the crowds.

GPS Address is: 24950 Co Rd 116, Rockbridge, OH 43149 (or 24950 Clear Creek Rd, Rockbridge, OH 43149, depending on your GPS) - Meet at the Thomas-Mathias Parking Lot (1st on right ??? after entering the park).

Sun 01/28 Walk: Upper Arlington South. Ratings: E/S=2/2.

11:00 am 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.

Fri 02/02 Walk: New Albany - South. Ratings: E/S = 2/2. (tentative - may be Jim & Linda in Worthington)

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).

Sat 02/03 Walk: Metro Parks 45th Annual Winter Hike Series - Blendon. Ratings: E/S = 2/2.

9:00 am Leader: n/a (Columbus Metro Parks hike - For info - call: CMP at 614-508-8111)

Join the Columbus Metro Parks for their 45th Annual Winter Hike Series at the Blendon Woods Metro Park for a 4 or 6 mile hike with free refreshments to be served after the hike at the Cherry Ridge Program Area. Official hike starts at 10am, but COG hike intentionally starts one hour earlier at 9am to beat the crowds.

GPS Address is: 4265 E Dublin-Granville Rd, Westerville, OH 43081 - Meet at the Cherry Ridge Program Area (1st right after entering park).

Sun 02/04 Hike: Scioto Grove. Ratings: E/S = 2/3.

1:00 pm Leader: Dave Dorsky – ValOrDave@hotmail.com – Ph: 614-848-7879

Run parallel to Columbus Metro Parks hike - For info - call: CMP at 614-508-8111)

Join us for a 4-mile hike of Scioto Grove (in parallel with the Columbus Metro Parks 45th Annual Winter Hike Series at the Scioto Grove Metro Park - includes a 2-mile self-guided hike through one Scioto Grove trail followed by hot food and drinks at Arrowhead. Official Metro Parks hike starts at 2pm, but COG hike intentionally starts one hour earlier at 1pm to beat the crowds.

GPS Address for Scioto Grove is: 5172 Jackson Pike, Grove City, OH 43123 - Meet at the Arrowhead Picnic Area. (turn right at the first traffic circle, park at the rear of the second traffic circle which is the Arrowhead Parking Area).

Fri 02/09 Walk: TBD - check back later for changes.

7:00 pm Leader: Open

Sat 02/10 Walk: Metro Parks 45th Annual Winter Hike Series - Highbanks. Ratings: E/S = 2/2.

9:00 am Leader: n/a (Columbus Metro Parks hike - For info - call: CMP at 614-508-8111)

Join the Columbus Metro Parks for their 45th Annual Winter Hike Series at the Highbanks Metro Park for a 5 mile hike with free refreshments to be served after the hike at the Shelter (official hike starts at 10am, but start EARLY !!! - parking and food may run out, depending on the weather).

GPS Address is: 9466 Columbus Pike, Lewis Center, OH 43035 - Meet at the Northern Reservable Shelter (2nd right after entering the park - 1st shelter on left after you turn - the Northern Shelter, NOT the Mansion Shelter).

Sun 02/11 Walk: Metro Parks 45th Annual Winter Hike Series - Glacier Ridge. Ratings: E/S = 2/2.

12:00 noon Leader: Nicole

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

Run parallel to Columbus Metro Parks hike - For info - call: Chrissy Hoff at 614-971-5211 or CMP at 614-508-8111)

Join us for a 5 mile DOG-FRIENDLY! hike (run parallel to the the Columbus Metro Parks 45th Annual Winter Hike Series at the Glacier Ridge Metro Park which will be serving free snacks and hot drinks after the hike at the Shelter: famous Glacier Shredded Chicken sandwiches & HOT Cocoa - NOTE: food served from 2:30-3:30pm. Official hike starts at 1pm, but COG hike intentionally starts one hour earlier at noon to beat the crowds.

GPS Address is: 9801 Hyland Croy Rd, Plain City, OH 43064 - Meet at the Bulletin Board at the Picnic Shelter (enter the park directly across the street from Glacier Ridge Elementary - 3rd parking area around the circle, next to the windmill & solar panels).

Fri 02/16 Walk: Reynoldsburg. Ratings: E/S = 2/2.

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

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

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.

Sat 02/17 Walk: Metro Parks 45th Annual Winter Hike Series - Three Creeks. Ratings: E/S = 2/2.

9:00 am Leader: Ed?? - Eleanor??

Run parallel to Columbus Metro Parks hike - For info - call: CMP at 614-508-8111)

Join the Columbus Metro Parks for their 45th Annual Winter Hike Series at the Three Creeks Park for a 5.6 mile hike with free hot food and hot drinks to be served after the hike at the Shelter. Official hike starts at 10am, but COG hike intentionally starts one hour earlier at 9am to beat the crowds.

GPS Address is: 3860 Bixby Rd, Groveport, OH 43125 - Meet at the Confluence Trails Bulletin Board Picnic Shelter (drive all the way back from the park entrance - do not take any of the side roads - park at the end of the main drive).

Sun 02/18 Walk: Metro Parks 45th Annual Winter Hike Series - Slate Run. Ratings: E/S = 2/2.

1:00 pm Leader: Dave ???

Run parallel to Columbus Metro Parks hike - For info - call: CMP at 614-508-8111)

Join us for a 5 mile hike through woods and fields (run parallel to the the Columbus Metro Parks 45th Annual Winter Hike Series at the Slate Run Metro Park which will be serving free food after the hike at Buzzard's Roost. Official hike starts at 2pm, but COG hike intentionally starts one hour earlier at 1pm to beat the crowds.

GPS Address is: 1375 State Route 674 N, Canal Winchester, OH 43110 - Meet at the Buzzard's Roost Picnic Area. (drive all the way back from the park entrance - do not take any of the side roads - park at the end of the main drive).

Fri 02/23 Walk: New Albany - North. Ratings: E/S = 2/2.

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

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).

Sat 02/24 Walk: Metro Parks 45th Annual Winter Hike Series - Battelle Darby. Ratings: E/S = 2/2.

9:00 am Leader: n/a (Columbus Metro Parks hike - For info - call: 614-508-8111)

Join the Columbus Metro Parks for their 45th Annual Winter Hike Series at the Battelle Darby Creek Metro Park for a 4 or 6 mile hike with free refreshments to be served after the hike at the Ranger Station (including the famous "Darby Dogs"). Official hike starts at 10am, but COG hike intentionally starts one hour earlier at 9am to beat the crowds.

GPS Address is: 1775 Darby Creek Dr, Galloway, OH 43119 - Meet at the Ranger Station (small building on right - roughly in the center).

Sun 02/25 Hike: Highbanks Metro Park. Ratings: E/S=2/3.

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

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 03/02 Walk: New Albany - South. Ratings: E/S = 2/2. (tentative - may be Jim & Linda in Worthington)

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 03/04 Hike: TBD - check back later for changes.

10:00am Leader: Open

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