

## Sierra Club - Central Ohio Group - Outings Schedule + Descriptions: July-August 2016

**Fri 07/01 NO Sierra Club COG Hike on Friday July 1 (Red, White, & BOOM!).**

**Sun 07/03 See COG web site calendar for details**

**9:00 am Leader:**

Hike details to be announced - please see the Sierra Club's Central Ohio Group web site for details at:  
<http://www.sierraclub.org/ohio/central-ohio/hiking-outings>

**Fri 07/08 Walk: Worthington/Rush Creek Village. Ratings: E/S=2/2.**

**7:00 pm Leader: Line Martineau – [LineNMartineau@gmail.com](mailto:LineNMartineau@gmail.com)**

**Co-Leader: Jim Halverson – [JimHalverson@gmail.com](mailto:JimHalverson@gmail.com) – Ph: ?**

We will walk 3+ miles in Old Worthington and the scenic Rush Creek (designed using the concept of organic architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright). Meet in the Worthington Public Parking Lot - look for the blue signs behind the Worthington United Methodist Church, 600 High St., Worthington, OH 43085. Dinner option afterwards close by.

**Sat 07/09 Walk: Plain City (with Der Dutchman). Ratings: E/S=2/2.**

**10:00 am Leader: Theresa Fauver – [TheresaFauver01@gmail.com](mailto:TheresaFauver01@gmail.com) – Ph: 614-406-8777**

**Co-Leader: Ed Norwood – [EdNorwood.hiking@gmail.com](mailto:EdNorwood.hiking@gmail.com) – Ph: 614-774-2357**

We will meet at the Pastime Park Main Entrance at 344 N Chillicothe St, Plain City, OH 43064 (I-270 to Dublin, take Exit 17B to go West on US-33/Marysville 2.8 mi to the 2nd exit, Left (West) on OH-161/Plain City 4.9 mi to the stop light, Right (North) on N Chillicothe St 1/2 mi, Left into park). We will park and begin the walk on the ½ mile mulched nature trail and continue through downtown historic Plain City. The town is filled with little shops, turn of the century Victorian homes and historic landmark buildings. Bring water and comfortable shoes. Optional visit after the hike to Der Dutchman for lunch, and a visit to the bakery and gift shop.

**NOTE: This is a SATURDAY hike.**

**Sun 07/10 Hike: Ceasar's Creek Summer Hike. Ratings: E/S = 2/3.**

**9:00 am Leader: Dave Dorsky – [ValOrDave@hotmail.com](mailto: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 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 07/15 Moderate Hike: Scioto Grove MetroPark. Ratings: E/S=2/3.**

**7:00 pm Leader: Eric Shaumann – [Schaumann@copper.net](mailto:Schaumann@copper.net) – Ph: 614-270-5951**

We will hike Scioto Grove - Columbus' newest MetroPark. There will be an optional dinner after the hike at China Bell or another nearby restaurant. Meet at Scioto Grove MetroPark - Arrowhead Parking Area, 5172 Jackson Pike, Grove City, OH 43123 (South on I-71 to exit 100, Left on Stringtown Rd 1.3 mi, Right on Jackson Pike 1.5 mi, Left into park 0.2 miles to traffic circle, right 0.2 miles to Arrowhead parking circle, park at the rear "center" area by the river).

**CAUTION: This is in Grove City, OH - NOT in Groveport, OH.**

**Sun 07/17 Bike Ride: Alum Creek Trail: Ohio Dominican to Easton. Ratings: E/S=2/2.**

**1:00pm Leader: Ed Norwood – [EdNorwood.hiking@gmail.com](mailto:EdNorwood.hiking@gmail.com) – Ph: 614-774-2357**

We will be joining several other groups for a large group ride. We will bike 5.4 miles along the Alum Creek Trail from Ohio Dominican University to Easton's restaurant area for lunch, and then back to the starting point (further along the trail if the group wants a longer ride). Bring plenty of water if the weather is warm. There is an optional lunch at Easton, or pack your own if you prefer. Meet at Ohio Dominican University, 2600 Airport Dr, Columbus, OH 43219 (I-670 to the 5th Ave Exit, West 1 block to the traffic light, Right on N Nelson Rd to the traffic light, Right on Airport Dr, pass deMonye's Greenhouse and turn left, park along the left side – about half way back).

**Fri 07/22 Walk: OSU Wetlands. Ratings: E/S=2/2.**

**7:00 pm Leader: Vince Mazeika – [Mazeika@ohio.edu](mailto:Mazeika@ohio.edu) – Ph: 614-880-1023**

**Co-Leader: Ed Norwood – [EdNorwood.hiking@gmail.com](mailto:EdNorwood.hiking@gmail.com) – Ph: 614-774-2357**

This walk will take us along the Olentangy River, the OSU Wetlands, Koberger Grounds, and North Campus - including the Lane Ave Bridge with nesting barn swallows on the abutments. Meet at the NORTH end of the Giant Eagle parking lot at 2845 N High St, Columbus, OH 43202 - park WEST of the GetGo fuel pumps along the fence. Dinner option afterwards close by.

**Sat 07/23 Bike Ride: South Bexley -> Pickerington Ponds. Ratings: E/S=2/2.**

**9:00 am Leader: Nicole Tabit - [Tabit.2@buckeyemail.osu.edu](mailto:Tabit.2@buckeyemail.osu.edu) - Ph: 614-302-7042**

**Co-Leader: Ed Norwood – [EdNorwood.hiking@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**NOTE: This is a SATURDAY outing.**

**Sun 07/24 Hike: Dawes Arboretum. Ratings: E/S = 2/2**

**10am/11am Leader: Sherri Soble – [Sherri.Soble@yahoo.com](mailto: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, water, and lunch.

If carpooling then 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).

If **NOT** carpooling then meet at 11:00am at the Dawes Visitor Center deck at 7770 Jacksontown Rd, Heath, OH 43056 (I-70 East to Exit 132, Left (North) on OH-13 for 3.0 miles, Left into park).

**Fri 07/29 Walk: Scioto Audubon MetroPark (+rock climbing). Ratings: E/S=2/2.**

**7:00 pm Leader: Ed Norwood – [EdNorwood.hiking@gmail.com](mailto:EdNorwood.hiking@gmail.com) – Ph: 614-774-2357**

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.

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**9:00 am Leader:**

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**Fri 08/05 Moderate Hike: Blendon Woods MetroPark. Ratings: E/S=2/3.**

**7:00 pm Leader: Line Martineau – [LineNMartineau@gmail.com](mailto:LineNMartineau@gmail.com)**

We will walk for about 3 miles in the woods with rolling hills. There is an optional dinner after the hike. Directions: I-270 to route 161 East, and follow the (brown) signs to the park, and bear left to park in the lot in front of the Blendon Woods Nature Center, 4265 E Dublin Granville Rd, Columbus, OH 43081.

**Sat 08/06 Moderate Hike: Highbanks MetroPark. Ratings: E/S=3/3.**

**10:00am Leader: Nicole Tabit - [Tabit.2@buckeyemail.osu.edu](mailto:Tabit.2@buckeyemail.osu.edu) - Ph: 614-302-7042**

**Co-Leader: Ed Norwood – [EdNorwood.hiking@gmail.com](mailto:EdNorwood.hiking@gmail.com) – Ph: 614-774-2357**

Meet at 10am at the Highbanks MetroPark Nature Center (1st driveway on the right). We will enjoy a moderate paced 10 mile hike through forest and field with not many large hills or rough terrain. Bring hiking boots, water, and lunch. The lunch stop will be halfway through the hike. Highbanks is on Rt 23N about 3 miles north of I-270. Entrance is on the left, just before Powell Rd. GPS Address: 9466 Columbus Pike, Lewis Center, OH 43035.

**NOTE: This is a SATURDAY hike.**

**Sun 08/07 See COG web site calendar for details**

**9:00 am Leader:**

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**Fri 08/12 Walk: Upper Arlington. Ratings: E/S=2/2.**

**7:00 pm Leader: Sherri Soble – [Sherri.Soble@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

**Sun 08/14 Moderate Hike: Prairie Oaks MetroPark. Ratings: E/S=3/3.**

**10:00 am Leader: Theresa Fauver – [TheresaFauver01@gmail.com](mailto:TheresaFauver01@gmail.com) – Ph: 614-406-8777**

This will be a 4-5 mile hike on gravel although some may be uneven dirt and grass trails, so bring hiking boots or sturdy shoes, hiking stick if you use one, water, and lunch. Load up with bug spray! We will stop for lunch at the Darby Bend Lakes picnic tables and bathrooms to enjoy the birds and beautiful views of the lakes with lunch. Take I-70 West to Exit 85, Turn right and go North on OH-142 1.3 miles, Turn right into the park and drive to the LAST parking lot. The GPS address is: 3225 NE Plain City-Georgesville Rd, West Jefferson, OH 43162.

**Fri 08/19 Moderate Hike: Gantz Park. Ratings: E/S=2/3.**

**7:00 pm Leader: Eric Schaumann – [Schaumann@copper.net](mailto:Schaumann@copper.net) – Ph: 614-270-5951**

We will hike around Grove City, then enjoy an optional dinner after the hike. Meet at Gantz Park, 2255 Home Rd, Grove City, OH 43123 (use I-270 exit 2 - Grove City, South on US-62 for 0.4 mi, Left on Home Rd for 0.9 mi, Right into the park).

**Sun 08/21 Hike: Hargus Lake. Ratings: E/S = 2/2.**

**9:00am Leader: Dave Dorsky – [ValOrDave@hotmail.com](mailto: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 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 08/26 Walk: Scioto Audubon MetroPark (+rock climbing). Ratings: E/S=2/2.**

**7:00 pm Leader: Nicole Tabit - [Tabit.2@buckeyemail.osu.edu](mailto:Tabit.2@buckeyemail.osu.edu) - Ph: 614-302-7042**

**Co-Leader: Ed Norwood – [EdNorwood.hiking@gmail.com](mailto:EdNorwood.hiking@gmail.com) – Ph: 614-774-2357**

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.

**Sat 08/27 Bike Ride: South Bexley - Pickerington Ponds. Ratings: E/S=2/2.**

**9:00 am Leader: Nicole Tabit - [Tabit.2@buckeyemail.osu.edu](mailto:Tabit.2@buckeyemail.osu.edu) - Ph: 614-302-7042**

**Co-Leader: Ed Norwood - [EdNorwood.hiking@gmail.com](mailto:EdNorwood.hiking@gmail.com) - Ph: 614-774-2357**

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**Sun 08/28 Walk: OSU Wetlands. Ratings: E/S=2/2.**

**9:00 am Leader: Courtney George - [George.707@osu.edu](mailto:George.707@osu.edu) - Ph: 248-494-3698**

**Co-Leader: Ed Norwood - [EdNorwood.hiking@gmail.com](mailto:EdNorwood.hiking@gmail.com) - Ph: 614-774-2357**

This walk will take us along the Olentangy River, the OSU Wetlands, and North Campus. Meet at the NORTH end of the Giant Eagle parking lot at 2845 N High St, Columbus, OH 43202 - park WEST of the GetGo fuel pumps along the fence. Lunch option afterwards close by.

**Fri 09/02 Walk: Grandview. Ratings: E/S=2/2.**

**7:00 pm Leader: Ed Norwood - [EdNorwood.hiking@gmail.com](mailto: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 09/04 Walk: East Columbus Art Walk. Ratings: E/S=2/2.**

**9:00 am Leader: Ed Norwood - [EdNorwood.hiking@gmail.com](mailto:EdNorwood.hiking@gmail.com) - Ph: 614-774-2357**

We will take a 3-5 mile walk (depending on how hot it is) through East Columbus (including CCAD and CSCC), ending at CMA (Columbus Museum of Art). There will be an optional lunch after the walk at Schokko Art Café (the new Cameron Mitchell restaurant inside CMA), followed by an optional visit to CMA for the Picasso Exhibit (runs through Sept 11 - free admission on Sunday). Meet at CMA, 480 E Broad St, Columbus, OH 43215. Park directly behind the CMA building in the **CMA OVERFLOW LOT** on the **NORTH** side of E Gay St between N 9th St and N Washington Ave (free parking in this lot).

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

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

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