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## Backpacking Trail Opens

Elmo and Wilma Layman celebrate the opening of Ohio's newest backpacking trail on June 21, the 29-mile long Twin Valley Trail between Germantown MetroPark and Twin Creek MetroPark near Dayton. About 300 visitors came to hike a portion of the new Twin Valley Trail and check out the Buckeye Trail display. The new Twin Valley Trail offers three campsites, all free but requiring a permit. The trail travels through Twin Creek Valley, a diverse area with mature forests, rare bird species, and a variety of habitats. Twin Creek is the most biodiverse stream in Ohio. It's a great opportunity for a weekend trip: for information or a camping permit, contact Germantown Metropark at 937-275-7275.

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# BTA Bits and Pieces

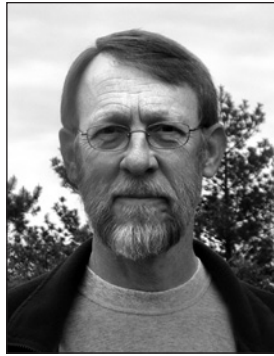
Pat Hayes, BTA President

Although there are still five months left in the year, things are starting to fall into place for the Buckeye Trail's 50th Anniversary celebration. The 2009 BTA Annual meeting is planned for June 12–14 at Camp McPherson near Mohican State Park. The 50th Anniversary committee plans to meet at Camp McPherson next month to check out the facilities and work out the details with the camp personnel. We have a preliminary agenda for the 2009 Annual Meeting that includes hiking, canoeing, guest speakers, entertainment, 50th Anniversary merchandise and much more. The 50th Anniversary committee is also in discussion about state wide hikes during 2009 to commemorate our golden anniversary. Stay tuned for more information in future *Trailblazers* and on our web site at [www.buckeyetrail.org](http://www.buckeyetrail.org).

The July 19 BTA picnic was not what I would call a great success. Twenty-two people including kids showed up on a typical July day. The weather was warm, but it was pretty nice in the barn and with the big barn doors open, there was a nice breeze to keep things comfortable. Several people took advantage of nearby Tappan Lake to paddle about in their kayaks and the showers in the barn's bathrooms made it easy to rinse off after a swim in the lake. There was plenty of delicious food and as usual I did my best to maintain my membership in the "Clean Plate Club." Thanks again go to Mary Hamilton and Russ Johnson for getting the barn and grounds ready for the picnic and for taking care of food preparations. If you have ideas or suggestions for increasing attendance at the BTA picnic, please contact me by email at [president@buckeyetrail.org](mailto:president@buckeyetrail.org).

My first MAC (Members Activity Committee) trip with the BTA was a backpacking trip to the Wind River Range in Wyoming in 2000. The BTA has had one or two MAC trips per year each year since then to places as diverse as Utah, Colorado, Maryland, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, New York and yes, even Ohio. I must admit though, that for raw, awesome beauty, I am glad we are returning to Wyoming this August. Fifteen of us are looking forward to experiencing the Wind River Range again and returning with great photos and stories.

We had a great work party at Hocking Hills last June. At the request of David Glass, the Hocking State Forest Manager, The Buckeye Trail Association Trail Crew was asked to build a trail reroute that would take part of the trail between Cedar Falls and Ash Cave past the old fire tower near the intersection of OH-374 and Chapel Ridge Road. The fire tower is in the process of being renovated for the public's use as a vantage point for viewing and photographing the surrounding area. Our Assistant State Trail Coordinator, Jim Runk, laid out a reroute past the fire tower that was approved by Forest Manager Dave Glass. The BTA Trail Crew then spent 4½ days installing three culverts and building over 3000 feet of new trail which increased the total length of the trail by about 1000 feet. As a byproduct of relocating the trail, we also eliminated a constant erosion problem with that portion of the trail. Since the old trail ran in a valley through that area, it acted as a steam bed during heavy rains resulting in a muddy, rutted trail that was in constant need of repair. We also built a thirty foot long rock retaining wall and widened a section of trail closer to Ash Cave that had eroded to a ledge about a foot wide. We had 25 volunteers, including a couple from Michigan and a couple from Kentucky, work a total of 461.5 hours on the project.



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# The Buckeye Trail Associations Funds...

## BTA Trail Preservation Fund

Virtually all of the Buckeye Trail is situated on land that is privately owned or is owned by one government entity or another. This includes township and county roads, State Forest land, Conservancy District land, National Park Service land, and other government holdings. A significant portion of the Trail is on privately owned land, and generally is the subject of an easement from the landowner allowing for the BT and its hikers. The Trail Preservation Fund provides for land acquisition and trail protection. It could be used to purchase easements to relocate the Buckeye Trail from local roadways, to compensate new landowners for pre-existing easements granted by previous landowners, or to purchase land incorporating important natural features or land located near desirable areas or attractions.

In keeping with this philosophy, the Trail Preservation Fund has been used to purchase land near Serpent Mound in Adams County, in the Sinking Spring Section of the Buckeye Trail. The Fund has also provided money for trail signs and monuments.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

You might like to pledge a few cents for every hour the Trail Crew works each year. Last year, the Trail Crew worked more than 4000 hours; thus a pledge of \$.05 per hour would mean a donation of \$200. You can also solicit local businesses because these donations are tax-exempt and we mention their name in the *Trailblazer*. Your contribution to the Buckeye Trail Preservation Fund (a 501(c)(3) organization) is tax deductible. All contributions of \$20 or more are acknowledged for tax purposes. We hope to include your name in the list of contributors in the *Trailblazer*.

## BTeasers

Pat Hayes

**Q** What structure was proposed to be built near Londonderry in Ross County in the 1970s, but was never built?

**A** An article by *Trailblazer* editor John Bay in the April 1972 (Volume 5, No. 2) issue reviewed the proposed construction of a dam on Salt Creek near Londonderry.

# Schedule of Hikes & Events

Always check [www.buckeyetrail.org/events.html](http://www.buckeyetrail.org/events.html) for last-minute updates

## SEPTEMBER

**September 6** BTA NE Ohio BTA Hike, Hinckley Lake. Meet at 9:00 am sharp at the swimming area parking lot off Bellus Rd. There are 2 hikes: 3.5 mile Hinckley Lake trail around the lake and a longer hike to Whippys Ledges. (We will send a car to the parking lot on the top of Whippys Ledges). More available if you want.

Contact: Liz McQuaid, 216-941-3443

**September 6** 11th Annual Walk for Sunshine. Walk begins at 9:00 am on the Wabash Trail near Maumee. The walk starts at the Monclova Elementary School located on the corner of Monclova Rd. and Waterville-Monclova Rd. in Monclova Township. You may register (\$15) for the Walk online at [www.walkwithsunshine.com](http://www.walkwithsunshine.com)

Contact: Mike Alt, 419-878-8058

**September 13-17** BTA Work Party, AEP \*BTA Chuck Wagon Event\* Note: Make your reservations for the chuck wagon early. The food is FREE and is available to the first 25 who make reservations. See instructions for chuck wagon reservations on this page. Check [www.buckeyetrail.org](http://www.buckeyetrail.org) for details.

Contact: Rick Adamson, [rmadamson@earthlink.net](mailto:rmadamson@earthlink.net)

**September 20-22** BTA Maintenance Weekend, Shawnee and Clendening. Check [www.buckeyetrail.org](http://www.buckeyetrail.org) for details.

Contact: Rick Adamson, [rmadamson@earthlink.net](mailto:rmadamson@earthlink.net)

## OCTOBER

**October 4-9** BTA Work Party, Paulding County. Check [www.buckeyetrail.org](http://www.buckeyetrail.org) for details.

Contact: Rick Adamson, [rmadamson@earthlink.net](mailto:rmadamson@earthlink.net)

**October 11** BTA NE Ohio Group Hike, Annual Island Trip to Middle Bass Island. Leave at 9:00 am from Miller Ferry dock. Limit 20 BT members and guests. 6-mile (can add more) easy hike, unspoiled, scenic and peaceful in off-season. Lunch is at a local restaurant. We scout and map each island trip for meeting ferry schedules. Directions: Allow 2 hours to drive to Miller Ferry dock at Catawba on SR-53. We'll mail map and details.

Contact: Jones, [lynnandandy@windstream.net](mailto:lynnandandy@windstream.net), 330-467-4338. Reserve by 09/08, send check for \$17.00 each (group discount ferry fare and postage) to Andrew Jones.

**October 18-19** BTA Maintenance Weekend, Burr Oak and Clendening. Check [www.buckeyetrail.org](http://www.buckeyetrail.org) for details.

Contact: Rick Adamson, [rmadamson@earthlink.net](mailto:rmadamson@earthlink.net)

**October 26** BTA Adopter's Luncheon. The dinner to honor BTA Trail Adopters will be held at the club house at Harbor Hills Country Club in Hebron, noon-3:30 pm. Maintainers eat free, but a \$20 in advance charge for a guest. Reservations by October 15.

Contact: Jim Sprague, [jimsprague@cox.net](mailto:jimsprague@cox.net)

## NOVEMBER

**November 1-2** BTA Maintenance Weekend, Shawnee and Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Check [www.buckeyetrail.org](http://www.buckeyetrail.org) for details.

Contact: Rick Adamson, [rmadamson@earthlink.net](mailto:rmadamson@earthlink.net)

**November 8** BTA NE Ohio Group Hike, Ohio & Erie Canal. Leave at 10:00 am from the Franklin Trailhead at 2328 Center Rd., New Franklin. We will hike 4 new miles on the Ohio & Erie Canal. Lunch is at a nearby restaurant.

Directions: From I-76/US-224, go south on Cleveland Massillon Rd., for about 6 miles to Center Rd. Turn left onto Center Rd. and reach trailhead, (just across RR tracks) in less than 1 mile.

Contact: Phyllis Devlin, 330-864-8872

## DECEMBER

**December 6** BTA NE Group Hike, Annual Soup Sampler. Meet at 10:00 am. This is an easy 5-mile hike. Soup Sampler is at the Jones' afterwards. Any BT member and guest are welcome.

Contact: Jones, [lynnandandy@windstream.net](mailto:lynnandandy@windstream.net), 330-467-4338

**December 13** BTA Board Meeting, Columbus



### GEARFEST 2008 PRESENTED BY FIVE RIVERS METROPARKS

Oct. 4, 10 am - 6 pm  
Eastwood MetroPark  
Dayton, OH

One of the largest expositions of new and used outdoor gear in the Midwest! Find out about the latest products and celebrate the outdoors with music, food, demonstrations, adventure competitions and camping opportunities. For a complete list of details, visit [metroparks.org/gearfest](http://metroparks.org/gearfest).

Be sure to try out your new gear on the 22-mile Twin Valley Backpacking Trail connecting Germantown and Twin Creek MetroParks in Dayton. Check out [metroparks.org](http://metroparks.org) or call (937) 277-4374 for more trail info.



[www.metroparks.org](http://www.metroparks.org)

## Chuckwagon Reservations

For meal reservations for the chuckwagon at work parties (where available), call Herb or Susie Hulls at:

Hulls Chuck Wagon  
740-585-2603  
[hulls@frognet.net](mailto:hulls@frognet.net)

# Welcome New Members!

*Bev and Jerry Starcher*

James Anderson	Cleveland
Jeff Arnold	Sylvania
Garry Bell	Franklin
Dave Bells	Monroe
Greg Brown	Cincinnati
Mark Brueggeman	Cincinnati
John Burkart Family	Hamilton
Todd Campfield Family	Centerville
David Crowe	New Carlisle
Dennis Deitrick	Akron
Jeanne Delaney	Chargin Falls
	gift from Mary Ruth Green
Ed Denk	Lakewood
Erich Drescher and Amy Fyn	Ottawa Lake, MI
Kyle Eddy	Gambier
William Eisele	Trenton
David Fields Family	Cincinnati
Nick and Ruth George	Akron
Karen Grace	Kent
Jeffry Harris	Columbus
James Hickman	New Carlisle
Eric Hutchinson	Kent
Charles Lambright Family	Dayton
Richard Lutz	Wampum, PA
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Miller	Pleasant City
Beverly Morris	Medina
Douglas Mory	Richfield
Connie Mulden	Columbus
Travis Neely Family	Athens
Paul Noltemeyer	Kent
Steven Pieracini	Liberty Center
Daniel and Loretta Pierce	Shaker Hgts
Frank Reed Family	Plain City
William Saus	Cuyahoga Falls
Elisa Schafer	Athens
Almut Schroeder Family	Kent
Katie Starkey	Akron
Russell Tucker	Lexington, KY
Donna Wallon	Mentor on the Lake
Millie Wamsley	Piqua
Brigit Zeiger	Akron



## Hello BT!

*Bill and Leslie Schultz from Columbus on their trip to Switzerland.*

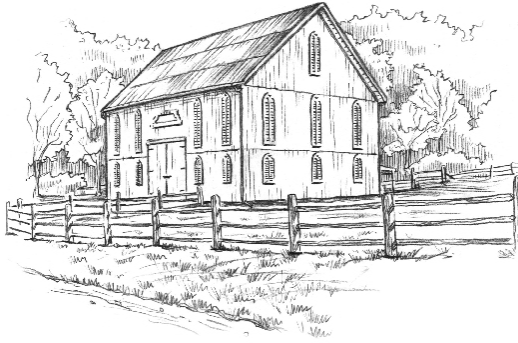


## Early Summer Hike

*One June 14, six hearty souls hiked nearly 5 miles on the Oak Hill and the Plateau Trails in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, led by Sophia and Larry Morton. (L-R: Karen Grace, Betty Bowers, Larry Morton, Mary Jo Motz, Russ Motz, and Sophia Morton)*

# Barn Talk

Russ Johnson,  
BTA Barn  
Coordinator



Our last work party was a great event. We were able to install the paneling we had, it was my fault that we did not have enough to finish the job. We also had time to caulk the showers and place the trim around the restroom doors. It was an outstanding group and they really worked together I realize that with the price of gas that it becomes very expensive for some to make the trip to the Barn, but I do thank those who did show. I'm thinking that the gas prices may have been the reason that many of you did not show up for the annual picnic. For those that did show up, we had a great time. The weather was great, we had lots of great food and several recipes were exchanged. The water in the lake was just perfect for swimming, canoeing and tubing which made for a great time. It was just great just to sit around and share stories and some great wine from that little wine maker. Thanks Pat. The camp fires were nice even though the weather was warm—there's nothing like sitting around the fire and telling more lies! I mean *stories*.

## BTA Barn Directions

Take I-77 south to US-250 east (just south of New Philadelphia). Follow US-250 past Tappan Dam almost to the end of the lake. There is a causeway with a sign that reads "Tappan Lake Park". Turn right (this road also takes you to Deersville). Approximately 3.1 miles from the US-250 turnoff is Beall Rd. on the right. Follow this dead-end road 1.3 mi. It ends at the BTA Barn down a long gravel driveway.

Remember the house side of the driveway is absolutely and strictly off-limits. It is a private residence so please respect their wishes and stay on our side of the driveway and please do not block any roads.

Contact: Russ Johnson, [oparuss1@msn.com](mailto:oparuss1@msn.com), 330-666-3409.

The old Barn is a great place to relax, sit back and enjoy the company of friends. For those who were not able to make it, remember next year there will be another picnic and we hope to see you there. Then again, maybe I'll see you at the next Barn work party. Check the web page for upcoming dates or contact [oparuss1@msn.com](mailto:oparuss1@msn.com).

I also want to thank those who may not be able to come to the work parties, but send in a donation to the Barn. Remember it is TAX deductible.

*Happy Trails.*



## The Barn's Softer Side

It's not all work or play at the BTA Barn; there's a great area for a campfire. You assemble in a circle, and get comfortable telling or listening to an evening full of stories. It's warmth and friendship.

# Adopter's Corner

Jim Sprague, Maintenance Supervisor

BTA's Golden Anniversary arrives in 2009. Will the Adopters have the trail ready for more extensive use? Is your segment of trail blazed? Will grassy trail segments exposed to sun be mowed, and kept wowed, during late spring and summer? Now, many Buckeye Trail segments are nearly fully maintained by various federal, state and local agencies. However, BTA volunteers alone maintain many other segments. These segments will require special attention during this Anniversary year. The volunteers who now work these segments are already stressed to the limit. BTA cannot expect these Adopters to extend their efforts even further. Will you help? If so, volunteer for this one-time effort to help the people who already adopt trail. Since nearly everyone has email, I suggest that you volunteer through [info@buckeyetrail.org](mailto:info@buckeyetrail.org). State that you wish to help with trail maintenance during BTA's Golden Anniversary. Allow us to contact you back by email or snail mail, whichever works for you. We will contact you with a list of possibilities as soon as possible. Of course, you can decline later without prejudice if we can not find a location that works for you.

**Time Records** from Trail Adopters, or more accurately the lack thereof, are a source of concern. This section of the Corner deals with a subject of interest only to Trail Adopters. If you are not already a Trail Adopter, you should skip the rest of this article.

I would like all of BTA's Trail Adopters to submit time records each year. I am adding an option to submit a daily work record directly to me by email or snail mail. Of course, for those who prefer to record data only once a year, the Maintainer's Annual Record will remain available from near the bottom of the Maintainer's page on [www.buckeyetrail.org](http://www.buckeyetrail.org)

I would prefer that each of these daily records contain information from one day or one trip only. For each day, begin with the date. Next, include your name or names. The "or names" is intended to provide space for any other people who help you on that day. While you may continue to write things like "3 others" as many people have done in the past, I would prefer actual names. For example, it is inconvenient and, perhaps, even rude to refer to these unnamed people as "Jane X's Friend I". This prob-

lem does not arise with adoption groups such as "Monday Creek Restoration Project" where data from Annual Activity is stored under the group name already. It is a problem only where Jane X is an individual adopter. Include the addresses of all people who assist an individual adopter and have not signed up as an individual Adopter elsewhere.

Include also the Map Section Name, Date of Map Publication, Point Range Worked, Type of Activity (as brushing, bucking trees off trail, repair trail, clean water controls, mowing and/or blazing). This information should adequately identify what was going on during a specific trip. If you work alone, it is nearly impossible to perform all these activities in any one trip. The Staff needs to know what you actually do in order to create a picture of the trail condition. Blazing is one of those activities that often is relegated to the back burner when the main activity is bucking trees. Similarly, brushing is often ignored, although it should not be, when blazing is the main activity.

Finally, separate your volunteer time into work time and travel time. Working on site is work time. Time spent getting to the site and back home again is travel time. Complications cloud this simple request. For example, if driving is required to perform the maintenance as when you are checking or blazing trail on road, count the time getting to the initial work site as travel time; the time between initial and final sites as work time; and the time between the final work site and home as travel time. Some people stay overnight at a camp site, motel or alternate residence to avoid a long trip back home on consecutive days. It is only fair that travel time to this intermediate site be counted as well as that credit should be allocated because the Adopter is staying away from home. *To accommodate this situation, BTA allows all time away from home to be considered as either travel time or work time.* This approach simplifies record keeping and is reasonably fair. In addition to all information indicated above, BTA does need to know the date and time that you left home, the days worked consecutively and the date and time when you returned home. On any intermediate days, indicate travel and work times in the same way that you would for a single work day where you leave from and return home.

If you have questions about this policy, please contact me. If complaints develop, please contact the BTA Board President. He will insert his wisdom and perhaps, just perhaps, we will resolve the complaint to everyone's satisfaction. At the least, we will have a better, more useful policy.

## Trail Adopters! Take Notice! Adopter's Recognition Luncheon

Reserve Sunday, October 26, this fall for the 3rd Annual Adopter's Recognition Luncheon. All Adopters of record who were signed on during 2008 are eligible for this Recognition Luncheon. Once again, the Luncheon will take place at Harbor Hills Country Club around noon. Complete details will be mailed to all eligible people towards the end of September.

# Working Together

Russ Johnson

If you take the Buckeye Trail, National Park Services and a Boy Scout Troop along with a little coordination, outstanding things can happen. I maintain a section of trail that runs through the Cuyahoga Valley and I do my best to walk this two-and-a-half mile section at least once a month. It is all off-road and heavily wooded. The trails in the valley are some of the most used trails on the Buckeye Trail. Each trip I make I find trees down or limbs scattered across the trail. It has lots of ups and downs with several creek crossings where the water is constantly washing away the banks. There are always drainage ditches to be cleaned and problem areas that constantly need attention.

While on one of my trips to the trail, I found that a small creek was becoming very wide and the log bridge that crossed it was becoming close to caving in on one side. I contacted Rick Adamson, the State trail Coordinator, and asked if he would go with me and check out the situation. He thought it best to reroute the trail and find a better place upstream above all the little tributaries to build a bridge and reroute the trail. We found a spot that was narrow and the water was shallow, it didn't look like the banks were being washed out. We then flagged the reroute for the trail. We figured it would take a weekend to reroute the trail and another to build the bridge.

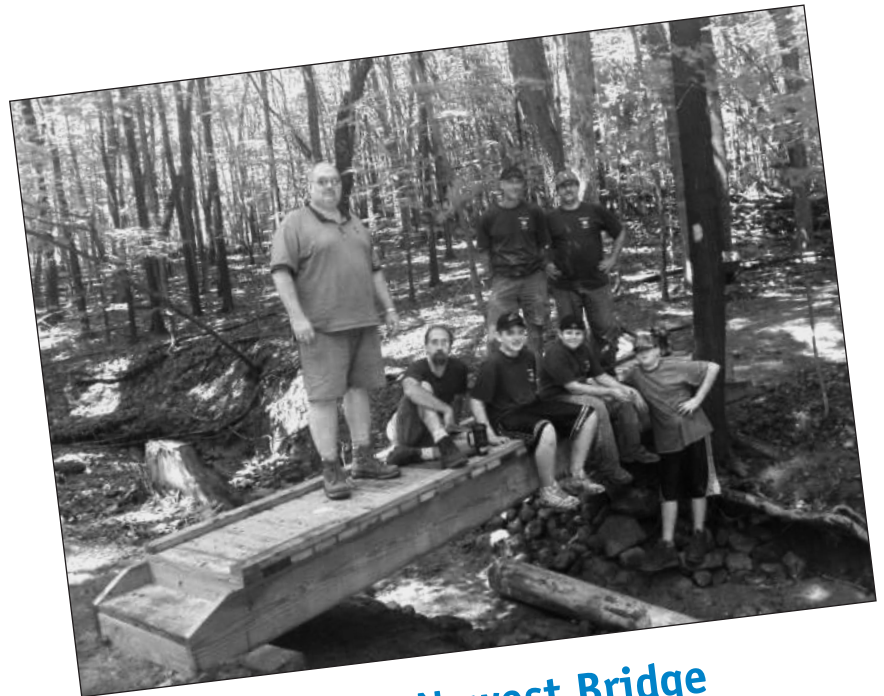
No problem, except the work parties that were planned for the Buckeye Trail was filled for the year and we probably would not be able to get to it until 2009. We also had to contact the Park personnel and get permission to reroute and build the bridge. I told Rick that I would contact Kim Norley, the Landscape Architect for the National Park and set up a meeting with her. When I did meet with Kim and explained the situation about the bridge and that we had flagged a reroute for the trail. We looked at a map to be sure that the area we were talking about was on National Park property. I showed her where the reroute would be and where we had hope to build the bridge. I explained that the creek was only six feet wide at that point but I thought it necessary to build it twenty feet wide in case Mother Nature had plans for more water to come our way. I told her of the plan to take large rocks from downstream and place them under and before the bridge. Kim had to fill out the proper paperwork and walk the flagged section to be sure that it remained within the boundaries. She contacted Dave Spearing of the Park Maintenance Department about the wood we needed for the project. Dave said he had it, and when and where did we

want the materials delivered. WOW! That would mean no cost to the Buckeye Trail.

My next job would be to find some help to assemble the bridge. I then contacted John Morganstern, the Scoutmaster for Troop 759 out of Norton Ohio. These were the Scouts who painted the barn for us. John said he would ask the Scouts if they would like to take on the project and get back with me. Shortly after their meeting John told me the boys and some of the parents would be more than willing to take on the project.

Now was just a matter of waiting for permission from the Park people. It was not long before Kim Norley contacted me and told me that everything looked good and that we had permission to go ahead.

I contacted Jim Sprague who helps me with projects on my section of the trail; I asked him if we could get together and do the reroute of the trail, Jim agreed. Early one Saturday morning Jim and I met along with my granddaughter Autumn. The three of us worked hard and were able to clear the rerouted trail in one day. The next day I went down and blazed the new section.



## Akron Section's Newest Bridge

Boy Scouts donated labor, Cuyahoga Valley National Park donated material and Trail Adopter Russ Johnson orchestrated it all, resulting in a beautiful Buckeye Trail bridge in the National Park.



# End of Trail

Dana Zintek

The Buckeye Trail Circuit patch is awarded to any person who has completed the Buckeye Trail . . .

This issue's finishers are:

HIKER	DATE STARTED	DATE FINISHED	MILEAGE OF BT WHEN HIKED*
Kenny Janosko	January 2002	June 2008	1435
David Janosko	January 2002	June 2008	1434.8

\*mileages vary because of reroutes and improvements

This father and son team both decided to hike-run the trail to spend more time together. David the father said they did the trail in 124 runs/hikes in an official time of 409 hours & 30 minutes. David said it started as a New Years resolution. Both David and Kenny said they enjoyed the parks, forests, history and to see the state. Kenny was 10 years old when he started and was 16 when he finished.

## Have You Hiked the Whole Buckeye Trail?

**What is it?** A patch for any hiker who has completed the entire Buckeye Trail.

**How do I get a patch?** By hiking the Buckeye Trail, of course. After finishing the Buckeye Trail, contact me at the address below and I'll send you a questionnaire. Fill it out and a patch will be sent to you in 10 business days.

**Can I get more than one patch?** The first patch is free; any extra patches are \$3.00 each.

**Who is eligible for a patch?** Any person who has completed the Buckeye Trail any time in the Buckeye Trail's history. As long as you finished the entire Buckeye Trail, no matter what its length was when you finished.

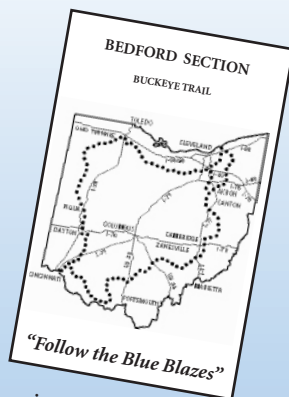
We want to know. Just fill out the questionnaire. BTA is interested in people who have hiked the whole Trail.

Dana Zintek, [zintronics@aol.com](mailto:zintronics@aol.com), 330-928-8931



## NEW Bedford Section Map

Dana Zintek, our Map Sales manager, now has a supply of the new map for the Bedford Section, published in June 2008. It has an updated written log that accurately describes the changes that have been made in the trail route since the last map was made available in September 2004. Don't leave home without it!



# Ohio Wild

Bill Schultz

## DADDY LONG-LEGS

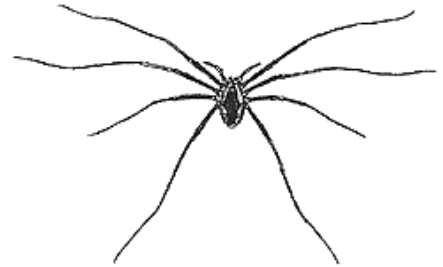
What are daddy long-legs? They are also called harvestmen or Opiliones. Opiliones is the preferred scientific name, but many call them Phalangida. Harvestmen or daddy long-legs are arachnids (8-legged arthropods). Phalangida and Opiliones are both names for a subgroup (Order) in the Class Arachnida. Some other orders of the Arachnida includes the scorpions (Scorpiones), spiders (Araneae), and ticks and mites (Acari).

Harvestmen are not spiders. Spiders have two body parts (fused head-thorax and abdomen), two fangs, and produce silk. Harvestmen have one body part, no fangs, and do not produce silk, Spiders have a waist, harvestmen do not.

Some long-legged spiders and some crane flies look like daddy long-legs (harvestmen). You should now know what spiders look like (a waist, two body parts, etc). Crane flies have two wings (Class Insecta, Order Diptera, Family Tipulidae).

Harvestmen are not poisonous! They do have secretions that smell produced by scent glands. Some people are sensitive to the secretions. Their claws or chelicerae can pinch if they are large, but seldom penetrate the human skin. They eat lots of stuff. Some are predatory on small insects, worms, or snails, while others eat fruits, plants, or dead material.

Harvestmen can be good pets. You should provide them plenty of leg room and give them oatmeal or chopped up juicy insects.



## Highlights of the Board Meeting, June 14, 2008

### STATE TRAIL COORDINATOR

- Rick Adamson reported that in September 2009 there will be a large work party at Findley State Park to put in turnpikes, two bridges, and boardwalks.

### BTA BARN

- Susan Stover stated that the first dorm in the Barn is completed and the middle one is started.

### MAC COMMITTEE

- John Rethman reported the annual hike at Pike Lake State Park will be on October 25.
- The New Years Campout will be at Fort Ancient on January 3.

### BTA WEBSITE

- Mary Hayes reported that she had combined the section by section page with the trail alert page on the web site.

## BTA Board of Trustees Meeting After 2008 Annual Meeting Minutes

### EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTED

Pat Hayes – President  
Greg Wisniewski – Vice President  
Ruth Brown – Secretary  
Connie Pond – Treasurer

# Dear Landowner on the Buckeye Trail,

On behalf of the entire Buckeye Trail Association, we want to thank you for allowing the BT to cross your property. One of the primary goals of our association is to get as much of our trail "off-road" as possible, and by letting us use your land you're enabling us to reach that goal.

If you are thinking of selling your land, the Buckeye Trail Association would be very interested in buying it to protect our trail.

There is another way that you can help us protect the trail on your property. Through a "Conservation Easement" you help protect the trail while getting property tax breaks and in some cases, debt reduction, and you still have complete control of your land.

Please check with your legal advisor if you are interested in either of these options. There are also other options we could discuss.

Contact: The Buckeye Trail Association at P.O. Box 254, Worthington, Ohio 43085 or Jim Runk at [Jimsrunk@wmconnect.com](mailto:Jimsrunk@wmconnect.com) or 937-289-2481; or send an email to [info@buckeyetrail.org](mailto:info@buckeyetrail.org)

Yours Truly,

*Pat Hayes,*  
President  
Buckeye Trail Association

*Jim Runk,*  
Property Manager  
Buckeye Trail Association

## Donations to BTA Funds

### TRAIL PRESERVATION FUND

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This will continue our efforts to preserve the trail and acquire additional land and easements.  
Thank you!

### BARN

APRIL-JULY 2008

Rick Adamson  
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## BRAMBLE #47

by Dana Zintek

Use the clues to unscramble the BRAMBLES about the Buckeye Trail.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the answer to the cartoon.

1. Slippery road?

K I D S

(S) (K) (I) (D)

2. Trailside museum

L E E N L E N G H

G L E N (H) E L E N

3. St. Michael's

R U C H C H

(C) (H) (U) (R) (C) (H)

4. Decrepit toilet?

T I P

(P) (I) (T)

WINNER:

Brigit Zeiger from Akron

There were 30 entries for Bramble #47



What did the newlywed backpackers become when the limo failed to show?

H I T C H E D

H I K E R S

# BRAMBLE #48

by Dana Zintek

Use the clues to unscramble the BRAMBLES about the Buckeye Trail.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the answer to the cartoon.

For a chance to win the new *3rd Edition Trail Guide Cuyahoga Valley National Park*,

Send your answers to:

Dana Zintek  
2369 Suncrest Drive  
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221

Answers must be postmarked by November 1, 2008.



*How did the hikers meet after 25 years?*

1. Iron bridge

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2. Sulfur water

**GROWSLILYPENS**

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3. Old Germanic road

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4. S on map

**WSHORES**

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