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We celebrate the new sign at the junction of the Bedford, Medina and Akron sections in NE Ohio. It's a colorful reincarnation of BTA's historic kiosk (shown here with Emily Gregor in 1981).



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# BTA Bits and Pieces

Pat Hayes, BTA President

I want to thank everyone who worked to make 2009, our 50th Anniversary year, a success. And I especially want to thank our 50th Anniversary committee for the exceptional job they did for our Annual Meeting. I must admit however, I'm glad the festivities are over. I don't believe I have ever eaten so much celebratory cake as I did in 2009. It seemed as though every event I attended had 50th Anniversary cake, cupcakes or cookies. Thank goodness I have a high metabolism.

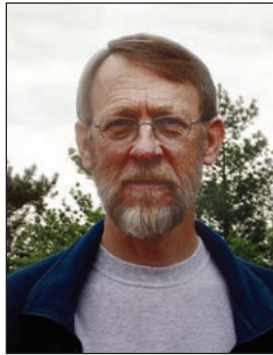
Last year was also a year of change and challenge. Our biggest and best change was hiring Andrew Bashaw as our Executive Director. Andrew's enthusiasm and ideas are already making a positive impact on the BTA. Since Andrew started, we have sold our piece of property adjacent to Serpent Mound, with deed restrictions allowing for our trail and a future shelter, and used the money to help protect our trail corridor by purchasing 190 acres in Vinton County. Andrew worked closely with the previous land owner, attorneys and title company to make sure the transaction was successful. He also applied for and received a loan from the Conservation Fund to assist with the purchase. He is in the process of submitting a grant application to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to help repay the loan and to replenish our Trail Preservation Fund.

One major challenge last fall was with our maps printing company, when they told us the press used to print our maps had broken and was too expensive to repair or replace. We scrambled to find a replacement printing company, but with maps on back order, we urgently needed to find a new source. The North Country Trail Association came to our rescue. They already had a digital printer to print their maps, so they offered to print ours as well. The BTA mapping committee did have to convert from a manual cut-and-paste method to one using digital files, but it may be a blessing in disguise because it allows us to make changes more often and much faster than previously. It also allows us the flexibility to add color and more detail to future maps without adding to the cost. We are very pleased to have Richard Lutz of Wampum, PA and Darlene Karoly of Cleveland join the mapping team and volunteer their time to create our digital map files.

There were other challenges last year, but we plan to be more proactive in addressing these issues with the creation of the Trail Preservation Committee. A major goal will be seeking permanent solutions for trail access and protection by working more closely with like-minded groups seeking to protect the land. I'm sure 2010 will also bring its share of changes and challenges, but with our motivated Executive Director, dedicated Board of Trustees and staff, and our most significant resource, our volunteer trail adopters and trail building crew, I'm sure we are up to the challenge.

Moving into the new decade, the BTA continues with its goal of completing several projects started in the previous decade. One major project will be finishing the off-road trail on the historic Miami-Erie Canal towpath on the western side of the state.

Please check the BTA web site for upcoming events along the Trail and consider volunteering for a few hours, a day or even longer to maintain or build new Trail. We will provide the tools and training, all you have to do is show up. Also keep in mind, a membership in the Buckeye Trail Association makes a terrific birthday gift for friends and family.



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# On the Trail

Andrew Bashaw, Executive Director

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As you read this latest *Trailblazer* thoughts of spring and all its possibilities may be clouding your recent memories of a snowy Buckeye Winter. The cold wind nipping at my face, a moonlit night that shimmers over the frozen snow, leaving a set of tracks behind larger than those I am following through the woods are a few of my Winter memories. The

stalactite and stalagmite like icicles decorating the cliff edges as thousands of hikers tromp from Old Man's Cave to Ash Cave on the Hocking Hills Annual Winter Hike is another. The Buckeye Trail was open to the public all winter long around the State of Ohio thanks to you and Buckeye Trail Association volunteers! I hope that you had the opportunity to get out on the Trail this winter, with friends and family, or just to get away.

You'll recall our appeals for your help to save the Pretty Run property in Vinton County towards the end of 2009. I am happy to report that with your generous response and assistance from The Conservation Fund the BTA was able to close on the property on December 30th, 2009! This project has acquired 190 acres for the Buckeye Trail which helps to safeguard 3.5 mile of the Trail. This project has kept a few of us busy over the winter as we learn together what the Buckeye Trail's role in land conservation efforts will be. We've tried to take this opportunity to build a stronger foundation within the BTA to act quickly to protect land for the Trail from development. A fledgling Trail Preservation Committee is forming and our efforts and intentions have been well received from our partners in the land trust community in Southern Ohio. For those of you who are interested in protecting land for the Trail as much as you are enthused about building it and hiking it there is a lot of good work to be done around the state. Stop by and see us and the Appalachia Ohio Alliance at a co-sponsored display at the Land Trust Alliance, Midwest Regional Conference, April 15-17, 2010 right in our backyard at the Columbus Athenaeum.

Writing from the depths of winter to you with the hopes of Spring in your mind helps me to imagine the possibility of warmth, foliage, and flowers on the way. This time of year reminds me of all the blessings in my life and for me spring is the time to celebrate them. I've just crossed over 6 months as your Executive Director and the view of the volunteer effort from here is impressive. The BTA is accomplishing monumental tasks in building, maintaining, promoting and protecting the Buckeye Trail thanks to all its volunteer Trail Maintainers, Section Supervisors, the Buckeye Trail Crew, Staff and Board, and those are just the folks we know about. I hope that during these tough economic times you are encouraged that there are folks out there like you who are devoting themselves to creating something positive for everyone. The vision of the Buckeye Trail is large, it will take a long time to complete, and it is good work to do and enjoy. When times are tough it is nice to know that there is a place out there like the Buckeye Trail that we can go to for free to find solitude, enjoy companionship, or just to see what there is to see.

As you begin to shake off the cabin fever consider joining the Buckeye Trail Volunteers or partners around the state this spring.

- Celebrate the Adventure Summit at Wright State University, March 5th-6th in Dayton, the Outdoor Adventure Capital of the Midwest!
- Bring in spring at the BTA Century Barn on Tappan Lake for the first Trail Work Party of the year starting March 27th.
- Join us for a hike at Fort Hill State Memorial on April 10th to see 2,000 year old Hopewell Earthworks and early spring wildflowers.
- Join our friends at the Arc of Appalachia Preserve System for their annual Wildflower Pilgrimage to many jewels of Adams, Highland, and Ross Counties, April 16th-18th.

If you can't find the time to get out as often as you'd like, check out the Buckeye Trail on Facebook and see what others are getting themselves into all around the Trail!

I will see you at the Buckeye Trail Annual Meeting, June 11th-13th at Geneva Hills!



# Schedule of Hikes & Events

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

## MARCH

**March 13** BTA Board Meeting at Wright State University in Dayton, 10:00 a.m. Contact: Pat Hayes, [president@buckeyetrail.org](mailto:president@buckeyetrail.org).

**March 27–31** Work Party at BTA Barn *Please provide your own food.* The work will be new off-road trail construction to extend the BT to the Barn and back out with camping at the BTA Barn Headquarters. Contact: Rick Adamson at [rickbta@gmail.com](mailto:rickbta@gmail.com).

## APRIL

**April 10** Spring Hike at Fort Hill, Sinking Spring Section. 11:00 am, about 7 miles. The hike will use portions of the Fort, Deer, and Gorge Trails along this beautiful section of the Buckeye Trail. Be certain to wear sturdy hiking boots (and maybe bring trekking poles) as the trail can be slippery. Bring water! The hike should take two-three hours. There is a vault (pit) toilet on site, and if the museum is open there is a restroom within.

Contact: Darryl Smith at [preds@yahoo.com](mailto:preds@yahoo.com).

**April 10–14** Work Party at West Branch State Park, Mogadore Section. \*BTA Chuck Wagon Event\* Start of a multi-year project to build new trail. Contact: Rick Adamson at [rickbta@gmail.com](mailto:rickbta@gmail.com).

**April 24–25** Maintenance Weekend. Location to be determined. *Please provide your own food.* Contact: Rick Adamson at [rickbta@gmail.com](mailto:rickbta@gmail.com).

**April 24** BTA Hike, Bath Nature Preserve. 10:00 am. Easy 3-4 miles with Northeast Ohio BTA. The entrance to Bath Nature Preserve is on Hickory Farm Lane, at 4160 Ira Rd. This is less than a mile west of Cleveland Massillon Rd., on the south side of Ira Rd. No pets allowed. Lunch at a nearby restaurant.

Contact: Phyllis Devlin at [pm61bd@yahoo.com](mailto:pm61bd@yahoo.com), 330-864-8872.

## MAY

**May 1–5** BTA Work Party at Wolf Run State Park, Belle Valley Section. \*BTA Chuck Wagon Event\* Contact: Rick Adamson at [rickbta@gmail.com](mailto:rickbta@gmail.com).

**May 10–16** Backpack at Shawnee and Sinking Springs Sections. Spring backpacking trip.

Contact: John Rethman at [ilovehiking3@embarqmail.com](mailto:ilovehiking3@embarqmail.com), 513-398-9527.

**May 15–16** Maintenance Weekend at Fort Hill, Sinking Spring Section. *Please provide your own food.* Contact: Rick Adamson at [rickbta@gmail.com](mailto:rickbta@gmail.com).

**May 21** Awards Nominations Due. Send your nomination to Mary Hamilton at [oldbag@wilkshire.net](mailto:oldbag@wilkshire.net), 717 E. Third St., Dover, Ohio 44622.

**May 22** BTA Board Meeting at Command Alcon. 10:00 am. Contact: Pat Hayes, [president@buckeyetrail.org](mailto:president@buckeyetrail.org).

## JUNE

**June 1** Buckeye Trail Thru-Hike, Troy Section. I plan to start and end at Kyle Memorial Plant in Tipp City. Still working out details; check BTA website as they develop.

Contact: Vesta Moore, [pathfinder.2010@live.com](mailto:pathfinder.2010@live.com), 937-216-7916 and ask for Pathfinder.

**June 2–6** Work Party at Grand Rapids, Defiance Section. *Please provide your own food.* Contact: Rick Adamson at [rickbta@gmail.com](mailto:rickbta@gmail.com).

**June 11–13** BTA 51st Annual Meeting at Geneva Hills Camp, Fairfield County. Join the entire BTA to celebrate Ohio's Buckeye Trail. See details and reservation in this issue. Also see [www.genevahills.com](http://www.genevahills.com).

Contact: Ruth Brown at [bandrbrown@willard-oh.com](mailto:bandrbrown@willard-oh.com), 419-935-0668 or Mary Hamilton at [oldbag@wilkshire.net](mailto:oldbag@wilkshire.net), 330-602-4071.

## 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)

**June 26–27** Maintenance Weekend. Location to be determined. *Please provide your own food.* Contact: Rick Adamson at [rickbta@gmail.com](mailto:rickbta@gmail.com).

## AUGUST

**August 28–29** BTA Board Annual Retreat. BTA Barn. Contact: Pat Hayes, [president@buckeyetrail.org](mailto:president@buckeyetrail.org).

## SEPTEMBER

**September 11–18** Pictured Rocks National Lake Shore, Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Backpack the cliffs along Lake Superior in Pictured Rocks National Lake Shore, part of the North Country Trail. Check the BTA web site and Summer 2010 *Trailblazer* as details are worked out.

Contact: John Rethman at [ilovehiking3@embarqmail.com](mailto:ilovehiking3@embarqmail.com), 513-398-9527.

**September 25–29** BTA Work Party at AEP, Stockport Section. \*BTA Chuck Wagon Event\* Contact: Rick Adamson at [rickbta@gmail.com](mailto:rickbta@gmail.com).

## OCTOBER

**October 9–10** Maintenance Weekend at Burr Oak State Park, New Straitsville Section. *Please provide your own food.* Contact: Rick Adamson at [rickbta@gmail.com](mailto:rickbta@gmail.com).

**October 16–20** BTA Work Party at Wolf Run State Park, Belle Valley Section. \*BTA Chuck Wagon Event\* Contact: Rick Adamson at [rickbta@gmail.com](mailto:rickbta@gmail.com).

**October 30–31** Maintenance Weekend at Fort Hill, Sinking Spring Section. *Please provide your own food.* Contact: Rick Adamson at [rickbta@gmail.com](mailto:rickbta@gmail.com).

## 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, [oparus1@msn.com](mailto:oparus1@msn.com), 330-666-3409

# The Heroes of the Buckeye Trail— Class of 2009

Jim Sprague, Maintenance Supervisor

Behold! 77 people reported time that each worked on BT last year. I received many more reports directly from Adopters than in the past. Yet, I know that there remains unreported volunteer time. For example, Patti Cook and son Andrew worked with Debbi Zampini's emergency maintenance team but I do not have Patti's time. Being human, I may have misplaced those records. I know that I have misplaced the records of George Schubert, an unusual volunteer who lives in Harpers Ferry, WV, spends many hours on the Appalachian Trail, and is Section Supervisor of Road Fork Section! To all active Trail Adopters, Buckeye Trail Association, the Board of Trustees and Staff, offer a huge "Thank You". Without your efforts, the Trail would not exist.

The numbers in the table show the sum of all values that were submitted. A blank means that insufficient detail was submitted to make a determination. Note particularly the efforts of Woody Ensor from Fairborn who once again visited his adopted Trail segment more often than did any other Adopter. Debbi Zampini, Bedford Section Supervisor and leader of an Emergency Maintenance Team, drove the most miles to work on her section as well

as to Scioto Trail Section. The inseparable Guy Brothers, Byron and Jamie, supervise both Old Man's Cave and Troy Sections; each tied for highest in both time at work and total time on the Trail. For information, total time includes work time, travel time and time spent in camp or motel time if the latter time is an essential part of a maintenance trip.

If you wish to help, be assured that many Trail segments are either ready for adoption or the present Adopter could use more help. A wide selection of Trail, both on and off road, is available. Unfortunately, if you want something close to home, or, fortunately, if you like to get away from things, many of the segments available are in the more remote parts of Ohio. Don't be concerned that you may not know much about the location of the Trail. You can easily learn more by visiting [www.buckeyetrail.org/SectionbySection](http://www.buckeyetrail.org/SectionbySection). Short descriptions of each section reveal enough to let you know if you might have an interest in that area. Then contact Maintenance Coordinator Garry Dill at [then321elm@yahoo.com](mailto:then321elm@yahoo.com) or (614) 451-0233. Garry will see that you get put to work. *See you on the Trail.*

NAME	VISITS	TIME WORKED	TOTAL TIME	TRAVEL MILES
Jean Andrews	1		4.00	
Claudia Bashaw	2		9.00	
Roxann Baumgartner			15.00	
Carl Boesel	14	48.00	48.00	
Carol Bowers	3	9.08	15.67	
Don Bowers	3	9.08	15.67	294
Jack Brennen	9	39.00	70.50	
Sean Brennen	1	4.50	8.00	
Keith Brown	1		10.00	
Nancy Burkholder	4	6.00	12.00	218
Char Callahan			1.50	
Earl Cotrill	1	4.50	6.00	
Michelle Crum	4	13.25	45.00	290
James Cunningham	1	4.50	7.50	95
Lisa Daiber	8	36.50	42.42	
Trent DeBruin	1		5.00	
Jed DeBruin	2		11.00	
Margie DeLong			3.00	
Phyllis Devlin	20	55.75	74.25	584
Woody Ensor	118		126.50	1316
Rose Frank	1	2.50	4.00	
Ed Frank	1	2.50	4.00	40
Earl Garn	3	18.75	49.00	548
David Geddeon	1		4.00	
Dick Gehman	3	8.00	14.00	460
Byron Guy	49	319.65	598.75	2410
Jamie Guy	49	319.70	598.75	2410
Mary Hamilton	11	41.93	55.45	450
Mary Hayes			15.08	201
Pat Hayes	2		37.00	445
Zach Henry	5	16.75	51.50	390
Chessie Henry	1	4.50	7.50	95
Sandy Henry	6	19.75	60.50	385
Byron Henry	11	37.75	109.00	815
Jay Holwick	7	45.00	74.00	330
Herb Hulls	10	57.00	91.75	554

NAME	VISITS	TIME WORKED	TOTAL TIME	TRAVEL MILES	
Susie Hulls	7	42.00	53.25		
Pat Jenkins		28.00	43.00	600	
Bill Jindra	5	23.33	62.25	489	
Russ Johnson	14	44.75	59.25	466	
Dan Jones	6		33.00		
Joe Konen	4	7.35	13.20	180	
Harold Koutz	4	20.25	30.25	480	
Elmo Layman	1	4.50	6.00	61	
Moe Maddock	5	12.08	17.75	247	
Dave McCahon	1	3.50	6.50	60	
Chris McIntyre	10		125.50	521	
Paul McKibben	2	10.00	12.00	116	
Liz McQuaid			1.50		
Bob Merkle	11	46.00	84.50	1500	
Tim Murphy			61.00	36	
Travis Neely	8		41.00		
Brad Polman	10	21.74	28.59	232	
John Rethman	3	7.50	12.50	170	
Charlotte Robe	1	1.50	2.50		
Quincy Robe	11	19.99	47.50	889	
Del Ruckle	4	20.25	30.25	480	
Jim Runk	8	39.83	57.00	799	
Mark Shelton	9	13.83	19.67	143	
Darryl Smith	5		58.50	260	
Connie Snyder	8	21.00	26.50	118	
Mike Snyder	5	15.50	19.50	88	
Jim Sprague	10	50.50	174.00	1360	
Susan Stover	14	57.75	64.75	427	
Alberta Urbanic		2.50	3.00		
Bob Urbanic		2.50	3.00	10	
Debbi Zampini			345.00	4001	
Dana Zintek	17	73.68	88.00	565	
+ 9 Unnamed					
Volunteers	9	42.52	55.87		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>503</b>	<b>1485.59</b>	<b>3455.59</b>	<b>24038</b>

# Living High on the Hog: Lodging and Dining While Hiking the BT

*This is the third installment of Bob and Connie Pond's odyssey—our travels around Ohio on the BT.*

We applaud the many that depended on their camping and backpacking skills while circumnavigating the state. We, however, made a series of relatively opulent mini-vacations out of the many walks that covered the more than 1400-mile course of the BT. We recommend our way of enjoying the Trail Experience and describe below merely a very few of our more pleasant experiences.

Our very first eating experience was at Yesterdays Tavern in Bolivar. This was our very first time for reflection at the end of a hike. As we dreamed of trail completion, walking clockwise, we could see ourselves walking into Bolivar on the very last hike and enjoying Yesterdays again. This was such a pleasant spot. We (Connie) had visions of another BT book, *Bars Along the Trail*. Alas, many of the bars along the trail were not visited as we also had visions of staying alive (some of the rural bars we dropped into seemed not as inviting as we might have expected). Many, we would not even drop into!

One bar that was visited was Need-I-More Tavern north of Dayton on the corner of Needmore Avenue and Wagoner Ford. We were lucky enough to visit the tavern on a Thursday, which is wing night. The place was packed with folks eating baskets of wings. The take-out container is a brown paper sack that is sopped with grease. But we indulged ourselves in the best-tasting wings ever. They were so large that we thought the chickens must have been on steroids. Mark McGuire has nothing on those chickens.

This same hiking adventure, we stayed in one of the grungiest motels we experienced—Travel Lodge in Tipp City and ate in one of the best restaurants on the hike—Harrison's in Tipp City. The good and the ugly! Harrison's features comfort food at a comfortable price, great prices and upscale ambience. Our waitress remembered Need-I-More from her days of living in Dayton. Small world.

We liked two hotels that are in southeastern Ohio: The Stockport Mill Inn (on the BT) and the

Lafayette Hotel in Marietta (close to the new [Stupid] Loop in Noble and Washington counties in southeast Ohio). Highlights of our stays at the Stockport Mill Inn included the sound of the falls over the dam, seeing how the lock operates, and simply staying in the historic mill. The trail passes directly in front of the mill. We discussed with the locals the fact that the community will not approve a liquor permit for the restaurant in the mill. One resident said "Yeah, they voted the permit down, but they pull their blinds in the evening." Your personal refreshments are welcome in the mill's restaurant.

The Lafayette on the Ohio and Muskingum Rivers is a real treat. We chose to eat in the bar area because we could enjoy the river view and the wonderful meals. It is very popular with the local after-work crowd and we felt very welcome. During hikes on the Stupid Loop, we stayed here a number of times. On one of our trips, our favorite 5th floor room was only accessible by stairs or service elevator. Not only did we get our aerobics on the trail, we could work out in the hotel.

Most of you know that many cabins and B&Bs offer secluded stays in the Hocking Hills area around Old Man's Cave and along the BT. Restaurants are not necessary here, for the cabins come with full kitchens and Connie thoroughly enjoyed the preparations for "cooking out". Many believe that this is the most beautiful part of the BT, so for those of you are just beginning your hike, this might be the place.

## Defiance Section's Augusta Rose

In northwest Ohio our favorite getaway was the Augusta Rose in Napoleon, where we dined like royalty after every hike.





Dana Zintek first introduced Bob to one of the most relaxing cabins near the BT during his Circuit Hike of the BT in the early 2000s. We have since stayed there numerous times while hiking the BT. Unity Woods, situated close to Ft. Hill, Serpent Mound, and Shawnee State Park and Forest, is a group of three Amish-style cabins in Adams County with no electricity, but with all of the other appliances we depend upon and powered by propane. This is another cook-for-yourself adventure unless you wish to dine at Moyers Vineyard, Winery and Restaurant in Manchester, one of our favorite restaurants, is on the Ohio River near Ripley. The friendly staff there will make you feel at home as you overlook the river and its towboats peacefully gliding by.

Proprietors Mary and Ed Hoeffel keep one of the finest bed & breakfasts in Ohio. Located in Napoleon, the Augusta Rose has become our favorite northwest Ohio getaway. We stayed in Napoleon for three hiking adventures. Even though we could have found closer accommodations, we would travel 40 miles to get to our hiking spots from the Augusta Rose. The breakfast the proprietress Mary prepares is usually a four-course affair and served on elegant china with soft music playing. We are not much for foofraw, but Ed and Mary make the breakfast a real treat.

On the Little Loop near Cleveland a must-stay is the historic Rider Inn in Painesville, which has been welcoming guests since 1812. The BT passes in front of their door. Elaine Crane is the personable innkeeper, a former Peace Corps volunteer and local judge, who takes time to visit with you and even tell some ghost stories about the permanent guests that grace all older inns. The Tuesday night Songwriter's Workshop offers some good entertainment while you are enjoying evening dinner.

This is our last installment of our adventures on the BT. We hope you have enjoyed the unique features of our trip and that some of you might consider such an adventure. For both of us the odyssey solved a lot of problems as well as offering many uplifting educational and social experiences for two relatively active people moving into our retirement years.

## Burton Section's Rider Inn

The BT passes right in front of the historic Rider Inn in Painesville. It's been welcoming guests since 1812 and features a ghost and songwriter's workshop.



## BTeasers

Pat Hayes

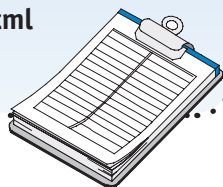
**Q** What issue of the *Trailblazer* did Dana Zintek's "Bramble" first appear?

**A** Volume 31, No. 2, Issue 135, April 1998

## Maintainer's Log

The BTA web site has a Maintainer's web page. It has some basic info about maintaining, requests volunteers, and has a download for the maintainer's annual log.

<http://www.buckeyetrail.org/maintainers.html>



## Discount on Blaze Paint

**WHAT** Either Sweeping Blue 2408 or Yuma Green 2090 or brushes or scrapers

**WHERE?** Any Sherwin-Williams store in Ohio

**HOW?** Mention BTA Account No. 9321-7886-6. You pay, then turn in receipts to get reimbursed

**REALLY?** 25% Discount and you pay no tax

# Reflections Upon a Winter Hike

*Darryl R. Smith*

Every Martin Luther King Day the Buckeye Trail Association holds a winter hike around Acton Lake within the confines of Hueston Woods State Park. This fine state park lies in southwest Ohio near the college town of Oxford and has miles of hiking and bridal trails along with a beautiful lodge, cabins, campgrounds, and a swimming beach ... Okay, it might have been a little cold to go swimming in January, but you get the idea that Hueston Woods is one of the nicest of state parks, as it offers a little of everything for families wanting to get outdoors.

In 2009, the weather for the hike was ideal, a light snowfall followed by sunny skies graced the trails around the lake. I had "advertized" this event on the Tri-State Hiking Club's website, and we had about ten of the Tri-State group join us. After breakfasting at the lodge's buffet with my hiking buddy Scott, we decided to hike the trails counter-clockwise (and counter to the normal BTA route). The trails were very easy to follow as they had been marked with orange tape every few yards, which was extremely helpful as I had previously hiked only the western side of Hueston Woods. Scott and I broke away from some of the others who also went counter to the norm and we explored some of the spillway area near the dam, cursed the frozen horse "potholes" as we closed in on the lodge, and then found ourselves warming up over grub and frosty beverages at 45 East in Oxford post hike. Overall, it was a pleasant experience for my first MLK Day event.

This year I "advertized" the event on the OKI Trailblazers group (a local hiking group based in Cincinnati) and nine of us joined the rest of the BTA gang, giving us about 50 hikers at the start of the event. A few of us met before the hike and had the breakfast buffet, enjoying some last minute carb-loading and warmth by the fireplace.

Overcast conditions and warmer weather for the previous few days made the trails a bit muddy in places, and because of this, many of us bypassed the section of shared horse trail south of the lodge, picking up the marked loop near the dam area. I had led a hike in June of last year and the shared horse trails had six to eight inches of mud in some places. Thinking that might be the case this year, by my group made the decision to take the loop road for a few miles instead. So, we took a few group pictures in the overly warm lodge, then hit the trails in the cold air—or hit the asphalt in this case (for the first few miles at least).

We pushed on very quickly, as the cold air motivated us to keep moving as we did not want to become chilled by taking breaks or moving too slowly. Some black ice made even the road-walking challenging, but we survived without any issues. After a short break in a non-windy hollow area the archery range, we fell in with a father and son from the Eaton area and who have been doing the MLK hike for the last few years. The son Seth is a sixth-grader who runs cross country, and his cross country skills showed as he kept a very brisk pace, running up and down ravines and hopping over deadfall. In chatting with them I found that the father has some aspirations for backpacking, and we chatted about the Sheltopee Trace and the Appalachian Trail as the miles went quickly by. This for me is what the MLK Hike is about, meeting others who share an interest in hiking and enjoying the outdoors. After stopping for some delicious chili and cornbread and warming up a bit, we set out for the last leg of the hike, which seemed to fly by (must have been the company and conversation). After a change of clothes a few of us headed to 45 East for more grub and frosty beverages where we came across another MLK Day hiker from Lima who joined us for stories and fun.

My second experience at the MLK Day hike had surpassed my first, and I look forward to making this event an annual winter event until the hiking gods tell me to hang up my boots. I encourage fellow BTA members to come to southwestern Ohio for a day of camaraderie, warm food and cold winter hiking in the beauty of Hueston Woods.





# 2010 MLK Day Hike at Hueston Woods State Park

Pat Hayes

When I left for Hueston Woods State Park Lodge at 7:45 AM, it was 26° and there was fog and warnings of scattered black ice on the roads. This was not a good omen for the Annual Winter Hike around Acton Lake. I made it to the Lodge without mishap by around 8:00 am and was greeted by several hikers who had arrived before me to partake of the Lodge's buffet breakfast. I greeted folks I had not seen since last year's hike and was pleased to have hikers from as far away as Columbus and Cincinnati join our merry band. As 9:00 am neared, I herded the group into a tight knot in the Lodge's main lobby to explain the mechanics of the hike.

It was very gratifying to see 50 or more hikers show up for this annual event on the Monday commemorating the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This year's group of hikers spanned a wide age range. The youngest hiker was a girl about 8 who came with her mother, and there were older hikers as well. One man came with his younger son (son now age 52) and told about when they both ran here 40 years ago when they looped the lake until they ran a total of 50 miles. There was a group of a dozen or

more Boy Scouts and leaders from Troop 320 in Dayton, with full packs, getting in shape for a trip to Philmont Scout Ranch this summer.

As the hike progressed, the temperature only reached 32° and kept the trails from becoming muddy. We had an enjoyable 11.5 mile hike around Acton Lake and through the woods.

Mary Hayes once again provided transportation from the Park Office back to the Lodge for those hikers who chose to only hike part way around the lake. John Rethman and Mary and also set up the Buckeye Trail and American Discovery Trail displays and served lunch to the hikers as they came through. Many thanks to John for providing the bean soup and chili as well as the corn muffins. Thanks to Mary for the mint brownies, apples and drinks.

A special thank you goes to Park Manager Lonnie Snow for once again allowing us to use the kitchen facilities and dining area of the Park Office building.

For a day that started out rather iffy, weather wise, 50+ hikers made it a great success.

## Hikers Enjoy the Tradition, the Cold and the Reward of Annual Event

About 50 hikers of all ages embrace winter on Pat Hayes's Annual MLK Day Hike.





# State Trail Coordinator's Report

Rick Adamson, State Trail Coordinator

After a series of setbacks for the second half of 2009, I am once again prepared to do my best for the BTA and all those who keep it running. There are more than two dozen projects on my bulletin board *in addition* to all the Trail Work Parties throughout the coming season. There have been several meetings with people and groups in January already. Since the year 2000, the BTA membership has been on an even keel. With the hiring of Andrew Bashaw as Executive Director last year, the BTA is at a pivotal point in its history. The future operations of the BTA will have a widespread impact from the Board of Trustees to the Trail Crew members and all the devoted volunteers and trail adopters. The BTA, Trail Crew and all its trail volunteers and adopters will be on the move to keep pace with developments in the technology of the trail construction and maintenance business. The experienced Trail Crew of today needs to be preparing today's new volunteers for tomorrow's challenges. We need to bring new and younger volunteers into the ranks of the Trail Crew. If you have ever been on the Buckeye Trail, you've seen the gold thread that glimmers under the sun. The Buckeye Trail provides volunteers with an enormous amount of never-ending opportunities to improve the Trail in 49 counties in Ohio. Remember the past as a new day dawns for the Buckeye Trail.

Keep in mind the Buckeye Trail, unfortunately, is one of the best kept secrets. We need to change that and seriously advertise the existence of this Trail, the longest continuous hiking loop in North America (until we hear otherwise), consisting of over 1400 miles. Because of the work the Trail Crew does annually, it just grows longer each year. Ohio has a jewel in the Buckeye Trail that no other state in the union can come close to. The entire Trail is in place. We look for and take advantage of every opportunity to take the Trail to off-road locations. So YOU Section Supervisors

take a look to see if there is an opportunity to take a portion of the trail off-road in your sections and send me an email or call me with the location. I will meet with the property owners and/or managers to discuss the possibility of taking that segment off-road.

All Section Supervisors and their adopters need to report any work that needs to be done in their sections, as there are some weekends coming up where we can schedule work to be performed by our Trail Crew. There have been some pretty severe winds during the winter season, so undoubtedly there are many trees down across the Trail all around the state. PLEASE keep in mind to track your hours, including driving time to and from home, as this is very important when it comes to lobbying our representatives in Congress for needed funds for trail projects. The next inspection hike you take of your section—and it should be as soon as possible—should include a report to me on the Trail conditions, good and bad. I am certain there are many places where the Trail Crew is needed to keep the Trail in good hiking condition. Do not hike alone and enjoy the Trail while you record the conditions, taking note where the Trail Crew is needed. Do not feel bad that your segments are in need of work. The amount of work is daunting for one person at a time and very difficult to keep up with. However, with the Trail Crew involved, we CAN make a significant difference in a very short amount of time. Although the Trail Crew is all volunteers, I consider them to be very experienced professionals in the trail construction and repair business. They know how to construct and maintain trail and handle water problems. Some of them have attended trail-building classes sponsored by Subaru, the automaker. So please keep in mind to report any repair work that needs to be accomplished and any opportunities to take a segment off-road.

## Burton Section Advanced through Eagle Scout Project

Eagle Scout Candidate Chris Coggins and BSA Troop 197 from Burton built trail and a bridge through Burton Township property. The Buckeye Trail was relocated off a village street and onto the new trail. Thanks, Chris and crew!



# "Be Prepared" Saying Proved

John Rethman

The Boy Scout saying is "Be Prepared." I always felt prepared for a hike, until our last MAC trip. In the fall the MAC trip was to the Adirondacks in upstate New York. Several people wrote stories for the *Trailblazer*. It was a beautiful place to hike and visit. We had a lot of fun but not all parts of the hike were what you would call a walk in the park. Several areas were rugged and overgrown, and all were hilly, making one mile an hour our top speed. The biggest thing that was not mentioned was the number of accidents we had due to falls. We realized how ill-prepared we were for a minor injury and I hope we never have a major one.

The first fall came on our second day out. We were coming down Blue Mountain, our most strenuous day. The trail was steep, rough and overgrown in spots. The person in front of me went down hard but came up smiling, saying he was alright but he'd broken his trekking pole in half. Our third day was our worst, when one of our hikers went down and was not smiling when he got up. His pants were torn and bloody, and he had a large gash in his knee. He spent 30-60 minutes trying to get the bleeding stopped and the wound bandaged. We started hiking again but within 45 minutes we were stopping again to work on the wound. There is nothing worse than leaving a blood trail in bear country. That's when I became aware of how unprepared we were for even a small injury. Everyone had a few Band-Aids and antibiotic ointment, but no one in the group had a gauze pad to cover the wound. It was the first time I had carried sports tape, and that helped keep what bandages we had in place.

No one witnessed the third accident. At the end of the day when everyone arrived at our planned destination, one of our hikers had his elbow bandaged. When I asked what had happened he told us how he encountered a large bull moose, and in the struggle injured his elbow. No one believed his story but he did have pictures of a large bull moose.

Since this trip, *Backpacker* magazine published several articles on base camp skills. This included first aid for injuries such as wounds, animal and insect bites and gastrointestinal illness. This was the November 2009 issue (also available online at <http://www.backpacker.com>) and is a must-read for any backpacker, whether you're inexperienced -- or especially if you're seasoned. This article includes what to pack for a first aid kit for two people for weekend trip, and also for four on a weeklong hike.

From this list you can personalize your own list. I have now packed a new and improved first aid kit. I'm hoping we will never need any of those items, but is always better to be prepared.

## BTA Funds Report

### TRAIL PRESERVATION FUND

The Buckeye Trail Association and its partners in trail and land preservation have been presented with a timely opportunity. The Buckeye Trail Association Board of Trustees recently committed to purchase a 190-acre tract of land for the Trail. We need the support of the BTA to raise the remaining funds to close on the property! At stake is losing 3.5 miles of the Buckeye, North Country and American Discovery Trails. 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*.

The recently personal appeal to the Buckeye Trail members has increased the Trail Preservation Fund substantially. Thank you all! And keep up the good work. The following persons made donations

*Several people gave anonymously. Their names are not listed.*

Mathew Collins	Roy Fairfield
Don and Kathy Bashaw	Dorothy Ipavec
Mr. Burton Lang	Ken Bordwell
Jeff Yoest	Ellen Botnick
David Janosko	John and Kathy
Mark deSainme	Imboden
Bayard Liesch	Mary Baldwin
Friends of Preble Co. Park Dist.	Thomas Gilbert
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Rainardd Beer	Jim and Viv Runk
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Dorothy Pritchard	Mary E. Hamilton
Richard & Susan Schmidt	Robert B. McPherson
Harvey C. Hanna, Jr.	Jim Sprague
Holly Henry	

### OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2009 GENERAL FUND

Bob and Ruth Brown	Buckeye Trail Riders
Robert and Phyllis Buckwalder	Carroll County OHC
Garry Dill	Fred's Confections
Johson-Kazar Charitable	Bob Merkle
Foundation	Timothy O'Connor
Metron Parks Hiking Club	Bob & Connie Pond
FM Global matching	Karen Smith
gift from Dick Weigandt	

### BARN

### SCHOLARSHIP



# Partnership—BTA's 2010 Annual Meeting

Gather for the Buckeye Trail Association's 51 years at our Annual Meeting. We're celebrating Partnership—what makes all hiking trails the world over possible. The BTA has relationships with the National Park and National Forest Service, state and local parks, ODNR, OEP and property owners.

The Annual Meeting's setting is Geneva Hills Camp, outside Lancaster, with its trails on 350 wooded acres with lakes, natural springs and rock formations. See Geneva Hills's web site at [www.genevahills.com](http://www.genevahills.com). Geneva Hills has two lodges, two cottages and camping for trailers (no hook-ups) and tents. Covered wagons are available for lodging. There is a swimming pool and a lake for fishing and boating.

Geologist and writer Dale Gnidovec is our featured speaker. We'll also hear from BTA members Bob Pond and Russ Johnson telling of their adventures on the "Walk with the Ancients."

We'll feature our annual early-Saturday-morning bird hike, Saturday afternoon hikes, a trail maintenance workshop and the BTA silent auction. We'll be near Hocking Hills, Wahkeena Nature Preserve, BTA's just-purchased Pretty Run property, the Hocking Adena Bikeway and the Hocking Valley Scenic Railway out of Nelsonville.

## Buckeye Trail Association Awards and Recognition Nominations

I would like to nominate \_\_\_\_\_ for the following award (check one):

### AWARDS

**BOB PATON AWARD (Meritorious Service)**

Honors members who have contributed exceptionally meritorious services to the Association for at least fifteen (15) years. Such services may pertain to trail maintenance, trail utilization and/or administrative or management functions. Recipients must be living at the time of nomination.

**PRESIDENT'S AWARD (Volunteer of the Year)**

All active members of the Association are eligible for this award. The nominee shall have either shown exceptional commitment to an assignment(s), or have made some major contribution of special benefit to the Association during the past year. Nominees who would be eligible for a certificate of appreciation can be considered for the President's award.

**BILL MILLER AWARD (Conservation)**

Honors any person or group responsible for actions that have notably preserved or restored the natural ecology or beauty of a locality by the Trail, or have brought under control a major threat to utility of the Trail in some locality.

**SUPER STAR (Superior Service over Time)**

Awarded to person(s) who have exhibited superior service in appointed or volunteer tasks.

### RECOGNITIONS

**TRUSTEE EMERITUS (Board Members Only)**

This is the only recognition that is set aside for members of the Board of Trustees. The nominee should have accumulated at least (10) years as Board Member and must have demonstrated consistent commitment and continued service to the Board, the Association, and the Trail, through exceptional diligence at their assignments and at least one notable achievement to their credit.

**2000 KM**

For hiking the entire trail on foot and completed in the year 2009 for this year's award.

**CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**

This is presented to any individual, city, agency, business, or organization that has demonstrated exemplary cooperation and diligence to perpetuate and improve the Trail and Association, and must have helped in some significant way to aid the Association attain an important objective.

**STAR PERFORMANCE (Leadership Excellence)**

Presented to person(s) who have exhibited leadership in appointed or volunteer tasks.

Please write a brief statement of your reason for nominating this person or group. Include name, address and phone numbers and e-mail for both nominee and nominator.

**All nomination must be postmarked by May 21, 2010.**

**Send nominations to Mary Hamilton, [oldbag@wilkshire.net](mailto:oldbag@wilkshire.net), or 717 E. Third St., Dover, OH, 44622.**

# Buckeye Trail Association Annual Meeting Registration

June 11–13 2010, Geneva Hills Camp

See [www.buckeyetrail.org](http://www.buckeyetrail.org) for Online Registration



**All kinds of activities are available for your enjoyment:**

*Hiking* . . . 10 miles of trails at camp or surrounding Hocking and Fairfield counties

*Fishing and Canoeing* . . . Lakes on premises

*Swimming* . . . Swimming pool available

*Biking* . . . Nearby Hocking-Adena Bikeway—bike rental available

**Lodging in nearby Lancaster**

Hampton Inn 740-654-2999

Holiday Inn Express 740-654-4445

Shaws Restaurant and Inn 740-654-1842

Baymont Inn and Suites 740-654-5108

Henry Manor B&B 740-689-8589

**Directions**

Geneva Hills is located at  
1380 Valley Rd. S.E., Lancaster, Ohio.

*Directions to Geneva Hills:*

1) From Columbus take 33 east toward Logan, exit Tarkiln Rd., merge onto Old Logan Rd., right on Blue Valley Rd. SE, right at 1380 Blue Valley RD.

2) From Athens take 33 west toward Columbus, left at light on Sharp Rd, merge right onto Old Logan Rd, left onto Blue Valley RD SE, right at 1380 Blue Valley Rd.

3) From Zanesville take Rt. 37 toward Lancaster, right on E. Main St. in Lancaster, lf on S. Memorial Dr. (33 East), right at light on Tarkiln, Left onto Old Logan, Right onto Blue Valley, right at 1380 Blue Valley Rd.

Several options are available for your weekend's enjoyment.

**FLAT RATE: \$50 per person**

**Children 10 Years and Under: \$25**

**LODGE**

Dorm Style Bunks # \_\_\_\_\_

**COTTAGE**

1 – Max 8 people # \_\_\_\_\_

1 – Max 16 people # \_\_\_\_\_

**CAMPER**

No Hook-Ups # \_\_\_\_\_

**TENT CAMPING**

Primitive Sites # \_\_\_\_\_

**COVERED WAGON CAMPING**

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**DAY VISITORS**

# \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Deadline is May 31, 2010**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email (for notification of registration received) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people attending entire weekend TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people attending Saturday only TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks payable to: Buckeye Trail Association Inc.

Send Registration to:

Ruth Brown

PO Box 151

New Haven, OH 44850



# A Test of Skills, Rewarded with Views and A Good Time

John Rethman

2010's New Year's hike and campout was at Fort Hill. By coincidence the same day and same place, BTA member Darryl Smith had planned a hike with the Tri-State Hiking Club. Darryl's hike started at 11:00 and he had about a dozen hikers. My day started at 10:00 with a visit to the Fort Hill Museum. In my group were seven hikers, six of whom stayed overnight for the campout.

Fort Hill is the terminus for at least three glaciers. Different soil types were left behind that make for a beautiful spring hike. Many wildflowers and a few rare varieties flourish due to the different soils left behind in a small area. However, there is no bad time to hike here. We started up the hill on the Fort Trail. The soil up the hill is more acidic and supports different plants. The one that really stands out are the massive chestnut oaks.

On top of the hill are the ceremonial mounds or walls. Their purpose is unknown but many speculations have been made. From here we hiked down the hill to the Gorge Trail. One advantage to hiking in the winter is that there are no leaves on the trees blocking your view of the seven natural rock bridges and arches. The keyhole bridge is one of the largest and is very visible from the trail.

Several overhanging rocks make excellent viewing of Baker Fork and surrounding area, especially with the snow blowing and ice in the creek. It was in the teens that day, but we still worked up a sweat while hiking.

When we got back to the shelter where we were going to spend the night, Darryl and his group were long gone. We built our fire in an aboveground fire pit we had brought, as no ground fires are allowed. We put up tents, shared snacks, and started cooking dinner.

It was 13° when I went to bed and 6° when I woke up. We all had a great time hiking and camping.

Next Year come out and join me to try out your winter hiking and camping skills.

## Welcome New Members!

Bev and Jerry Starcher

Douglas and Laura Bell	Cleveland
Matthew Bird	Copley
Buckeye Trail Riders	Amsterdam
Joseph Byrne Family	Garrettsville
Steven Camden	Batavia
Daniel Clinker	Monroeville
Michael and Jennie Dollard	Brecksville
Matthew Edmonds	Fairview Park
Michael Finocharo	Cincinnati
Robert Geisler	Fort Myers, FL
Jeffrey and Barbara Gifford	Cleveland Hgts
Robert Glotzhober	Columbus
Mr. and Mrs. Taren Hillger	Painesville
Charles Hitt	Hamilton
Mack Holbrook	New Albany
Carri Jagger	Mount Gilead
Corky Johnson Family	Mentor
John Koch	Middleburg Hgts
Little Cities of the Forest	
NCT Chapter	Shawnee
Bruce Mericle	Doylestown
Matthew Moyer	Centerville
Joseph Owen Family	Cincinnati
Robert Pace	Cleveland
Geoffrey Polk	Lakewood
Rhonda Pool	Dayton
gift from Joe and Beth Johnson	
Michael Sheridan and Family	Plain City
Heide Sloan	Lancaster
Ron Sootsman	
Family	Battle Creek, MI
Jeffrey Taylor	Hiram
Carl Waggle Family	Uniontown
Peggy Zende	Wintersville

## Moved or Moving? Send the BTA Your Change of Address!!

The *Trailblazer* will NOT be forwarded to your new address  
AND the BTA incurs 70¢ charge for each  
undeliverable *Trailblazer*.

Mailing labels are printed 3 weeks before the *Trailblazers* are  
mailed, so send in your change of address right away!

*Buckeye Trail Association, Inc.,  
P.O. Box 254, Worthington, Ohio 43085*



# 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, rthington, 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



*One Environment...  
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Earth Share of Ohio is a great way to donate to the Buckeye Trail Association. ESO represents dozens of local, national and international groups working to preserve, protect and defend Ohio's and the world's environment. ESO's beneficiary organizations are some of the most respected and responsible environmental and conservation nonprofits in the country. You can designate your gift to ESO to benefit the BTA. There are two ways for you to do this:

- First is through your workplace giving program. More than 79 workplaces in Ohio now partner with ESO to offer their employees an environmental choice in their annual workplace giving campaign. Employees can check with their payroll offices or with ESO to determine if they have the option to contribute to ESO. If your workplace already partners with ESO, you'll just need to fill out a pledge form when your campaign runs! If your workplace does not have a giving program or does not include ESO in an existing one you can ask your employer to do so. ESO will help you.
- Secondly, you could give through your United Way Campaign. If your workplace offers a United Way giving drive and your local United Way includes ESO in its list of charities, you can select it from the list.

Using Earth Share Ohio is an easy method for giving to the BTA through payroll deductions.

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

## BRAMBLE #53

by Dana Zintek

1. G C R E G Y R O O S T E R  
G R O C E R Y S T O R E

2. L R U N L A D Y  
L A U N D R Y

3. M L E M O T  
M O T E L

**What did the BT map maker become among cartographers after he retired?**

A L E G E N D



**Winner: David McCahon of Chagrin Falls**

**There were 26 entries for Bramble #53**

**Buckeye Trail Association**

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# BRAMBLE #54

by Dana Zintek

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

For a chance to win the book  
*Mark of the Grizzly*  
by Scott McMillion

Send your answers to:  
Dana Zintek  
2369 Suncrest Drive  
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221

Answers must be postmarked by May 1, 2010.

1. Windy City?

**A X I E N**

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2. Reservoir Massillon

**I S L A M I N I**

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3. Laurens

**R O F T**

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4. W

**T R A W E**

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



Why did the bored gorp salesman  
build, maintain and hike the  
Buckeye Trail?

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□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □