

# Trailblazer



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## Take a Hike in Dayton

Karen Cisne

On Friday, October 25, 2013, officials from Five Rivers Metroparks, the City of Dayton, the Buckeye Trail Association and the North Country Trail Association gathered at Deeds Point Metropark (Troy Section, point 5) on the banks of the Great Miami River in Dayton, Ohio to celebrate the designation of Dayton as a “Trail Town.” Dayton Mayor Gary Leitzel’s announcement made it official: “Now, therefore, the city of Dayton does hereby proclaim that Dayton, Ohio is a Buckeye and North Country Trail Town and commends the Buckeye Trail Association for its work in developing and maintaining the Buckeye Trail. And furthermore, encourages all residents and visitors of Dayton to take a hike on the Buckeye and North Country Trail.”

Thus, Dayton became the second and largest city on the Buckeye and North Country Trail so designated. Brent Anslinger, Program Operations Manager for Five Rivers Metroparks, defined “trail town” for the audience. He said it is a community through which the Buckeye and North Country Trail passes that supports hikers with services, promotes the trail to its citizens, and embraces the trail as a resource to be protected and celebrated. Dayton City Commissioner Nan Whaley said Dayton was grateful and excited for the designation saying, “It’s not every day that Dayton is the largest community that is part of something that reaches 4,600 miles.” She added that Dayton is proud to add an urban flavor to the trail and to use the opportunity to highlight one of the city’s greatest amenities, the Great Miami River.



Brent Anslinger

Recognition of Trail Town Status – Mayor Gary Leitzel, BTA Executive Director Andrew Bashaw, and NCTA Director of Trail Development Andrea Ketchmark

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Brent Anslinger

Following the Blue Blazes Wherever They Go,  
Great Miami River Recreation Trail

## TAKE A HIKE IN DAYTON

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Until I attended the celebration, I was unaware of the strides my hometown has made in fostering a healthier urban and suburban lifestyle by providing and promoting trails for hiking and biking throughout the region. It is the combined effort of the City of Dayton, Five Rivers Metroparks, the Buckeye Trail Association and the North Country Trail Association. Their work put Dayton on both the Ohio trail map and the National trail map.

A section of the Buckeye Trail system runs through Taylorsville Dam Metropark (Troy Section, point 9) where I often walk with my young grandsons. It is located near Vandalia, just north of Dayton where I now live. Vandalia is designated the “Crossroads of America.” Lincoln’s old National Road crosses the old Dixie Highway in the center of Vandalia. When I drive on Rt. 40, the old National Road, I take pride in reflecting on its history.

Similarly, when I walk through Taylorsville Dam Metropark, I now appreciate

the fact that under my Nikes is a footpath that traverses 1440 miles of Ohio, thanks to the Buckeye Trail Association. Furthermore, thanks to the North Country Trail Association’s work with the BTA and other trail organizations to manage and maintain 4600 miles of trails in seven states, the more fit and adventurous can take a left on the same path in Dayton and hike to New York, or turn right and go clear to North Dakota! My hometown has earned its new title—Dayton is a “Trail Town!”



Brent Anslinger

Celebrating with the Wright Brothers, Deeds Metropark

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# News and Notes from the Board of Trustees

*Melissa Reed*

Buckeye Trail trustees and staff met for our annual end-of-summer business meeting on August 23-24. Unlike the three board meetings in Dublin – in March, June and December – the Annual Retreat extends over several days and includes overnight camping, sharing meals, getting to know each other better, and in some cases meeting and mingling with families of participants. We have frequent committee meetings throughout the year by telephone conference; at the Retreat we have them face-to-face. All of this happens at our beautifully refurbished Barn on Tappen Lake, about a 5-minute walk from the Buckeye Trail itself.

On Friday afternoon, the Budget, Finance and Long Range Planning Committee (BuFiLo) met in nearby Deersville to review budget requests for 2014. This work was done under the leadership of Vice President Connie Pond with assistance from Treasurer Debbie Zampini. The committee readied a provisional budget for consideration by the full board the next day. The budget is still provisional at this point and may be further amended in December when, as required by our bylaws, it is presented to the board for adoption.

On Saturday, we approved the minutes from the June meeting, reviewed financial reports which had been e-mailed previously to all board members, and discussed the proposed budget. Other reports followed, including one on moving the bats from the Barn to the many houses we've put up for them on the Barn grounds. Mark Henry will supervise a work party to eliminate entry points before the bats return for next year's season. Another item on the agenda dealt with a CafePress proposal. Darlene Karoly had suggested offering our t-shirts, cups and other items for sale through the CafePress web site. Following a discussion at the June meeting, we voted at the Retreat to begin using CafePress in addition to our existing on-line store. Darlene put together the CafePress listing, the link to which you can now access on our web site.

We saw the results of several recent appointments as we reviewed proofs of the first *Trailblazer* produced under Liz DeBraul's editorship. We were pleased to meet Barry Unger, our new AmeriCorps volunteer. During the coming year he will take over volunteer coordination, formerly under Garry Dill's direction.

The Trail Management Team (TMT) assembled to fill out the calendar for the remainder of this year and all of next year. We also set dates for board meetings and other events. You may consult the *Trailblazer* or the web site for the listings.

We finished up board business on Sunday morning. Richard Lutz, continuing in a third year with us as an AmeriCorps volunteer, reported on the trail corridor planning project he has undertaken to connect segments of the trail, increase the number of campsites, and generally improve the hiking experience.

Connie Pond reported that the second edition of *Follow the Blue Blazes* is on schedule and proposed a digital photo contest to create the illustrations for the book, with the announcement of winning entries to take place at next year's TrailFest. John Knouse updated us on plans for Buckeye TrailFest 2014, which will be held at Camp Akita the in Hocking Hills on April 24-27. Check out the camp's website, [campakita.org](http://campakita.org), for a virtual tour of the facility. Detailed information from John, including how to register, will be coming soon.

We adjourned in mid-morning, to reconvene at the next board meeting in Dublin on December 14.



# On the Trail

Andrew Bashaw

Margaret Mead once said, “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” That is precisely what happened in 1959 at the YMCA in Columbus, OH when a small group met to organize the Buckeye Trail and Buckeye Trail Association. Have we changed the world? Maybe not the whole world, even though our Buckeye Trail is arguably the longest loop trail in the world. But we have changed the world of many individuals. Imagine if that small group had not met and had not been so thoughtful or committed. Imagine if there were no Buckeye Trail wrapping itself around the state, connecting all the places we love together into one 1,444 mile personal experience. What a different world it would be for so many.

I am sure that the group who met at the YMCA over 50 years ago wished they could flip a switch to create the trail we have today. You know that it hasn't been that easy; it has been decades of hard work with many attempts and small successes that built upon each other. In 2003, Amy Anslinger, the Buckeye Trail's first female thru-hiker, clicked her heels to celebrate reaching Lake Erie before continuing south back to the Ohio River. Andy Niekamp clicked his heels on the BT as he returned to his home town of Dayton after his thru-hike.

Even though we are concerned every day with protecting our existing miles, encouraging more volunteers both on and off the trail, raising funds to cover expenses, promoting the existence and increased use of Ohio's BT, building the next off-road mile, and developing more camping options along the trail, we have many large and small successes to celebrate. Now is a great time to look back over the last year, and 50 years, to celebrate what we have accomplished.

One success that might go otherwise unnoticed is membership. We had been experiencing a slow decline until about three years ago. Over the last three years we have gained nearly 200 members to bring us to a record membership level. Now that is something to click your heels about! Our success here is not measured by the amount of money that membership brings in but in the number of people involved in our activities, the number of families that support the mission of the BTA, and the amount they share their love for who we are and what we do.

Within this *Trailblazer* magazine you will find many reasons to take a moment and celebrate. Stopping to celebrate is not something we are known for. More often than not we are more focused on what is to come than what has just happened. We think about how we will recruit our next 1,000 members and increase turnout for next year's Winter Hikes, Buckeye Trail Crew Work Parties, Buckeye TrailFest and EGGs Hike. How will we raise more funds for next year's staff time, shelter construction, and land protection?

While we steadily deal with those challenges . . . what could we report back to that small group who met at the YMCA in 1959?



Brent Anslinger

Amy Anslinger celebrates reaching the Lake Erie shore at Headlands Beach State Park at the halfway point of her BT thru-hike.

Dayton has embraced the BT by becoming an official Buckeye Trail Town, with a few more towns now expressing interest. The AEP ReCreation Lands portion of the BT has been completed and recognized by AEP with a contribution for trail equipment. Our participation with the Columbus Foundation is yielding results in fundraising. The grandeur of Lockington Locks is being restored thanks to our partners at the Ohio Historical Society. Interest in hiking on the BT is becoming more popular and the stories more widely shared thanks to Facebook, blogs, and a new trail book. The Miami Rivers Chapter of the BTA continues to grow, encouraging folks to get out on the trail to hike and volunteer.

There is so much more to celebrate, and I won't lie to you, there are many challenges today and in the future. However, our continued success makes the challenges worth overcoming. From a great day hike to a great trail project completed, what do you think is worth celebrating this season? What would you share with that small group back at the YMCA, and how will you take a moment to celebrate the Buckeye Trail this season?

Might I suggest heading out to your favorite destination along the Buckeye Trail for an invigorating hike with a friend and a thermos of your chosen hot drink to toast the BT? Be sure to put the hot drink down before you click your heels on the BT, and don't forget to send us a picture!

Here's to you, on the trail,  
Executive Director

Buckeye Trail Association

# Winter Activities

Barry Unger

Winter is here and many of us opt to spend it under a warm blanket, drinking cocoa and eating gooey comfort foods. Trust me, I am with you, but winter is also my favorite time of year to get out and hike!

Around my house, winter hobbies and crafts help get us through until spring and many of these we incorporate into being on trail! I am sure that everyone has made at least one pinecone birdfeeder in their life, but if it was too long ago to remember the process, here is a quick rundown. On your next hike find yourself a nice pine tree. I like to use the white pine cones as they offer enough size to make a nice feeder. Collect a few cones from the ground and take them home. Let the cones dry out for a few days, or place them under a warm light to speed up the process. Once

the cones are opened up and dry, tie a string around the stem of the cone, smear peanut butter all over it and roll the pine cone in some bird seed. You just created a great high energy snack for our winter residents!

Nothing makes me happier than waking up and seeing a fresh coat of bright white snow on the ground. I love seeing the contrast of the red of the cardinals on the snowy white background and seeing what patterns the winter ice has created on the hard-scapes in my yard. This is a great time to take a morning hike to check out some animal tracks! Simple track guides can be ordered online or borrowed from your local library. Until then, let me offer you a few basic tracks to get you started.



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Hopping

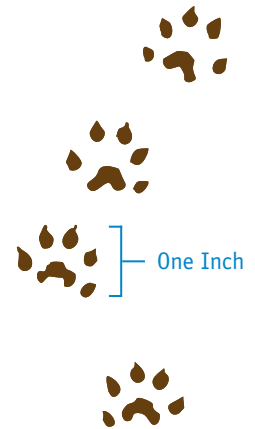


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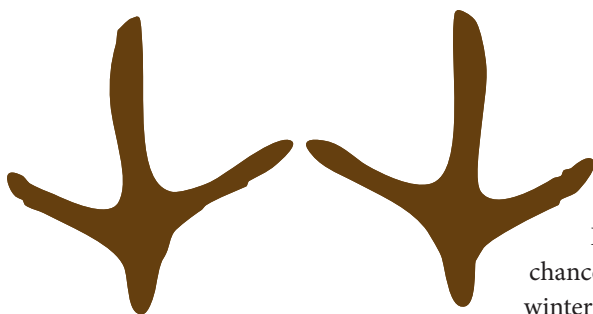
**Cottontail Rabbit**



**Grey Squirrel**



**Mink**



**Turkey**

Lastly, winter night hikes are another favorite activity of ours! The moonlight on the snow gives you ample light to see in the woods at night. From December on is breeding season for some of our owls. You will have a good chance of hearing Ohio's Barred and Great Horned Owls calling for mates on an evening winter hike. Take another trip to your local library or book store and pick up some star gazing supplies! Winter nights are perfect for winter astronomy and telling friends and family members tales about the constellations.

I hope you try these winter activities and take the time to discover some of your own! Don't forget to take a camera with you on your winter adventures; you may snap the winning picture for our "For the Love of the Buckeye Trail" photo contest.

# Schedule of Hikes & Events



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

## DECEMBER

### December 14, 2013

**BTA Board Meeting, Location: Command Alkon in Columbus, 10:00AM.**

Contact: Melissa Reed, president@buckeyetrail.org

## JANUARY

### January 4, 2014

**BTA Winter Camp Out, Burr Oak State Park Group Campground near Boat Dock 3.** From SR78 on the east side of Burr Oak Lake, take C-14 (Mountville Rd.) west toward the lake and the group campground.

Meals: Bring your own food and water.

Contact: Byron Guy, oldmanscave@buckeyetrail.org

### January 20, 2014

**Winter Hike at Hueston Woods, Oxford, OH**

Contact: Trail Management Team, stc@buckeyetrail.org

## FEBRUARY

### February 8, 2014

**Winter Hike at Burr Oak State Park, New Straitsville Section**

Contact: Trail Management Team, stc@buckeyetrail.org

## MARCH

### March 1, 2014

**BTA Board Meeting, Location: Command Alkon in Columbus, 10:00AM.**

Contact: Melissa Reed, president@buckeyetrail.org

### March 22-24, 2014

**BTA Barn 3-Day Work Weekend, BTA Barn at Tappan Lake, Bowerston Section.**

Description: Work party to help bat-proof the Century Barn. Start work at 8:30AM and quit at 3:30PM. Tools supplied by the BTA.

Camping: On grounds of BTA Barn at Tappan Lake. Bring tent or camper.

Meals: Provided by BTA Barn kitchen. Contact Mary Hamilton, hamilton3310@roadrunner.com, for FREE meal reservations.

Contact: Trail Management Team, stc@buckeyetrail.org

### March 23, 2014

**Mentor Marsh Nature Center Cleanup Day, Bedford Section. Mentor Marsh Nature Center, 5185 Corduroy Rd, Mentor, OH 44060.**

Description: Spruce up the Buckeye Trail and Zimmerman Trail through the nature preserve, part of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History and State of Ohio Division of Natural Areas and Preserves. Becky Donaldson, naturalist at the Mentor Marsh will provide a learning experience. Fun for all ages. Bring water, snack, and work gloves.

Contact: 440-257-0777 or rdonalds@cmnh.org to reserve a spot. BTA contact is Deb Zampini, half-marathoner@hotmail.com.

## APRIL

### April 12-13, 2014

**BTA Work Party, Scioto Trail State Forest, Scioto Trail Section.**

Description: Finish reestablishing trail in logged-out area between hikers' culvert under US 35 and Hang Glide Hill (points 12 & 13 of 2010 section map), install culvert on the trail in the State Forest, and if time permits, work on trail at the Blue Lick/Tar Hollow clear cut area. Port-a-John will be provided. Saturday: Work will start at 8:00AM and quit at 3:00PM. Sunday: Work will start at 8:00AM and quit at Noon.

Camping: Camping will be at abandoned airstrip in Scioto Trail State Forest.

Meals: Bring your own food and water  
Contact: Trail Management Team, stc@buckeyetrail.org

### April 21-23, 2014

**BTA Trailfest Lead-in Hike**

Description: Visit the BTA Trailfest website, [www.buckeyetrailfest.org](http://www.buckeyetrailfest.org), for complete details.

### April 24-27, 2014

**BTA Trailfest, Camp Akita in the Hocking Hills**

Description: Visit the BTA Trailfest website, [www.buckeyetrailfest.org](http://www.buckeyetrailfest.org), for complete details.

## MAY

### May 3-4, 2014

**BTA Work Party, Pike Lake State Park/Forest, Scioto Trail Section.**

Description: Work party at Pike Lake State Park & Forest. Saturday: Work will start at 8:00AM Saturday and quit at 3:00PM. Sunday: Work will start at 8:00AM and quit at Noon.

Camping: TBD

Meals: Bring your own food and water  
Contact: Trail Management Team, stc@buckeyetrail.org

### May 17-21, 2014

**BTA Work Week, Wayne National Forest, Road Fork Section.**

Description: Work party to clear downed trees and foliage growth from the BT/NCT trail in the Wayne National Forest in Monroe and Washington Counties. Work will be between points 21 and 31 of the 2011 Road Fork map, for about 17.3 off-road miles. Saturday: Work will start at 8:00AM and quit at 3:00PM.

Camping: Haight Run Campground on T407 near SR 26 and Tice Run Rd. Shower will be available.

Meals: Bring your own food and water  
Contact: Trail Management Team, stc@buckeyetrail.org

## 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.

## Chuckwagon Reservations

For meal reservations for the chuckwagon at work parties (where available), contact Chuck Wagon Master, Jay Holwick at:

holwick@columbus.rr.com  
740-743-3813

## May 31–June 1, 2014

### BTA Work Party, Pretty Run, Old Mans Cave Section.

Description: Trail maintenance at Pretty Run Preserve in Vinton Co. Saturday: Work will start at 8:00AM and quit at 3:00PM. Sunday: Work will start at 8:00AM and quit at Noon. Bring work gloves, boots, and a weed whacker if you have one.

Camping: BTA Pretty Run property.

Meals: Bring your own food and water.

Contact: Trail Management Team, stc@buckeyetrail.org

## J U N E

## June 7–8, 2014

### National Trails Day Work Weekend, Wildcat Hollow, New Straitsville Section.

Description: Help prep the trail for the June 2014 Emma “Grandma” Gatewood Solstice Hike. Maintenance work along Wildcat Hollow Trail and trail system around lake in Burr Oak State Park. Celebrate National Trails Day along one of Ohio’s longest backpacking destinations! Saturday: Meet at Wildcat Hollow Trailhead at 9:00AM and quit at 4:00PM. Sunday: Work will start at 9:00AM and quit at 1:00PM.

Camping: Group Campground near Boat Dock 3, Point 7 on Section Map.

Meals: Bring your own food and water.

Contact: Trail Management Team, stc@buckeyetrail.org

## June 7–11, 2014

### BTA Work Week, AEP ReCreation Land, Belle Valley/Stockport Section. \*BTA Chuck Wagon Event\*

Description: Trail maintenance work (mowing, weed whacking, pruning, blazing, etc) and some trail rerouting. Come out and join the crew as we improve the BT in American Electric Power’s 60,000-acre reclamation project known as ReCreation Land. Work will start at 8:00AM and quit at 3:00PM each day.

Camping: Campground A, Hook Lake. There will be room for small pop-up campers and tents. Pit toilets and drinking water available there, but NO hookups. Portable shower will be available.

Meals: Contact Jay Holwick, holwick@columbus.rr.com by June 4 for FREE meal reservation for first 20 volunteers.

Contact: Trail Management Team, stc@buckeyetrail.org

## June 8, 2014

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## June 14, 2014

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## June 20–22, 2014

### EGGS Hike (Emma Grandma Gatewood Solstice Hike), Wildcat Hollow & Burr Oak State Park, New Straitsville Section

Description: Visit the EGGS Hike website, www.buckeyetrail.org/eggs.html, for complete details.

## June 28–July 2, 2014

### BTA Work Week, Edge of Appalachia, West Union Section. \*BTA Chuck Wagon Event\*

Description: Continue building new trail in the Nature Conservancy’s Edge of Appalachia Nature Preserve as part of a long-term project to build 10-15 miles of off road trail. Work will start at 8:00AM and quit at 3:00PM each day.

Camping: Camping near the maintenance building on Waggoner Riffle Rd. Portable shower will be available.

Meals: Contact Jay Holwick, holwick@columbus.rr.com by June 24 for FREE meal reservation for first 20 volunteers.

Contact: Trail Management Team, stc@buckeyetrail.org

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# Amazing Environmental Partner . . . a Coal Company?

Andrew Bashaw

We don't take the time to celebrate our own accomplishments. Often times we are too focused on completing our next great trail project or event. However, during the first days of fall we stopped and celebrated over 15 years of hard work at the AEP ReCreation Lands (Point 27 in Belle Valley Section through Point 7 in Stockport Section) with a weekend of hiking and celebration to enjoy the trail that BTA volunteers have invested so much effort into creating and maintaining.

BTA members have asked for more backpacking opportunities along the Buckeye Trail, and these 26 miles are the result of a 15-year partnership with American Electric Power. When the name AEP is mentioned, some may think first of their electric bill, but when BTA members hear AEP, they think of environmental restoration. The ReCreation Lands cover thousands of acres in eastern Ohio, which contain hundreds of peaceful ponds teaming with wildlife and sweeping vistas of reclaimed strip mine land where the Big Muskie bucket once scraped the earth clear. It is also the home of one of the Buckeye Trail's longest off-road segments.

We also think of AEP the Partner. Driving through Columbus, you can see the name AEP stamped on a skyscraper. What the BTA knows of AEP is the great partnership we have with Mike Williams, Supervisor of Forestry and Recreation, his predecessor Dean Berry, and David Dingey from AEP's local McConnelsville office. The small staff in McConnelsville has bent over backwards for the Buckeye Trail for many years to help us realize our vision. Over time, our vision also became their vision. Recently, Mike Williams announced a \$3,000 grant to the BTA for much-needed trail building and maintenance equipment.



C.W. Spencer

One of nearly 350 lakes and ponds in ReCreation area.



C.W. Spencer

First day's hike in Belle Valley section.

During our fall celebration we hiked all 26 miles of trail that we have built through the ReCreation Land. It felt good when I realized that most of the hikers signed up for this trip had previously volunteered to build this segment of the BT, and for many of them it was the first time they gave themselves "time off" to go hike it without a trail building tool in one hand. The hike began with sunshine, but storms loomed on the horizon. Those storms held off until the start of the hike first thing Saturday morning and continued until the last hiker was in for the day. The rain didn't seem to dampen spirits much, and the campfire, an unusual treat for backpackers, didn't hurt either. Over well-maintained trail, through purple asters, under the canopy of early fall, past waterfalls and ponds, along ridge tops and rocky stream bottoms our backpackers returned on Sunday . . . talking about moving more BT off road in each direction toward Belle Valley and Stockport.

The group enjoyed the hike so much that there was talk of creating an annual Fall Hike through the entire AEP ReCreation Land portion of the Buckeye Trail, perhaps a few weeks later in the season for even better scenery and fall foliage. Interested? Now that the trail is completed, we need hikers to hike it, help to promote it to others, and more volunteers to adopt a portion of these 26 miles to keep it open for all to enjoy. If you are interested in a weekend backpacking trip, grab the Stockport and Belle Valley Section Maps. If you are interested becoming a much-needed Buckeye Trail Adopter in Morgan and Noble Counties, contact Section Supervisors Herb and Susie Hulls at [53hulls14@windstream.net](mailto:53hulls14@windstream.net).



# Meet Your Volunteer . . . Ryan Lawrence

Deb Zampini

## GET TO KNOW PEOPLE WHO HELP TO KEEP THE BUCKEYE TRAIL GOING

*Here at the Buckeye Trail Association we love our volunteers. Without you, we would not have a great trail to hike. It takes a lot of work to build, maintain, and promote the trail. Volunteers work on the trail, organize events, attend shows, give talks, organize work parties, find other volunteers, serve on the Board or Staff, and write articles for the Trailblazer. The list is endless. Thank you for all of your hard work.*

Ryan “Lawdog” Lawrence has been a member and volunteer since August 2011. He is the Belle Valley Section Supervisor. He said, “I love being outside and witnessing the natural wonders all around me, whether it be an eagle soaring above me or a chipmunk gathering below me. The Buckeye Trail allows me to escape the hustle of everyday life and inject myself into the awesome wilderness we Ohioans have in our own backyard! I want to continue this awesome experience for others to enjoy and give back a little of what the trail gives me!”

On membership in the BTA, “I want to be in a group that instills a positive influence into the community and helps spread the knowledge of hiking to people who don’t realize they can have a great hike within minutes of their home.” While his work schedule doesn’t allow time to make it to many organized events, he hopes that will change soon.

Ryan likes hiking, camping, fishing, and other outdoor activities, including photography.

On the Buckeye Trail, Ryan has hiked in the Belle Valley Section near his home in West Lafayette and in Cuyahoga NP. He has also hiked in a number of other National Parks, including Old Rag Mountain in Shenandoah NP, Rocky Mountain NP, Sequoia NP, and Half Dome in Yosemite NP.



Frog Pond at Red Hill Farm, Point 1 Belle Valley Section.

*Meet the Volunteer will be an occasional feature. If you would like to participate, contact Debbie Zampini at [half-marathoner@hotmail.com](mailto:half-marathoner@hotmail.com).*

## 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 generated 3 weeks before the *Trailblazers* are mailed, so send in your change of address right away!

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# For the Love of Ohio's Buckeye Trail!

Andrew Bashaw

**IS "FOR THE LOVE OF OHIO'S BUCKEYE TRAIL" AN END OF THE YEAR BTA APPEAL, A BT PHOTO CONTEST, OR A BTA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE? THE ANSWER IS YES!**

As a BTA member you have received a letter in the mail describing an opportunity to help the BTA start 2014 off on the right foot. The success of the BT and the BTA over more than 50 years has been due the involvement of volunteers and members like you. We are offering an opportunity for you to engage in what we are doing no matter what your available time or level of income. We hope you spend just a moment to make a contribution, submit a photo, renew, or share the gift of membership.

There is still time for you to help us achieve our year-end goal to raise \$20,000. You know that we depend on ourselves to build, maintain, protect and promote the Buckeye Trail. You also understand that we invest time, energy and finances into our mission and we do it on our own. We are proud to be Ohio's State Trail, but that does not come with base funding from any agency. Take a moment to return that envelope before the end of the year or visit [www.buckeyetrail.org/forthelove.html](http://www.buckeyetrail.org/forthelove.html) to donate online.

The story of the Buckeye Trail is inspiring: a 1,400 mile trail developed by volunteers over 50 years that continues to improve and grow. It is a trail that knits Lake Erie to the Ohio River, connecting all of those places and experiences that we love. If a picture is worth a thousand words, we could use your pictures (and video!) to help tell that story. There are some great prizes for winners of each category in the photo contest as well as the chance to have your image celebrated in BTA materials, including the forthcoming 2nd edition of *Follow the Blue Blazes* being written by Bob and Connie Pond.

Check out the rules, categories, and prizes for the contest at [www.buckeyetrail.org](http://www.buckeyetrail.org). Find the contest on Facebook and watch as others submit their entries at [www.facebook.com/buckeyetrail](http://www.facebook.com/buckeyetrail). Want to see your photo in the upcoming 2nd Edition of the book *Follow the Blue Blazes*? The contest starts now! Winners will be chosen at Buckeye TrailFest in the Hocking Hills, April 24-27, 2014.



**FOR THE  
LOVE  
OF THE  
BT  
PHOTO  
CONTEST!**

While your photos can be from anywhere along the Buckeye Trail, Bob Pond has provided a big hint on which quality photos are needed specifically for *Follow the Blue Blazes* . . . here are the hikes to be highlighted:

Fort Hill State Memorial  
Davis Memorial Nature Preserve  
Hocking Hills  
Old Man's Cave and Cedar Falls  
Pike Lake State Park and Pike State Forest  
Tar Hollow State Forest  
Scioto Trail State Forest  
Shawnee State Forest  
East Fork State Park  
Eden Park  
Fort Ancient State Memorial  
Glen Helen Nature Preserve  
Clifton Gorge State Nature Preserve  
Eastwood MetroPark  
Oak Openings Metropark  
Sandusky County's Wolf Creek Metropark  
Findley State Park

Hinkley Reservation  
Brecksville Reservation  
Chapin Forest  
Mentor Marsh to Headlands Beach State Park and Lighthouse  
Mogadore Reservoir  
Quail Hollow State Park  
The Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath from Ft. Laurens to Zoar as well as Canal Fulton  
The Maumee River and Miami & Erie Canal Towpath from Defiance's Pontiac Park to Independence Dam  
Johnston Farm & Indian Agency  
Lockington Locks and the canal towpath near St. Mary's  
Clendenning Lake  
Salt Fork State Park  
AEP ReCreation Land  
Scenic River Trail on the Marietta Unit of the Wayne National Forest  
The town of Ripley



Please share your love of the Buckeye Trail with others this holiday season by giving the gift of membership to someone you know who loves the outdoors, volunteering, walks through the woods, and being part of one of Ohio's greatest ideas. One of our greatest unseen accomplishments in 2013 was growing our organization to a record 1020+ memberships! Will we stop there or continue to grow? It is up to you. BTA memberships are currently \$20, and rates will be modestly increasing in 2014 for the first time in a decade.

You know what the true value of a BTA membership really is. Yes, you get discounts at the Buckeye Trail Shop and BTA events such as Buckeye TrailFest. Yes, you are informed of and invited to engage in great volunteer activities that build and improve the trail around the state. Yes, you are invited to organized hikes and outings to enjoy the company of like-minded folks. But, the most important value for many of us is being a part of the vision of Ohio's 1,400 mile State Trail with many others. Take advantage of this special offer now!

## Supporting Other Trails—the Bruce Trail Conservancy

*Deb Zampini*

At the end of September, I visited my friend Trudy Senesi in Ontario, Canada. Trudy is a member of the Niagara Club, one of nine clubs in the Bruce Trail Conservancy. The Niagara Club, which spans Queenston-Grimsby at the southern end of the trail, celebrated its 50th year this year, and I attended their annual meeting and conference.

Trudy came to the 2013 Buckeye TrailFest as a guest speaker to tell us about the Bruce Trail, the oldest and longest continuous footpath in Canada. The Bruce Trail runs along the Niagara Escarpment from the Niagara River north to Tobermory on Georgian Bay in Lake Huron. The trail is 885 km (549 miles) long, with 400 km (248 miles) of side trail. Like other trails we know and love, the Bruce Trail traverses farms, recreation areas, scenic views, wetlands, streams, rolling hills, wildlife habitats, historic sites, villages, towns, and cities.

The idea of a public footpath along the entire Niagara Escarpment was conceived in 1960. By 1963 Regional Clubs had been established, with each responsible for organization, landowner approvals, construction, and maintenance in their area. During Canada's Centennial Year in 1967, the sign at the northern terminus of the Bruce Trail in Tobermory was unveiled. After seven years of determination, support, vision, and hard work, the Bruce Trail was officially open.

To bring unity between trails, we all must appreciate and understand the work it takes to have a vision and then to make it come true. When you learn about the workings of other trails, borders make no difference, and the highs and lows are the same. We all need more volunteers, more money, more support, more members, and most of all, we need to support one another. For this year's Niagara Club 50th anniversary celebration, I donated a gift basket filled with goodies from the Buckeye Trail Association and North Country Trail Association for their silent auction. I was told the winner of the basket was thrilled and eager to read about both trails, and looked forward to hiking them.

*For more information on The Bruce Trail Conservancy, contact [www.brucetrail.org](http://www.brucetrail.org), or write to P.O. Box 857, Hamilton, ON L8N 3N9, telephone 905-529-6821 or email [info@brucetrail.org](mailto:info@brucetrail.org).*



Buckeye Trail/North Country Trail gift basket donated to Niagara Club silent auction.

*Deb Zampini*



# A Series of Remarkable Experiences and Other ~~Hiking~~ Life Lessons

Barb Crompton (*Bue Blaze Bugsie*)

Today's walk was loaded with nature observations, the color changes and the new, to me, fall jewels hanging from the bushes and trees in the area. I took my bike out to the end of the hike, which was at the Gates Mills Horticultural Center (GMHC) on County Line Road (Bedford Section, point 21). A real challenge for me when hiking the Buckeye Trail is finding suitable places to park/hide my bike or car. It doesn't always work out perfectly for both on or near the trail and I have found myself walking anywhere from several hundred feet up to a mile to achieve this. Once I do locate a good spot I then play the game of, "gee, where will the BT pop out here?" While getting permission from GMHC to park my bike on the property, I asked them the same question. In a few cases no one has even heard of the BT; today they knew of the trail but did not think it came onto the property. I told them I'd let them know on my way back.

After locking my bike to a tree I drove off to the historic village of Gates Mills. Honoring a promise to myself to spend a few minutes in the historic town, I started my little tour at the Village Arboretum, identified by its custom-made black shield-like marker. It appeared, to my untrained eye, that nothing was going on in there, though I now understand its purpose is to showcase native plants and trees, and that everything had passed out of season. During my walk through the arboretum it began to rain. Donning my sturdy rain poncho, I hung out a few minutes more then wandered into town to take photos of the historic buildings and details of a fascinating old footbridge.

Satisfying my curiosity, I made my way up Chagrin River Road where I entertained myself photographing plants I had never seen before. On one bush, delicate little teardrop-shaped leaves blew



Berries on a Dogwood Tree

Barb Crompton

in the breeze, glistening like jewels from the rain drops on them. Another bush had huge dimpled red berries and the starburst-shaped berries on a third bush were fascinating as well. These were marvelous Fall Jewels!

A short walk up Wilson Mills Road (point 18) took me into the North Chagrin Reservation where the Buckeye Trail takes the long way around, which, in addition to steep climbing paths, gave me plenty of opportunity to enjoy the quietness of the reservation and its various trails. After leaving the reservation, the rest of the hike was all roads with more long steep climbs. During the last mile or so, the rain stopped and I happily stuck my poncho into my pack, knowing I wouldn't have to wear it for the bike ride back. Following the blazes up the road I could see that the folks at the GMHC were correct—as the BT took a sharp left turn up Brooklane Road and on into Geauga County, I had a only quarter mile hike up County Line Road to get to my bike. At least I know where to park for my next hike!

A nice thing to remember as you set out on a hike, Lesson #21: What goes up, must come down (it's the law!). I have learned that steep climbs on the way out usually mean downhill runs on the way back. If you get a chance to check out the terrain prior to car or bike placement, it could mean the difference between a long haul back when you're already tired or a thrilling ride! Today was an exhilarating race back down through the valley. Coasting along at 35 mph on my bike brought me flying back into Gates Mills in 37 minutes. What a way to end yet another great adventure on the Buckeye Trail!



Barb Crompton

Seed Pods

# Restoration at Lockington Gets Underway

*Preston Bartlett with Neal Brady*

Sounds of bustling workers and equipment can once again be heard at Lock 1 in Lockington, Ohio—for the first time in more than 100 years on this part of the Miami and Erie Canal. The Spieker Company of Perrysburg, experienced in historical restoration, has been hired to restore Lock 1 South, which is at Point 1 on the St. Marys Section of the Buckeye Trail. Over the past 25 years the wood foundation of the lock began to deteriorate from exposure to air and weather. Unable to support the weight of the stone lock, the lock chamber walls began leaning inward. Efforts to stabilize the walls were made by installing wood framing between the walls.

The restoration project entailed removing each lock stone one at a time, then numbering, cataloging and storing them. This was necessary so that when the lock is rebuilt each stone can be placed back into its original position as it was when the lock was first constructed in 1844. Once all stones have been removed, the wood foundation will be replaced with a concrete base. More than 1,000 lock stones weighing up to 5,000 pounds each were lifted and moved to nearby storage.

With the lock stones and timber foundation removed, insight was gained into how the lock was constructed to withstand the forces of time. The lock stones were originally laid and mortared into a stone support wall. Larger keystone blocks were placed five to seven feet apart, providing additional connection into the support wall. This double-walled construction made the wall eight to ten feet wide. Additional strength came from numerous iron bars interwoven into the wall. Prior to this excavation, it was believed that the area behind the lock wall held a conglomeration of rubble and loose fill material. What a surprise to find that the original lock construction involved higher levels of work and material than was previously thought! The original foundation for Lock 1 South consisted of oak timbers that were up to 16 inch by 16 inch wide and up to 35 foot in length. When taken out during the current restoration process, most of the oak timbers were solid but some had deteriorated where exposed to air and water.

As of October 22, the stones are being re-assembled on the poured concrete foundation with a projected completion date of May 2014. The project is being administered through the Ohio Historical Society, the Johnston Farm and Indian Agency, and the Ohio Department of Transportation.



Removing oak timbers from original lock, with salvaged lock stones organized in the background.



Forms for pouring concrete to create a strong foundation for rebuilding the lock.



# Opportunities Abound!

Barry Unger, BTA Americorps Member

I can admit that when I first discovered the Buckeye Trail, I did not give much thought to what happened to make the trail I was hiking possible. I knew someone built it, but that was it, and I was happy with that amount of knowledge.

It was later when I found out that this trail I enjoy is here because volunteers took time from their lives to scout a location in the woods for the perfect trail. Prior to this knowledge I would have never imagined dedicated volunteers walking these scouted trail locations so they could take clinometer readings every 50 feet or so, to make sure the trails grade was acceptable to hike. I would learn the maps I used were there because someone took the time to lay the trail out on paper, and write about hazards or points of interest for me. It was even later when I learned that there were accountants, lawyers, graphic designers, board members, committees and a whole host of people who, for nothing more than the love of the trail, were also the reason the trail I was hiking existed. And it was not until recently that I learned of the nighttime phone conferences, scheduled around family dinners and children's bedtimes. It was then that I realized the magnitude of the love and dedication that truly goes into a creating and maintaining a volunteer-based statewide trail.

I have been fortunate to work with many volunteers over the past 6 or 7 years through several different organizations, and I am again fortunate to be working with such a large and diverse family of volunteers within the BTA!

Some of the projects I am working on are geared towards trying to come up with ways to make volunteering for the BTA an even better experience. We have been making additions to the website and I am currently working on a "Volunteer Trailhead" webpage, which would be a "one-stop shop" of information for our volunteers. We developed an online application for positions within the BTA and we will be advertising those positions in the *Trailblazer*. I have received some great feedback and suggestions from our Section Supervisors about ways to improve their experience, so what about you? I would like to hear input from our volunteers—how can we do things better for you?

The BTA has many committees, board opportunities, and volunteer positions both on trail and off. But we realize that not everyone fits a specific job title. Our members are as diverse as our trail, and you are all as responsible for the trail's existence as anyone else. It is for this reason that I would like to hear from each of you. Do you have a cool idea for an event in your area? What kind of skills do you have that you can offer? Do you have a hobby that could benefit the Buckeye Trail? I want to help you discover what you can do for the love of the Buckeye Trail!

**GET HIKING, GET DIRTY,  
GET INVOLVED, GET CONNECTED.**

**JOIN THE TEAM TODAY!**

When you think of volunteering with the BTA the first thought that may come to mind is physically working on trail. Though that is what many BTA volunteers do for us, there are also many positions within the organization that do not require a mattock! The BTA has a few volunteer opportunities that we would like to highlight to our members in the following departments. Apply online until midnight February 28th, 2014.

## CURRENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE BTA:

### BTA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Five seats on the BTA Board of Trustees will be filled by candidates at the BTA Annual Meeting held during Buckeye TrailFest on April 24-27. Do you have a passion for the BTA and a skill to offer the BTA's development? Our nonprofit organization is always in need of those with a passion for hiking and volunteerism, but marketing, accounting, investment, partnership, membership, advocacy and the willingness to learn are also needed. We have an actively engaged Board that works very hard. They meet five times a year: three times in Columbus, once at the BTA Barn on Tappan Lake for an annual retreat, and for the election of officers during Buckeye TrailFest. You may nominate yourself or someone else by February 1st so that we may present the candidates in the next issue of the *Trailblazer*. Please send nominations to Jeff Yoenst at [jeffyoest@columbus.rr.com](mailto:jeffyoest@columbus.rr.com) by February 1st, 2014.

### AKRON AND SINKING SPRINGS SECTION SUPERVISORS

Have you ever considered having an entire BT Section to steward? Do you like working with others on ambitious projects? Are you a good communicator?

Do you love Serpent Mound, Strait Creek Prairie Bluffs Nature Preserve, Fort Hill, Pike State Forest, and Pike Lake State Park? Do you have what it takes to help develop the Sinking Spring Section of the Buckeye Trail? If so, Jim Runk is ready to train and assist you!

Perhaps you prefer Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Brecksville Reservation, Deer Lick Cave, the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath, Akron and Canal Fulton. If you think you have what it takes to be the BTA's Akron Section Supervisor then Jim Sprague is ready to train and assist you!







### SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR

Social media is something that most of us use on a daily basis, but few of us really know how to utilize it to benefit events and organizations. We are looking for someone who can use social media as a tool to help the BTA gain new members, new volunteers, and help us spread the word about our events.

### SCOUTING LIAISON

Are you a long-time scouting enthusiast who has been looking for a way to stay involved with the organization? The Buckeye Trail is looking for you! The Scouting Liaison for the BTA is a position that allows you to work closely with scouts in Ohio, helping them find opportunities on the Buckeye Trail.

### ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE CHAIR

Are you organized and adventurous with a knack for event planning? If so, this is the position for you. Our Activities Committee Chair is someone who will work with other volunteers to plan and execute events along the Buckeye Trail.

See [www.buckeyetrail.org/involved.html](http://www.buckeyetrail.org/involved.html) for more details and the volunteer application. Contact [volunteer@buckeyetrail.org](mailto:volunteer@buckeyetrail.org) with questions.

# Buckeye Trailfest 2014

*John Knouse*

Do you want Ohio's finest scenery at the tips of your toes, ready for you to step out and enjoy? Then come to Buckeye TrailFest 2014 at Camp Akita in the Hocking Hills on April 24-27. We will have outings in venues in five counties, including the Grandma Gatewood Trail (part of the Buckeye Trail) in Old Man's Cave Gorge; Big Spring Falls, one of the highest waterfalls in Ohio; and Crane Hollow, one of the largest private nature preserves in Ohio. We'll also have the biggest variety of trail-building workshops yet, as well as many other kinds of sessions: wilderness first aid, making wooden signs, and on and on. Come join us! The registration form and other information may be found at <http://www.buckeyetrailfest.org>.

**COME TO BUCKEYE TRAILFEST 2014 NEXT APRIL!**  
Details at <http://www.buckeyetrailfest.org>





You know the quote “take only pictures and leave only footprints” applies to many adventures along Ohio’s State Trail. You can leave your lasting footprint on the Buckeye Trail by sharing your trail experiences and inspiring others, enjoying the spirit of membership or the camaraderie of fellow volunteers. Now you can also share a planned gift with the Buckeye Trail Association thanks to our partnership with the Columbus Foundation.

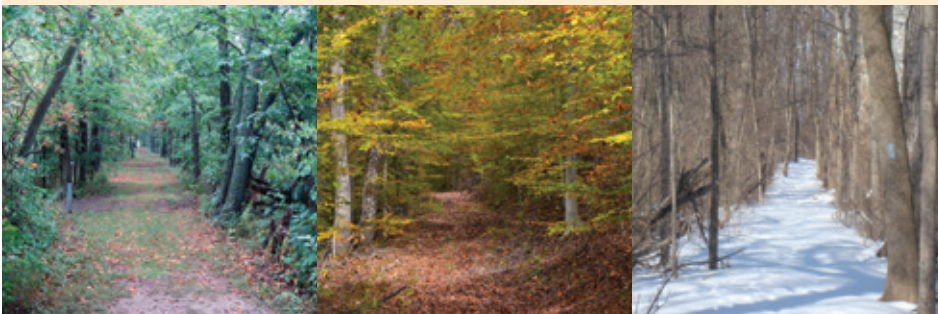
The BTA is able to benefit from a variety of planned gifts to the BTA Greatest Needs and Buckeye Trail Preservation Funds at the Foundation. The Columbus Foundation is available to assist you and your professional advisor in creating the most effective and efficient plan for your current or planned gift. Current gifts could include cash, mutual funds, stock, real estate, IRA assets, or personal property.

You may also consider a planned gift through a bequest by will or trust, charitable gift annuity, charitable remainder trust, charitable lead trust, retirement plan assets, life insurance policy, or remainder interest in a residence or farm to support the Buckeye Trail Association regularly and in perpetuity.

Established in 1959, and continually growing today, the good work of the Buckeye Trail Association is the result of many who share the vision of Ohio’s Buckeye Trail. In whichever way you choose to leave your lasting footprint on the BT we thank you.

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- 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.

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# 2014 Work Parties

- ① March 22-24 .....BTA Barn 3 Day Work Weekend
- ② April 12-13 .....Scioto Trail Work Weekend
- ③ May 3-4 .....Scioto Trail Work Weekend
- ④ May 17-21 .....Road Fork Work Week
- ⑤ May 31-June 1 .....Old Mans Cave Work Weekend at Pretty Run Preserve
- ⑥ June 7-8 .....New Straitsville Work Weekend at Wildcat Hollow (National Trails Day)
- ⑦ June 7-11 .....Belle Valley/Stockport Work Week at AEP
- ⑧ June 28-July 2 .....West Union at Edge of Appalachia (Chuck Wagon Event)
- ⑨ July 12-13 .....Defiance Work Weekend at Providence Park
- ⑩ July 12-14 .....Shawnee 3 Day Work Weekend at the Ballinger Property
- ⑪ September 6-10 .....Whipple Work Week in the Wayne National Forest
- ⑫ September 20-21 .....Medina Work weekend at Plum Creek Park
- ⑬ September 27-29 .....Delphos 3 Day Work Weekend at Ottoville
- ⑭ October 11-12 .....New Straitsville at Burr Oak State Park (Chuck Wagon Event)
- ⑮ October 25-29 .....West Union at the Edge of Appalachia (Chuck Wagon Event)
- ⑯ November 8-12 .....Old Mans Cave Work Week at Pretty Run Preserve (Chuck Wagon Event)



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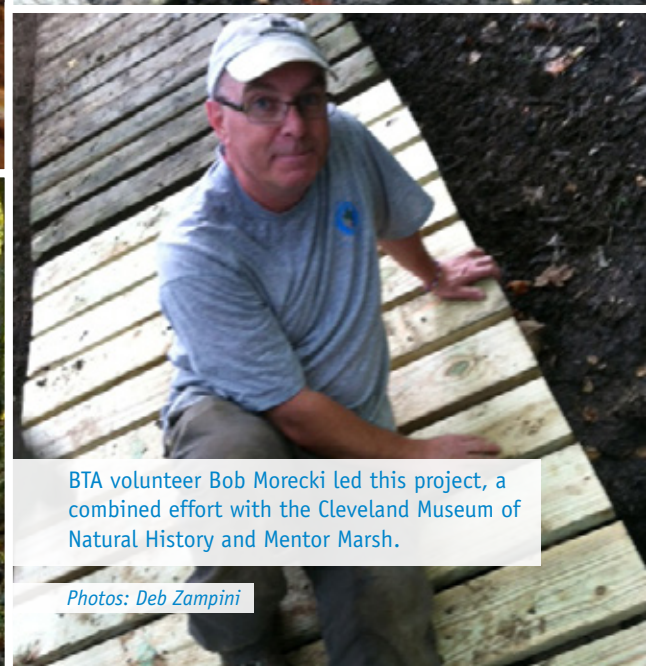
Herb Hulls removes an invasive Eastern Red Cedar from the new trail tread during the Buckeye Trail Crew Work Party at the Edge of Appalachia.  
Photo: Eric Albrecht



Bridge repair on the Zimmerman Trail in the Bedford section near Pt. 32.



Onion Run Work Party at AEP ReCreation Land  
Photo: Richard Lutz



BTA volunteer Bob Morecki led this project, a combined effort with the Cleveland Museum of Natural History and Mentor Marsh.  
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