

# Trailblazer



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## Another Great Link

Richard Lutz

As the BTA and the Buckeye Trail continue to develop, trail protection and trail preservation are important to make sure the trail is available for future generations. Striving to move the trail off-road and to the best location insures the Buckeye Trail continues to be a special place for all Ohioans. On that topic, it is with great joy that I tell you about the most recent donation to the trail, a trail easement from Dan and Saundra Imhoff.

I personally met Dan while helping out with area watershed projects when I was serving with the AmeriCorps. When I met Dan, I could tell see his love of our streams and rivers, especially those in southeast Ohio, and feel his concern for their protection. Saundra shows the same love as Dan when caring for their property, a place they like to refer to as “Sauny’s garden!” Their unique property has old growth trees and a beautiful stream running through it. For me, it’s one of the most beautiful streams in southeast Ohio, and it’s one of the best examples of healthy water quality in the Monday Creek Watershed.

I spoke with Dan and Saundra to ask them about their decision to provide this easement to the trail, wondering what inspired them to support the BTA and outdoor recreation. Dan spoke about his love for the property, commenting that “the stream through the



A view of Dan's Run on the Imhoff Property along the future trail route, one of the highest quality streams in the Monday Creek Watershed

property is largely unimpacted by human activity from upstream of their portions and is a large riparian corridor with shrubbery and trees.” Saundra said she likes the “neat cool waterfalls and large rocks and boulders with moss growing on them.” She also added that they have brought people from foreign counties to the property and they have been astounded by how quiet it is. Dan commented on “the diversity of plant species I see every time I go for a walk.” He continued by saying, “I see a new feature that I’ve

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not seen in the past every time. Whether it be a fungus, tree features, or wildflowers, it's great!"

When I asked them why they decided to offer a trail easement, Dan said, "We wanted to share with others and wanted to encourage close contact and appreciation with the natural world." He continued on by saying, "It's just good for the soul to get out there." Sandra added on the subject that, "Hiking trails should be available to hikers." They also both commented that, "People are more likely to protect a resource if they have experienced it personally." They both believe the Buckeye Trail is building an essential path, getting people into the woods to hike instead of being on the road.

So, a big thanks to Dan and Sandra Imhoff, who at the beginning of January 2015, generously donated the easement to the Buckeye Trail for a half-mile section of new trail located in the New Straitsville section. The Imhoffs live on the property in southern Perry County, bounded on the east and west by two tracts of the Wayne National Forest. The easement will insure that the trail will have a permanent home when a new-two mile section of trail is developed. I would like to personally take this moment to welcome Sandra and Dan to the BTA family, and I hope you get the chance to welcome them as well!



Dan and Sandra Imhoff on their property in southern Perry County



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# President's Message

Connie Pond - Photo courtesy of Ohio History Connection

Did you know that Emma Gatewood, the first woman to through-hike the Appalachian Trail, was very involved with the creation of the Buckeye Trail? I must admit that until the last few months, I knew very little about Grandma Emma Gatewood, except for the Buckeye Trail folk tales. In November, I attended a one act play called "Trail Magic." The play was presented by the Wandering Aesthetics, a theater group from Akron. The play was produced by Eden Valley Enterprises and written by Kelly Boyer Sagert. This moving play presented the facts about Emma's historic through-hike on the Appalachian Trail and the difficulties of her home life in southern Ohio. Both aspects are woven together to present a picture of a truly remarkable woman.

Our own anecdotal history has her attending board meetings in central Ohio and then walking back home to Gallia County in southern Ohio, over 100 miles. The tales go on to elaborate that she would stop along the way and ask strangers for lodging. After reading the book "Grandma Gatewood's Walk" by Ben Montgomery, I am convinced that this is not out of the question. She wasn't shy about asking for help along the Appalachian Trail. Why

would she not ask for assistance in her home state of Ohio?

Buckeye Trail lore also says she bought the first can of sweeping blue paint to mark her trails. She tirelessly worked on her trail in Gallia County, hoping that one day the trail would sweep that far south. Alas, it does not, but it does go through Old Man's Cave area, where Emma Gatewood is a legend. In some circles, the creation of the Hocking Hills Winter Hike is attributed to Emma and a monument to her stands at the entrance to Old Man's Cave trail. It is documented that for many years, she led the hike. This year, over 5,000 participants hiked the Buckeye Trail through Old Man's Cave gorge, in salute to Grandma Gatewood and the pristine beauty she loved.

At our Trail Festival in northwest Ohio, we will be presenting the play "Trail Magic" on Friday, May 15. How many other organizations have their own legendary figure and now a play to showcase the person she was? As I remember, the last snippet in "Trail Magic" has Emma preparing for a walk to go to a meeting. Could it be a Buckeye Trail meeting? I hope you can join me at Trailfest.



Emma "Grandma" Gatewood receiving lifetime membership in the BTA



# On the Trail

Andrew Bashaw



Andrew Bashaw

Today I'm writing to you from the past. It is Groundhog's Day, it is snowing and Punxsutawney Phil has just seen his shadow, predicting 6 more weeks of winter hiking. By the time you read these words you may be able to assess if Phil was correct. In either case, spring will come to the Buckeye Trail soon—are you prepared? Prepared for what? With hiking, camping, volunteering, wildlife watching and photography, and other

outdoor events, there is more to do than is humanly possible.

If you want a taste of all of those activities with like-minded souls in one great weekend, join us for Buckeye TrailFest and explore the nature and history of the Miami & Erie Canal lands of western Ohio. Register soon to reserve your spot! If you want to meet other BTA Volunteers helping to meet our 10,000 hour Volunteer Challenge, join us out on 1 of 15 upcoming Buckeye Trail Crew events. The Crew is a hardworking group of volunteers of all ages... but if dirt and sweat are not your thing, and you don't mind hanging out with dirty, sweaty volunteers (they do shower) we'd love to see you around the evening campfire. There are many BTA Volunteer Leaders who gravitate to the Crew so it is a great way to learn more about the BTA in our native habitat.

What are your personal goals for the season ahead? Is it to hike more? To bag a certain number of BT miles? To improve your physical or mental health? To visit that special place along the BT you've just heard about or have been meaning to get back to for years? Are you looking to meet some new hiking buddies and people who care about preserving the landscapes that the BT leads us through? Is it to give back to the BT for the great hiking experiences you've had here or abroad?

You could say that the BTA's goal is... to help you achieve yours. We don't just build new Buckeye Trail because we look really cool covered in dirt, holding oddly named tools like a McLeod or a Pulaski, though that is pretty cool. And, we don't organize events just to see how many people we can get to show up and count success by numbers, though lots of people enjoying the outdoors

together is great. We're building trail for all of us to enjoy and connect with special places and people. We're organizing events so we all learn, enjoy, and build relationships.

Two goals that we have this year are to sustainably grow our support of BTA Volunteers and our ability to preserve more corridor for trail and campsite development. You as BTA Members answered the call this past Fall and contributed to our 2015 Year of the Volunteer appeal because you agree – you want to support BTA Volunteers' goal of giving back so that yet more people can achieve their hiking goals. Our appeal was successful thanks to you, the BTA Membership! Together, through years of contributions to the BTA Trail Preservation Fund, we also successfully supported the acquisition of the 336-acre Camp Crowell-Hilaka property, and thanks to the community of Richfield the property will be protected and the Buckeye Trail will have a prominent new location.

Moving forward this year we plan on continual improvements in BTA Volunteer support, recruitment and celebration, as well as strategies to increase the "backpackability" of the BT. With our ambitious long-term goals we are always in need of your help. While you ponder ways you might lend a hand, I suggest you take a hike, to make all the effort worthwhile. I hope that as you grab your BT Section Map and hit the Trail this spring you take pride in the fact that the Trail under your feet, the blue blaze above your head and the scenic corridor you are passing through exist in part thanks to your continued support of the great work of your BTA.

I hope to see you out on the Trail this spring,



# Do You Love Silent Auctions?

Linda Paul

Do You Love Silent Auctions? I know I do. Here's a great way for you to help BTA and become involved in TrailFest.

Are you creative? Maybe you have some items you can donate to the Buckeye TrailFest Silent Auction. Canned fruit, vegetables or jelly would make great Auction items.

Are you a carpenter, quilt maker or beekeeper? Maybe you could donate a handcrafted item to the Silent Auction? Or maybe you or a friend owns a B&B or cabin and you can donate a relaxing weekend getaway.

These are just a few of the items that have been donated to TrailFest in past years.

Please take a few minutes to think about how you can get involved in supporting Ohio's Buckeye Trail. What service or

goods can you donate? Which friends can you pass this letter on to? Please contact me with any donations—all offers are greatly appreciated and will be considered.

Thank you and check out the TrailFest website for more information and registration.

Get Hiking, Get Dirty, Get Involved and Get Connected to the Buckeye Trail!

Buckeye TrailFest Silent Auction Coordinator

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## Preservation

We are constantly making progress to relocate the Buckeye Trail off of roads and to preserve that great hiking experience for generations to come. We need your help to continue to connect the off-road pieces of Ohio's State Trail. If you know of a landowner or are yourself a landowner interested in extending or preserving the trail experience, contact us at [preservation@buckeyetrail.org](mailto:preservation@buckeyetrail.org) or 740-394-2008. For all those landowners out there who allow the BT to cross their property, we say thank you for your generosity and thanks for being part of the Buckeye Trail family!



### 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!

Email your change of address to:  
[membership@buckeyetrail.org](mailto:membership@buckeyetrail.org)

# Schedule of Hikes & Events



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

## MARCH

### March 28-29

#### Work Weekend in the Loveland Section

Location: Camp Kern near Fort Ancient  
Description: Build new section of white-blazed side trail. Start at 8:30 AM on Saturday.

Camping: Near maintenance building at Fort Ancient (6123 SR 350, Oregonia, OH 45054). Go past main part entrance and turn left at next driveway near house.

Contact: Trail Management Team [stc@buckeyetrail.org](mailto:stc@buckeyetrail.org)

## APRIL

### April 11-15

#### Work Week in the Road Fork Section

Description: Help clear downed trees and spring foliage growth from the BT/NCT trail in the Road Fork section located in the Wayne National Forest in Monroe and Washington Counties.

Camping: Little Muskingum Watershed Association property at SR 26 and Thomas Ridge Rd. Bring your own food and water.

Contact: Trail Management Team [stc@buckeyetrail.org](mailto:stc@buckeyetrail.org)

### April 18-19

#### BTA Circuit Hike Troy Section

Saturday: Meet at the Peterson Road Trailhead, Point 16. Leave at 9:30AM to car pool to the Tipp City Nature Center. The center is on Third Ave. about a mile north of Main St. The hike is about 12.7 miles.

Sunday: Meet in downtown Lockington on Museum Trail Road, Point 21. Leave at 9:00AM to car pool to Peterson Road Trailhead, Point 16. The hike is about 9.5 miles.

Camping: TBD

Contact: Jim Gilkey at (614) 879-9912 ahead of time or on hike weekend at (740) 277-8749

### April 25

#### Muskingum Lakes Chapter Wildflower Hike

Location: Clendenning Lake  
Contact: Steve and Karen Walker at 330-844-7901 or [nilesprinting@gmail.com](mailto:nilesprinting@gmail.com), or on MeetUp at [www.meetup.com/muskingumlakeschapter/](http://www.meetup.com/muskingumlakeschapter/)

### April 25-26

#### Work Weekend at West Branch State Park

Description: Continue building on to the trail we have north of the Michael J. Kirwan Reservoir.

Camping: In back meadow of Horse Camp at West Branch SP, ½ mile east on Copeland/Esworthy Rd. from Rock Spring Rd.

Contact: Trail Management Team [stc@buckeyetrail.org](mailto:stc@buckeyetrail.org)

## MAY

### May 2-3

#### BTA Circuit Hike Massillon Section

Saturday: Meet at Craig Pittman Memorial Park, Point 18. Leave at 9:30AM to car pool to Crystal Lake Park Trailhead on Erie Ave., just west of Point 11. The hike is about 11.4 miles.

Sunday: Meet at Canal Lands Trailhead on Dover Zoar Road. Leave at 9:00AM to car pool to Craig Pittman Memorial Park, Point 18. The hike is about 11.1 miles.

Camping: Baylor Beach Park about 1 mile south of Brewster on SR-93.

Contact: Jim Gilkey at (614) 879-9912 ahead of time or on hike weekend at (740) 277-8749

### May 2-6

#### Work Week at AEP ReCreation Lands, Stockport & Belle Valley Sections

*\*BTA Chuck Wagon Event\**

Description: Trail maintenance (mowing, weed whacking, pruning, blazing, trail reroutes).

Camping: At Campground A, Hook Lake. There is room for tents and small pop-up campers, but no hookups. Portable shower available.

Meals: This is a chuck wagon event. Meals will be provided free for the first 20 volunteers to sign up with Jay Holwick at [holwick@columbus.rr.com](mailto:holwick@columbus.rr.com) by April 29, 2015.

Contact: Trail Management Team [stc@buckeyetrail.org](mailto:stc@buckeyetrail.org)

### May 14-17

#### BTA TrailFest

Location: The Spiritual Center of Maria Stein at the "Retreat House" at 2365 St. John Rd., Maria Stein, OH.

Description: Visit [www.buckeyetrailfest.org](http://www.buckeyetrailfest.org) for events and registration information.

### May 30-31

#### Work Weekend in the Old Man's Cave Section

Description: Trail maintenance at the Pretty Run property. Leave the campsite for work site at 8:00 AM.

Camping: Open area on left about ¼ mile in on Macedonia Church Rd. Low clearance vehicles may have difficulty reaching camping area. Bring your own food and water.

Contact: Trail Management Team [stc@buckeyetrail.org](mailto:stc@buckeyetrail.org)

## JUNE

### June 6

#### EGGS Hike Clean-up Day

Location: Burr Oak State Park and Wildcat Hollow Backpacking Trail

Contact: Byron Guy at [oldmanscave@buckeyetrail.org](mailto:oldmanscave@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](mailto:holwick@columbus.rr.com)  
740-743-3813



## June 6-10

### Work Week at Edge of Appalachia

\*BTA Chuck Wagon Event\*

Location: West Union Section

Description: Continue building new trail in the Nature Conservancy's Edge of Appalachia Preserve. Leave the campsite for work site at 8:00 AM.

Camping: We will camp near the maintenance building on Waggoner Riffle Rd

Meals: This is a chuck wagon event. Meals will be provided free for the first 20 volunteers to sign up with Jay Holwick at [holwick@columbus.rr.com](mailto:holwick@columbus.rr.com) by June 3, 2015.

Contact: Trail Management Team [stc@buckeyetrail.org](mailto:stc@buckeyetrail.org)

## June 13

### BTA Board Meeting

Location: Command Alkon in Columbus OH at 10:00AM.

Contact: President [president@buckeyetrail.org](mailto:president@buckeyetrail.org)

## June 13

### Family Day at Johnston Farm

Johnston Farm & Indian Agency, Piqua  
Contact: Andy Hite, Historic Site Manager, (937) 773-2522, [www.johnstonfarmohio.com](http://www.johnstonfarmohio.com)

## June 13-14

### Work Weekend at West Branch State Park

Description: Continue building on to the trail we have north of the Michael J. Kirwan Reservoir.

Contact: Trail Management Team [stc@buckeyetrail.org](mailto:stc@buckeyetrail.org)

## June 13-14

### BTA Circuit Hike St. Marys Section

Saturday: Meet at Mike's Garage parking lot, northwest corner of SR-68 and SR-47. Leave at 9:00AM to car pool to Point 1 in downtown Lockington. The hike is about 13.5 miles.

Sunday: Meet at Crusin Classics parking lot on Canal Road north of Point 16. Leave at 8:30AM to car pool to Mike's Garage parking lot, SR-66 and SR-47. The hike is about 11.3 miles.

Camping: Ft. Loramie State Park Campground

Contact: Jim Gilkey at (614) 879-9912 before hike or (740) 277-8749 hike weekend

## June 19-21

### EGGS Hike

Location: Burr Oak State Park and Wildcat Hollow Backpacking Trail

Contact: Byron Guy at [omc@buckeyetrail.org](mailto:omc@buckeyetrail.org)

## June 27- July 1

### Work Week at Edge of Appalachia

\*BTA Chuck Wagon Event\*

Location: West Union Section

Description: Continue building new trail in the Nature Conservancy's Edge of Appalachia Preserve. Leave the campsite for work site at 8:00 AM.

Camping: We will camp near the maintenance building on Waggoner Riffle Rd

Meals: This is a chuck wagon event. Meals will be provided free for the first 20 volunteers to sign up with Jay Holwick at [holwick@columbus.rr.com](mailto:holwick@columbus.rr.com) by June 23, 2015.

Contact: Trail Management Team [stc@buckeyetrail.org](mailto:stc@buckeyetrail.org)

# JULY

## July 11-12

### Work Weekend at the Ballinger Property

Location: Shawnee Section

Description: Mow, prune and clear up any winter damage to the property and structures. Work will begin at 8:00 am.

Camping: On Ballinger property. Bring your own food and water.

Contact: Trail Management Team [stc@buckeyetrail.org](mailto:stc@buckeyetrail.org)

## July 11-12

### Work Weekend at Providence Park

Location: Providence Metropark, Defiance Section

Description: Assist Metroparks of Toledo work crew with pruning and along Towpath Trail in Providence and Farnsworth Metroparks. Leave the campsite for work site at 8:00 AM.

Camping: TBD

Contact: Trail Management Team [stc@buckeyetrail.org](mailto:stc@buckeyetrail.org)

## July 11-12

### Work Weekend at West Branch State Park

Description: Continue building on to the trail we have north of the Michael J. Kirwan Reservoir.

Contact: Trail Management Team [stc@buckeyetrail.org](mailto:stc@buckeyetrail.org)

## July 11-12

### History Alive at Johnston Farm

Location: Johnston Farm & Indian Agency

Contact: Andy Hite, Historic Site Manager, 937-773-2522, [www.johnstonfarmohio.com](http://www.johnstonfarmohio.com)

## July 18-19

### BTA Circuit Hike Massillon and Bowerston Sections

Saturday: Meet at the Community Center parking lot in New Cumberland. Leave at 9:00 AM to car pool to Canal Lands Trailhead on Dover Zoar Road. Hike is about 11.9 miles.

Sunday: Meet at parking area on Deer Road past Point 7 and dam, Bowerston Section. Leave at 8:30AM to car pool to Community Center parking lot in New Cumberland. The hike is about 11.1 miles.

Camping: Atwood Lake Campground

Contact: Jim Gilkey at (614) 879-9912 before hike or (740) 277-8749 hike weekend

# AUGUST

## August 15-16

### BTA Circuit Hike St Marys and Delphos Sections

Saturday: Meet at the public parking lot near Point 24 in St Marys. Leave at 9:00 AM to carpool to Cruisin Classics parking lot on Canal Road north of Point 16. The hike is about 11.7 miles.

Sunday: Meet at trailhead at corner of Deep Cut Road and Deep Cut-Spencerville Rd., Point 2 on Delphos map. Leave at 8:30 AM to carpool to Point 24 in St. Marys. Hike is about 11.6 miles.

Camping: Grand Lake St Marys State Park Campground

Contact: Jim Gilkey at (614) 879-9912 before hike or (740) 277-8749 hike weekend

## August 21-23

### BTA Board August Retreat

Location: BTA Barn, Tappan Lake, Deersville

Camping: At the Barn

Contact: President [president@buckeyetrail.org](mailto:president@buckeyetrail.org)

## August 22-23

### Work Weekend at West Branch State Park

Description: The plan for the weekend work party is to continue building on to the trail we have north of the Michael J. Kirwan Reservoir.

Contact: Trail Management Team [stc@buckeyetrail.org](mailto:stc@buckeyetrail.org)

## August 29-30

### Work Weekend in the Delphos Section

Description: Continue improving the towpath trail in Paulding county. Leave the campsite for work site at 8:00 AM.

Camping: TBD. Bring your own food and water.

Contact: Trail Management Team [stc@buckeyetrail.org](mailto:stc@buckeyetrail.org)

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

Barb Crompton (*Blue Blaze Bugsie*)



Barb & Daniel enjoying their hike

I treasured this walk because of the company. Starting out much later in the day than I normally would, my son, Daniel, and I left our bikes at Lone Pine Area in O'Neill Woods and drove back up to Peninsula to park the car. We checked out the preserved Lock 29 and the aqueduct that runs across the Cuyahoga River, took some photos to commemorate our first BT walk together in months, and then headed out south along the canal towpath trail where our lock countdown continued.

Another beautiful crisp blue-sky kind of day brought out more than the usual array of feathered and furry, four-footed beasts. In addition to the hikers, bikers and exercisers, there were numerous antique cars driving up and down Riverview Road and the occasional Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railway train, which lent a fascinating visual to our time-warp walk down the historic canal towpath trail.

We took our time at each of the interpretive signs, first coming to Deep Lock, #28, and then the Deep Lock Quarry Metropark, learning about how each area played a significant role in the building and running of the canal. The tasty description at Johnny Cake Lock, #27, intrigued us to the point of wanting to have a snack. Each lock was a history lesson in itself as we got to read about and actually see the many important pieces of the lock's operation, rusted with time, but still embedded in the cement walls of and submerged along the insides of the partially excavated locks.



Learning canal history as part of the hike

We spent a bit of time at Beaver Marsh looking for wildlife, lazily strolling along the boardwalks that traverse the water, then moved on to Pancake Lock, #26. Time for another snack. Our interest was piqued as we passed near the abandoned ghost town of Ira, which was our cue to depart the Towpath Trail for the dirt trails that would lead us to O'Neill Woods. As we hiked up steep inclines on winding paths, future hikes were being formulated in my mind. This would be an ideal hike for the Boy Scouts! Daniel and I ran into someone's fun trail project, a pumpkin stuck onto the top of a cut tree. The remaining tree branches, like a pair of arms, sported gloves. An hour later we were delighted to reach Lone Pine Area, as the sun was setting and we still had to get back to the towpath trail on unfamiliar roads for the bike ride back to Peninsula.



A heron at Beaver Marsh

The bike ride back together was just as fun and we spent time in conversation and revisiting our walk from the day. After 4 ½ hours and 12 miles, mother and son arrived back at Peninsula thoroughly exhausted and adventured out. That little guy was such a trooper! Thank you, Daniel, for coming on one of my adventurous Buckeye Trail Hikes! We should do it again some time!



Hiker humor along the trail



# Trustee Nominations

Jeff Yoest

Every year the organization elects 5 trustees to the 15 member Board of Trustees at the annual meeting in May, TrailFest. This year, the three year terms for Devon Atkinson, Scott Kampf, John Knouse, Gary Dill and Debbie Zampini expire. The entire organization thanks them for their service!

This year's slate of candidates include three of the above five who are willing to continue their leadership roles for another term: Scott Kampf, John Knouse and Gary Dill. The committee is also happy to report two new nominees:

Heidi Hetzel-Evans is currently the Community Relations Manager for Ohio State Parks, responsible for administering the division's volunteer program, travel and tourism outreach, media relations, and Ohio State Fair display areas. With 25 years of experience in public communications, she has served many varied roles within the ODNR.

Heidi is married and lives in Columbus with her husband, Dennis, and two teen-age sons. Committed to volunteerism both professionally and personally, she is an active volunteer in several school and civic organizations. She is also a member of the Outdoor Writers of Ohio, Ohio Travel Association, and Ohio Parks and Recreation Association.

"With my extensive background in natural resources communications and my current role as Volunteer Coordinator for Ohio State Parks, I believe I will bring a unique perspective to the board. Understanding the challenges and benefits of volunteerism, as well as having access to the land managers will enable me to help strengthen the partnership between Ohio State Parks and the Buckeye Trail Association."

Steve Walker has been a member of the Buckeye Trail Association since 2012 and has attended TrailFests 2013 and 2014. He has been active in the formation and current activities of the Muskingum Lakes Chapter and is also part of the committee that is developing a trail data book for the Buckeye Trail. In December 2011, he was married to his wife Karen who has been a member of the BTA since November 1997.

Steve sees the Buckeye Trail as an undiscovered asset for the State of Ohio. He would like to see it promoted and developed as a recreational amenity and sees no reason why there shouldn't be 10,000 BTA members. As part of his efforts with the Muskingum Lakes Chapter, he's hoping to develop that part of the Buckeye Trail into a recreational destination for backpackers and day hikers and providing them with support in order to make their use of the Buckeye Trail as pleasant as possible. One of his next efforts will be to form a Muskingum Lakes Chapter trail crew dedicated to keeping the Belle Valley, Bowerston and Massillon Sections of the Buckeye Trail well-maintained. Steve's background is in the commercial printing industry with a primary focus on political and campaign printing and the marketing associated with those areas. He has many contacts in Ohio's political realm who could be useful in the securing of funding and support for the Buckeye Trail Association.

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# Vote on Changes to the BTA

Mary Hayes

Over the past 4 years, the BTA Board and Staff have been working to review and bring the BTA governing documents up to date. The Board has approved two changes to the Constitution, and as required by the Constitution, any changes to the Constitution must be brought before the membership for approval.

Therefore, this is official notification that the following requested changes will be discussed and voted upon at the 2015 Annual Business Meeting which will take place on May 17, 2015 at the BTA TrailFest near St. Marys, OH.

Change 1: Change the word “beauty” to the word scenic

Article III – Original paragraph:

- ARTICLE III - PURPOSE
- The purpose of the Association is to promote the construction, maintenance, and use of a state-wide trail system, within the State of Ohio, to be supplemented with side trails, campsites, and other facilities, so as to render accessible some of the historical and beauty spots of the Buckeye State. The trail shall be primarily a footpath, but certain portions may be designated for use by horsemen and/or other non-motorized users. The corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes co-extensive with the purposes set forth in Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under said Section.

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Change 2: Remove the word “Wide” from the title State Wide Trail Coordinator

Article X – Original paragraph:

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- The officers of the Association, the Executive Director, and the State Wide Trail Coordinator shall make up the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee may conduct the affairs of the Association between Board meetings, but the primary function would be to serve in an advisory capacity to the Board. Any action taken by the Executive Committee shall be subject to ratification by the Board at the next scheduled meeting. Minutes shall be kept of all Executive Committee meetings.

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# Trail Preservation

John Knouse

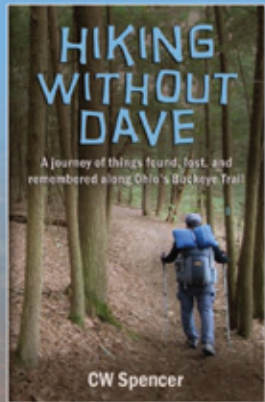
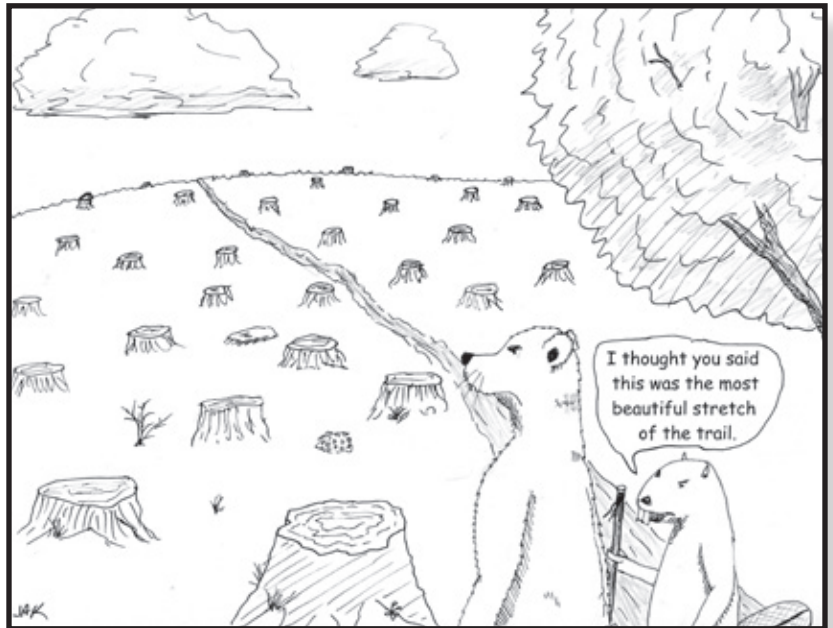
Imagine you are hiking through that beautiful patch of forest, up that valley, out in the wilds, so free and so pristine, and you're feeling happy and it's feeling good and – WHOA, WHAT IS THAT? A CLEARCUT? As far as the eye can see? And not only that, but a fence and a sign saying, KEEP OUT!!!!!!??

I am perhaps merging two different experiences, but two real experiences. These things have happened multiple times on the Buckeye Trail through its more than half-century of existence. They are not pleasant. How can we continue to have a premier long-distance (and official) state trail when the corridor of the trail is not secure?

That is where the Trail Preservation Committee comes in. We work to secure permanent, or at least long-term, security for the trail and new tenure over open-space lands in order to open new stretches of trail off-road. It is a LOT of work to make any progress on this. We currently have around a dozen projects of varying sizes and significance in the works. We have the potential for THOUSANDS of more projects. We need help!

We need more people on this rather sparsely-populated committee. We need participation in decision-making, in making contacts and networking, in ground-truthing (verifying that physical property features match records and descriptions), in records research, and in coordination. I, John Knouse, am the committee chair, while Richard Lutz's principal job responsibility is trail preservation as a staff and resource person. The greatest progress has been made in mapping, mostly due to Richard's hard work. We need more hands and minds work on this key part of the BTA mission. Are you interested? Will you help?


If you're interested, please email me at: [preservation@buckeyetrail.org](mailto:preservation@buckeyetrail.org) or call me at 502.608.2394 or send me a note at: John Knouse, Trail Preservation Committee, c/o Buckeye Trail Association, PO Box 5, Shawnee, OH 43782



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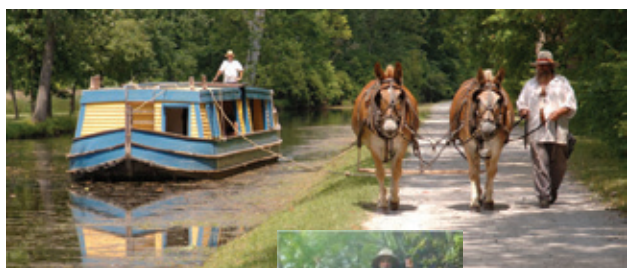
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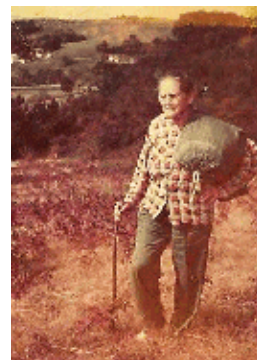


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# Buckeye Trail Association

## *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.

\_\_\_\_\_ **BT Thru Hiker**

For hiking the entire trail on foot and completed in the year 2014 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.

\_\_\_\_\_ **TRAIL ADOPTER AWARD**

Presented to person(s) who have exhibited superior service to their adopted segment of the Buckeye Trail. These individuals maintain their segment so that it is always ready and a pleasure to hike. They maintain their records and report hours, travel, and any problems to their supervisors, or State Trail Coordinator when needed.

Please write a brief statement of your reason for nominating this person or group. Include name, address and phone numbers for both nominee and nominator. If either has an e-mail address, please include it also, in case we have any questions.

**All nominations must be postmarked by April 4, 2015. This nomination form can also be found on the Buckeye TrailFest web site, [buckeyetrailfest.org](http://buckeyetrailfest.org), or send nomination form to Mary Hamilton, [hamilton3310@roadrunner.com](mailto:hamilton3310@roadrunner.com) or 717 E. Third St., Dover, OH, 44622.**

# Work Party Updates

Richard Lutz

New Straitsville/Old Man's Cave Section (Boch Hollow State Nature Preserve)

With the last work party of 2014, the trail crew of 31 volunteers made great strides with this new project. The trail crew managed to build 2 miles of new trail in the nature preserve. While not yet open to the public, the trail was enjoyed by the trail crew each day while working on the trail. The crew plans to work on completing this 5 mile section in November!



Volunteers build new trail at Boch Hollow State Nature Preserve



# Winter Hike at Hueston Woods

Pat Hayes

Because of the problem in the past two years of someone removing the flagging tape we had put up before the hike around Acton Lake, we didn't flag the route this year. Instead we told the group of about 50 hikers they could either hike on their own if they felt they knew the route or they could go with me as the hike leader. The majority of the group went with me; others did their own thing. Many of the assembled hikers belong to either the Dayton Hikers group or the Miami Rivers Chapter of the Buckeye Trail Association.

The group headed out from the Hueston Woods Lodge a couple of minutes after 9:00 AM on January 19 and we made great progress on a beautiful blue-sky morning with temperatures in the low 30s and the ground still frozen. It was a terrific day for a hike in the woods. As the hike progressed and the day wore on, the temperature rose to the low 40s and the frozen ground started to thaw and get a little muddy and slippery.

Our group made it to the Nature Center and lunch just before noon. BTA members John and Chris McIntyre set up the tables and chairs in anticipation of feeding the first hikers. Thanks once again to John Rethman for providing both the bean soup and chili as well as the corn muffins for the free lunch. Chris provided transportation from the Park Office back to the Lodge for those hikers that chose to only hike part way around the lake. Once all the hikers had their lunch and had left the building, John and Chris cleaned up the kitchen and dining area, locked up and headed home.

The American Discovery Trail Society and the Buckeye Trail Association give a special thank you to Hueston Woods State Park Park Manager Mark Lockhart for once again allowing us to use the kitchen facilities and dining area of the Hueston Room in the Park Office building.



Hikers assembled for the annual Hueston Woods hike



# Hiking Thru...a Buckeye Trail Internship

Andrew Bashaw

The Buckeye Trail Association readily accepts interns from a variety of colleges who are able to develop and implement an independent project that has some benefit to the Buckeye Trail or BTA. What if you could finagle a BT thru-hike and somehow get college credit for it? That is precisely what Ryan Krapf, a BTA Member from South Euclid, intends to do! With approval from his Park Management advisors at Kent State University and the support of his wife Erica, Ryan plans to make the most of his 2015 summer. Ryan is an accomplished long-distance hiker with the Superior Hiking Trail and a 2008 Appalachian Trail thru-hike under his belt.

Ryan believes that “providing a range of sustainable outdoor recreation experiences is key to the Buckeye Trail’s future health.” And so, Ryan began with an interest in assessing areas along the BT for accessibility by individuals with disabilities. The idea has grown to make the most of his time on the trail to further benefit the BTA. Ryan’s hike will tie in with a few projects that could use some on-the-trail ground-truthing. This includes gathering more information on camping opportunities to increase the “backpackability” of the BT, testing out a rough draft of a Buckeye Trail databook that is in the works, and using social media throughout his ‘expedition’ to keep us all in the loop on a near ‘real time’ BT backpacking experience to encourage others to do the same.

The wide variety of landscapes along the BT provide opportunities for individuals of all ages and abilities to recreate in the outdoors. However, formal documentation of accessible portions of the BT is absent, making the benefits for individuals with disabilities difficult to experience. This effort to identify and catalogue areas of the BT and associated resources that comply with ADA standards will increase the possibility for all persons to visit and enjoy the Buckeye Trail.

Historically, hikers have found the BT to be an enjoyable way to spend a day, but too many people seeking extended time outdoors leave the state, taking valuable tourism dollars with them. Many Ohioans backpacking elsewhere cross the BT twice, once leaving and once returning. Inventorying resources and opportunities, such as campsites, along the BT will help to share this information in an organized, approachable manner.

Ryan is enthusiastic about the mission and vision of the BTA and is adding his time and energy as resource for long-term impacts on the BT. Ryan’s pride in Ohio is evident and contagious, and he enjoys sharing what our state has to offer with friends nationwide. Spending 2-3 months out on the BT requires some support. Ryan has committed to the project regardless, but is actively appealing for funds from friends, family and local businesses to help cover

the costs of food, travel, equipment, cell phone, etc. The better that Ryan is supported, the better he will be able to create useful products for the long-term benefit of hikers on the BT. If you would like to support Ryan’s effort, contact him and add yourself to his Trail Angel list so he knows you are a resource when he is in need of a place to stay, a hiking buddy, a water refill, a shuttle, or detailed local information.

With any thru hike there is never a guarantee that all will go as simply as planned. Weather, injury, family events and many other factors make any long distance hike a challenge to complete. What we have with Ryan is an opportunity and we wish him the best in his effort to add his name to the list of Buckeye Trail Thru Hikers, all while working to improve Ohio’s BT experience.

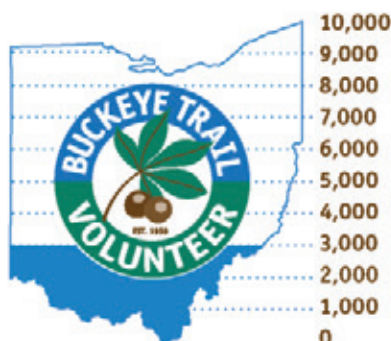
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Ryan and Erica Krapf on the Buckeye Trail at Cedar Falls in the Hocking Hills

# Volunteer Challenge Update

Barry Unger



## Volunteer Challenge Update!

We are well on our way folks! At the end of January we had just over 3,000 hours logged into the software! For such a cold month, February is a very busy time for our volunteers. Between winter hikes and administrative work we should see a pretty big jump in this month's numbers. How can you help? Just make sure you are logging everything into the volunteer hour recording software. Do not hesitate to contact me at [volunteer@buckeyetrail.org](mailto:volunteer@buckeyetrail.org) for help, if you lost your password or just don't get the system, that is what I am here for!

## Thank you BT Volunteer Challenge Partners and Sponsors!



**Barry Unger**  
Volunteer Coordinator  
Buckeye Trail Association  
[volunteer@buckeyetrail.org](mailto:volunteer@buckeyetrail.org)

# Welcome New Members!

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Gregory Black, Villa Park, IL  
Terry Blackstone, Hopewell  
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Terry Calvert, Troy  
Ellen Cannon, Reynoldsburg  
Michael Chance, Dayton  
Gary Church Jr., Brookville  
Nicholas Cicone, Elyria  
Robyn Deterling, Akron  
Thomas Fellrath and Family, New Albany  
Rick and Betsy Gausling, Cincinnati  
Terri Glick, Findlay  
Deborah Grelle, Batavia  
Gina Hadala, Sagamore Hills  
Russ and Lynn Ham, Sagamore Hills

Owen Hamilton, Dover  
Myron Hartman, Mt Gilead  
Rosemary Helms, Morrow  
James Jacobs, Sr., Piqua  
William King, Bellevue  
Marianne Kirby, Dayton  
Daniel Kroepflin, Marysville  
Chris Kohr and Family, Huber Heights  
Stephanie Kurtz and Family, Bellville  
Gary List and Family, Chardon  
Karen Luken, Cincinnati  
Joel Marks, Cleveland  
Denis Martin, North Canton  
Andrew Miller, Lancaster  
Robert Murman, Columbus  
Matthew Perko, Aurora  
Dean Pore, Galion

Karen Power, Fairborn  
Linda Randall, Westfield Center  
Corey Ringle, Shaker Heights  
Tina Roe, Hillsboro  
Anthony Sasson, Hilliard  
Bryan Staib, McConnelsville  
Judy Stober, Cincinnati  
Jerry Strong, Canfield  
Norma Thomas-Herr, Wauseon  
Steven Toth, Seville  
John Troutman, Columbus  
Kevin Walker, Findlay  
Monte Wall, Hilliard  
Tamara Walsh and Family, Westerville  
Mark Weaver, Lowell, MI  
Deborah Wright, South Euclid

# Leaving a Legacy for the Buckeye Trail

Andrew Bashaw



There are many ways that people are inspired to give back to the Buckeye Trail, and for many reasons. Recently the BTA received a significant gift in the form of tax-free qualified charitable distribution (QCD) from an IRA in memory of Russ Johnson and his family. Many of us still mourn the loss of Russ and his family in 2011. Russ was an avid hiker and long time BTA Volunteer most involved in adopting his portion of the BT within Cuyahoga Valley National Park as well as heroic efforts in restoring the historic BTA Barn at Tappan Lake. As a friend I was fortunate to know Russ, and know that he found peace out on the Trail and friendship with those he hiked and volunteered with. The anonymous BTA member who was close with Russ was inspired to leave a legacy to the trail experience they shared, and honor Russ and his family.

Here's how the member did it. If an IRA distribution is transferred directly to a qualified charity, such as the Buckeye Trail Association, it is not taxable income. According to Forbes Magazine, "Once you reach 70 ½ years of age, you are required to take a certain amount of money out of your IRA each year, and any amount you direct to charity can count towards those required minimum distributions. If you fail to take out the required amount, you face a stiff 50% penalty." In this case, timing was important. The Tax Increase Prevention Act was signed into law in the middle of December 2014, extending the provision that allows certain IRA owners to make tax-free distributions to charity. The extension applied to the 2014 tax year only. A new bill will have to be passed to extend the provision for 2015.

Transferring your wealth tax-efficiently can make a huge difference in helping you pass on more of your assets to your heirs and favorite causes. A qualified charitable distribution (QCD) from an IRA is one of a number of philanthropic strategies designed to allow you to direct your wealth in ways that reflect your values and beliefs and provide important tax benefits. This complex strategy is another reason that we created the BTA Greatest Needs and Trail Preservation Funds at the Columbus Foundation. The Foundation staff are readily available to more expertly answer questions from you and your financial advisor if you are considering leaving a legacy to the Buckeye Trail.

Contact:  
Lisa Jolley, J.D.  
Director of Donor Services and Development  
The Columbus Foundation  
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Russ Johnson inside the restored BTA barn



Russ Johnson hiking the Buckeye Trail



# BTA Funds Report

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# 2015 **\*UPDATED\*** Work Parties

- Mar 28-29 --- ① --- Loveland Work Weekend at Ft. Ancient
- Apr 11-15 --- ② --- Roadfork Work Week at Wayne National Forest
- May 2-6 --- ③ --- Belle Valey / Stockport Work Week at AEP  
(Chuck Wagon Event)
- May 30-31 --- ④ --- Old Man's Cave Work Weekend at Pretty Run Preserve
- Jun 6-10 --- ⑤ --- West Union at Edge of Appalachia (Chuck Wagon Event)
- Jun 27 - Jul 1 --- ⑥ --- West Union at Edge of Appalachia (Chuck Wagon Event)
- Jul 11-12 --- ⑦ --- Shawnee Work Weekend at the Ballinger Property
- Jul 11-12 --- ⑧ --- Defiance Work Weekend at Providence Metropark
- Aug 29 - 30 --- ⑨ --- Delphos Work Weekend at Ottoville
- Sep 12-16 --- ⑩ --- Whipple Work Week in Wayne National Forest
- Sep 26-28 --- ⑪ --- Bowerston Work Weekend
- Oct 10-11 --- ⑫ --- New Straitsville at Burr Oak State Park (Chuck Wagon Event)
- Oct 17-21 --- ⑬ --- Mogadore Work Week at West Branch State Park
- Oct 24-26 --- ⑭ --- St. Mary's Work Weekend near Ft. Loramie
- Nov 7-11 --- ⑮ --- Old Man's Cave Work Week at Boch Hollow



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