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Trail Crew Update

Tracey Anderson

Happy almost spring! As I sit here looking out my window on this depressingly ugly blah Ohio day I only see sunshine because in a little over a month I will be joining some of my favorite people on the trail. Unlike many others, we won't be hiking it...we'll be working hard to improve it!

I don't know about the rest of my fellow crew members but I'm more than ready to get out there. (I think my husband will be happy too... he claims I get a little grumpy as the winter drags on and I can't be outside doing what I love to do. Of course, I have no idea what he's talking about.)

If you check out the work party schedule, you will see there is a lot of major work planned for this year. Everything from re-benching and vegetation management to privy building, bridge building, moving boulders, building steps, chain-sawing downed trees, and the list goes on and on and on. We do this for not only our members but for everyone who enjoys the

Buckeye Trail.

The Buckeye Trail Crew takes great pride in what we do and what we accomplish at every site. It's a lot of time and a lot of hard work. Sadly, we are a very small group considering the number of members we have.

I am personally throwing out a little challenge to our awesome members... Take one weekend or even one day and join a work party. You don't have to call ahead or anything, just show up. (Make sure you bring work gloves, water and lunch.) Everyone who works 5 hours will receive a special (nope...you can't buy this one, folks) Volunteer patch. I would love to see if we could hand out a record number this year. Get dirty, get sweaty, and enjoy the sense of pride and accomplishment you feel when you look at the work you've done and realize how many hikers will benefit from it. Oh, I almost forgot, you'll probably meet some amazing people you may not have met otherwise.

See you soon!

Winter Hike at Findley State Park

Pat Hayes

It was a beautiful day for a hike in the woods, with blue skies and cold temps. I would estimate at least 40-50 hikers showed up ready to hit the trails on February 4th. There were 10K, 5K, and interpretive hikes led by park staff. The Friends of Findley State Park group provided bean soup, corn muffins and drinks for the hikers returning from their hikes. Randall

Roberts and I attended the hike to represent both the Buckeye Trail Association and the Crooked River Chapter with a BTA display and brochures. Randall and I answered questions about the Buckeye Trail after an invigorating 10K hike and a refreshing lunch.



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Terry Blackstone helps build new trail at Piedmont Lake. Photograph by Sally Sugar.

President's Message

Connie Pond



Connie Pond

This is the last time that Liz DeBraul has to nag me about writing the President's message. I will be leaving the board in April and who knows what is on the horizon. In 1986 or '87, I joined the board as Treasurer. During the past 30 years, we have gone from a budget of less than \$25,000 to a budget of greater than \$180,000. A number of yearly events have grown up: Run for Blue Blazes Trail Run, BRRRRRRR Oak Hike, Emma Grandma Gatewood Solstice (EGGS) Hike and Buckeye TrailFest. During these years, the BT board has never retreated from supporting events to introduce Ohio to the Buckeye Trail. Board support for maintenance of the trail has never wavered. A big change in the past 30 years was the addition of the chuck wagon to support the Buckeye Trail Crew out for 4-6 days of work. These kinds of events are why the BT comes to its members for support in addition to membership. And, you all are stepping up. The BT has a really high rate of response to appeals. Thank you so much!

Board members have always been among the volunteers who contribute the most to the BT. In the last few years, they took on even more hours of work by moving from a one-day meeting to a two-day retreat in August of each year. This is a big commitment for all board members. During these two days, the following year's budget is decided, and far-reaching decisions are made. Most importantly, it binds the board members into a cohesive working group. In the early years, the board was mostly BT activists. Now, the board is reaching out to other members of the trail community who can bring needed skills to the administration.

The event that has made the greatest change in 30 years was hiring an Executive Director. Now we have an individual who can supervise staff members and devote the work day just to the BT. Having an Executive Director and an office in Shawnee (however humble) are professional attributes needed to take the BT forward.

Those many years ago, Emily Gregor was very legislatively minded and tried to encourage Ohio's elected representatives to be supportive of the trail. I can see this attitude being resurrected with a March 29 event called the Ohio Trails Reception. This is a chance for us to meet with our local elected representatives and extol the wonders of the BT. I am sure there will be many other trail advocates there. This is the NEXT big step for the BTA.

During my time as Treasurer and President it has been a great pleasure to work with Andrew, BT staff, volunteers and great board members. Thanks for the privilege of taking all of these steps with you.

On the Trail

Andrew Bashaw



Andrew Bashaw

When I got home today and unlaced my hiking boots I had another Buckeye Trail moment. A small clod of mud hit the floor. I picked it up and rolled a little mud ball between my fingers – a little piece of the BT right in my hand! I wonder exactly where this piece of the BT was and what it has experienced—through ages of erosional forces on the young Appalachian Mountains and their sedimentation on the bottom of a shallow inland sea, potential fill from glacial dammed lakes, post-glacial

isostatic rebound of the Allegheny Plateau, and its dissection by streams, of course... to a more modern era.

Today, in many places, the BT looks like a very thin layer of dirt sinuously passing through the forests, hills, prairies and wetlands of Ohio, but there are many layers of that experience. There is the history we experience of our Native American heritage, our historic canalways, our abandoned railways, carriage roads, and the towns that sprouted along these travel routes. There are layers of conservation and preservation of land for public enjoyment and stewardship that provide the experience we walk through. There is a more recent layer of the volunteer experiences Buckeye Trail Crew members may have had lugging their pulaski's back to camp with the smell of dinner wafting from the BT Chuckwagon. There are also layers of other trails converging with the BT with stories of their own, like the North Country Trail, American Discovery Trail, Little Miami Scenic Trail, North Coast Inland Trail, Ohio to Erie Trail, and many others. Today, of course, there are the layers of hiking great experiences.

Did this little piece of the BT witness somebody's very first day hike? A scout earning their 50-miler award? Perhaps a first backpack trip or a BTA Circuit Hike? How many of our two dozen or so BT thru-hikers passed by this piece of the BT without getting it stuck to their boot? All of this experience wrapped up in a little ball of mud. Amazing!

What amazes me even more is that when you take that great 1958 idea of a Buckeye Trail, add the support of members like you who value public lands, pool resources to help purchase those pulaski's and food for the Chuckwagon to fuel the can-do spirit of our volunteers around the state, you provide millions of others with the opportunity to share and add to the BT experience.

Whether we are going through hard times or the joys of Spring, seeking solitude or craving company, the BT is there for us to absorb those experiences and add to them. All of the experiences shared in this Trailblazer magazine are in large part thanks to the support of members like you.

How will you enrich your experience out there on the BT this season? If you are a hiker, try hiking in to a Buckeye Trail Crew Work Party to meet the gang. If you are a lonely Buckeye Trail Adopter who is too busy volunteering to just take a hike, take a break and meet up with Tom Helbig's attempt to follow the blue blazes on a BT thru-hike right into Buckeye TrailFest. If you are not much of a hiker, grab a copy of Follow the Blue Blazes to contemplate the history and geography of places along the BT while you sit in a diner or coffee shop after sightseeing the architecture of a historic Buckeye Trail Town.

In 1958 Merrill Gilfillan envisioned a Buckeye Trail that "should be as endless and boundless as the energy and the imagination of those who would use it." So, lace up your boots and use it. Share your experiences if you're inspired by the work it takes to preserve a corridor for BTA volunteers and partners to create the BT. I hope the layers of your BT experience are endless and bounded only by your imagination. And, while I was inspired by a piece of the BT on my boot... try to keep that mud on the trail.

Hope to see you on the trail this Spring,

Andrew Bashaw

Executive Director, Buckeye Trail Association

Campsite & Shelter Development Update

Richard Lutz

More accomplishments in Buckeye Trail campsite development have occurred since the last issue of the Trailblazer. With the help of volunteers and two cities along the trail, we now have two more new campsite locations. Both are located on the western side of the state, one in the northwest and one in the southwest. Here are some more details:

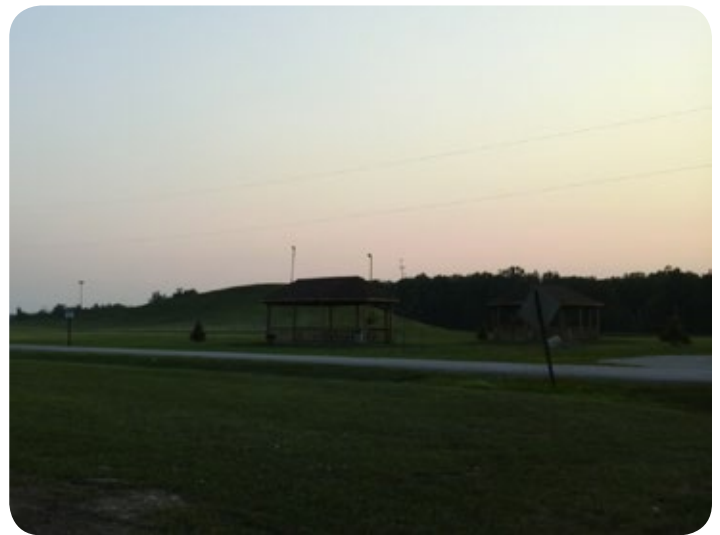
On the southwest side of the state, with the help of BTA volunteers John Rethman and Chris McIntyre, the City of Loveland is providing a campsite on city land along the Little Miami Scenic Trail. The site is between the Little Miami River and the bike path north of downtown. The City asks to be contacted at least 24 hours in advance before set up of your tent. Contact information for camping will be posted to the map update section for the Loveland Section in the near future.

On the northwest side of the state, BTA Volunteer Mike Saxton has worked with city officials in Defiance to set up a campsite location at the Defiance City up-ground reservoir to the south of town. The City also asks to be contacted at least 24 hours in advance before set up of your tent. Contact information for camping will be posted to the map update section for the Defiance Section in the near future. These additional camping sites will make backpacking the trail easier for all. Please remember to respect the rules and regulations with each site.

The BTA's Trail Preservation Fund helps in finding new properties for the BTA to purchase to develop campsites and build trail. If you would like to contribute towards the fund, visit our website at buckeyetrail.org/preservation.php and click on the "donate" button. If you would like to help in the camp site development process, please feel free to contact the Trail Preservation Committee at preservation@buckeyetrail.org. Stay tuned, we may have more sites coming soon!



New campsite location along the Little Miami River in Loveland



New campsite location near the picnic shelters and sledding hill in Defiance

2017 Schedule of Hikes & Events



Always check www.buckeyetrail.org/events.html for last-minute updates

MARCH

March 12, 2017

Spring Forward Hike - St. Marys Section

Description: Sponsored by the Heritage Trails Park District - htparks.org

Location: Register between 1:00-3:00PM. at Noble Township Hall

March 15, 2017

Peninsula Membership Drive & Tomfoolery Follows the Blue Blazes Kickoff

Description: Tom Helbig is kicking off his Buckeye Trail thru-hike with a membership drive! Event begins at 6:30PM. Tickets available at buckeyetrail.org/memberdrive/peninsula.php

Location: The Winking Lizard Tavern at 1615 Main St, Peninsula, OH

March 18-19, 2017

Warrior 150 Hiking Challenge: Hike #1

Description: For more information about the Warrior 150 Hiking Challenge, visit www.warrior150challenge.com

Location: Troy to Dayton on the BT, distance is 41 kilometers (25 miles).

March 19, 2017

Beginner's Guide to the Buckeye Trail

Description: 2:00PM This presentation will give the history and evolution of Ohio's scenic hiking trail with an overview and characteristics of the trail's various unique sections. Also covered will be basic tips for planning and hiking the trail either by selectively hiking parts, section hikes, or even a through hike, along with the advantages and challenges of each method. The presentation will be followed by a Q&A session with the Crooked River Chapter, Buckeye Trail Association members, volunteers, and hikers. Come learn more about this amazing resource that is in our own backyard!

Location: The West Woods Nature Center, 9465 Kinsman Rd (Rt. 87), Novelty, OH 44072

Contact: Randall Roberts at bthikerrob-erts@gmail.com

March 25-26, 2017

BT Circuit Hike - Whipple Section

Description: Saturday: Meet at Berg

Church parking lot on T-329 about 2000 ft. north of Point 12. (Coordinates: N39.50280 - W081.39787) Leave at 9:30AM to car pool to Eight Mile Road and SR-26. The hike is about 9.3 miles.

Description: Sunday: Meet on Buell's Run Road and SR-821, Point 15. (Coordinates N39.57394 - W081.42796) Leave at 9:00AM to car pool to Berg Church parking lot. The hike is 9.6 miles.

Location: Whipple Section. Check BTA website for details

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

March 25-26, 2017

Camp Tuscazoar Maple Days Breakfast and Syrup Making

Description: 8:00AM-1:00PM Visit tuscazoar.org for more information

March 29, 2017

Beginner's Guide to the Buckeye Trail

Description: 6:30PM See March 19 event for details. Come learn more about this amazing resource that is in our own backyard!

Contact: Randall Roberts at bthikerrob-erts@gmail.com

APRIL

April 6, 2017

Hilliard Membership Drive

Description: Join us for an evening of socializing, presentations, food, and fun! Event begins at 6:00PM. Tickets available online at buckeyetrail.org/memberdrive/centralohio.php

Location: Grandad's Pizza and Pub at 4093 Trueman Blvd, Hilliard, OH 43026

April 8-9, 2017

BT Circuit Hike - Norwalk and Medina Sections

Description: Saturday: Meet at parking lot near camp store, Findley State Park, Point 29. Leave at 9:30AM to car pool to Barrett's Chapel, Point 24. The hike is about 11.5 miles

Description: Sunday: Meet at Letha House Park parking lot on Richman Road about 1

mile east of Point 6, Medina Section. (Coordinates N41.11522 - W082.05724) Leave at 9:00AM to car pool to Findley State Park. The hike is 10 miles.

Camping: Findley State Park Campground

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

April 8-9, 2017

Buckeye Trail Crew: Old Man's Cave Section - Pretty Run

Description: New trail construction, vegetation management, rock work (boulders, steps, cribbing, walls, stepping stones, etc.)

Camping: Camping will be at the Pretty Run property (GPS coordinates 39.34975, -82.62427)

Meals: Bring your own food and water

Contact: Trail Management Team stc@buckeyetrail.org

April 9, 2017

April Showers Hike - St. Marys Section

Description: Sponsored by the Heritage Trails Park District - htparks.org

Location: Register between 1:00-3:00PM at Noble Township Hall

April 22, 2017

Beginner's Guide to the Buckeye Trail

Description: 1:00PM See March 19 Event for details. Come learn more about this amazing resource that is in our own backyard!

Location: Penitentiary Glen, 8668 Kirtland Chardon Rd, Willoughby, OH

Contact: Randall Roberts at bthikerrob-erts@gmail.com

April 22-23, 2017

Buckeye Trail Crew: Scioto Trail Section - Tar Hollow State Forest

Description: After three years of closure due to logging in Tar Hollow, it is time to reopen the trail between points 2 and 4. This is the trail between the Tar Hollow State Forest Maintenance buildings on Clark Hollow Rd, and the Tar Hollow Fire Tower. Pruning, clearing, re-benching, blazing, this work party will have it all!

Location: Camping will be at the BTA Pretty Run Property

Meals: Bring your own food and water

April 22-23, 2017

Warrior 150 Hiking Challenge: Hike #2

Description: For more information about the Warrior 150 Hiking Challenge, visit <http://www.warrior150challenge.com>

Location: Spencerville to Minster on the Buckeye Trail on the historic Miami Erie Canal Towpath. Distance is 41 kilometers (25 miles)

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.

April 27-30, 2017

Buckeye TrailFest at Yellow Springs

Description: Visit the BTA TrailFest website for complete details buckeyetrailfest.org. See registration form on page 17.

April 30, 2017

BTA Annual Membership Meeting during TrailFest at Yellow Springs - 9:00AM

MAY

May 6-7, 2017

BT Circuit Hike - Whipple Section

Description: Saturday: Meet at Cedar Hill Rd. and Delancey School House Rd. about 4,000 feet north of Point 20. (Coordinates N39.65238 - W081.56557). Leave at 9:30AM to carpool to Point 15. The hike is about 12.8 miles.

Description: Sunday: Meet at McMannis-Riggs Rd. (T-946) and Onion Run Rd (T-232) which is Point 24 (Coordinates N39.62024 - W081.70005). Leave at 9:00AM to carpool to Cedar Hill Rd. and Delancey School House Rd. The hike is about 10.2 miles.

Camping: Wood Grove Campground, 8605 Wood Grove Rd., McConnellville (Stockport Section, Point 3)

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

May 9, 2017

Beginner's Guide to the Buckeye Trail

Description: 7:00PM See March 19 Event for details. Come learn more about this amazing resource that is in our own back yard!

Location: Moebius Nature Center, 929 E. Mennonite Rd., Aurora, OH 44202

Contact: Randall Roberts at bthikerrob-erts@gmail.com

May 13-17, 2017

Buckeye Trail Crew: Akron Section - Cleveland MetroParks, Brecksville Reservation

Description: Due to the International Trails Symposium being held in Dayton May 7-10, we have moved this work party date to one week later (May 13-17) than originally scheduled. Heavy trail maintenance, Rock work (boulders, steps, cribbing, walls, stepping stones, etc.), tent platform construction, locust cribbing likely used instead of stone.

Meals: Bring your own food and water.

Camping: Camping will be at the Cleveland Metroparks Ottawa Point Picnic area. Camping GPS coordinates 41.30163, -81.60005

Note: The portable hot shower will be available on site.

Contact: Trail Management Team stc@buckeyetrail.org

May 20-24, 2017

Buckeye Trail Crew: Stockport Section - AEP

Description: Re-benching the trail tread, vegetation management, paint blazes.

Camping: Camping will be at AEP's Hook Lake (Campground A) Camping GPS

coordinates 39.72945, -81.70509

Meals: This is a chuck wagon event. Meals will be provided free (donations accepted) for the first 20 volunteers to sign up with Jay Holwick at holwick@columbus.rr.com by May 15, 2017. Please note: if you are arriving Friday, the Friday night meal is NOT included - please bring your own.

Note: The portable hot shower will be available on site.

Contact: Trail Management Team stc@buckeyetrail.org

JUNE

June 3, 2017

National Trails Day!

June 3, 2017

Warrior 150 Hiking Challenge: Hike #3

Description: For more information about the Warrior 150 Hiking Challenge, visit <http://www.warrior150challenge.com>

Location: The Twin Valley Trail Challenge on National Trails Day near Dayton. Distance is 44 kilometers (27 miles).

June 3-4, 2017

Buckeye Trail Crew: Defiance Section - Farnsworth/Providence MetroParks

Description: Assist Toledo MetroParks to trim back foliage along the Towpath trail

Camping: Farnsworth MetroPark Boat Launch 8801 S River Rd., Waterville (GPS Coordinates 41.4769, -83.74926)

Meals: Bring your own food and water

June 3-4, 2017

Buckeye Trail Crew: Burr Oak State Park and Wildcat Hollow

Description: We will be prepping the trail for the upcoming EGGs Hike

Camping: Group Camp near Burr Oak Dock #3

Meals: Bring your own food and water

June 3-4, 2017

Buckeye Trail Crew: Shawnee Section - Ballinger Property

Description: We will be mowing and pruning at the Ballinger property.

Camping: Ballinger property, tent camping only (GPS Coordinates 38.81119, -83.26958)

Meals: Bring your own food and water

June 10, 2017

BTA Board Meeting

Location: Tecumseh Theater in the Historic Village of Shawnee

Contact: president@buckeyetrail.org

June 10-11, 2017

BT Circuit Hike - Medina Section

Description: Saturday: Meet at Meet at Orth Homestead Park parking lot on SR 252 just north of SR 18, east of Point 10. (Coordinates N41.16806 - W081.92581). Leave at 9:00AM to car pool to Letha House Park on Richman Rd, about a mile east of Point 6. The hike is about 12.3 miles.

Description: Sunday: Meet at Weymouth Community Church parking lot just west of Point 18. (Coordinates N41.18481 - W081.79632). Leave at 8:30AM to car pool to Orth Homestead Park. The hike is 11.1 miles.

Camping: Willow Lake Park, 2400 Substation Rd., Brunswick, OH

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

June 17-21, 2017

Buckeye Trail Crew: Road Fork Section

Description: New trail construction, re-benching the trail tread, vegetation management, bridge, puncheon or boardwalk construction. This will take place at Lamping Homestead, Caldwell Lake, or near point 22 of the Road Fork map.

Camping: Camping may be at Wolf Run State Park. Will update with any new information. Camping GPS coordinates 39.79133, -81.54037

Meals: Bring your own food and water.

June 22-25, 2017

E.G.G.S. Hike

Description: 4 hiking challenges consisting of 20, 40, 60, and 80 miles that need to be completed in 12, 24, 36, and 48 hours respectively

Meals: This is a chuck wagon event

JULY

July 1, 2017

Beginner's Guide to the Buckeye Trail

Description: 2:00PM See March 19 Event for details. Come learn more about this amazing resource that is in our own back yard!

Location: Quail Hollow Park, 13480 Congress Lake Ave., Hartsville, OH

Contact: Randall Roberts at bthikerrob-erts@gmail.com

Contact: president@buckeyetrail.org

July 8-12, 2017

Buckeye Trail Crew: Whipple & Road Fork Sections

Description: Trail maintenance of the Road Fork and Whipple Sections' off road areas. This will include chainsawing downed trees, mowing, weed-whacking, pruning, and possibly repainting blazes.

Camping: Camping will be at the Little Muskingum Watershed Association building, located at SR26 and Thomas Ridge Rd (T 88). Hot showers and flush toilets are available in the building. Donations to the LMWA for use of the facilities are appreciated. Camping GPS coordinates 39.54184, -81.22484

Meals: This is a chuck wagon event. Meals will be provided free (donations accepted) for the first 20 volunteers to sign up with Jay Holwick at holwick@columbus.rr.com by July 2. Please note: if you are arriving Friday, the Friday night meal is NOT included - please bring your own.

July 15, 2017

Little Loop Big Event - One Group, One Day

Contact: Randall Roberts at bthikerrob-erts@gmail.com

July 22-23, 2017

BT Circuit Hike - Belle Valley & Stockport Sections

Description: Saturday: Meet at Wood Grove Campground, Point 3 Stockport Section. Leave at 9:00AM to carpool to foot path on Chapel Dr. (C20) about one mile west of Point 27, Belle Valley Section. The hike is about 12.7 miles.

Description: Sunday: Meet at foot path and McMannis-Riggs Rd, Point 6, Stockport Section. (Coordinates N39.63246 - W081.69874). Leave at 8:30AM to carpool to Point 3. The hike is about 12.0 miles.

Camping: Wood Grove Campground, 8605 Wood Grove Rd., McConnellville

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

AUGUST

August 12-13, 2017

BT Circuit Hike - Medina & Akron Sections

Description: Saturday: Meet at parking area on Oviatt Rd. north of SR303, west of Point 25. (Coordinates N41.24031 - W081.68208). Leave at 9:00AM to car pool to Weymouth Community Church parking lot, west of Point 18. The hike is about 12.1 miles.

Description: Sunday: Meet at Weymouth Community Church parking just north of Point 2, Akron Section. (Coordinates N41.28815 - W081.57331). Leave at 8:30AM to car pool to Oviatt Rd and SR 303. The hike is about 12.6 miles.

Camping: Willow Lake Park, 2400 Substation Rd., Brunswick, OH

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

August 18-20, 2017

BTA Board Retreat

Location: BTA Barn near Deersville. See directions on page 6

Contact: president@buckeyetrail.org

August 19, 2017

Camp Tuscazoar Adventure Race

Description: From Camp Tuscazoar's central camp area, participants will run five miles to the Canal Lands Trailhead in Zoar, transition to canoes or kayaks for a four-mile paddle back to Camp Tuscazoar where they will park their vessels, and then transition for a short mile run to their mountain bicycles for a seven mile trail ride.

Visit www.tuscazoar.org for more information

August 26-27, 2017

Warrior 150 Hiking Challenge: Hike #4

Description: For more information about the Warrior 150 Hiking Challenge, visit <http://www.warrior150challenge.com>

Location: Caesar State Park end-to-end on the Buckeye Trail. No paved trail here. This one is all-on-dirt footpath in the woods. Distance is 35 kilometers (22 miles).

SEPTEMBER

September 9-11, 2017

Buckeye Trail Crew: St. Marys Section - Newport

Description: Construction of box steps at the site of the Newport BTA Bridge washout on the Miami and Erie Canal towpath just west of point 10 on the March 2014 St. Marys Section map.

Camping: Camping will be at the Lake Loramie State Park Campground. Camping GPS coordinates 40.36043, -84.35867

Meals: Bring your own food and water.

September 16-17, 2017

Buckeye Trail Crew: Belle Valley Section

Description: TBD

Camping: TBD

Meals: TBD

September 16-17, 2017

BT Circuit Hike - Stockport Section

Contact: Jim Gilkey at 614-879-9912

September 23-27, 2017

Buckeye Trail Crew: New Straitsville Section - Burr Oak State Park

Description: Trail maintenance week
Camping: Burr Oak State Park, group campground near boat dock 3

Meals: This is a chuck wagon event. Meals will be provided free (donations accepted) for the first 20 volunteers to sign up with Jay Holwick at holwick@columbus.rr.com by Sept. 18. Please note: if you are arriving Friday, the Friday night meal is NOT included - please bring your own.

OCTOBER

October 7, 2017

Run for Blue Blazes Trail Run

Description: A full marathon, half marathon, 10K, and 5K beginning and ending in the historic village of Shawnee, surrounded by the Wayne National Forest

October 7-8, 2017

Warrior 150 Hiking Challenge: Hike #5

Description: For more information about the Warrior 150 Hiking Challenge, visit <http://www.warrior150challenge.com>

Location: Yellow Springs to Dayton on the Buckeye Trail. Distance is 37 kilometers (23 miles).

October 14-15, 2017

BT Circuit Hike - Akron Section

Contact: Jim Gilkey at 614-879-9912

October 14-18, 2017

Buckeye Trail Crew: New Straitsville Section

Description: Reroute trail off-road in the Athens Unit of the Wayne National Forest from West Old Stone Church Trail Head.

Camping: TBD

Meals: Bring your own food and water.

October 21-22, 2017

Buckeye Trail Crew: Old Mans Cave Section - Pretty Run Preserve

Description: Vegetation management; hopefully building a privy

Camping: Camping will be at the Pretty Run property (GPS coordinates 39.34987, -82.62431)

Meals: Bring your own food and water.

October 21-22, 2017

Caesar Creek Grand Re-Opening of the Buckeye Trail

Caesar Creek Grand Re-opening of the Buckeye Trail

Description: Come experience the "new" Buckeye Trail at Caesar Creek as we celebrate the conclusion of our 2-year plan to resurrect this trail. Historically one of the worst stretches of Buckeye Trail sections in the state, those who attend will find it to be near the top for its overall trail conditions and fabulous water views. Miles of trail have been reshaped and fortified to withstand years of traffic. Our 2 day celebration will include the option of backpacking the entire Buckeye Trail in the park (23 miles) or participating in section hikes on Saturday and Sunday. More details coming Summer of 2017!

Camping: Camping at the horse camp is available for registered backpacking and hiking participants

Meals: Bring your own food and water

Contact: Joel Timmons at caesarcreek@buckeyetrail.org

NOVEMBER

November 4-8, 2017

Buckeye Trail Crew: West Union Section - Edge of Appalachia

Description: Continue building new trail from where we left off in September of 2016.

Camping: Near the maintenance building at 3223 Waggoner Riffle Rd. Camping GPS coordinates 38.74836, -83.46397

Meals: This is a chuck wagon event. Meals will be provided free (donations accepted) for the first 20 volunteers to sign up with Jay Holwick at holwick@columbus.rr.com by Oct. 30. Please note: if you are arriving Friday, the Friday night meal is NOT included - please bring your own.

Note: The portable hot shower will be available on site.

November 11, 2017

Warrior 150 Hiking Challenge: Celebration Hike

Description: For more information about the Warrior 150 Hiking Challenge, visit <http://www.warrior150challenge.com>

Location: Downtown Dayton to the Dayton VA Medical Center. Distance is 8 kilometers (5 miles).

November 14-15, 2017

BT Circuit Hike - Sockport & New Straitsville Sections

Contact: Jim Gilkey at 614-879-9912

D E C E M B E R

December 9, 2017

BTA Board Meeting

BTA Board Meeting

Location: 10:00AM at the ODNR office at 2045 Morse Road, Bldg. E-1, Columbus, OH 43229.

Contact: President@buckeyetrail.org

December 9-10, 2017

BT Circuit Hike - Akron Section

Contact: Jim Gilkey at 614-879-9912



4th Annual Dayton Hikers Buckeye Trail Winter Hike at Caesar Creek State Park

Andy Niekamp

Despite the single digit temperatures and minus wind chill values 75 hikers attended the Buckeye Trail Winter Hike & Potluck Dinner at Caesar Creek State Park on January 7, 2017. Participants had five different hikes to choose from ranging from three to twelve miles in length. All of the hikes used part of the Buckeye Trail and were led by experienced hike leaders. Hikers came from Dayton, Cincinnati, Columbus and all points in between. The unseasonably cold weather and recent snowfall made this a real winter hike complete with snow covered trails and frozen waterfalls. Afterwards the hikers assembled at the Army Corps of Engineers visitor center for a potluck dinner, hot drinks and trail tales. People worked up a hearty appetite and there was plenty of food to go around. Raffle items were donated by Outdoor Adventure Connection and Great Miami Outfitters. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend the largest winter hike on the Buckeye Trail in southwest Ohio on January 6, 2018. Event was sponsored by the

www.buckeyetrail.org

Dayton Hikers group. Photos from the winter hike can be viewed here: <http://www.winterhike.com/2017/>

Feedback from the hikers:

Great company, glorious scenery. What fun! – Mary
Caesar Creek was especially beautiful today with the snow on the ground! I enjoyed meeting new people. – Erica

Great hike, felt good to get some miles in, despite the extreme cold. – Todd

What a beautiful day for a hike. The air was crisp and the wind blew a bit but the sun was shining and the ice on Horseshoe Falls was magnificent. – Betsy

Fun hike - hiking in the snow was absolutely beautiful! -- Helen
Another awesome year! This was really well put together. I had a great time and enjoyed having dinner with lots of awesome fellow-hikers! – Mark

Buckeye Trail Association Awards and Recognition Nominations

Please take a moment to recognize the hard work of your fellow volunteers!

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 as they leave the service of the Board. 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.

BUCKEYE TRAIL THRU HIKER

For hiking the entire trail on foot and completing it in the year 2016 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 1, 2017**. This nomination form can also be found on the Buckeye Trailfest web site, buckeyetrailfest.org.
Send nominations to Mary Hamilton, hamilton3310@roadrunner.com
or 717 E. Third St., Dover, OH, 44622.

Bylaws Committee Notice to the Membership Concerning a Vote on Amendments to the BTA Constitution and to the Articles of Incorporation to be Held at the BTA Annual Meeting

April 30, 2017 at 9:00 AM

The BTA Bylaws Committee will conduct a vote of the membership at the BTA Annual Meeting, April 30, 2017 to approve amendments to the BTA Constitution Articles II and X and an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation Article II. The BTA Board of Trustees has approved all the amendments. The amendment to the Articles of Incorporation requires filing the approved amendment with the Ohio Secretary of State.

The proposed amendments to the Constitution are:

- A change to Article II to reflect the new address of the BTA as being in Shawnee, OH.

ARTICLE II - ADDRESS

The place in the state where the principal office of the corporation is located is in the village of Shawnee, Perry County, Ohio

- A change to Article X to reflect the removal of the State Trail Coordinator position from the Executive Committee and replace it with the Chair of the Trail Management Team or his/her designee.

ARTICLE X - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The officers of the Association, the Executive Director, and the Chair of the Trail Management Team or his/her designee 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.

The proposed amendment to the Articles of Incorporation is:

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ARTICLE II - ADDRESS

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The Bylaws Committee is a Standing Committee as defined in the BTA Bylaws. Its purpose is to manage the procedural documents of the BTA by reviewing the document contents, recommending changes based on review or by request, ensuring changes are approved by the appropriate body of authority (Trustees and/or membership), and recording the approved changes.

If you have any questions concerning the proposed amendments to the Constitution or the Articles of Incorporation, please contact Mary Hayes, Bylaws Committee Chair at webmaster@buckeyetrail.org.

BTA Trustee Nominations

Steve Walker and Linda Paul wish to continue to serve on the BTA Board of Trustees

Current Nominees:

Karen Raymore, CDME

Executive Director

Hocking Hills Tourism Association

Brandon Riggins

Co-owner of True Heights Equipment Outfitter

Auction coordinator for Buckeye TrailFest this year

Has worked with youth organizations and park departments

Appalachian Trail thru hiker

Andy Haag

Was a board member for Wilderness Center in Wilmot, OH for 25 years, serving 3 years as president

Started a law firm in 1998 and sold out to partner in 2015

Currently President, Custer Products, Ltd. of North Canton, OH

Ohio Legislative Trails Caucus Becoming A Reality

Andrew Bashaw



Very soon, there will be a group of State Senators and Representatives from Ohio who support the Buckeye Trail and other non-motorized trails across the State of Ohio. During our meeting with him in April 2016, Senator Sean O'Brien (D-63) indicated willingness on his part to help in the creation of the Ohio Legislative Trails Caucus. Once TrailFest 2016 was over, discussions on this subject between Steve Walker, myself and Nate Shipman, Senior Legislative Aide to Senator O'Brien began in earnest. The result is that Senator O'Brien is sending out an invitation to his fellow legislators in Columbus requesting them to join the Ohio Legislative Trails Caucus.

To do your part in making this a success, we'll be asking you, as BTA members, to contact your State Senators and Representatives in March and urge them to reply to Representative O'Brien's invitation and sign on to be a member of the Ohio Legislative Trails Caucus. To find out who your State Representative or State Senator is, go to <http://www.ohiohouse.gov/> or <http://ohiosenate.gov/index> and type in your nine digit Zip Code. Click on SEARCH and it will tell you who your Representative or Senator is. There will be an e-mail link on that page that will allow you to send a message urging your senator or representative to join the Ohio Legislative Trails Caucus by responding to the invitation e-mail sent out by Senator Sean O'Brien. If you need to find out your nine-digit Zip Code, go to <https://www.usps.com/> and click on Look Up a Zip Code. Each one of us has a State Representative and a State Senator and we're asking you to contact both of them in preparation for our first Ohio Trails Reception to be held at Ohio's historic Statehouse held on March 29.

The more legislators we get to join this caucus, the better will be our chances to preserve, protect and enhance the Buckeye Trail. Please do your part in making Ohio's legislators aware of the Buckeye Trail by urging them to join the Ohio Legislative Trails Caucus. Thank you!

2017

Work Parties

- Mar 11-14-3 → ① → Old Man's Cave Work Week at Hocking Hills (*Chuck Wagon Event*)
- Apr 8-9 → ② → Old Man's Cave Work Weekend at Pretty Run Preserve
- May 13-17 → ③ → Akron Section Work Week at Brecksville Reservation (*Chuck Wagon Event*)
- May 20-24 → ④ → Stockport Section Work Week at AEP (*Chuck Wagon Event*)
- Jun 3-4 → ⑤ → Defiance Section Work Weekend at Farnsworth/Providence
- Jun 3-4 → ⑥ → Shawnee Work Weekend at the Ballinger Preserve
- Jun 17-21 → ⑦ → Road Fork Section Work Week at Caldwell Lake (*Chuck Wagon Event*)
- Jul 8-12 → ⑧ → Road Fork/Whipple Work Week (*Chuck Wagon Event*)
- Sep 9-11 → ⑨ → St Marys Section Work Weekend at Newport
- Sep 16-17 → ⑩ → Belle Valley Work Weekend
- Oct 14-18 → ⑪ → New Straitsville Section Work Week at Wayne NF
- Oct 21-22 → ⑫ → Old Man's Cave Work Weekend at Pretty Run
- Nov 4-8 → ⑬ → West Union Section Work Week at Edge of Appalachia (*Chuck Wagon Event*)



Central Ohio Membership Drive

Bob Litt

The Central Ohio chapter of the BTA invites current members to attend, invite friends, and/or provide gift memberships to family or friends to the membership drive and meeting on Thursday, April 6th from 6-8 pm at Grandad's Pizza and Pub in Hilliard. This will be a great opportunity to meet members, socialize over beer and pizza, have informal discussions about the Buckeye Trail and perhaps win a door prize.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and include a one year membership in the BTA, one Blue Blaze beer, pizza buffet and a raffle ticket. If you are already a BTA member, then use your ticket as a gift to a family member or friend (the discounted tickets cannot be used for membership renewal).

Additional information is available at <http://www.buckeyetrail.org/memberdrive/centralohio.php> or contact Bob Litt at bob.litt.2016@gmail.com.



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Buckeye Trail Scholarships

Ruth Brown

Students who are BTA members or whose parents or grandparents are BTA members are eligible to apply for a BTA scholarship for college. Two \$500.00 scholarships are available each year. Details can be found on the Buckeye Trail website under the scholarship section at www.buckeyetrail.org/scholarship.php. The application must be received by April 1. The scholarships are awarded during Buckeye TrailFest, which will be held on April 27-30.

BTA Funds Report

Your contribution to any BTA fund is tax deductible. All contributions of \$20 or more are acknowledged. We hope to include your name in the list of contributors in the Trailblazer.

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APRIL 27-30, 2017



That Budget Travel named Yellow Springs one of "America's Coolest Small Towns" is no surprise to anyone who has visited. Culturally diverse, open, friendly and creative; Yellow Springs is Everyone's Favorite Place.

Discovered around 1800, the area was popular for those seeking the curative waters of the Yellow Spring. Home to Antioch College and Antioch University Midwest, the village is a unique mix of rural and urban, with a thriving downtown and eclectic neighborhoods surrounded by farms and orchards that fill our markets with fresh local food.

Extensive recreational attractions include the Little Miami Scenic Trail for hiking and cycling; 2000 acres of woodland and rivers edge hiking trails in Glen Helen, John Bryan State Park and Clifton Gorge.

People are drawn to Yellow Springs for its authenticity. The streets are lined with an eclectic assortment of shops, galleries and restaurants. Rich visual and performing arts abound in this vibrant community of artists. Yellow Springs hosts festivals, art openings, theatre, live music and more. You can expect something interesting every time you visit.



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SESSION	FEE	FEE AFTER APR. 15, 2017	TOTAL
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FRIDAY ONLY - MEMBER	\$20.00	\$25.00	
FRIDAY ONLY - NON-MEMBER	\$40.00	\$45.00	
SATURDAY ONLY - MEMBER	\$30.00	\$35.00	
SARUEDAY ONLY - NON-MEMBER	\$50.00	\$55.00	
CHILDREN AGES 0-17	NO CHARGE	NO CHARGE	

PLEASE IDENTIFY CHILDREN AGES 0-17

NAME	AGE	GENDER	MEALS	LODGING TYPE

PLEASE FILL OUT SEPERATE REGISTRATION FORM FOR ANY CHILD AGED 11-17

LODGING OPTIONS

(circle your choices)

TYPE	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	TOTAL
Tent Camping	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	
Motorhome, Pop-up, or Camper	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	
Pine Tree Lodge	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$12.00	
Deluxe Cabin	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	
Rustic Cabin	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	
Tree Houses	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	

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(circle your choices)

MEAL	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	TOTAL
Breakfast	\$8.50	\$8.50	\$8.50	
Lunch	\$9.50	\$9.50		
Dinner	\$10.50	INCLUDED		

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TYPE	TOTAL
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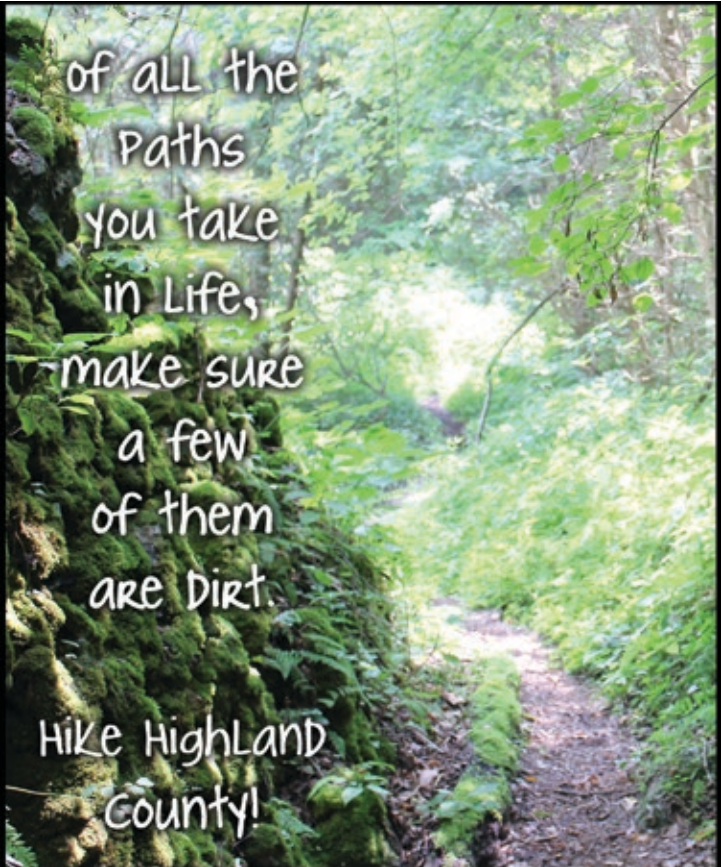
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Warrior 150 Hiking Challenge

Andy Niekamp

The Dayton VA Medical Center celebrates its 150th anniversary in 2017. To commemorate this important anniversary a yearlong series of events is planned including the Warrior 150 Hiking Challenge. Five challenge hikes, with four on the Buckeye Trail, are planned in 2017 to test your hiking endurance and celebrate our nation's veterans. For more information about the Warrior 150 Hiking Challenge, visit <http://www.warrior150challenge.com>

Warrior 150 Challenge Hikes

Challenge Hike #1: March 18-19

Troy to Dayton on the Buckeye Trail. Distance is 41 kilometers (25 miles).

Challenge Hike #2: April 22-23

Spencerville to Minster on the Buckeye Trail on the historic Miami Erie Canal Towpath. Distance is 41 kilometers (25 miles).

Challenge Hike # 3: June 3

The Twin Valley Trail Challenge on National Trails Day near Dayton. Distance is 44 kilometers (27 miles).

Challenge Hike #4 : August 26-27

Caesar State Park on the Buckeye Trail. No paved trail, all-dirt footpath in the woods. Distance is 35 kilometers (22 miles).

Challenge Hike # 5: October 7-8

Yellow Springs to Dayton on the Buckeye Trail. Distance is 37 kilometers (23 miles).

Celebration Hike.: November 11

Downtown Dayton to the Dayton VA Medical Center. Distance is 8 kilometers (5 miles).

Buckeye Trail Association

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