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Editor's Note

Buckeye Trail Association would like to remember and honor three of its life-long supporters and members: Susie Hulls, Adrian Vanko and Dorothy Kay Seitz. Susie Hulls loved hiking, the outdoors, and birdwatching. She was also known for taking care of trailbuilding crews by providing food from the BTA Chuckwagon. She is survived by her husband, Herb Hulls - another life-long supporter of the Buckeye Trail and former President. Adrian Vanko served as Vice President alongside Herb Hulls for several years. He also frequently joined Buckeye Trail Work Parties. Dorothy Kay Seitz is remembered for making many life-long friendships with BT hikers and sharing her love of the trail.

Save the Date: TrailFest 2024

The Central Ohio Chapter is proud to announce that the 11th Annual Buckeye TrailFest will take place on September 12th-15th 2024 in Columbus, Ohio at Camp Mary Orton. The Buckeye TrailFest offers a long weekend packed full of hikes, workshops, presentations, speakers and social opportunities. Join us for guided and self-led hikes on the Buckeye Trail and other trails. Meet hikers and trail maintainers from around the state. Attend workshops and learn new things and make new friends! Come for the whole weekend or come for a day. There is something for everyone!

We would like to know what sort of topics that you, the hikers and volunteers who love the Buckeye Trail, are interested in. If you would like to take some time to complete an interest survey for TrailFest, you can find it on the main page of BuckeyeTrail.org under "TrailFest."

What Keeps Me Coming Back

Linda Paul

At my very first TrailFest, I didn't know much about the trail beyond how long it was. I didn't know much about the people behind the trail. I found out at that TrailFest just how many people take care of the trail, no matter how many miles their section is, and how passionate they are about maintaining their trail rather than just people passionate about hiking. That just blew me away. A few years ago, we had TrailFest down in Cincinnati. At one point, Bob [Pond] wanted to play hookie so we went to Fort Ancient and just walked around there for about half a day. He was so excited to talk about what he knew about Fort Ancient, just wandering around the trails just talking. I will remember that for a long time because he was so passionate and I am really grateful to have that experience with him at a TrailFest event. Last year, we had someone bring in a snake who had been researching snakes from the Wayne National Forest. The room was packed and it was one of the most favored programs. So many people were apprehensive about snakes, but still there. People wanted to hear about snakes but they weren't certain. That was really cool. The people that I meet at each trailfest, old or new, and hearing their stories and passions... that's what keeps me coming back.

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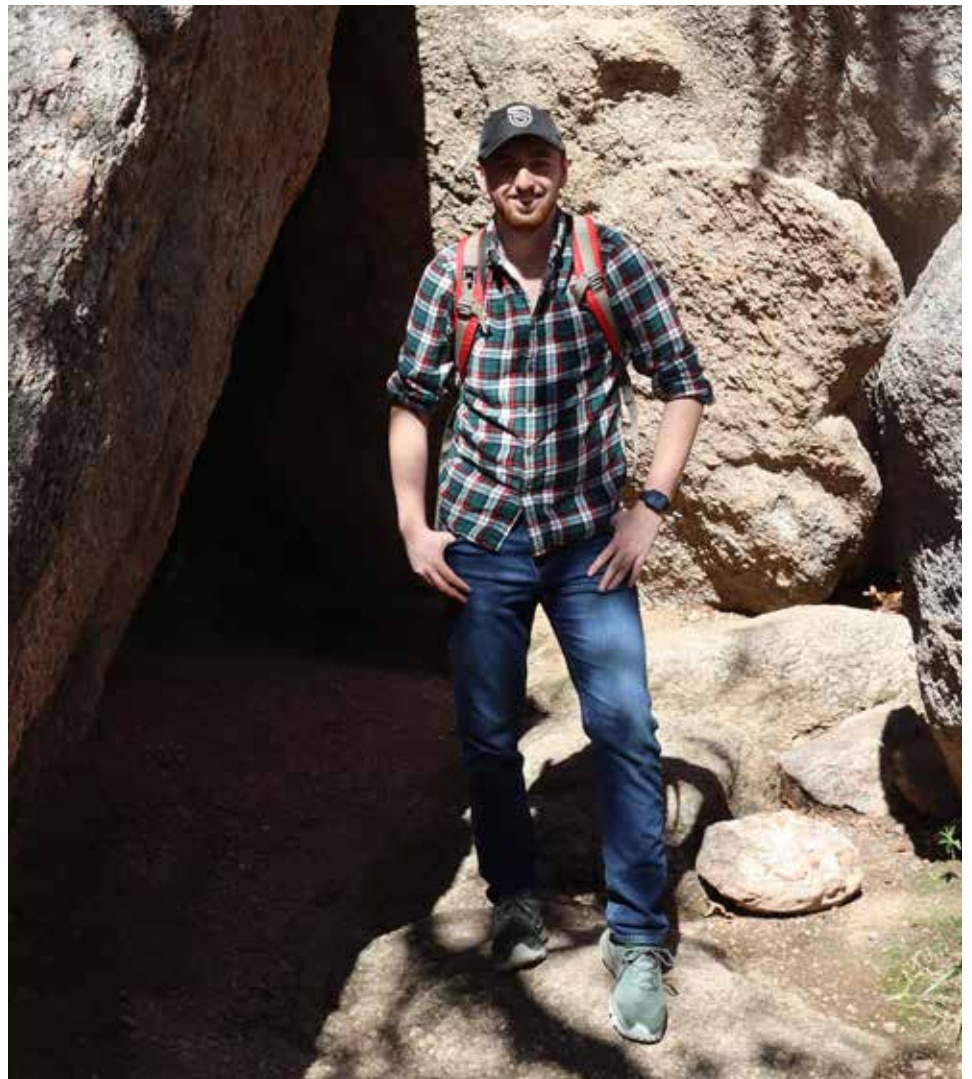
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Hello Everyone!

Aidan Reagh

Hello everyone. My name is Aidan Reagh and I am very excited to be the new Marketing and Office Coordinator for the Buckeye Trail Association. While I did grow up in Delaware, Ohio, I have spent the past few years living in South Texas with my loving partner, Lacy, and my trusty cat (Daisy) and dog (Niko) sidekicks. I've spent most of my time here working in the sports industry, where I served as the director of marketing and adult team operations for a local soccer club. That being said, we have been ready to return home and the opportunity to help grow the Buckeye Trail just made sense. I will be focusing on helping the growth of not just the Buckeye Trail, but the communities along the trail as well with goals of inviting collaboration and creating lasting memories and experiences for all who Follow the Blue Blazes. As I sit outside on a warm Texas morning writing this with Niko on one side of me and my coffee on the other, I close my eyes and think of the Blue Blazes waiting for me to make my own memories - and I hope I get to meet you as I make those memories.



Aidan Reagh in Enchanted Rock State Natural Area, Texas. Photo credit: Aidan Reagh

President's Message

Steve Walker

Here's hoping that you're all doing well. As I write this, winter 2023 is giving way grudgingly to spring 2024 and April 1st is only a couple of weeks away. Although April 1st has a certain cultural connotation in America, this particular April 1st will be special for me.

What got us to April 1, 2024 actually started on August 26, 2021. I was volunteering in our headquarters town of Shawnee, Ohio when our Director of Trail Development, Richard Lutz, alerted me to the fact that my congressman, who I had known for over twenty years, was in the area on a campaign stop on the nearby Baileys Trail System. Congressman Tim Ryan was busy with his run for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by U.S. Senator Rob Portman. I quickly called the congressman's office and was encouraged to catch up with him for the hike he was going on at the Baileys. It was a very pleasant reunion (see picture) and the last thing that Congressman Ryan asked me before he left for another campaign stop in Athens was, "What can I do for you?"

For me, that was an easy one. I had long dreamed about trying to find a way for the Buckeye Trail to become a National Scenic Trail along with the Appalachian Trail, the Pacific Crest Trail and the Continental Divide Trail. A month or so later, we pitched the idea to Rick Leonard, the congressman's district director. In the ensuing month, we talked with other staff members about it and even worked with Mike Cunningham, a staffer with Congressman Anthony Gonzalez, another Ohio congressman who was glad to join with Congressman Ryan in our discussion. On December 3, 2021, our Feasibility Study Bill was introduced into the U.S. House of Representatives.

In August of 2022, we met with staff from U.S. Senator Rob Portman's office and pitched the idea of having an identical bill introduced into the U.S. Senate. They were similarly enthusiastic about doing this and contacted U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown's office and asked if they would consider working together on this bill. They were supportive and, before long, a Senate version of our feasibility bill was introduced.

It's one thing to get a bill introduced into the U.S. Congress and another thing to get it passed. The clock was ticking on both of our bills and, if they weren't passed by the 117th U.S. Congress before the end of 2022, we would have to try and get them introduced into the 118th Congress. Fortunately for the Buckeye Trail, all four legislators worked hard to get our identical feasibility study bills into the year end Omnibus Bill which was passed in the waning days of December 2022. Our four legislators also managed to pack financial support into that

Omnibus Bill meaning that our feasibility study would be paid for.

This all brings us to April 1, 2024. On Monday, April 1st, the team selected by the National Park Service to perform our feasibility study will open shop and go to work. They reported to us that they expect to take two to two-and-a-half years to produce the Buckeye National Scenic Trail Feasibility Study. During that time, they will be finding things out about the Buckeye Trail and the BTA. They will also be seeking public comment.

We've been very lucky about how, with the help of some good legislators, we've managed to get this far in such a short time. The BTA will be keeping a close eye on this process and we'll be letting you know how you can help. Stay tuned and have a great spring.

Steve Walker
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Congressman Tim Ryan and BTA President Steve Walker at the Baileys Trail System, August 26, 2021. Photo credit: Steve Walker

On the Trail...

Many people take the place they live for granted. I've heard that Ohio is boring. I may have thought that too when I was younger, while I eagerly learned about distant places that seemed more exotic. When I was old enough to travel and explore some of those exotic places as a visitor, I found local people who took their place for granted too, but they seemed very interested in what it was like where I came from. Turns out Ohio is exotic to them! That made me think harder about the question: what makes my home unique, interesting, inspiring, and enjoyable?

Eventually (finally!), I found the Buckeye Trail (BT), right in front of me, and as it turns out, it answers that question in a big way. The BT threads together a unique and varied story of people and the land in a hands-on, well... boots-on, way. The BT aims for and connects a vast network of the most interesting sites and inspiring scenery in a uniquely healthy and enjoyable way.

The BT is a 1,400+ mile continuous loop trail circumnavigating the Buckeye State offering outstanding opportunities for Ohioans and our visitors to recreate. We have worked since 1959 through volunteers and partners to create connected opportunities that range from day hikes at national, and internationally significant historic sites to thru-hiking around the state through historic urban areas, rural villages, connected to popular developed recreation destinations and wilderness experiences.

The story of the BT is older than the hills. Hikers can advance faster than glaciers that scoured the landscape and in retreat left terminal moraines like the swash marks of waves on a beach across northern and western Ohio. The BT shows us remnant pothole lakes, the Great Black Swamp, and the enviable farmland of Ohio's Lake Plains ecosystem that encouraged an era of settlement and agricultural production that helped fuel the nation. At the glacier's edge the dissected Allegheny Plateau provides us with the scenic hills and hollers hikers work to conquer in rugged southern and eastern Ohio.

Thanks to the BT we can walk in the footsteps of the ancients and imagine the designing, loads of dirt piled, stones stacked, celebrations, and cultures of the peoples who created places like the internationally known Serpent Mound, Fort Hill, and Fort Ancient.

We are fortunate to be able to compare written accounts of national history with our own experience on-site. We live in and hike through places like the site of Miami Tribes City of Pickawillany, Revolutionary War Fort Laurens, the fort sites and battle lines of the War of 1812, the Miami & Erie and Ohio & Erie Canals, and the historic canal towns like the utopian community of Zoar. We can imagine travelling with escaping enslaved people on the Underground Railroad through Chesterhill or skirmishing with Confederate General John Hunt Morgan's Raiders in Old Washington. We can sit outside in Dayton and witness the Wright Brothers latest test flight in the birthplace of aviation. Connecting 100 different communities, and all their stories, to each other with a corridor of our cherished great outdoors has provided an infinite amount of enriching experience for generations of Ohioans.

Today, we can marvel at the demand for outdoor recreation as the BT serves millions of hikers each year through varied and inspiring landscapes such as Headlands Dunes State Nature Preserve overlooking our Great Lake Erie, to towering

blackhand sandstone cliffs and waterfalls of Hocking Hills State Park and Forest, the Little Miami Scenic Trail winding along our Wild and Scenic River, or the engineering feats of the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail through the beautiful Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

Or, we can get away from it all in more backcountry settings through the regenerated Wayne National Forest and reclaimed landscapes of the Hocking Valley coal fields, around the dolomite promontories of The Nature Conservancy's Edge of Appalachia Preserve System, along the edge of one of the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District lakes in Ohio's Appalachian hill country, or the rugged Shawnee State Forest Wilderness Area.

We can pick up a Pulaski, or pair of loppers, and join the latest wave of Ohio's conservation movement following in the footsteps of the creators and stewards of our partners at Cleveland Metroparks, Watershed Conservancy Districts, Wayne National Forest, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, our original founders of the Buckeye Trail, and so many more. We can help others find the BT to explore Ohio on foot with our organized events, programs, or maps, or we can simply enjoy a walk ourselves on such an inspiring thing that we all have had a hand in creating.

As the Buckeye National Scenic Trail Feasibility Study swings into full motion this spring, the National Park Service will be considering whether to recommend Ohio's Buckeye Trail as a National Scenic Trail, the same family of trails that includes the Appalachian Trail, one of the major inspirations for our idea in 1958. During an introductory meeting with the NPS team the 2.5 year Study process was explained. Phases of the Study will include an existing conditions analysis, a community stakeholder outreach and public input process, and a feasibility analysis. The public input process will be your opportunity to share your important view of Ohio's Buckeye Trail, including in-person and digital methods to collect your thoughts. We'll keep you informed of when we reach that phase.

It's the people of Ohio that are the inheritors and stewards of these connected great places and their stories. We are either the descendants of those who made the stories, or the latest visitors who have chosen to call this storied place home. Is Ohio boring? Not from the view from the Buckeye Trail, and not in the hearts and minds of BTA members, volunteers, partners, and hikers. Working together for 65 years, we have found this place fascinating, how it came to be, its role in our lives and the nation's history, and where it is going. We all have a shared investment in developing and improving the BT experience on the ground for our own enjoyment, and for the enjoyment of others in search of the exotic right here in the Buckeye State.

I hope you will share your story of the Buckeye Trail with others and enjoy the incredible outdoor recreation opportunity we get to have in our own backyard.

Thank you for Hiking!



Andrew Bashaw
Executive Director
Buckeye Trail Association

BTA Funds Report

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New Trail Easement in the Wayne National Forest

Jon Flinn and Richard A. Lutz



As a part of the 100 mile Backpacking Destination in Southeast Ohio, the Buckeye Trail has been working on relocating 20 miles of road walk on to 16 miles of natural surface trail. The trail relocation will connect Stone Church trail system to Burr Oak State Park trails and Wildcat Hollow Backpacking loop to create a 100 mile backpacking network in the New Straitsville Section of the Buckeye Trail.

Earlier last year Jon Flinn, our Special Projects Coordinator for the 100 mile backpacking destination reached out to CCU Coal after discussion of a private property gap in the corridor. In the end we were able to ask and receive a 30 foot wide easement. With assistance from Richard Lutz the BTA filed the easement in Athens County in December of 2023. This easement is over a mile length.

This trail easement is the link between Wallace O'Dowd Wildlife Area and the Wayne National Forest. The trail will traverse above a beautiful valley where hikers will catch a glimpse of rock outcroppings and pristine stream beds. In addition to the trail easement we are planning to build a 60 foot bridge across the East Branch of Sunday Creek! We intend to start construction of the bridge and trail this year and plan to have a grand opening in 2025!

Our volunteers have been hard at work to help rough clear the corridor for the trail to be built.

We want to thank CCU for the donation of this trail easement to permanently protect this segment of trail and provide the link between public and private lands!

Farewell to Richard Lutz & John Flinn

Andrew Bashaw

Some of you already know Richard Lutz and Jon Flinn are leaving the Buckeye Trail Association for other jobs. Richard is heading to Minnesota to join the Superior Hiking Trail Association as their Trail Stewardship Director, and Jon is staying a little closer to home in Athens, OH to become Rural Action's Zero Waste Program Manager. While I am sad to see them go, Richard on April 12th, and Jon on April 18th, I am happy for both of them and the next chapter in their careers. I invite you to wish them both well if you have not already.

Both Richard and Jon have made huge positive impacts on the BT, and for the BTA. Richard's work for the BTA over the past 13 years, as a volunteer, AmeriCorps Member, Trail Preservation Specialist, and

then Director of Trail Development has literally helped to preserve thousands of acres for the BT corridor with volunteers, partners, and sometimes on our own. Similarly, Richard's work has helped to map and relocate 5-10% of the BT off of roads creating amazing hiking experiences for everyone where we were once concerned for our safety.

In 2020 Jon jumped in as the Volunteer Program AmeriCorps Member, and then 2022 as the BTA Special Projects Coordinator to help manage our Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District Green Corridor Project and the Appalachian Regional Commission POWER grant improving the BT

through the Marietta Unit of the Wayne NF. Jon has also been masterfully handling the BTA's first ODNr AMLER trail construction grant that is creating a 100 mile backpacking destination by moving 16 miles of the BT off of roads and is serving as an example for the rest of the BT and how we can leverage larger regional projects to benefit the mission of the BTA.

Transitions like these are challenging for a relatively small nonprofit. We are beginning to put together a plan for our next steps and I'm open to your input. In the near future we'll be focused on the essential duties and obligations of Richard and Jon's positions. Some of those we'll absorb in the work of Morgan Thomas (BTA Volunteer Program AmeriCorps), Connie Pond (BTA Clerk), Aidan Reagh (Marketing & Office Coordinator), myself, and key volunteer leaders, while we develop a plan for hiring. This means that these folks will have a little less time available in the near future while at the same time appreciating what Rich-

ard and Jon were providing in support of BTA volunteers. For some projects and programs we will reach out to BTA chapters, committees, teams, and key volunteer leaders to discuss their willingness and ability to help bridge the gap. Don't worry, as volunteers I can't make you do anything you don't want to do, but I will ask if you want to lend a hand just the same. The BTA is fortunate that staff, volunteers, and partners are there to lean on when needed, we'll get through this phase and continue building, maintaining, protecting, and promoting Ohio's Buckeye Trail for years to come.

I appreciate all your work for the BTA, and I appreciate your patience and understanding while we get through a period of less staff support than we are used to. Beyond essential duties, please hang on to the great ideas that you may have talked with Richard and Jon about and share them with the appropriate BTA chapter, committee, team, volunteer, partner, or staff member.

Tag & Tor

Karen Power & Jeri Getts



When NCT thru-hiker, Bernie Krausse, spent a few nights with trail angels Joe and Jeri Getts, some excitement ensued. Here's what happened from the perspective of the perpetrators of the fun--Jeri and Joe's three dachshunds, Hansel, Gretel, and Peter.

Hansel: Oh, look, Gretel and Peter! We must have done something good. Bernie left the bedroom door open for us and his bag of tortillas and crackers on the floor. Bernie must really like us.

Exploring Tradition: The Enduring Legacy of the Findley Winter Hike

Valerie Gardner

For over four decades, adventurers have converged upon Findley State Park in Wellington, OH, eagerly anticipating the annual Winter Hike—a tradition steeped in camaraderie and the spirit of exploration. This year, on February 3, 2024, enthusiasts from near and far once again gathered to celebrate the park's natural beauty and the enduring legacy of this cherished event.

Originating in 1981, the Winter Hike was the brainchild of Oberlin resident, Tom King, who envisioned a winter festival to unite outdoor enthusiasts in revelry and appreciation of Findley State Park's wonders. Over the years, the event has evolved, but its core values of exploration and outdoor activity have remained steadfast.

The 43rd edition of the Winter Hike offered participants the choice of a 5K guided hike or a more challenging 10K self-guided trek. Regardless of the chosen route, breathtaking scenery awaited the winter hikers along Findley State Park's winding trails, with opportunities to spot wildlife and marvel at serene winter landscapes. Bird enthusiasts were delighted by sightings of trumpeter swans flying overhead—a testament to the park's rich biodiversity.

Upon completing their hikes, participants gathered at the campground pavilion, where the Friends of Findley State Park served up their renowned bean soup and cornbread—a tradition as cherished as the hike itself. Donations received during the event supported the park's maintenance and preservation efforts, ensuring future generations can continue to enjoy its wonders.

Findley State Park boasts 838 acres of wooded trails, meadows, and an 83-acre lake, providing ample opportunities for boating, fishing, and wildlife observation. Mountain biking enthusiasts can explore the Thorn Mountain Bike Trail, while disc golfers can test their skills on the park's two 18-hole courses. In addition to outdoor activities, Findley State Park hosts educational programs and events throughout the year, fostering a deeper appreciation for nature and conservation among visitors.

As the Winter Hike concluded, participants departed with hearts full of gratitude for the natural splendor they had

*Top: Hikers getting ready to head out for the Winter Hike
Right: Hikers hiking past a Blue Blaze on the Buckeye Trail.
Photos provided by Valerie Gardner.*



experienced and the bonds forged along the trails. Though the event may have ended, the spirit of adventure and exploration lives on, beckoning all who seek to connect with the great outdoors.

The success of the Winter Hike is a testament to the dedication of its organizers and the unwavering support of the community. Today, the event is hosted by the Lake Plains Chapter of the Buckeye Trail Association in collaboration with the Friends of Findley State Park and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Together, they ensure that the tradition of the Winter Hike continues to thrive, inviting adventurers to embrace the beauty of Findley State Park and the timeless allure of nature's wonders.

*Bottom left: sign on the trail dedicated to the 75th anniversary of Ohio State Parks.
Right: Hikers crossing a bridge by a blue blaze.*
Photos provided by Valerie Gardner.

To learn more about Ohio State Parks and its 75th anniversary, go to: bit.ly/3Q0grfo (short link to Ohio State Park page)



On the Trail: The Disaster of 1913

Jonathan Winkler

On the trail, we find tiny details that are sometimes hints of larger things. Take the ghost town of Tadmor as an example. In the Troy Section, north of I-70 along the Great Miami River Recreation Trail, there is an abandoned town that ceased to exist after the 1913 flood. It was once an important crossroads, where the National Road (US 40) crossed the Great Miami and intersected the canal and the railroad. But the flood blew it out. There are interpretive signs, and one can look up pictures and stories about it all online after one returns home.

Hike the trail long enough in the Dayton area (or live in the Dayton area, as I do) and you become aware of the Great Flood of 1913. It is one of the defining events of this part of the state. It destroyed the canal (already in decline). It prompted the creation of the Miami Conservancy District, which built the big dry dams in the area (and contributed to the eventual Metro Park system). The Buckeye Trail (BT) goes underneath one of these features, the Taylorsville Dam, south of the ruins of Tadmor. If you hike farther north, the BT actually climbs the steps of another: the Lockington Dam. Whether you are new to Ohio or new to Dayton, however, it would be a mistake to think that this was somehow only of local interest.

The Great Flood of 1913 was more than just a huge deal to the residents of the greater Miami Valley. It was the result of a spectacular meteorological event that affected nearly every part of the state. But it tends to be remembered more as a local event in different places. All around the BT, one will cross places where this massive, shared event touched the lives of enormous numbers of Ohioans. The BT itself actively benefits from the legacy of that event still today.

Ohio was among several states that endured waves of heavy



Aftermath of 1913 flood. Public Domain photo (miamisburg.org).

rainfall from March 21 to 27, 1913, the week after Easter Sunday. One account suggests that this may have been the greatest flooding for Ohio since the glacial era. The larger storm pattern even triggered tornadoes in states to the southwest. But Ohio bore the brunt of it, and the heaviest rain came down in a band roughly from Miami/Logan to Wayne/Portage Counties. Charts from the time reprinted in several official reports from the time show there being upwards of 10-11 inches of rain falling in the 72 hours before 7:00 PM on March 26. So, while the rain certainly dumped into the Great Miami River, it also dumped down into the higher ground and the tributaries for all of the major rivers in Ohio, from the Maumee to the Scioto, Cuyahoga, and Muskingum. For those who know Athens, the Hocking River was remarkably not much affected.

As the water swiftly rose simultaneously all across the state, the damage was nearly unfathomable to any one person. Rivers, creeks, and streams soon overflowed their banks and filled basements, then streets, then first floors, and then whole houses. Tens of thousands of houses were outright destroyed or rendered uninhabitable. Hundreds of thousands of people were temporarily homeless as evacuees until the water receded. There were hundreds of human lives lost, horrific numbers of livestock and draft animals drowned in cold water, and all in what the photographs make clear was very cold weather. Reading through reports for the time, the names of major towns and locations past which the trail passes pop out: 268 houses damaged at Defiance and 150 at Napoleon. Thirty-five percent of Fremont flooded. The geologically unusual Bellevue (to the east of Fremont) with no meaningful drainage remained underwater for five weeks. The ammunition plant at Kings Mills along the Little Miami (Loveland Section) suffered much damage from



Dayton, OH - Fourth St. under water during 1913 flood. Public Domain photo.

high water. Thirty percent of Massillon was under water. But the mill at Stockport, right there on the BT today, withstood the rising waters of the Muskingum that had carried away numerous mills upriver from it. With the telegraph and telephone poles gone, state officials and private actors scrambled to get news of local conditions and rush relief into affected areas.

One legacy of the flood are the abandoned canal tow paths that the BT follows in many parts of the state. The canal era had ended much earlier, in the middle 19th century, as the railways supplanted them. But they were still there, under state control and generating a small amount of money while sliding into irrelevance as a white elephant. There had been fitful attempts in previous years to repair some viable sections. Yet the damage can be seen in the numbers. For the year after the flood, in all of 1914, the state made a total of \$362.82 in tolls on the major canals. It made more than \$10,000 in boat license revenue on the major feeder lakes for the canals, including Lake St. Mary's and the Portage Lakes south of Akron instead. The statewide flooding had delivered the final blow. From Dayton to Waterville to Akron to Zoar, the water came over the banks, put pressure on the lock gates, blasted out weak embankments, and forced residents to make choices about what they thought needed to be done to save themselves at the expense of those downstream. The canals were finished.

Though the suffering was state-wide, from Dayton and the Miami Valley leaders came the Conservancy Act. This was a novel legal construction that allowed for the creation of regional agencies, political entities that would be different from counties and could work across counties, for the purpose of flood control and mitigation. Because it included the power to seize property through eminent domain, not everyone was happy with the idea. The Ohio General Assembly passed it into law in 1914. After court battles over its powers, the Miami Conservancy District came into being in 1915. Dayton's leaders had hired Arthur Morgan, the noted engineer, to design a flood control system. From his designs came the dry dams the BT crosses.

Nearly twenty years later, in 1933, the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District (MWCD) came into existence out of the same law. This dwarfed what the Daytonians has done. It covered about 20% of the state, some 27 counties, and led to the construction of an initial 14 dams and reservoirs for flood control against a repeat of the 1913 flood. Morgan was initially involved with this effort too, before President Franklin Roosevelt lured him away to oversee the Tennessee Valley Authority project. The BT transits the dams and shores at Senecaville, Piedmont, Clendening, Tappan, and the waters below Atwood and Leesville dams, all built to prevent a repeat of the disaster that Ohio endured in 1913.

So now more than 90 years later, the BT carries you along the remnants of an old era finished off by a massive flood, the result of which was a shift in state law, the creation of a new legal institution, and the construction of wet and dry dams and reservoirs across Ohio, all of which in turn the BT uses to carry you on new adventures.

Chart 8, Part 2. Total precipitation in Ohio, 8 a. m., March 23, to 8 a. m., March 27, 1913, inclusive (inches).



Take a Stroll Along The Most Scenic Trail

Beth Sanderson

Patches of bright green moss glow when warmed by beams of sunlight through tree branches. Woodland ferns, from the evergreen Christmas fern to the cinnamon-like stalks of dormant sensitive ferns, add interest to the late winter forest floor. As the days warm, lady and wood ferns send out their first green leaves. Cone-shaped clusters of skunk cabbage pop up through damp soil near a meandering creek. Welcome to the 1.5 miles of the Buckeye Trail that runs through the Richfield Heritage Preserve.

Always a favorite hiking destination throughout the year, this narrow trail that winds from Lower Lake Jinelle to Upper Lake Linnea follows a stream that is part of the headwaters of the Rocky River watershed. The path is particularly engaging when ephemeral wildflowers are in bloom April through May, before the forest is in full leaf. Depending on the weather and the week, you will find ramps, spring beauties, different species of trillium, marsh marigold, rue anemone, foamflower and cutleaf toothwort, to name a few.

You may spot sassafras and early blooming spice bush. American chestnut saplings still sprout from the roots of trees lost generations ago to disease. I saunter down the trail and indulge in taking too many pictures to try and capture the beauty around every curve and switchback.

This will be my 16th year volunteering with the Friends of the Richfield Heritage Preserve. In 2016, we worked with Buckeye Trail builders to help add this scenic spur that runs through a high quality natural area. The BT trailblazers – many longtime trail builders – know their craft. The Buckeye Trail Association was one of the first park partners to believe in the value of RHP and invest both time and treasure. I learned to use tools like a fire rake and how to build a dry bridge.

Bird enthusiasts also enjoy the trail; the songs of migratory warblers, eastern phoebes, eastern towhees and blue-gray gnatcatchers, along with year-round resident chickadees, northern cardinals and many types of woodpeckers fill the spring with sound. From the fallen logs resting on rock outcroppings to standing tree snags, you will see signs of wildlife and insects supported by a healthy habitat.

As spring matures, the sight of ravines full of skunk cabbage unfurling large, glorious chartreuse leaves is divine -- a sure sign of a healthy wetland ecosystem. The geology of these ravines supports



Shed along the Buckeye Trail at Richfield Heritage Preserve in Medina Section

northern hemlocks among the mostly oak, hickory, beech and maple forest. Rock formations stained with the red rust of iron deposits – I call one of them Plymouth Rock – add drama to the scene. The soft drooping bows of the hemlock forest frames Cook's Cabin, a small building along the trail that looks like it's out of a fairy tale.

This scene, nestled in an oxbow of the murmuring stream, is the kind of vision in dreams: it will make your soul smile and your heart warm when you take the time to explore Ohio's Hidden Treasure™ Richfield Heritage Preserve.

Note from Beth Sanderson:

We plan to link to the Buckeye Trail website in our MillWrite News, which is a quarterly newsletter we have started 2024.

Make sure to check out their website for more stories!



BTA MORELFEST 2024

May 3-5, 2024 • BTA Beall Farmstead
83949 Beall Rd, Cadiz, OH 43907

Morelfest is the Muskingum Lake Chapter's signature event held every spring at the BTA Beall Farmstead and Century Barn in Deersville, OH. Join us a weekend-long celebration dedicated to the morel mushroom, featuring guided and solo foraging hikes, live music, campfires, potluck meals, and various outdoor activities. All skill levels are welcome. Pets are permitted but must be leashed at all times.

Guided hikes will leave camp in 15 minute intervals starting at 9am. You must be signed up for a hike in the registration below to be guaranteed a spot. Guided hikes/mushroom hunting will start and finish at the barn. Hikes may be 2-5 hours, and will vary in difficulty and terrain. Hike leaders may take small groups to areas away from the Beall Farmstead to other MWCD Lakes and carpooling is recommended. Our goal is to introduce the Buckeye Trail to our guests as well as hunt morels while we are hiking the trail.

Tuscarawas River Band will be playing this weekend at 7:00pm until 10:00pm on Saturday, May 4th. Music is sponsored by Panhandle Cleaning and Restoration.

Bring your own food for Friday evening and lunch on Saturday. Saturday breakfast will be served courtesy of Deersville General Store at 8am, however donations are appreciated! Deersville General Store will have food available for order throughout the weekend and delivery may be available for larger orders. There will be a Saturday Potluck at 6:15pm, please bring something to share, refrigerators and electric for crock pots are available.

Register for weekend or day pass. Camping is included in the weekend pass. **PLEASE NOTE:** Guided hike / morel hunting tickets are sold out. When you register, you will be placed on a waiting list. Registration is free for children 17 and under. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please indicate how many children will be attending with you. Remember to preregister for the event through the provided link. Walk-ins won't be accommodated, so make sure to reserve your spot in advance! Registration for Morelfest is open: <https://tr.ee/FZL588zfub>

For any inquiries, reach out to the Morelfest team!

Contact: morelfest@buckeyetrail.org

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BTAMorelfest/>

Website: <https://www.buckeyetrail.org/morel-fest.php>

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Weekend Schedule:

Friday:

Arrive at Noon

Meet 'n greet at Beall barn at 7 PM for campers

Explore and enjoy the surroundings

Saturday:

7:30 AM - Breakfast courtesy of the Deersville General Store

8:30 AM - Meet your hike leaders and hiking locations will be revealed

9:00 AM - Group hikes start departing from camp

5:00 PM - Potluck camp meal.

Evening entertainment with live music starting at 7 PM

Sunday:

Morning hikes (leaders may not be available)

Gates close at 3 PM

Camping Details:

Primitive and RV camping

No electricity at campsites

Fires allowed in raised pits

Bring your own camping essentials

Please Note: RV sites for BTA Morelfest are officially SOLD OUT.

Pop-up campers and pull-behinds are still welcome to join the fun.

However, please note that Drive-In RVs are no longer accepted.

Food:

Electric available for crockpots, refrigerators; stove and microwave also provided. Bring your own plates, napkins, and cups; pack out your trash

Buckeye Trail's Biggest Day Hike



The Buckeye Trail Association is celebrating National Trails Day on June 1st. We will attempt to hike as much of the Buckeye Trail as we can in a single day. With everyone pledging to hike a small segment of the trail, collectively completing all 1,400+ miles of the whole trail is not such a far-fetched idea!

National Trails Day, sponsored by the American Hiking Society on the first Saturday of June, is a day of public events aimed at advocacy and trail service, celebrating the local, state, and federal trails that provide people access to nature and recreational activities. The BTA is happy to host this free event in conjunction with the American Hiking Society and our Buckeye Trail partners.

You can participate in the Biggest Day Hike by signing up to hike a segment of the Buckeye Trail on National Trails Day, joining in one of the post-hike celebrations throughout the state, helping with trail maintenance, or all three! Some parts of the Buckeye Trail are open to biking or horseback riding and other parts of the Buckeye Trail run parallel to a river for canoeing/kayaking. These alternatives are valid ways to cover a segment where such activities are allowed. Let's see how much of the Buckeye Trail we can hike together!

Plan Your Hike

- Select a Section and pick the Section Numbers of your start and end points. The Buckeye Trail Overview Map page has a map with Buckeye Trail Sections labeled.
- Note: Buckeye Trail Section Maps can be purchased at the Buckeye Trail Shop. Buckeye Trail maps can also be purchased for your phone on FarOut or Avenza.
- Take a look at the Biggest Day Hike Spreadsheet to see which segments people have pledged to hike and which are still open. Multiple people can sign up for the same segment, but if everyone hikes different segments, we can cover a larger portion of the Buckeye Trail in one day. The spreadsheet will be updated daily as people sign up for segments and your initials will appear within a day. Visit the Biggest Day Hike web page at buckeyetrail.org/biggestdayhike.php for all the information.
- Check the Buckeye Trail website for Trail Alerts or Map Updates for your planned segment or segments.
- Make sure you have all of the resources you need to have a successful and fun hike (maps, transportation plan, appropriate gear, water, food, etc). Biggest Day Hike shirts and other gear can be purchased from the Buckeye Trail Shop.

Share some photos of your adventures on the Buckeye Trail Association Facebook Group and tag your social media posts with #BiggestDayHike.

Additional Resources

Have a question? Email us at BigDayHike@buckeyetrail.org or take a look at our FAQ page

You can learn more about National Trails Day at: americanhiking.org/national-trails-day/

2024 Schedule of Hikes & Events

Always check buckeyetrail.org/events.php for more information and last-minute updates, and to register for the work parties and the chuckwagon meals

A P R I L

April 20, 2024

Women's Trail Maintenance Day at Burr Oak State Park

Joint event by Central Ohio and Little Cities of the Forest Chapters of the BTA. Have you wanted to try Trail Maintenance? Join other women in a day of trail work. If you are new to volunteering, have no fear, we will provide you with tools and on-site training. This is a great opportunity to learn about basic trail maintenance and meet other like minded women who enjoy the outdoors. We will meet at 8:45AM at the dam parking lot. At 9:00AM there will be a short safety meeting, a description of trail tools, and the work plan for the day. At 9:15AM we will hike and maintain the trail from Tom Jenkins Dam to the marina (Boat Dock 1). No registration required.

Location: Tom Jenkins Dam parking lot on Jenkins Dr off of SR 13 north of Glouster, OH.

What to Bring: Bring water, snacks, and lunch. Wear long sleeved shirts, pants, boots; bring work gloves, insect repellent and sunscreen

Liability: link to liability file can be found on our events page.

Camping: Camping is available at Burr Oak Campground.

Contact: littlecities@buckeyetrail.org

April 20, 2024

Rural Action Tree Planting

Rural Action Watershed, a long time partner with the BT, needs our help to improve water quality and habitat! Join Rural Action and Little Muskingum Watershed Association to plant 1250 trees along the Little Muskingum River. This would be a great opportunity for us to reciprocate and show up to help two of our partners in conservation. The Little Muskingum Watershed Association has been a great partner to us in the past, allowing us to utilize their facilities as base camp for our annual chapter work party in the Wilderness Chapter. We will be planting the trees in the floodplain of the Little Muskingum River on Wayne National Forest property. However, due to parking restrictions, carpooling is necessary. There are 2 options for parking:

Location 1: Rural Action's main office - Kuhre Center. 9030 Hocking Hills Dr, The Plains, OH 45780. Please meet here by 8 am.

Location 2: Little Muskingum Watershed Association 22241 State Route 26, New Matamoras, OH 45767, OH. The GPS coordinates are 39.540774, -81.224663. Please meet here at 10 am.

This is an all-day event from 10am to 4 pm.

Registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/853011248607>

April 26-28, 2024

Blue Blaze Academy

Blue Blaze Academy is a series of workshops designed to train and educate the Buckeye Trail Association's volunteers about a variety of topics related to sustainable trail building and maintenance, conservation, and volunteer leadership. Attending is FREE to all current BTA members. There are two programs of workshops available to attendees this year, an Introduction to Trail Building program and the Trail Crew Specialist program.

Participants will receive a certificate of completion for their programs at the end of the weekend, and participating in Blue Blaze Academy qualifies all attendees to receive their 5-hour volunteer patches!

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Core Curriculum: Volunteer safety is central to the BTA's values. All Blue Blaze Academy attendees will participate in a Trail Safety & Risk Management workshop before breaking out into their individual programs. During the workshop, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) will be provided to attendees for their use throughout the weekend.

Introduction to Trail Building: designed to teach volunteers of any experience level the core fundamentals of how trails are designed, built, and maintained. Participants will be introduced to common trail-building tools and learn about work crew best practices and leadership.

Trail Crew Specialist: designed to provide training for experienced volunteers who are interested in learning advanced trail-building and maintenance skills beyond the scope of activities performed by casual hikers and trail adopters. Participants will be introduced to the various gas-powered equipment used by the BTA, gain hands on experience constructing hard trail structures, and learn techniques for sustainable trail-layout and construction.

Location: BTA Century Barn. 83949 Beale Rd, Cadiz, OH

Meals: The Chuckwagon will be there to provide all meals.

Camping: Camping is available at the BTA Barn.

Registration: Link can be found on our events page

Contact: Morgan Thomas at volunteer@buckeyetrail.org

M A Y

May 3-5, 2024

Moreifest

Join us for a weekend of hiking, music, food, camping and of course, Morels! Guided hikes/mushroom hunting will start and finish at the barn. Hikes may be 2-5 hours, and will vary in difficulty and terrain. Hike leaders may take small groups to areas away from the Beall Farmstead to other MWCD Lakes and carpooling is recommended. Our goal is to introduce the Buckeye Trail to our guests as well as hunt Morels while we are hiking the trail.

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Saturday breakfast will be served by Deersville General Store at 8am.

Deersville General Store will have food available for order throughout the weekend and delivery may be available for larger orders.

There will be a Saturday Potluck at 5:00pm, please bring something to share,

refrigerators and electric for crock pots are available.

Camping: BTA Beall Farmstead (RV & tent)

Registration: <https://tr.ee/FZL588zfb>

Additional Details: For more details Visit our Moreifest page.

Contact: moreifest@buckeyetrail.org

May 11-15, 2024

Little Cities of the Forest Chapter - Stockport Section

Come join us for heavy vegetation control and trail repair. If you like DR mowing (or want to learn) this is the work party for you.

Joint work party with American Hiking Society volunteer vacations.

The Trail Crew leaves camp at 8:00am to head out on the trail.

Meals: The Chuckwagon will be there to provide all meals. You

Hikes & Events (continued)

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must sign up when you register.

What to bring: long sleeved shirts, pants, tools if you have them, and work gloves. BRING your own water!

Camping: Campground K, vault toilets, no running water or hookups.

Registration: link to registration can be found on our events page.

Contact: bellevally@buckeyetrail.org

May 20, 2024, 7:00PM

Buckeye Trail Presentation

Randall Roberts will give a presentation that will cover 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.

Location: Euclid Public Library, 631 East 222nd Street Euclid, OH 44123

Contact: For additional information contact Randall Roberts at btalkerroberts@gmail.com or call the library at (216) 261-5300

JUNE

June 1, 2024

Biggest Day Hike

We are encouraging everyone to hike a little bit of the Buckeye Trail to see how much we can hike together in one day. Just think, it will only take 300 people hiking 4.8 miles each to hike and complete the entire trail!

You are welcome to bike the portions where bikes are allowed, horseback where horses are allowed, and even kayak where rivers are parallel to the trail. Not only are we building a better trail, we are also building a better community.

Buckeye Trail's Biggest Day Hike is a completely free event. So get out there and have some fun!

Information / Registration: Visit the Biggest Day Hike web page for all the information and links to everything you need to successfully hike the Biggest Day Hike.

Contact: BigDayHike@buckeyetrail.org

June 1-5, 2024

Crooked River Chapter - Mogadore Section

Come be a part of the finishing touches on the West Branch Destination project with the Crooked River Chapter. Sign installation, deblazing old trails and blazing new trails are just a few of the things needed to close the book. DR mowing, weed trimming, and downfall removal are also on the agenda, with possible bridge construction pending ODNR approval. Grab your paint kits and dust off the cobwebs to help us open this awesome project and celebrate the years of effort it has taken our incredible volunteers to complete. The Trail Crew leaves camp at 8:00am to head out on the trail.

Meals: The BTA Chuckwagon will be parked at camp. Breakfast and Dinner will be provided, along with plenty of choices to pack yourself a trail lunch.

Camping: West Branch State Park - Horseman's Camp

Registration: link to registration can be found on our events page.

Contact: mogadore@buckeyetrail.org

June 20-23, 2024

15th Annual EGGS Hike

The E.G.G.S. Hike honors Emma Grandma Gatewood, a founding member of the Buckeye Trail Association. The event consists of hiking challenges of either 20, 40, 60, or 80 miles. Visit our E.G.G.S. page for additional information.

Meals: Cost includes Breakfast and Cookout Friday, Breakfast Saturday and Sunday, and Dinner Saturday night.

Registration: link to registration can be found on our events page.

Contact: oldmanscave@buckeyetrail.org

JULY

July 13-17, 2024

Wilderness Chapter - Road Fork & Whipple Sections

Come get dirty and join the Buckeye Trail Crew and the Wilderness Chapter in reestablishing a forgotten portion of the Buckeye Trail that used to lead to the Knowlton Covered Bridge. The Crew will also be moving a severely degraded portion of trail slightly upslope to stabilize the trail tread. And don't forget about the trusty DR Mower. There'll be plenty of brush maintenance available so be sure to bring your weed eaters. This will also be a great opportunity for our corp of volunteer USFS certified sawyers to get their bars dirty by clearing downfalls. The Trail Crew departs from the campsite at 8:00am to head out on trail, see you all there!

Meals: This is a BTA Chuckwagon event. Breakfast and Dinner will be provided, along with plenty of choices to pack yourself a trail lunch.

Camping: Little Muskingum Watershed Assoc., OH 26, New Matamoras, Ohio

Registration: link to registration can be found on our events page.

Contact: whipple@buckeyetrail.org

July 27-28, 2024

Ohio River Chapter - Williamsburg Section

Bring your favorite digging implement; working between points 9 and 11 north of Twin Bridges Rd. Our primary focus is correcting drainage issues along the trail. Even if it is dry, you will get muddy. Secondary tasks include correcting blazing and clearing the East Fork State Park trail corridor.

What to Bring: Wear closed-toe shoes and work gloves, and bring a shovel and/or line trimmer. Power tools must be operated with safety equipment (face shields, hearing protection, etc.). Pack a lunch and water. Dress for the weather.

Meals: Bring your own food and water for the event.

Camping: TBD

Contact: williamsburg@buckeyetrail.org

July 27-31, 2024

Crooked River Chapter - Burton Section

We plan to finish minor pruning work along the farm fields on the east side of Rapids Rd to SR 422. Then we progress to the West side

Interested in Chapter-specific events/hikes?

Go to buckeyetrail.org/chapters to find your local chapter. You may find Chapter-led events and hikes posted on Chapter social media (Facebook, Meetup, or Instagram) or shared via Chapter newsletters.

of Rapids Rd to cut, prune and grub the trail so that the trail can be open to hikers this fall to SR 422.

What to Bring: bring your own tools if you are inclined to do so. Wear sturdy footwear and bring heavy work gloves if you plan to do any grubbing (Pulling Flora Rosa) on the trail. Don't forget bug spray.
Meals: Breakfast and Dinner will be supplied by the BTA Chuck wagon. Please bring your own lunch, snacks and water as needed. Extra water will be available.

Meet at: Eldon Russell Park - 16315 Rapids Rd., Burton, Ohio 44021 @ 8:00 am each day

Camping: Punderson State Park - 11755 Kinsman Rd. 44065 in Newbury Twp.

Registration: link to registration can be found on our events page.

Contact: burton@buckeyetrail.org

AUGUST

August 10-14, 2024

Little Cities of the Forest Chapter - New Straitsville Section

If you like to build trails or want to learn how there will be lots of great mentors to learn from as you help build a 0.8 mile trail by Tom Jenkins Dam. Tools provided. This is a joint project with the Wayne National Forest as part of the Amler grant project and a Forest Service grant. Additional trail building opportunities will be on a newly acquired easement from Buckingham Coal to move the BT off of Antle Orchard Road. The Trail Crew leaves camp at 8:00am to head out on the trail.

What to Bring: Long sleeved shirts, pants, tools if you have them, gloves

Meals: This is a BTA chuckwagon event.

Camping: Burr Oak Cove Campground.

Registration: link to registration can be found on our events page.

Contact: newstraitsville@buckeyetrail.org

August 17-21, 2024

Crooked River Chapter - Akron Section

Blue Blaze Project

The project starts with an on-the-trail scout and planning event for five to ten volunteers. We will focus on two areas of the CVNP, about eight miles of trail, "The Flat Land segment" and the "Boston Mills segment". We must build three bridges and a raised boardwalk in a bottle-neck area. This will provide better drainage for the environment and a fantastic overlook. In the Boston Mills segment, there is a three-year NEPA backlog in the CVNP, so we will harden the trail in the very muddy areas, complete a tread update, and rehab a 16ft bridge.

What to Bring: Wear sturdy boots and work gloves—your favorite trail tools. Do not bring Gas Powered equipment. Dress for the weather. The project is rain or shine. Training and equipment will be provided.

Meals: We will provide two dinners: one BBQ and one Pizza. The days are TBD. The rest of your meals are on your own. Lunch

will be on the trail, so please be prepared to pack a lunch. We will provide water, Gatorade, and snacks for the event.

Camping: We will be staying at BSA Camp Manatoc - Eagle

Lodge: amenities include Showers, bunks, a full kitchen, air conditioning, ample parking, a fire pit, and outdoor grills. Co-ed if need be. You may tent camp if desired. No Pets allowed. When you register, please indicate whether you will be camping.

Registration: link to registration can be found on our events page.

Contact: akron@buckeyetrail.org

SEPTEMBER

September 12-15, 2024

TrailFest 2024

The Central Ohio Chapter is proud to announce that the 11th Annual Buckeye TrailFest will take place on September 12th-15th 2024 in Columbus, Ohio at Camp Mary Orton.

We would like to know what sort of topics that you, the hikers and volunteers who love the Buckeye Trail, are interested in. If you would like to take some time to complete an interest survey for TrailFest, you can find the link on the front page of BuckeyeTrail.org under the "TrailFest" segment.

September 15, 2024

BTA Trustee Board Meeting at TrailFest

Sunday at about 10:30 A.M. after BTA Annual Meeting

Contact: president@buckeyetrail.org

September 21-25, 2024

Crooked River Chapter - Burton Section

Finish any work that needs to be completed on the West side of Rapids Rd. to open the trail in the Fall. The work may include painting blazes on the West side of Rapids Rd. Putting up Carsonite markers, and small bridges on the East & West sides of the trail on Rapids Rd. If this work gets completed, we will advance to the South side of SR 422 and continue the trail work that parallels Tilden Rd.

What to Bring: PLEASE bring your own tools if you are inclined to do so. Some tools will be available. Wear sturdy footwear and bring heavy work gloves if you plan to do any grubbing (Pulling Flora Rosa) on the trail. Please DON'T Forget your BUG SPRAY!

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner will be supplied by the BTA Chuck wagon. Please bring your own lunch, snacks and water as needed. Extra water will be available.

Meeting Location: Eldon Russell Park - 16315 Rapids Rd., Burton, Ohio 44021 @ 8:00 am each day

Camping: Punderson State Park - 11755 Kinsman Rd. 44065 in Newbury Twp.

Registration: link to registration can be found on our events page.

Contact: burton@buckeyetrail.org

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