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## Editor's Note

As the Trailblazer is in a transition phase with a new editing team there were a few layout errors and delays; we apologize for any inconvenience this has caused, and hope you enjoy the content moving forward .

-Shawn Steinschreiber

**The Adventures of Tag and Tor**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Canada Day (Canada) Make Hotel Reservations For Hikes 1	Babysit GrandKids (Take them Hiking) 2	Shop for groceries Evening Hike 3	Independence Day (USA) Picnic Hike Fireworks 4	Clean House Shuttle a Hiker 5	Plan more Hikes 6	
Church Hike 7	Hike with neighbor 8	Laundry Attend a Hiking Presentation 9	Hike am Dr. Appointment 4pm 10	Down load Hiking Pictures 11	Makeup Hike 8:30 Burton 10-16 12mi 12	BT Circuit Hike 8:30 AKRON 1-5 11.2mi 13
Circuit 8:00 BT Hike 11-5mi AKRON 5-11 14	Pack for Vacation short Hike 15	Vacation to Hocking Hills (Hike) BT 16	Hike 17	Hike 18	Hike 19	Hike Drive Home 20
Church Night Hike 21	9am Trail Dentist Maintenance in TROY Section 22	Lunch with Friend + Hike 23	Go to REI 24	Organize Hiking gear Hike 25	BT Hike Bedford 1-8 11.4mi 26	BT Hike Bedford 8-15 15.9mi 27
BT Hike Bedford 15-20 11.1 28	Draw Cartoon about Hiking 29	Wash Windows Hike 30	Babysit GrandKids (Take to Park and Hike) 31	New Moon-5 First Quarter-13 Full Moon-21 Last Quarter-27 A BT Hiker's Calendar	June SMTWTFSS 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 28 19 20 21 22 23 24	August SMTWTFSS 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

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# Tag & Tor

Karen Power & Jeri Getts

When the Buckeye Trail calls your name, truly calls your name, hiking the BT becomes a near-obsession—a goal, a job, a passion. Section hikers love ticking off miles, points, and sections. It's always a happy day when a map (there are 26) is completed.

Between Tag and Tor, Tor was the planner and the scheduler of most of our hikes. And she is good at it. Proficient at map reading with a strong sense of direction, Tor is willing to drive the length and breadth of Ohio in rain, sleet, and snow just to get miles in. The inspiration for this cartoon came the day I realized that, one time, Tor had planned hiking dates for us that nearly filled an entire calendar month. Tor's love for hiking the BT explains the reason she is on her third circuit around Ohio.

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# Setting off on a New Path

Shawn Steinschreiber

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Shawn and Family on a cruise in the Bahamas

Howdy, I know many of the readers think they have met me over the last few years, from working on the trail, to hiking, or from one event to another, but I would like to take some time and formally introduce myself! For those I have not met the name is Shawn Steinschreiber, some may know me as Mott's or Hardhat, and a few even as Uncle Potty; however, I am excited to announce I am officially the new Trailblazer Editor!

My wife and partner of 23 years, Adwena, and I have two kids Alisha Wamsley, and Alex; and we also have two grandkids, who saved my life, Audrey also known as "Rootbeer", and Ember, known as "Ol' Grump". My family and I live in Central Ohio, just south of Columbus, in Amanda, and are extremely involved in the local the Community and the Masonic Lodge.

For me, this is a childhood dream job, I always wanted to be involved in art, music, painting, and graphic design. However, I failed out of almost every class I took and never really did much for the most part. Although my first real job was working at a print shop, my path would then took me in a different dimension.

For most of my "professional" career, I was mainly involved in public safety working, teaching, and volunteering as a Firefighter/EMT, my wife and I also owned a, very small, print shop for a few years. We also became very involved in local scouting where I ran the local Cub Scout Day Camp seven years in a row, during this period the family would also move into a Boy Scout Camp for about eight weeks, each year, where I was the Emergency Director.

While working at the Boy Scout Camp I rolled my four-wheeler, responding to an emergency causing a TBI, and a fracture at the base of the skull that was not found until four years later. Fast forward time I started developing many issues that the doctors were stumped and until things got much worse I started losing feeling in my extremities and was rushed to OSU. It was at OSU that they found that I had a Chiari Malformation, that I may or may not have been born with, but was made much worse by the accident; along with two Syrinx's the that developed in the spinal cord,

Over the next seven years, I became a statistical number in the opiate epidemic and was well-supplied by the medical-industrial complex. Because of how things went my weight became extremely out of control and at my biggest I was 610lbs. It took my mother passing away, and my daughter being pregnant with Rootbeer for me to realize I was actively dying, and I wouldn't see my grandchild. When we next went back to my pain management, and I explained what I had realized, their answer was to raise the amount of opiates I was taking.

My wife and I decided to take my life into my own hands and she single-handedly navigated me through withdrawals, and I taught myself to walk again. Over time from walking in place with a walker for a few minutes a day, I lost over 400lbs and have walked 1000's of miles. I am excited to be truly now starting this new part of my story and can't wait to see what we create together!

## Visiting Distant Trails

Lenny Monnin, volunteer for St. Mary's Buckeye Trail section, recently visited his daughter and son-in-law's cabin in Eastern Ohio and was pleasantly surprised to find himself once again on the Buckeye Trail - this time on the other side of the state on the Road Fork section. Pictured here is Lenny with his granddaughter Wren.



Photo Credit: Katie Bensman



# President's Message

Steve Walker

Since 1959, one important part of the Buckeye Trail Association's mission was to build the Buckeye Trail. It started as an idea and, thanks to 65 years worth of BTA Volunteers doing it, our favorite trail is now well past 1400 miles in length. That happened a few miles at a time. As it grew, the Buckeye Trail incorporated many miles of road walk and the consistent effort since the beginning was to try and move as much of our trail as possible off of those roads.

In the last decade, several projects have been undertaken to move multiple miles of the trail to a woodland or natural setting. This includes mileage at the Edge of Appalachia Preserve in Southern Ohio and almost 27 miles of new additional off-road trail at West Branch Reservoir in East Central Ohio.

A recent trail building project to fulfill this part of the BTA's mission began on March 20, 2023 in the Burton Section of the Buckeye Trail. The concept for this trail project has been around for over a decade but it finally gained project status in 2018.

In the late Summer of 2018, I made the short trip to Guilford Lake to the home of Chuck and Beth Hewett to ask them what Buckeye Trail Project they would like to see get started. After a short discussion, Chuck advised me that he would like to see the Buckeye Trail moved off of Rapids Road in Geauga County. Rapids Road is a somewhat curvy road close to LaDue Reservoir that goes from the Village of Burton down past U.S. Route 422. It had long been a concern to Buckeye Trail Hikers who felt threatened by fast moving vehicles. Burton Section Supervisor Tim Murphy (also a current BTA Trustee) embraced the project immediately and, over a period of three years, worked closely with Chuck and Director of Trail Development Director Richard Lutz to lay out a new trail through the City of Akron Watershed land to accomplish this. The route eventually decided on meandered from the South side of Burton, Ohio through Akron Watershed land and eventually ended at Tilden Road about 1.9 miles South of U.S. Route 422.

At the end of 2022, Tim made plans to break ground on the Rapids Road Reroute Project in the Spring of 2023 and, on Monday, March 20, 2023, the work began. With the aid of the Buckeye Trail Crew over several work parties during the 2023 and 2024 trail building seasons and with numerous locally organized work parties with the help of BTA and other volunteers, the Rapids Road Reroute began to take shape.

Over this past Summer, trail building work finally touched the North side of U.S. Route 422 near Welshfield, Ohio encompassing about 8 miles of new trail. This segment of the Rapids Road Reroute passes through Eldon Russell Park which is operated by the Geauga Park District. During the entire time of the project's construction, Tim and his loyal group of local volunteers also endeavored to keep the completed segments of the Reroute in good condition.

The recent Buckeye Trail Crew Work Party was tasked with finishing the remaining 1.9 miles of the Rapids Road Reroute through to its Southern Terminus at Tilden Road. They came very close to that goal and it was left to Tim and the local folks to tidy it up and put a bow on it. More recently, that work has been completed and the local volunteer crew began to blaze the entire length of the Rapids Road Reroute in preparation for its eventual incorporation into the Buckeye Trail. The last blaze (a turn blaze) was painted by Tim on October 6, 2024 (see accompanying picture). In the Spring of next year, we'll be celebrating this great accomplishment. Please keep an eye out for the announcement. I hope to see you there. Have a great Fall.

Steve Walker  
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Tilden Road Turn Blaze painted by Tim Murphy October 6th, 2024.  
Photo Credit: Tim Murphy

## Issue Contest:

### Contest Rules:

There are 5 (Five) "65th" anniversary logos hidden through out this Issue of the trailblazer, not including the sample above or the mug. The first person to email [trailblazer@buckeyetrail.org](mailto:trailblazer@buckeyetrail.org), the correct page number all five logos found wins the mugs pictured. Happy Hunting!!!



# On the Trail...

Andrew Bashaw

The Buckeye Trail is expanding to Shawnee, OH. With the 2024 Blue Blaze Festival, the trail will traverse the historic Village sidewalk, directly in front of the BTA Office. You may have thought the BT passed through this Trail Town, but it only traversed its boundaries on the other side of Tecumseh Lake. Hiking through one might miss the historic Village on the other side of the hill, while those in the historic district may not realize that not only Ohio's State Trail, but also the North Country National Scenic Trail, and the American Discovery Trail all silently pass through the nearby Forest.

For decades, BTA volunteers, staff, and partners have redesigned and relocated a significant portion of the trail through the Athens Unit of the Wayne National Forest. All this hard work has enhanced the BT visual experience and increased engagement from hikers, volunteers, and community members. We're leading hikers to town for resupply and community services while improving trail visibility.

In 2006, when our efforts began ramping up, Shawnee's post office, library, and diner were either closed or on the brink of closure. Economic challenges in 2008 worsened the situation in this historic coal mining village. Despite challenges, the team secured approvals to relocate over 20 miles of the BT and negotiated with private landowners to create new trail corridors. Through several successful grants we were able to acquire over 100 acres of strategic parcels and augment BTA volunteer trail crews with AmeriCorps trail crews, all contributing to Ohio's new longest backpacking network.

Community leaders and residents have been industrious, establishing a library on their own and announcing the repurposing of a historic building on Main Street into a medical clinic. The iconic Tecumseh Theater is undergoing a rebirth, as I write this, reclaim its stature as the "soul of the Little Cities of Black Diamonds Region" with a new elevator tower and theater renovations. New businesses, including a restaurant, massage therapist, Shawnee Mercantile, and Winding Road Marketplace, have emerged. Local businesses have designated backpacker parking areas and established two new

campgrounds, an Airbnb, with more to come, including a planned microbrewery, all in a town with a population of less than 1,000.

The resurgence of industry in the area reflects the collaborative efforts of the local community to enhance the trail experience. Dr. Roy Fairfield's 1964 article, "Buckeye Trail Trials," published in the ODNR Conservation Bulletin, highlights several compelling reasons why we build trails. Like Benton MacKaye envisioned an Appalachian Trail - to counteract urban encroachment, and to provide a refuge for nature enthusiasts, and to foster economic development in economically distressed regions of Ohio.

While the work in Shawnee is notable, it is just one example of the BT's successes and partnerships extending over 1,400 miles around Ohio. Investing time and energy into this Buckeye Trail Town offers insights into best management practices and experiences that benefit all communities using the BT as a gateway to nearby public lands.

The BTA is connecting many communities to our state's nearby natural beauty. We're working with partners to connect Burton to Akron Watershed Lands, Deersville to Tappan Lake, Fairborn to Beaver Creek Wetlands and many others.

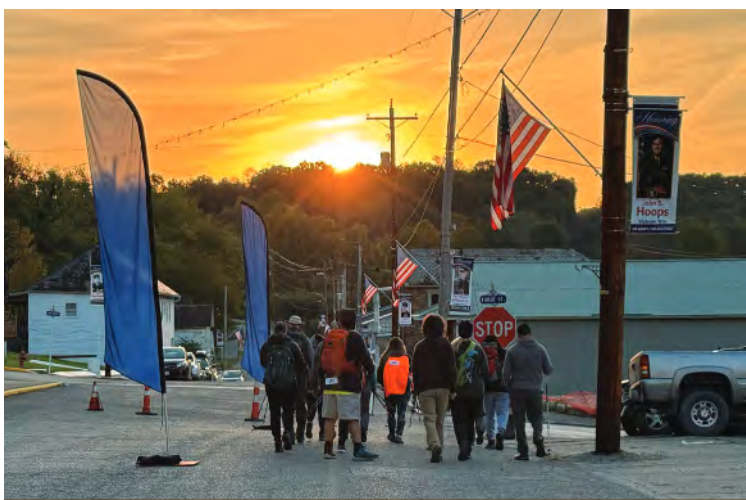
The trail's success is due to the dedication and perseverance of volunteers, partners, and community leaders! Through all our collaborative efforts, the BTA has helped to foster unity and enhance the quality of life in communities and help to provide accessible outdoor recreation opportunities for all Ohioans. All of this helps to continue growing the idea and spirit of the Buckeye Trail.

Again, thank you for your continued support and thank you for Hiking! Join us on our journey to explore, connect, and appreciate Ohio's great outdoors.

Hope to see you on the trail,

Andrew Bashaw

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8 Mile Hikers heading out of town during the 2024 Blue Blaze Festival  
Photo Credit: Shawn Steinschreiber



Last Blaze Officially placing the Buckeye Trail through the Village of Shawnee! Photo Credit: Scott Kreps.

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# Buckeye Trail Completionists



The following people have completed the Buckeye Trail as it existed when they were hiking! Bold names have completed more than once.

Kenneth Francis Rupp 1970	Thomas "Tom" Lavelle 1986	Karen Krause 2009	Karen Power 2019
Evelyn Rupp 1970	Jytte Annalise Hansen 1987	Ted Krause 2009	<b>Jeri "Tortuga" Getts 2019</b>
Steve Inkel 1972	Lynn Schreiber 1988	Sean Owens 2010	Luke Bushatz 2019
Mark Larsen 1972	Paul Mason Daniel 1990	Bob Simons 2011	Chad Hiser 2019
Clifford Dean Thorniley 1974	Spencer Allen 1992	Michael E. Hooper 2011	Jim Logsdon 2019
Craig Dennis Cooperider 1974	Thelma Hill 1992	Paul G. Imhoff Jr. 2011	Lucas Smith 2019
Carl Darren Cooperider 1974	Gary Calvert 1992	John Fetzer 2011	Eileen Gerson 2020
Roger Jones 1974	Dick Wiegandt 1992	Andy "Captain Blue" Niekamp 2011	Dan Herris 2020
Rick Welsh 1974	Darlene Wiegandt 1992	Gary Wooddell 2012	Cathy King 2020
Marion Pat Ellis 1975	Donald W. Hoffman 1992	Gwen Wooddell 2012	Julie Melzak 2020
Judy Gibson 1975	Harold Schneider 1999	<b>CW Spencer 2012</b>	John Chappell 2020
Ellen (Mumma) Cordar 1975	John N. Merrill 2000	<b>Richard Morgan 2012</b>	<b>Richard Morgan 2021</b>
Helen Bowen 1975	Jim Runk 2001	James Wright 2012	Rich Dougherty 2021
Frank Cepp 1975	Jay "Jay Bird" Abercrombie 2001	Denise "Ladybug" Hill 2012	Dain Sutton 2021
Miriam Cepp 1975	Mr. Dana Zintek 2001	Mary L. Warren 2013	Daniel Schmidt 2021
Donna Seither 1975	Lisa Daiber-Zintek 2002	Lisa A. Strohm 2013	Jeff Yost 2021
James Feeley 1975	Anne Snedaker 2002	<b>Kathy Fix 2013</b>	Sandy "Bit 'O Both" Barlett 2021
<b>Louise McDonough 1975</b>	Ruth F. Brown 2003	<b>Jim Gilkey 2013</b>	Josh Horsfall 2021
Jane Pendley 1976	Robert C. "Bob" Brown 2003	Karen Walker 2016	John M. Smilek 2021
Rachel Hartman 1976	Brent Anslinger 2003	Dianne K. Bell 2016	Michael Foulkes 2022
Brian Howard 1976	Amy Anslinger 2003	Chuck Hewett 2016	Matt Patterson 2022
Donald L. Howard 1976	Pat Hayes 2004	Beth Hewett 2016	Tina Costarella 2022
Kenneth Howard 1976	Sandy Sue Garey 2004	Sterling Deck 2016	Dennis Betts 2022
<b>Wilma M. Howard 1976</b>	William T. (Bill) Schultz 2004	Martin Strange 2016	Gates McManus 2022
Emily Gregor 1976	Cecilia Hartman 2004	George Tyo 2017	Susanne (Klein) Salcido 2022
<b>Gene C. DeSimone 1976</b>	John A. Bowers 2004	Beverly Phillips 2017	Kristine Stevens 2022
Helena Hart 1976	John Rethman 2004	Joan Young 2017	Patrick Buffington 2022
<b>Victor George Sandorf 1976</b>	Don Beattie 2005	Randall Roberts 2017	Tim Murphy 2022
Daniel A Springate 1978	Steven W. Trimble 2005	Mei-Ling Liber 2017	Bill "Trip Tik" Hines 2023
Garnett B Springate 1978	Louisa J. Kreider 2005	Preston Hudson 2017	Meg "Meriwether" Sondey 2023
Cecil Dobbins 1978	Richard E. Harris 2007	Tom Helbig 2017	Raman "Old Dead Eye" Ras 2023
<b>Charles W. Briggs 1978</b>	Mary Szelagowski 2007	Tim Gerber 2018	Jon Martin 2023
<b>Clifton Tate (80) 1978</b>	Mary Jane Decker 2007	Mary Ruth Grubbs Green 2018	Mike Brown 2023
<b>Gene C. DeSimone 1978</b>	Elizabeth S Hanna 2007	Jeanne "Jean" DeLaney 2018	Torri Brown 2023
<b>Jeanette DeSimone 1978</b>	Harvey Hanna Jr. 2007	Don Lenc 2018	Jay Shutt 2023
<b>Louis Shainker 1978</b>	Jeanne Henry 2007	Everett Brandt 2018	Cindy Somers 2023
Dr. Robert Starker 1983	EdA. Horvath 2007	Cheryl Kreindler 2019	<b>Jeri Getts 2023</b>
Jim Ball 1983	Sharon R. (Maatz) Horvath 2007	Dale J. Wical 2019	Jo Rawley 2023
<b>Charles W. Briggs 1983</b>	Martha D. Ritzert 2007	Andrew Prill 2019	Pat "Rock Flipper" Fett 2023
<b>Jeanette DeSimone 1983</b>	Gayle Shroy 2007	Kyle Browning 2019	Kay Russell 2023
<b>Gene C. DeSimone 1983</b>	Robert Shroy 2007	<b>Karen Fisk 2019</b>	<b>Karen Fisk 2024</b>
<b>Cecil Dobbins 1983</b>	Laszlo Prisko 2007	<b>Jim Gilkey 2019</b>	Bob Fox 2024
<b>Wilma Howard 1983</b>	Rose Prisko 2007	<b>Richard Morgan 2019</b>	<b>Richard Morgan 2024</b>
<b>Louise McDonough 1983</b>	Denise K Tobiasz 2007	<b>Kathy Fix 2019</b>	John Kadle 2024
<b>Victor George Sandorf 1983</b>	David (Dave) S Tobiasz 2007	<b>CW Spencer 2019</b>	Ian "Rooster" Koening 2024
Lowell Sanford 1983	David M. Janosko 2008	Bonnie Spencer 2019	Don Pattison 2024
<b>Louis "Lou" Shainker 1983</b>	Kenny J. Janosko 2008	Jacob Thompson 2019	
<b>Clifton Tate 1983</b>	Chris McIntyre 2008	Maria Wingard 2019	
Ruth Skuly 1983	Peter W. Cottrell 2009	Jen Weaver 2019	
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Jim Sprague 1986	Connie Pond 2009		





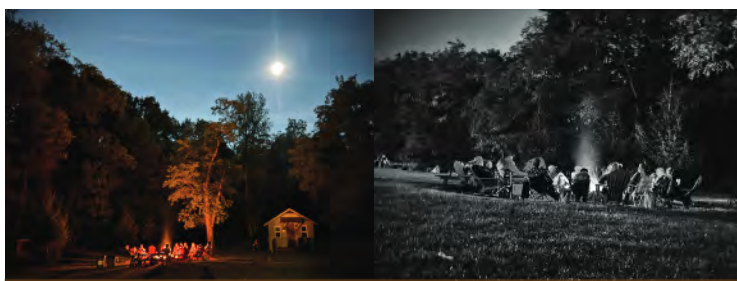
# 11th Annual TrailFest 2024

## A Review



Over 200 people attended the 11th annual TrailFest held at the beautiful Camp Mary Orton in Columbus, Ohio including registered participants, speakers, sponsors and partners. It was an amazing time to celebrate the Buckeye Trail and show off some incredible hiking spots in Central Ohio!

As the question was asked in the 2024 TrailFest program, “Do you have any idea what it takes to put on an event like this?” the answer is a “Tramily.” The success of an event like TrailFest is how well and quickly a group of people can come together for something bigger than themselves. But even this TrailFest shows that the success of the event doesn’t just fall on the shoulders of the Central Ohio Chapter’s nuclear tramilly. (A big “thank-You to all the volunteers that helped with set-up, and make this event a huge success”). The Larger Tramily of the Buckeye Trail Association came together to celebrate the Buckeye Trail.



*Some amazing & magical conversations were had around campfires!  
Photo Credit: Shawn Steinschreiber*

TrailFest 2024 started with a series of unique “Hike-In” events, and even one solo Bike-In by Mike Finelli from London, Oh to Camp Mary Orton! Crooked Rivers, Ohio Rivers, and Miami Rivers Chapters hosted their own unique “Hike-In” events to celebrate the Buckeye Trail and keep the spirit of the “Hike In” alive. The evening ended with a tour of the “Buckeye Treats Trail” (experiencecolumbus.com), highlighting the States iconic candy initiated by Randall Roberts. At last, everyone ended up back at the campfire at Camp Mary Orton.

TrailFest started on Friday morning with a super cool talk by a representative from our host the Goodman Guild and Camp Mary Orton. They gave us a deep dive into the history and background of the place. The day began with some awesome hikes, including a

thrilling Birding Hike around Camp Mary Orton, a tour of the fossils in the Ohio State House building stones, and views of native flowers and roses at Whetstone Prairie.

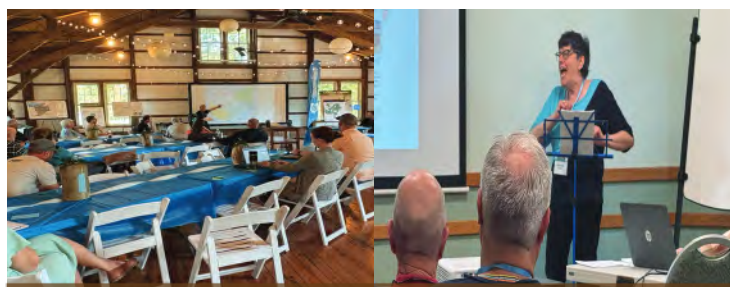


*Gorgeous sites from Quarry Trails Metro Parks (R) & Whetstone Prairie(L)!*

The morning program was packed with incredible presentations. Participants got a masterclass in trail maintenance and management from Lauren Kennedy-Little of the North Country Trail Association. Julie Osborn shared some hiking hacks in “Nutrition, Hydration, and Other Hiking Hacks,” and Kim Love-Ottobre took us on a journey through the history of Trail Towns. The room was buzzing with excitement for a standing room only, “Friday the 13th: Cemeteries 101 & Cemeteries Along the Buckeye Trail,” by Krista Horrocks from the Ohio History Connection.

After lunch, hikers and hands-on participants joined a geology hike of Camp Mary Orton led by Dr Loren Babcock. On the “Edible Plants/Wild Foraging/Mushrooms You May Find Along The Buckeye Trail” hike with David Williams, the group found some delicious paw-paws that participants could try!

The afternoon featured a program called “Ohio, State of the Trails,” with a panel of presenters including our very own executive director, Andrew Bashaw, insights from Steven Elkinton (National Park Service, retired) members of the Ohio Trails Partnership including, ODNR, ODOT, MORPC, Ohio Horsemen’s Council, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy, OMBA, ORCA, 5-Rivers Metroparks and Ohio Department of Health. It was a great way to learn about the state of the state’s trail system.



*“Ohio, State of the Trails Presentation.” Sheila Painter captivating the audience with her Story telling*

The audience was totally captivated by Sheila Painter’s “See the Signs! Ohio’s Historical Markers” talk, but Joe Dorrian, with the Ohio School of Falconry, blew everyone away with a “Birds of Prey” presentation, where he shared Owls, Hawks, Falcons, Raptors, and even live demonstrations! Ten lucky folks got to let a Hawk land on their arms - can you even imagine?



*The meals from Getts Catering were a great time to catch up with each other! "They made sure everyone at TrailFest was well-fed, and let's be honest, some of us might have gained a few pounds from all that delicious food!"*

The night ended with a "A History of the Buckeye Trail" roundtable discussion moderated by Jonathan Winkler. Jonathan shared some incredible artifacts that really brought the history of the BTA to life. But the real star of the show was the first-ever Hiker Recognition night, organized by Cindy Somers. The Hiker Recognition night was a celebration of 58 Completionists in the history of the Buckeye Trail (this included 5 hikers who completed the entire Buckeye Trail twice) - check out the photo in this issue!

Saturday morning started with a gorgeous hike at Quarry Trails Metro Parks, lead by Shelby Watkins, and back on site "Water Management on Trails." lead by Lauren Kennedy-Little showed us how to manage water impacts on the trail. Petra Schmalbrock joined in on the fun and showed us how to deal with invasive plants on the trail. Jessica Jurcak led a group on a "Forest Bathing/Shinrin Yoku" meditative hike. And guess what?, Randall Robert and Karen Fisk gave us some awesome tips on working with Google Maps and shared Karen's journey of completing the BT twice.

After lunch, the fun didn't stop! We had programs, hikes, and more. The New Straitsville Section Supervisor, Ann Furste, gave an incredible "Amler grant update." Diane Wright then shared her thoughts on "What Kind of Hiker Are You? Understanding the many stories on the trail." Karen talked about how people find not only the trail but also their passion for it. Hands-on participants got "Knotty" with "All About Knots 1 & 2," where Ranger Amber Huffman of the Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks who taught various knots that participants could use in their outdoor adventures. The evening ended with "Buckeye Trail Atlas Obscura: Curious and Wondrous History and Natural Resources of Ohio Along the Trail," where Jonathan Winkler and Cheryl Kreindler delivered fascinating stories and talked about the natural history one could experience along the Buckeye Trail.

Sunday kicked off with a special service led by CW Spencer. CW, led us in a well-attended non-denominational gathering around the campfire ring, where everyone walked away with a new perspective on their own connections to the trail. The day concluded with the Annual BTA Meeting and Elections, as well as the New Board

Meeting. We all owe a huge shout-out to Jeri Getts (Getts Catering) and her amazing team Amanda Lewis, Dori Bishop and Jay Shutt to name only a few of her helpers. They made sure everyone at TrailFest was well-fed, and let's be honest, some of us might have gained a few pounds from all that delicious food! With help from The Compost Exchange and SWACO we diverted 235lbs of food waste and 10 bags of recyclables from landfill.

To sum it up, TrailFest 2024 was a huge success, with over 200 attendees celebrating the Buckeye Trail. The event showcased the beauty of hiking destinations in Central Ohio and highlighted exactly how the Central Ohio Chapter is a "spoke in the wheel" that is the Buckeye Trail Association's "Tramily."



*CW Spencer's Sunday Service*



*Jim Spreague being honored at the Hiker Recognition Night by Cindy Somers.*



*Pat Snyder TrailFest's Barkellnerin*



*David Thorndike receiving the NCTA Honor Award.*



Beautiful Camp Mary Orton  
Photo Credit: Cindy Somers



One of the major highlights was Joe Dorrian, of Ohio School of Falconry & the gorgeous bird!!! Several lucky participants got to catch the Hawk!  
Photo Credit: Cindy Somers



Cindy, Linda, Joe, & Pat pause from all their hard work for a quick photo!



Jonathan Winkler, talking about the origins of the BTA logo during his Friday evening round table presentation



Petra Scmalbrock leads a group out to learn how to identify and eradicate invasive species!  
Photo Credit: Joe Carter



Some of the amazing kitchen Staff  
Pause for the paparazzi

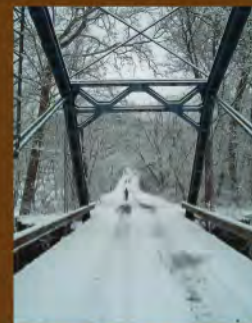


Water fountain at the Whetstone Prairie!

### TrailFest Photo Contest Winners:



**1st Place:**  
Christina Bergman  
"The Snake"



**2nd Place:**  
Richard Morgan  
"Beasley Fork"



**3rd Place:**  
Bonnie Spencer  
"The Dana Rd Lama"

Thank you to all the amazing entries again all the winners and submitted photos in the contest will be used for BTA promotions such as the donor postcards sent out by the association!



David Williams leads a foraging hike at CMO!



All About Knots Program.



Shawn and Angels share a beer after TrailFest!



11th Annual  
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Camp Mary Orton  
Columbus, Oh

September  
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Photo By: Andrea Bartel



The Largest Gathering of  
Buckeye Trail Completionists in History  
Representing finishers  
from 1983-2024



Photo By: Andrea Bartel  
TrailFest 2024 || Camp Mary Orton

# Piqua Trail Town

Kim Love-Ottobre



Reactor Site Memorial

Every trail town has its own distinctive buildings. Piqua is the only Buckeye Trail Town which contained a nuclear reactor within city limits. The nuclear power plant was located along the Buckeye Trail, on the east bank of the Great Miami River.

## How did this happen?

Piqua had been innovative in their way to supply power to their city. In the 1930s, as the price of electricity kept going up from Dayton Power and Electric Company, the citizens decided to take their energy source into their own hands. They built their own electrical plant powered by steam. They severed their outside electric connections in 1933.

## Early Days of Nuclear Power

In the 1950s, the US was looking to build prototype nuclear plants. Piqua was one of seven American cities selected as part of the US Atomic Energy Commission "Power Demonstration Reactor Program". This program was to construct, utilize and understand the abilities of a small nuclear reaction within a community.

The citizens of Piqua were enthusiastic about their selection. Articles were written and published in the local press before any actual construction began. The Piqua project was placed under the supervision of the International Atomic Energy Agency. This brought visitors from all over the world-Denmark, France, Belgium, Switzerland, and Japan-which also made the local papers. Piqua began to refer to itself as "Atomic City."

## Firsts

The experimental plant in town had several nuclear firsts:  
-first commercial moderated and cooled reactor in the world

-first to generate superheated steam which was then piped across the river to the original power plant to generate electricity (which was another first-using existing turbines in a conventional facility with the nuclear reactor steam)

-first nuclear reactor built in an urban setting

## Problems

As the unit was a very early prototype, delays were encountered as the technology was being developed. The initial startup was in 1964 and ran over one year with little issues. In 1965, the reactor experienced problems with sticking control rods, which required the plant to shut down and therefore could not supply steam over to the city power plant.

This shutdown dragged out over one year. As nuclear reactor technology was advancing, the plant was quickly becoming outdated. The Atomic Energy Commission shut down the reactor in 1966 and terminated its contract with the city.

## Decommission

The AEC removed the reactor fuel, coolant, and most of the radioactive material from the site between 1967 and 1969. The reactor vessel was entirely below ground and surrounded by an 8-foot-thick concrete shield. The main floor was covered with waterproof material and concrete to make areas containing radioactive material inaccessible.

## Final Removal

Since 1969, the Department of Energy had leased the site to the city of Piqua in perpetuity. In 2018, Piqua informed the DOE they were no longer interested in leasing the facility. In 2021, the DOE finalized their decision to demolish the buildings and work began in 2022.

The project took over two years to complete without a safety incident, despite finding an unidentified drum in a storage vault, more asbestos than originally detected, realized the dome was thicker and stronger than originally thought, and navigated through challenges of using large construction equipment in a small area. There is still a buried and entombed radioactive material in place at the site.

The project was officially declared complete in November 2023. The funding was through the Department of Energy at a cost of approximately 17 million dollars.

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# Chardon - A Trail Town Walkin' for Generations

Tim "Walkin' Man" Murphy  
Co-Authored by Aidan Reagh



Raman Ras, Meg Sondey, Bill Hines, Tim Murphy (L-R)

I'm Tim Murphy, and for those of you who don't know me, I have been working on the Bedford and Burton Sections of the Buckeye Trail for the past 17 years and have been hiking the Trail since I was 15 years old! While walking and working on the Trail, I have always wondered what it would have been like to be a pioneer working my way through the wilderness to get to Ohio?

What kind of struggles would I have to encounter while walking to my destination in the Western Reserve? Those questions would soon be answered!

While doing genealogy work on my Mother's side of my family, I stumbled on how my family became early pioneers to the State of Ohio and how they would impact the Community of Chardon.

Sometime in 1812, the same year Chardon was incorporated, my Fifth Gr. Grandfather John Roper came to Chardon from Massachusetts with his family and other pioneers led by a guide named Mr. Langdon. In 1818, this same Grandfather built a Saw Mill and the first Grist Mill in the northeast corner of Chardon Township on Big Creek!

My Fourth Gr. Grandfather, Nathaniel Hall Parks, was a private in the War of 1812 and served with the 1st Regiment of Brainard's Company of the Connecticut Militia. He was stationed in Long Island, New York. After being discharged in 1815, he decided to leave his Connecticut home and head west. Along with Jonathan Allen, Hezekiah Stocking, and two other men, Nathaniel walked 512 miles through untamed wilderness and arrived in Chardon - Nathaniel must be where I get my love of hiking from!

Through Geauga County records, it appears that Nathaniel bounced between Hambden and Chardon for his first couple of years

in Ohio.

On the first Monday of April 1817, Nathaniel was elected the First Clerk of Hambden Township. He would go on to put up a wool carding machine on the northeast corner of the Public Square in Chardon, where he ran his business from 1820-1821.

In February 1822, Nathaniel would marry John Roper's daughter, Almena. Over the next five decades, Nathaniel worked as a carpenter, where I'm sure he was involved in building a number of Chardon's structures! Later in life he was also listed as a Constable for many years in Chardon.

My fourth Gr. Grandfather Nathaniel Parks passed away in 1875 in Chardon after having been a resident for over 50 years. He is buried in the Chardon Municipal Cemetery on Park Avenue. He was described as "universally respected" and "no one was ever heard to speak ill of Nathaniel H. Parks".

From the journeys that brought John and Nathaniel to my journeys today, the Buckeye Trail Town of Chardon has always been a place to call home.



Randall B. Sharpe Chardon City Manager 2019

Died in Chardon, on the 10th inst., of pneumonia, Mr. NATHANIEL H. PARKS, in his 82d year.

Thus has passed away another of the old and tried citizens of Chardon. Death is fast thinning the ranks of our pioneer fathers. But few remain of those sturdy sons of toil whose enterprise led them to break away from the scenes of their youth, and the comforts of home and of an old settled country, to seek homes and fortunes amid the forests of Northern Ohio, the then "Far West." All honor to that noble band who braved the hardships of frontier life, and laid the foundation of a great commonwealth. Like monuments they stand in our midst, reminding us of the days that are gone.

Mr. Parks was born in Suffield, Conn., which town furnished many of the early settlers of Geauga County. At the breaking out of the war of 1812, he entered the army as a substitute, and, during his term of service, was stationed on Long Island. Shortly after his discharge, or during the year 1813, he came to Ohio, and located in Painesville, where he remained about a year, removing from there to Hambden. In 1816, he took up his residence in Chardon, where he continued to live till his death, thus being identified with Chardon and its history through the long period of 59 years.

On the 14th of February, 1822, he was married to Miss Almena Roper, who survives him, to mourn, in her old age, the loss of her life-long companion. On the 14th of February, 1875, the 53d anniversary of their wedding day, she followed his remains to their long resting place.—Three years previous, many of their friends in Chardon assembled at their residence, to celebrate their golden wedding. But few make the journey of life together through so many years. The fruits of their union were nine children, six sons and three daughters, all of whom lived to adult years, and seven of whom were present at the funeral services of their honored father, the two oldest, Edwin and Samuel, having preceded their father over the Jordan of death.

Mr. Parks was below the medium height, but compactly built, and possessed a robust constitution, well fitted to endure the hardships of the frontier. Though somewhat moderate in his habits, he was industrious, and of that unostentatious, quiet, order-loving character, which constitutes the good citizen, and as such he was universally respected. For a number of consecutive terms, extending through a period of many years, he held the office of constable. All were his friends,—he had no enemies,—and no one was ever heard to speak ill of Nathaniel H. Parks. From the family circle he will be missed, as the kind and honored husband and father, and, from society, as the good neighbor and much-esteemed citizen.

D. R. KING.



Map of CHARDON TWP- Circa 1820

Geauga Newspaper Feb 24 1875



# HIKE. JOIN. VOLUNTEER!



The Buckeye Trail Association is always in need of volunteers like you. Whether you enjoy digging in the dirt, leading hikes, meeting new people, cooking, or sharing your experiences, there is a way for you to contribute to the Buckeye Trail experience. Below are just a few of the ways our volunteers pitch in around the state.

**TRAIL CREW** - These are the folks with the blue hardhats that build and perform heavy maintenance on the trail. We wouldn't have the Buckeye Trail we all enjoy today if not for the trail crew!

**CHUCK WAGON TEAM** - Digging in the dirt not for you? Hang out at camp and assist with the barbecue! Trail building is hungry work, you know!

**TRAIL ADOPTERS** - Is there a segment of the Buckeye Trail that is your absolute favorite? Consider becoming a trail adopter one of our weekend warriors who help to mow, prune, and generally maintain a segment of trail.

**BTA TABLE TEAMS** - Do you enjoy meeting new people and talking about the Buckeye Trail? Consider joining the BTA Table Teams! You'll find these volunteers manning booths at events like the Ohio State Fair.

**HIKE LEADERS** - We all remember our first time on the Buckeye Trail, help create those memories for others by grabbing some friends and organizing a hike on your favorite part of the trail!

**EVENT ORGANIZERS** - From our local chapter picnics all the way up to TrailFest are powered by our volunteers... So what are you waiting for? Amazing events like TrailFest don't organize themselves!

**TRAIL ANGELS** - These kind hearts help long distance and section hikers with transportation, resupply, and most importantly, finding a way to do some laundry!

**CHAINSAW CREW** - It's a dangerous job, but those fallen trees on the trail aren't going to move themselves. We are always in need of certified sawyers and swampers!



# 8th Annual Little Loop Challenge

Randall Roberts



As I write this registration for the Little Loop Challenge has just gone live. As you read it, it's likely the event has already passed. I hope it was successful for the eighth straight year in a row. I still remember at the end of a BTA board meeting saying, "I have a plan to hike the entire Little Loop in one day" and the concerned looks I got back would match the thought,

"Randall has been in the sun too long." Then I explained. When we divided the Little Loop into hikeable segments with parking at each end, we came up with 77 segments ranging from a half mile to seven miles. If someone wanted to participate, all they had to do was hike ½ mile. At the risk of being repetitive, I have always shared that the Little Loop Challenge is the perfect metaphor on how the Buckeye Trail has been built and maintained. Everyone contributes what they can. Some will do a mile, while others will do 15 or more. Some will do it alone while others will do it in groups. Some will pair up and instead of doing two segments as out-and-back hikes, they might cover three segments by doing a car-to-car hike, achieving more by cooperatively working together. Everyone contributes and collectively, we accomplish something bigger than ourselves.

My big vision was to do this for the entire trail in what is now called "The Biggest Day Hike". We have not been successful yet, but we have come close and hopefully will get there some day. My original vision was to have each chapter doing their own sections like the Little Loop Challenge on the same day and the Little Loop Challenge would become part of the Biggest Day Hike. But even after the Biggest Day Hike, people still wanted to do the Little Loop Challenge. One of the reasons came as a surprise to me. Someone told me that they come up for the challenge and hike a segment they haven't hiked before and if it weren't for the Little Loop Challenge, they probably wouldn't make the effort to hike these sections. Others have told me that they got involved with the BTA because of the Little Loop Challenge. That makes me feel good.

In March/April I realized that I was spreading myself too



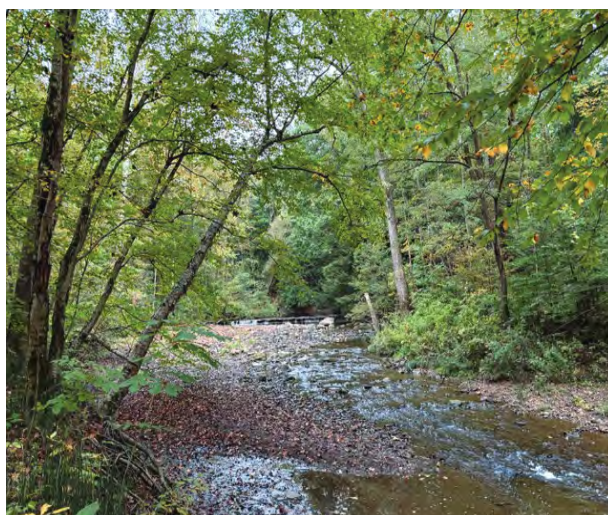
Some of the amazing participants of the 2024 Little Loop Challenge.  
Photo Credit: Bill Hines

thin both in supporting the Buckeye Trail Association and my other hiking endeavors. My spark had gone and I was no longer being effective. I decided to lighten my load by turning over the Crooked River Chapter. Rebecca Dobson was elected to take over as the chair and vice chair and secretary Meg Sondey has been instrumental in assisting her in the new role. Both did not want to see the Little Loop Challenge end. I've worked with them over the past month or so answering their questions, telling them how I managed the challenge, the spreadsheets and the map, what needed to be done and when. Right now they are excited to see the first registrations coming in and they are anxiously nervous that they are "doing it right". The motivation for me writing this article is to not just celebrate the Little Loop Challenge, but also to thank Rebecca and Meg for taking over and continuing the event that people really enjoy being a part of.

If you participated in the Little Loop Challenge this year, I want to thank you too! If you didn't, I hope you consider joining us next year and do your part in completing the 250+ mile loop in one day!



A quick "Groupie" 2024 Little Loop Challenge



Creek crossing during the Little Loop Challenge.



Tim Murphy and crew take a quick rest!

Photo Credit Bill Hines & Meg Sondey

# EMBRACING OHIO'S ROLE IN GLOBAL CONSERVATION



The science is clear: We have to act to reduce impacts from climate change and protect our planet's biodiversity. As we stand at a crossroads, it can feel overwhelming to address such complex challenges. But as a global environmental organization, we are optimistic.

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) recognizes 2030 as a milestone year by which to make a positive impact for the planet. There are a multitude of international and national commitments that signal broad support worldwide for protecting nature. One of those is "30x30", known in the U.S. as America the Beautiful, a global initiative to protect and manage 30% of the world's lands and waters by 2030. TNC stands behind this first-of-its-kind and biggest conservation commitment the world has seen.

Our work won't stop in 2030, but our collective impact can make a measurable difference toward achieving a livable climate, healthy communities, and thriving nature. And we know there is great power in everyday actions we can take to support the natural areas that sustain us. Ohio's hikers and nature enthusiasts play a crucial role in safeguarding nature. Whether you are conserving water, planting a native species, or advocating for stronger environmental policies, your actions matter. To get started, we've developed a list of ideas and resources related to land, water, community, and climate. There are things that you can do today in just a few minutes or in the future with a little more time, and from wherever you are.

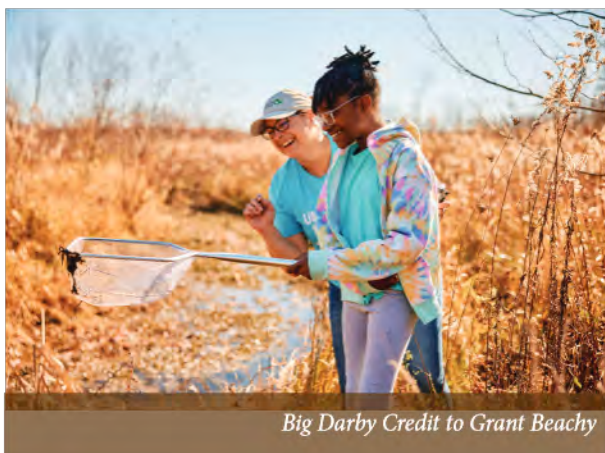
Join us in this local to global movement to protect the lands, waters, and wildlife we love.

## Land

*Quick wins (5 minutes or less):*

Pick up trash. This simple, but effective action can happen anytime, anywhere and helps keep harmful materials out of our waterways.

Download a free app such as iNaturalist, Seek, or Merlin Bird ID to hone your identification skills and learn more about the plants and birds you may see on a hike.



*Big Darby Credit to Grant Beachy*



*Ohio Morgan Swamp 2023 Credit to Rebecca Nieminentrail*

## Actions to Plan Ahead:

Plant native. There are beautiful swaps we can make at home, whether you are choosing plants for your flower pots, yards, or landscaping. Choosing plants native to your region are better for pollinators and require less maintenance like watering than their non-native counterparts.

## Explore More:

Help insects and other pollinators at your home or community garden: [nature.org/buzzworthymidwest](https://nature.org/buzzworthymidwest)

## Water

*Quick wins (5 minutes or less):*

Turn off your faucet while you are brushing your teeth or washing your hands, an easy switch that helps conserve water.

Shorten your shower by two minutes and save up to 150 gallons per month.

## Actions to Plan Ahead:

Ask to tour your local water treatment plant. Many water treatment facilities offer free tours to the public. As an added bonus, these are kid-friendly and engaging for all ages.

Connect with local watershed groups to help conserve your local streams.

## Explore More:

Where does your water come from? What has to be done to make it drinkable? Enter your address to learn more about your local water resources: <https://mywaterway.epa.gov/>

## Community

*Quick wins (5 minutes or less):*

Read about your local habitats and conservation organizations. The more you know about what makes your community special, the easier it can be to act in support of it.

## Actions to Plan Ahead:

Share your love of nature. Passion for the natural world, and what it takes to protect it, starts with each of us. Invite friends and family to places special to you, helping them experience the beauty and benefits of nature. Use your voice to advocate for conservation. When it comes time to vote, support policies and initiatives that increase funding and support programs that protect and restore nature locally, across Ohio and beyond.



Ohio Brown's Lake Bog Credit to Emily Speelman



Buzzard Roost Credit to David Ike

### Explore More:

Determine who owns and manages the land where you like to hike. Are there ways to get involved in supporting their work? Reach out and find out how you can help.

We invite you to explore any of TNC's preserves open to the public: [nature.org/ohiopreserves](https://nature.org/ohiopreserves)

### Climate

*Quick wins (5 minutes or less):*

Turn off unnecessary outdoor lights overnight or switch security lights to motion-sensor. Not only will this help conserve energy, but it also fosters healthier habitats for nocturnal wildlife like moths and fireflies.

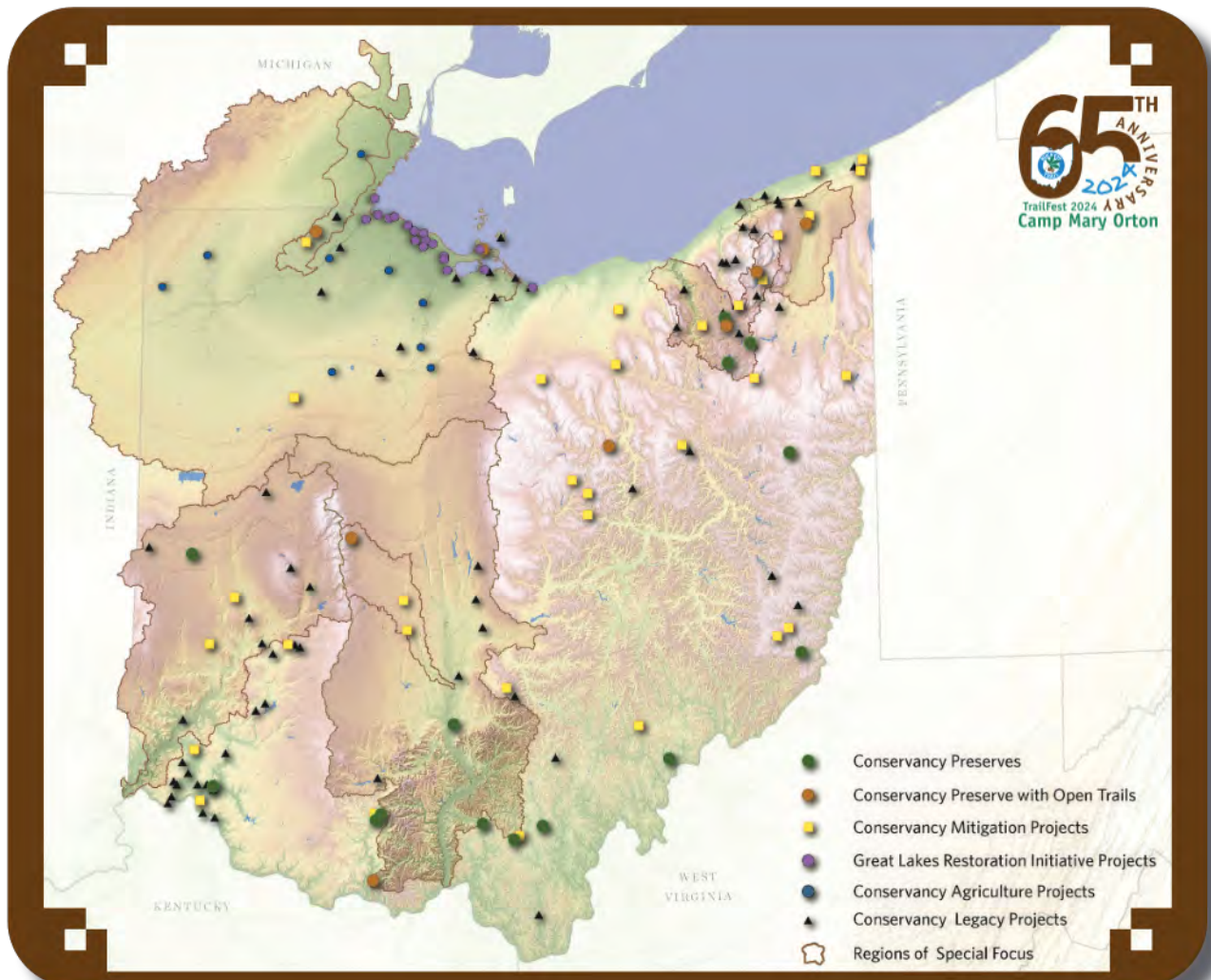
### Actions to Plan Ahead:

Support local growers and farmers. Buying local supports your community and reduces the transportation miles it takes for food to reach your plate, which is good for the climate.

### Explore More:

What's your carbon footprint? Find out how the many ways you can reduce your impact: [nature.org/carboncalculator](https://nature.org/carboncalculator)

To learn more about The Nature Conservancy's 2030 goals, visit [nature.org/solutions](https://nature.org/solutions)





## Interested in Chapter-specific events/hikes?

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You may find Chapter-led events and hikes posted on Chapter social media (Facebook, Meetup, or Instagram) or shared via Chapter newsletters.

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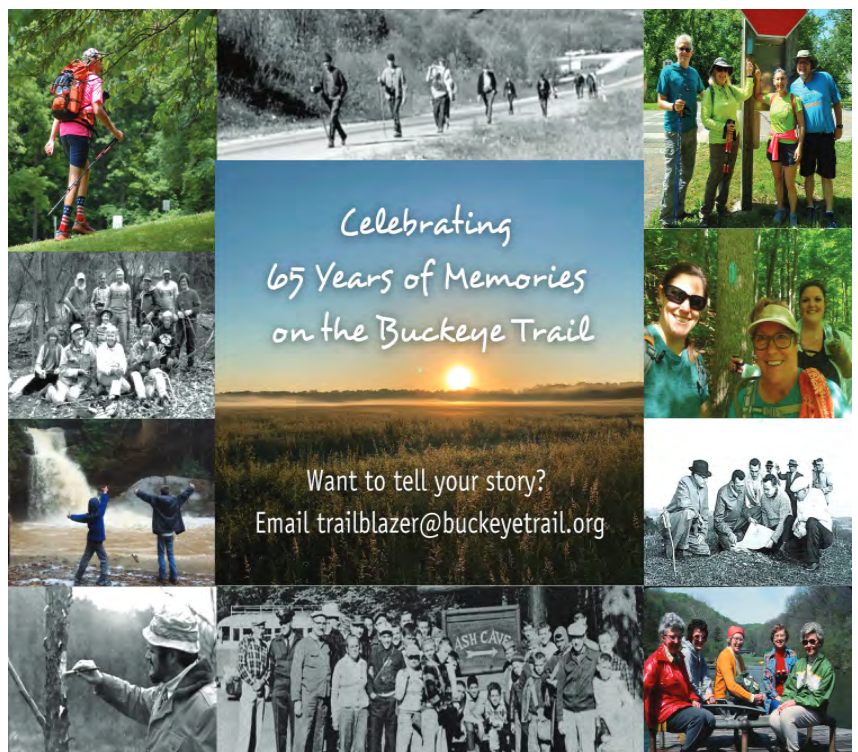
We are pleased to announce that the newest edition to the Trailblazer is up and running! The Social Media version will be utilized to help keep members up to date on the great on going events related to the Buckeye Trail!



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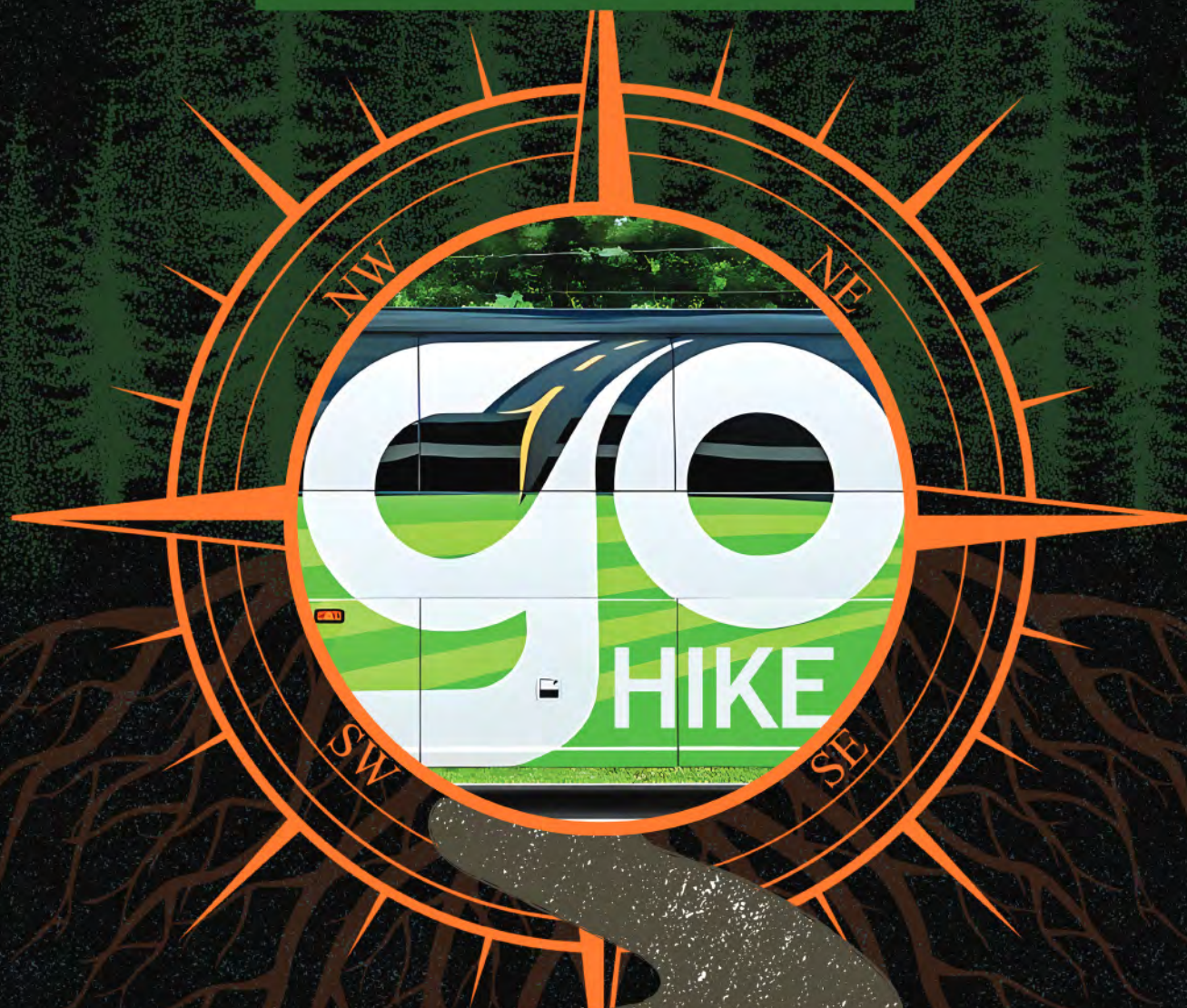
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