

**Sierra Club - Central Ohio Group - Outings Schedule + Descriptions: July-Aug 2018**

**Tentative Schedule as of July 1, 2018 (Always check the COG web page for last-minute changes)**

**Fri 06/29 Walk: Shale Hollow Park - Delaware - behind Paul's Marine. Ratings: E/S = 2/2.**

**7:00 pm Leader: Jim Rousseau – [JRousseau@insight.rr.com](mailto:JRousseau@insight.rr.com) – Ph: 614-546-7697**

Join us for a hike of about 3 miles through Shale Hollow Park (aka Shalebark Park). Take I-270 to US-23/N High St, stay to the LEFT for the US-23 express lanes, then go North on US-23 for 5.5 miles (just after Kroger gas station - just before Paul's Marine), turn Left onto Olentangy Crossings W for 0.4 miles, then Right into the park (total of about 7-9 minutes north of I-270). There will be an optional dinner after the hike.

The GPS address is: 6320 Artesian Run, Lewis Center, OH 43035.

**Sun 07/01 Hike: TBD - check back later for changes. Ratings: E/S=2/3. (Independence Day Weekend?)  
Leader: Open**

**Fri 07/06 Walk: Highbanks. Ratings: E/S = 2/2. (Tue 7/3 may be Red, White, & Boom)**

**7:00 pm Leader: Dave Dorsky – [ValOrDave@hotmail.com](mailto:ValOrDave@hotmail.com) – Ph: 614-848-7879**

We will hike about 3 miles depending on weather and trail conditions including some small but steep hills. Bring water and sturdy footwear for possible wet or muddy conditions (poles optional, but may be a good idea). Optional dinner close by after the hike. Meet at the Highbanks Park Nature Center (1st driveway on the right), 9466 Columbus Pike, Lewis Center, OH 43035.

**Sun 07/08 Hike: TBD - check back later for changes. Ratings: E/S=2/3. (Independence Day Weekend?)  
Leader: Open**

**Fri 07/13 Walk: Blacklick Woods MetroPark. Ratings: E/S = 2/2.**

**7:00 pm Leader: Deborah Orellana – [Orellana727@yahoo.com](mailto:Orellana727@yahoo.com) – Ph: 614-284-3512**

**Leader: Juan Orellana – [OrellanaJC@yahoo.com](mailto:OrellanaJC@yahoo.com) – Ph: 614-284-3447**

Join us for a walk through Blacklick Woods. The park has over 600 acres including a nature center, hiking trails, a golf course, and a hill for sledding and skiing. We will walk on mulch or asphalt trails for about 3 miles. Optional dinner afterwards. Meet at the Nature Center at 6975 E Livingston Ave, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068.

**Sat 07/14 Hike: Clear Creek - Witches Hollow Back Country Hike. Ratings: E/S=2/3.**

**9:00 am Leader: Sherri Soble – [Sherri.Soble@yahoo.com](mailto:Sherri.Soble@yahoo.com) – Ph: 614-804-3215**

**Co-Leader: Ed Norwood – [EdNorwood.hiking@gmail.com](mailto:EdNorwood.hiking@gmail.com) – Ph: 614-649-5701**

Discover unique features of Clear Creek Metro Park on a Columbus Metro Parks Ranger-led rugged 5-mile backcountry hike to the Witches Hollow. Bring water, lunch, and suitable attire for muddy trails. Some trails are steep so you may find hiking poles helpful.

Creek Crossing required - please bring a change of socks & shoes.

Meet **behind** the McDonalds in the Winchester Square Shopping Center, right (north) of US-33 on Gender Road. The GPS street address is: 6161 Gender Rd, Canal Winchester, OH 43110.

**Sun 07/15 Hike: Cantwell Cliffs. Ratings: E/S=2/3.**

**9:00 am Leader: Dave Dorsky – [ValOrDave@hotmail.com](mailto:ValOrDave@hotmail.com) – Ph: 614-848-7879**

We will hike 5 to 8 miles depending on weather and group preference in the Cantwell Cliffs area of Hocking Hills State Park. Hiking boots or sturdy shoes are strongly recommended due to rocky, hilly and possibly muddy terrain. Bring water, lunch, sturdy footwear,, and meet behind McDonalds at Winchester Square Shopping Center, right off US 33 at 6161 Gender Rd, Canal Winchester, OH 43110

**Fri 07/20 Walk: Victorian Village. Ratings: E/S = 2/2.**

**7:00 pm Leader: Sherri Soble – [Sherri.Soble@yahoo.com](mailto:Sherri.Soble@yahoo.com) – Ph: 614-804-3215**

Join us for a 3 mile walk starting at Goodale Park and leading through historic Victorian Village. Flashlight and reflective clothing are recommended. Optional dinner after the hike.

Meet at the Goodale Park WEST parking lot on Dennison Ave at W Poplar Ave (NOTE: Dennison Ave is one-way SOUTH-bound). The GPS address to use is: 661 Dennison Ave, Columbus, OH 43215.

**Sun 07/22 Hike: . Ratings: E/S=2/3.  
Leader: Open**

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**Fri 07/27 Walk - Line+Jim - Rush Creek**

**7:00 pm Leader: Line Martineau – [LineNMartineau@gmail.com](mailto:LineNMartineau@gmail.com)**

**Co-Leader: Jim Halverson – [JimHalverson@gmail.com](mailto:JimHalverson@gmail.com)**

We will walk about 3 miles in Old Worthington and the scenic Rush Creek (designed using the concept of organic architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright). Dinner option afterwards close by. Meet in the Worthington Public Parking Lot - look for the blue signs behind the Worthington United Methodist Church, 600 High St., Worthington, OH 43085.

**Sun 07/29 Hike: Granville + Dennison University. Ratings: E/S=2/3.**

**9:00 am Leader: Sherri Soble – [Sherri.Soble@yahoo.com](mailto:Sherri.Soble@yahoo.com) – Ph: 614-804-3215**

We will hike 6 - 8 miles in the Dennison University biological preserve and the lovely town of Granville. This is a medium paced hike with some challenging hills. Bring lunch, water, and hiking boots.

We will meet to carpool at 9am in the parking lot **behind** Worthington United Methodist Church, 600 High St, Worthington, OH 43085 (on the East side of US-23 - about 2 blocks south of 161).

**NOTE: MEETUP CHANGE - no longer meeting in the Tim Hortons parking lot.**

**Fri 08/03 Hike: Blendon Woods MetroPark. Ratings: E/S=2/3.**

**7:00 pm Leader: Line Martineau – [LineNMartineau@gmail.com](mailto:LineNMartineau@gmail.com)**

We will walk for about 3 miles in the woods with rolling hills. There is an optional dinner after the hike. Directions: I-270 to OH-161 East, and follow the (brown) signs to the park, and bear left at the "T" intersection, then park in the lot in front of the Blendon Woods Nature Center, 4265 E Dublin Granville Rd, Columbus, OH 43081.

**Sun 08/05 Hike: TBD - check back later for changes. Ratings: E/S=2/3.**

**9:00 am Leader: Open**

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**Fri 08/10 Hike: Rocky Fork MetroPark. Ratings: E/S=2/2.**

**7:00 pm Leader: Jim Rousseau – [JRousseau@insight.rr.com](mailto:JRousseau@insight.rr.com) – Ph: 614-546-7697**

Join us for a hike of about 3 miles in the new Rocky Fork park in Westerville. Optional dinner after the hike. From I-270 drive East on OH-161, Turn Left on US-62 Turn Left on E Walnut St, Turn Right into the parking lot. The GPS address is: 7180 Walnut St, Westerville, OH 43081.

**Sun 08/12 Hike: Clear Creek . Ratings: E/S=2/3.**

**9:00 am Leader: Sherri Soble – [Sherri.Soble@yahoo.com](mailto:Sherri.Soble@yahoo.com) – Ph: 614-804-3215**

We will trek about 5-7 miles on different trails featuring winding paths along Clear Creek and fern-lined trails up to panoramic views from the ridge-tops. Bring water, lunch, and suitable attire for muddy trails. Some trails are steep so you may find hiking poles helpful. Meet **behind** the McDonalds in the Winchester Square Shopping Center, right (north) of US-33 on Gender Road. The GPS street address is: 6161 Gender Rd, Canal Winchester, OH 43110.

**Fri 08/17 Walk: Sharon Woods MetroPark. Ratings: E/S=2/2.**

**7:00 pm Leader: Dave Dorsky – [ValOrDave@hotmail.com](mailto:ValOrDave@hotmail.com) – Ph: 614-848-7879**

Meet in the Apple Ridge parking lot at 7 pm. We'll hike through woods, meadows, and around Schrock Lake. Although much of the terrain is flat, be prepared to navigate a few small and possibly muddy hills. Sharon Woods MetroPark is located north of I-270 on Cleveland Ave. Turn West into the park, turn right on the first drive inside the park, and the Apple Ridge parking area is at the end of that drive. The GPS address is: 6911 Cleveland Ave, Westerville, OH 43081.

**Sun 08/19 Hike: Hargus Lake. Ratings: E/S = 2/2.**

**9:00 am Leader: Dave Dorsky – [ValOrDave@hotmail.com](mailto:ValOrDave@hotmail.com) – Ph: 614-848-7879**

We will hike 5-6 miles around scenic Hargus Lake in AW Marion State Park. We will have one or two short snack stops during the hike and lunch in the park after the hike. If the weather is nice, you will have the option of hiking 2-3 more miles after lunch at nearby Stage's Pond. Bring food, plenty of water, and sturdy shoes or hiking boots for the wooded and at times uneven and muddy terrain.

Meet south of Columbus at 9am behind the Tim Hortons located in the Great Southern Shopping Center on U.S. 23 just north of I-270. The GPS address is: 3623 S High St, Columbus, OH 43206.

**Fri 08/24 Walk - Line - Academy Park**

**7:00 pm Leader: Line Martineau – [LineNMartineau@gmail.com](mailto:LineNMartineau@gmail.com)**

Join us for a walk of about 3 miles along the Big Walnut Creek through Gahana's Academy Park and Woodside Green Park. There is an optional dinner after the hike.

Take I-270 to the Morse Rd exit and go East 0.8 miles, turn right on Cherry Bottom Rd and go 0.3 miles, turn right into the Academy Park parking lot. The GPS address is: 1201 Cherry Bottom Rd, Gahanna, OH 43230.

**Sun 08/26 Hike: Infirmary Mound Park. Ratings: E/S=2/3.**

**9:00 am Leader: Jim Rousseau – [JRousseau@insight.rr.com](mailto:JRousseau@insight.rr.com) – Ph: 614-546-7697**

We will hike 4 to 6 miles in Licking County's Infirmary Mound Park, 4309 Lancaster Rd, Granville, OH 43023. Hiking boots or sturdy shoes are strongly recommended due to rocky, hilly and possibly muddy terrain. Bring water, lunch, and sturdy footwear - poles optional.

We will meet to carpool at 9am in the parking lot behind Worthington United Methodist Church, 600 High St, Worthington, OH 43085 (on the East side of US-23 - about 2 blocks south of 161).

**Fri 08/31 Walk: TBD - check back later for changes. (Labor Day Weekend)**

**7:00 pm Leader: Open**

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**Sun 09/02 Hike: TBD - check back later for changes. (Labor Day Weekend)**

**9:00 am Leader: Open**

open

**may be 9/16 Walk: Annual COG Pot-Luck + Hike. Ratings: E/S = 2/2.**

**11:00 am Leader: Ed Norwood – [EdNorwood.hiking@gmail.com](mailto:EdNorwood.hiking@gmail.com) – Ph: 614-649-5701**

We will have our Annual COG pot-luck with a hike afterwards. Bring food, water, and sturdy shoes or hiking boots for the wooded and at times uneven and muddy terrain.

**Note: NEW Sierra Club COG Outings web page with Calendar + PDF file:**

<http://www.sierraclub.org/ohio/central-ohio/hiking-outings>

**Note: If you want to be on the Outings Mailing List, please send a note to: [LineNMartineau@gmail.com](mailto:LineNMartineau@gmail.com)**