

Sierra Club - Central Ohio Group - Outings Schedule + Descriptions: May-June 2018

Tentative Schedule as of May 7, 2018 (Always check the COG web page for last-minute changes)

Fri 04/27 Hike: Highbanks Metro Park. Ratings: E/S=2/3.

7:00 pm Leader: Dave Dorsky – 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). Meet at the Highbanks Park Nature Center (1st driveway on the right), 9466 Columbus Pike, Lewis Center, OH 43035.

Sun 04/29 Hike: NEW Blendon Woods North MetroPark. Ratings: E/S=2/3. Three Creeks Blue Bells

10:00am Leader: Ed Norwood – EdNorwood.hiking@gmail.com – Ph: 614-649-5701

We will walk for about 3-6 miles in the woods with rolling hills and high banks of the NEW Blendon Woods North park area. This is a ROUGH area with no cleared trails yet - so wear sturdy pants and boots (poles optional) - LONG pants and LONG-sleeved shirts strongly recommended (gloves optional) and bring food and water for a lunch stop.

Meet at the Old Blendon Woods park first - 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.

Fri 05/04 Walk: Westerville - Alum Creek - Astronaut Park. Ratings: E/S = 2/2.

7:00 pm Leader: Jim Rousseau – JRousseau@insight.rr.com – Ph: 614-546-7697

Gather at 7pm at Cardone's Restaurant, hike down along the Alum creek to Alum Creek Park South and return via Park Meadow Rd and Knox St., through part of the Otterbein University campus, along W Main Street, with a stop at Astronaut Grove park, and returning to Cardone's. IF there is some time available, we might also go through Heritage Park. Meet at Cardone's, 377 W Main St, Westerville, OH (Parking is available around the mall).

Sun 05/06 Walk: TBD - check back later for changes. Ratings: E/S = 2/2.

Leader: Open

Fri 05/11 Walk: Old Beachwold. Ratings: E/S = 2/2.

7:00 pm Leader: Line Martineau – LineNMartineau@gmail.com

Leader: Linda Halverson

Join us for a walk of about 3 miles through the Old Beechwold area. The hike will end with an optional dinner at a local restaurant after the hike. Please wear sturdy footwear as we may encounter some wet and muddy areas. Contact leader LineMartineau for further information. Assistant leader, Linda Halverson. Please park and gather to the West (Far) end of the Kroger parking lot so that we don't disrupt shoppers. The GPS address is: 199 Graceland Blvd, Columbus, OH 43214.

Sun 05/13 Hike: TBD - check back later for changes. Ratings: E/S=2/3. (Mother's Day)

Leader: Open

Fri 05/18 Walk: German Village. Ratings: E/S = 2/2.

7:00 pm Leader: Debra Orellana – Orellana727@yahoo.com – Ph: 614-284-3512

Leader: Juan Orellana – OrellanaJC@yahoo.com – Ph: 614-284-3447

Join us for a walk through historic German Village. We will walk around the German Village neighborhoods and visit Frank Fetch Park. We will be walking about 3 miles. Wear sturdy footwear appropriate for uneven walking surfaces. (Flashlight and reflective clothing are strongly recommended). Optional dinner after the hike near by.

Meet at Schiller Park, 1069 Jaeger St, Columbus, OH 43206 (Corner entrance on Jaeger at Deshler).

Sun 05/20 Hike: Battelle Darby Creek. Ratings: E/S=2/3.

1000am Leader: Sherri Soble – Sherri.Soble@yahoo.com – Ph: 614-804-3215

Meet in front of the Ranger Station at Cedar Ridge, 1775 Darby Creek Dr, Galloway, OH 43119 (which is 2.75 miles South of W Broad Street on Darby Creek Dr). The hike will be 8 miles on mostly level paths. Bring water and lunch. Boots and poles are recommended if trails are muddy. We will visit the Nature Center. An optional dinner will take place after the walk.

Fri 05/25 Walk: TBD - check back later for changes. Ratings: E/S = 2/2.

Leader: Open

Sun 05/27 Hike: TBD - check back later for changes. Ratings: E/S=2/3. (Memorial Day weekend)

Leader: Open

Fri 06/01 Walk: Ghannah Rathburn Park - Gahanna Woods (off Taylor Station). Ratings: E/S = 2/2.

7:00 pm Leader: Jim Rousseau – JRousseau@insight.rr.com – Ph: 614-546-7697

The Depot - off golf course - between the runways - or Hickory House.
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Sun 06/03 Hike: Great Seal. Ratings: E/S=2/3.

9:00 am Leader: Dave Dorsky – ValOrDave@hotmail.com – Ph: 614-848-7879

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Bring food, plenty of water, and sturdy shoes or hiking boots for the wooded and occasional uneven / 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 06/08 Walk: Sharon Woods MetroPark. Ratings: E/S=2/2.

7:00 pm Leader: Dave Dorsky – 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.

Sat 06/09 Bike Tour: Glacier Ridge. Ratings: E/S = 2/2.

9:00 am Leader: Ed Norwood – EdNorwood.hiking@gmail.com – Ph: 614-649-5701

Join Columbus Metro Parks for the first Metro Parks Bike Tour ride of 2018. We will meet at the Glacier Ridge Metro Park in Northwest Columbus and ride through the bike trails in that area. Please bring your bike, water, and a snack if desired - along with weather-appropriate clothing and footwear. Optional lunch afterwards.

The GPS Address is: 9801 Hyland Croy Rd, Plain City, OH 43064 - Meet at the Bulletin Board at the Picnic Shelter (enter the park directly across the street from Glacier Ridge Elementary - 3rd parking area around the circle, next to the windmill & solar panels).

Sun 06/10 Hike: Clear Creek . Ratings: E/S=2/3.

9:00am Leader: Sherri Soble – 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 06/15 Walk: Walhalla. Ratings: E/S = 2/2.

7:00 pm Leader: Debra Orellana – Orellana727@yahoo.com – Ph: 614-284-3512

Leader: Juan Orellana – OrellanaJC@yahoo.com – Ph: 614-284-3447

Friday night walk through the Walhalla LOUA (Lower Olentangy Urban Arboretum) starting at 251 E Webber Road - .
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Optional dinner afterwards at North Star Café.

Meet at the Lower Olentangy Urban Arboretum parking lot - across the street from the Indianola Free School K-8 at 251 E Weber Rd, Columbus, OH 43202.

Sun 06/17 Hike: TBD - check back later for changes. Ratings: E/S=2/3. (Father's Day)

Leader: Open

Fri 06/22 Walk: TBD - check back later for changes. Ratings: E/S = 2/2.

Leader: Open

Sun 06/24 Hike: Lake Hope. Ratings: E/S=2/3.

9:00 am Leader: Dave Dorsky – ValOrDave@hotmail.com – Ph: 614-848-7879

Join us for a 5-7 mile hike around Lake Hope The terrain is rolling with some small but steep hills. Our pace and distance will depend on the weather. The hike includes a brief stop at the Lake Hope Furnace to learn how furnaces in this region were used to make iron for the Civil War. This is a dog-friendly hike. Bring plenty of water, lunch, and hiking boots or sturdy shoes for the sometimes uneven terrain. Meet behind the Gender Rd McDonald's at 6161 Gender Rd, Canal Winchester, OH 43110.

Fri 06/29 Walk: Shalelbark Park - Delaware - near Paul's Marina. Ratings: E/S = 2/2.

7:00 pm Leader: Jim Rousseau – JRousseau@insight.rr.com – Ph: 614-546-7697

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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)

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

Leader: Open

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