

CENTRAL OHIO HIKING CLUB



Hebron Fish Hatchery

Saturday – July 8, 2017 @ 1:00 P.M.

Car Pool Time: 12:00 P.M.

Miles: 5 Level: 2

Web: CentralOhioHikingClub.org
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Car Pool Location (Donation to Driver \$5.00):

Eastside location: Meet at parking lot of the Home Depot located at 2480 Brice Rd. Meet in the far-left end of the lot facing Brice Rd. **We will leave at Noon sharp.**

Directions to Hike (Round Trip Distance 40 Miles):

Return to I-70 East, and drive 16 miles to Exit 126. Turn right onto SR-37 South. Drive south for a mile, where you will turn left onto OH-79 North. After almost 1.5 miles, turn north onto Canal Road. The hatchery will be on your right just before the road passes beneath I-70. Turn into the entrance and park in the lot to the left.

Hike Description:

From the parking lot, we will pass several fish ponds, some full of water and (presumably) fish, on our way to the Big Woods. This habitat is home to many species of birds, mammals, amphibians, reptiles, insects and the state-endangered massasauga (swamp) rattlesnake (I didn't spy any on the scout hike). We then will pass by the 25-acre wetlands complex of ponds and swamp, where you may see ducks, geese, songbirds, frogs and turtles. We then will loop back to the parking lot, cross the road and hike alongside a 1.5-mile section of the historic Ohio-Erie Canal.

Suggested Items to Bring:

Water, bug repellent, hiking boots/poles. Dress for the weather (the ponds and some of the canal trail have no cover overhead), especially if it's a hot day.

Dinner Location and Directions:

Clays Cafe on Route 40 in Hebron (808 W. Main St., Hebron 43025; 740-928-2529; menu: clayscafe.com). Turn right out of the hatchery, following Canal Road (which changes to Cumberland St. in Hebron). Turn left on High Street and go north until you reach the intersection with US-40. Turn left and drive west until you see Clays Cafe on the right. Turn right by the ice cream sundae sign into their parking lot.

For more Info: Leader: Jamie Abel Sweep: Lisa Kuhn