

CENTRAL OHIO HIKING CLUB



Blackhand Gorge State Nature Preserve

Saturday – Sept. 9, 2017 @ 1:00 P.M.

Car Pool Time: 11:45 A.M.

Miles: 5 Level: 3

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Car Pool Location (Donation to Driver \$6.00):

Meet at **11:45 AM** at the Worthington Square Shopping Center in the southeast corner of the parking lot near Chase Bank. Worthington Square Shopping Center is located at North High Street and Wilson Bridge Road, just south of I-270. The entrance is on Wilson Bridge Road.

Directions to Hike (Round Trip Distance 100 Miles):

I-270 North to 161/New Albany Exit. Route 161 becomes 37 East/ becomes SR 16 East. Follow Route 16 until you get to SR 146 (Hanover/Zanesville exit). Turn right. Follow Route 146 to Toboso Road. Turn Right. The preserve's entrance and parking lot are 1.5 miles south on Toboso Road just outside of Toboso. Pit toilets are located at main entrance only.

Hike Description:

We will cross over to the far side of the Licking River and turn onto the path that leads to Erie Canal Lock 16, pass through the Interurban Tunnel and on to Council Rock. We will cross over to the Marie Hickey and Oak Knob loop trails. These trails are well shaded with mature forest that follows the river and ravines.

Suggested Items to Bring:

Water, hiking poles, boots, insect spray, etc. Dress for the weather.

Dinner Location and Directions:

Return on Route 146 to SR 16 and head back toward Columbus. As you pass by Newark's Downtown exit start looking for the exit to 21st Street. Get off on 21st and turn left. Follow 21st to Church Street (Family Video store and used car dealer at the corner). Turn right on Church. Follow it to 30th St. (with traffic light). Turn left onto 30th and follow to Stacey's Homestyle Buffet on the right side, 833 S. 30th St. (740-522-3317), next door to "Toys Are Us".

For more Info: Leader: Harry Sanger **Sweep:** Margareth Sanger

