



Pimiteoui Trail Association

Hiking Club

January - March 2023

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ANNOUNCEMENTS/NOTICES

Welcome to 2023! We have a variety of good hikes scheduled already and we're looking forward to seeing you there. and enjoying one another's company.

Shoe Ice Cleats – strongly recommended for Winter Hiking

Removable ice cleats for your shoes are a great addition to your winter hiking gear. They greatly improve traction when needed (helping prevent falls), and can be removed and carried in your pocket when not needed. The brand I use is Yaktrax and they're usually available in local sporting goods and hardware stores in early winter, as well as online. Please feel free to contact me if you want more details or recommendations. Happy hiking, Eric Hutchison

ERICHUTCHISON1@HOTMAIL.COM 309-688-7038 (accepts voice/voice-mail only, no text)

Club Dues \$6/person – due February 1 (form attached)

If you've already paid your dues, thank you! If not, please complete the attached membership form and send with your payment of \$6.00 per person to Club Treasurer, Carol Raines; see the form for the mailing address. We have an interesting year coming up and you won't want to miss out, so be sure to get that check in the mail!

Annual Meeting – Saturday, Feb 11 (form attached)

Please join us for our annual meeting and banquet at Barrack's Cater Inn (1224 W Pioneer Parkway, Peoria). We will enjoy a presentation by Sheldon Schafer on his trip to the Galapagos Islands. We will also vote on a slate of officers and whether to accept the new bylaws. Cost of the meal is \$14 for members and \$28 for nonmembers. Please complete the attached reservation form at the end of the newsletter and send with payment to the treasurer with payment made out to Pimiteoui Trail Association. Deadline for payment is Friday, February 3, 2023. We hope to see you there!

Covid Safety

We remain committed to following the CDC pandemic safety guidelines and will adapt as needed. We look forward to seeing you all!

Hike Reminders

1. Hikes shall start promptly with no more than a 5-minute grace period for late arrivals.

2. The newsletter will be published quarterly. Hike leaders: please email your Event Reports to shullag@yahoo.com within two weeks after completion of your scheduled events. A single photo (jpeg file format) for inclusion in the Newsletter may be attached to your report.
3. Hike Leaders are to register all attendees for a hike/bike/paddle event using the "official" Pimiteoui Trail Association Liability Waiver form. These may be obtained on our website at WWW.PTAHIKE.ORG.
4. If an area allows dogs, they must be on a leash at all times. Also, please be prepared to pick up and dispose of pet excrement.
5. In case of bad weather, contact the hike leader to see if the hike/event has been cancelled.

1st Quarter 2023 Event Schedule

Saturday, January 21, 10:00 AM, Detweiller Park to Route 6 and back

This is one of the segments of the River Bluff Trail with the most hills per mile. It is about 6 miles total, out and back. We will meet at the Detweiller Sledding Hill, near the Dogwood and Pine Shelters (8327 N. Galena Rd, Peoria, IL 61604).

Hike leaders: Rob Alexander (309) 444-3297 and Dianne Wyant

Saturday, January 28, 9:30 AM Starved Rock Eagle Days (Alternative Date Saturday, February 4 if precipitation is forecast for January 28)

Meet at 9:30 AM at the Lodge (One Lodge Ln, Oglesby, IL 61348). Bathrooms are available at the lodge. The club will be bundling up and creating our own bald eagle watch/hike at Starved Rock. This is always a good time regardless of season or eagle appearances. There will be stairs on the trails. Weather and footing will determine the distance we take as options for the trails exist. Dress appropriately for the cold temperature. Wear boots and bring your hiking poles. If it is icy and you have some sort of ice cleats/spikes, bring them. Bring water, camera, trail snack, and binoculars as you wish. Leashed dogs are welcome. Directions to Starved Rock: Go North on I-39, take exit 48 at Tonica, turn right (East) onto N 20th Rd, come to a T and turn left(North) on route 178, go several miles, turn right into the park at the sign & drive up the hill to the lodge, turn off on your left.

Please send me a text if you are interested in carpooling as driver or participant? I have space for three hikers (first three inquiries - please send a text if interested).

Hike Leader: Priska Lauber (309) 219-4345

Saturday, February 11, 6:00 PM, Annual Meeting, Barrack's Cater Inn

Join us Saturday, February 11th at Barrack's Cater Inn (1224 W Pioneer Parkway, Peoria) for our annual meeting and banquet, where we will enjoy a presentation by Sheldon Schafer on his trip to the Galapagos Islands. We will also vote on a slate of officers and whether to accept the new bylaws.

Cocktails are at 5:30 pm, with dinner at 6:00. The meal will be served buffet style with roast beef, roast chicken, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, salad, roll, tea, and water.

Cost of the meal is \$14 for members and \$28 for nonmembers. This reflects the club paying half the cost for our members while nonmembers will pay the full amount. There is a form to complete in this newsletter if you plan to join us. Please cut off the bottom half and send it to the treasurer with payment made out to Pimiteoui Trail Association. Deadline for payment is Friday, February 3, 2023.

We hope to see you there!

Leader: Bonnie Jackson 309-696-1955

[Saturday, February 25, 10 AM, Washington Park Trails](#)

Come join us to walk the paved trails in Washington Park for an estimated 4-mile walk. We will meet and park at **Cherry Tree Shopping Center far west side away from Kroger's parking lot** (70 Cherry Tree Shopping Center, Washington, IL 61571). This is an easy walk, but you may still need boots or hiking shoes in case of snow cover. Look forward to seeing many of you.

Hike Leader: LaVerne Wilson 309-229-0984 or lvrnwlsn@gmail.com

[Saturday, March 11, 1:00 PM, Rock Island Trail/Alta Road Trailhead, Peoria](#)

We will meet at the main trailhead parking lot (2918 W Alta Lane, Peoria, IL 61615) across from Sheridan Nursery and will probably walk for approximately 5 miles (2.5 miles each way) on a flat trail and see lovely homes and farm country. We plan to return after crossing the Kickapoo Creek Bridge.

Restrooms are at the trailhead and at the Kickapoo Creek Recreation Area. Dogs are welcome if on a leash. Children in strollers or who can keep up are also welcome. Difficulty level of walk: Easy.

Hike Leaders: Dianne Wyant 309-353-2617 (landline), Cecilia Wyant 309-264-8366 (cellular phone).

[Saturday, March 25, 10:00AM, Farmdale Reservoir Park, 810 W Bittersweet Rd, Washington.](#)

We will explore some high country in this hike up across Farmdale's iconic dam for some creek valley views. We'll meet in the (lower/larger/main) parking lot at 810 W Bittersweet Rd., Washington. No water or restrooms at the park. Moderate hills, hiking poles and drinking water recommended. About 1.5-2 hours of hiking. Due to possible mud, no hike if there is significant rain within 24 hours prior to the hike or on hike day. Watch your email for notice of change, if needed.

Hike Leader: Eric Hutchison

Erichutchison1@hotmail.com

phone (both numbers are voice & voice-mail only, no text):

home (prior to hike day): 309-688-7038

mobile (hike day only): 309-857-1081

FOURTH QUARTER 2022 EVENT REPORTS

[2022-15 Sunday, October 16, Farmdale Reservoir Park, Washington, IL](#)

We did a 1-day delay from the planned Oct 15 hike due to weather (rain Friday night). Sunday afternoon had nice weather and dry trails. Trees and grasses were just starting their fine fall color in the Farmdale creek valley. Eighteen of us met and headed up the valley on the trailside creek trail. We found a closed trail / washout, but thankfully a new alternative bypass trail was provided (thank you park staff and volunteers). Trails were cushioned with the early fallen leaves - many more to come in next few weeks. Farm creek was low and very tame, but our planned route (and the detour) did not require a creek crossing. Mild day, moderate hills and great company - we included the extra trail leg out to the north end of the park and its scenic creek overlook.

Hiking Members: Ed Coleman, Rob Alexander, Karen Hagedorn, Debra Jones, Carol Raines, Celeste Hansen, Angie Madison, Loren Madison, Susan Hood, Kathy Jones, Jim Perry, Cherie Shull, Andy Shull, Jeff Jones.

Hiking Guests: Chris Nation, Jan Vanaterp, Barb Johnson

Hike Leader: Eric Hutchison

[2022-16, Saturday, October 22, Tawny Oaks/Singing Woods \(impromptu\)](#)

On a beautiful morning, Rob Alexander led us on an impromptu collaborative hike. We enjoyed seeing the colorful woods and a family doing an autumn photoshoot.

Hike Leader: Rob Alexander

[2022-17, October 23, Fall Wiener Roast, Wenger Shelter, Washington Park](#)

Despite strong, gusty winds, we had a good turnout for our first Fall Weiner roast in 3 years. It was fun to celebrate the season with lots of great food and good conversation. We were joined by several guests from the Central Illinois Singles Group. Special thanks to Rob and Susan for spearheading the event, and to all the members and guests who contributed food and lent a helping hand.

Event Leaders: Susan Hood and Rob Alexander

[2022-18, November 12, Black Partridge Trail, Metamora](#)

We had a chilly wait as members arrived to hike but once we got started into the woods, we warmed and had a brisk 3.4 mile hike through the rolling hills of Black Partridge Trail. We even took a rare picture in front of the old Lee Log Cabin, which had been built in 1836, but is now missing its front porch. After the hike, eight of us gathered for lunch at Michael's in Germantown Hills.

Hiking Members: John Jackson, Carol Raines, Susan Hood, Andy Shull, Cherie Shull, Sheila Hansen, Pam Brandt, LaVerne Wilson, Walt Klypchak, Kathy Jones, Dave Grebner, Rob Alexander, Gayle Howell.

Hike Leader: Angie Madison

[2022-19, Saturday, November 26, Camp Wokanda](#)

Fifteen hikers hit the trail for a perfect early winter hike. Camp Wokanda has some ridge-top trails that many are not familiar with, and this is where we went. We checked out the ridge top Adirondack shelters and cabins. For anyone that is interested, these are available to the public.

Hikers: Eric Hutchison, Celeste Hansen, Sheila Hansen, Laverne Wilson, Walt Klypchak, Charlotte Woodhouse, Susan Hood, Ed Coleman, Patty Sage, Todd Sage, Carol Raines, Julie Robinson & Ozark the dog, Pam Brandt, and Bonnie Jackson

Hike Leader: John Jackson

[2022-20, Friday, December 9, Forest Park Nature Center](#)

The luminary-lit Shop and Stroll walk at Forest Park is a lovely tradition. This year, however, the heavy fog kept hikers away. Thanks for braving the weather, Mike. Better luck next year!

Hike Leader: Mike Bohn

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Annual Meeting and Banquet

Saturday, February 11, 2023

Drinks at 5:30

Dinner at 6:00

Barrack's Cater Inn
1224 W Pioneer Parkway
Peoria Illinois

Cost of buffet meal is \$14 for members and \$28 for nonmembers
(roast beef, roast chicken, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, salad, roll, tea, water)

NOTE: The club is paying half the cost of the meal for members only
Deadline for payment is Friday, February 3, 2023

Our program will be speaker Sheldon Schafer, who will give a presentation on his recent trip to the Galapagos Islands. We will also be voting on a slate of officers and acceptance of the new bylaws.

Please complete the form below and send a check payable to "*Pimiteoui Trail Association*" to our treasurer, Carol Raines, 2014 Georgetown Place, Pekin, Illinois, 61554

Names of Attendees: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Number of members: _____ X \$14.00 = _____

Number of nonmembers/guests: _____ X \$28.00 = _____

Total amount due: _____

PIMITEOUI TRAIL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NEW MEMBER () CASH ()

RENEW MEMBER () CHECK ()

ANNUAL DUES ARE \$6.00 PER PERSON

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "PIMITEOUI TRAIL ASSOCIATION." MAIL TO CLUB TREASURER:

Carol Raines

2014 Georgetown Pl

Pekin, IL. 61554

MEMBERSHIP YEAR EXPIRES FEBRUARY OF EVERY YEAR.

THE NEWSLETTER IS MAILED ELECTRONICALLY EVERY QUARTER. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE EMAIL, PROVIDE YOUR SNAIL MAIL ADDRESS AND WE WILL SEND YOU A NEWSLETTER BY MAIL. YOU ARE ADVISED TO PHONE THE HIKE LEADER BEFORE A HIKE TO MAKE CERTAIN THERE HAVE NOT BEEN ANY LAST MINUTE CHANGES DUE TO AN UNEXPECTED EVENT. REMINDERS AND CHANGES ARE SENT OUT BY EMAIL ONLY.

NAME: _____

SPOUSE: _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE,
ZIP _____

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CELL PHONE _____