



Pimiteoui Trail Association Hiking Club Oct – Dec 2017

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ANNOUNCEMENTS/NOTICES

Reminder

It's that time again. If you haven't yet paid your annual dues, please send or give your \$6.00 to either Linda Kent or Bonnie Jackson.

Gear Swap Site

Check the PTA website (ptahike.org) for hiking or camping gear offered for sale by fellow PTA members. If you would like to sell something, submit a short description, price, your name and contact number to John Jackson at j.jackson1954@yahoo.com. The PTA reserves the right to reject or edit all listings.

PTA Hiking Club

1. Hikes shall start promptly with no more than a 10-minute grace period for late arrivals.
2. The newsletter will be "published" quarterly. Hike leaders; please email your Event Reports to geraldgegel@comcast.net 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.

4th Quarter Event Schedule

2017-20, Sunday, October 15, 10 am, Hike Rock Island Trail, Wyoming to Toulon, Meet in Wyoming at Rock Island Trail trailhead (going towards Toulon). We will have lunch at 111 (one eleven) coffee shop in Wyoming.

Hike Leaders: Roger John (309)231-9191 and Judy Bartow (630)347-1898

[2017-21, Saturday, October 21, 9:00 am, Farmdale Recreational Area, East Peoria](#)

- **Terrain** rather hilly, mostly woods • **Full Length** 4-5 miles/2.5-3 hours • **Turn-back Option:** yes
- **Creek Crossings:** yes • **Shoes:** hiking boots • **What to Bring:** water & trekking poles
- **Bathrooms:** no • **Dogs Allowed:** yes • **Eat Afterwards:** (optional) Jason's Deli E Peoria
- **How to Get To Hike** - drive directly and park at the main parking lot on Bittersweet Rd.
 - (1) From RTE 8 in Sunnyland, turn south onto Summit, which becomes Bittersweet OR
 - (2) From RTE 8 in East Peoria, turn onto Farmdale, turn onto Bittersweet OR
 - 3) Call the hike leader

Hike Leader: Jay Meinrich, 309-472-0165 (call/text), email: jmeinrich@comcast.net

[2017-22, Saturday, Oct 28, 1 pm, Wiener Roast/Potluck](#)

Join us for an autumn potluck at Oakwood Park in Morton, IL on Saturday, October 28th at 1:00 pm. The club will provide hot dogs, buns, ketchup, mustard, paper plates, utensils, napkins, and cups. **Please bring a side dish to share.** The weather might be chilly so if you wish to bring a hot side dish, there are electrical outlets in the pavilion to plug crock-pots into.

Directions: From Peoria, take I-74 to Morton. Turn right (south) onto Morton Ave. When you are slightly past McDonalds, turn left onto Jackson. Go a few blocks to the 4 way stop and turn left onto Main St. Stay on Main St. for 2,3 miles. Oakwood Park and our pavilion is on the left. Call Bonnie or John if you have any questions.

Leaders: Bonnie Jackson 696-1955
John Jackson 645-0263

[2017-23, Saturday, November 18, 10 am, , Eureka Lake](#)

Meet in the parking lot nearest the restrooms. After the hike, we will have lunch @ Kep's Sports Bar & Grill in Washington.

Hike Leaders: Roger John (309)231-9191 and Judy Bartow (630)347-1898

[2017-24, November 26, Sunday, 1:30 pm, Robinson Park South, Peoria](#)

- **Terrain:** very hilly, forest w/ river views • **Full Length:** 4 miles/2.5 hours • **Turnback Option:** turn around
- **Creek Crossings:** no • **Shoes:** hiking boots • **What to Bring:** water, trekking poles, don't overdress
- **Bathrooms:** indoor; long walk at beginning • **Dogs Allowed:** yes • **Eat Afterwards:** (optional) TBD
- **How to Get To Hike** - drive directly to Mossville Rd. Parking area is 1 mile from RTE 40. Park on either side of Mossville Rd.

Hike Leader: Jay Meinrich, 309-472-0165 (call/text), email: jmeinrich@comcast.net

[2017-25, December 6, Wednesday 6:00, Christmas Neighborhood Walk.](#)

We will meet at the Lettie Brown Grade School parking lot, 2550 N. Morton Ave., Morton, to walk around the neighborhood and enjoy Christmas lights. If the weather is rainy or snowing heavily, the rain date is Dec. 7.

Hike Leader: Angie Madison, (309) 453-2097

[PTA Board Meeting, Dec 11, 2017, Monday, 6:00 pm, Morton Public Library, 315 W. Pershing, Morton, IL.](#)

[2017-26, , December 16, 2017, Saturday, 7:00 PM, Christmas Party at the Home of Bonnie and John Jackson](#)

Please join us as we celebrate another Christmas season at the Jackson home, 15 Waldheim Rd., Morton, Illinois. The party starts at 7:00 pm. Feel free to bring your favorite libation or enjoy the drinks provided. Tasty treats and fellowship abound, so be sure to mark your calendar for this fun and festive event.

Special note: If there is rain or snow, leave your boots at the door and bring your favorite Christmas shoes to change into. We'll keep your boots safe and sound while you celebrate the season!

Hosts: Bonnie and John Jackson 309-696-1955

EVENT REPORTS

[2017-13, July 8, 2017, Saturday, 9:00 am, Black Partridge Park, Metamora](#)

It was a beautiful morning to be in the woods, fresh and cool. We hiked trail numbers 1 through 6 at a pretty brisk pace, finishing up in under 2 hours. Some in the group chose to go to Eli's Coffee Shop on the Metamora Square for refreshment.

Hikers: Jerry Gegel, Mike Bohn, Karen Decker, Rob Alexander, Maggie Ambrose, Andy and Cherie Shull, Tom Hieser, Mary Greenwood, Guests: Paul Frisk, William Butler and Jillian, Sue Himes, Janice and Dave Atkinson,

Hike Leaders: Les Hensley and Susan Hood

[2017-14, July 22, 2017. 9:00 am - River Bluff/Pimiteoui Trail from Detweiller Park.](#) Cancelled because of bad weather.

Hike Leader: Angie Madison,

[2017-15, July 27, 5:30 pm – Club Social at Kelleher's Irish Pub](#)

Thirty people attended the social event at Kelleher's Irish Pub on Water Street in downtown Peoria on July 27th. The restaurant closed off the streets in front of the building that evening and we were able to enjoy dining al fresco. Although rain had been predicted earlier, the sky was clear and the weather was good in spite of a slight wind. The food, beer, and especially the fellowship was great, as always.

Hosts: Bonnie & John Jackson

[2017-16, August 5 – 11, Camping Trip; Thomson Causeway State Park](#)

This turned out to be one of the most memorable camping trips ever. The weather was beautiful and we kayaked the Mississippi River, enjoying a beautiful sunset from our Kayaks. Many great conversations were had sitting around the campfire after the sun went down, with a clear view of a full moon rising above the tree line. Bullfrogs croaking each night added to the ambiance. In addition to kayaking on water as smooth as glass, we enjoyed biking the Great River Trail that runs 60 miles along the Mississippi River. We biked 30 miles of it, going through sloughs, prairie deserts, and making other wonderful discoveries. We also

biked the Clinton Discovery Trail on the other side of the Mississippi River in Clinton, Iowa, which ended on a high bluff overlooking the widest part of the river. The views were fantastic.

Since there are several wineries in the area, we decided to take a trip along the country roads to visit a couple of these wineries. We did tastings at each one, and all of us left with at least one, if not a few, bottles of locally produced wine. Midweek, the whole group got together and had dinner at the wonderful Candlelight Inn restaurant in Clinton, Iowa, which has a deck overlooking the Mississippi. Our dinner location provided more fantastic views. Finally, on the last full day, some of us went for a day trip to nearby Galena, Ill. Others took in a play that evening at the Showboat Theater on the riverfront in Clinton. We came home on Friday, already looking forward to next summer when we can do it all again.

Members: Susan Hood, Les Hensley, Bonnie Jackson, and John Jackson

Guests: Robin Hendriex-Brown and husband Brad, Ramey Burton and her children, Mary Ann and Tyler

Leaders: Bonnie and John Jackson

2017-17, August 27, Sunday, 2:00 pm, Independence Park, Marquette Heights

Independence Park was inviting as 9 two-legged and 2 four legged "hikers" hit some of its trails. The hilly ground was dry and easily navigated. Some shortened the hike while the remainder went the full 4.25 miles/2+ hours. We ran into a smattering of mountain bikers—not literally—and several hikers. Most of us found food after hike at Jason's Deli in East Peoria. The cuisine tasted even better as we watched the pouring rain, which luckily we had missed.

Hikers: Dave Grebner, Les Hensley, Carol Ogle, Andy Shull, Susan Hood, & Cherie Shull

Hiking Guests: Diane Hiatt, Bill Hiatt

Hiking Dogs: Scooby (Dave), Happy (Carol)

Hike Leader: Jay Meinrich

2017-18, September 13, Wednesday, 5:30 pm, Grandview Drive/Rock Island Trail Hike.

Wednesday night was the perfect evening for a hike. Weather conditions couldn't have been better, the route interesting and, of course what makes a great hike, the individuals who hiked. We welcomed 4 guests and reconnected with some we haven't seen for a while. Leaving the Tower at 5:30 pm 14 hikers, and 1 4-legged friend, hiked Grandview Drive to the Rock Island Trail. We continued onto Prospect Ave. stopping at Emack & Bolios. The ice cream was delicious! It was, altogether, a super nice evening.

Hikers: Rob Alexander, Dave Grebner (with Scooby), Les Hensley, Susan Hood, Rob Mitchell, Andy & Shull, and Connie Tumminelli

Hiking Guests: Nancy & Steven Blessin and Linda & Joe Pieper

Hike Leaders: Roger John & Judy Bartow

2017-19, Saturday, 9:00 am, September 23, Dirksen Park, North Pekin

Dirksen Park was hot but provided a great leaf canopy to cool us on our hilly hike. Arthur and Jan chose an earlier turn back, while the rest of us covered the full 4.2 miles/2.75 hours perimeter route. The creek was nearly dry but provided enough water for the 4 leggeds. After hiking, most of us ate at Jason's Deli in East Peoria.

Hiking Members: John Jackson, Arthur Ching, Mary Greenhood, Andy Shull
Hiking Guests: Jan Harrison, Paul Frisk
Hiking Dogs: Charlie & Lindy (Mary)
Hike Leader: Jay Meinrich

[PTA Board Meeting, Sept. 20, 2017, Wednesday, 6:00 pm, Morton Public Library, 315 W. Pershing, Morton, IL](#)

Summary of the Pimiteoui September Board Meeting

The Board has decided to donate the amount donated in honor of Cindy Alexander to the Friends of Rocky Glen for trail improvements. This amount will total \$3000. The Board also decided to not pursue at this time a Pimiteoui Meetup group. It has not been ruled out forever, but to implement this would require the commitment of a number of people and also a change to how the club functions. **The Board is looking for a new Treasurer for the upcoming year. This is the time to jump in and help your club out!**

Mike Bohn, President, Pimiteoui Trail Association

Treasurer's Report

	<u>Balance as of 09/20/2017</u>
Savings Account (includes Memorial for Cindy)	\$2199.68
Checking Account	<u>\$1365.68</u>
Total	\$3565.03