



Pimiteoui Trail Association Hiking Club Jan – Mar 2019

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ANNOUNCEMENTS/NOTICES

Reminders

1. The club's annual meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2019, at the Lariat Club. Present plan is to have cocktails at 5:30 pm and dinner at 6:00 pm. We will have a choice of Sirloin Steak, Grilled Chicken, or Tilapia
2. It's that time again for dues payment. Our Treasurer, Bonnie Jackson, would like to have all or most of it collected by the February 16th board meeting. **Please use the membership form attached to this Newsletter and send it and your payment to the address on the form.** The party is hectic and there are many distractions so that days later, Bonnie may have a hard time remembering who paid because all she has is the money. The membership form identifies who has paid as well as assuring that we have your correct email address and other information. Any questions, contact Bonnie via email (bon1jon2@yahoo.com) or you may call or text her at 309-696-1955.

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.

1st Quarter Event Schedule

2019-1, Saturday, Jan. 19, Eagle Days @ Starved Rock

Meet at 8:00 AM at the Cracker Barrel rear parking lot in Morton for carpooling (**be on time**). Those traveling directly should meet us at the front door of the Lodge at 9:30 AM. Bathrooms are available at the Lodge. The club is 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 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. Following the hike, as an option, we will eat at the Lodge or in Utica. Directions to Starved Rock: go North on I39, 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.

Hike Leader: John Jackson- 645-0263 Call or text.

2019-2, Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019, 2:00 PM, E. Peoria River Trail

Escape the winter blahs with a hike along the East Peoria River Trail. We'll meet at the Fondulac Park District lot (by the Caboose) and carpool to the Matheny parking lot. We'll walk an especially pretty section towards Morton, and probably turn around and return after 30-45 minutes for a total of 60-90 minutes (depending on the weather). Optional refreshments and conversation afterward at a restaurant of our choice.

Hike leader: Dave Grebner; 309-222-7941 (text), moseynme@mtco.com. (My e-mail will be changing in January. After that and before day of hike, call 309-688-3908)

Annual Meeting, Saturday, Feb. 16, 2019, 5:30 PM, Lariat Club Restaurant, Peoria, IL

The annual meeting of the Pimiteoui Hiking Club will be held at The Lariat Club Restaurant, 2232 W Glen Ave in Peoria, on Saturday, February 16, 2019. Cocktails will be at 5:30 PM. Dinner will begin at 6:00 pm. We will order at the table with a choice of Sirloin Steak, Grilled Chicken, or Tilapia. After dinner, Priska Lauber will talk about her hiking adventures in the National Parks of southern California. This will be followed by our business meeting with a review of the past year and presentation of recognition awards. Any club business will be addressed. Nominations and voting will take place for the offices of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary. If you would like to help the club by being an officer or want more information about an office, call or email Mike Bohn.

Leader: Mike Bohn, 309-657-4557

2019-04, March 10, Sunday, 2:00 PM, Rock Island Trail Greenway, Peoria

Celebrate the return of Daylight Savings Time on the paved Rock Island Trail Greenway in Peoria. Meet at the Junction City parking lot behind Bushwhackers at 2:00. We will walk on the Greenway south to either Prospect Rd. or Bishop St. and return. Hiking terrain is rather flat. For a shorter hike, turn around. Bathrooms are at the beginning in restaurants. Wear walking shoes and carry water. Dogs are welcome. Afterward, we may eat together.

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

Tuesday, March 12, 2019, 6 PM, Board Meeting, Morton Public Library

Come share your ideas about hiking locations, social and service events, and club business. Volunteer to lead a hike or be on the Board. Our event schedule for April, May, and June will be created at this meeting. If you are unable to attend, pass your ideas on to a board member before the meeting.

Leader: Dave Grebner; 309-222-7941

[2019-05, March 27, Wednesday, 5:00 p.m., Grandview Drive, Peoria](#)

Meet at Tower Park in Peoria Heights at the gazebo at 5:00. Park either along nearby streets or in the public lot adjacent to the town hall. We will walk down Grandview to either the last turnaround or down the hill to the park and return. Those who can't make 5:00 can show up later and park along Grandview where we happen to be at the time. Hiking terrain is hilly. For a shorter hike, turn around. Bathrooms are in the town hall. Wear walking shoes and carry water. Dogs are welcome. Afterward, we may eat dinner together.

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

EVENT REPORTS

[2018-20, October 6, Saturday, Lake of the Woods Forest Preserve, Mahomet](#)

This hike was cancelled due to inclement weather.

[2018-21, Saturday, October 27, 9:00 AM, Detweiller Park to RTE 6, Peoria](#)

It happened to be the perfect weekend to see fall colors, and this hike certainly delivered! It was a sea of yellow leaves that provided a backdrop to this excellent hike. Most of us went the full journey—about five miles. Afterward, some ate together at Brazky's.

Hike Leader: Jay Meinrich

Hiking Members: John Jackson, Priska Lauber, Susan Hood, Barb Gurtler, Homer Gurtler, Dave Grebner, Rob Alexander, LaVerne Wilson

Hiking Guests: Peter Fearon, Susan Rhodes, Jianhua Liu, Ajay Kahsal, Diane Rock, Terri Lewis, Cat Schaidle, Dan Schaidle

Hiking Dogs: Scooby (Dave Grebner)

[2018- 22, Saturday, Nov. 10, 10:00 AM, Northwoods Park](#)

Fifteen of us took a walk in the woods. Was a frosty morning, with clear dry trails. We took in streams, meadows, and woods. Afterward we gathered for lunch at Garner's Pizza and Wings and had a variety of tasty things.

Hike Leader: John Jackson

Hiking Members: Kathy Jones, Andie and Cherie Schull, Priska Lauber, LaVerne Wilson, Jay Meinrich, Bonnie Jackson, Rob Alexander, & Dave Grebner.

Hiking Guests: Steve Powell, Ellen Vosberg, Jinhua Liu, Carol Randall, & Sheila Gribble

[2018-23, Sunday, November 25, 1:30 PM, Forest Park, Peoria](#)

This hike was cancelled due to inclement weather.

[Tuesday, Dec 4, 6 PM, PTA Board Meeting, Morton Public Library](#)

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Leader: Mike Bohn

2018-24, December 7, 6 pm, Forest Park Nature Center: Shop and Stroll

This is one we have not done for a couple of years and eight people showed up to stroll by lantern on trails near the Forest Park Nature Center. We stopped out by the fire pit and had some hot chocolate on the way back and then we listened to several people playing various types of wooden flutes in the Nature Center. This is always a unique walk with only the lanterns to guide us.

Event Leader: Mike Bohn

Members: Roger John, Judy Bartow, Andy & Cherie Shull, Carol Raines, Arthur Ching, and Eric Hutchison.

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Leader: Mike Bohn

2018-25, Saturday, December 22, 2018, 7:00 PM, Christmas Party at the Home of Bonnie and John Jackson

Bonnie and John Jackson held their annual Christmas party at their home on December 22nd. The weather was fairly mild, which made it easier for club members to travel to the distant land of Morton, Illinois. Thirty-two people were in attendance. There was food and drink for every palate and the fellowship extended to nearly every room. Christmas cheer was everywhere, and a great time was had by all.

PIMITEOUI TRAIL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NEW MEMBER () RENEW MEMBER ()

CASH () CHECK ()

ANNUAL DUES ARE \$6.00 PER PERSON

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

Bonnie Jackson
15 Waldheim Rd.
MORTON, IL. 61550

MEMBERSHIP YEAR EXPIRES FEBRUARY OF EVERY YEAR.

THE NEWSLETTER IS MAILED ELECTRONICALLY EVERY QUARTER. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE EF MAIL, 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 EFMAIL ONLY.

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