



Pimiteoui Trail Association Hiking Club January - March 2022

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ANNOUNCEMENTS/NOTICES

We are happy we're able to continue hiking this winter and hope to increase the frequency of our hikes, as conditions allow. We are committed to following the CDC pandemic safety guidelines and will adapt to any changes that come along. We are also asking the membership to be aware of those guidelines and follow them accordingly. Read this newsletter carefully to find dates, places, and times of the upcoming hikes. We look forward to seeing you all there!

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 Event Schedule

Saturday, January 29, 2022, 9:00 AM Starved Rock Eagle Days

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 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, 309-645-0263

Saturday, February 20, 2022, 1:00 PM Rock Island Trail Dunlap north.

We will meet at the Dunlap Public Library (302 1st Street, Dunlap, IL) and hike north through beautiful, spacious farm country. This will be a chance to get out of the city and breathe good, fresh country air. Dogs are welcome if on a leash.

Hike Leader: Dave Grebner, 309-222-7941

Saturday, March 26, 2022, 9:00 AM, Hennepin Canal Trail

Let's immerse ourselves the natural beauty and fresh air of the Hennepin Canal tow path. The role of the Hennepin Canal was a significant contribution to American History and played an essential role in early industry and commerce, earning itself a place on the National Register of Historic Places.

We will meet in Chillicothe, on the north side of the Kroger parking lot (603 S 4th St, Chillicothe) at 9:00. Please arrive a few minutes early, so that we can arrange carpooling and be ready to leave promptly at 9:00. Our destination is the trailhead parking lot just off route 26. If you are venturing out on your own, take route 29 to route 26, and watch for the trailhead lot on your left. If you have questions, contact the hike leader at the mobile number shown below.

Hike Leader: Bonnie Jackson, 309-696-1955

EVENT REPORTS

2021-5, October 9, Saturday, 4:00 PM, Weiner Roast, Oakwood Park, Morton

It was an unusually warm day for the time of year, but we had 16 club members and guests show up for fellowship and good eats at Morton's Oakwood Park. It was the first social event we attended since before the outbreak of covid, and people were in the mood for friendship and good cheer. The menu was simple-hot dogs and chili with a few items for dessert. In spite of its simplicity, the food tasted great and everyone enjoyed the opportunity to enjoy each other's company, after a long period of covid isolation. I hope we get to do it again soon.

Event Leader: Bonnie Jackson

2021-6, October 30, Saturday 10:00 AM, Tawny Oaks at Singing Woods, Edelstein

This is a great hiking destination that may not be familiar to many. The day was brisk and clear, great for a fall hike. The hike was moderately difficult and about 4 miles long. There was some wildlife out and about and fall foliage to be seen. This is a good woodland hike.

Hiking Members: David Grebner, Barb Gurtler, Eric Hutchison, Roberta Parks, Andy Shull, Rob Alexander

Guests: Ed Coleman, Julie Robinson, Debra Jones

Hike Leader: John Jackson

2021-7, November 13, Saturday, 10:00 AM, Black Partridge Trail

We were lucky to have a crisp morning as we hiked 3.8 miles through the beautiful rolling trails of Black Partridge Park. While we did not see any wildlife we did enjoy pops of color and beautiful scenery. We were joined by several guests, who we hope join our group. After the hike, several of us went to German Town Grille for a tasty lunch and continued to enjoy some socializing.

Hiking Members: Loren Madison, Andy Shull, Eric Hutchison, Ed Coleman, John Jackson, Barb Gurtler, Kathy Jones, Dave Grebner, Julie Robinson

Guests: Ruth Smiciklas, Debra Jones, Karen Hagerdorn, Jean Beatty, Trish Burton, Cindy Wamack

Hike Leader: Angie Madison

2021-8, December 3, 6:00 PM, Forest Park Nature Center

It was a warm evening for December, and very dark because of the clouds. For the first time, there was a vendor's cart at the beginning of the trail, which many of us took advantage of on the way back. Hot chocolate, cider, and other tasty treats were enjoyed as we gathered for conversation outside the facility after the hike. We also enjoyed the art show on display inside the main part of the building. Although it was short, the hike was enjoyable, and, as always, the fellowship was wonderful.

Hiking Members: Bonnie and John Jackson, Carol Raines, Donna Ward, Celeste Hansen, Karen Hagerdorn, Debra Jones, Dave Grebner, Todd and Patty Sage, Priska Lauber and her son Wyatt, Iliane Bisane, Andy and Cherie Shull, Rob Alexander

Guests: Tammy Arends, Melanie Shearer, Cathy Brubaker, Tamin Haerdorn

Hike Leader: Bonnie Jackson