



Pimiteoui Trail Association Hiking Club

October - December 2022

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ANNOUNCEMENTS/NOTICES

We are happy we're able to continue hiking and enjoying one another's company. We remain committed to following the CDC pandemic safety guidelines and will adapt as needed. 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.

4th Quarter Event Schedule

[Saturday, October 15, 2022, 10:00 AM, Farmdale Reservoir Park, 810 W Bittersweet Rd, Washington](#)

Come join us for a hike through the lovely trails at Farmdale Reservoir Park. The Parking Lot is located at 810 W. Bittersweet Road, Washington. The terrain has moderate hills; hiking poles and drinking water are recommended. There are no water or restroom facilities at the park. My planned hike route parallels but does not cross Farm Creek (so we should keep dry feet). We will hike for about 1.5-2 hours. NOTE: due to possible mud, there will be no hike if there is significant rain within 24 hours of the hike or rain on the day of the hike.

Hike Leader: Eric Hutchison

email: 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

Sunday, October 23, 2022, 5:00 PM, Wenger Shelter, 700 Stratford Dr. in Washington Park, Washington

We so enjoyed our hike of the Ulrich Wildlife Preserve in September with many in attendance from the Central Illinois Singles Group that we have invited all of the CISG to join us for our annual Fall Weiner Roast and Potluck. Let's celebrate the Season! Hot dogs, buns, condiments, chili, drinks, plates, bowls and plastic utensils will be furnished. Bring a favorite dish to share if you wish - and maybe a lawn chair to gather around the fireplace.

Please RSVP to mailsusanh@gmail.com by day's end on October 16, especially important as numbers may be different this year.

Event Leaders: Rob Alexander 309-444-3297, Susan Hood 309-648-2771, (and hopefully a yet-to-be-named member of CISG)

Saturday, November 5, 10:00 AM, Black Partridge Park, Metamora

Come join us for a Morning hike through the heavily wooded and rolling trails of Black Partridge Park in Metamora. The trails are in the back of the park located at the end of Coal Bank Road. We will meet at the end of the parking lot and will walk between 3-4 miles. The terrain is hilly and heavily rooted in places. There will not be water to cross but hiking poles are recommended.

Hike Leader: Angie Madison (309) 453-2097, ap.madison84@gmail.com

Saturday, November 26, 10:00 AM, Camp Wokanda, Red Trail

Please join us for a part of Camp Wokanda (620 E Boy Scout Rd, Chillicothe, IL 61523) you may not be familiar with. We will start out by heading up the bluff past the Order of the Arrow Lodge and Davis Lake. From there we will take the red trail following the ridge tops. Our plan is to check out the Adirondack shelters and some of the ridge top cabins. From there we will go back down to the valley. This should be a good hike for early winter.

Hike Leader: John Jackson 309-645-0263

Friday, December 9, 2022, 6 PM, Forest Park Nature Center

Come join the club at this one of a kind event at the Forest Park Nature Center. We will be taking a short walk along the trails lit with luminaries at night. In addition, the Nature Center will be open and presenting live holiday music, storytelling, caroling, treats, and shopping for those of you who still need more!

Hike Leader: Mike Bohn 309-657-4557

EVENT REPORTS

2022-9 Saturday, July 9, 10:00 AM, Forest Park, Peoria Heights

This walk was held at Forest Park. This is a pleasant, quiet place with plenty of wildlife.

Hiking Members: Liane Bisanz, Deb Jones, John Jackson, Karen Hagedorn, Dave Grebner, Andy & Cherie Shull, Bonnie Tometich

Hiking Guests: Barb Johnson

Hike Leader: Priska Lauber

2022-10 Saturday, July 30, 9:30 AM, Funks Grove Nature Preserve, McLean IL

This was a pleasant summer day for a hike. We found many blooming plants we were unfamiliar with on the prairie section of the trail. The woods here were deeply shaded by the giant Chinkapin oaks along the trail, which are old growth well in excess of one hundred years old. The hike was over 4 miles.

Hiking members: Dave Grebner & Scooby, Bonnie Tometich, Celeste Hansen, Carol Raines, Susan Hood, Ed Coleman, Phil Schmuck, Andy & Cherie Shull

Hike Leader: John Jackson

2022-11 Saturday, August 13, 6:00 PM Social at Germantown Grille

About 15 members and guests gathered at the Germantown Grille for dinner and drinks. We had a lovely, relaxed time visiting in person.

Event Leader: Bonnie Jackson

2022-12 Saturday, August 27, 10:00 AM, Comlara Park, Hudson

The hiking trails around Lake Evergreen offer a view of the lake and are good for a summer hike. Several hikers turned out for this trail that starts near the ranger headquarters.

Hiking members: Kim Mitchell, TJ Tarabulski, Andy & Cherie Shull

Hike Leader: Bonnie Jackson

2022-13 Saturday, September 10, 10:00 AM, Ulrich Wildlife Preserve, Morton

We had a beautiful sunny day to enjoy our 2.8 mile hike and, thankfully, most of the trails were shaded. The Ulrich Wildlife preserve is maintained by Morton Park District and is 72 acres of rolling trails. While the trails are not long, we still had an interesting hike and the elevation helped us get a workout. The creek bed was low so we walked down to it to see the pretty views and the Railroad tunnel. After our first loop, we had a snack and some of us continued for a second loop.

Hiking Members: Loren Madison, Eric and Theresa Hoadley, Bonnie Tometich, Eric Hutchison, John and Bonnie Jackson, Kris Morgan, Kathy Simms, Carol Raines, Susan Hood, Andy Shull

Hiking Guests: Crystal Gregory, Barb Johnson, Farzad Aalipour, Mona Williams, Dave Kweram and Elizabeth Abe

Hike Leader: Angie Madison

2022-14 September 24, 10:00 AM, Canton Lake Scenic Nature Trail, Canton

This hike took place on a beautiful day for a walk in the woods. The temperature was 60 degrees with a clear blue sky at the start and warmed to 72 degrees by the time we finished an hour and a

half later. Although there had been some rain the evening before, the mulch covering portions of the trail helped to keep the footing secure over most of this 2.6 mile route. While stopping to view the lake from the trail we spotted two herons (or cranes) whose bodies were perfectly mirrored in the smooth-as-glass water that morning. The best scenery is yet to come when the leaves change into their autumn colors!

Hike Members: Julie Robinson, Tom Robinson, canine Ozark Robinson, and Caryl Schlicher.

Hike Leader: Ed Coleman