



# **Pimiteoui Trail Association**

## **Hiking Club**

### **July - September 2023**

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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

We have an evening hike, a riverside social and several weekend hikes scheduled in the third quarter. We looking forward to seeing you there!

#### **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](mailto: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](http://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.

#### **Covid Safety**

We remain committed to following the CDC pandemic safety guidelines and will adapt as needed.

#### **3rd Quarter 2023 Event Schedule**

##### **Thursday, July 13, 2023, 5:30 PM, East Peoria Trail, East Peoria**

**Address: 201 Veterans Drive, East Peoria, IL**

Come join us for a brisk walk up a gently climbing trail from the parking lot of Fon du Lac Park District. We will likely walk about 2.5-ish miles up and then return. The trail is paved and is shared with bicycles. We will start near the Caboose and the address is 201 Veterans Drive, East Peoria.

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

##### **Friday, July 29, 4:00 PM, Social at Kuchie’s on the Water, Creve Coeur**

**Address: 579 Wesley Rd, Creve Coeur, IL**

Join us for a little fun and fellowship at Kuchie's on the Water in Creve Coeur. It's a great casual haunt with good food, good drink, and time spent among good friends. We will order food and drinks off the menu.

**Event Contact:** Bonnie Jackson  
309-696-1955

### **Saturday, August 5, 2023, 10:00 AM, Greenway Trail, Peoria**

**Address: Junction City, 5728 Knoxville, Peoria, IL**

Let's meet at the Greenway Trail at the trail head at Junction City. We will hike for about two hours and then stop for lunch at one of the restaurants in the shopping center. It will be an easy hike on this nicely paved, urban trail. Dogs are welcome.

**Hike Leader:** Bonnie Jackson  
309-696-1955

### **Saturday, August 19, 2023, 10:00 AM, Lakeland Park, Canton**

**Address: 1200 N. Lakeland Park Dr, Canton, IL**

This park of almost 600 acres was once the site of the old Ingersoll Airport until it was surface mined for coal. Later it was donated to the Canton Park District and transformed into a beautiful multi-use park with 5 lakes for fishing and several hiking/biking trails. We will be hiking the easy 3.5 mile paved outer loop trail which starts and ends at the upper parking lot where restrooms are available in the park district building. Enter the park and take the first left turn.

Because this distance is a little further away from the Peoria area, anyone wishing to carpool or caravan should meet at the city owned public parking lot **across** from the Hardee's restaurant in Bartonville. The Hardee's address is 5515 S. Adams St, Bartonville near the intersection of S. Adams and route 24. We will leave there at 9:15 am.

**Directions:** Follow GPS into Canton from state route 9. You will come to a 4-way stop (with a BP gas station and a Subway sandwich shop). Turn right onto 5th Avenue and drive north for another 0.9 mile through a set of traffic lights until you come to a stop sign at the intersection of 5th Avenue and Locust Street. Turn left on Locust Street and proceed another 0.4 miles until you reach Main Street at the second traffic light. Then turn right onto North Main Street (IL-78) and drive another 1.7 miles until you reach Lakeland Park Drive. Turn left and proceed 0.7 mile to Lakeland Park on the right (west side) of the road as it curves around. BTW, you will notice a golf driving range on this road before you get to the park itself.

**Latitude/Longitude:** **40.578362, -90.047959**

**Hike Leader:** Ed Coleman, (309) 363-1179

E-mail: [colemane296@gmail.com](mailto:colemane296@gmail.com)

## **Saturday, September 9, 2023, 10:00 AM, Wildlife Prairie Park, Hanna City**

**Address: 3826 N Taylor Rd, Hanna City, IL 61536**

I hope many of you will join me for a visit and hike at wonderful Wildlife Prairie Park. West of Taylor Road is a large natural area with many hiking trails. East of Taylor Road are more trails the animal sanctuary, with many creatures that are at home in central Illinois. Come and visit our wild Illinois brethren. We will meet in the parking lot west of Taylor Road at 10:00. At 10:05 we will cross over the road, where the Pimiteoui club will pay admission for all (normally \$5 - \$12 for children/seniors/adults). If you arrive later than 10:05 you may need to pay your own admission.

**Hike Leader:** Dave Grebner, 309-222-7941

## **Saturday, September 23, 2023, 10:00 AM, Canton Lake Scenic Nature Trail, Canton**

**Address: ACROSS the road from 23677 E. Sebree Road, Canton**

This trail used to be an old motorcycle club trail. With the trailhead located directly ACROSS the road from 23677 E. Sebree Road, Canton, it is now Canton's newest hiking trail and features wide, well-marked, and color-coded trails. The 2.6 mile trail winds through forest and at times follows the shoreline offering views of the lake. This hike takes about an hour, and there are a few hills. The white rock trailhead parking area includes a porta-potty and picnic table. Dogs are permitted if leashed.

Because this distance is a little further away from the Peoria area, anyone wishing to carpool or caravan should meet at the city owned public parking lot across from the Hardee's restaurant in Bartonville. The Hardee's address is 5515 S. Adams St, Bartonville near the intersection of S. Adams and route 24. We will leave there at 9:15 am.

Directions: From Peoria, take route 24 to State Route 9 almost to Canton, but turn right on County Road-6 (heading north at turn-off to White Chapel Memory Gardens) which becomes Bradley Road and then becomes 20th Avenue...all in one straight line of about 1.5 miles. Still heading north, this road will turn right and become E. Sebree Road. The trailhead is on the left about a quarter mile after the turn.

**Latitude/Longitude: 40.5681081, -89.9971639**

**Hike Leader:** Ed Coleman, (309) 363-1179

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## **SECOND QUARTER 2023 EVENT REPORTS**

### **2023-6 Sunday, April 2, 2023, Robinson Park, Peoria, IL**

April 2nd was a beautiful spring day and 13 hikers had a pleasant hike to Camp Wokanda. I always enjoy seeing the maple syrup collection tubing and I believe that Camp Wokanda's maple syrup is the best in the world! We welcomed Chris Nation and Vivian Wrenn.

**Hiking Members:** Eric Hutchison, Debra Jones, Pam Brandt, Karen Hagerdorn, LaVerne Wilson, Walt Klypchak, John Jackson, Cherie & Andy Shull

**Hiking Guests:** Chris Nation, Vivian Wrenn

**Hike Leader:** Priska Lauber

### [2023-7 Saturday, April 22, 2023, Tawny Oaks, Edelstein, IL](#)

Twenty five people met to hike the outer loop at Tawny Oaks and see the bluebells in the valley. In the week before the hike, the woods started to turn green and the bluebells were almost perfect the day of the hike. The four mile hike is hilly and sure to raise your heart rate. It was a beautiful day.

**Hiking Members:** Susan Hood, Julie Robinson, Jim Kemp, Debra Kemp, Madison Knight, Ed Coleman, Frank Ortega , Pam Brandt, Carol Raines, Angela Madison, Loren Madison, Barb Johnson, Karen Hagerdorn, Andy Shull, Cherie Shull, LaVerne Wilson, Dana Jones, Bonnie Jackson, John Jackson, Laura VanRiper

**Hiking Guests:** Tom Robinson, Frank Duryea, Chris Nation, Walter Klypchak

**Hike Leader:** Rob Alexander

### [2023-8 Saturday, May 6, 2023, Merwin Preserve, Lexington, IL](#)

Although we initially had to run back to our vehicles to wait out a downpour, it subsided and we enjoyed a four-mile hike with views of the Mackinaw River and wildflowers. Afterwards, we dined at the Busy Corner in Goodfield

**Hiking Members:** John Jackson, Bonnie Jackson, Rob Alexander, Sheri Morrison, Andy Shull, Cherie Shull, Pam Brandt, Bonnie Tometich

### [2023-9 Saturday, May 13, 2023, Saint Mary's Cemetery, West Peoria, IL](#)

The sky was overcast, but the day was perfect for our cemetery hike led by David Pittman, board president of Friends of Rocky Glen. He shared his knowledge of the cemetery history as well as flora and local geology at various points throughout the walk. The hike descended as we progressed and passed locations where hilltop prairies are being restored through removal of invasive plant species. Finally we found ourselves standing in Horseshoe Bottoms where FORG has been 'loaned' 10 acres of previously farmed land. David discussed various ways of returning that ground to a prairie plot with one option on display...a covering of black plastic for an entire growing season to eliminate weeds and volunteer crops. Then it was back up the hill (or roadway) to where we started near the entrance of the cemetery.

**Hiking Members:** Barb Gurtler, Carol Raines, Ed Coleman, Pam Brandt, Rob Alexander, Kathy Jones, John Jackson, Bonnie Jackson, Cherie Shull, Andy Shull, Lori Eckhardt, Barb Johnson, and Madison Knight.

**Hiking Guest:** Vivian Wrenn

**Hike Leader:** David Pittman

### [2023-10 Saturday, June 10, Rock Island Trail, Wyoming, IL](#)

The day became a bit hot, but the temperature was still comfortable in the morning when we hiked. We met at the old Rock Island depot in Wyoming and hiked south for an hour and then returned. Beautiful views in the country, and occasional birds to serenade us. This was also a hike for the Heart of Illinois Sierra Club, and we were happy to have several of them join us.

**Hiking Members:** David Grebner, Madison Knight., Carol Raines, Cherie Shull, Andy Shull

**Hiking Guests from Heart of Illinois Sierra Club:** Robert Rowe, Linda Rowe, John Wosik

**Hike Leader:** Dave Grebner

## 2023-11 Saturday, June 24, Dickson Mounds, Lewistown, IL



Eleven hikers gathered at Picnic Hill for a 2.6 mile hike on a very warm Saturday morning. The temperature was in the low 90s by the time we finished, but we followed the outer loop through mostly wooded areas which afforded us shade and cooler temperatures. There were some really majestic Oak trees along the way. The vegetation, also shaded by the tree canopy, seemed unaffected by the ongoing drought. The forest flora was green and growing even though the grass around the museum area was dry, yellow, and crunchy. When finished, eight hikers enjoyed a sack lunch under the pavilion at Picnic Hill.

**Hiking Members:** Andy Shull, John Jackson, Dave Grebner, Bonnie Jackson, Annjee Springer, Eric Hutchinson, Madison Knight, Julie Robinson, Ed Coleman

**Hiking Guests:** Amy Tuttle, Kendal Springer

**Hike Leaders:** Julie Robinson, Ed Coleman