2025 Fall Camp Hikes Mohican State Park Lodge

1098 Ashland County Road 3006, Perrysville OH 44864 (map)

Wednesday Oct. 22

2:00 pm – Hike to Swinging Bridge Arrive at the location of the hike you wish to take:

Option 1: Gorge Overlook Trail – 2.5 miles (<u>level 4</u>)

Trailhead Location: Gorge Overlook, Perrysville OH (map)

Coming from SR-97 you will past the Mohican Memorial Shrine (on your right). Turn left onto Park Road and follow the signs to the Gorge Overlook.

Hike Description:

The trail follows the stream as it descends 300 feet to the shore of the Mohican's Rivers Clear Fork to the Swinging Cable Bridge. The trail is narrow & a little tricky in spots. The trail starts back a steep ascent up the gorge, continuing to climb steeply, with benches along the way.

Option 2 (Easier): Hemlock Gorge Trail - 2.5 miles (level 2)

Trailhead Location: Campground Store/Swimming pool parking lot (map) 3116 SR-3, Londonville OH 44842

Drive to the main campground which is located off SR-3 just north of SR-97. Enter the campground and drive about a half mile to the parking lot for the Camp Store and Swimming pool.

Hike Description:

From the Campground Store, walk a little way into the campground, to the Hemlock Gorge Trail, follow a pleasant trail along the river to the Swinging Cable Bridge, you have an option to cross the bridge and return. You may meet up with the rest of our hikers coming from the other way. You will then return the way you came to the Camp Store parking lot.

Thursday Oct 23

10:00 am - Be in the lobby and ready to leave!

Mohican Mountain Bike Short Loop trail - 5.5 miles (level 3)

Trailhead Location: 3116 SR-3, Loudonville OH 44842 (map).

Drive to the main campground which is located off SR-3 just north of SR-97. Park in the parking lot on the **right** at the **entrance** to the campground.

Hike Description:

Caution: Since this hike is longer and more strenuous than our typical hike, the combination will make for a challenging hike. Bring plenty of water and snacks. Be prepared to spend 3.5 hours on the trail. **Those wanting a shorter hike can turn around at any time.**

This hike follows the Mohican Mountain Bike trail. It's hilly but the climbs are long and gradual not steep. They are in good condition and easy to follow. The last half mile will be through the campground where the trailers are usually decked out for Halloween. We will stop at the Campground Store for Ice Cream.

Friday Oct 24

Make sure you are checked out before we hike. We will not be returning to the lodge.

Meet at the trailhead!! (allow at least 30 minutes from lodge)

10:00 am Covered Bridge

Trailhead Location: Park Rd. Perrysville OH 44864 (map).

Exit the lodge on Goon Rd. and turn LEFT McCurdy Rd. Turn LEFT on SR-97. You will past the Mohican Memorial Shrine (on your right). Turn left onto Park Road and follow the signs to the Covered Bridge. If the parking is full at Covered Bridge, turn right past the bridge, there is more parking & a restroom. You'll have to walk a little way back up to the Covered Bridge.

Option 1: Lyon Falls/Pleasant Hill trail – 3 miles (<u>level 3</u>) Hike Description:

Starting at the covered Bridge, to the left at the Kiosk, the trail winds through lush forests along the well-marked Clear Fork Gorge leading to Big & Little Lyons Falls. The trail is narrow, lots of roots and tricky in some places. There is a series of stairs, to Little Lyon Falls, then going up to Pleasant Hill Dam & Morning Glory Spillway. You'll then go down a long set of stairs, then follow a pleasant trail along the river arriving back to the covered bridge.

Option 2 (Easier): Pleasant Hill trail- 2 miles (<u>level 2</u>) Hike Description:

Walking through the Covered Bridge to the Pleasant Hill Trail, you'll follow a pleasant trail along the river, arriving to a long flight of stairs to Pleasant Hill Dam. You don't need to go up the stairs, but the view is nice, and the restrooms are there. There, we may meet up with the rest of the hikers coming from Lyons Falls and hike back down the stairs to the Covered Bridge together.