

2026 Fall Camp Hikes

CUYAHOGA VALLEY NATIONAL PARK

Holiday Inn Express & Suites Cleveland-Richfield

5171 Brecksville Rd.

Richfield OH 44286

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Wednesday Oct. 21

1:00 pm – Hike #1: Towpath trail Hunt House to Beaver Marsh - 2.2 Miles ([level 1](#))

Trailhead Location: [\(map\)](#)

From State Route 303 in Peninsula, head south on Riverview Road. Go 3 miles and turn left onto Bolanz Road (Szalay's Farm and Market in on the left corner). Go past Szalay's market (don't park at Szalay's) go over the towpath trail to the parking lot on the right. There are restrooms across the street at the Hunt House.

Hike Description:

This is an out and back hike on the mostly flat compacted dirt with crushed limestone towpath trail. In the 19th century this area was farm fields then turned into an automobile salvage yard in the 20th century. The National Park Service purchased the land in the 1970's and beavers created wetlands by damming the canal basin. The marsh is an Ohio Watchable Wildlife site.

Hike #2: Deep Lock Quarry Metro Park – 1.6 miles ([Level 2](#))

Trailhead Location: [\(map\)](#)

Turn left out of the parking lot then right onto Riverview Road. Go 2.2 miles and you will see the sign for Deep Lock Quarry Metro Park on your right. There are restrooms in the parking area.

Hike Description:

Summit Metro Parks (also called Green Islands) have several parks within Cuyahoga Valley National Park, and this is one of them. Deep Lock Quarry provided much of the Berea Sandstone used in the construction of nearby canal locks and building foundations. They also made millstones for Quaker Oats. First, we will walk down to the towpath trail to view Deep Lock – the deepest lock on the 308- mile canal at 17 feet deep. Then we will hike back

up to the trail and do a couple of loops in the quarry area to see the quarry steps and then the view from above the quarry. There are a few gentle hills.

Dinner Location:

Teschner's Tavern – 4252 Broadview Rd., Richfield, OH 44286 ([map](#))

From the Quarry, take a right onto Riverview Road and go 0.7 miles. Take a left onto State Route 303 and go about 5.5 miles then right onto Broadview Road. The tavern is 0.6 miles on the left.

Thursday Oct. 22

Meet at the **Trailhead!! (allow at least 30 minutes from the hotel)**

11:00 am – Plateau Trail - 4.6 miles ([level 3](#))

Trailhead Location: 3901 Oak Hill Rd. Peninsula OH 44264 ([map](#))

From State Route 303, turn south onto Riverview Road. Go 1/2 mile and turn right onto Major Road. At 1.5 miles turn left onto Oak Hill Road then 1 mile to the Oak Hill entrance on the left. Keep going until you get to the very large parking area.

Hike Description:

The area was opened by the National Park Service in 1983. The trails were designed and graded as a cross-country ski trail. The trails are mostly shaded with acres of uninterrupted forest with a few hills and a couple of ponds, fields, stream valleys and ravines.

Dinner Location:

Fisher's Café & Pub – 1600 Main St, Peninsula, OH 44264 ([map](#))

From Oak Hill, turn right onto Oak Hill Road, right onto Major Road, then left onto Riverview Road. Turn right onto State Route 303. Fisher's is just after the bridge crossing over the Cuyahoga River on the right.

Friday Oct. 23

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

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

11:00 am Ledges Trail (via Haskell Run Trail) 2.7 miles ([Level 3.5](#))

Trailhead Location: Happy Days Lodge Parking Lot North side of 303,
Across from the Lodge, 500 W Streetsboro Rd, Peninsula, OH 44264 ([map](#))
There are **no restrooms**

Hike Description:

Watch your footing, the trail has constant roots, rocky terrain, stairs, and steep hills, with about 105 feet of elevation change. The Ledges Trail circles a plateau of striking rock formations and offers stunning views along the way.

Easier options:

- **Kendall Lake Trailhead** (1000 Truxell Rd, Peninsula, OH 44264) – flat 1-mile walk around the lake
- **Brandywine Falls** (8176 Brandywine Rd, Northfield, OH 44067) – boardwalk view of the falls; stairs are optional, but not required to see the falls
- **Brandywine Falls Loop** – 1.4 miles

Options for lunch before heading home:

Fishers: 1607 Main St, Peninsula OH

Winking Lizard: 1615 Main St, Peninsula OH

Peninsula Coffee House: 1653 Main St, Peninsula OH