

CENTRAL OHIO HIKING CLUB

Blacklick Woods Metro Park

Saturday – June 15, 2024 @ 10:30 A.M.

Total Miles: 5 Level: 1 ([level guide](#))

Level changes if one climbs the 99 stairs to reach the top of the new Canopy Walk

An elevator is available to reach the second level, but not the third level

Directions to Hike:

6975 E. Livingston Ave, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068. ([Google map](#))

Warning to watch your speed in Reynoldsburg.

Meet at the Ash Grove Picnic Area parking lot. It's the third driveway on the left as you enter the park. There are modern restrooms nearby across the field east of the parking area.

Hike description:

We will hike mostly on shady, paved paths through the park. We will also hike on a boardwalk and a couple of grassy hiking trails. Mud may be a possibility if rains are heavy and prevalent prior to the hike.

1. Begin on the multi-Purpose trail across the street from the Ash Grove Parking Lot (2.7 miles which includes a loop around the Blacklick Circle Earthworks.). Be sure to keep to the far right on the multi-purpose trail to avoid a collision with the bicyclists who frequent the trails.

2. Arrive at the newly built Canopy Walk. There are modern restrooms nearby. An elevator is available to reach the second level, but not the third level, of the Canopy Walk. Otherwise, climbing the 99 stairs can get you about 50' up in the air. There's a lovely view of the treetops from the boardwalks.

Note: Both the stairs to the Canopy Walk and some of the viewing areas are steel mesh, so it's possible to see the ground far below through the mesh. This view may intimidate some hikers.

3. Hike the .5-mile Buttonbush Boardwalk Trail and the easterly .3-mile leg of the Maple Loop Trail through the Walter A. Tucker Nature Preserve.

4. Return to the Ash Grove Picnic Area Parking lot via the southern .3-mile leg of the Beech Trail.

Suggested Items:

Water, bug spray, sunscreen, and hiking sticks if desired

Lunch/Dinner Location & Directions:

TGIFridays at 2928 Taylor Road, Reynoldsburg 43068 ([Google map](#))

Leader: Carol Bicking

Sweep: Marianne Perkins