

2025 Spring Getaway Hikes

Shawnee State Park Lodge

[4404 SR 125 West Portsmouth OH 45663](#)

Special Note: Cell service is spotty. If you are using Google Maps for your navigation, you will need to download offline maps for it to work. For Android [go here](#), iPhone [go here](#).

Wednesday Apr. 23

2:00 pm – [Ohio River Bluffs](#) – 3 miles (level 3) ([trail map](#))

Trailhead Location: 400 Gilkison Hollow Rd, Manchester OH 45144 ([map](#))

As you leave Manchester on US-52W in one mile look for a road to your right called Yates Road, and immediately after Yates, turn right onto Gilkison Hollow Road. The parking lot will be on your right.

Hike Description

During the first two weeks of April, it takes visitors through one of the most breathtaking spring wildflower displays in the Eastern United States. Because of its botanical richness. Some of the trails are narrow and hilly but are not difficult.

Thursday Apr. 24

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

Buzzardsroost Rock – 4.4 miles (level 3) ([trail map](#))

Trailhead Location: State Route 125 Lynx, OH 45650 ([map](#)).

Exit the lodge and turn LEFT onto SR-125 W. Drive about 14 miles to the village of Lynx. As you pass through Lynx the parking lot will be on your LEFT (it will be below you down a short hill) just past Lynx Dr. (past the Marathon gas station). If you get to Weaver Rd, you've gone too far.

Hike Description

This hike is hilly, 4.4 miles, but not steep, this trail is an out and back; you can easily follow the trail and turn back at any time. But at the end, there is a fabulous lookout, that you would hate to miss.

Friday Apr. 25

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)

11:00 am [Hellen C Black trail at John & Marion Becker Cedar Falls Preserve](#)– 3.2 miles (level 3)([trail map](#))

Trailhead Location: 56 Cedar Mills Rd. Blue Creek OH 45616. ([map](#)).

Hike Description

This is a gorgeous hike, not difficult, but some hills, with a deck and a nice waterfall, before turning back. This trail is out and back, 3.2 miles, easy to follow the trail back.