

CENTRAL OHIO HIKING CLUB

Highbanks Metro Park

Saturday – September 19, 2026 @ 10:00 A.M.

Miles: 5.2 or less Level: 2 ([level guide](#))

Hike Location:

Big Meadows Picnic Area ([map](#))

Highbanks Park address 9466 Columbus Pike (US 23) Lewis Center 43035

We will park in the lot in the furthest Northwest section on the Big Meadows picnic area.



Bathrooms

A Ranger-led activity is scheduled at the Nature Center the same day/time as our hike, so that lot and its bathrooms may be hard to access.

Alternatives: Oak Coves Picnic Area toilets or the Big Meadows Picnic Area restrooms at the back of the park.

Route

1. South along the Olentangy River on the Scenic River Trail.
2. Left at the first marked path, east on the Big Meadows Path.
3. Cross the main park road, cross bridge "13," then left across bridge "14" onto the Dripping Rock Trail.
4. First right, up the hill toward the Nature Center.
5. Take the next left (if you reach the first overlook, you've missed it — turn back and take the next right).
6. At the Coyote Run Trail sign, go clockwise around the prairie to Dragonfly Day Camp. Stay on Coyote Run to the next left, follow that loop north back to the main trail.
7. Where the trail splits, go right; it ends near the Adena Indian Mound. Continue straight to the Nature Center.
8. Restrooms available here since we pass through en route to the Dripping Rock Trail. (Check in with the group so no one's left behind.)
9. Northwest on the Dripping Rock Trail back to the Big Meadows lot.
10. Return via the sidewalk and marked crossing north of the lot.

Trail conditions: Dripping Rock Trail is unpaved, gravel needed; Coyote Run is dirt/grass (expect mud after rain); Scenic River Trail is fully paved.

Options

1. **Level 1 (1–2 miles):** Flat trails only — Scenic River Trail and/or Big Meadows Path.
2. **2.5 miles:** Dripping Rock Trail only, skipping Coyote Run.
3. **Full hike:** Scenic River, Big Meadows, and Dripping Rock Trails as above.

Lunch Location:

Saigon Asian Bistro 50 Neverland Dr. Lewis Center OH 43035 ([map](#)) ([menu](#))

Leader: Marianne Perkins

Sweep Bill Bicking