

2024 Ottawa County Outdoor Hiking CHALLENGE



Partnering Agencies



September 3 - November 30, 2024



The Challenge

Complete 9 out of 13 Ottawa County hiking destinations to earn a cozy Campfire Mug to warm you up with a soothing beverage on those cold days to come.

The Details

Record your hikes on the log sheet (reverse side). Completed log sheets must be received by December 5, 2024, to earn your Campfire Mug. One entry per person. Campfire Mugs will be distributed December 17-19, 2024, from 10am-Noon and 1-3pm at the Park District of Ottawa County Office located at 3979 E Knoll Crest Drive, Port Clinton, 43452. Submit your log sheet by:

- texting a photo to (419) 635-8212 OR
- emailing a photo to shill@ottawacountyparksoh.org OR
- returning completed log sheet to the Park District of Ottawa County Office located at 3979 E Knoll Crest Drive, Port Clinton 43452.

The Destinations (Self-Guided):

1. Scheeff East Point Preserve - Put-in-Bay Township Park District
2. Meadowbrook Marsh - Danbury Township
3. Great Egret Marsh Nature Preserve - The Nature Conservancy
4. Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Fox Unit - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
5. Lakeside Daisy State Nature Preserve - Ohio Department of Natural Resources
6. North Coast Inland Trail - Park District, Elmore, Genoa
7. Portage River Fishing Access - Ohio Department of Natural Resources
8. Nature/Walking Trail, adjacent to Train Station - Lakeside Chautauqua
9. Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Marinewood Unit - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
10. Magee Marsh Wildlife Area Boardwalk - Ohio Department of Natural Resources (closed Nov 14 - Dec 7)
11. Clay Center Village Park - Village of Clay Center
12. Waterworks Park - City of Port Clinton
13. Catawba Point Preserve - Catawba Island Township

Please check rules and regulations at each destination regarding opening/closing times, pets, and trail adherence.

Take the Challenge up a notch and join Guided Walks throughout the fall season! Each Guided Walk can be logged on hike sheet (see schedule on reverse side).

Questions?

Contact Administrative Specialist Sara Hill at shill@ottawacountyparksoh.org and (419) 635-8212. Visit ottawacountyparksoh.org for additional Hiking Log Sheets. Follow the Park District of Ottawa County on Facebook for Challenge updates & news. [#outdoorhikingchallenge](https://www.facebook.com/ottawacountyparksoh)

See reverse side for Hiking Log Sheet and Guided Walk Schedule!



HIKING LOG SHEET

NAME OF LOCATION AND DATE

1. _____ 7. _____
2. _____ 8. _____
3. _____ 9. _____
4. _____ 10. _____
5. _____ 11. _____
6. _____ 12. _____
Lucky 13. _____



SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Would you like to receive Park District E-Newsletters? YES NO Interested in volunteering? YES NO



GUIDED WALKS



All are welcome to attend. Registration required where indicated. Guided Walks can be recorded on your Hiking Log Sheet!

Wednesday, September 4
3 - 5 p.m.

Waterworks Park, 205 E Perry St. in Port Clinton

Want to make a difference while hiking? Join park rangers from Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge for a trash pickup along the trail and the beach. Please bring water and meet at the lighthouse. Supplies such as gloves, bags, and trash pickers will be provided.

Saturday, September 7
1 - 2 p.m.

Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Marinewood Unit in Port Clinton

Join a park ranger for a family-friendly guided (~2/3 mile) hike to learn about monarch butterflies and their migration. Meet at the Marinewood Unit on W State Route 163.

**Sunday, September 8; Monday, October 14;
Saturday, October 19; and Saturday, November 9**
11 a.m.

Meadowbrook Marsh in Marblehead

Join Danbury Township Trustee Dianne Rozak for a low-impact one-mile walk on paved trails throughout Meadowbrook Marsh. Meadowbrook is a State designated birding site and exhibits its own special beauty during every season of the year. Overflow parking is available on the grass at the main entrance. The walk will begin at the bottom of the main drive by the yellow information sign. Binoculars are recommended.

Friday, September 13
6 - 8 p.m.

Lakeside Daisy SNP in Marblehead

* Entry gate to glacial grooves area is 0.4 mi south of main preserve entrance on Alexander Pike. Roadside parking is available at both the main entrance and across from glacial grooves entrance

All are invited to enjoy a guided hike of the restricted-access area of Lakeside Daisy State Nature Preserve. ODNR - Division of Natural Areas staff will lead visitors to some of the most extensive glacial grooves and best preserved alvar habitat in northern Ohio. Join us for this exciting opportunity to experience the native landscapes and unique geological features that make this nature preserve something special to Ohio!

⚠ ATTENDANCE LIMITED. REGISTRATION REQUIRED. REGISTRATION OPENS SEPTEMBER 5 VIA THE PARK DISTRICT OF OTTAWA COUNTY FACEBOOK PAGE.

Saturday, September 14th
11 a.m. - Noon

LAKESIDE CHAUTAUQUA

Join us for a guided tour of Lakeside Chautauqua. A Lakeside Heritage Society volunteer will lead the tour of the grounds and historic district of Lakeside. We will begin at Heritage Hall, 238 Maple Ave., Lakeside Chautauqua. All are welcome!

Saturday, September 21
1 - 2:30 p.m.

Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Fox Unit in Oak Harbor

Join a park ranger for a family-friendly guided (~1 mile) hike to learn about monarch butterflies and their migration. Meet at the Fox Unit Off of N Lickert-Harder Rd across Route 2 from the Visitor Center.

Wednesday, November 28
10 a.m.

Veterans Memorial Park in Genoa

Join Jannah Wilson, executive director of the Park District of Ottawa County, for a "turkey burner" walk along the North Coast Inland Trail (NCIT) at Veterans Memorial Park. Jannah will discuss the progress being made to extend the NCIT.

Interesting Facts about Ottawa County

- Formed on March 6, 1840

- The Ottawa County Courthouse is on the National Register of Historic Places.

- Ottawa County is comprised of 7 villages, 12 townships, and the only city, Port Clinton.