



Pimiteoui Trail Association Hiking Club July – Sept 2018

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ANNOUNCEMENTS/NOTICES

Reminder

It's that time again. If you haven't yet paid your annual dues, please send or give your \$6.00 to Bonnie Jackson.

Gear Swap Site

Check the PTA website (ptahike.org) for hiking or camping gear offered for sale by fellow PTA members. If you would like to sell something, submit a short description, price, your name and contact number to John Jackson at j.jackson1954@yahoo.com. The PTA reserves the right to reject or edit all listings.

PTA Hiking Club

1. Hikes shall start promptly with no more than a 10-minute grace period for late arrivals.
2. The newsletter will be "published" quarterly. Hike leaders; please email your Event Reports to geraldgegel@comcast.net within two weeks after completion of your scheduled events. A single photo (jpeg file format) for inclusion in the Newsletter may be attached to your report.
3. Hike Leaders are to register all attendees for a hike/bike/paddle event using the "official" Pimiteoui Trail Association Liability Waiver form. These may be obtained on our website at WWW.PTAHIKE.ORG.
4. If an area allows dogs, they must be on a leash at all times. Also, please be prepared to pick up and dispose of pet excrement
5. In case of bad weather, contact the hike leader to see if the hike/event has been cancelled.

3rd Quarter Event Schedule

2018-14 July 12, 5:00 pm – Club Social at River Beach Pub in Chillicothe

Join your fellow hikers for an evening of drinks, dinner, and fellowship at the River Beach Pub and Eatery, 13637 N River Beach Dr., Chillicothe on Thursday, July 12th at 5 pm. Come rain or shine as the reservations are for inside (they do not take reservations on the deck). Please **RSVP no latter than Monday, July 9th**, so that we can reserve enough seats for our group.

Host: Mike Bohn **RSVP at:** Michael.bohn@comcast.net or 309-657-4557

2018-15, Saturday, July 28, 9AM, Detweiller Park/Green Valley

Meet at the Moose Shelter parking lot (furthest south from the soccer fields) in Detweiller Park. We shall hike many of Detweiller's excellent trails and also venture north to Green Valley. Plan on climbing hills and being in shade most of the time. Mud can be an occasional issue. There is no convenient turnaround point for shortening the hike. Wear hiking boots, consider headwear, and bring trekking poles if you need support. Unsure if shorts will be okay. Carry water and bug spray. Bathrooms are available at the beginning and midway. Dogs are welcome on leashes. Drive directly. Afterward, optionally, we'll dine at Brazky's. **Hike Leader:** Jay Meinrich 309-472-0165 cell (voice, text), email jmeinrich@comcast.net

2018-16 Sunday, August 12, 2:00 pm, Constitution Trail, Bloomington

Car-poolers meet at Morton Cracker Barrel at 1:30 pm to drive over together. If starting in Bloomington, meet at Jumer's paring lot. Hiking should be on a paved path and will be flat. **Hike Leader:** Angie Madison (309) 453-2097

2018-17 Sunday, August 19, 2:00 pm, Madison/Jackson Hyde Park Woods

Meet at Bonnie and John's house at 2:00 pm. We will make a loop through the woods around Hyde Park. The hike will be mostly flat but there are several brooks to journey over. Wear long pants, waterproof boots or shoes that can get wet. Bring hiking poles if you have them. **Sorry, NO DOGS FOR THIS HIKE.**

Hike Leaders: John Jackson (309) 645-0263 and Angie Madison (309) 453-2097

2018-17, Saturday, September 8, 8:30 am, Humiston Woods, Pontiac IL

It's been five years since the club has hiked Humiston, and we are happy to return to this 300+ acre wooded gem along the Vermillion River in the middle of farm fields near Pontiac. The terrain here is flat-to-rolling. Mud and high water can be issues. There is no convenient turnaround point for shortening the hike. Wear hiking boots, consider headwear, and bring trekking poles if you need support. Unsure if shorts will be okay. Carry water and bug spray. Bathrooms are available at the beginning. Dogs are welcome on leashes. Carpooling is at 8:30 am in the Washington Kroger parking lot, 20 Cherry Tree Shopping Center, near the gasoline corner. Those travelling directly should contact the hike leader beforehand and arrive at the park by 9:45. Humiston Woods is located at 2100 E 2100 N Rd—contact hike leader for descriptive directions. Optionally afterward, we'll eat somewhere.

Hike Leader: Jay Meinrich 309-472-0165 (cell phone, call or text), email: jmeinrich@comcast.net

Board Meeting, Tuesday, September 11, 6:00 PM, Morton Public Library

Come share your ideas about hiking locations, social and service events, and club business. Volunteer to lead a hike! Our event schedule for October, November & December will be created at this meeting. If you are unable to attend, pass your ideas on to a board member before the meeting.

Leader: Mike Bohn

2018-19, Wednesday, September 19, 5:30 pm, Bike Ride on Rock Island Greenway

Let's kick off autumn with a slow, casual, bicycle ride along the Rock Island Greenway Trail. You don't have to be fast and you don't have to have a lot of equipment; just a bike, a helmet, and the desire to enjoy a beautiful autumn evening with like-minded people. We will Meet at

Bushwhacker, located at 5728 N. Knoxville (Junction City) in Peoria Heights. **Please try to arrive a few minutes early** so that you have time to get your bike out of the car and gather water bottles, put helmet on, etc. We will leave Bushwhacker **promptly** at 5:30 pm and finish before darkness descends. We are planning on about a 2-hour ride, with occasional stops for rest or a drink of water. Afterwards, we will dine somewhere nearby.

Leader: Bonnie Jackson, 309-696-1955, bon1jon2@yahoo.com

EVENT REPORTS

2018-7, Sunday, April 8, 2:00 pm, Spring Creek Preserve

It was slightly overcast and close to 40 degrees. The winds were light. There was a little bit of mud but otherwise conditions were good. We had a large group of 19 people and 3 dogs. We hiked 4.6 mi. We hiked through the woods, up some hills and across the bluff. We crossed some creeks and went around some fields. It was a pretty diverse hike and at times it would get your heart pumping pretty good. We had a good group and stayed together pretty well. Afterward most of us met at Germantown Grill for dinner and drinks. The service was great and all had a good time.

Hiking Members: Judy Bartow, Roger John, Dave Grebner, Rob Alexander, Tom Hieser, Carol Raines, Susan Hood, Art Chin, Priska Lauber, Cherie Shull, Andy Shull, Laverne Wilson, Mary Greenwood, Paul Frisk, Jay Meinrich.

Hiking Guests: Janet Sleeth, Rod Sleeth, Jianhua Liu.

Hiking Dogs: Lindy Greenwood, Charlie Greenwood, & Scooby Grebner

Hike Leader: Les Hensley

2018-8, Saturday, April 21, 8 am, Camp Wokonda, IL River Bluff Trail, Maple Sugar Workshop & Pancake Breakfast, 620 E. Boy Scout Rd, Chillicothe

This was our first attempt at planning a hike to coordinate with Camp Wokonda's Maple Syrup Workshop & Pancake Breakfast. The day was pleasantly cool and everything went according to schedule, beginning the hike of the IL River Bluff Trail at 8:00, easily reaching Robinson Park North and returning to the Camp by 10:00. Seven hikers decided to partake in the Workshop and Pancake Breakfast. Rob Alexander is a volunteer at Camp Wokonda, helping with collection of the sap and production of the syrup. On this Saturday, Rob was one of our tour guides. We were delighted to be joined by Adam and Eric from the Peoria Hiking, Outdoors & Social Group. The Group communicates through Facebook.

Hiking Members: Pam Brandt, Les Hensley, Judy Bartow, roger John, Jay Meinrich, Art Ching, Priska Lauber & Carol Raines

Hiking Guests: Juliet Wu, Scott Wu, Adam Gasper & Eric Machens

Hike Leader: Susan Hood

2018-09, Saturday, May 5, 9 am, Jubilee College State Park, Kickapoo

Jubilee Park was the perfect setting for a hike to enjoy the first real taste of spring. We stayed on the southern trails walking counter-clockwise around the perimeter. One person returned on the 3-mile leg while the rest continued around until we bisected the route, heading north and crossing the creek. At that point, one hiker navigated back logging 4.3 miles total. The

others went on and finished with 5.6 miles in less than 3 hours. It would be hard to find a more perfect day to be on the trails.

Hiking Members: Les Hensley, Peter Fearon, Susan Hood, Carol Raines, Cherie Shull, Sue Weber

Hiking Guest: Dave Rouzer

Hiking Dogs: Rocky & Charlie (Sue)

Hike Leader: Jay Meinrich

[2018-10, Saturday, May 19, 9 am, McNaughton Park, Pekin](#)

McNaughton provided a myriad of terrain combined with the first spring club hike with full foliage. We headed north and some hiked only there and exited after walking 3 miles. The remainder crossed water (Lick Creek was low) and traveled the western trails with others navigating back part way and totaling over 4 miles. The rest to the far south section, veered east, and returned after hiking 5.85 miles in 3 hours 10 minutes. We saw plenty of deer, a group of people on horses, and oddly only a handful of other people on a magnificent weather day. Some of us went to Jason's Deli for lunch.

Hiking Members: Les Hensley, John Jackson, Pam Brandt, Carol Raines, Dave Grebner, Scooby Grebner, Kim Bowers, Barry Bowers, Cherie Shull, Andy Shull

Hiking Guest: Patty Friedrich

Hiking Dogs: Scooby; Quinn and Padme (Kim & Barry)

Hike Leader: Jay Meinrich

[2018-11, Sunday, May 27, 2 pm, Meadow Valley Park, Washington/Sunnyland](#)

We had an enjoyable hike on a hot day at Meadow Valley. Most of us went all three phases of 3.6 miles/1 hour 46 minutes, while some opted for the shortened first two phases due to the heat. It was often weedy while in the woods; the frequent creek crossings were easy due to low water. It was yet another enjoyable Pimiteoui hike. Most of us ate later at Brickhouse in Washington.

Hiking Members: Eric Hutchison, Mike Bohn, Dave Grebner, Andy Shull, Paul Frisk, Mary Greenhood

Hiking Guests: Dave Kweram, Lydia Kweram, Therese Brink (joined after hike)

Hiking Dogs: Lindy (Mary)

Hike Leader: Jay Meinrich

[2018-12, June 9, Saturday, 10:00 am, Bike Ride on Rock Island Greenway Trail](#)

The rain that occurred overnight must have scared a few people away. Those that didn't come out will never know what they missed! There were only three of us, but we had a wonderful ride up to the trailhead at Alta and back. The previous night's rain made the trail a little muddy so we turned back where the pavement ends and rode to the other end beyond Bushwacker. We enjoyed about 15 miles of trail altogether. The temperature was fairly pleasant and we had the trail to ourselves most of the way. Afterwards, we had a great lunch at Childers. We enjoyed the trip so much that we will do it again in the fall, so be sure to mark your calendar! The details are in this newsletter.

Bike Riders: John Jackson, and Arthur Ching

Bike Leader: Bonnie Jackson

PTA Board Meeting, Monday, June 18, 6:00 PM, Morton Public Library.

The board discussed/voted on the following items:

- Bonnie Jackson will be checking the PTA Yahoo email account once a week and she will follow up on any inquiries made of the club.
- Bonnie will also draft a inscription for the Memorial for Cindy Alexander which is being created by the Friends of Rocky Glen.
- Jay Meinrich will respond to an inquiry about hike leadership to the Midwest Athletic Club from Chicago. This is something separate from our normal club activities, but it may lead to something positive for both organizations.
- Lastly, the next quarter's hiking schedule was created.

Mike Bohn, PTA President

2018-13 Tuesday, June 19, 5:30 pm, Grandview Drive. Hike was cancelled because of rain.