



# Pimiteoui Trail Association

## Hiking Club

### Oct– Dec 2019

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS/NOTICES

### Reminders

#### 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](mailto: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](http://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.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Event Schedule

### 2019-18, October 13, Sunday, 2:30 PM, Riverfront Trail, Peoria, IL

Join us for a three-mile (round trip) hike along Peoria’s beautiful Riverfront Trail. We will meet at the Gateway Building at the foot of Main Street at 2:30 p.m. and hike north to the Detweiller Marina and Playground. Bathrooms are available at the Riverfront Museum. Our hike will include walking out onto the Detweiller harbor breakwater peninsula. We’ll have gorgeous river views and refreshments at a restaurant of our choice afterwards. Leashed dogs are okay.

**Hike Leader:** Dave Grebner 309-688-3908 or 309-222-7941 (text); e-mail: [moseynme@mtco.com](mailto:moseynme@mtco.com)

**2019-19, Oct 26, Saturday, meet 7:45 AM at Cracker Barrel (carpool); 9:30 AM for hike at Allerton Park (near Monticello).**

Allerton Park is a European-like estate in the middle of Illinois woods and prairie. If you haven't been there—or want to return particularly in the autumn—here's your chance. We'll hike for about 2.5 hours on rolling terrain. A slightly shorter option is possible. Preferably wear hiking boots, bring water, dress in layers, have a cap if sunshine bothers you, and maybe carry a camera. Consider trekking pole(s) for some uneven ground and especially if mud is expected. Indoor and outdoor bathrooms are near the beginning/end only. Leashed dogs are okay. Carpooling is at 7:45am in the back lot of Cracker Barrel in Morton. If driving directly, contact the hike leader beforehand, arrive at Allerton by 9:30am, and park at the main lot. The club will eat lunch (optional) at Brown Bag in Monticello.

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

**2019-20, November 2, Saturday, 10:00 AM. Robinson South**

This is a fairly strenuous hike traversing up and down three challenging hills. Leaves will cover the roots and unstable parts on the trail so you should wear good hiking boots and please consider using hiking poles. Afterwards, we can eat at a nearby pub. Robinson Park South is on Mossville Road, Peoria.

**Hike Leader:** Angie Madison, 309-453-2097

**2019-21, Nov.16, Saturday, 10:00 AM, Tawny Oaks at Singing Woods,**

Forest Park Nature Center's field station at Singing Woods Nature Preserve is one of Peoria's great hidden gems, and is a wonderful place to enjoy nature. We will do a 3.9 mile loop that is of moderate difficulty. We will meet at 715 W Singing Woods Rd., Edelstein, Il. Be sure to punch that exact address into your GPS and it will take you right to the park, which has a concrete parking area near the trailhead. Dogs are not allowed, so it would be best to leave your fur babies at home. Restrooms and the visitors center will be closed for the season, but don't worry, trails are open year 'round. Bring water and a hiking stick.

**Hike Leader:** Bonnie Jackson 309-696-1955 or [bon1jon2@yahoo.com](mailto:bon1jon2@yahoo.com)

**Board Meeting: Thursday, December 12, 2:00 PM, Jackson/s Home**

Come share your ideas about hiking locations, social and service events, and club business. Volunteer to lead a hike or be on the board. Our event schedule for January, February and March 2020 will be created at this meeting. If you are unable to attend, pass your ideas to a board member before the meeting.

**Leader:** Dave Grebner, ph 222-7941

### 2019- 21, December 11, Wednesday, 6:00 PM, Christmas Walk

Hopefully, the weather will allow us to enjoy the Christmas lights throughout Hyde Park in Morton. We will meet at Lettie Brown Grade School on the north side of Morton, located on North Morton Ave.

**Hike Leader:** Angie Madison, 309-453-2097

### 2019-22, December 21, 7:00 pm , Christmas Party at Bonnie and John Jackson's house.

Please join us as we celebrate another Christmas season at the Jackson home, 15 Waldheim Rd., Morton, Illinois. The party starts at 7:00 pm. Feel free to bring your favorite libation or enjoy the drinks provided. Tasty treats and fellowship abound, so be sure to mark your calendar for this fun and festive event.

**Special note:** If there is rain or snow, bring your favorite Christmas shoes to change into and leave your boots at the door. We'll keep your boots safe and sound while you celebrate the season in dry shoes!

**RSVP:** Bonnie and John Jackson 309-696-1955 or bon1jon2@yahoo.com

## EVENT REPORTS

### 2019-11, July 7, Sunday, 2:30 PM, Funk's Grove, McLean, IL

It turned out to be a pleasant day in July to hike. Trails on the north section were generally dry, and the south part was covered by grass. Brenda and Phil opted to hike the north section, Cherie and Rob also did a segment of the south, and the rest walked the entire distance. Total time was about 2.5 hours. Not much wild life—nor human life—seemed to be around. The quiet sounded good, and the beauty of Funks Grove's woods and prairie looked great. Afterwards, some of us ate and drank at Distihl restaurant in Bloomington.

**Hiking Members:** Brenda Meinrich, Rob Parks, Arthur Ching, Carol Raines, Phil Schmuck, Cherie Shull, Andy Shull

**Hike Leader:** Jay Meinrich

### 2019-12, July 27, Saturday, 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM, Donovan Park & Cyd's

Our group enjoyed the perimeter trail past newly blooming prairie areas in this former golf course, now returning to nature in a gorgeous way. Also in this park is Northmoor Observatory and Cyd's Restaurant. We enjoyed lunch at Cyd's following the hike.

**Hiking Members:** Dave Grebner, Arthur Ching, Eric Hutchison, Mareike Kraatz, M. Mend.

**Hiking Dogs:** Solana (Mareike), Scooby (Dave)

**Hike Leader:** Dave Grebner

### 2019-13, August 10, Saturday, Carpenter Park, Springfield IL

The Carpenter Park hike was excellent. The five of us carpoled in two cars for the one-hour trip. The sun shown most of the time, yet we stayed substantially in shade during the 2.25-hour trek. The hike didn't go as originally planned—due mostly to a maze of unmarked and undirected trails not on the map—but it worked out even better than the plan. Unique-looking trees lined our path, and spider webs were everywhere. A large prairie midway was spectacular. In addition, ahead of us on one trail, we saw a doe that seemed amazingly unperturbed. Afterwards, we ate a good lunch and drank at Fire & Ale restaurant in Sherman.

**Hiking Members:** Carol Raines, Susan Hood, Dave Grebner, & Arthur Ching

**Hike Leader:** Jay Meinrich

### 2019-14, August 23, Fri, August 23rd, Constellation Hike at Tawny Oaks Field Station 9:30 PM

Forest Park Nature Center has invited the public to some night hikes and the Constellation Hike turned out great. It was one of the clearest skies of the summer and the constellations were easy to view. The docent who lead the hike had a good knowledge of the night sky and was able to answer many questions. It was both fun and informative.

**Hike Members:** Bonnie Jackson, John Jackson, & Andy Schull

**Hike Leader:** Bonnie Jackson

### 2019-15, August 29 – Club Social Event at Kuchie's on The Water in Creve Coeur.

Fourteen hikers took a load off their feet and had dinner at Kuchie's in Creve Coeur. The group ate indoors as there was a "threat" of thunderstorms that some how never occurred. The food and company were good and it's definitely a place to return to in the future.

**Host:** Mike Bohn

### 2019- 16, Tuesday September 3, 5:30 PM, Grandview Drive Walk

Several of us walked along the beautiful Grandview Drive for about 1.25 hours. Along the way, Arthur Ching, who was riding his bike, stopped and walked with us for a bit. We also saw wild turkeys who were totally unbothered by us.

**Hiking Members:** Angie Madison, Loren Madison, Les Hensley, Patty Friedrich, Cherie Shull, Susan Hood, Rob Alexander, Donna Ward, Ray Martin

**Hiking Dog:** Scooby

**Hike Leader:** Dave Grebner.

### Wednesday Sept 11, 2:00 PM, Board Meeting, Jackson's Home

The following hikes/events will comprise the schedule for the next quarter:

1. Oct 13, Sunday - River Front Trail. Meet at the River Plex Parking Lot at 2:30 pm; Hike leader Dave Grebner.
2. Oct 26, Saturday - Allerton Park (near Monticello). To carpool, meet at Morton Cracker Barrel at 7:45 am. Hike, at Allerton Park, starts at 9:30 am. Hike Leader Jay Meinrich.
3. Nov. 2, Saturday - Hike at Robinson South starts at 10:00 am. Hike Leader Angie Madison.
4. Nov. 16, Saturday - Hike at Tawny Oaks/Singing Woods, starts at 10:00 am. Hike Leader Bonnie Jackson.
5. Dec. 11, Wednesday night – Walk through Hyde Park neighborhood in Morton starts at 6 pm. Meet at Lettie Brown Grade School parking lot. Walk Leader Angie Madison.
6. Dec. 21, Wednesday night - Christmas Social at 7:00 pm at Bonnie and John Jackson's house.

**Attendees:** Mike Bohn, Angie Madison, Bonnie Jackson, John Jackson and Carol Raines..

**Leader:** Dave Grebner, ph 309-222-794

### 2019-17, Sept 14, 10:00 AM, Hiking Starved Rock.

The weather was wonderful and we had a great group attending the hike. It is always a pleasure to have new members turn out, and quite a few did for this fun and beautiful hike. We visited the Starved Rock overlook, Eagle Point, French Canyon, and did part of the trail to Wildcat Canyon. Afterwards, we had a great time dining and getting to know one another on the balcony of the restaurant at Starved Rock Lodge. All would agree that it was a great hike.

**Hike Leaders:** Bonnie Jackson and Jay Meinrich

**Hike Members:** Rob Parks, Carol Raines, Bonnie Jackson, John Jackson, Jay Meinrich, Tatiana Davis, Wade Peacock, & Valerie Ferguson