



# Pimiteoui Trail Association

## Hiking Club

### January-March 2020

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/NOTICES**

#### **PTA Hiking Club**

1. Hikes shall start promptly with no more than a 5-minute grace period for late arrivals.
2. The newsletter will be “published” quarterly. Hike leaders; please email your Event Reports to [shullag@yahoo.com](mailto:shullag@yahoo.com) 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

#### **Upcoming Hikes:**

#### **January 18th, Eagles on the Illinois River through Forest Park Nature Center** **10:00 am**

Club members can meet at Forest Park Nature for a fun and informative Eagle Watch along the Illinois River. We will meet at the Nature Center at 10:00 am for a discussion, then carpool to the sites where the Eagles are active. We will wind things up around noon and meet at a local restaurant for lunch.

**Contact Person:** Dave Grebner 309-222-7941

#### **January 26, Sunday, Knolls/Knollcrest Subdivisions, Peoria, 2:00 pm**

The adjacent subdivisions of the Knolls and Knollcrest have been two of the finer areas in the now central part of Peoria beginning in the late 1930's. They are excellent neighborhoods for walking in any season. The terrain is fairly flat. The full hike should take less than 2 hours, the exact time contingent upon dependable footing. A shorter op-

tion—of only walking in the Knolls—is doable. Meet at 2:00 in the SE corner of the Sheridan Village Parking lot (near the shopping center stoplight on Sheridan). Dress in layers, wear appropriate shoes, carry water, and go to the bathroom before arriving. Consider trekking poles if snow or ice. Optionally afterwards, the club hopefully will eat somewhere really good.

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

### **February 8. Saturday. Grandview Dr/Rock Island Greenway. Peoria. 9:30 am**

A connective set of picturesque streets and paved paths make up this hike. Meet at 9:30 at the Peoria Heights tower, parking in the lot along Glen Ave. or on a nearby street. The plan, depending on footing and weather, is: down Grandview Dr>a connective street to Bishop Ave>Greenway>Journal Star>u-turn on the new Harvard Ave bike path>Greenway to Prospect Ave, continuing to Glen>Glen back to tower. This could be a 2.5 hour hike. Several shortcuts are available. Dress in layers, wear appropriate shoes, carry water, and go to the bathroom before arriving. Consider trekking poles if snow or ice. Optionally afterwards, the club will eat lunch at a delicious place.

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

### **February 22. Saturday. Annual Board Meeting at Avanti's East Peoria 6:00 pm**

It's time once more to meet for fellowship, election of officers, the Dusty Boot Awards, and a terrific speaker, John Wosik from the Sierra Club. He will present a program on "Hiking in New Zealand and Switzerland." We have a room reserved, all to ourselves, at Avanti's in East Peoria and will each be ordering off the menu. We have the room from 6:00-8:00 pm so **arrive in plenty of time** so that we have time for dining and all the business that we need to cover. The annual meeting is always a great way to converse with friends and enjoy breaking bread together. Don't miss this important but fun annual meeting!

### **March 7. Hike along the Rock Island Trail 10:00 am**

Let's meet at the trailhead in Alta for a late winter (or is it early spring?) hike along the lovely and wooded Rock Island Trail. As I write this in December, I can't help wondering what the weather will be. Whatever the weather, we will consider it a celebration of the coming Spring with a 1 1/2 to 2 hour hike, and will celebrate further with a lunch at a local restaurant afterward.

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

### **March 22. Sunday. 2:00 PM. East Peoria Trail**

Please join me for a hike along the East Peoria Trail. We'll walk towards Morton and, depending on the weather, turn back after 45-minutes to an hour. This rails-to-trails conversion is a perfect place to bring your dog. (Scooby is looking forward to this walk.) Meet at 2:00 p.m. at the Fondulac Park District Headquarters parking lot near the old caboose. Afterwards, we'll consider stopping at a local restaurant for coffee and conversation.

**Hike Leader:** Dave Grebner, 309-222-7941, 309-688-3908

## Event Reports:

### [2019, October 13, Sunday 2:00 PM, Riverfront Trail, Peoria](#)

A walk along the Illinois River is almost always pleasant, and this day was no exception. Eight members and two guests spent 90 minutes walking from the Gateway Building to Woodruff Park and back. The weather was nice, and the river was beautiful.

**Hiking members:** Carol Raines, Jay Meinrich, Rob Alexander, Eric Hutchison, Donna Ward, Sanaz Fattahhosseini, and Priska Louber. Also in attendance were two guests.

**Hike Leader:** Dave Grebner

### [2019 Oct 26, Saturday, Allerton Park](#)

Cancelled due to inclement weather

### [2019-20, November 2, Saturday, 10:00 AM, Robinson South](#)

Cancelled due to inclement weather

### [2019-21, Nov.16, Saturday, 10:00 AM, Tawny Oaks at Singing Woods](#)

It was a beautiful autumn day in Singing Woods, just right for an invigorating hike. The area is a bit remote and was a new location for many of us. Tawny Oaks at Singing Woods is a beautiful gem that's fun and educational for both children and adults. It's of moderate difficulty, but all of us traversed the trail with few problems. Most would agree that this is a great hike to do again soon.

**Hiking Members:** Jianhua Liu, Kathy Jones, Rob Alexander, Eric Hutchison, Andy Schull, Arthur Ching, and Susan Hood

**Hike Leader:** Bonnie Jackson

### [2019-December 11, Wednesday, 6:00 p.m., Christmas Walk](#)

We were lucky to have a crisp, clear night and a full moon. We walked through the Hyde Park neighborhood and enjoyed all the Christmas lights. After a couple of miles everyone decided it was getting too cold and so we opted to stop. We walked for a little less than an hour and enjoyed some Christmas Cookies.

**Hiking Members:** Loren Madison, Rob Alexander, Cherie and Andy Shull, Carol Raines, and Susan Hood.

**Hike Leader:** Angie Madison

### [Dec 21, Saturday, 7:00 pm, Christmas Party at Home of Bonnie & John Jackson.](#)

The weather outside was mild for December, and several merrymakers ventured out for the Jackson annual Christmas party. There was much lively conversation around the wine table, while an intimate little group enjoyed conversation beside the Christmas tree in the family room as well as the living room. In the meantime, a good time was being had by those congregating in the dining room to sample the mouth watering sweet and

savory treats, which were nearly impossible to resist. As the conversation and laughter began to wind down revelers began drifting home, but not without a few hugs and well wishes on their way out.

We hope the club members enjoyed the festivities as much as we hosts did, and that all of our guests had a merry Christmas. May 2020 bring you much peace and happiness!

Bonnie and John Jackson