



**Pimiteoui Trail
Association Hiking
Club**

October – December 2021

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ANNOUNCEMENTS/NOTICES

Friends, we are happy to announce that we will continue hiking this fall. We are committed to following the CDC pandemic safety guidelines and will adapt to any changes that come along.

We are also asking the membership to be aware of those guidelines and follow them accordingly. Read this newsletter carefully to find dates, places, and times of the upcoming hikes. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Reminders

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 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.

4th Quarter Event Schedule

Saturday, Oct 9, 2021, 4:00 PM, Wiener Roast/Potluck

Join us for an autumn wiener roast at Oakwood Park in Morton, IL on Saturday, October 9, at 4:00 pm. The club will provide hot dogs, Chili, and dessert, as well as buns, ketchup, and mustard. Please bring your own table service. Be sure to include a bowl for chili. We will cook the hotdogs over the campfire, so be sure to also bring wiener sticks if you have them.

Directions: From Peoria, take I-74 to Morton. Turn right (south) onto Morton Ave. When you are slightly past McDonalds, turn left onto Jackson. Go a few blocks to the 4-way stop and turn left onto Main St. Stay on Main St. for 2.3 miles. Oakwood Park and our pavilion are on the left. Call Bonnie or John if you have any questions.

Leaders: Bonnie Jackson 309-696-1955

John Jackson 309-645-0263

Saturday, October 30, 10:00 AM, Tawny Oaks at Singing Woods, Edelstein

Tawny Oaks 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 moderately difficult. We will meet at 715 W. Singing Woods Road, Edelstein, Illinois. Be sure to punch the exact address into your GPS and it will take you right to the park, which has concrete parking right next to the trailhead. Dogs are not allowed. Bring water and hiking stick and wear sturdy shoes.

Hike Leader: John Jackson 309-645-0263 or j.jackson1954@yahoo.com

Saturday, November 13, 10:00 AM, Black Partridge Park, Metamora

Come join us for a 3.5-mile hike through the heavily wooded trails at Black Partridge Park. The trails are in the back of the park so, to access them, drive down the park lane towards the large parking lot and turn right. Go all the way to the end of the parking lot near the blue porta-potty. We will walk a 3.5-mile (or more) route. The terrain is mixed, with flat and hilly parts. There are tree roots in some areas. We should not have to go across water, except over bridges. I recommend you bring walking sticks, if you have them, and water. I would rate the hike easy to moderate.

Hike Leader: Angie Madison (309) 453-2097

Friday, Dec 10, 2021, 6:00 PM, Forest Park Nature Center Shop and Stroll

This one-of-a-kind event has become a holiday tradition in central Illinois. Experience a nighttime stroll on a forest path lit with luminaries; enjoy live holiday music, storytelling and caroling; hot wassail and seasonal treats; view and/or purchase nature-related artwork from the Nature Art Show & Sale; and shop for earth-friendly and Fair Trade items at the Trailhead Nature Store. Plan time to catch your breath and experience an evening guaranteed to get you in the spirit! We will meet inside the Nature Center at 6:00 pm.

Leader: Bonnie Jackson 309-696-1955

EVENT REPORTS

2021-1, June 26, Saturday, 9:00 AM, Kinsey Park, Edwards

This was a new hiking destination. The day turned out to be overcast. About midway through the hike (farthest from the trailhead) it started to rain. Some were prepared with rain gear. The rest of us made out OK as it was a warm day and we had a good crew. This is a really great hike for those who like wooded rolling terrain

Hiking Members: Amanda L, Roberta Parks, Eric Hutchinson, Andy Shull, Priska Lauber and Wyatt

Hike Leader: John Jackson

2021-2, July 24, Saturday 2:00 PM, Rock Island Trail, Peoria Heights

We had a nice hike on a quite warm day. Good to get out again after Covid restrictions. A bit warm for the dogs, but otherwise enjoyable.

Hiking Members: Carol Raines, Rob Alexander, Dave Grebner, John Jackson, Donna Ward, LaVerne Wilson, Roger John, Judy B, Eric Hutchison, Amanda L

Hike Leaders: Dave Grebner & John Jackson

2021-3, August 17, Tuesday, 5:30 PM, East Peoria Trail

We had a warm, clear evening to enjoy our 5+ mile hike. We enjoyed socializing along the trail and were not bothered by bugs, and only a few bikes. One of our members, Mike Rucker, who is also a member of the Trail Advocates For Central Illinois, joined us and is doing an article for Peoria Magazine about trails in East Peoria. He took pictures along the way and expects that the article will be in the October issue.

Hiking Members: Amanda L, Carol Raines, LaVerne Wilson, Rob Alexander, Susan Hood, John Jackson, Liane Bisanz, Andy Shull, Mike Rucker. We were also joined by two guests, Jim and Lisa Heck.

Hike Leader: Angie Madison

2021-4, September 25, Saturday, 9:00 AM, Detweiller Park

It was a beautiful morning at Detweiller Park--refreshingly cool, but quickly warming up. We started hiking from the south parking area and hiked north, then back along one of the park roads. After an hour trek, most of us drove across Galena Road to the old Detweiller Golf course, now a natural area, and hiked to the river. The view was gorgeous and included a heron and some Canada geese.

Hiking Members: LaVerne Wilson, John & Bonnie Jackson, Jay Meinrich, Donna Ward, Eric Hutchison, Celeste Hansen, Andy and Cherie Shull

Hiking Guests: Cindy Werth, Bonnie Tometich

Hike Leader: Dave Grebner