2019 Hike Descriptions

1-Mile Family and Pet friendly Nature Walk

Join a NCSL educator for a hike on the Stearns trail to learn the detailed nature of the flora, fauna and wildlife of the parklands. Please note, due to upgrades to our All People’s Trail, while strollers will be great for the Run and Fun portion, they cannot be accommodated on the hikes. A carrier for little ones is recommended. All dogs must be on a leash.

5 – Mile Shaker Lakes Dam Restoration Hike with NEORSD.

Join us for a hike around the Shaker Lakes – Horseshoe Lake, Green Lake and Marshall Lake and Lower Lake. We will be joined by Jeff Jowett of Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District who will give us some insider knowledge and explanation on what exactly is happening with our dams in the parklands. Built in the early 1800, some rehabilitation is not a surprise. Not done hiking yet?

Extend your enjoyment of the parklands with optional gorge rim add-on hike down to Ambleside Park to make a 9-mile trip. It also will visit the remnants of the old boat house, the former wildflower garden at lower lake; the remains of old rail bridge across the gorge, the front of Fairhill Village (Belgian Village), the Roxboro quarry and the Fairhill Green Infrastructure Project.

7 mile Doan Brook Gorge Hike (Strenuous)

Join us on a beautiful, if somewhat challenging, hike through the trails around Lower Lake and through the Doan Brook Gorge. You’ll see remnants of an old boat house and the Shaker Sawmill, modern graffiti, some history, and gorgeous views of Doan Brook where you will be only a few dozen yards from traffic, but will never know that there is a car anywhere nearby! There are beautiful hiking trails on both sides of Doan Brook with numerous types of rock formations, plant life, and water courses. If you’ve ever driven on Fairhill and wondered what Belgian Village looks like from the other side – this is your opportunity! And if you just enjoy hiking on some interesting trails without driving out to the Metroparks or beyond, please join us on these delightful paths which are one of the best-kept secrets of our own neighborhoods. Be sure to wear good hiking boots, and feel free to use poles, as there will be places where you might want them for balance. Warning: due to the sewer construction at the park, we will be walking in MLK Blvd for a few hundred feet.