

CENTRAL OHIO HIKING CLUB

Moonville & Kings Tunnel

Saturday - March 19, 2022 @ 12 Noon (Earlier start time)

Miles: 5+ Level: 1

Directions to Hike (Round Trip Distance from Columbus 125 Miles):

We will meet at the Hope Iron Furnace/Zaleski Backpack Parking Lot. From Columbus, take US 33 East. Drive 35 miles and take the SR-328 exit. Take SR-328 South for about 9 miles and turn Left (East) onto SR-56 E. Drive about 4 miles and turn Right (South) onto OH-278 S. Drive about 5 miles and the parking lot will be on your left. **There are Pit toilets at the parking lot.**

Hike Description:

Due to parking availability at Moonville Tunnel we will ask for people to volunteer at the day of the hike to use their vehicle to shuttle our fellow hikers from the parking lot to Moonville Tunnel to start the hike. The hike is an out and back hike for 5+ miles total. It is a flat hard pack trail, very easy walking. We will visit Moonville Tunnel and Kings Tunnel. (Old railroad tunnels) At the beginning of the hike we will walk by an area with padlocks on a chain link fence. If you want to add to this tradition bring your lock with you, lock it on the fence and throw your key in the stream. After hike return to parking lot where we started the shuttle.

Suggested Items to Bring:

Water, hiking boots. Dress for the weather. There may be some puddles on the trail if we have had a lot of rain. If you want to see the sides and ceiling of the tunnels, bring a flashlight.

Dinner Location and Directions:

Dinner will be at the **Lake Hope Dining Lodge / From the parking lot** Turn left on OH-278. Turn Right onto Park Rd 1 at Lake Hope State Park Sign. The restaurant is at the top of the hill about 1 mile.

For more Info: Leader: Don Shaw Sweep: Harry Jones

For those driving the shuttle to Moonville Tunnel /

From the parking lot / Turn left on Rt. 278 for 1.2 miles,

Turn left on Wheel About Road for .2 mile

Go straight, you will be on Moonville Rail Trail (Shea Road)

In 1.1 miles the road turns into gravel. Keep going for 1.3 more miles, park at Moonville Tunnel.

Summary: from parking lot to Moonville Tunnel is 3.8 miles