

CENTRAL OHIO HIKING CLUB

Christmas Rocks & Jacob's Ladder

Saturday – May 11, 2019 @ 10:30 A.M.

Car Pool Time: Leave 9:45 A.M.

Miles: 4.75 Level: 4 (5, the hardest)



**NOTE: WILL CANCEL FOR RAIN, TOO SLIPPERY,
WATCH E-MAIL OR FACEBOOK SITE**

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Car Pool Location (Donation to Driver \$5.00):

The parking space at the trailhead is limited, so we strongly encourage some carpooling. Meet at 'Winchester Square Shopping Center' parking lot. Drive east on Rt. 33, get off at Rt. 674 (Gender Rd) make a right, then turn right into the shopping center and park behind McDonalds. **Car pool leaves at 9:45 A.M. SHARP.**

Directions to Hike (70 miles round trip, from Columbus):

Follow **US 33E** for 16.5 miles, using Lancaster bypass and take the exit for **SR 22**. Turn right (west) on SR 22. In one mile, turn left onto **Delmont Road**, bearing left (east) in a half-mile onto **Stoney Hill Road** at the Y intersection. After one mile on Stoney Hill Road, turn right (south) onto **Hopewell Church Road** and follow it for two miles until you reach **Meister Road**. Turn left (east) on Meister Road and continue for three-quarters of a mile until you come to a T-intersection with Oil Mill Hollow Road and Crooks Road. Turn right (south) onto **Crooks Road**, and two small parking lots for Mink Hollow Covered Bridge will be found on your left shortly after the turn. (A map of the Lancaster-area portion of the [blue] route is on the back.)

There are no restrooms on site, if you don't stop at car pool, you might stop at Mcdonalds (left at Diley Rd exit).

Hike Description:

The Christmas Rocks trail takes you through mature forest with several large rock outcroppings, fern-edged trails, and hills. It also leads across ridgelines. It is very pretty country side with some pretty **steep hills, a little tricky footing.** **The Jacob's Ladder trail** is very similar, **another very steep hill**, except towards the end of the loop, you find yourself standing on a cliff looking towards the southwest over the heavily forested Hocking Hills in the distance. It is a spectacular view. **The trail going back down is pretty steep, will need to tread carefully, can be slippery if wet.**

Suggested Items to Bring:

Plenty of water, hiking sticks/poles, sturdy boots, cooling scarf, bug spray. Dress for the weather.

Dinner Location and Directions:

Bob Evans: 2157 Schorway Dr NW, Lancaster: Head back Northwest on Meister Road, Right onto Hopewell Church Road, R onto Hamburg Rd SW, Left on Boving RD SW, Right onto Lincoln Ave, Left onto

Cedar Hill Rd, Right onto S Pierce Ave, Left onto N Memorial Dr, .7 mile, Right onto Schorway Dr.

.1 mile right, 50 ft turn left to Bob Evans

For more Info: Leader: Diana Poole

Sweep: John Troutman

