

# CENTRAL OHIO HIKING CLUB



## Shallenberger & Rockbridge NP

**Saturday – June 8, 2019 @ 1:00 P.M.**

**Car Pool Time: 12:00 NOON**

**Miles: 5 Level: 3 (5 is hardest)**

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

Winchester Square Shopping Center in parking lot near McDonalds. Drive East on Rt. 33, get off on Rt. 674 (Gender Rd) make a right and then turn right into the shopping center. **We will Leave at 12:00 sharp.**

### **Directions to Hike (Round Trip Distance 65 Miles):**

Take US 33 southeast toward Lancaster and then the by-pass around it. For restrooms we will stop at the rest area south of Lancaster and south of the town of Rockbridge because there are no restrooms or water at the hike locations. Just past the rest area we will turn LEFT off of 33 onto Township Road 504 (Crawford-Starnier Rd.). It parallels 33 briefly (follow the sign that says Rockbridge Nature Preserve) before it curves left and becomes Township Road 503 (Dalton Rd. but no street sign here). Follow the road about 1/2 mile to the small trailhead parking lot on the left.

### **Hike Description:**

Both hikes are mostly shady on natural trails with some hills. At the Rockbridge Preserve we will hike about 3 miles round trip on a naturally hilly loop trail to view Ohio's longest natural rock bridge. After the Rockbridge hike we will return to the US 33 Lancaster BY-PASS and use the US 22 exit. Turn RIGHT onto US 22 toward Lancaster and IMMEDIATELY turn LEFT onto Becks Knob Road. The parking lot for Shallenberger Preserve is shortly after on the right (about 1/4 mile). Once there we will hike about 2 miles round trip, including a hike to the top of Allen Knob (280 ft above a nearby creek named Hunter's Run).

### **Suggested Items to Bring:**

Water, bug repellent. Dress for the weather.

### **Dinner Location and Directions:**

**Todd's Mountain View Restaurant.** (540 W. Fair Ave., Lancaster) From Shallenberger parking lot turn left onto Becks Knob Rd., turn left onto US 22, and continue almost 4 miles to Lancaster's Memorial Drive (business route US 33). Turn left onto Memorial Drive and continue to Fair Avenue (Walgreens and traffic light). Turn left onto Fair and continue to Todd's on the left.

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