

# CENTRAL OHIO HIKING CLUB



## Blackhand Gorge State Nature Preserve

**Saturday – June 22, 2019 @ 10:00 A.M.**

**Car Pool Time: 8:45 A.M.**

**Miles: 5 Level: 3**

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### **Car Pool Location (Donation to Driver \$6.00):**

Meet at **8:45 AM** at the Worthington Square Shopping Center in the southeast corner of the parking lot near Chase Bank. Worthington Square Shopping Center is located at North High Street and Wilson Bridge Road, just south of I-270. The entrance is on Wilson Bridge Road.

### **Directions to Hike (Round Trip Distance 100 Miles):**

I-270 East to 161 East/New Albany exit. Route 161 East becomes 37 East and becomes SR 16 East. Follow Route 16 until you turn right on SR 146 (Hanover/Zanesville exit). Follow Route 146 a short distance and turn right on Toboso Rd., following that road about 1.5 miles to the preserve's entrance and Main Parking Lot, just before Toboso. Pit toilets are located at main entrance.

To reach North Parking Lot for second half of the hike, exit Main Parking Lot, turn left on Toboso Road. Take a left onto Rock Haven Road SE, and North Parking Lot will one mile ahead on the left.

### **Hike Description:**

We will meet at the Main Parking Lot and head down the asphalt, multi-purpose Blackhand Trail, going through the Big Cut and then stopping for a photo or two at Blackhand Rock. We'll then continue walking west until we turn around at the train trestle and then soon after heading off into the woods on the scenic Quarry Rim Trail before returning to the Blackhand Trail and Main Parking Lot (~2.0 miles). We'll then drive over to the North Parking Lot, where we will walk the Marie Hickey and Oak Knob Trails, stopping briefly to view a waterfall from above (~3.0 miles). Overall, we'll be traveling on a mix of asphalt and dirt trails and a mix of flat, paved trails and hilly, one-track paths.

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

Water, hiking poles, boots, insect spray, sunscreen, etc. Dress for the weather.

### **Dinner Location and Directions:** *Cottage Restaurant, 2710 W High St NE, Newark, OH 43055*

Return via Toboso Road to Route 146 and SR 16, but DO NOT turn onto 16. Rather, continue underneath 16 to Marne Road/Route 585 intersection, where you turn left. Marne Road becomes S. Main St. once you enter Hanover. Distance to the restaurant from the 146/Marne Road intersection is about two miles. Cottage Restaurant will be on your near left at the corner with High Street.

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**For more Info:**    **Leader:** Jamie Abel    **Sweep:** Harry and/or Margareth Sanger

