

Central Ohio Hiking Club

Fall Camp

Oak Openings Preserve/Maumee State Park

October 27, 28, 29 2021

WEDNESDAY OCT 27

Check In – Maumee Bay Lodge 1750 State Park Road #2, Oregon, OH 43616

6:30 PM-10:30 PM Campfire – We will be having a campfire at the fire ring located in the northeast corner of the lodge grounds. As you face Lake Erie it is close to the lake next to woods on the right. The club will be providing Chilidogs with the fixings and the ingredients to make S'mores. If you want, you are welcome to bring snacks to share with the group.

THURSDAY OCT 28

11:00 AM Meet in Lobby – We will form carpools to drive to **Oak Openings Preserve** (it's about a 45 minute drive). The hike will start from the parking lot of **Buehner Center (Mallard Lake Area) 5402 Wilkins Rd, Whitehouse, OH 43571.**

HIKES:

Ferns and Lake Trail ([level 1](#)) 3.5 miles. Dirt and hard packed sand. The hike will end back at the parking lot.

Foxfire Trail ([level 1](#)) 1.5 miles. Dirt and hard packed sand. The hike will end back at the parking lot.

7:00 PM-10:00 PM Social time. We did not get a meeting room but the lodge has large lounge areas in every wing and in the main lobby. There is plenty of room to meet and talk and tables for playing cards, puzzles, etc. You are welcome to bring cards, puzzles or games to play. If you wish, you can bring snacks to share with the group.

FRIDAY OCT 29

First Check out!!!

10:00 AM Meet in the Lobby – We will be hiking in the wetlands next to the lodge.

HIKES:

Maumee Bay Boardwalk Trail ([level 1](#)) 2.5 miles. We will be hiking on the boardwalk in the wetlands next to the lodge. We will also be visiting the Nature center there.

Maumee Bay Seawall, Beach ([level 1](#)) 1.5 miles. For those who wish to continue, we will hike along the seawall on Lake Erie (concrete) over to the State Park Beach (packed sand) and back.

Have a safe drive home.

NOTES:

Meals: You are expected to provide your own meals. The Lodge has a full service restaurant serving Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner (My opinion: I found the restaurant a little

pricey and the food just ok). The next closest alternative is the town of Oregon about 10 miles away. However, every room has a large size "dorm" fridge, microwave and coffee maker for those who prefer to bring their own food.

Chairs: You might want to bring a "camp chair" for sitting on the seawall and enjoying the views of the lake.

Other Activities: The lodge has an indoor pool and there are nice bike paths on the property with bike rentals available.