

CENTRAL OHIO HIKING CLUB

Fort Hill Earthworks & NP

Saturday - November 6, 2021 @ 12:00 P.M.

Miles: 4.5 Level: 4 ([level guide](#))

Directions to Hike :

[13614 Fort Hill Rd. Hillsboro, OH 45133](#)

Take US-23 south for 39 miles to Chillicothe and take exit US-50 West (Main St/Chillicothe). Continue on US-50 W (also called Main St then Western Ave) for about 21 miles. Turn left onto SR-41S (just past Bainbridge). Continue about 10 miles and turn right onto Fort Hill Rd. The entry to the park will be on your left about a mile down the road. There are latrines at the parking lot. (note: if you use your GPS it will take you a shorter but twisty route around Chillicothe)

Hike Description:

I have decided to rate this hike a [level 4](#). The hike is very hilly with a couple of long climbs. Typical of a level 3 hike. However the trail is very uneven and narrow at spots with almost continuous trip hazards of rocks and roots. Along with a few uncomfortably big steps down. These are all hidden under a layer of leaves. While the most precarious section of the trail has been repaired there are still several challenging sections.

On the day I hiked there were several downed trees on the trail. One, on a very steep section of the Gorge trail, where the only way I could get past it was to lay on my stomach and crawl under since the hill was too steep to go around and I didn't feel safe trying to climb over. These may or may not be cleared by the time of our hike.

However, those choosing to hike will be rewarded with beautiful views of the Gorge and Baker Fork Creek.

Dinner Location and Directions:

Bring a sack lunch. We will eat in the picnic area at the trailhead after the hike.

Leader: John Troutman **Sweep:** Whaja Troutman

Note: Those who are tempted to stop at the Amish bakery outside of Bainbridge on SR 41 should be aware that they only accept cash or checks. No credit cards.