

# **CENTRAL OHIO HIKING CLUB**

## **Stratford Ecological Center**

<https://stratfordecologicalcenter.org>

**Saturday – November 18, 2023 @ 10:00 am**

Miles: 4+ Level: 1/2 ([level guide](#))

**Directions to Hike:** 3083 Liberty Road, Delaware, OH 43015.

Stratford is a 236 acre working farm and education center located just south of the city of Delaware – a short distance west of the junction of State Route 23 and State Route 315. The sign for the entrance is a quarter mile north of Bunty Station Road on the right (when headed north on Liberty) and just north of Havener/Deer Haven Parks. Follow the gravel drive through the woods to the parking lot on your right next to the Education Center. If the lot is full you can park along the fields to the left of the main driveway.

**Hike Description:** The hike takes place through the farm grounds and the adjoining state nature preserve. The trails are relatively flat with several steeper parts down to the creek and back. An optional short side hike goes up to an early American cemetery. The hike will finish with a visit to the farm green houses, chicken coops and animal barn with its friendly but protective llama.

**Dinner Location and Directions:** **Saigon Asian Bistro**, 50 Neverland Dr, Lewis Center, OH 43035.

From the Stratford Ecological Center turn left (south) on Liberty Rd, then take the next left (east) on Bunty Station Rd (Rt 141) to 315. Go left on 315 a short distance to US-23. Turn right on 23 (south). Take US-23 south about 5 miles to the Meijer store on the right. Turn right at the UDF onto Neverland Dr. The restaurant is immediately on the right, just south of the Meijer parking lot.

**Leader:** Bruce Patton    **Sweep:** Diane Patton