

# CENTRAL OHIO HIKING CLUB



## Sharon Woods Metro Park

**Saturday–Jan. 19, 2019 @ 1:00 P.M.**  
**Car Pool Time: No car pool. In-town hike.**  
**Miles: 4.5    Level: 2 (5 the hardest)**

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**Car Pool Location** (Donation to Driver \$0.00): No car pool. In-town hike.

### **Directions to Hike** (Round-trip Distance 00 miles):

Take I-270 to Cleveland Ave. on the north side of Columbus. Turn north, cross Schrock Road and turn left into the park entrance across from Mt. Carmel St. Ann's hospital. Follow the main park road back to the last parking lot, very near the lake.

### **Hike Description:**

We will hike through Sharon Woods Metro Park, following as much of the dirt trails as possible, though we will finish with a short stretch of the asphalt Multipurpose Trail. We will start on the Edward S. Thomas Trail, taking the connector over to the Spring Creek Trail. We will return across the connector to finish the Thomas Trail, follow most of the Lake Trail and take an unnamed path over to the Multipurpose trail to return to the parking lot. If weather conditions make the dirt trails impassable, we will default to the Multipurpose Trail.

Sharon Woods is a mixture of forests and fields with towering oak, hickory and beech trees and an 11-acre lake. Tucked inside the 761-acre park is the Edward Thomas Nature Preserve, named for the renowned Ohio naturalist and one of the founders of the park system.

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

Water, hiking boots/poles. Dress for the weather; it could be cold, snowy and/or icy at this time of year. We will travel along dirt and asphalt paths. There are a couple of hills to traverse, but nothing challenging.

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

We'll eat at O'Charley's Restaurant at 6285 Cleveland Avenue. To get there, return to the park entrance, turn right and follow Cleveland Ave. south across both Schrock and I-270. At the first stoplight past the interstate ramps, and you'll see Home Depot on the right. Turn right on Community Park Drive, turn right into the Home Depot parking lot, and O'Charley's is on the right. You can preview the menu at: <http://www.ocharleys.com>.

**For more Info:** Leader: Jamie Abel      Sweep: TBA