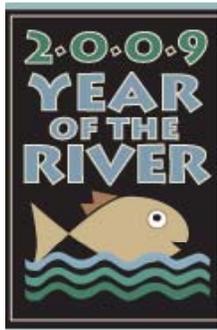




The Portage Park District is pleased to announce the "Wild Hikes Challenge," a program designed to encourage healthy recreation in our parks and trails while showcasing Portage County's rich natural and cultural heritage. To participate, walk, hike, skip, jog or run on 8 of the 11 designated trails before November 1st to earn a hiking staff and "2009 Wild Hikes" tag. You may choose to hike on your own or with a group on one of our scheduled hikes led by Park District staff and volunteers.

Portage Parks' "Wild Hikes Challenge" Verification Form



Participant's First Name _____ Last Name _____

Parent/Guardian's First Name (for minor) _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Hike 8 of the following trails by November 1st to meet the Challenge and earn a hiking staff!

Hike on your own anytime, or join Park District staff on one of our guided hikes, listed below

Park/Trail	Trail	Miles (RT)	Rating	Guided Hikes Available	Signature	Date Hiked
Breakneck Creek Preserve*	Guided only	1	2	May 16, noon**; Aug 1, 9:00 a.m.		
The PORTAGE Hike and Bike Trail	Franklin Connector section	2.6	1	July 11, 8:00 a.m.**		
Headwaters Trail	Mill St. to Mennonite Rd. Mantua	2.2	1	July 18, 9:00 a.m.		
Dix Park	Fox Loop	1.2	2	June 26, 8:30 p.m.**; August 8, 9:00 a.m.		
Towner's Woods	Forest Path	0.7	2	July 4, 8:30 a.m.; September 4, 8:30 p.m.**		
Seneca Ponds	Swan Loop	0.9	2	June 27, 9:00 a.m.; Sept. 12, 8:00 a.m.**		
The PORTAGE Hike and Bike Trail	Lake Rockwell Rd. to Breakneck Creek	1.8	1	September 19, 8:00 a.m.**		
Walter Preserve*	Guided only	1.5	3	June 6, 8:00 a.m.**; Sept. 26, 9:00 a.m.		
Chagrin Headwaters Preserve*	Guided only	1.6	3	June 20, 9:00 a.m.; October 3, 9:00 a.m.**		
Towner's Woods	Butterfly Loop	1.3	1	Sept. 4, 8:30 p.m.**; October 10th 9:00 a.m.		
Headwaters Trail	Rt. 700 to Freedom St. Garrettsville	5	1	October 17th 9:00 a.m.		

* These properties are not yet open to the public, except for staff-guided hikes

** These guided hikes will also be educational nature hikes with stops along the way

Rating: 1 = Easy 2 = Moderate 3 = Strenuous

Hiking staffs and tags will be available after October 1st. Bring completed forms to the Park District office from 8:30 -2:00 Mon-Fri.

Suggested Donation: \$10.00 for hiking staff; \$5.00 for tag

Visit the Park District at:

www.portageparkdistrict.org

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