

River-to-River Trail Society Announces Fall, 2022 Hiking Schedule

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The River-to River Trail Society announces its schedule of free guided hikes in and about the Shawnee National Forest for Fall, 2022. All hikes are open to the public free of charge. No reservations are required. These hikes are of at least moderate difficulty, and are intended for people in good health who have done some hiking. Boots or sturdy shoes and a walking stick are recommended for all hikes. Hikers should bring their own water and a snack. No dogs, please.

In addition to its regular schedule of Saturday hikes this Fall, the Society will offer two short Sunday afternoon hikes to local points of interest, on October 23 and October 30.

River-to-River Trail Society Fall 2022 - Hiking Schedule

October 1st:

Hike: Heron Pond (Wildlife Hike) (Johnson County).

Leader: Shawn Gossman.

Meet: Todd Fink Heron Pond Trailhead [GPS 37.357358, - 88.913157](#) .

Time: 10:00 a.m.

October 8th:

Hike: Gorilla Rock (Gallatin County).

Leader: Sam Morales.

Meet: Golden Circle Trailhead [GPS 37.604543, -88.364014](#).

Time: 10:00 a.m.

October 15th:

Hike: Promised Land (Pope County).

Leader: Sam Morales.

Meet: Benham Hill Trailhead [GPS 37.509486, -88.473628](#) .

Time: 10:00 a.m.

October 22nd:

Hike: Sand Cave to Hunting Branch (Pope County).

Leader: Chris Drone.

Meet: Hunting Branch Trailhead (Mill Branch Trail Trailhead) [GPS 37.523330, -88.661000](#).

Time: 10:00 a.m.

October 23rd:

Hike: War Bluff (Pope County).

Leader: Gillum and Vicki Ferguson.

Meet: Golconda Marina, North Parking Lot [GPS 37.372469, -88.480789](#).

Time: 1:30 p.m.

October 29th:

Hike: Bobcat Loop Ferne Clyffe State Park (Johnson County).

Leader: Bill Gilmour.

Meet: Goreville Village Park [GPS 37.555786, -88.976900](#).

Time: 10:00 a.m.

October 30th:

Hike: Schwegman Hollow and Horse Cave (Johnson County).

Leader: Bill Gilmour.

Meet: Forest Service Office, (Hidden Springs Ranger Station)
in Vienna [GPS 37.421332, -88.892368](#).

Time: 1:00 p.m.

November 5th

Hike: The Crest Trail from Glen O Jones Lake to Stone Face (Saline County).

Leader: Marcus Owens.

Meet: Tecumseh Statue, (North and West corner of CR road 625N).
Glen O Jones Lake. [GPS 37.691723, -88.394006](#).

Time: 10:00 a.m.

November 12th

Hike: Haystack, Blue Hole and Sasquatch Cave Loop (Gallatin County).

Leader: Steve Melville.

Meet: Rim Rock National Recreational Trail. [GPS 37.600227, -88.2774130](#).

Time: 10:00 a.m.

November 26th:

Hike: Cove Hollow Trail (Jackson County).

Leader: Bob Mulcahy.

Meet: Cedar Lake Boat Ramp. [GPS 37.621480, - 89.303670](#) .

Time: 10:00 a.m.

The River-to-River Trail Society is an Illinois not-for-profit corporation founded in 1993 by John O'Dell to promote completion of the River-to-River Trail, which now runs 157 miles through the Shawnee National Forest between Elizabethtown on the Ohio River and Grand Tower on the Mississippi River. The Society engages in trail maintenance and advocacy, and it offers free guided hikes to members and the public during the spring and fall hiking seasons. In addition, the Society has a Trail Guide to the entire River-to-River Trail, which can be downloaded for free from the Society's website: <https://www.rivertorivertrail.net/>.