



Buckeye Trail Association's Bill Miller Trail

BTA Bill Miller Trail

Established October 1st, 1977

Status

- Trail Type: Developed hiking trail
- Buckeye Trail Miles: 0.2
- Acreage: 1
- County: Hocking
- Preservation Tool: Land Purchase
- BT Section: Old Man's Cave

Natural and Cultural Resources

- Access to Lake Logan State Park

Significance

- Permanent protection of the trail corridor
- Concurrent North Country National Scenic Trail and American Discovery Trail

In 1975, the Columbus Foundation provided a grant of \$5,000 from the Rausenberger Foundation. The purpose of the grant was to assist in the purchase of important corridors along the BT route, provided that matching funds could be found from other sources.

In January 1977, thanks to those funds, the Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources (ODNR), and planning and legwork by James Ucker, and Harry L. Armstrong, a 20' wide and about 400' long corridor was preserved across the west end of a farm owned by Charles Orwig, near the head of Lake Logan. The property was handed over to the State of Ohio with BTA having permanent access along it. Because of the partnership, it required less than half of the \$5,000.

The purchase of the corridor also guaranteed the trail permanent access into the forested area at the head of the lake, and gave ODNR access to a piece of state property formerly inaccessible. Orwig had told the BTA that he planned to divide his farm into lots and sell them, which would effectively close the trail and make a long bypass on public roads necessary. Orwig agreed to hold off on his subdivision plan until the corridor could be purchased.

The new corridor was dedicated October 1st 1977, to the memory of Bill Miller, former BTA President, and founder and editor of The Logan Daily News and founding member of the BTA. Miller, through the pages of his paper, gave strong support to the fledgling Buckeye Trail at a time when it was struggling to grow. The BTA Board at that time decided to name the new corridor in his memory as "The Bill Miller Trail". Dr. Robert Teater, Director of ODNR, honored Miller at the dedication and a copy of the resolution adopted by the BTA Board was presented to Mrs. Bill Miller.

In 1959 Bill Miller along with others including Grandma Gatewood, helped build the first 35-mile section of this now well known trail in Hocking County.



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Legend

- Buckeye Trail (On Road)
- Buckeye Trail (Off Road)
- BTA Protected Area
- Other Protected Land



Map Location

0 1:3,000 0.1 Miles

