

## WHAT IS THE BUCKEYE TRAIL?

The Buckeye Trail (BT) is the longest loop hiking trail in the country. The BT traverses over 1,400 miles linking the “four corners” of Ohio through 48 counties. The trail follows wooded footpaths, historic railroad corridors, canal towpaths, rivers and lake shores, country roads, and multi-purpose trails, within both rural and urban settings. The BT provides public access to Ohio’s scenic and historic diversity.

The BT was designated as Ohio’s State Trail in 1967 and was also designated as Ohio’s Millennium Legacy Trail in 2000.

The Buckeye Trail is proud to host large portions of the 4,600-mile North Country National Scenic Trail and the 6,800 mile American Discovery Trail along their routes through Ohio.

The Buckeye Trail Association (BTA) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization formed in 1959 to build, maintain, protect and promote Ohio’s long distance hiking trail. The original vision of a hiking trail from Lake Erie to the Ohio River has expanded to encircle the entire state.

## HOW DO I FIND THE TRAIL?

### Follow The Blue Blazes!

Just look for the 2” x 6” painted blue blazes on trees and utility poles along the trail around the state. Many have passed by the blazes in the Hocking Hills, Cuyahoga Valley, Miami & Erie Canal towpath, and many more Ohio gems without knowing that the BT connects them all together.



## GET HIKING! Who May Use The Trail?

The BT is open to all, at no cost, made possible through the cooperation of federal, state, local agencies, private land-owners and the tireless work of volunteers that share the vision of Ohio’s Buckeye Trail. Allowable uses of the BT depend upon what each landowner allows.

The most popular use of the BT is day hiking, but there is a growing interest in extended backpacking trips, trail running, and thru-hiking the entire loop.

## Guidelines For Using the BT

Camping is permitted at designated campsites. Though steadily growing in number they are not yet frequent enough to enable backpackers to camp beside the trail every night. Please practice leave no trace ethics. Take only pictures, leave only footprints. Remember that BT Hikers serve as trail ambassadors.

## Are Hiking Maps Available?

The BT is divided into 26 sections. Waterproof BT Section Maps show the trail route, public roads and towns. An invaluable trail log within each map describes points of interest including campsites, water sources, parking, emergency numbers and unique places of interest.

An official guidebook to the Buckeye Trail, *Follow the Blue Blazes: A Guide to Hiking Ohio’s Buckeye Trail*, as well as Buckeye Trail logo gear are available at the Trail Shop on the BTA website.



<http://www.buckeyetrail.org/store.php>

## GET INVOLVED! Become a Member Today!

BTA Member Benefits:

- BTA *Trailblazer* magazine, highlighting upcoming hikes, volunteer opportunities and stories from the BT.
- Discounts on the purchase of maps and other merchandise at the BT Trail Shop.
- Discounts on membership to partner organizations like the North Country Trail Association and American Hiking Society.
- Supporting, enjoying and being part of the vision of Ohio’s BT with like-minded people.
- Your dues and contributions may be tax deductible.

## GET DIRTY!

### Buckeye Trail Volunteers!

Each year hundreds of volunteers managed by the BTA, give thousands of hours so that millions of Ohioans and visitors can enjoy the BT. The BT would not exist without the hard work and inspiration of our volunteers on and off the Trail.

BTA Volunteers build the BT as Buckeye Trail Crew members, maintain the BT as Trail Adopters, protect the BT by creating a permanently preserved corridor and promote the trail by organizing hikes around the state. Most of all, we have fun!

## GET CONNECTED



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# Ohio's Buckeye Trail



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- STUDENT (full-time)..... \$10.00
- INDIVIDUAL ..... \$25.00
- HOUSEHOLD ..... \$30.00
- ORGANIZATION ..... \$35.00
- SUSTAINING ..... \$50.00
- BUSINESS ..... \$50.00
- LIFE – INDIVIDUAL..... \$400.00
- LIFE – HOUSEHOLD..... \$600.00

**20% DISCOUNT** Gift Memberships, Special Event Offers, and Ohio Hiking Organizations

**Sign me up for a Local BTA Chapter!**

Name of Chapter \_\_\_\_\_

### NEW MEMBER INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

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# BUCKEYE TRAIL ASSOCIATION

## Our Mission

The Buckeye Trail Association is the leader in building, maintaining, protecting, and promoting the use of Ohio's longest scenic hiking trail for our citizens, communities and partners. We provide outdoor recreation, opportunities to volunteer, education, access to the varied resources of Ohio and local economic benefits.

## Our Vision

The Buckeye Trail, Ohio's State Scenic Trail, is a sustainable hiking trail that provides a safe and unique experience throughout the state reflecting the diverse resources, people and stories of Ohio. The trail is a dedicated, recognized and protected route developed and maintained by the Buckeye Trail Association, an organization reflective of the diversity of the trail. The Buckeye Trail Association works in close partnership with communities, organizations and agencies around Ohio creating a legacy for present and future generations.

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