

JOIN THE BTA TODAY

INDIVIDUAL.....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30.00	one year
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$40.00	two years
	<input type="checkbox"/> \$55.00	three years
HOUSEHOLD.....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35.00	one year
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STUDENT.....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00	per year
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SUSTAINING.....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$75.00	per year
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LIFE INDIVIDUAL.....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500.00	
LIFE HOUSEHOLD.....	<input type="checkbox"/> \$600.00	

What volunteer work are you interested in?

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone (____) _____

E-mail _____

If gift membership, name of donor:

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO & MAIL TO:

Buckeye Trail Association

PO BOX 5, SHAWNEE, OHIO 43782

OR JOIN ONLINE AT: buckeyetrail.org



VOLUNTEER FOR OHIO'S LONG DISTANCE HIKING TRAIL

Each year hundreds of volunteers managed by the BTA give thousands of hours so that millions of Ohioans and visitors can enjoy the Buckeye Trail. The Buckeye Trail would not exist without the hard work and inspiration of our volunteers on and off the trail. BTA volunteers build the Buckeye Trail during BTA Work Parties, maintain the trail as Trail Adopters, protect the Buckeye Trail by creating a permanently preserved corridor, and promote the trail by organizing hikes around the state. Most of all, we have fun!

ADOPT A TRAIL

With over 1,400 miles of trail to maintain, we have a great need for volunteers to do trail work throughout the state. Trail Adopters maintain their segment of the BT on their own or in small groups 3-4 times a year. Most of the work is done with hand tools. We provide as much guidance and training as you need.

BTA WORK PARTIES

Learn how to build and maintain trail by joining fellow volunteers for a two to five day work party on the Buckeye Trail. Camping is free and sometimes the chuckwagon provides meals. After a day of trail work, join other volunteers around the campfire for conversation and relaxation.

COME HIKE WITH US

Throughout the year, we host many hikes and special events along the trail. We need volunteers who can promote the BT by leading hikes, help organize activities and staff the booths.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

We are always in need of special skills and knowledge. If you have experience in fundraising, publicity, construction, carpentry, publications, land acquisition or mapmaking, we can use your help. Let us know of any other special skills or expertise that you have and we will contact you about upcoming opportunities.



LOCAL CHAPTERS OF THE BTA

Buckeye Trail Chapters are the local face of the BTA; building, maintaining, promoting and protecting their part of the Buckeye Trail with local volunteers and partners. Each of our Chapters has their own Meetup site highlighting local events, hikes and volunteer opportunities. Get involved with the BTA by meeting BT hikers and volunteers in your corner of Ohio!

JOIN THE BTA TODAY

Support the BT by becoming a member

BTA Member Benefits:

- BTA Trailblazer quarterly magazine, highlighting upcoming volunteer opportunities and stories from the trail.
- Discounts on registrations for BTA events like Buckeye TrailFest
- Free digital download of the Buckeye Trail Data-book to help get your boots on the Trail!
- Feeling great about supporting, enjoying and being part of the vision of Ohio's BT with like-minded people.

FIND THE BT ON SOCIAL MEDIA



OHIO'S BUCKEYE TRAIL



HIKE. JOIN. VOLUNTEER.

WHAT IS THE BUCKEYE TRAIL?

Traversing over 1,400 miles and linking the "four corners" of Ohio through 47 counties, the Buckeye Trail (BT) is the longest loop hiking trail in the country. 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 hosts 900 miles of the 4,800 mile North Country National Scenic Trail and 300 miles of the 6,800 mile American Discovery Trail along their routes through Ohio.

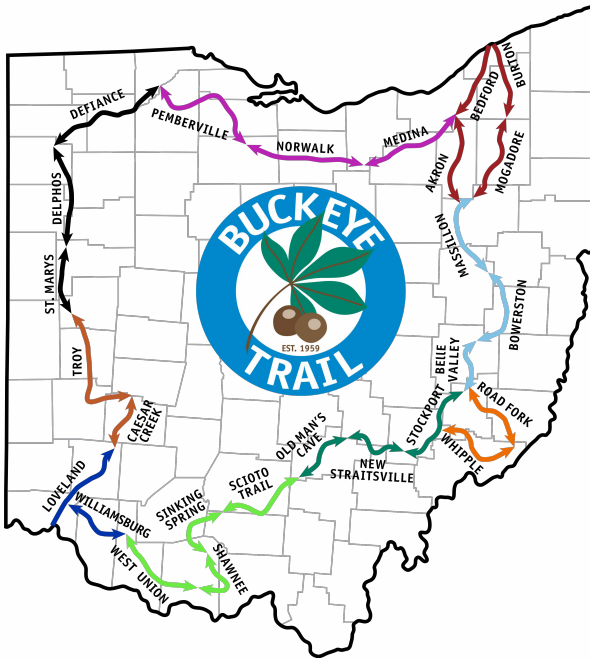
In 1967, the BT was designated as Ohio's State Trail, and in 2000, it was designated as Ohio's Millennium Legacy Trail. Recently, in February of 2022, the BT was designated as an Ohio State Recreational Trail by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

Our vision for the BT is a sustainable hiking trail that provides a public, safe and unique experience throughout the state highlighting the diverse landscapes, people and stories of Ohio.

WHAT IS THE BUCKEYE TRAIL ASSOCIATION?

The Buckeye Trail Association (BTA) is a non-profit organization formed in 1959 to build, maintain, protect and promote Ohio's long distance hiking trail: the Buckeye Trail for all Ohioans.

We provide great opportunities for outdoor recreation, education, engaging through volunteerism, and local economic benefits in partnership with a variety of partners, agencies and communities all along the BT. We are creating a legacy for future generations to enjoy Ohio's great outdoors with help from people like you.



HIKE THE BT!

WHO MAY USE THE TRAIL?

The BT is open for all to hike, at no cost, made possible through the cooperation of federal, state, local agencies, private landowners and the tireless work of volunteers that share the vision of Ohio's Buckeye Trail. Other 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.



CHECK OUT LOCAL
BTA CHAPTER EVENTS
ON MEETUP.COM



GUIDELINES FOR USING THE BT:

Camping is permitted at a growing amount of over 100 designated campsites along the BT. More campsites are still being developed to meet the increased demand for long distance backpackers to camp beside the trail every night. Please practice leave-no-trace ethics. Take only pictures and leave only footprints. Remember that BT Hikers serve as Buckeye Trail ambassadors.

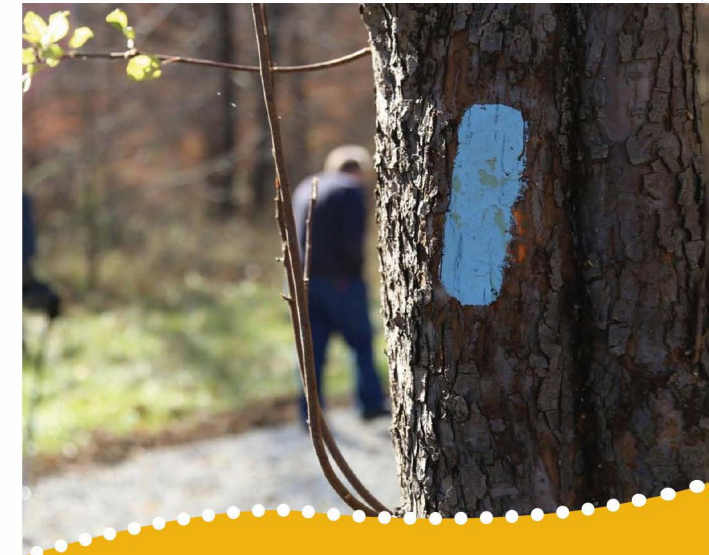
ARE HIKING MAPS AVAILABLE?

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 downloadable pdf maps, a Buckeye Trail Apps, and Buckeye Trail Databook can be found at BuckeyeTrail.org

Follow the Blue Blazes!

Look for the 2" x 6" painted blue blazes on trees and utility poles along the trail around the state from the Hocking Hills, Cuyahoga Valley, Miami & Erie Canal towpath, Wayne National Forest, and many more Ohio gems, all connected by the BT. You have probably passed these blazes without having known before!



Get your maps, patches, books, hats, shirts, and much more at the Buckeye Trail Shop located in the Trail Town of Yellow Springs at 255 Xenia Ave, or online at shop.buckeyetrail.org.

