



HIGHER GROUND EVENTS 2025 CALENDAR

2/08/25 Planning Meeting

Saturday at Unity Church Centre Girard, OH At 11:00 AM

03/09/25 Mill Creek Park

Sunday leave Centre at 12:30 PM Youngstown, OH

Meet at the Flats Parking Lot at 1:00 PM (by Silver Bridge), 2.2 miles, hiking

03/30/25 West Branch State Park Ravenna, OH

Sunday leave Centre at 12:30 PM

Meet at 2nd parking lot on Esworthy Rd., at 1:15 PM, 3.5 miles hiking
With options for less miles

04/13/25 Poland Woods Poland, OH

Sunday leave Centre at 12:30 PM, meet at College St. parking lot at 1:00 PM
Option at 2 miles and up to 4.5 miles

04/26/25 Earth Day work at Centre Girard, OH

Saturday 10:00 AM: will be cleaning up the grounds and road around our Centre, bring leaf blowers and rakes (if you have them). Safety vests, trash bags and gloves are provided.

05/04/25 McConnells Mills State Park Portersville, PA

Sunday Leave after Service at Unity at 12:30 PM. Meet at Hells Hollow Parking Lot at 1:30 PM, will hike 6.5 mi to Eckert Bridge to waiting vehicle or 2 miles in and 2 miles back or kayaking on the river, put in at Harris Bridge or Eckert Bridge

05/17/25 Grove City Memorial Park Grove City PA

Saturday Leave Unity at 10:00 AM, meet at 10:45 AM at parking lot on Pine Grove Circle Road, hike up to 4.1 miles, lot of options for short hikes

05/23/25 Appalachian Trail Boonsboro MD

Friday Set up camp, Greenbrier State Park

Saturday Hike from campground and head south 12.3 mi. on trail; opt out at 5.9 mi.

Sunday pack up camp, & head home

06/01/25 Greenway Bike Trail

Austintown, OH

Sunday leave Unity at 12:30 PM, meet at Kirk Rd parking lot at 1:00 PM
hiking and biking, ebikes rental are available (must reserve in advance)

06/14/25 Moraine State Park

Portersville, PA

Saturday breakfast at 9:00 AM; leave Unity at 10:00 AM;
meet at bicycle rental parking lot at 11:00 AM;
Hikers will be driven to the parking lot at the end of North Shore Drive.
Kayakers can put in at this same location.
Hikers will hike 4.5 miles back to rental parking.
Bike path is 7 mi. to North Shore Parking. Bike Rentals are available.

06/28/25 Beaver Creek State Park

Sprucevale, OH

Saturday Leave Unity at 9:30 AM. Meet at 12021 Echo Dell Rd parking lot at 10:30 AM,
which is at Pioneer Village. Hike on Vondergreen Trail, 3.1 mi. to Sprucevale.
A car will be waiting to return to village. An option – return back hiking 6.2 mi.

07/12/25 Nelson's Ledges State Park

Nelsonville, OH

Saturday Breakfast at 9:00 AM, leave Unity at 10:30 AM, meet at main parking lot at
11:15 AM, hike 2.5 miles

07/26/25 Mill Creek Park

Cooksville, PA

Saturday Meet at Ford Nature Center at 10:00 AM; will hike Ecology Trail, Sugar Trail,
Lily Pond Trail, Bear's Den Trail, and back for a total of 3.5 miles

08/02/25 Cook Forest State Forest

Polk, PA

Saturday Leave Unity at 9:00 AM; meet at parking lot at Log Cabin Learning Classroom
on Forest Road at 11:00 AM; hike 2 options: #1 hike Longfellow & Tom's Trail
for 1.7 mi., #2 hike north on North Country Trail and look back on Dear
Meadow Trail for 5 mi. total. Or bike on dirt roads for 13 miles

08/23/25 Ohiopyle State Park

Ohiopyle, PA

Saturday Leave from Unity at 9:00 AM; meet at main parking lot in town at 11:30 AM
Hike 3 miles on Great Gorge, Great Allegheny Loop or bike south on Great
Allegheny Trails south, out and back 14 miles. White water rafting available.

09/07/25 Mill Creek Park

Boardman, OH

Sunday Leave from Unity at 12:30 PM, Meet at Hitchcock Road at 1:00 PM. Hiking is
a 2-mile loop.

09/20/25 Cuyahoga National Park Peninsula, OH

Saturday leave Unity at 9:30 AM; meet at Fishers Restaurant at railroad tracks and Rt 303, southeast corner at 10:45 AM. Bikers can get tow path there. Train tickets and boarding are at the depot just north of there. Hiking options are: #1 – Hikers can hike tow path out and back. #2 – Hikers will drive to Oak Hill and Plateau trails. Trails run together. (Oak Hill is 1.8 mi., Plateau trail is 4.9 mi.

10/03/25 Cooper's Rock State Park Bruceton Mills, WV

Friday Leave Unity at 10:00 AM, go to Laurel Caverns at 1065 Skyline Drive, Farmington, PA at 1:00 PM, set up camp at Coopers Rock State park campground

Saturday Meet at camp site at 10:00 AM (TBA), will hike from campsite and hike for 3 hours in park, meet for dinner at 6:00 PM in Morgantown, WV, sit around campfire after dinner (8:00 PM)

Sunday Pack up and go home (2 hours, 30 minutes to Unity)

10/17/25 Craze Corn Maze New Springfield, OH

Friday Go to 14070 Woodworth Road (Rt 165), meet at fire pit by the ticket sale barn at 7:00 PM. The ticket cost is TBA.

10/25/25 Hatches Corners Metro Park Conneaut, OH

Saturday Leave Unity at 10:00 AM, meet at park on Rt 7 at 11:00 AM, Hike 2.9 miles then check out Tinkers Hollow

All dates and plans may change due to the weather or additional planning.

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