



TRAILBLAZING HOPE  
OUTDOORS

# TRAILTALES

## FRESH FROM THE TRAIL

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In this **Trail Tales** you'll find out how to get outdoors as we explore more of our local parks, how to get involved in our the Outdoor Adventure Program starting in February, and a quick note from our Lead Adventurer Jonathan Slider.

## POP UP HIKES

Starting on Wednesday, Jan 13th, we are continuing our Pop Up Hikes with a visit to the Narrows Reserve. There are close to six miles of trails that wind

along the Little Miami River and through woods and meadow. During the warmer months you can launch your canoes and kayaks for a refreshing and beautiful trip on the water. You can also meet, talk to, and learn about the many raptors indigenous to our area at the Raptor Aviary.

We will hike 2-3 miles at a moderate pace and it is a great way for you to get outside and explore one of our amazing Greene County Parks. Bring a headlamp as we will be hiking near dusk. The trails may be a little muddy, so prepare and plan ahead (Leave No Trace principle number one) and bring an extra pair of shoes once we're done.

For future events, make sure to visit our [Facebook page](#) and "like" so you are kept up to date. Visit the link below and let us know if you are coming.

POP UP HIKES

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

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### OUTDOOR ADVENTURE PROGRAM & ADVENTURE EXPERIENCES

It has been almost two months since the end of our last Outdoor Adventure Program and we have been anxiously waiting for the next one. Well the wait is over. We are starting up our next OAP in February, and we can't be more excited.



The OAP is a four-week program that will introduce the participants to Leave No Trace (LNT) principles, basic land navigation, basic first aid, and mindfulness and connectedness to nature. Each module will be two hours in length and will consist of hiking, fun and engaging instruction, and a

practical activity to connect the participants to the programmed lesson. We had great success with the last program where we had over 40 participants. Here is an [infographic](#) of the previous program. If you had a student participate in the Fall 2020 program they are more than welcome to join us again. There will be repeated information, but we will visit a new park and do more hiking. If you are interested in volunteering email us at [volunteer@trailblazinghope.com](mailto:volunteer@trailblazinghope.com).

The following are the dates and times for the Winter 2021 OAP:

Wednesday Sessions 4-6pm - February 3, 10, 17, & 24

Friday Sessions 4-6pm - February 5, 12, 19, & 26

Tentatively in March we will begin our Adventure Experiences. These will be the outdoor activities that we will either facilitate ourselves or partner with an outside organization or business. They will most likely take place on Saturdays. The activities will include orienteering, kayaking and canoeing, rock wall climbing, a ropes course, backpacking, and more.

Register below to secure your middle school or high school student. If you know of someone who has a student that would benefit from it, please pass on the link.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

**NOTE FROM THE LEAD ADVENTURER** [JONATHAN SLIDER](#)

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I am very excited about our 2021 programming opportunities as we kick off the next Outdoor Adventure Program in February. After we completed our Fall 2020 program we did an assessment of how it went, what we did right, and what we needed to change. From that we identified three primary objectives that we want to accomplish; Recreation, Education, and Conservation (R.E.C.). Moving forward we will incorporate these three objectives into our programming. This will include the Adventure Experiences (recreation), the Outdoor Adventure Program (combination of recreation and education), and several opportunities to help take care of the places we will play (conservation).

We are excited for 2021 and the new adventures that we will have. We know that we cannot do it without the support and encouragement of people like you. If you have not done so already, please consider donating to our organization as well as sharing who we are and what we are aiming to accomplish: *To provide a modality of healing through outdoor recreation.*

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at [jonathan@trailblazinghope.com](mailto:jonathan@trailblazinghope.com).

Sincerely,

Jonathan Slider  
Trailblazing Hope Outdoors

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