

Ephemeral Tour - Stark County Bike Club – April 27, 2019

I'm planning a day trip ride & walk on Saturday April 27, 2019 that Janice and I call the Ephemeral Tour. There are 3 locations we'll visit, 2 biking and 1 walking. We'll drive to each new starting point. The biking is on paved surfaces, the walk is on a wide flat crushed limestone trail. The rides are listed as O (open) class club rides; you can ride at the speed that suits you and stop when you want. Helmets are required. If you can't spend the day, it's fine to join us for any part of the day. Please contact me so I can have an idea of who to expect.

The plan is:

- 9:30 start time at the Little Beaver Creek Greenway Trailhead (aka P.L. & W. Railroad Station) located in Lisbon at 232 S. Market St., Lisbon OH 44432. Optional meet at 8 – 9 at the Subway in downtown Lisbon for coffee/breakfast (119 E. Lincoln Way, Lisbon). Out and back 26-mile trail ride will be to the Washingtonville trailhead then back. Sights include the Little Beaver Creek, Teegarden covered bridge, Leetonia Civil War era coke ovens and a carpet of trillium in the river valley from miles 4 to 6. Finish by 11:30 – 11:45.
www.trailink.com/trail/little-beaver-creek-greenway-trail/
- Lunch will be at Inner Circle Pizza in Poland, 1816 Boardman Poland Rd. Youngstown Ohio 44514. We'll order ahead.
www.innercirclepizzapoland.com
- At 1:30 we start a 1-mile loop walk on the Bluebell Trail in Poland Village Forest. Parking is at the south end of College Lane in Poland, which is about ½ mile east of Inner Circle (east on 224, bear right at 170 then turn south on College). We'll see a mature hardwood forest, the floor covered with Virginia bluebells, plus Dutchman's breeches, squirrel corn, trout lilies, trillium, marsh marigold, rue anemone and jack-in-the-pulpit.
- Then drive west on 224 to Mill Creek Park for a 16-mile loop ride on park roads and paved bike trail, 3:00 start time. We start at the golf course overflow parking lot located on the east side of West Golf Drive. This is the first lot on the right after entering the park from Rt. 224, and is close to the golf course club house, address 1 W. Golf Drive, Boardman OH 44512. Lots to see – Mill Creek gorge, Lanterman's Mill and Falls, Fellows Riverside Gardens, Silver Suspension bridge. It is a beautiful scenic ride. Hope to finish by 5:00. www.millcreekmetroparks.org
- Optional dinner at Caffe Capri Italian Restaurant in Boardman, our old favorite. Address is 8000 Market St., Boardman OH 44512.
www.caffe-capri.com.

The bike routes are bundled as map 951 in the SCBC maps. To get familiar with ephemeral plants, look to Google. If it's a rain-out, I'll make the decision Friday night and post on FB.

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