

Come with Ken and Cheryl to a part of Ohio we seldom visit. Hike at Mill Creek Park in Youngstown, the first park district in Ohio, established in 1891. Its 2882 acres stretch along the Mill Creek Valley. The foot trails in Mill Creek Gorge surprisingly do not feel like a city park. We plan to hike about 4 miles, rated moderate. The gorge has lots of shade, some hills, steps, scenic rocks, AND about halfway there is a watering hole of sorts. Lanterman's Mill has real restrooms and sells cold drinks and ice cream novelties. After the hike we will of course go eat.

Meet at the Ford Nature Center at 2:00pm. There are **restrooms** here and at Lanterman's Mill.

Directions:

___From Route 224 eastbound, turn left (north) on OH Route 625.

___After about 1.5 miles there is a 4 way stop w/ flasher. Turn left onto Truesdale.

___At stop sign/ T intersection go right on Hopkins. You will be going north.

___After crossing Route 62 (Canfield Rd) at the traffic light, Hopkins changes name to Bear's Den Rd. Continue to Old Furnace Rd which is on the right. There is a park sign on this corner.

___Follow Old Furnace Rd to stop sign/ intersection of West Drive. This is an odd intersection. Stay on Old Furnace; take the road that goes **downhill** on the right at a slight angle.

___Across the bridge at the Y intersection, go to the right. There is a road to the left...go past it. The drive way to Ford Nature Center is on the left. Look for a white sign.

A **note** about directions: This is a confusing area to drive. There are one-way roads and roads that are closed and not noted on the park map. We have field-tested various ways to get to Ford Nature Center. We think this is the simplest.

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