

October 8, 2017 Dayhike
Richfield Heritage Preserve (Summit County)
4374 Broadview Road, Richfield, Ohio 44286
40 minutes from Dalton/Massillon

1:00 p.m.

(note earlier start time than usual)



Richfield Heritage Preserve (formerly known as Crowell Hilaka) is 336 acres of wonderful treasures. Once the estates of two prominent families (one being famous inventory Kirby—yes, the sweeper) for a hundred years, then a girl scout camp for about 75 years, the city of Richfield purchased it in 2015. Now folks like us are fortunate enough to be permitted to wander the trails and ogle the many historical buildings (including the castle-like Amity House that was owned by the Neal family). There are two lakes, a river, a secret waterfall, a hydroelectric mill, and numerous other sights to behold that you won't want to miss.

Directions: Take I-77 or Rt 21/I-77 north of Akron and north of Rt 18 and Ghent Rd. Exit at **Rt 176/Wheatley Rd** and keep to the right, which will curve you around heading west and then turns into 176/Broadview as it curves around to the north. Go straight thru the intersection of 176 and Rt 303 (you'll notice the blue two-story Taverne of Richfield on your left) and continue about another mile to Preserve entrance on the left. Do NOT be tricked into turning into the Richfield Woods Park; keep going until you see a bright blue sign on the left that says "Highest Point in Summit County..." and turn into the drive immediately after. There is a sign that says Richfield Heritage Preserve to the right of this drive but not as easy to see as the bright blue one. If you get to the Giant Eagle, you went just a bit too far!! When you head down the drive, you will see a couple buildings on the right, just keep driving ahead and through the opening of the chain link fence. A little further and you will see a parking lot on your right. There is also overflow parking in a field across from that lot on the other side of the drive. **Bring a spare pair of shoes, as our feet might get slightly wet during our search for the secret waterfall!**

Dinner at the aforementioned Taverne of Richfield, www.taverneofrichfield.com (3960 Broadview Rd, Richfield, OH 44286); built in 1886, this place also has a lot of interesting history (and three ghosts!).

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