## River-to-River Trail Society Announces Spring, 2024 Hiking Schedule

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The River-to River Trail Society announces its schedule of free guided hikes in and about the Shawnee National Forest for Spring 2024 Hiking Season. All hikes are open to the public free of charge. These hikes are of at least moderate difficulty, and are intended for people in good health who have done some hiking. Boots or sturdy shoes and a walking stick are recommended for all hikes. Hikers should bring their own water and a snack. No dogs, please.

River-to-River Trail Society Spring 2024 - Hiking Schedule

2024 Spring Proposed Hiking dates.

March 2<sup>nd</sup>

Hike: Little Cedar and Crevice Falls (Pope County)

Leader: Bill Gilmour 270-331-1553

Meet: East Trigg Trailhead

Time 10:00 am

March 9th

Hike: Garden of the Gods Wilderness Big H (Saline County)

Leader: Chris Drone 618-926-3250 Meet: Garden of the Gods picnic area

Time: 10:00 am

March 16th

Hike: Thacker Hollow (Gallatin County) Leader: Steve Melville 314-223-3061

Meet: Rim Rock Time: 10:00 am

March 23rd

Hike: Godwin Trail (Union County) Leader: Bob Mulcahy 708-471-7500

Meet: Godwin Trailhead East

Time: 10:00 am

March 30th

Hike: Mantle Rock (Livingston County, KY) Leader: Cathy Jennings 618-759-1924 Meet: Berry's Ferry Home Site (KY)

Time: 10:00 am

April 6<sup>th</sup>

Hike: Cove Hollow to Splatter Stone Falls (Pope County)

Leader: Sam Morales 618-384-1321

Meet: East Trigg Trailhead

Time 10:00 am

April 13<sup>th</sup>

Hike: Ghost Dance Canyon (Pope County) Leader: Shawn Gossman 618-694-7034

Meet: Dixon Springs

Time: 10:00

April 20<sup>th</sup>

Hike: Trail 32 (Johnson County) Leader: Bill Gilmour 270-331-1553

Meet: Intersection of Hwy 147 and Cedar Grove Church Road

Time: 10:00 am

April 27th

Hike: Bell Smith Springs (Pope County) Leader: Fred Scott 618-841-4838

Meet: Bell Smith Springs

Time: 10:00 am

May 4<sup>th</sup>

Hike: Cedar Bluff Trail to Bork's Falls (Johnson County)

Leader: Cody Evans 618-559-0686

Meet: Goreville City Park

Time: 10:00 am

The River-to-River Trail Society is an Illinois not-for-profit corporation founded in 1993 by John O'Dell to promote completion of the River-to-River Trail, which now runs 157 miles through the Shawnee National Forest between Elizabethtown on the Ohio River and Grand Tower on the Mississippi River. The Society engages in trail maintenance and advocacy, and it offers free guided hikes to members and the public during the spring and fall hiking seasons. In addition, the Society has a Trail Guide to the entire River-to-River Trail, which can be downloaded for free from the Society's website: https://www.rivertorivertrail.net/