

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

Oct. 5th:

Hike: Jackson Hollow (Johnson County)  
Leader: Bill Gilmour 270-331-1553  
Meet: East Trigg Trailhead  
Time: 10:00

Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>:

Hike: Max Creek (Johnson County)  
Leader: Bill Gilmour 270-331-1553  
Meet: New Simpson Hill School  
Time: 10:00

Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>:

Hike: Tupelo Trail (Johnson County)  
Leader: Melanie Kasson 618-791-3086  
Meet: Michael Wolff Memorial Wetlands  
Time: 10:00

Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>:

Hike: Little Grand Canyon (Jackson County)  
Leader: Cody Evans 618-559-0686  
Meet: Little Grand Canyon parking area  
Time: 10:00

Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>:

Hike: Panther Den (Johnson County)  
Leader: Chris Drone 618-926-3250  
Meet: South Rocky Comfort Rd. Trailhead  
Time: 10:00

Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>:

Hike: Cove Hollow Cedar Lake (Jackson County)

Leader: Cathy Jennings 618-759-1924

Meet: Cedar Lake Trail Head

Time: 10:00

Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>:

Hike: Secret Canyon (Pope County)

Leader: Sam Morales 618-384-1321

Meet: Cedar Bluff Social Brethren Church

Time: 10:00

Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>. 1st Gun Season, no hiking

Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>:

Hike: Red Cedar Trail (Jackson County)

Leader: Bob Mulcahy 708-471-7500

Meet: Giant City Campground

Time: 10:00

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/>