

## **River-to-River Trail Society Announces Spring, 2025 Hiking Schedule**

Press contact: Sam Morales 618-384-1321.

The River-to-River Trail Society announces its schedule of free guided hikes in and about the Shawnee National Forest for the Spring 2025 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 2025 Spring Hiking Schedule**

March 1st

Hike: 1000 Drips (Pope County)  
Leader: Sam Morales 618-384-1321  
Meet: Indian Kitchen Trailhead  
Time: 10:00

March 8<sup>th</sup>

Hike: Grindstaff Hollow (Gallatin County)  
Leader: Todd Carr 618-499-9629  
Meet: High Knob Lookout Parking area  
Time: 10:00

March 15<sup>th</sup>

Hike: Jackson Falls (Pope County)  
Leader: Marcus Owens 618-534-8139  
Meet: Zion Hill Church, Ozark, IL.  
Time: 10:00

March 22<sup>nd</sup>

Hike: Gorilla Rock (Gallatin County)  
Leader: Cody Evans 618-559-0686  
Meet: Golden Circle Trailhead  
Time: 10:00

March 29<sup>th</sup>

Hike: Hayes Creek Section (Pope County)  
Leader: Chris Drone 618-926-3250  
Meet: Shawnee Mart Eddyville  
Time: 10:00

April 5<sup>th</sup>

Hike: Little Black Slough Trail (Johnson County)

Leader: Megan Henderson 618-967-0019

Meet: Wildcat Bluff Access area

Time: 10:00

April 12<sup>th</sup>

Hike: Snake Road (Union County)

Leader: Shawn Gossman 618-694-7034

Meet: LaRue Pine Hills North Parking Lot

Time: 10:00

April 19<sup>th</sup>

Hike: Crest Trail (Saline County)

Leader: Gillum and Vicki Ferguson 630-470-7692

Meet: Old Stone Face, Stone Face Lane

Time: 10:00

April 20th Easter

April 26<sup>th</sup>

Hike: Ferne Clyffe (Johnson County)

Leader: Cathy Jennings 618-759-1924

Meet: Big Rocky Hollow/Hawk Cave Trailhead

Time: 10:00

May 3<sup>rd</sup>

Hike: Horse Creek Trail (Alexander County)

Leader: Bob Mulcahy 708-471-7500

Meet: Horse Creek Trailhead

Time: 10:00

June 7th Annual Meeting

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 160.5 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/>