

## River-to-River Trail Society Announces Fall, 2025 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 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 very 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 2025 - Hiking Schedule

October 11<sup>th</sup>

Hike: Trail 049 (Pope County)

Leader: Sam Morales 618-384-1321

Meet: [Zion Hill Church Ozark, IL](#)

Time: 10:00

October 18<sup>th</sup>

Hike: Wild Turkey Trail (Williamson County)

Leader: Cathy Jennings 618-759-1924

Meet: [Wild Turkey Trailhead](#)

Time: 10:00

October 25<sup>th</sup>

Hike: Ferne Clyffe (Johnson County)

Leader: Melanie Kasson 618-791-3086

Meet: [Rebman Lane Trailhead](#)

Time: 10:00

November 1<sup>st</sup>

Hike: Dutchman Lake (Johnson County)

Leader: Megan Henderson 618-967-0019

Meet: [Dutchman Lake](#)

Time: 10:00

November 8<sup>th</sup>

Hike: Giant City State Park (Jackson County)

Leader: Fred Scott 618-841-4838

Meet: [Giant City Visitor Center](#)

Time: 10:00

November 15<sup>th</sup>

Hike: Pot Belly Arch (Hardin County)

Leader: Sam Morales 618-384-1321

Meet: [Camp Cadiz](#)

Time: 10:00 am

November 22<sup>nd</sup>: First Firearm Deer Season No Hiking.

November 29<sup>th</sup>:

Hike: Thacker Hollow (Gallatin County)

Leader: Steve Melville 314-223-3061

Meet: [Rim Rock Trailhead](#)

Time: 10:00

December 6<sup>th</sup>: Second Firearm Deer Season No Hiking.

December 13<sup>th</sup>

Hike: Cedar Lake Spillway (Jackson County)

Leader: Bob Mulcahy 708-471-7500

Meet: [Lirley Trailhead](#)

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 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/>.