

10, 5, & 3 MILE OPTION HIKES FOR Cleveland Hiking Club 40 MILER Sunday, May 5, 2019

3 MILER: Left out of parking lot; take APT to Meadows Dr. Continue on Meadows Dr. to paved service road on left. Hike 7 minutes more on APT after passing service road. Turn around and return by same route.-----Round trip is 3.0 mi.

5 MILER: As above except don't turn around; instead continue to Brecksville Rd. then turn right. Continue on Brecksville Rd. to Arlington St. on the left. Hike the Arlington-Daisy-Elm Street loop then return to the Park, turning right onto Chippewa Rd. (ignore the arrows on the map, which are for 10 milers). Turn right on Chippewa Creek Dr. and continue to Nature Center. -----5.0 mi.

10 MILER: [shown below are the cumulative mileages] As above except don't turn onto Brecksville Road; instead continue straight on Parkway APT, crossing Brecksville Rd., to Highland Road.-----3.9

1. Right onto Highland Dr. to 1st entrance to Brecksville Cemetery on left.-----5.2
2. Left into cemetery and follow cemetery roadway to exit back onto Highland Dr.-----5.7
3. Left on Highland Dr., crossing Royalton Rd. at light, to Old Royalton Rd.-----5.8
5. Continue straight on Old Royalton Rd to Stadium Dr.-----6.0
6. Right onto Stadium Dr. to Public Square.-----6.2
7. Right onto Public Square to Royalton Rd; then left on Royalton to Brecksville Rd.-----6.3
8. Left on Brecksville Rd. to bridge over Chippewa Creek,-----6.5
9. Turn around at bridge; go south on Brecksville Rd. to Community Dr. on the left. Entrance to Community Dr. is driveway right of City Hall.-----7.0
10. Left into driveway, then right onto Community Dr.-----7.0
11. Rest stop at library on right; then straight out of library, cross Community Dr., take sidewalk uphill toward building complex; go around building to driveway back to Brecksville Rd.-----7.4
12. Left onto Brecksville Rd. to Squire Rich museum on left.-----7.7
13. Left onto museum driveway; go around museum to short dirt trail on right; take dirt trail to Benjamin Waite Grave on right near Brecksville Rd.-----7.8
14. Right onto Brecksville Rd., back toward town center. to Arlington St. on left.-----8.6
15. Left onto Arlington; take Arlington St. to Cedar St. on left.-----8.7
16. Left on Cedar to Daisy Ave.; then right on Daisy to Elm St.-----8.8
17. Right on Elm St. to Old Highland Rd.; turn right; then straight on Royalton Rd. to Park Rd.----9.4
18. Take Park Rd. (Chippewa Creek Dr.) back to Nature Center.-----9.8

Historical Area of Brecksville

Hikers doing the 5 miler or 10 miler will hike through the historical center of Brecksville. Here are some of the historic sites:

- A.** Brecksville Cemetery: Burial place of Seth Payne, first settler in Brecksville. Grave is near the water tower but the head stones here are so weathered as to be unreadable.
- B.** Old Town Hall: 149 years old; built for \$3,000; stone for foundation quarried from local quarry; presently a theater.
- C.** Original Breck family home: built 1830; last Breck to live here was Dr. Theodore Breck who died in 1934.
- D.** United Church of Christ: originally Presbyterium; built in 1844; in the 1960's it was set fire by thieves who wanted a distraction while they robbed local businesses; nearly killed a fireman when bell came crashing down.
- E.** Methodist Church: Started in 1823; original bell tower was too small for the bell that was ordered; bell was designed to harmonize with the bell on church across the square.
- F.** Chippewa Creek; site of first mill in Brecksville; at one time the creek supported 5 mills, which resulted in fast growth for the town.
- G.** Squire Rich Museum: built in 1835; Squire Rich was Justice of Peace for 35 years; local walnut used for much of construction.
- H.** Benjamin Waite grave: died in 1813 or 14; first settler to die in Brecksville; No cemeteries at the time so Waite is in a one man cemetery; Waite was from Boston, where he fought in the Revolutionary War as a teenager; he moved to Brecksville with wife Zilpha and 13 children and died 2 months later.
- I.** Red Brick Store: about 160 years old; purchased by a McCreery about 122 years ago and been owned by the family ever since; was used for several purposes over the years-furniture store, financial business office, etc.
- J.** Oldest neighborhood in Brecksville: Elm and Arlington Street have houses around 150 years old; here are some: 8968 Elm-179 years old; 8958 Elm-129 years old; 8952 Elm-167 years old; 8942 Elm-152 years old; 8929 Elm-142 years old (data from old Zillow listings).
- K.** Knowlton-Bourne house: Built 1879 by William Knowlton; purchased by Earnest Bourne in 1890; Earnest was descendent of Lemuel Bourne, one of the first settlers in Brecksville, who walked all the way back to Boston to find a wife because he thought Boston women were "of better quality"; house is Italianate style.