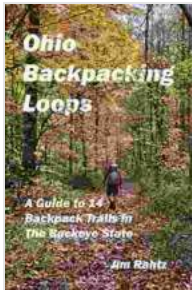


# Guide to 14 Backpack Trails in the Buckeye State

Unleash the Adventurer Within: Explore Ohio's Hidden Hiking Gems



## Ohio Backpacking Loops: A Guide to 14 Backpack Trails in The Buckeye State by Jim Rahtz

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Ohio, renowned for its rich history and vibrant cities, also boasts an abundance of natural beauty waiting to be discovered. Nestled within its rolling hills and lush forests lie a network of breathtaking backpacking trails, each offering a unique and unforgettable hiking experience.

This comprehensive guide will lead you on an extraordinary journey through 14 of Ohio's most captivating backpack trails. From challenging ascents to serene lakeside campsites, we've carefully curated a selection of trails that cater to hikers of all levels and preferences.

Prepare to immerse yourself in the tranquil embrace of nature as you traverse these diverse landscapes. Whether you're an experienced

backpacker seeking adventure or a novice hiker eager to explore the great outdoors, this guide will equip you with all the information you need to embark on an unforgettable backpacking adventure in the Buckeye State.

## **Discover the Trails of Ohio**

- **Buckeye Trail**

Embark on the ultimate backpacking adventure along Ohio's longest footpath, spanning over 1,400 miles. Experience a diverse range of landscapes, from rolling hills to dense forests, as you journey through the heart of the Buckeye State.



- **Mohican Trail**

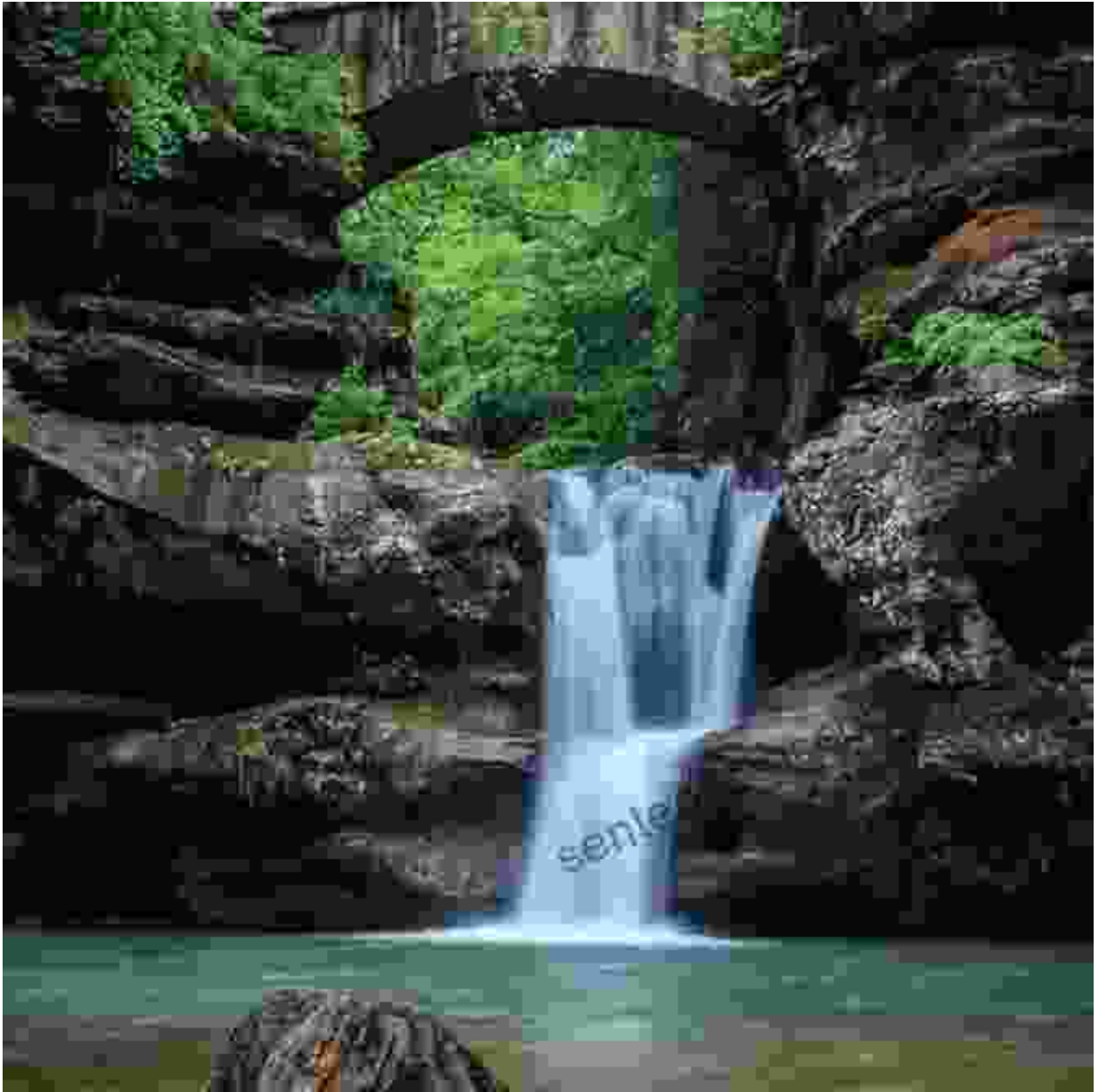
Immerse yourself in the stunning beauty of Mohican State Park, home to the Mohican Trail. Navigate through a picturesque gorge, cross babbling brooks, and marvel at towering cliffs as you traverse this enchanting trail.



The Mohican Trail, a journey through nature's canvas.

- **Hocking Hills Trail**

Prepare for rugged adventure on the Hocking Hills Trail, winding through the breathtaking sandstone formations and crystal-clear waterfalls of Hocking Hills State Park. Ascend challenging slopes and witness the captivating beauty of nature's sculptures.



- **Great Miami River Trail**

Follow the meandering Great Miami River on this scenic trail, passing historic towns and traversing diverse ecosystems. Enjoy tranquil riverside campsites and soak in the serene beauty of the Ohio countryside.



The Great Miami River Trail, a journey alongside nature's flowing heart.

- **Oak Openings Preserve Loop Trail**

Embark on a unique hiking experience through the Oak Openings Preserve, renowned for its rare and diverse oak savanna ecosystem. Discover a fascinating blend of open grasslands and ancient oak trees, providing a glimpse into Ohio's unique natural heritage.



- **Paint Creek Trail**

Journey along the scenic Paint Creek, traversing rolling hills and lush forests on the Paint Creek Trail. Discover historic mill sites and cascading waterfalls, immersing yourself in the rich tapestry of Ohio's natural and cultural heritage.



The Paint Creek Trail, a trek through history and nature's embrace.

- **North Country Trail**

Embark on a cross-country adventure as you hike a portion of the North Country Trail, a National Scenic Trail spanning over 4,600 miles. Experience Ohio's diverse landscapes and vibrant communities as you traverse the Buckeye State's section of this epic trail.



- **Buck Creek Trail**

Escape into the serene wilderness of Shawnee State Forest on the Buck Creek Trail. Follow the meandering Buck Creek, discover hidden waterfalls, and immerse yourself in a tranquil escape surrounded by nature's tranquility.





The Buck Creek Trail, a sanctuary for serenity and nature's embrace.

- **Clear Creek Trail**

Unleash your adventurous spirit on the Clear Creek Trail, renowned for its challenging ascents and breathtaking vistas. Ascend to the highest point in Ohio, Campbell Hill, and marvel at panoramic views that stretch for miles, rewarding you with a sense of accomplishment and awe.



- **Ashe Cave Trail**

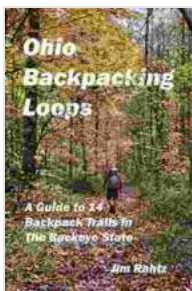
Venture into the heart of Hocking Hills State Park and discover the enchanting Ashe Cave Trail. Marvel at the majestic beauty of towering sandstone cliffs and waterfalls, creating a breathtaking natural amphitheater. Explore hidden nooks and crevices, immersing yourself in the mystical atmosphere of this geological wonder.



The Ashe Cave Trail, a journey into nature's surreal masterpiece.

- **Old Man's Cave Trail**

Prepare for a breathtaking adventure on the Old Man's Cave Trail, located in the heart of Hocking Hills State Park. Navigate a series of wooden bridges and boardwalks, winding through a deep gorge and encountering majestic waterfalls. Discover hidden caves and ancient rock formations, immersing yourself in the geological wonders that have shaped this natural paradise.



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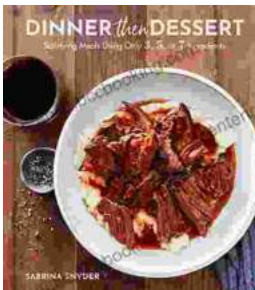
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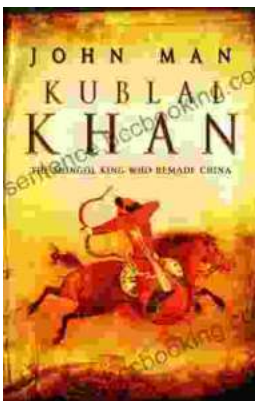
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