

# The Compass

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## BOC Annual Dinner Nov 9

Join us at the Butler Outdoor Club's 19th Annual Dinner Saturday Nov. 9, 2013 at the East Butler Fire Hall 808 Grant Ave. East Butler, Pa.

The silent auction starts at 5:00pm and dinner at 7:00pm. The public is welcome to attend.

This year's dinner is Roast Beef or Ham with red potatoes, green bean casserole, spicy coleslaw salad, tossed salad, and desert.

There will be door prizes, displays and more.

Enjoy a fast paced multi-media presentation by Joan Young, author and the first woman to hike the North Country Trail from North Dakota to New York.



You must purchase your pre-paid reservations by Friday Nov. 1.

Prices are Adults -\$15 and Children under 6 - \$7

Purchase by mailing a check and the names of attendees to:

Butler Outdoor Club PO Box 321, Harrisville, Pa 16038 Questions? Call 724 - 679 - 0501

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Bring your new or gently used silent auction items to the BOC Nov 6 monthly meeting.

Call Carol Bickel at 724-790-0501 to volunteer to help at the annual dinner.

## BOC November 6 Meeting

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*Mammoth Hot Springs*

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Nominations for 2014 club officers will be accepted at our November monthly meeting. Please consider helping our club by being an officer or committee chair for the upcoming year.

## **Chillicothe – Hocking Hills Weekend Trip**

Some BOC members spent a weekend in October exploring southern Ohio.

We visited the Hopewell Mound Group near Chillicothe, run by the NPS. The site is laid out very well, and we really felt like we were walking back over 2000 years, as we moved through the hills where the natives lived, and the mound city on the plain where they participated in ritual events. We then drove down a few miles to Serpent Mound, run by the Ohio Historical Society and the Arc of Appalachia Preserve System. Shaped like a serpent, it is the largest animal effigy mound in the world. Visitors can climb a tower see the 1,348 foot serpent image in one impressive view. The NCT passes through the grounds. The short trail goes through some pleasant meadows, around ancient mounds and through some woods. We also stopped at the Seip Earthworks, a large ceremonial mound, also run by the NPS.

The next day took us to another fantastic venue - Hocking Hills State Park. The NCT runs for about 5 miles through a gorge carved out of a 150 foot thick seam of sandstone, known as the Blackhand. Starting at Ash Cave, the trail follows deep undercuts and steep cliffs. The sandstone has a rich texture with many inclusions.

The trail continues north from Ash cave through the boulder strewn gorge then up to the top of the gorge, where we stopped to climb a fire tower before continuing on to fantastic Cedar Falls. Moving north we entered into the Old Man's Cave section, with even more stone work, and ending in a long tunnel carved right through the stone to take us up to the visitor's center where we ended our trip with some ice cream.

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"The purpose of the Butler Outdoor Club is to provide year-round outdoor activities for the enjoyment and fellowship of our members, while creating awareness, appreciation and conservation of the environment."

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Visit our club website for the latest event updates and club news at  
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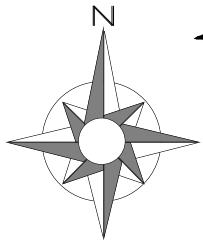
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## BOC Sponsored Events

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Nov 9	<p>Butler Outdoor Club 19th Annual Dinner Saturday Nov. 9, 2013 at the East Butler Fire Hall 808 Grant Ave. East Butler, Pa.</p> <p>Silent Auction starts at 5:00pm Dinner 7:00pm Public welcome Roast Beef or Ham Dinner.</p> <p>Fast paced multi-media presentation by Joan Young, the first woman to hike the entire North Country Trail from North Dakota to New York.</p> <p>Pre-Paid Reservations only by Fri. Nov 1 Adults -\$15 Children under 6 - \$7 .</p> <p>Purchase by mailing a check and names of attendees to: Butler Outdoor Club PO Box 321, Harrisville, Pa 16038</p> <p>Questions? Call 724 - 679 - 0501</p>
Dec 4	<p>Join us on December 4th at 6:00 pm for our Christmas music and white elephant grab bag night. Bring a covered dish to share and a \$5.00 gift or gag gift.</p>
Dec 21	<p>Annual Christmas Bird Count - meet 7:30am at the end of Swamp Road in Moraine State Park . Afterward, we will go to Steve and Carol Bickel's for some hot chili. Call John Stehle 724.256.0674 to register.</p>
Jan 1	<p>Annual BOC New Years Day Picnic - noon - Moraine State Park North Shore - location not yet set - Bring a hot dish or drink to share - First Day Hike afterwards or xc-ski or bike weather permitting.</p>
Jan 3 5	<p>Wilderness Lodge Cross Country Ski Weekend Jan. 3-5 RSVP to Joyce Appel - 724-526-5407 or joyceappel@windstream.net</p>
Jan 24 26	<p>Wilderness Lodge Cross Country Ski Weekend Jan. 24-26 RSVP to Joyce Appel - 724-526-5407 or joyceappel@windstream.net.</p>
Feb 7 10	<p>Allegheny State Park, NY cross country ski weekend for Feb. 7-10 RSVP to Joyce Appel - 724-526-5407 or joyceappel@windstream.net.</p>



*Hocking Hills State Park*



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