



EPIC OHIO REGION SPRING MEETING AGENDA

Go to OhioNSP.org to register or [click here](#)

SCHEDULE

Friday May 16, 2025

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| 4:00pm | MTR- Geocaching Activity: Polar Blast Lodge at Brandywine. Enhance your navigation skills through a brief introduction and then collect 'cache' to trade in for some swag. Led by Tim Durbin, Ohio Region MTR Advisor. |
| 6:00pm | Women's Happy Hour (Winking Lizard - Peninsula) |
| 7:00pm | Dinner on your own |

Saturday May 17, 2025

Brandywine Ski Resort Polar Blast Lodge

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| 8:00am | Breakfast |
| 9:00am | Ohio Region Staff Business Meeting |
| 12:00pm | Lunch |

Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP)

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| 2:00pm | Excursions – see page 2 below for details |
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Brandywine Ski Resort Polar Blast Lodge

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| 5:30pm | Happy Hour |
| 6:30pm | Dinner |
| 7:30pm | Ohio Region Awards Banquet |

Sunday May 18, 2025

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| 9:30am | Women's Hike/Tea & Brunch at Brandywine Falls (\$25, 22 max attendees) |
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EXCURSIONS

Patrol classification level denotes the intensity and complexity of the excursion, all patrol classifications welcome at each excursion.

Patroller/MVP Excursions

- [CVNP Visitor Center Tour](#); led by Paul DeFranco, 50+ year patroller, Senior Alpine Patroller and CVNP Volunteer
- CVNP [Junior Ranger Badge](#); Led by Cheryl Hess, 17 year alpine Patroller and Ret. NPS Ranger

Alpine Excursions

- [Brandywine Falls Hike](#) from Visitor Center via Stanford Trail (2.3 miles one way flat to sloped terrain or drive there and option for 1.5 mile loop hike); led by Daryl Knauss, 40+ year patroller, Senior Alpine Patroller and Ret. NPS Ranger

Senior Excursions

- Low Angle Rescue Demo; Led by Jay Zedak, Certified Patroller, Central Division Avalanche Program Manager
- [Blue Hen Falls Hike](#) from Visitors Center (3 miles moderate slope and trails); led by Tracy Buchanan, Certified Patroller and Central Division OET Program Manager.

Certified Excursions

- CVNP [East Rim Single Track Mountain Bike Trails](#) (choice of 2.3mi or 4.7mi Intermediate to advanced single track trails); Co-Led by Pat Conochan, Senior Alpine Patroller, past Mountain Bike Patrol Co-Chair and BMBWAVSP DPD of Proficiency and Staci Kaliner, Senior Alpine Patroller and Ohio Region Snowsports School Advisor
- CVNP [Kayak Tour](#) (Lock 29 to Boston or Boston to Red Lock depending on flow); led by Josh Herchl, Senior Alpine Patroller, CVNP River Patrol and BMBWAVSP PD.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Home2 Suites by Hilton Stow Akron
4097 Bridgewater Pkwy, Stow, OH 44224
Booking Link: <https://group.home2suites.com/sdgx2x>
Group Name: BMBWAV Ski Patrol
Cut-off Date: 4/25/2025
Valid on 5/16 and/or 5/17, departing on 5/18

REGISTRATION

- Go to the Ohio Region website to register for this event. Cost for the banquet dinner will be \$25 collected via Paypal (note-Paypal account is not needed, will accept credit card info).