

Michigan Basin Geological Society

Field Trip to Hocking Hills, Ohio

November 6 – 8, 2026



Hocking Hills State Park is Ohio's premier scenic and geologic attraction. The geology of the area attracts thousands of visitors every year. Stunning cliffs of Mississippian-age Black Hand Sandstone (Marshall Sandstone equivalent) provide limitless opportunities to see 100-foot-high exposures displaying sedimentary, diagenetic, and erosional features. Bring your camera!

Current field trip plan

On Friday, November 6 in the afternoon to early evening, participants arrive at hotel (Sleep Inn Logan, Ohio). Visit the Hocking Hills Visitors center if you arrive before 5:00PM. Dinner is on your own but there are four walkable eateries and a brewery near the hotel. At the Sleep Inn that evening there will be a short lecture on regional and local geology to provide an overview of the trip.

Saturday, November 7 is an all-day field trip to see the Black Hand Sandstone at three or four sites with lunch (your expense) at the Hocking Hills State Park Lodge. The Lodge has great food and atmosphere with a view. In the evening there will be a group dinner (your expense) at a walkable restaurant or brewery.

On **Sunday morning November 8**, we will have a few stops as you head north on US 33, towards Columbus on your way back to Michigan.

A block of 10 rooms has been reserved at the
Sleep Inn Logan Ohio
12830 Grey St Building A, Logan, OH 43138
+1 740 279 1258

Reserve rooms ASAP as they will fill up by late spring

Cost is \$30/person payable to MBGS

Field Trip Payment link:

<https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/4CNDA5VSGBJYW>

or QR code below

Space is limited to **30 participants**

This is a family-friendly trip with easy access to most stops. The hikes range in difficulty from easy to moderate. All the hikes should be out and back. Carpooling between stops is strongly encouraged.

Field Trip Leader: Mac Swinford - retired assistant state geologist of Ohio



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