



In the 1820's during a hike from Urbana to Cincinnati, John "Johnny Appleseed" Chapman planted a grove of apple trees just west of Dorf Drive in German Village.

On September 23, 2010, honoring the 236th birthday of John Chapman, the City of Moraine rededicated a plaque and planted four second generation apple trees, descendants of the original apple trees planted by Johnny Appleseed. Hank Fincken, living history performer, portrayed Johnny Appleseed and spoke to the children at Frank Nicholas Elementary School on the life of Johnny Appleseed. He joined the school kids and Moraine officials in planting the trees. Johnny Appleseed Park & Hiking Trail is a reminder to all to conserve and enjoy nature!

Nature is around every turn. Check under the rocks of the stream for salamanders. Look in the woods for white tailed deer, squirrels and a variety of birds.

Try to identify the many different species of trees along the trail such as oak, maple, ash, beech, buckeye, elm, locust, pine and sycamore.

Evidence of the past glacier is found on the stones in the streams in the center section of the yellow trail. Can you find fossils such as brachiopods, bryozoans, cephalopods, horn coral, and gastropods?

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Hikers can gain access to the Johnny Appleseed Hiking Trail at four different locations.

The main Johnny Appleseed Hiking Trail is the .6 mile yellow trail. The trailhead begins next to the historical marker at Johnny Appleseed Park, 3000 Dorf Drive at the entrance to German Village subdivision. The yellow trails winds north to Pinnacle Park with two stream crossings. The trail is rated “easy” as it is suited for all ages and abilities with a gentle elevation climb near the end.

The Pinnacle Park Tot Lot Trailhead begins at 3300 Charlotte Mill Drive in Heather Hills subdivision. This .1 mile blue spur winds down an incline and connects with the yellow main trail.

The Pinnacle Park Trailheads begins at 3060 Charlotte Mill Drive in Heather Hills subdivision. The yellow main trail begins on the western side of the park next to the space needle playground equipment. The .2 mile red spur begins on the eastern side of the park and connects with the yellow main trail.

