

## PENINSULA WRITERS' ROAD TRIP

"A Hike and a Lunch"

Dogs and Mountain Bikes Welcome!

Saturday, May 18, 2024 (weather permitting)

Pigeon Creek Park and Embassy Bar and Grill, West Olive (Ottawa County), MI

### Description

Let's do some inspirational prewriting while we hike in a pleasant West Michigan pine forest. Pigeon Creek Park has trails for hiking and mountain biking with varying lengths from .10 mile on up! The choice is yours as to how long, how far and how fast you walk. These wide, well-marked trails have a gently rolling terrain. The surface is dirt with a light dusting of small gravel. Use of the park is free. [www.miottawa.org/Parks/pigeoncreek.htm](http://www.miottawa.org/Parks/pigeoncreek.htm)

This park is dog-friendly! Bring your furry friend, a leash and clean-up bags. Also, please be respectful of others who may be uncomfortable around dogs. Should you have a horse and wish to ride, the park also has equestrian trails directly across the road.

Embassy Bar and Grill is a country sports bar, clean and pleasant, and *not* too loud. Menu includes burgers and sandwiches served with home-made potato chips and a pickle, taco salad and chicken Caesar salad. All run \$11-13. [www.embassybarandgrill.com](http://www.embassybarandgrill.com)

Pigeon Creek Park is about a 35 minute drive west-southwest of Grand Rapids, 20 minutes south of Grand Haven, 23 minutes north of Holland and 90 minutes west of Lansing. Embassy Bar and Grill is a 5 minute drive from the park. The park's address is 12524 Stanton St. The bar is at 10396 Lake Michigan Dr. (M-45). Both are in West Olive.

### Facilities

Pit toilets with hand sanitizers are near the parking area. The nearby lodge has indoor flush toilets, drinking fountains, and bench seats.

### The Plan

9:45 AM

Gather in. Decide to hike solo or with a self-selected group.

10:00 AM

Everyone to the trails!

12:00 Noon

Be back at the parking area and ready to drive to our lunch location. If you take a short hike and get back early, rest/read/write/listen to birdsong. There are picnic tables under trees by the parking area.

12:15ish PM

Arrive at lunch spot. (Road trip concludes after lunch.)

\*Bonus time\*

For the gardeners, Countryside Greenhouse is 3 minutes away at 9050 Lake Michigan Drive. [www.countrysidegreenhouse.com](http://www.countrysidegreenhouse.com)

### Sign Up

Email Kathleen Booher your "YES" no later than May 6 at [ekathleenbooher@gmail.com](mailto:ekathleenbooher@gmail.com). A minimum of 4 will assure the road trip. By May 9, all who sign up will receive an email with all other details. Friends, spouses/partners and former PW members are welcome!