

### Trail Access

- This extraordinary geologic formation is one of the most popular sites to visit at the Edge of Appalachia Preserve System and is accessible via a 4.4 mile round-trip hiking trail considered moderately difficult. Buzzardroost Rock is one of four designated National Natural Landmarks located at “the Edge” and is considered one of the most scenic hiking destinations in Ohio. The trailhead is located on a small gravel lane just west of the village of Lynx off State Route 125.

### Hours and Use

- Trails are open dawn to dusk
- For your safety, please be aware of any posted rules & notices

### Travel Directions

From the Creek’s Bend Visitor Information Pavilion located at 3223 Waggoner Riffle Road, West Union:

- Proceed north on Waggoner Riffle Road for 2.3 miles to State Route 125.
- Turn right (east) on Rt. 125 for 1.3 miles. Watch for small yellow sign on right.
- Turn right onto the narrow gravel lane to the parking area. (Coordinates: N38.77063 W083.42599)
- Buses and large RVs may more easily park on the north side of S.R. 125 in the large gravel area near the intersection of S.R. 125 and Lynx Drive.

## Site Overview

The Christian and Emma Goetz Buzzardroost Rock Preserve is one of the most popular hiking destinations at the 18,000 acre Edge of Appalachia Preserve System. The preserve gets its name from the massive dolomite promontory where “buzzards” (more correctly known as turkey and black vultures) roost. This rocky precipice offers unrivaled panoramic views of the Ohio Brush Creek Valley and before heavy visitation impacted much of it, was covered by a small but impressive example of xeric limestone prairie. Visitors are asked to stay on the boardwalk and within the overlook structure for safety and to reduce the impact to this globally rare plant community. The backbone of this striking geologic feature consists of Peebles Dolomite bedrock. Formed in an ancient sea approximately 400 million years ago, Peebles Dolomite is prone to dramatic differential erosion that results in impressive landscapes characterized by cliffs, caves, sinkholes and promontories. Over geologic time scales, large sections of bedrock will occasionally break free of the cliffs and tumble down the slope to eventually be colonized by ferns, wildflowers and even small trees. This landscape is representative of the Interior Low Plateau physiographic region in Ohio which contains some of the states rarest species of plants and animals as well as striking topography. The Nature Conservancy has been working to protect the Edge of Appalachia Preserve with our collaborative partner Cincinnati Museum Center more than 50 years.



black and white warbler



chestnut oak



turkey buzzard



lycopodiums

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





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## Buzzardroost Trail - 4.4 miles

