

Ohio Sinkhole Cleanup

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Info:

The sinkhole is located on private land near Rushsylvania, Ohio. Free tent camping is available at nearby Indian Lake State Park. When you arrive at the camping area, let the attendant know that you are a volunteer for the sinkhole cleanup organized by Erin Hazelton with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. The landowner reports “wandering in a cave” at the bottom of this sinkhole when he was a child.

All cavers are invited to help with this project. Be sure to bring leather gloves, boots, protective clothing, and tools.

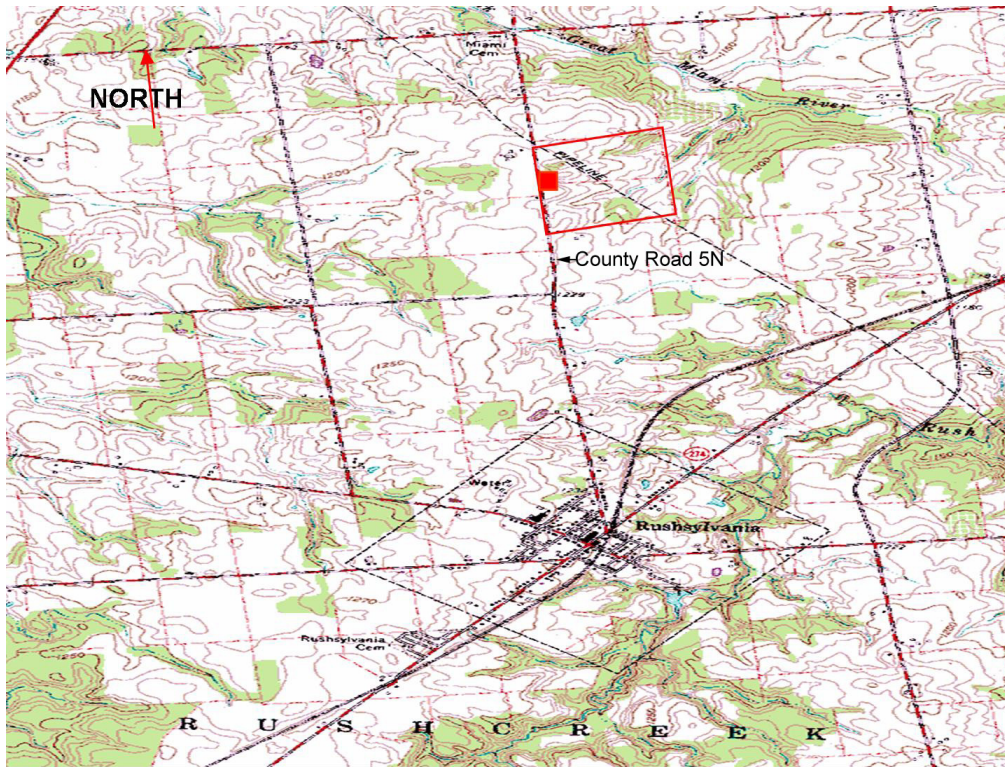
The Ohio Valley Region (OVR) was organized to do conservation-oriented projects in the Ohio valley region, which includes Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky. For years these projects rotated among these three states. Significant cleanup projects have been accomplished in the past including gating Dry Cave in southern Ohio. The owner of Dry Cave had hoped that keeping the cave clean of litter and graffiti would help alleviate his problem. Unfortunately keeping the cave clean did not discourage vandals. The cave was gated with a bat friendly gate by cavers from Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky.

Unfortunately the OVR has been inactive for several years. We hope to get it active again starting with this project in Ohio.

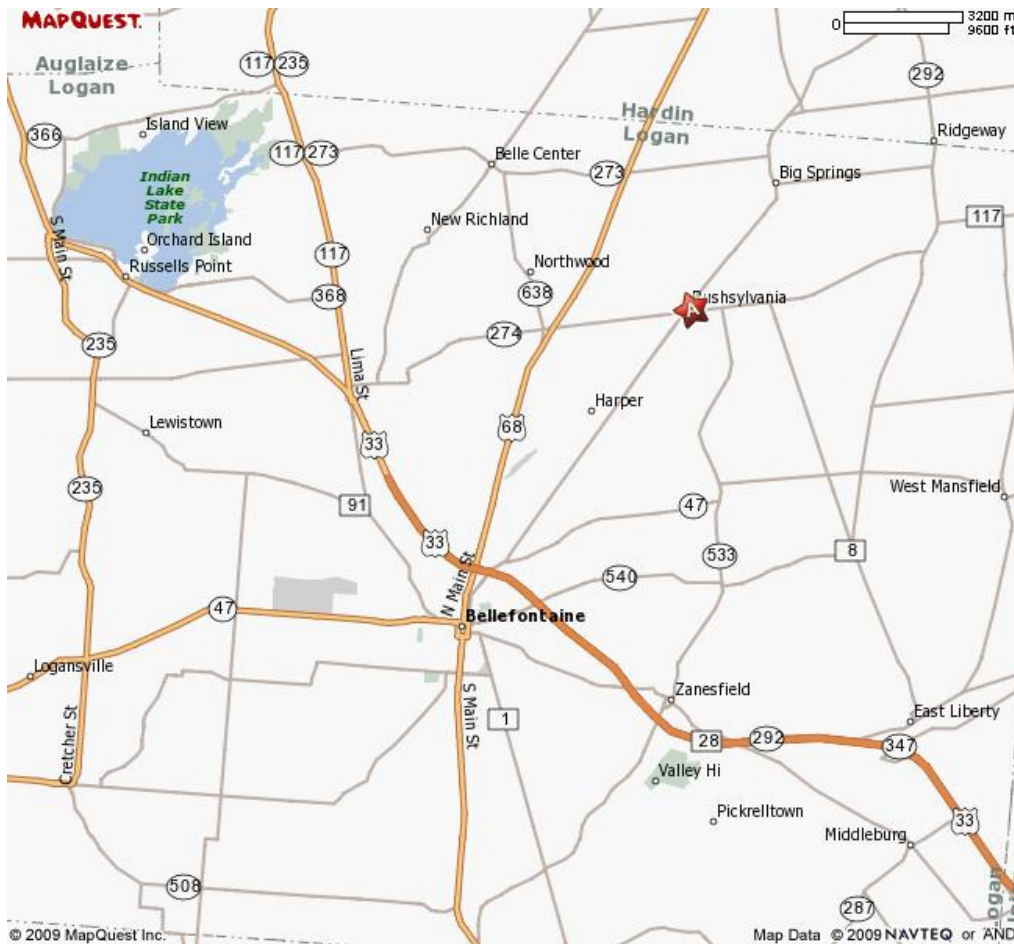
Please refer to the attached maps for location.

Thank you for helping,

Bill Walden
For the Ohio Valley Region.
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Red Square marks site of Cleanup



Area Map



Indian Lake State Park

Junk in the Sinkhole

