All Scouts are required to hike the Pilgrimage of Faith Trail should practice the principles of Leave No Trace.

Start the Pilgrimage of Faith - West Side Trail North Loop at;

1. Our Lady of Visitation Church 3172 South Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45248 (513) 922-2056 · olvisitation.org

A. Head northeast on South Rd.

B. Turn right onto Bridgetown Rd. and walk East.

St. Jude Church will be on the left

2. St Jude Church 5924 Bridgetown Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45248 (513) 574-1230

A. Head northeast on Bridgetown Rd.

St. Aloysius Gonzaga will be on the Left.

3. St Alovsius Gonzaga Church 4366 Bridgetown Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45211 (513) 574-4840 · saintals.org

A. 4. Head east on Bridgetown Rd

B. Slight right onto Harrison Ave

C. Turn right onto Glenmore Ave, walk South.

St. Martin of Tours Church will be on the right

4. St Martin of Tours Church 3720 St Martins Pl. Cincinnati, OH 45211 (513) 661-2000 · saintmartin.org

A. Turn South on Glenmore Ave

B. Turn left onto Montana Ave

C. Turn right onto Harrison Ave

D. Turn left onto Kling Ave

E. Turn right onto Mignon Ave

F. Slight left onto Fischer Pl.

St. Catharine of Siena Church will be on the left.

5. St Catharine of Siena Church 2848 Fischer Pl. Cincinnati. OH 45211 (513) 661-0651 · stcatharinesiena.org

A. Head west on Fischer Pl toward Wunder Ave

B. Turn right onto Harrison Ave

C. Turn left onto Ratterman Ave

D. Turn right onto Lischer Ave

E. Turn left onto Boudinot Ave

F. Turn right onto Werk Rd

G. Turn right onto South Rd

Our Lady of Visitation Church, the starting point, will be on the right.

Travel Information

1 to 2 - Total: 1.9 mi – about 38 mins

2 to 3 - Total: 1.1 mi – about 21 mins

3 to 4 - Total: 1.1 mi – about 21 mins

4 to 5 - Total: 1.6 mi – about 33 mins

5 to 1 - Total: 4.7 mi – about 1 hour 33 mins

Estimated Distance - 10.4 miles Estimated Hiking Time – 3 hours, 26 min.

Trail Safety

This is an urban trail along a busy road with few sidewalks. Follow BSA Safe Hiking Rules and travel with a min. of two adults and four scouts.

Trail History

This trail was developed for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's Catholic Committee of Scouting in 2015.

Trail Awards

Please download the Order Form from the website www.pilgrimageoffaith.org



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West Side Trail - North Loop (10.4 miles)



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Pilgrimage is a time of leaving our daily lives behind, turning to the Lord, repenting of our sins, increased prayer life and in some cases, hope for miraculous cures for ills.

The West Side Trails are an extension of the Cathedral Trail. It follows the movement of the faithful as they moved up and out of the Ohio River valley and began establishing the third and fourth generation of parishes. These west side parishes became the support centers of the Church much like the establishment of stations and forts in the American wilderness 100 years before.

This Pilgrimage of Faith trail has been developed for the local Scouting organizations but all are encouraged to participate in this hike in an effort to increase their faith and to help each on their own walk with the Lord. Depending on the time of day, some of the Churches may be open. All participants are encouraged to pray at each Church, inside if open. Possible prayers could be the "Our Father" and several "Hail Marys" or something similar. While on the Pilgrimage, all pilgrims are encouraged to attend Mass if available, attend the Sacrament of Penance / Reconciliation and make use of sacramentals such as holy water as they enter the Churches. As is the biblical and historical custom, pilgrims are also encouraged to give alms to the Churches they visit. Fasting from food is recommended along the trail but drinking water is highly encouraged.

wearing the regular field uniform (weather permitting). Our Scout uniform tells people who we are and what we stand for in a similar manner that the outward signs (clothing) the ordained and consecrated religious wear to remind them and others of their vocations to the Lord. All participants should be respectful of private property along on the Trail and

