

Lake Thoreau



ACTION

On May 16, 2021, the Hiking Heroes embarked on a hike at the Lake Thoreau Loop Trail. This was a pleasantly flat hike with a paved path, which made it much easier compared to our previous walks! Since this was a paved path, there wasn't as much wildlife here, but it was filled with tall trees and houses with eco-friendly adaptations. But most importantly, today was the last hike that we had with President Kevin Son. He is going off to college, and we wish him all the best for the future. Thank you so much for all you've done, Kevin!

EXPERIENCE

Naturally, with a neighborhood right next to the trail, there was more trash than usual. But looking at the positive side, the majority of the trash we found came in small scraps or wrappers instead of large plastic bottles or caps. But these little scraps still add up to a large amount and make the same harmful impacts to the planet! Additionally, as we walked through the path and observed the houses, we realized that many of them had several plants growing outside, and a handful of houses even put out bird houses. It was a good example for us to remember that you can always go *outside* and tend to your plants as well!

MEMBERS' THOUGHTS

Many of us loved seeing the little trinkets and plants that the neighbors put on display, and we even got to see some special wildlife near the lake! Seeing the turtles and birds with bright-orange wings was a treat. After seeing how much trash we collected (not a lot), we thought that it would have been much more beneficial if there were trash cans available throughout the trail. Since there were none, it was easy for hikers to litter.