



# The Indianapolis Hiking Club

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## SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 2014 AND JANUARY 2015

(PLEASE --- NO PETS ON HIKES)

### Celebrating 58 Years of Sponsoring Hikes and Outings

HIKE RATING SYSTEM - Shown in parentheses at the end of each hike

	<u>TERRAIN</u>		<u>SURFACE</u>		<u>SPEED</u>
H (Hilly)	Continuously	NS (Natural)	Primarily Soft		Walking Speed in MPH,
M (Mixed)	Hilly & Flat	HS (Hard)	Packed Dirt or Gravel		not including breaks
F (Flat)	Few Hills	PS (Paved)	Concrete or Blacktop		(e.g., 3.0 is 20 min/mile)

Guests are welcome on all hikes. Hikers should arrive at the meeting location at least 10 minutes early, which will enable the leader to complete sign-ups and start the hike on time. Interested in leading a hike? Contact Pathfinders: Jean Ballinger (696-2120) [jeanballinger77@gmail.com](mailto:jeanballinger77@gmail.com) for weekend hikes or Ed Wright (219-5536) [ewright@indyhike.org](mailto:ewright@indyhike.org) for weekdays.

A map reference at the end of a hike description in the following format (Map #42) indicates that you may view a Google map and GPS coordinates pointing to the hike meeting location at [www.indyhike.org/locations.shtml](http://www.indyhike.org/locations.shtml). You may also access the maps from the hike schedule page on the website.

**WINTER HIKING:** Hike leaders are responsible for safety first. In adverse weather the leader may reroute, shorten or cancel a hike. If the weather is inclement, very cold or the roads are icy call the leader to confirm a hike. Also, check the website "news" to see if the hike has been cancelled. Whenever possible leaders of out of town hikes should make cancellation decisions by 6 p.m. of the preceding day. If you cancel a hike, please send an email to Yahoo! Groups or ask Ed Wright ([ewright@indyhike.org](mailto:ewright@indyhike.org)) to send one for you and request Ed to post the cancellation on our website and Facebook page.

**ANNUAL DUES REMINDER:** To date, 417 members out of a year-end membership of 591 have paid their annual dues. If you have not paid, please do so now and save us the cost and effort of sending out reminders. Please return the dues notice with your payment. If you misplaced the notice you may print one from the Club website at [www.indyhike.org/forms](http://www.indyhike.org/forms). Annual dues are \$20 for individuals and \$30 for a family. Your check should be made payable to the Indianapolis Hiking Club and mailed to our Treasurer Kathy Whalen at 726 W 43<sup>rd</sup> St, Indianapolis, IN 46208. If you have any questions contact Kathy at 317-409-3265 or [kawhalen00@hotmail.com](mailto:kawhalen00@hotmail.com).

**LAST CHANCE FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARTY:** We are expecting a large turnout for this year's Christmas Party on Sunday, December 7. Details are on the reservation form that was mailed to everyone. Deadline for reservations is November 25. If you misplaced the form you may print one at [www.indyhike.org/forms](http://www.indyhike.org/forms). If you miss the deadline, Jo Anne Starzyk may still be able to fit you in. Contact her at 317-844-2658 or by email at [jostar2658@yahoo.com](mailto:jostar2658@yahoo.com).

**TRAIL BLAZER:** The 2014 Trail Blazer, which recaps everyone's annual and lifetime mileage, may be viewed on the Club website "Mileage" page at [www.indyhike.org/mileage.shtml](http://www.indyhike.org/mileage.shtml). If you receive the schedule by mail the report will be sent to you.

**WINTER WEEKEND AT SPRING MILL STATE PARK:** Instructions for booking your room at the Spring Mill Inn for our annual winter get away on March 20-22, 2015 are included in *Preview of Future Events* at the end of this schedule. Please note that you must book by February 20 to receive the Club's special rate.

**SLOW AND EASY HIKES:** Leaders of slow and easy hikes are often reluctant to commit to lead by themselves during the winter months. Accordingly, these popular hikes often drop off the schedule. So we are trying something new – a team of leaders (so far we have six people) who will decide among themselves who

will lead a particular week. Macie Stephens has agreed to coordinate the "S&E Team" to insure that every hike has a leader. Hikes coordinated by the team will say "Slow and Easy" in the hike description and the speed will be a consistent 2.5 to 3 mph. The distance will be 4 miles or less or the hike will include a 4 mile option. This schedule includes four recurring slow and easy hikes that the team has agreed to lead: Crown Hill Cemetery on alternate Monday's, Broad Ripple on alternate Tuesday's, Downtown Indy every Wednesday and Garfield Park every Friday. If the team concept proves successful, we may be able to offer more slow and easy options in future months.

**BOOK CLUB HIKES:** Book club hikes are scheduled on Friday, December 12 and Saturday, January 24.

**FLORIDA HIKES:** If you plan to be on the west coast of Florida during December or January please note that there are five hikes in this schedule at four different locations. Check the schedule for the dates you plan to be there and hopefully you can make one of the hikes. Look for more Florida hikes in the February schedule.

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER:** Hello Club members, thank you for giving me the opportunity to preside over such a great organization. The best part is the talented, dedicated group of board members (17) who donate hours of time and effort to see to it that the Club runs smoothly and provides all of us so many opportunities to hike, meet and make like-minded friends, and enjoy the out of doors.

At the end of each fiscal year, which is the end of September, the board members review our financial status to determine whether we are able to make charitable donations to organizations whose purposes parallel ours. Some years we are unable to do so. This year, however, we were able to make donations to the following: Hoosier Hikers Council, Eagle Creek Foundation, Meals on Wheels, Knobstone Hiking Trail Association, Indianapolis Cultural Trail, Indiana State Historical Library Foundation, B&O Trail Association and Mary Gray Bird Sanctuary. The total amount contributed was \$1,500. We are grateful to these organizations for the work they do.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Party, always a good time. Looks like we're headed to the colder time of the year; be sure to bundle up. I have to go now; the hike starts in 45 minutes.

Pat Lawler  
President IHC

## **HIKE SCHEDULE**

### **Monday, December 1**

- 9:00 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE Meet in free parking lot that is ½ block south of Broad Ripple Ave on Carrollton Ave for a 6-mile hike. Repeats on December 15 and January 5 and 19. (Map #16) (F,PS,3-3.25) Leaders: John Gaebler (575-8490) and Mary Ladd (430-3711)
- 9:00 AM MORNING CONSTITUTIONAL Meet in Eagle Creek Park (fee) at lot just inside 56th St entrance just west of the Colts facility for a 6-mile road hike. Repeats on January 5. (Map #40) (M,PS,3.5) Leader: Kate Curtiss (247-0283)
- 9:30 AM FASHION MALL AT CHRISTMAS Join us at the Fashion Mall at Keystone At The Crossing. This is a self-guided\* hike of 1 mile loops between the hours of 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM. We will meet in the Food Court located on the west side of the mall next to Urban Outfitters. Try to arrive by 9:30 AM since we will do one lap as a group to learn the route then you may walk at your own pace. From I-465 N exit at Keystone Ave going south. Take the first exit off Keystone at 86<sup>th</sup> St and go left (east) and proceed to the mall entrance. Park in front of the Food Court and meet inside. (F,PS) Leaders: Don Hayes (694-1385), June Sergi (372-3018) and Cherie Voegel (848-7674)
- 10:00 AM MARTIN STATE FOREST This is an enjoyable 5-6 mile hike that ties together Martin, Hardwood and Pine Lakes. Allow 2 hours travel from I-465 south. Take SR 37 south through Bedford, then US 50 west 17 miles to forest entrance. Veer right upon entering and park at Tower Hill Shelter. Bring snack and water. Repeats each Monday in December. (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Nanette Tate (812 254-8456 cell).

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- 6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE Meet in free parking lot that is ½ block south of Broad Ripple Ave on Carrollton Ave for a hike of 5-6 miles. Repeats every Monday in December and January. (Map #16) (F,PS/NS,3-3.5) Leader: Kathy Oguss (523-8995)
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS Meet at Mama Bears parking lot at the northwest corner of Fall Creek Rd and Brooks School Rd for a 6-8 mile hike through neighborhoods. Repeats each Monday in December, and January, except December 29 and January 5. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Rick Braun (679-2972)
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL Sign in at the food court between the hours of 6-7:30 p.m. for a self-guided\* hike of up to 6 miles with shorter options. Repeats each Monday and Wednesday in December and January, except Christmas Eve. (F,PS) Leader: Glee Crowder (859-8159)

**Tuesday, December 2**

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL This is a 1-12 mile self-guided\* hike on the Monon Trail. From the intersection of 116th St and Westfield Blvd/Rangeline Rd in Carmel go south to Central Park Dr (first intersection on right). Turn right (west) on Central Park Dr and go to the parking lot at the end. Meet on the Monon Trail under the walkway between the two buildings near the skateboard park. Hike repeats every Tuesday in December and January. (Map #51) (F,PS) Leader: Jo Anne Starzyk (844-2658)
- 9:30 AM CRAIG PARK, GREENWOOD This 8-mile hike, with a 5-mile option, begins at Craig Park parking lot on Smith Valley Rd near US 31 in Greenwood. Go south on I-65 to Greenwood exit, which is Main St. From Main St. go south on Emerson, which becomes Smith Valley Rd. Park in the lot on the right after you go under the pedestrian bridge. Hike will be on the Greenwood Trail and neighborhoods. Repeats each Tuesday in December. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Mary Lang (509-8251 cell)
- 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY FROM BROAD RIPPLE Meet in the free parking lot on Carrollton Ave ½ block south of Broad Ripple Ave for a 4-mile hike with shorter options. Look for a different route each time. Repeats on December 16 and 30 and January 13 and 27. (Map #16) (F,NS/PS,2.5-3) Various Leaders: including Macie Stephens (273-1726) and the S&E team
- 9:30 AM THREE LAKES TRAIL HIKE & TRAIL MAINTENANCE Join us for a 7 mile out and back hike on the Three Lakes Trail in Morgan Monroe State Forest. On the return part of the hike we will perform trail maintenance on a two-mile section of the trail that our Club has adopted. Trail Maintenance is optional; you can just hike if you wish. Maintenance will include removal of limbs, brush and trash, trimming plant growth, and limited trail conditioning. Recommended tools include clippers, loppers, rake, hoe, shovel and other cutting tools. Be sure to bring gloves, snacks and water. Allow about 1 ¼ hours travel time from I-465 SW. Take SR 37 south about 4 miles south of Martinsville. Turn left at the Morgan Monroe SF sign and go about 4 miles to the forest entrance. Turn left at the entrance and then take an immediate right to the Bryant Creek Lake parking area just inside the forest entrance. We will start from Bryant Creek Lake and hike 3 1/2 miles and back. Credit hours toward a Trail Maintenance Award will be given to each participant. (M, NS, 2.5-3) Leader: Chuck Turner (777-2594)
- 1:00 PM CLERMONT – PINECREST AND ROBEY PARK WOODS Meet at Clermont Lion's Club Park. From I-465 W take exit 16A and go west on IN 136 (Crawfordsville Rd). Turn left at the fifth stoplight which is Tansel Rd. Go .3 miles to the park on your left for a 5-6 mile hike. (Map #44) (F,NS/PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (329-2779 or 652-2779 cell)
- 6:00 PM SOUTHPORT Meet behind (north side) Walgreens at the NE corner of Southport Rd and Madison Ave for a 5-mile guided hike. The route may vary each week. (F,PS,3) Leader: David Kincaid (787-6593)

**Wednesday, December 3**

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK Meet at food court near Dick's on the north side of Castleton Square between the hours of 8-10 a.m. for a self-guided\* hike of up to 12 miles with shorter options. Repeats each Wednesday in December and January, except Christmas Eve. (F,PS) Leader: Dick Bacon (585-8742)
- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS This 7-8 mile brisk all trail hike is a great way to stay in shape. Meet in Eagle Creek Park (fee) at lot just inside the 56th St entrance. Hike repeats each Wednesday in December and January except Christmas Eve. Join us at Starbuck's after the hike, except on

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- December 10<sup>th</sup> when a special event is planned (see Dec 10). (Map #40) (M,NS,3-3.5) Leaders: Jeff Edmondson (733-0143 or 450-2526 cell) and Chuck Turner (777-2594)
- 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL Join us for a 4-mile walk in downtown Indy. Expect a different route each week. Take I-65 to Michigan St exit. Then go west a short distance to Meals on Wheels at 708 E. Michigan St. Alternatively, take Meridian St to North St and turn east. Go past College one short block to Spring St and turn right. Please park on the right side of the building beside the fence. Repeats each Wednesday December and January, except Christmas Eve. (Map #25) (F,PS,2.5-3) Various Leaders: including Macie Stephens (273-1726) and the S&E team
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE This will be a 6-mile hike through quaint neighborhoods, the Zionsville Rail Trail and possibly Starkey Park. Meet in Zionsville Town Hall parking lot at 1100 W Oak St across from McDonalds. From I-465 N take Michigan Rd north and turn left (west) on 116th St and go to 1<sup>st</sup> St in downtown Zionsville. Go right on 1<sup>st</sup> St then left (west) on Oak St to the town hall. Repeats each Wednesday in December and January, except Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. (Map #34) (F,PS,3.5) Various Leaders including Cathy Harms (872-1201), June Sergi (844-7883) and Janet Cohen (873-6586)
- 6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE Meet in the northeast corner of the Marsh at Lockerbie parking lot at 320 N. New Jersey for a 5 or 7-mile self guided\* hike in downtown Indy. Repeats each Wednesday in December and January, except Christmas Eve and New Years Eve. A special holiday guided option will be available on December 10 and 17. (Map #26) (F,PS) Leader: John Lyghtel (578-9756 or 626-9117 cell)
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 1.

**Thursday, December 4**

- 9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK ON THE BOULEVARD TRAIL Note, new parking location. Meet at the new Walmart located at 5550 Fall Creek Pkwy N Dr, which is at the corner of 56th St and Fall Creek Pkwy. Main entrance is the first right off of Fall Creek Pkwy. Park in the rear of the east lot. This will be a 6-mile hike north on the Fall Creek Trail, with an optional additional two miles through Skiles Test Park. The first half we will walk together; the second half will be at your own pace. Hike repeats each Thursday in December and January, except Christmas Day. (Map #45) (F,PS,3-3.5) Leaders: Tish Brafford (251-8907, 531-6700 cell), Charlotte Lyle (457-4638) and Jo Anne Starzyk (844-2658)
- 9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK Meet at the Earth Discovery Center parking lot in Eagle Creek Park (fee), which is located off of 56th St just west of the Colts facility. Choose either a moderately paced 5-mile hike over, around, up and down through the woods (M,NS,3) or a 4-mile slower hike mostly on groomed trails. These hikes are popular with new members and guests and usually draw a crowd. Hikes repeat every Thursday in December and January, except Christmas Day. (Map #17) Leaders: Ed Wright (in December 219-5536), Ron Clark (in January 769-6566 or cell 626-1553), Bob Kriz (882-7083) and various other leaders.
- 1:00 PM GREENWOOD AFTERNOONS This will be a 5-mile hike. Meet at Greenwood Airport, 799 E. County Line Rd. Turn at airport sign on south side of County Line Rd, west of Emerson; follow roadway south, then curving to left. Repeats each Thursday in December and January, except Christmas Day. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Ricki Jo (782-8147)
- 3:45 PM GET FIT ON THE FITNESS TRAIL From I-465 E go east on US 52 to Rushville. Turn left on Spencer St (right after you go by the VP) and take it to the stop sign and turn right. Continue until you pass the football field on the left and turn left on Lions Path. Meet in the lot across from Rushville HS. Okay to use the restrooms. This will be a 10-mile walk with a 6-mile option on the fitness trail, in the park and around the schools. Hike repeats each Thursday in December and January including Christmas Day and New Year's Day. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Julie Litten (407-4652)
- 6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE From I-465 E go east on 56th St and turn left on Lee Rd. Meet in the back parking lot of the YMCA on Lee Rd for 6-8 mile hike. Repeats each Thursday in December and January, except Christmas Day, New Year's Day and January 8. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Rick Braun (679-2972)

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**Friday, December 5**

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK Meet at food court near Dick's on the north side of Castleton Square between the hours of 8-10 a.m. for a self-guided\* hike of up to 12 miles with shorter options. Repeats each Friday in December and January. (F,PS) Leaders: Rick Kinnaman (407-9746) and Dick Bacon (585-8742)
- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE Join us for a 6-mile hike with a shorter option, through quaint neighborhoods, the Zionsville Rail Trail and possibly Starkey Park. From I-465 N take Michigan Rd north to 116th St. Turn left (west) and go to downtown Zionsville and turn right on 1st St (one block past Main) and then left on Oak St. Take Oak St to the Zionsville Town Hall parking lot at 1100 W Oak St across from McDonalds. Join us for coffee after the hike. Repeats each Friday in December and January. (Map #34) (M,PS,3.5-4) Leader: Susan Sievers (344-2635, 513-5239 cell)
- 9:00 AM TGIF IS BACK! Join us for a 6, 8 or 10-mile road or trail hike. Who knows? Meet in Eagle Creek Park (fee) at lot just inside 56th St entrance that is just west of the Colts facility. Hike repeats every Friday in December and January. (Map #40) (M,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Donna Chastain (347-0107, 489-2245 cell)
- 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY AT GARFIELD PARK From I-70 in downtown Indy go south on I-65. Exit on Raymond St (exit 109) and go right (west) on Raymond about 1/2 mile to Pleasant Run Pkwy N Dr and turn left (south) go to the next stoplight. Turn left onto Pagoda Dr, then turn left again and park next to the swimming pool. This is a 3-4 mile hike in and around Garfield Park. Repeats each Friday in December and January. (Map #52) (F,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leaders: David Kincaid (787-6593) and the S&E team
- 1:30 PM HIKE & VISIT THE LILLY HOUSE On this hike we will visit the the Lilly House at the IMA which will be decorated for Christmas (no fee). Then we will walk on the towpath and the "100 Acre Woods" for 5-6 miles. Meet at the Christian Theological Center parking lot on Haughey St and 43rd St. From 42nd and Michigan Rd, go east to Haughey St. Then go one block north to the CTS parking lot on the left. Or from Illinois St you can go west on 42nd to Haughey St and go one block north to the parking lot. (F,PS/HS/NS,3-3.5) Leaders: June Sergi (372-3018), Cherie Voege (848-7674) and Kathy Whalen (409-3265).
- 6:00 PM BUTLER, ROCKY RIPPLE AND NEIGHBORHOODS We will scale this hike back to 5-miles during the winter and alter the route to include the Butler campus, Rocky Ripple and nearby neighborhoods. Meet near door #1 at the front of Hinkle Fieldhouse, which is located on 49th St, west of Boulevard Place. Hike repeats every Friday evening in December. (Map #32) (M,PS/NS,3.5) Leader: Jim Griffin (294-1121)

**Saturday, December 6**

- 8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL Sign in at the food court for this self guided\* hike. Take as many one-mile laps as you want between the hours of 8-10 a.m. Repeats each Saturday in December and January. (F,PS) Leader: Glee Crowder (859-8159)
- 9:00 AM NEET COVERED BRIDGE HIKE Allow 1½ hours travel from I-465 W. Go west on US 36 (Rockville Rd) to Rockville. Turn left onto Erie St (if you reach the Rockville courthouse you've gone too far), go one block and make a slight left onto Bridgeton Rd (follow the red and black arrow signs). Take first left after passing the Neet Bridge. Park in area just before the Neet Bridge for a 15-mile road hike. Bring snacks and water. (M,HS/PS,3.5-4) Leaders: Cindy West (370-1015), Mary Lang (509-8251) and Paula Perry (690-1464)
- 9:30 AM NEBO RIDGE TRAIL This will be a 17-mile all trail hike out and back on the Nebo Ridge Trail. We will be hiking at a brisk pace so please make sure you are physically prepared for this hike. Bring snacks/lunch and plenty of water. Allow 1.5 hours travel time from I-465 S. Take I-65 south to SR 46 at Columbus. Go west on SR 46 to SR 135 and turn south (left). Go 9 miles to the community of Story. At the Story Inn, go straight off SR 135 onto the unmarked paved Elkinsville Rd, which eventually becomes a gravel road. Travel about 2.7 miles; at a creek-bridge take the left fork and go 0.3 miles to the Nebo Ridge trailhead on your left. (H,NS,3-3.5) Leader: Mick Parker (430-5523-cell)
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN Meet in the free parking lot ½ block south of Broad Ripple Ave on Carrollton Ave for a self-guided\* 6 or 10-mile hike. Hike repeats each Saturday in December and January. (Map #16) (F,PS) Leader: Donna Maurer (328-1974 or 413-5709-cell)

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2:00 PM CHRISTMAS AT THE MILL Allow 2½ hours from I-465 (130 miles) taking I-70 East to Rt. 72 (Exit 54) in Ohio. Go south (right) on Rt. 72 to Clifton. Turn right at the mill on Water St. Go to curve at end of street and park in Clifton Gorge State Nature Preserve parking lot. This is a 5-mile woods hike along Little Miami River. Listen to rushing water in western Ohio's most scenic state park. Meet at 12:30 p.m. for lunch at the mill before the hike. For menu see [www.cliftonmill.com](http://www.cliftonmill.com). The Christmas light display (over 3.5 million lights) comes on at 6:00 PM (\$10.00/adult). (M,HS,2.5-3) Leader: David Kincaid (787-6593 or 224-6541 cell)

4:00 PM METAMORA AND WHITEWATER CANAL Allow 1 hour travel time from I-465 E. Take I-74 east to exit 119 and go east on SR 244 through Milroy to US 52. Turn right on US 52 toward Metamora. Go about 8 miles and just before the railroad crossing turn right, which will take you to the mill. There is plenty of parking & restrooms close by. Meet at the mill for a 6 mile walk along the canal and back. Afterwards join us for dinner at a local restaurant. Stay after dinner to visit the shops that will be decorated for Christmas. (M,HS,3) Leader: Julie Litten (407-4652-cell)

**Sunday, December 7** *Remember Pearl Harbor and Club Christmas Party*

7:30 AM MONON TRAIL AT 96TH STREET OPTIONS Self-guided\* walk along the Monon Trail (1-18 miles). Meet at 96th St at the Monon trail. From north Meridian, go east on 96th St. just past the Monon trail and turn left into the parking lot. Hike repeats on January 4. Leader: Jim or Elizabeth Robinson (450-1015 cell or 587-0066 home)

9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP From I-465 N exit on Michigan Rd heading south. Turn left at first light (92nd St) and go ¼ mile to the Beef and Boards Dinner Theatre on the left. Meet in the parking lot in front of the building to the right of Beef and Boards. This will be a 5-mile walk with a 4-mile option on paved roads. Hikers may choose to stay for a 45-minute non-denominational contemporary religious service at the Garden at Beef & Boards. Repeats each Sunday in December and January. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Marty Burton (306-9878)

10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE Meet in the free parking lot ½ block south of Broad Ripple Ave on Carrollton Ave for a self-guided\* 6 or 10-mile hike. Repeats each Sunday in December and January. (Map #16) (F,PS) Leader: Kathy Whalen (409-3265)

2:00 PM CHRISTMAS PARTY Nativity Catholic School, 7225 Southeastern Ave is once again the venue for the annual Hiking Club Christmas Party for members and their invited guests. A traditional Christmas dinner will be served by Excalibur Catering, following which we will recognize winners of the 2014 Achievement Awards and new 25-year members. Deadline for reservations was November 25, but we may be able to squeeze you in if you call Jo Anne. BYOB if you so desire. Please bring a donation of non-perishable foods that will be given to St. Vincent DePaul, a local food pantry that serves 3,300 families each week. From I-465 E exit at Southeastern Ave (exit 49), go west approx. 0.5 miles to first left turn toward Marion County fairgrounds sign. Make a second left immediately at the stop sign (Southeastern Ave) and go approximately 1.5 miles to church on your right side. Enter into school parking lot on Meadows Dr. If you have any questions call Jo Anne Starzyk (844-2658)

**Monday, December 8**

9:00 AM SILVER BELLS Hike will be 6 miles through downtown Indy to view the holiday decorations. Take I-65 to Michigan St exit. Then go west a short distance to the Meals on Wheels building at 708 E. Michigan St. Alternatively, take Meridian St to North St and turn east. Go past College one short block to Spring St and turn right. Park to the right of the building beside the fence. (Map #25) (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Tish Brafford (251-8907, 531-6700 cell)

In keeping with the Christmas spirit and in recognition of the important work Meals on Wheels does for the community and their generosity in allowing us to use their parking lot throughout the year, please consider bringing a donation to help restock their food pantry. Since most of their clients are on restrictive diets they mainly need diabetic-friendly and low-sodium canned food items, such as individual fruit, meat, fish, soup and vegetable cups that can be heated in a microwave and individual packets of crackers, cookies, cereal, pudding, jello, dried fruit, etc. Alternatively, you can say thank you by giving a tax-deductible check made out to Meals on Wheels. Someone will be there to receive your gifts before the hike.

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- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS Meet in Eagle Creek Park (fee) at lot just inside 56th St entrance for a 6 or 8-mile road hike. We will walk together for the first 3 miles to the restroom stop, then faster hikers may go on at their own pace. Repeats on the remaining Mondays in December and January, except January 5. (Map #40) (M,PS,3.5) Leader: Janet Cohen (873-6586)
- 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY From the 700 block of West 38th St, go north on Clarendon Rd to the cemetery entrance. Meet at the north end of the first parking lot for a 4-mile hike with a 5-mile option. Walk repeats on December 22 and January 5 and 19. (Map #42) (M,PS/NS,2.5-3) Various Leaders: including Macie Stephens (273-1726) and the S&E team
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- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 1.

**Tuesday, December 9**

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See December 2.
- 9:30 AM HOLLIDAY PARK Join us for a 6-mile hike in Holliday Park and nearby neighborhoods. Enter at the north entrance to the park (no fee) located off of Spring Mill Rd just south of 64<sup>th</sup> St. Meet at NW end of the Nature Center. Repeats on December 16 and January 6 and 20. (Map #47) (M,NS/PS,3-3.5) Leader: Chuck Turner (777-2594)
- 9:30 AM CRAIG PARK, GREENWOOD See December 2.
- 10:00 AM DOWNTOWN AND A ROOM WITH A VIEW This 6 mile hike will take us along the White River and in and around the IU Hospital area where we will seek out the "Room With the View". We will meet at the Eiteljorg Museum at 500 W. Washington St. Parking is free at the museum garage if you join us for lunch after the hike at the Eiteljorg Sky City Cafe. Come along and enjoy. (Map #33) (F,PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (329-2779 or 652-2779 cell)
- 6:00 PM SOUTHPORT See December 2.

**Wednesday, December 10**

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 3.
- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See December 3. After today's hike, everyone is invited to Phil & Katy Smith's house for soup and dessert. They will provide directions to their home at the hike.
- 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See December 3.
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See December 3.
- 6:00 PM DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY SEASON HIKE See December 3. In addition to the usual 5 or 7-mile self guided\* option, tonight and on December 17 John will lead a moderate pace (3-3.5 MPH) guided hike through downtown to view the holiday decorations with an optional dinner stop after the hike.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 1.

**Thursday, December 11**

- 9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK ON THE BOULEVARD TRAIL See December 4.
- 9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See December 4.
- 1:00 PM GREENWOOD AFTERNOONS See December 4.
- 3:45 PM GET FIT ON THE FITNESS TRAIL See December 4.
- 6:00 PM CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE OF WEST CLAY Come join us for a 5-6 mile hike in the Village of West Clay to view the Christmas lights. Bring flashlights. After the hike join us for pizza in the village. We will meet at Coxhall Gardens 2000 West 116th St Carmel, IN. Go north on Meridian St (US 31) and turn left (west) on 116th St and go about 2 miles. Turn right (north) onto Hoover Rd and turn into park entrance. We will meet in the parking lot near the playground. (F,PS,NS,3) Leaders: Don Hayes (694-1385) and June Sergi (372-3018)
- 6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See December 4.

**Friday, December 12**

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 5.
- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See December 5.
- 9:00 AM TGIF IS BACK! See December 5.

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9:30 AM BROWNING MOUNTAIN This will be an 8-9 mile hike including trails, old roads, and a little bushwhacking. The destination will be the famous Browning Mountain with its Hoosier Stonehedge. Bring some snacks and some hot chocolate. Allow 1.5 hours travel time from I-465 S. Take I-65 south to SR 46 at Columbus. Go west on SR 46 to SR 135 and turn south (left). Go 9.0 miles to the community of Story. At the Story Inn turn off SR 135 and turn south (west) onto the unmarked gravel road (this road shows as Elkinsville Rd even though it is unmarked). Travel 2.7 miles. At a creek-bridge take the left fork and go 0.3 miles to the Nebo Ridge Trailhead on your left. (H,NS,2-2.5) Leader: Chuck Turner (777-2594)

9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY AT GARFIELD PARK See December 5.

10:00 AM HOLLIDAY PARK AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS This will be a moderate 5-mile hike to stretch our legs and get the winter bugs out of ourselves. Depending on the condition of the trails, we will walk the trails in Holliday Park or nearby neighborhoods. Meet in the Nature Center parking lot. Enter the park from 64th St and Spring Mill Rd. As you enter the park, go left at the "T". Repeats on December 19 and January 9 & 16. (Map #47) (NS/PS,M,2.5-3) Leader: Jackie King (658-4375 cell)

1:00 PM BOOK CLUB HIKE Read *Follow the River* by James Alexander Thom before attending this 6-mile hike on the Monon Trail. Meet near the Information Desk of the Monon Center (west building) 1235 Central Park E Dr. From N. Meridian St (US 31) go east on 106th St 1.5 miles to Westfield Blvd. Turn left (north) on Westfield and go about 0.7 miles. Park entrance (look for sign) will be on your left just past 111th St. Bring snacks and water. Join us on the hike even if you did not read the book. We'll have the book discussion after the hike. (Map #51) (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Katy Smith (966-8702)

6:00 PM BUTLER, ROCKY RIPPLE AND NEIGHBORHOODS See December 5.

**Saturday, December 13**

8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 6.

9:30 AM CHRISTMAS VOLKSMARCH Meet in the lobby of the downtown Hyatt Regency (One South Capitol Ave between Washington & Maryland St) for a 6 or 12 mile self-guided hike. Each hiker must have a walk card (free) to be stamped at the checkpoints and turned in at the starting desk when the hike is completed. We may participate in the Volksmarch at no charge, however donations are appreciated. (F,PS) Leader: Marti Applegate (784-3721 or 289-1756-cell)

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See December 6.

2:00 PM BAXTER YMCA AND PERRY PARK Meet in parking lot for Baxter YMCA on Shelby St at Stop 11 Rd (south entrance). This is right off US 31 on Indy's south side. This is a neighborhood hike of 5 miles. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: David Kincaid (787-6593, 224-6541-cell)

**Sunday, December 14**

9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See December 7.

9:30 AM HIKE AND CROCHET ON INDY'S NW SIDE Join me for a 5-mile hike along the paved Eagle Creek Trail from the Starbucks at Intech Park at I-465 and W 71st St. We will have coffee after at Starbucks, so bring your crochet or knit projects to work on. Supplies will be provided if you would like to learn. From I-465 W exit at 71st St and go west. At the first stoplight turn left into Intech Park and then take the first left to the Starbucks. We will meet in Starbucks parking lot. Hike repeats on Sunday, January 18. (M,PS/NS,3-3.25) Leader: Joan Griffiths (297-7312)

10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See December 7.

10:00 AM MARY GRAY BIRD SANCTUARY Allow 1 1/2 hours travel time from I-465 E. Take SR 52 to Rushville, go east on SR 44 about 11 miles (watch for large grain bins) to CR 525W. Turn right and go to the "T". Turn left and go to the first road on the right (Bird Sanctuary Rd). Turn right and go a few miles to where the road makes a sharp turn to the left; the entrance to Mary Gray is on the right. Watch closely for the entrance. Meet in parking area on your right across from the "Red Barn". Hike will be 6-7 miles with shorter options. Plan to go to the Lakeview Restaurant in Mt. Auburn on US 40 after the hike. (M,NS,2.5) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (346-1802 or 412-5190-cell)

**Monday, December 15**

9:00 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See December 1.

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See December 8.

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- 10:00 AM MARTIN STATE FOREST See December 1.
- 6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See December 1.
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See December 1.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 1.

**Tuesday, December 16**

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See December 2.
- 9:30 AM CRAIG PARK, GREENWOOD See December 2.
- 9:30 AM HOLLIDAY PARK See December 9.
- 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY FROM BROAD RIPPLE See December 2.
- 10:00 AM CLERMONT NORTHSIDE We will explore Miller Park and the northern part of Clermont on this 5-6 mile hike. Meet at Clermont Lion's Club Park. From I-465 W exit at 38th St and go west. At the end of 38th St the road turns south and becomes Dandy Trail. Stay on Dandy Trail until you reach SR 136 (Crawfordsville Rd). Turn right and go to the first stop light which is Tansel Rd. Turn left and go .3 mi to the park on your left. (Map #44) (F,NS/PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (329-2779, 652-2779 cell)
- 6:00 PM SOUTHPORT See December 2.

**Wednesday, December 17**

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 3.
- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See December 3.
- 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See December 3.
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See December 3.
- 6:00 PM DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY SEASON HIKE See December 3. In addition to the usual 5 or 7-mile self guided\* option, tonight John will lead a moderate pace (3-3.5 MPH) guided hike through downtown to view the holiday decorations with an optional dinner stop after the hike.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 1.

**Thursday, December 18**

- 8:30 AM DEPAUW NATURE PARK & DEPAUW UNIVERSITY Allow one-hour from I-465 W. Take I-70 west to the Cloverdale/Greencastle (US 231) exit. Turn right (north) and follow US 231 for about 7 miles into Greencastle. At the courthouse in downtown Greencastle turn left on Jackson St (west side of the courthouse) and drive one block and turn right on Walnut St. Continue 1/2 mile to park entrance on the left side. Follow the driveway about one mile to the main parking lot for a 6 or 10-mile scenic hike around the park and university. Hike repeats on January 22. (M,HS/PS,3.5) Leader: Lucy Neal (517-315-9200 cell; 765-653-1502)
- 9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK ON THE BOULEVARD TRAIL See December 4.
- 9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See December 4.
- 1:00 PM GREENWOOD AFTERNOONS See December 4.
- 3:45 PM GET FIT ON THE FITNESS TRAIL See December 4.
- 6:00 PM GANACHE TRUFFLE CHRISTMAS HIKE Join us for an evening hike of 5 miles through the town of Zionsville which will be lit up and decorated for Christmas. From I-465 N go north on Michigan Rd (US 421) and left on 116th St to Zionsville. Note Lions Club Park on your right just before you enter the village. Meet at the main parking lot of Lions Club Park (115 S Elm St) located on Oak St, just east of the intersection of Elm St and Oak St and on the southern border of the park. Bring flashlights/torches. Join us for dinner afterwards at Friendly Tavern. (M,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Jeff Edmondson (733-0143)
- 6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See December 4.

**Friday, December 19**

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 5.
- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See December 5.
- 8:30 AM PLAINFIELD TRAILS Meet at the southwest corner of the Plainfield Recreation and Aquatic Center parking lot at 651 Vestal Rd. From I-465 W take Washington St (US 40) west 8.4 miles through Plainfield. Turn right at the first stoplight west of town onto Vestal Rd. Go .5 miles to the

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parking lot that is on the right. Hike is 6 or 10 miles. Hike repeats on January 23. (Map #50) (F,PS,3.5-4) Leader: Lucy Neal (517-315-9200 cell; 765-653-1502)

- 9:00 AM TGIF IS BACK! See December 5.
- 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY AT GARFIELD PARK See December 5.
- 10:00 AM HOLLIDAY PARK AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See December 12.
- 6:00 PM BUTLER, ROCKY RIPPLE AND NEIGHBORHOODS See December 5.

**Saturday, December 20**

- 8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 6.
- 9:30 AM BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK - SCHOONER TRACE TRAIL This is a 10-mile loop hike which includes the challenging Schooner Trace expert bike trail. We will be hiking at a brisk pace so please make sure you are physically prepared for this hike. Bring lunch, snacks and plenty of water. From I-465 S take I-65 south to Columbus exit and SR 46 west to Brown County SP (fee). Or take SR 135 south to Nashville and turn left(east) on SR 46 to the park entrance. After entering the park follow signs to the campground. Turn right when you see the sign for the campground registration. On your immediate right and just before you go through the campground gate is the parking lot for the Rally Campground and Ogle Hollow Nature Preserve. (H,NS,3-3.5) Leader: Mick Parker (430-5523 cell)
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See December 6.
- 10:30 AM VANDALIA TRAIL (EAST) / PLAINFIELD Join us for a 6-mile walk from the Recreation Center through Franklin Park and east along the paved Vandalia Rail Trail. A self-guided 2-mile option is available. Meet at the southwest corner of the Plainfield Recreation Center parking lot located at 651 Vestal Rd. From I-465 W, exit on Washington St. and travel west about 8.4 miles through Plainfield. Turn right at the first stop light west of town onto Vestal Rd. Travel about 0.5 mile and turn right into the Rec Center Parking Lot. Join us for lunch at the Oasis Diner, a historic 1954 diner recently restored and relocated in Plainfield. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Terry Roesch (910-2943-cell)
- 3:00 PM HAZEL DELL OPTIONS IN CARMEL You choose: a 3-5 mile group hike (F,PS,3.25-3.75) in the nearby neighborhoods and/or a self-guided\* walk along Hazel Dell (1--8 miles). Hike starts at Main St and Hazel Dell Pkwy in Carmel. Meet in the Carmel Burgers parking lot at the northwest corner of Hazel Dell and 131st St (Main St). Join us for a bite at Carmel Burgers after the hike. Hike repeats on January 10. Leaders: Jim or Elizabeth Robinson (450-1015 cell or 587-0066 home)

**Sunday, December 21**

- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See December 7.
- 10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See December 7.
- 3:30 PM FRANKLIN CHRISTMAS LIGHTS Come enjoy Christmas lights at both the Masonic Home and Franklin United Methodist retirement communities. Hike will be 6 to 7 miles with a stop about midway at Bob and Mary Ann Layman's cottage for cookies, coffee and hot chocolate. Follow US 31 south through Franklin past the intersection of SR 44 and US 31. Go over Young's Creek and turn left at the Indiana Masonic sign. Go 0.8 miles to the Beeson Recreation Center. (396 Branigin Blvd) on the left. (F,PS,3.5) Leaders: Mary Williams (422-9384, 919-8574 cell) and Mary Ann Layman (346-1802 or 412-5190 cell)

**Monday, December 22**

*First Day of Winter*

- 9:00 PM NORTH CARMEL LOOP Meet in the northwest parking lot in front of Whole Foods on the north side of Clay Terrace outdoor mall for a 6-mile loop hike on the Hagen-Burke and Monon Trails and through downtown Carmel. From I-465 N take US 31 (Meridian) north 5 miles to Clay Terrace Blvd. Turn left and drive through the mall to the last parking lot on the left before you get to 146th St. (Map #14) (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Ed Wright (219-5536)
- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See December 8.
- 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY See December 8.
- 10:00 AM MARTIN STATE FOREST See December 1.
- 6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See December 1.
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See December 1.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 1.

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**Tuesday, December 23**

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See December 2.
- 9:30 AM CRAIG PARK, GREENWOOD See December 2.
- 6:00 PM SOUTHPORT See December 2.

**Wednesday, December 24 *Christmas Eve***

- 9:00 AM A CHRISTMAS EVE TRADITION Join us for this fun annual event on the day before Christmas. Hike will be 5 miles at a moderate pace through downtown Indy, which should be buzzing with Christmas spirit. Wear your Santa hat, reindeer antlers, jingle bells and bring your grandkids. The leaders will treat everyone to hot chocolate (or your beverage of choice) on the Circle. Take I-65 to Michigan St exit. Then go west a short distance to the Meals on Wheels at 708 E. Michigan St. Alternatively, take Meridian St to North St and turn east. Go past College one short block to Spring St and turn right. Park to the right of the building beside the fence and if that gets full in the back of the main lot. (Map #25) (F,PS,3) Leaders: Ed and Linda Wright (219-5536)

In keeping with the Christmas spirit and in recognition of the important work Meals on Wheels does for the community and their generosity in allowing us to use their parking lot throughout the year, please consider bringing a donation to help restock their food pantry. Since many of their clients are on restrictive diets they mostly need diabetic-friendly and low-sodium canned food items, such as individual fruit, meat, fish, soup and vegetable cups that can be heated in a microwave and individual packets of crackers, cookies, cereal, pudding, jello, dried fruit, etc. Alternatively, you can say thank you by giving a tax-deductible check made out to Meals on Wheels. Someone will be there to receive your gifts before the hike.

**Thursday, December 25 *Merry Christmas***

- 9:30 AM MORNING IN MAROTT The Tollefsons traditionally lead this hike on Christmas morning. Meet at the Marott Park parking lot on College Ave across from Park Tudor between 71st and 75th St for a 5-6 mile hike. If the trails are icy we will move the hike to mostly paved surfaces. (M,NS/PS,3.5) Leaders: Brad (490-9878) and Susan Tollefson (258-6690)
- 3:45 PM GET FIT ON THE FITNESS TRAIL See December 4.

**Friday, December 26**

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 5.
- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See December 5.
- 9:00 AM TGIF IS BACK! See December 5.
- 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY AT GARFIELD PARK See December 5.
- 6:00 PM BUTLER, ROCKY RIPPLE AND NEIGHBORHOODS See December 5.

**Saturday, December 27**

- 8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 6.
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See December 6.

**Sunday, December 28**

- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See December 7.
- 10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See December 7.

**Monday, December 29**

- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See December 8.
- 10:00 AM MARTIN STATE FOREST See December 1.
- 6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See December 1.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 1.

**Tuesday, December 30**

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See December 2.
- 9:30 AM CRAIG PARK, GREENWOOD See December 2.

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9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY FROM BROAD RIPPLE See December 2.

6:00 PM SOUTHPORT See December 2.

**Wednesday, December 31** *New Year's Eve*

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 3.

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL - FORT MEYERS, FL If you find yourself in southwest Florida over the holidays please join us for a 12-mile, with a 6 and 9 mile option, on the paved John Yarbrough Linear Park Trail in Fort Myers. Meet at the trail less than one block west of Metro Pkwy on the north side of Daniels Pkwy. Park in the grass on the east side of the trail. Call if you need more precise directions. Hike repeats on January 7. (F,PS,3.5) Leaders: Marge and Rick Braun (317-679-2972)

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See December 3.

9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See December 3.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 1.

**Thursday, January 1** *Happy New Year*

9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK ON THE BOULEVARD TRAIL See December 4.

9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See December 4.

1:00 PM GREENWOOD AFTERNOONS See December 4.

3:45 PM GET FIT ON THE FITNESS TRAIL See December 4.

**Friday, January 2**

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 5.

8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See December 5.

9:00 AM TGIF IS BACK! See December 5.

9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY AT GARFIELD PARK See December 5.

6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI Meet in downtown Shapiro's Deli lot, 808 S. Meridian St, for a 6-mile hike. Please park in the rear of the lot away from the restaurant entrance. Repeats every Friday in January. (Map #41) (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Jim Griffin (294-1121)

**Saturday, January 3**

8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 6.

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See December 6.

2:00 PM HILL VALLEY EAST Meet in parking lot for Baxter YMCA on Shelby St at Stop 11 Rd (south entrance). This is right off US 31 on Indy's south side. This is a neighborhood hike of 6-miles, with a 5-mile option. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: David Kincaid (787-6593 or 224-6541 cell)

**Sunday, January 4**

7:30 AM MONON TRAIL AT 96TH STREET OPTIONS See December 7.

7:30 AM SANIBEL ISLAND, FL What better way to start 2015 than with a Sanibel Beach hike! We will hike 14 miles, with a 6-mile option, along beautiful sandy beaches on Sanibel to the lighthouse and all the way to Blind Pass. There is a \$6.00 fee to cross the bridge to Sanibel. Carpooling is available prior to going over the bridge at the Tanager Outlet Mall, 20350 Summerlin Rd, Fort Myers. Meet at 7:00 AM at the flagpole. Or meet at 991 Whelk on Sanibel Island. Join us for lunch after the hike. (F,NS,3.5) Please contact leaders Judi Lewis (317-605-6987) or Marge Braun (317-331-0570) for additional information.

9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See December 7.

10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See December 7.

1:30 PM CARMEL-WHITE RIVER GREENWAY From the intersection of Keystone and 131st St (Main St) in Carmel, proceed east through roundabout intersection of 131st St and Hazel Dell Parkway for approximately .5 mile to Lawrence Inlow Park which is on the north side of 131st St. This is a 6-mile hike from the park to a greenway footpath. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Cheryl Smolecki (696-8922)

2:00 PM WHITE LICK CREEK TRAIL/ PLAINFIELD Join us for a 6-mile walk on a paved trail, which starts at the Plainfield Recreation Center and goes through Friendship Gardens to Hummel Park and back to the Recreation Center. A self-guided 2 mile option is available. From I-465 W, exit on Washington

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St and travel west about 8.3 miles going through Plainfield. Turn right at the first stop light west of town onto Vestal Rd. Travel about 0.5 mile and turn right into the Recreation Center. Meet in the southwest corner of the parking lot. (F,PS, 3) Leader: Terry Roesch (910-2943-cell)

**Monday, January 5**

- 9:00 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See December 1.
- 9:00 AM MORNING CONSTITUTIONAL See December 1.
- 9:30 AM FASHION MALL Join us at the Fashion Mall at Keystone At The Crossing. This is a self-guided\* hike of 1 mile loops between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. We will meet in the Food Court located on the west side of the mall next to Urban Outfitters. Try to arrive by 9:30 a.m. since we will do one lap as a group to learn the route then you may walk at your own pace. From I-465 N exit at Keystone Ave going south. Take the first exit off Keystone at 86<sup>th</sup> St and go left (east) and proceed to the mall entrance. Park in front of the Food Court and meet inside. Hike repeats each Monday in January. (F,PS) Leaders: Cherie Voege (848-7674) or June Sergi (372-3018)
- 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY See December 8.
- 6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See December 1.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 1.

**Tuesday, January 6**

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See December 2.
- 9:30 AM HOLLIDAY PARK See December 9.
- 10:00 AM BRADFORD WOODS Since the facility is closed today, the first hike will be next Tuesday.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD NIGHTS From I-465 S take I-65 south to exit 99 - Greenwood. Turn right (west) on Main St. Meet in the parking lot located at the corner of Madison Ave and Main St for a 5-mile guided hike. Repeats each Tuesday in January. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: David Kincaid (787-6593)

**Wednesday, January 7**

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 3.
- 9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL - FORT MEYERS, FL See December 31.
- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See December 3.
- 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See December 3.
- 1:00 PM CHAPEL HILL AND BEN DAVIS From I-465-W and 10th St go one mile west on 10th to Girls School Rd. Park in the NE corner of the parking lot on the southwest corner of the intersection in front of Marsh. We will explore the neighborhood and the campus of Ben Davis High School. (F,PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (329-2779 or 652-2779 cell)
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See December 3.
- 6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See December 3.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 1.

**Thursday, January 8**

- 9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK ON THE BOULEVARD TRAIL See December 4.
- 9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See December 4.
- 1:00 PM GREENWOOD AFTERNOONS See December 4.
- 3:45 PM GET FIT ON THE FITNESS TRAIL See December 4.

**Friday, January 9**

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 5.
- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See December 5.
- 9:00 AM TGIF IS BACK! See December 5.
- 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY AT GARFIELD PARK See December 5.
- 10:00 AM HOLLIDAY PARK AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See December 12.
- 6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See January 2.

**Saturday, January 10**

- 8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 6.

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- 9:00 AM MORGAN MONROE STATE FOREST - LOW GAP TRAIL This is an 11-mile loop hike and we will be hiking at a brisk pace so please make sure you are physically ready for this hike. Bring snack/lunch and plenty of water. If weather permits and the group is interested we can extend this hike to make it a 17 or 18-mile hike or you can stop after the 11 mile loop. Allow 1 1/4 hours travel time from I-465 S. Take SR 37 south to about 4 miles south of Martinsville. Turn left at the sign for Morgan Monroe State Forest and go about 4 miles to the forest entrance and proceed into the forest for about 4.7 miles. Meet at the Forest Headquarters parking lot. (H,NS,3-3.5) Leader: Mick Parker (430-5523 cell)
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See December 6.
- 10:00 AM WHITEWATER STATE PARK WINTER HIKE & PITCH-IN AT LEADER'S CABIN This will be a 6-9 mile hike depending on weather and trail conditions. From I-465 S take US 52 east and go to Rushville; then take SR 44 east to Liberty. Turn right onto SR 101 to park entrance (fee?). Follow park signs to Family Cabins and meet at cabin #14. Plan to stay for a pitch-in after the hike. Bring a dish to share and your drink. Paper products, coffee & hot chocolate will be provided. (M,NS,2-2.5) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (346-1802-home or 412-5190 cell – cells may not work in park)
- 3:00 PM HAZEL DELL OPTIONS IN CARMEL See December 20.

### **Sunday, January 11**

- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See December 7.
- 10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See December 7.
- 1:00 PM GREENFIELD Take I-70 east to the Greenfield exit. Turn right (S) on SR 9 and go ½ mile to the stoplight. Turn left (E) and go 0.7 mile to North Apple St. Turn right (S) and continue 1.9 miles to Riley Park. Meet in the parking lot next to the pool for a 5-6 mile hike in historic Greenfield. Sorry, no restrooms. Hike repeats on January 25. (F,PS/NS,3-3.5) Leader: Julie Litten (407-4652-cell)
- 10:00 AM SUNDAY IN BLOOMINGTON: HIKE, LUNCH AND IU WOMEN BASKETBALL GAME From I-465 S take SR 37 south to Tapp Rd in Bloomington. Turn left and go 2 1/4 miles on Tapp Rd-Country Club Rd past the golf club on the right. Continue across Rogers St to just before the next traffic light - Walnut St. Turn left into the shopping plaza and park behind Old National Bank. This will be a 6-mile hike on the Bloomington Trail. Following the hike join us for lunch at a local restaurant. Stay for the IU Women Basketball game (\$5) starting at 2:00 PM. Directions to the restaurant and game will be provided at the hike. (F,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-876-4024 or 812-322-3972)

### **Monday, January 12**

- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See December 8.
- 9:30 AM FASHION MALL See January 5.
- 1:00 PM CHAPEL GLEN NEIGHBORHOOD Meet in the lower parking lot on the south side of Chapel Glen Elementary School, 701 Landsdowne Rd, for a 5-6 mile hike in and around the adjoining neighborhood. From I-465 W take 10th St west approximately 2.2 miles to Landsdowne Rd (not far past Country Club Rd). Turn south on Landsdowne and go several blocks to Chapel Glen School on your left. (F,PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (329-2779 or 652-2779 cell)
- 6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See December 1.
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See December 1.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 1.

### **Tuesday, January 13**

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See December 2.
- 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY FROM BROAD RIPPLE See December 2.
- 10:00 AM BRADFORD WOODS As we have every year since 1988, we will once again be privileged to hike these beautiful and often snowy woods. From I-465 SW take SR 67 southwest about 8 miles past Gray's Cafeteria in Mooresville. Watch for the sign for Bradford Woods. Turn right into the entrance and follow signs up a one-way hill to the office parking lot. Hike will be 5-6 miles with shorter slower options. Since we must pay IU to use Bradford Woods will assess each hiker a modest fee of \$2.00. The hike will start from the parking lot. We may use the restrooms, but not the dining hall. Hike repeats on the remaining Tuesdays in January. Join the group for lunch after the hike at either

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Poe's or Grays. (M,NS,2.5) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (346-1802, 412-5190 cell or [malayman@earthlink.net](mailto:malayman@earthlink.net))

6:00 PM GREENWOOD NIGHTS See January 5.

### Wednesday, January 14

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 3.

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See December 3.

9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See December 3.

10:00 AM COCKROACH BAY PRESERVE, RUSKIN, FL If you are fortunate enough to be near Tampa FL in January, join us for a 4-mile hike at a nature preserve that has abundant wildlife. During the hike we will climb Mt. Cockroach. From I-75 south of Tampa take exit 240 west and proceed on SR 674 west about 3 miles to US 41 (Tamiami Trail). Go south on US 41 about 2 miles to Cockroach Bay Rd, which is across the street from a Circle K. Turn right and go about 2 miles west to Gulf City Rd. Turn north and drive about 200 yards and meet in the parking lot on the west side. Sorry no restrooms. After the hike join us for lunch at a local restaurant. (F,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Lavagnino (813-645-0624)

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See December 3.

6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See December 3.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 1.

### Thursday, January 15

9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK ON THE BOULEVARD TRAIL See December 4.

9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See December 4.

1:00 PM GREENWOOD AFTERNOONS See December 4.

3:45 PM GET FIT ON THE FITNESS TRAIL See December 4.

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See December 4.

### Friday, January 16

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 5.

8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See December 5.

9:00 AM TGIF IS BACK! See December 5.

9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY AT GARFIELD PARK See December 5.

10:00 AM HOLLIDAY PARK AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See December 12.

6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See January 2.

### Saturday, January 17

8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 6.

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See December 6.

2:00 PM AVON TOWN HALL IN THE WINTER Bundle up and join us for a 5-mile walk with a 4-mile option along paved walking trails, a nature trail and on sidewalks in a nearby subdivision. The park is located at 6570 E. US 36. From I-465 W exit on US 36 (Rockville Rd) and travel about 8 miles turning right into the park. Meet at the parking lot up by the playground. (M,PS/NS,3) Leader: Terry Roesch (910-2943-cell)

### Sunday, January 18

9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See December 7.

9:30 AM HIKE AND CROCHET ON INDY'S NW SIDE See December 14.

10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See December 7.

1:30 PM CARMEL FLOWING WELL From the roundabout at Keystone and 106th St proceed east one block to Lake Shore Dr West (fire station on corner). Turn north one block to Forest Dale Elementary School on the right. Park in the north (back) lot. This is a 6-7 mile hike through a variety of Carmel neighborhoods and winding through Flowing Well Park, mostly on paved surface. (F,PS/NS,3) Leader: Cheryl Smolecki. (696-8922-cell)

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**Monday, January 19** *Martin Luther King Day*

- 9:00 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See December 1.
- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See December 8.
- 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY See December 8.
- 9:30 AM FASHION MALL See January 5.
- 1:00 PM BOBBY KENNEDY AND MARTIN LUTHER KING MEMORIAL Join us on Martin Luther King Day for a 5 to 6-mile hike to the inspirational memorial to two famous fallen leaders and through Indy's old north side. Take I-65 to Michigan St exit. Then go west a short distance to the Meals on Wheels building at 708 E Michigan St. Alternatively, take Meridian St to North St and turn east. Go past College one short block to Spring St and turn right. Park to the right of the building beside the fence. (Map #25) (F,PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (329-2779, 652-2779 cell)
- 6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See December 1.
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See December 1.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 1.

**Tuesday, January 20**

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See December 2.
- 9:30 AM HOLLIDAY PARK See December 9.
- 10:00 AM BRADFORD WOODS See January 13.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD NIGHTS See January 5.

**Wednesday, January 21**

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 3.
- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See December 3.
- 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See December 3.
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See December 3.
- 6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See December 3.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 1.

**Thursday, January 22**

- 8:30 AM DEPAUW NATURE PARK & DEPAUW UNIVERSITY See December 18.
- 9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK ON THE BOULEVARD TRAIL See December 4.
- 9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See December 4.
- 1:00 PM GREENWOOD AFTERNOONS See December 4.
- 3:45 PM GET FIT ON THE FITNESS TRAIL See December 4.
- 6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See December 4.

**Friday, January 23**

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 5.
- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See December 5.
- 8:30 AM PLAINFIELD TRAILS See December 19,
- 9:00 AM TGIF IS BACK! See December 5.
- 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY AT GARFIELD PARK See December 5.
- 6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See January 2.

**Saturday, January 24**

- 8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 6.
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See December 6.
- 1:00 PM BOOK CLUB HIKE Read *River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey* by Candice Millard before attending this 5-6 mile hike starting at The Monon Community Center West Building (1235 Central Park E Dr). From N. Meridian St (US 31) go east on 106th St 1.5 miles to Westfield Blvd. Turn left (north) on Westfield and go about 0.7 miles. Park entrance (look for sign) will be on your left just past 111th St. Meet near the Information Desk of the Monon Center (west building). Bring snacks and water. Come even if you didn't read the book. We'll have the book discussion indoors after the hike. (Map #51) (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Kathy Whalen (409-3265)

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2:00 PM BAXTER YMCA TO SOUTHPORT RD Meet in SE corner of the parking lot for Baxter YMCA on Shelby St at Stop 11 Rd (south entrance). This is right off US 31 on Indy's south side. This is a neighborhood hike of 5 miles. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: David Kincaid (787-6593 or 224-6541-cell)

**Sunday, January 25**

9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See December 7.

10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See December 7.

1:00 PM GREENFIELD See January 11.

**Monday, January 26**

9:00 AM FALL CREEK TRAIL Note, new parking location. Meet at the new Walmart located at 5550 Fall Creek Pkwy N Dr, which is at the corner of 56th St and Fall Creek Pkwy. Main entrance is the first right off of Fall Creek Pkwy. Park in the rear of the east lot. This is an 8-mile hike with a 5-mile option. The 8-mile option includes a mile loop through the State Fair grounds. (Map #45) (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Tish Brafford (251-8907, 531-6700 cell)

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See December 8.

9:30 AM FASHION MALL See January 5.

10:00 AM INSIDE/OUTSIDE INDY Although some of this 5-mile hike will be outside, the goal is to beat the winter cold by seeking out tunnels, malls, sky bridges and other indoor routes throughout downtown Indy. We will meet at the Eiteljorg Museum at 500 W. Washington St. Parking is free at the museum garage if you join us for lunch after the hike at the Eiteljorg Sky City Cafe. Come along and enjoy. (Map #33) (F,PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (329-2779 or 652-2779 cell)

6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See December 1.

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See December 1.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 1.

**Tuesday, January 27**

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See December 2.

9:30 AM REIM WILSON CLEARWATER TRAIL, FL Join the Mainlands Walking Club (Elaine patterned this club after the IHC) for a sociable 6-mile hike through park areas. There are some facilities along the trail. From I-275 in Tampa allow about 35 minutes to your destination. From I-275 follow signs for SR 60 and proceed west across the Courtney Campbell Causeway. As you exit the bridge turn right on N McMullen Booth Rd and head north for 0.3 miles and then a left onto Drew St. Travel about 2 miles going under US 19 and then 0.3 miles after US 19 turn right onto Old Coachman Rd. Go about 0.8 miles to Old Coachman Park on your left. We will plan to have lunch after the hike in Safety Harbor. (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Elaine Wright (317-753-5516)

9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY FROM BROAD RIPPLE See December 2.

10:00 AM BRADFORD WOODS See January 13.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD NIGHTS See January 5.

**Wednesday, January 28**

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 3.

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See December 3.

9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See December 3.

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See December 3.

6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See December 3.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 1.

**Thursday, January 29**

9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK ON THE BOULEVARD TRAIL See December 4.

9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See December 4.

1:00 PM GREENWOOD AFTERNOONS See December 4.

3:45 PM GET FIT ON THE FITNESS TRAIL See December 4.

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See December 4.

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**Friday, January 30**

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 5.
- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See December 5.
- 9:00 AM TGIF IS BACK! See December 5.
- 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY AT GARFIELD PARK See December 5.
- 6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See January 2.

**Saturday, January 31**

- 8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 6.
- 9:30 AM MORGAN MONROE STATE FOREST - THREE LAKES TRAIL This is an 11 mile loop hike and we will be hiking at a brisk pace so please make sure you are physically ready for this hike. Bring snack/lunch and plenty of water. Allow 1 1/4 hours travel time from I-465 S. Take SR 37 south to about 4 miles south of Martinsville. Turn left at the sign for Morgan Monroe State Forest and go about 4 miles to the forest entrance and proceed into the forest for about 4.7 miles. Meet at the Forest Headquarters parking lot. (H,NS,3-3.5) Leader: Mick Parker (430-5523-cell)
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See December 6.

**PREVIEW OF FUTURE HIKES AND EVENTS:**

**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA – February 13 and 26** Nancy Larmore will be leading hikes at Punta Gorda, FL on the 13th and Port Charlotte, FL on the 26th followed by lunch. It is always fun to get together with IHC snowbirds in sunny Florida. Look for specifics in the February schedule.

**BROWN COUNTY PRESIDENTS DAY GETAWAY – February 16** Join us for a 6 mile hike and lunch by a warm fire in our cabin. Make reservations in the park for a room at the Inn or family cabin, by calling 877-563-4371 - two nights for the price of one, Sunday-Thursday. Book early because of President's Day weekend or drive down for the day. Also as in the past, Janet Cohen will be leading a 'Hot Chocolate Hike' in Brown County SP on Tuesday, February 17th. Look for details in the February schedule. Call Donna Chastain 347-0107 or Lynn Thurston 844-9686.

**A WEEK OF HIKING AND CULTURE IN THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY IN TEXAS - February 21-28** *If you haven't signed up and paid for the optional activities yet, please get your reservation in to Jean ASAP.* An informational meeting for this trip was held on August 21. If you were unable to attend and plan to go on this trip, please contact Jean ([jeanballinger77@gmail.com](mailto:jeanballinger77@gmail.com)), so she can email you the information, as some of the activities require sign-up and advance payment. A block of 35 rooms has been reserved at Drury Inn, 612 W. Expressway 83, McAllen, TX 78501 - 2 doubles-\$101.95 [18 rooms], 2 queens-\$104.95 [10 rooms], or king-\$94.95 [7 rooms]. Call 800-325-0720 and refer to Group number 2212146 to make your reservation. Rooms will be released on January 20. Travel days are Sat., Feb. 21, and Sat., Feb. 28, with hikes and activities for 6 days (Sun., Feb. 22 – Fri., Feb. 27). Hike at three Texas state parks (Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley, Resaca de la Palma and Estero Llano Grande), two national wildlife refuges (Laguna Atascosa and Santa Ana), the beach of South Padre Island and the Palo Alto Battlefield National Historical Park, and visit two world birding centers (Quinta Mazatlan and South Padre Island). Culture includes a sunset dolphin watch boat cruise in the bay, cruise on the Rio Grande River, shrimp boat tour and shrimp boil, see shows of Branson artists who spend winters in the Rio Grande Valley, and visit the border town of Nuevo Progreso, Mexico. Fly to and stay in McAllen. You will need a passport to visit Mexico. Leader: Jean Ballinger (696-2120 or [jeanballinger77@gmail.com](mailto:jeanballinger77@gmail.com))

**WINTER WEEKEND AT SPRING MILL STATE PARK – March 20-22** Our annual winter weekend will be at Spring Mill State Park. We have reserved a block of 30 rooms at the Inn. To make your room reservation call Spring Mill at 1-877-563-4371. Our group code is 320151. Double-Double & Queen rooms are \$99.67 including tax and Queen-Queen and King rooms are \$119.83 including tax. Our block of rooms will be released on February 20. Hikes are planned for Saturday AM and PM and Sunday AM. Look for more details in the March schedule. If you have questions please contact Mary Ann Layman at 346-1802, 412-5190 cell or e-mail at [malayman@earthlink.net](mailto:malayman@earthlink.net).

**18th ANNUAL SMOKY MOUNTAINS LONG WEEKEND – April 16-18** Mark your calendar for the annual Club trip to Smoky Mountains National Park. It's not too early to make your room reservations in Gatlinburg, TN. Some suggestions are Riverhouse at the Park (865-436-2070), Bearskin Lodge on the River

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(across the street from Riverhouse) (865-430-4330) and Carr's Cottages & Motel (865-436-4836). Contact Jean Ballinger at 696-2120 or [jeanballinger77@gmail.com](mailto:jeanballinger77@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

**CARMEL MARATHON AND HALF MARATHON – April 18** A number of our members enter this race each year and rave about the route. Choose either a full or half marathon. If you are interested you can register online at [www.carmelmarathon.com](http://www.carmelmarathon.com). Fee goes up on January 1.

**C&O CANAL ONE DAY HIKE – April 25** Once again our long distance hikers will attempt to tie the Club single day distance record. Although it requires a lot of conditioning, please consider joining them for the mid-Atlantic region's oldest long-distance day hike - 100K (62.14 miles with shorter options) from Washington DC to Harpers Ferry, WV. The hike is an annual event sponsored by the DC Sierra Club. Check [www.onedayhike.org](http://www.onedayhike.org) for details on registration, lodging, etc. Registration opens February 1, 2015 at 5 p.m. EST and fills very quickly (last year's race filled within ½ hour). Registration must be handled individually; there is no option for a "group registration". Rita Bymaster will be coordinating our participation again this year. Contact her at [ritabymaster@aol.com](mailto:ritabymaster@aol.com) or by phone at 317-509-1711.

**500 FESTIVAL MINI-MARATHON – May 2** Be one of the 35,000 participants in the country's largest half marathon, usually well attended by Club members. Train for the mini on our hikes and get in shape for the summer. Register at [www.500festival.com](http://www.500festival.com). A tiered pricing structure is now in place with prices going up after January 1. This very popular 13.2-mile race sells out every year, usually before the end of the year so register soon if you are interested.

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK, ESTES PARK, CO – September 7-11** Narcisso Povinelli is planning a return visit to his favorite national park, similar to the Club trips he led in 2006 and 2012. Hikes are planned for Monday 9/7 through Friday 9/11, with an optional hike on Saturday 9/12 for those staying over until Sunday. Most hikes will be moderate distance (5-7 miles) with modest altitude gain (usually under 1,000 feet). Shorter and more challenging options will be available on most days, making the trip suitable for just about everyone. All hikes will offer beautiful mountain vistas, flowing streams, pristine lakes and golden aspens. You are guaranteed to see many elk this time of year. Since most hikes will ascend over 8,000 feet, give yourself at least 24 hours (preferably longer) to adjust to the altitude before you start to hike. So plan to arrive on Saturday or Sunday. You will want to attend an information meeting on Sunday evening September 6 at a place to be announced. You will need to make your own flight (to Denver), hotel and car reservations. There are many accommodations in Estes Park to choose from - elegant to modest. Here are a few suggestions. Valhalla Resort (where Narcisso and most other Club members plan to stay) offers nicely appointed vacation homes with living room, equipped kitchen, fireplace, cable TV, deck, BBQ and 1-3 bedrooms. Linens and towels are included. Each unit is different and so are the rates. Since this is a popular time of the year call soon. Check [www.Valhallaresort.com](http://www.Valhallaresort.com) or call 1-800-522-3284. Mention you are with the Hiking Club and ask for a senior discount if you are over 62. Also, check out [www.estesparkresort.com](http://www.estesparkresort.com) or [www.estes-park.com](http://www.estes-park.com) for many more accommodations and information about the area. For more information contact Narcisso Povinelli at 317-784-9381 or [narcisso\\_povinelli@sbcglobal.net](mailto:narcisso_povinelli@sbcglobal.net).

**PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:**

Felice Cloyd	Bloomington, IN	Karen Givan	Fishers, IN
Roger Hammond	Carmel, IN	Russ Himes	Pittsboro, IN
Tim Killion	Avon, IN	Linda Linder	Indianapolis, IN
Shirley Wilson	Avon, IN	Jan Wark	Indianapolis, IN
Alan Cloe	Indianapolis, IN	Elizabeth Bowman	Indianapolis, IN
Ted and Linda Bush	Indianapolis, IN	Danielle Langford	Indianapolis, IN
Judy McBride	Westfield, IN	Jean Tygum	Indianapolis, IN
John Bacone	Indianapolis, IN		

**WELCOME BACK THE FOLLOWING REINSTATED MEMBERS:**

James Kendall	Avon, IN	Shirley Overton	Plainfield, IN
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**RECENT MILEAGE AWARDS:**

Allan Roberts	32,500	Emily Hudson-Burch	7,000	Charlotte Gluschenko	500
Mary Lester	23,500	Ruth Ann Loser	5,500	Peggy Christensen	500
David Kincaid	18,000	Charlotte Lyle	4,500	Theresa Ray	400
Ed Wright	17,000	Sylvia Davis	3,000	Carole Canull	400
Joanne Applegate	12,000	Tom Roesch	3,000	Phil Coons	300
Julie Litten	11,000	Mike Khalil	3,000	Polly Lybrook	300
Cheryl Conwell	10,500	Betsy Friedenberg	2,500	Deb Barnes	300
Pat Lawler	10,000	Mike Seeman	2,500	Gary Fine	300
Mary Williams	9,000	Jo Anne Starzyk	2,000	Jerry Ritchie	200
Bob Layman	9,000	Curtis Hinds	1,500	Jim Swinford	100
Jim Shoufler	8,000	Cherie Seeman	1,000	L Neal Pearcy	100
Marge Braun	7,000	Donna Peyton	1,000	Soheila Mansouri	100
Jane Hilaire	7,000	Elizabeth Robinson	1,000		

**MEMBER NEWS:** We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the following members:

Susan Mannan whose mother died in late September.  
 Karen Hewitt whose husband Tim recently passed away.  
 Anita Dansker whose mother died in early November.  
 Mary Kay Johnson whose 96 year old mother in law recently passed away.  
 Sue Maki whose 89-year old mother died on November 13.

Also we wish a speedy recovery to the following members:

Connie Kelly who is recovering from Lyme disease.  
 Lee Kestle who had his appendix removed in October, but is back hiking again.  
 Kathy Aitchison has mostly recovered from nerve surgery last summer and hopes to be hiking again soon.  
 Congratulations to Glee Crowder who is hiking and leading again just two months after having a hip replaced.  
 Long-term member Libby Moore had a port installed in her stomach in early November to receive nourishment.  
 Rick Kinnaman who recently had rotator cuff shoulder surgery.  
 Cheri Seeman who is recovering from foot surgery in mid-November.  
 Jeff Roberts who had surgery to repair a ruptured Achilles tendon on November 17.  
 Jean Ballinger, Penny Edmondson and Rena Elsner who are making good progress healing from foot and ankle injuries.

**NOTE OF APPRECIATION:**

Thanks to the Club members who made my 70th birthday hike. It was fun and made the day even more special. Also, it was great to have many at the Steer-In for some good eats and conviviality. Lots and lots of thanks to all. *Susanne McNeely*

**WANT MORE INFORMATION?** For more information about our Club please visit our website at [www.indyhike.org](http://www.indyhike.org) or contact our Membership Officer Mary Williams, 695 Old Plank Road, Franklin, IN 46131 (422-9384 or [marylynn2@yahoo.com](mailto:marylynn2@yahoo.com)). To become a member you must be 18 years old and have hiked with us at least twice as a guest. A Membership Application may be printed from the "forms" page on the website or ask Mary to send you one. You do not have to be invited to hike with us and there is no fee, simply show up for any hike 10 minutes before the scheduled start time, but please no pets unless the hike is designated as a "pet" hike.

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