



The Indianapolis Hiking Club

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Happiness - A Step at a Time



SCHEDULE FOR APRIL AND MAY 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 for weekend hikes or Ed Wright (219-5536) 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. You may also access the maps from the hike schedule page on the website.

BOOK CLUB HIKES: Jackie King is hosting a book club hike on Friday, April 24 at 9:30 a.m. Also, John Gaebler will lead a book club hike on Friday, May 15 at 1:00 p.m. See hike descriptions for details about the hikes and books.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS: We are considering making some changes to our awards for next year and would love to have input from the Club. If you have any ideas how the awards program could be improved let Chuck Turner (chaslee08@yahoo.com) or Pat Lawler (patricialawler2@me.com) know your thoughts. Thanks so much!

TRAIL MAINTENANCE OPPORTUNITIES: Chuck Turner, Director of Conservation, would like to encourage everyone to look into helping with some trail maintenance. We are scheduling some maintenance hikes ourselves on the Three Lakes Trail in Morgan Monroe State Forest but there are many more opportunities available with other clubs and groups. Check www.indyhike.org/docs/TrailMaintOpportunities.pdf for a list of local organizations performing trail maintenance who welcome volunteers. And don't forget to report your volunteer hours to Chuck (chaslee08@yahoo.com) using the Trail Maintenance Award form on the www.indyhike.org/forms page.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND AT GNAW BONE CAMP: Come and be a part of the Club's 45th traditional Memorial Day weekend at Gnow Bone Camp on May 23-25. Please consider what a wonderful experience it would be to spend quality time with your grandkids and their friends in this beautiful setting allowing them to build memories like the ones we did many years ago. If you receive the hiking schedule in the mail, a reservation supplement is included with the schedule. If you view the schedule from the website you may print a copy of the reservation form at www.indyhike.org/forms. Cutoff for reserving a cabin is May 18 or you may choose to book at a nearby hotel or come down for the day. See the write-up in the schedule and the reservation form for details.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER: The Club has fully embraced spring after our challenging winter with an aggressive April/May schedule of hikes; please take advantage. Also, we have several interesting events and trips scheduled throughout the year.

As we begin anew, I want to express my gratitude to the great Board with whom I am privileged to work. Their many good ideas and dedication to keep our Club a well functioning organization are inspiring. A special thank you to Marty Burton for her kind donation of around \$350 in postage stamps that will be used for Club postage

and save us all some money.

Another thank you to Bob Hackenberg for his recent improvements to the Club website. I have received several comments from members that the new features have made the website more user friendly.

Nell's Surprise 100th Birthday Party was a huge success. Fortynine members showed up and Nell was delighted. She liked it so much that she thinks we should do it more often.

Spring seems to be knocking at our door. So get out there and hike!

Pat Lawler
President IHC

HIKE SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 1 *April Fools Day*

- 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 April and May. (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 April and May. Join us at Starbuck's after the hike. (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 April and May. (Map #25) (F,PS,2.5-3) Leaders: David Kincaid (787-6593 and 864-9574 cell) and the S&E team
- 1:30 PM EAGLE CREST ON WEST SIDE OF EAGLE CREEK PARK (no fee) From I-465 W, exit at 71st St and head west to Lafayette Rd. Alternatively, if coming from I-65, exit at 71st St and go east to Lafayette Rd. Go north on Lafayette Rd 1 mile to Traders Lane. Turn left and go .3 miles to Wilson Rd. Turn right on Wilson and go .7 miles to Fishback Rd. Turn left on Fishback Rd and go .2 miles. Turn left into Eagle Crest area (7201 Fishback Rd). Park near the building. Hike will be 5-6 miles in the woods on unimproved trails. We should see plenty of wildflowers. Hike repeats on Wednesday April 22. (M,NS,3) Leaders: Ron & Claudia Clark (769-6566 or cell 626-1553)
- 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 1st St in downtown Zionsville. Go right on 1st St then left (west) on Oak St to the town hall. Repeats each Wednesday in April and May. (Map #34) (F,PS,3.5) Leaders: Janet Cohen (873-6586), Cathy Harms (413-6802) and various other leaders.
- 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 April and May. (Map #26) (F,PS) Leader: John Lyghtel (578-9756 or 626-9117 cell)
- 6:30 PM WOODFIELD FOR FIVE Join us for a moderate pace 5-mile hike on Indy's south side. From US 31 S go west on Smith Valley Rd or go east .9 miles from SR 135 (Meridian) to Yorktown Rd. (Barrington East/West subdivision). Go south one mile to Dreyer Rd (Woodfield subdivision) on right. Go all the way back around traffic circle to parking for pool and basketball court. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: David Kincaid (787-6593, 224-6541 cell)

Thursday, April 2

- 9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK ON THE BOULEVARD TRAIL Meet at the Walmart located at 5550 Fall Creek Pkwy N Dr, 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 west lot behind the Starbucks. This will be a 6-mile hike north on the Fall Creek Trail, with an optional additional two miles through Skiles Test

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- Park. The first half we will walk together; the second half will be at your own pace. Hike repeats each Thursday in April. Elaine Wright will return in May. (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 (M,NS,2.5). These hikes are popular with new members and guests and usually draw a crowd. Hikes repeat every Thursday in April and May. (Map #17) Leaders: Ed Wright (219-5536 or cell 371-2485), 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. Hike repeats each Thursday in April and May. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leaders: Ricki Jo (221-9893) and Mary Lang (509-8251 cell)
- 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 April and May. (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. Hike repeats each Thursday in April and May. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Rick Braun (679-2972)

Friday, April 3***Good Friday***

- 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. Hike repeats each Friday in April and May. (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 April and May. (Map #34) (M,PS,3.5-4) Leader: Susan Sievers (344-2635, 513-5239 cell)
- 9:00 AM TGIF! 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 April and May, look for a special option on May 29. (Map #40) (M,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Donna Chastain (347-0107, 489-2245 cell)
- 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 1/4 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. (Map #28) (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Chuck Turner (777-2594)
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL 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 5-6 mile hike in various neighborhoods surrounding Garfield Park. Hike repeats each Friday April and May. (F,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Glee Crowder

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(859-8159)

- 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 April. (Map #41) (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Jim Griffin (294-1121)

Saturday, April 4

- 8:00 AM FRANKLIN TRAIL, COLLEGE AND ROSES Follow US 31 south through Franklin past the intersection of SR 44 & 31. Go over Young's Creek and turn left at the Indiana Masonic sign. Go 0.8 miles to the Beeson Recreation Ctr. (396 Branigin Blvd.) on left. Park on west side of building. Hike is 11 miles with shorter options. Hike repeats each Saturday in April and May. (F,PS,3.5-4) Leader: Glee Crowder (859-8159)
- 9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL Enjoy a 6-12 mile hike on the paved Pennsy Trail. From I-465 E take I-70 east to Greenfield exit. Turn right on SR 9 and then left on New Rd (light by Starbucks). At roundabout, go right (south) on Apple St. After you cross US 40, look for the Pennsy trailhead parking lot on the right. This is a new trailhead with restrooms. Repeats each Saturday in April and May except May 2. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Julie Litten (407-4652)
- 9:00 AM DEAM WILDERNESS This will be a 16-mile hike at moderate pace. Meet at the trail head at Blackwell Campground. Allow 2 hours travel time. Go south on SR 37 and east on SR 46 through Bloomington. Turn right on SR 446, cross Monroe Reservoir causeway and go 4.3 miles further. Just after Maumee Boy Scout sign, turn left on Tower Rd into the Deam Wilderness and go ½ mile further to the Blackwell Campground trailhead. Or you can meet us at 8:30 a.m. to car pool at the parking lot just west of the SR 46/446 intersection in Bloomington. It's just past Chapman's, on the south side of the road. Plan on eating at Scenic View Restaurant after hike. Bring water and snacks. (H,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Chuck Turner (777-2594)
- 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 April and May. (Map #16) (F,PS) Leader: Donna Maurer (328-1974 or 413-5709 cell)
- 10:00 AM HIKE IN YELLOWWOOD FOREST Join us for a 5-mile hike in Yellowwood State Forest. Hike will include walking around the lake. Allow 1 1/2 hour from I-465 S. Take I-65 south to Columbus exit and proceed west toward Nashville on SR 46. At the light in Nashville, turn left and proceed on SR 46 towards Bloomington. Go about 5 miles and look for the Yellowwood State Forest sign and Knight's store. Turn right on Yellowwood Forest Rd and go to the Visitor Center (Forest Office) parking lot. (F/M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Narcisso Povinelli (874-6212)
- 10:00 AM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE From I-465 E go east on 56th St to Post Rd. Turn left (north) and go one block to Otis Ave. Turn right and meet at parking lot in front of veterinarian's office (9160 Otis Ave) facing the road. This is a 6-7 mile hike (no fee) with shorter options. (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Dick Underwood (506-0924)

Sunday, April 5***Easter Sunday***

- 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 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. Hike repeats each Sunday in April and May. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Marty Burton (306-9878)
- 9:30 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. Hike repeats each Sunday in April and May. (Map #16) (F,PS) Leader: Kathy Whalen (409-3265)
- 1:00 PM TEN AT ONE 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 April and May. (Map #16) (F,PS) Leader: Donna Maurer (328-1974 or 413-5709 cell)

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Monday, April 6

- 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 April 20 and May 4 and 18. (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 May 4. (Map #40) (M,PS,3.5) Leader: Kate Curtiss (247-0283)
- 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 April and May. (Map #16) (F,PS/NS,3-3.5) Leader: Mary Bruss (308-0182)
- 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 April and May. (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. Note, if the weather is nice we will probably go outside. Repeats each Monday in April and May and Wednesdays in May. (F,PS) Leader: Glee Crowder (859-8159)

Tuesday, April 7

- 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 April and May, except May 12. (Map #51) (F,PS) Leader: Jo Anne Starzyk (844-2658)
- 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 May 5. (Map #16) (F,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Macie Stephens (273-1726)
- 9:30 AM MERIDIAN HILLS AND TRAILS Join us for a south side 5-6 mile hike in Meridian Hills and nearby neighborhoods on mostly paved trails. From I-465 S, go south on South Meridian St (SR 135) and turn right onto West Banta Rd. Go about ½ mile and turn left off into Woodside Community Church, 329 West Banta, which is just past Lockwood Lane. Meet in the parking lot. Repeats every Tuesday in April and May. (F,PS,3) Leader: Glee Crowder (859-8159)
- 12:30 PM FORT HARRISON TRAILS From I-465 E exit at 56th St and go east to Post Rd. Turn left on Post and proceed to the park entrance (fee). Meet at the sledding hill parking lot where there is an open bathroom. We will do 5-10 miles depending on where you want to finish as we will be doing various loops. Some extra kudos will be given for trips up the sledding hill. Majority will be soft trails. Repeats on April 21 and May 5 and 19. (Map #18) (M,NS,2.75-3.25) Leader: Chuck Turner (777-2594)
- 1:00 PM WILDFLOWER HIKE AT HOLLIDAY PARK This is the first of four wildflower hikes on Tuesdays in April. One of the best places to view wildflowers in the metro area is Holliday Park. Meet at the Nature Center parking lot, 6340 Spring Mill Rd, for a 4-5 mile hike. (Map #47) (M,NS/PS,2.5) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (346-1802 or cell 412-5190)
- 6:00 PM UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS & ROSEDALE HILLS From I-65, go south on Keystone Ave about ½ mile to small shopping center on right (west) at 4040 S. Keystone. Meet at the south end of the parking lot for a 5-mile hike. Hike repeats each Tuesday in April. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: David Kincaid (787-6593 and 864-9574 cell)

Wednesday, April 8

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 1.
- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See April 1.
- 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See April 1.
- 10:00 AM GREENWOOD CEMETERIES This will be a 5-6 mile hike that will include exploring cemeteries on SR 135. After the hike join us for lunch. Meet at The Hearth at Stones Crossing Retirement Center,

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2339 S SR 136, which is 1.6 miles south of Smith Valley Rd on SR 135. (F,PS,3) Leader: Mary Williams (422-9384, 919-8574 cell)

- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See April 1.
6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See April 1.
6:30 PM WOODFIELD FOR FIVE See April 1.

Thursday, April 9

- 9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK ON THE BOULEVARD TRAIL See April 2.
9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See April 2.
1:00 PM GREENWOOD AFTERNOONS See April 2.
3:45 PM GET FIT ON THE FITNESS TRAIL See April 2.
6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See April 2.

Friday, April 10

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 3.
8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See April 3.
9:00 AM TGIF! See April 3.
9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See April 3.
10:00 AM SODALIS NATURE PARK Join us for a 4 mile moderate hike through Sodalis Nature Park, a conservation area established to protect the endangered Indiana bat. The park is located at 7700 S CR 975 E south of Plainfield. From southwest I-465, exit on IN-67 and travel south toward Camby for a little more than 5 miles. Turn right onto E CR 800 S and travel slightly more than a mile. Take second right onto S CR 975 E traveling 0.3 miles to park entrance on left. Meet in the parking lot in front of the lake. Join us for lunch at Gray Brothers Cafeteria after the hike. (F,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Terry Roesch (910-2943 cell or 718-5532)
6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See April 3.

Saturday, April 11

- 8:00 AM FRANKLIN TRAIL, COLLEGE AND ROSES See April 4.
9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See April 4.
9:30 AM MORGAN MONROE MODERATELY – THREE LAKES LOOP Allow 1 ½ hours from I 465 S. Take SR 37 south and go past Martinsville about 4 miles. Turn left at sign to Morgan-Monroe State Forest and go about 4 miles to forest entrance. Turn left and proceed to the Three Lakes Trailhead, which is before the ranger station. Bring water and trail lunch for a 10-mile hike. We will hike at a moderate pace to enjoy spring's emerging beauty, somewhere between "on steroids" and "wildflower gazing". (Map #28) (M,NS,2.5) Leader: Cheryl Smolecki (696-8922)
9:30 AM BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK - SCOONER TRACE/OGLE LAKE 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. We will hike the Scooner Trace trail and then continue on the Ogle Lake loop for a total of 14-15 miles. We will be hiking at a fairly brisk pace so please make sure you are physically prepared for this hike. Bring lunch, snacks and plenty of water. (H,NS,3-3.5) Leader: Mick Parker (430-5523 cell)
10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See April 4.
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 6 miles with a 5 mile option. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: David Kincaid (787-6593, 864-9574-cell)

Sunday, April 12

- 9:00 AM KNOBSTONE TRAIL: ELK CREEK LAKE TO OXLEY This will be a 12-mile out and back hike on a hilly stretch of the Knobstone Trail with several challenging climbs. Allow two hours travel time from I-465 S. Go south 77 miles on I-65 to Scottsburg (Exit/SR 56). Go west for 8.3 miles to the sign for

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Elk Creek or Ratts Rd. Turn left (south) and go 2.3 miles to Elk Creek entrance road to the Elk Creek Lake trailhead. (H,NS,2) Leader: Jeff Edmondson (733-0143 or 450-2526 cell)

9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See April 5.

9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE See April 5.

1:00 PM TEN AT ONE See April 5.

1:00 PM SUNDAY STROLL AT SAHM PARK From I-465 N, go north on Allisonville Rd to 91st St. Turn right (east) and go 0.8 mile to park entrance. Meet in the parking area near the Aquatic Center. This is a 5-6 mile walk in and outside the park to Culvers and back. Repeats on May 3. (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Dick Underwood (506-0924)

Monday, April 13

9:00 AM LET'S EXPLORE DOWNTOWN INDY Hike will be 6 miles through downtown Indy. 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)

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. Hike repeats on the remaining Mondays in April and May except May 4. (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 walk with 4 and 5 mile options (even shorter by request). Walk repeats on April 27 and May 11 and 25. (Map #42) (M/PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Marsha Hutchins (251-9078, cell 439-1468)

10:00 AM PATOKA LAKE (Newton-Stewart SRA) Allow 2 hours travel from I-465 S. Take SR 37 south to SR 64 west at English (10 miles) to 145 north (3 miles) to 164 west (1 mile) to Wickliffe. Turn north and follow signs to Visitor's Center parking lot for 6-7 mile hike. The scenic uplands include rock shelters, stone outcroppings, pine plantations and fine vistas of the lake. Repeats April 20 and 27. (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Nanette Tate (812- 254-8456).

6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See April 6.

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See April 6.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See April 6.

Tuesday, April 14

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See April 7.

9:30 AM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE From I-465 E go east on 56th St to Post Rd. Turn left (north) and go one block to Otis Ave. Turn right and meet at parking lot in front of veterinarian's office (9160 Otis Ave) facing the road. This is a 6-7 mile hike (no fee) with shorter options in the old fort grounds and nearby neighborhoods. Hike repeats on May 5. (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Dick Underwood (506-0924)

9:30 AM MERIDIAN HILLS AND TRAILS See April 7.

10:00 AM THE MILE SQUARE AND A FEW OTHER STOPS On this 5-6 mile hike we will trace the original boundaries of downtown Indy – North, East, South and West streets, plus some additional stops. Meet at Downtown Shapiro's Deli lot 808 S. Meridian St. Please park in the rear of the lot away from the restaurant entrance. (Map #41) (F,PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (652-2779 cell, 329-2779)

1:00 PM WILDFLOWER HIKE AT MCCORMICKS CREEK STATE PARK We usually see more varieties of wildflowers at this state park than any other location. From I-465 SW, take SR 67 southwest to Spencer. Turn left (east) on SR 46 and proceed to park entrance (fee). Meet at the Nature Center. This will be a 4-5 mile hike at a moderate pace with time to enjoy the many wildflowers in the park. Join us for lunch before the hike at 11:30 AM at Chambers in Spencer. To get to Chambers, turn right (west) on to SR 46 and go to Main St. Turn left on Main St and go several blocks to Market. Turn right onto West Market St. Chambers will be on your left just before the next intersection - S. Montgomery St. (M,NS/PS,2.5) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (346-1802 or cell 412-5190)

6:00 PM UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS & ROSEDALE HILLS See April 7.

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Wednesday, April 15

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 1.
9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See April 1.
9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See April 1.
4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See April 1.
6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See April 1.
6:30 PM WOODFIELD FOR FIVE See April 1.

Multi-Day Trip: Thursday, April 16 – Saturday, April 18

17th ANNUAL SMOKY MOUNTAINS WEEKEND Allow 7 hours to travel 400 miles. Go southeast on I-74 to I-275. Go south on I-275 around Cincinnati to I-75 south. Go south on I-75 to Knoxville, TN. Go east on I-640 to I-40. Continue east on I-40 to Exit 407 (Highway 66 – Sevierville exit). Go south on Highway 66, which becomes US 441, to Gatlinburg. Arrange your own accommodations. See *Preview of Future Events* section in the last schedule for hotel recommendations or call Jean Ballinger. Wednesday and Sunday will be travel days. There will be two hike options on Thursday and three on Friday and Saturday. Mick Parker and Jeff Edmondson will share leading challenging all day hikes that will include some major hills. Jim Shoufler will lead moderate morning and afternoon 5-6 mile hikes that will include some hills. All morning hikes will begin at the Sugarland Visitor Center in the national park and will start at 8:00 a.m. local (Gatlinburg) time. Most hikes will require a car shuttle to the trailhead. Check with the leader in the morning for the location of the afternoon hike, as it may not start from the Visitor Center. Bring water and snacks on all hikes and lunch on the long hikes. Leaders: Jeff Edmondson (733-0143 or 450-2526 cell), Mick Parker (430-5523 cell), Jim Shoufler (697-0744) and Jean Ballinger (696-2120)

Thursday, April 16

- 9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK ON THE BOULEVARD TRAIL See April 2.
9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See April 2.
1:00 PM GREENWOOD AFTERNOONS See April 2.
3:45 PM GET FIT ON THE FITNESS TRAIL See April 2.
6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See April 2.

Friday, April 17

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 3.
8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See April 3.
9:00 AM TGIF! See April 3.
9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See April 3.
6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See April 3.

Saturday, April 18

- 7:30 AM CARMEL HALF MARATHON If you are registered to participate in this event, you can obtain Club mileage by calling or emailing the leader who will verify your completion through the website race results. Start and finish lines are located just north of the Palladium at the intersection of 3rd Ave and City Center Dr (starting East on City Center Dr) in Carmel. For information about this self-guided hike, go to www.carmelmarathon.com. (F,PS) Leader: Tish Brafford (tish34@comcast.net or 251-8907)
8:00 AM FRANKLIN TRAIL, COLLEGE AND ROSES See April 4.
8:00 AM SUSAN G. KOMEN - RACE FOR THE CURE If you are one of the 40,000 people planning to participate in this year's 5K run/walk fund raiser for breast cancer research (registration required), you can get credit for 3 self-guided miles by calling or emailing the leader. (F,PS) Leader: Donna Chastain (347-0107 or dmchastain@sbcglobal.net)
9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See April 4.
10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See April 4.
10:00 AM FORT HARRISON & SKILES TEST NATURE PARK From I-465 E go east on 56th St. Turn left (north) on Post Rd and turn left into Fort Harrison SP (fee). Meet at Cherry Tree parking area for a 7-8-mile hike with shorter options. (Map #18) (M,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Dick Underwood (506-0924)

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Sunday, April 19

9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See April 5.

9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE See April 5.

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 May 17. (M,PS/NS,3-3.25) Leader: Joan Griffiths (297-7312)

1:00 PM WILDFLOWER HIKE AT HOLLIDAY PARK For all you weekenders who can't attend Mary Ann Layman's informative Tuesday wildflower hikes, this is a repeat of one she led on April 7. Holliday Park is one of the best places to view wildflowers in the metro area. Meet at the Nature Center parking lot, 6340 Spring Mill Rd, for a 4 mile slow and easy hike focusing on the flowers. (Map #47) (M,NS,2.5) Leader: Ed Wright (219-5536)

1:00 PM TEN AT ONE See April 5.

Monday, April 20

9:00 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See April 6.

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See April 13.

10:00 AM 'NEW AND IMPROVED' DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE Meet in front of the Eiteljorg Museum at 500 W Washington St for a 6-7 mile hike along the White River. Parking is free at the museum garage if you join us for lunch after the hike at the Eiteljorg Sky City Café. (F,PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (652-2779 cell, 329-2779 home)

10:00 AM PATOKA LAKE See April 13.

6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See April 6.

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See April 6.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See April 6.

Tuesday, April 21

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See April 7.

9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY AT FORT HARRISON STATE PARK From I-465 E take 56th St east to Post Rd and turn left. Park entrance (fee) is located at 59th and Post Rd. Meet at Delaware Lake lot for a 5-mile walk (shorter options as requested) on Harrison Trace and other paved surfaces. Walk repeats on May 19. (Map #18) (M,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Marsha Hutchins (251-9078, cell 439-1468)

9:30 AM MERIDIAN HILLS AND TRAILS See April 7.

10:00 AM CLERMONT NORTHSIDE and a FEW STOPS We will visit the north side of my hometown of Clermont and climb a hill. We will meet at The Clermont Lions' Club Park. From I-465 W take exit 16A onto Crawfordsville Rd heading west. Go to the 5th stoplight which is Tansel Rd. Turn left and go 1/3 mile. The park is on your left. (Map #44) (F,PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (652-2779 cell, 329-2779)

12:30 PM FORT HARRISON TRAILS See April 7.

1:00 PM WILDFLOWER HIKE ON THE WEST SIDE OF EAGLE CREEK This will be a modest paced 4-5 mile hike on the more rustic west side of Eagle Creek Reservoir with time to see the wildflowers. Take 56th St west past the main entrance to Eagle Creek Park and continue across the causeway. Take the first right (north) after the causeway into the fisherman's parking lot beside the large iron sculpture of a bear (no fee). (M,NS,2.5) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (346-1802 or cell 412-5190)

6:00 PM UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS & ROSEDALE HILLS See April 7.

Wednesday, April 22 *Earth Day*

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 1.

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See April 1.

9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See April 1.

1:30 PM EAGLE CREST ON WEST SIDE OF EAGLE CREEK PARK See April 1.

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See April 1.

6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See April 1.

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6:30 PM WOODFIELD FOR FIVE See April 1.

Thursday, April 23

9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK ON THE BOULEVARD TRAIL See April 2.

9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See April 2.

1:00 PM GREENWOOD AFTERNOONS See April 2.

3:45 PM GET FIT ON THE FITNESS TRAIL See April 2.

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See April 2.

Friday, April 24

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 3.

8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See April 3.

9:00 AM TGIF! See April 3.

9:30 AM BOOK CLUB HIKE Read *Cutting for Stone* a novel written by Ethiopian-born MD and author Abraham Verghese. The book is a saga of twin brothers orphaned by their mother's death at their births and forsaken by their father. By February 2012 the book had been on the NY Times bestseller list for more than two years. Meet in Haughville Library parking lot located at 2121 W Michigan St. From downtown Indy take W Michigan St west through the IUPUI campus and over the White River. Continue west on W Michigan St just past N. Belmont St. Library is on the southwest corner of N Belmont St and W Michigan St. We will hike 5-6 miles through the Westside medical center and stop for a snack and book discussion at Eskenazi Hospital. We will return to our cars after the discussion or walk back on your own if you do not participate in the discussion. (F,P,3-3.5) Leader: Jackie King (658-4375)

9:30 AM BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK 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. Meet there for a 10-11 mile hike on trails which should be ablaze with spring wildflowers. Bring snacks and water. (M,NS,2.5) Leader: Narcisso Povinelli (784-9384 or 874-6212 cell)

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See April 3.

6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See April 3.

Saturday, April 25

3:00 AM SIERRA CLUB ONE DAY HIKE Starts in Washington DC and continues along C&O towpath to the finish at Harpers Ferry, WV. Three members including the leader are registered for the self guided 100K which, once again, will tie our Club's single day distance record. Registration is currently closed for the 100K and 50K but may reopen with cancellations, so check www.onedayhike.org if you are interested or call the leader. Here's some interesting statistics: registrants are 51% men and 49% women. The median age is 43. There are 30 states represented, the most being VA (136), MD (79), and DC (60). 126 (36%) registered for the 100K; 224 (64%) for the 50K. (F,NS) Leader: Rita Bymaster (317-509-1711, ritabymaster@aol.com)

8:00 AM FRANKLIN TRAIL, COLLEGE AND ROSES See April 4.

9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See April 4.

9:00 AM DEAM WILDERNESS This will be a 21-mile hike at moderate pace. Meet at the trail head at Blackwell Campground. Allow 2 hours travel time. Go south on SR 37 and east on SR 46 through Bloomington. Turn right on SR 446, cross Monroe Reservoir causeway and go 4.3 miles further. Just after Maumee Boy Scout sign, turn left on Tower Rd into the Deam Wilderness and go 1/2 mile further to the Blackwell Campground trailhead. Or you can meet us at 8:30 a.m. to car pool at the parking lot just west of the SR 46/446 intersection in Bloomington. It's just past Chapman's, on the south side of the road. Plan on eating at Scenic View restaurant after the hike. Bring water and snacks. (H,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Chuck Turner (777-2594)

9:30 AM CASCADES PARK AND TRAILS (3550 N Kinser Pike Bloomington) This will be a 6-mile hike on trails. From I-465 S, take SR 37 south to Kinser Pike. Turn left (east) onto Kinser Pike, go to the T at the stop sign, turn left and look for entrance to the golf course on the left. Park at the first parking

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area on left across from the golf course parking lot. Plan on having lunch at a local restaurant after the hike. (M,NS,PS,3) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972)

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See April 4.

11:00 AM 12TH ANNUAL MUTT STRUT, 4TH ANNUAL FOR IHC This event is sponsored by the Indianapolis Humane Society and is a self-guided walk around the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. You do not need a dog to walk, but if you do bring a dog it must be on a non-retractable leash. The online registration fee is \$35.00 for ages 16+, \$20.00 for ages 8-15, 7 and under are free. Day of the event registration is \$40.00 and \$25.00. You must be registered to participate. Visit www.indymuttstrut.org to register and for information. Online registration must be completed by April 22. There is a \$5 discount if you register by March 31. Upon arrival, call the leader at 413-5709 to confirm meeting place. (F,HS) Leader: Donna Maurer (328-1974 or 413-5709 cell)

Sunday, April 26

9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See April 5.

9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE See April 5.

1:00 PM TEN AT ONE See April 5.

1:30 PM WILDFLOWERS AT SHRADER WEAVER NATURE PRESERVE Allow 1½ hrs from I-465 E. Take I-70 east to exit # 131, Wilber Wright Rd exit. Go right (south) to US 40. Turn left (east) and go to the 2nd road on right, Bentonville Rd. Turn right (south) and go to Bentonville to the stop sign. Turn left (east) at the stop sign (CR 700 N). Go to the 2nd road right (CR 450 W) and turn right (south). Shrader Weaver Nature Preserve will be on your right with a small parking area. It is between CR 600 N and CR 500 N. There are no restroom facilities so you may want to stop at the interstate exit facilities. Hike will be 5 miles with a 3-mile option, three miles will be devoted to wildflowers and the additional 2 miles will be on county roads. (F,NS/PS,3) Leader: Cheryl Smolecki (575-8819)

Monday, April 27

9:00 AM FALL CREEK TRAIL Meet at the Walmart located at 5550 Fall Creek Pkwy N Dr, 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 west lot behind the Starbucks. 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 April 13.

9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY See April 13.

10:00 AM VANDALIA TRAIL IN PLAINFIELD Join us for 6-mile walk from the Plainfield Recreation Center, thru Franklin Park and east along the Vandalia Trail. An additional 2 self-guided mile option is available. Meet at the southwest corner of the Plainfield Recreation Center parking lot located at 651 Vestal Rd. From I-465 west, 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 ½ mi to entrance on right. (Map #50) (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Terry Roesch (910-2943 cell or 718-5532)

10:00 AM PATOKA LAKE See April 13.

6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See April 6.

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See April 6.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See April 6.

Tuesday, April 28

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See April 7.

9:30 AM FORT HARRISON & SKILES TEST NATURE PARK From I-465 E go east on 56th St. Turn left (north) on Post Rd and turn left into Fort Harrison SP (fee). Meet at Cherry Tree parking area for a 7-8-mile hike with shorter options. Repeats on May 12. (Map #18) (M,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Dick Underwood (506-0924)

9:30 AM MERIDIAN HILLS AND TRAILS See April 7.

1:00 PM WILDFLOWER HIKE AT MOUNDS STATE PARK Allow 1¼ hours travel time from I-465 N. Take I-69 north to exit 26 (Anderson). Go north on SR 9 to SR 232. Turn right and follow signs to the park (fee). Meet at the Pavilion parking lot for a 4-5 mile moderate speed hike with shorter options. (Map #19) (M,NS/PS, 2.5) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (346-1802 or cell 412-5190)

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6:00 PM UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS & ROSEDALE HILLS See April 7.

Wednesday, April 29

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 1.

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See April 1.

9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See April 1.

1:00 AM PARK, HIKE, AND RIDE Come along with me for a nice 6-mile hike in downtown Indy and a ride on the People Mover. Meet at Downtown Shapiro's Deli lot 808 S. Meridian St. Please park in the rear of the lot away from the restaurant entrance. (Map #41) (F,PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (652-2779 cell, 329-2779)

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See April 1.

6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See April 1.

6:30 PM WOODFIELD FOR FIVE See April 1.

Thursday, April 30

9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK ON THE BOULEVARD TRAIL See April 2.

9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See April 2.

1:00 PM GREENWOOD AFTERNOONS See April 2.

3:45 PM GET FIT ON THE FITNESS TRAIL See April 2.

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See April 2.

Friday, May 1

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 3.

8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See April 3.

9:00 AM TGIF! See April 3.

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See April 3.

6:00 PM WHITE RIVER TRAIL This is a 7-mile hike on the White River Trail from 10th St to 30th St along Fall Creek and White River. If you wish, choose a 4-mile option by turning around at 16th St. Meet at the strip mall that is bounded by Indiana Ave, University Blvd and 10th St. Meet in the parking lot near the hot dog restaurant. Repeats on May 8. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Jim Griffin (294-1121)

Saturday, May 2

7:00 AM 500 FESTIVAL MINI-MARATHON AND 5K This famous 13-mile and 3-mile self guided hike starts and ends downtown. If you are one of the 35,000 people registered for this event, you can obtain club credit by calling or emailing the leader, who will verify your completion through the 500 Festival web site race results. (F,PS) Leader: Jackie Quarto (319-4144-cell; jquarto@sbcglobal.net)

8:00 AM FRANKLIN TRAIL, COLLEGE AND ROSES See April 4.

9:30 AM MCCORMICK'S CREEK STATE PARK This will be a 5-6 mile hike at McCormick's Creek State Park with an additional hike of 3 miles in the afternoon at Green's Bluff Nature Preserve. From I-465 SW take SR 67 southwest to Spencer and SR 46 east to the park (fee). Meet at the Nature Center. If you plan to do the afternoon hike at Green's Bluff, eat at the Inn or in Spencer and meet in the Inn parking lot at 1:30 p.m. to form car pools to travel to Green's Bluff Nature Preserve (see below). Parking is limited at Green's Bluff, thus the car pooling. (Map #24) (M,NS,2-2.5) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (346-1802 or 412-5190-cell).

9:30 AM NEBO RIDGE TRAIL This will be a 17-mile all trail hike out and back on the Nebo Ridge Trail. 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: Chuck Turner (777-2594)

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See April 4.

2:00 PM EXPLORE GREEN'S BLUFF NATURE PRESERVE This is a 3-mile nature hike. If possible, meet the morning hikers at McCormick's Creek State Park at the Inn parking lot at 1:30 p.m. where we will form carpools. Actual directions to Green's Bluff Nature Preserve: Take SR 67 south from I-465

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to Spencer. Turn left on SR 46 east. Go just past McCormick's Creek SP and turn right on SR 43. Go about 5 miles and turn right on Sherfield Road. Go 1 mile to a "T" and turn left and go about 0.4 mile to where the road ends at Green's Bluff Nature Preserve sign. Parking is limited so carpool as much as possible. No facilities. (M,NS,2-2.5) Leader: Philip Coons (291-1336 or 402-8810-cell).

Sunday, May 3

9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See April 5.

9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE See April 5.

1:00 PM TEN AT ONE See April 5.

1:00 PM SUNDAY STROLL AT SAHM PARK See April 12.

1:30 PM ICE CREAM HIKE IN CARMEL Join us for a 5-6 mile hike where we'll stop midway for an ice cream cone. 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. The Monon Center 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). (Map #51) (F,PS 3) Leader: Cherie Voegel (848-7674)

1:30 PM ROUND HILL CEMETERY Meet at 5145 S. Meridian St (next to SR 135) behind the license branch. This is a 5-6 mile hike in and around Round Hill Cemetery. Highlights are George Washington's Drummer Boy's grave and the grave of Herbert Lilleton. Hike repeats each Sunday in May except May 12. (M,NS,3) Leader: Glee Crowder (859-8159)

2:00 PM MCCLOUD NATURE PARK AND PERILLO'S Join us for a 5-6 mile trek through McCloud Nature Park located at 8518 Hughes Rd in North Salem (Hendricks County). Meet at the Nature Center parking lot. From I-465 W, merge onto I-74 at Exit 16B. Travel about 21 miles to SR 75, Exit 52. Turn left onto SR 75 and travel about 6.5 miles through North Salem. Turn right when SR 75 crosses W CR 500 N. You are now on Hughes Rd. Continue 1.5 m. to the park. An alternate route would be from I-465 W, taking US 36 (Rockville Rd) about 21 miles to SR 75. Turn right and travel about 6 miles to Hughes Rd. Turn left onto Hughes Rd traveling 1.5 miles to the park. Bring water. Join us for authentic Italian food at Perillo's Pizzeria & Italian Kitchen after the hike. Note: CASH only, no credit cards. (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Terry Roesch (910-2943 or 718-5532)

Monday, May 4

9:00 AM YMCA NEIGHBORHOODS Meet in parking lot at the south entrance of Baxter YMCA on Shelby St and Stop 11. This is right off US 31 on Indy's south side. It will be a neighborhood walk of 5 miles. Repeats every Monday in May. (F, PS, 3.5-4) Leader: Mary Lang (509-8251)

9:00 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See April 6.

9:00 AM MORNING CONSTITUTIONAL See April 6.

1:00 PM DECORATORS SHOW HOUSE WALK We will meet in the free parking lot 1/2 block south of Broad Ripple Ave on Carrollton Ave. From there we'll explore some of the beautiful parts of the Indy's northside for 5-6 miles. There are two show houses this year 4038 and 4044 N. Pennsylvania. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$18 seniors. Touring the houses and gardens is optional. (Map #16) (F,PS,3) Leader: June Sergi (372-3018)

6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See April 6.

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See April 6.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See April 6.

Tuesday, May 5

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See April 7.

9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY FROM BROAD RIPPLE See April 7.

9:30 AM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE See April 14.

9:30 AM MERIDIAN HILLS AND TRAILS See April 7.

10:00 AM FERDINAND-NAN-NAN STATE FOREST Allow 2.5 hours travel from I-465 S. Take I-65 south to I-64 west and exit SR 162 north to the community of Ferdinand. Proceed east on SR 264 to the marked entrance. Meet in parking lot near lake for an 8-mile hike. Repeats on May 19. (H,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Nanette Tate (812 254-8456)

12:30 PM FORT HARRISON TRAILS See April 7.

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6:00 PM HOMECOMING IN UNIVERSITY PARK From I-465 S take I-65 south to exit 99 - Main St in Greenwood. Go east about one mile and turn right into a subdivision called *Homecoming in University Park*. Go half way around the round-about and continue to the University Park sign. Turn right and park at the first parking lot. This hike is 5 miles with shorter options on sidewalks and blacktop footpaths through wooded areas. Hike repeats each Tuesday in May. (F,PS,3) Leader: David Kincaid (787-6593, 224-6541 cell)

Wednesday, May 6

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 1.

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See April 1.

9:15 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD This will be an 8-mile brisk walk with a 5-mile option in parks and neighborhoods in Greenwood. Take US 31 south to Main St. in Greenwood. Go west on Main St to the bottom of the hill and park at Westside Park on the right. Walk repeats every Wednesday in May. (PS,3.5-4) Leader: Mary Lang (509-8251)

9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See April 1.

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See April 1.

6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See April 1.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See April 6.

Thursday, May 7

9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK ON THE BOULEVARD TRAIL Meet at the Walmart located at 5550 Fall Creek Pkwy N Dr, 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 west lot behind the Starbucks. 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 May. (Map #45) (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Elaine Wright (753-5516)

9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See April 2.

10:00 AM STRINGTOWN AND 'THE VALLEY' Learn about the early history of Indianapolis as we hike these two areas of the near west side of Indianapolis. Meet in front of 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 Café. (Map #33) (F,PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (652-2779 cell, 329-2779)

1:00 PM GREENWOOD AFTERNOONS See April 2.

3:45 PM GET FIT ON THE FITNESS TRAIL See April 2.

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See April 2.

Friday, May 8

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 3.

8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See April 3.

9:00 AM TGIF! See April 3.

9:30 AM MILLENNIUM TRAIL, BERNHEIM ARBORETUM, KY This is a 14 mile strenuous hike due to the steep hills, distance and our pace will be brisk. This will be my first time on this trail so some exploring may be done. Please bring plenty of water and a snack/lunch. The Bernheim Arboretum and Research Forest is located 20 minutes south of Louisville. Allow about 2 hours from I-465 S. Take I-65 south through Louisville to exit 112 in Kentucky. Head east for approximately one mile on KY SR 245 (Clermont Road); the entrance is on the right-hand side of the road. We will meet at the Visitors Center and there is a \$5 entrance fee. (H,NS,3) Leader: Mick Parker (430-5523-cell)

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See April 3.

10:00 AM HIKE AND A FLICK Join us on 5-6 mile hike on the Greenway Trail in Franklin followed by lunch and a movie - *Annie Get Your Gun* - at the historic Artcraft. In between the hike and the movie we will eat lunch at Aunt Judy's. Then we will walk back to our cars. From I-465 S take I-65 south to Franklin exit. Turn right and go to second stop light, which is Eastview Dr, turn right and go to 4-way stop. Turn left and meet at Needham Elementary School, 1399 Upper Shelbyville Rd. Turn immediately left into parking lot and go to the back of the lot. This is the start of the Greenway Trail. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Mary Williams (422-9384 or 919-8574 cell)

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10:00 AM SLOW AND EASY AT SOUTHEASTWAY PARK This is a neat city park on Indy's far east side which features both paved and woods trails, a stream, and fields full of birds. From I-465 E go southeast on US 52 (Brookville Rd) to CR S 800 W (Carroll Rd - stoplight) on the Marion-Hancock county line. Turn right (south) and go 3.2 miles to park entrance on your right. Meet at Activity Center lot (no fee) for a 4-mile hike with shorter options. Join us for lunch afterwards at a local restaurant. Repeats on May 22. (F,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Marthene Kohlmeier (849-5051)

6:00 PM WHITE RIVER TRAIL See May 1.

Saturday, May 9

8:00 AM FRANKLIN TRAIL, COLLEGE AND ROSES See April 4.

9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See April 4.

9:30 AM EXPLORE CLIFTY FALLS Allow 2 hrs from I-465 S. Go south on I-65 to Exit 34A (Austin). Take SR 256 east to SR 62. Go left (north) on SR 62 to park's north gate (fee). We will meet in the parking lot of North Gate for a 10-mile hike thru the rugged Clifty Falls State Park. We will be hiking at a fairly brisk pace so please make sure you are physically prepared for this hike. Bring plenty of water and lunch/snacks. (H,NS,3-3.5) Leader: Mick Parker (430-5523-cell)

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See April 4.

10:00 AM CLIFTY FALLS STATE PARK – PART I Allow 2 hours from I-465 S. Go south on I-65 to Exit 34A (Austin). Take SR 256 east to SR 62. Go left (north) on SR 62 to park's north gate (fee). After entering, turn right and park at the Clifty Shelter lot for a 5-6 mile hike, parts of which will be rugged. If you are staying for the afternoon hike, plan to eat lunch at the lodge dining room. (M,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Jim Shoufler (485-4010)

1:30 PM CLIFTY FALLS STATE PARK – PART II Follow directions for morning hike to SR 256. Go east to SR 56 (instead of SR 62). Continue east on SR 56 to park's south gate (fee). Park at Clifty Inn for a 5-6 mile hike parts of which will be rugged. Come down early and join the morning hikers for lunch. (M,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Jim Shoufler (485-4010)

Sunday, May 10 *Mother's Day*

9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See April 5.

9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE See April 5.

1:00 PM TEN AT ONE See April 5.

Monday, May 11

9:00 AM GLENDALE Meet in the NE corner of the Glendale Mall parking lot behind Buffalo Wild Wings restaurant at 62nd St and Rural for a 6-mile hike in Broad Ripple and nearby neighborhoods. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Tish Brafford (251-8907, 531-6700 cell)

9:00 AM YMCA NEIGHBORHOODS See May 4.

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See April 13.

9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY See April 13.

6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See April 6.

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See April 6.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See April 6.

Tuesday, May 12

9:00 AM GEIST ON FALL CREEK Meet in the parking lot of Mama Bears Café at the northwest corner of Brooks School Rd and Fall Creek Pkwy. This will be a 6 mile moderate pace hike with a 2 mile self-guided addition. Repeats on Tuesday May 26. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Elaine Wright (753-5516)

9:30 AM FORT HARRISON & SKILES TEST NATURE PARK See April 28.

9:30 AM MERIDIAN HILLS AND TRAILS See April 7.

6:00 PM HOMECOMING IN UNIVERSITY PARK See May 5.

Wednesday, May 13

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 1.

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See April 1.

9:15 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See May 6.

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- 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See April 1.
- 10:00 AM DRIVE YOUR CHEVY TO THE LEVEE AND GO WEST FOR SOME EXPLORING For this 6 mile hike we will meet in the parking lot for what use to be Marsh Grocery Store which is located on the south side of Crawfordsville Rd across from the Speedway Shopping Center which is 6000 W. Crawfordsville Rd. (F,PS/NS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-652-2779 C, 317-329-2779 H)
- 11:00 AM BLANTON WOODS NATURE PARK, DANVILLE Join us for a 5-mile trek through Ellis Park and Blanton Woods, including Tomahawk Hill. From I-465 W exit on US 36 (Rockville Rd) and travel west about 15 miles into the town of Danville. Turn right on Wayne St and left on Clinton and park in the public parking lot. There are a few hills in the nature park, so you may want to bring a pole and wear boots. Join us for a late lunch at Bread Basket Cafe. (M,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Terry Roesch (910-2943 cell or 718-5532)
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See April 1.
- 6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See April 1.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See April 6.

Thursday, May 14

- 9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK ON THE BOULEVARD TRAIL See May 7.
- 9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See April 2.
- 1:00 PM GREENWOOD AFTERNOONS See April 2.
- 3:45 PM GET FIT ON THE FITNESS TRAIL See April 2.
- 6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See April 2.

Friday, May 15

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 3.
- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See April 3.
- 9:00 AM TGIF! See April 3.
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See April 3.
- 10:00 AM YELLOWWOOD STATE FOREST Join us for a 5 or 10-mile hike in Yellowwood State Forest, which should be in bloom in the late spring. Both hikes will include walking around the beautiful lake. Allow 1 1/2 hours from I-465 S. Take I-65 south to Columbus exit and proceed west toward Nashville on SR 46. At the light in Nashville, turn left and proceed on SR 46 towards Bloomington. Go about 5 miles and look for the Yellowwood State Forest sign and Knight's store. Turn right on Yellowwood Forest Rd and go to the Visitor Center (Forest Office) parking lot. We will stop for a short lunch break on the trail so bring some snacks or a light lunch. (F/M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Narcisso Povinelli (874-6212)
- 1:00 PM BOOK CLUB HIKE Please read the book *Dissolution a Matthew Shardlake Tudor Mystery* by C.J. Sansom. Meet at the Monon Center in Carmel. From the intersection of 116th St and Westfield Blvd/Rangeline Rd 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. We will hike 5-miles and then have an optional book discussion. Please join the hike even if you don't read the book (F,PS,2-5-3) Leader: John Gaebler (575-8490)
- 6:00 PM BUTLER CAMPUS AND IMA This is a 6-mile hike through the Butler campus, the IMA grounds, the Canal Towpath 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 on Friday May 22 and 29. (Map #32) (M,PS/NS,3.5) Leader: Jim Griffin (294-1121)

Saturday, May 16

Armed Forces Day

- 7:00 AM GEIST HALF MARATHON If you are registered to participate in this event, you can obtain Club mileage by calling or emailing the leader who will verify your completion through the website race results. See <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/geist-half-marathon-5k-registration-14132110523> for details, entry fee and registration. Advance registration, which ends on May 13, is required. You can do either a half-marathon (13.1 miles) or a 5K (3.1 miles), both options are self-guided. Water is provided on the course. (M,PS) Leader: John Triplett (john-triplett@sbcglobal.net, 409-3302 cell).
- 8:00 AM FRANKLIN TRAIL, COLLEGE AND ROSES See April 4.

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- 9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See April 4.
- 9:00 AM KARST PARK GREENWAY, BLOOMINGTON From I465 S, take SR 37 south and exit right at the 2nd Street/Bloomfield/SR45 exit. Turn right on SR 45 and go about a mile. Angle right onto Airport Rd (Karst Park sign) for about 500 ft, then right onto Endwright Rd and go about quarter mile to Karst Park entrance on the left (2450 S Endwright Rd). Drive to stop sign in the park, turn left and continue to parking lot by the playground. This will be a 6-7 mile hike on the Karst Greenway Trail. Plan on having lunch at a local restaurant after the hike. (F,PS,3) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972)
- 9:00 AM WABASH & ERIE CANAL AT DELPHI Allow 65 minutes from I-465 NW. Take I-65 north past Lafayette to SR 25 (exit 175). Take new SR 25 about 11 miles to old SR 25. Meet at Trailhead Park ¼ mi before Delphi. Hike is 7-8 miles with shorter options. Bring a lunch and plan to stay for the afternoon hike at Prophetstown. (F,HS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Dick Underwood (506-0924)
- 9:30 AM BROWNING MOUNTAIN This will be a 10-12 mile hike including trails, old roads, and a little bushwhacking. The destination will be the famous Browning Mountain with its Hoosier Stonehenge. Bring snacks and 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 9.0 miles to the community of Story. At the Story Inn, turn south (west) off SR 135 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)
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See April 4.
- 10:00 AM MARY GRAY BIRD SANCTUARY Allow 1 ½ 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 6-8 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).
- 1:30 PM PROPHETSTOWN STATE PARK This is a 5-mile hike with shorter options and is in addition to the morning hike at Delphi. Return to I-65 and go north to the next exit (exit 178, SR 43). Turn west and go ½ mile to Burnett Rd; turn south to 9th St and go west on 9th St for 1 mile to Swisher Rd. Turn east and enter park (fee). Meet at Blazing Star Shelter in Prairie View picnic area. (M,NS,2.5) Leader: Dick Underwood (506-0924)
- 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 864-9574-cell)

Sunday, May 17

- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See April 5.
- 9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE See April 5.
- 9:30 AM HIKE AND CROCHET ON INDY'S NW SIDE See April 19.
- 1:00 PM TEN AT ONE See April 5.
- 1:30 PM ROUND HILL CEMETERY See May 3.
- 1:30 PM RACCOON SRA / HARDEN LAKE Join us for a mostly moderate 6-7 mile hike on trails and paved surfaces which will include a few ups and downs. From I-465 W, travel west about 45 miles on US 36 to the property entrance, 1588 S. Raccoon Pkwy, Rockville (fee). Meet at the parking lot near the fish cleaning station. Join us for a casual supper in Rockville at the Jailhouse Café after the hike. (M,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Terry Roesch (cell 910-2943 or 317-718-5532)

Monday, May 18

- 9:00 AM YMCA NEIGHBORHOODS See May 4.
- 9:00 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See April 6.
- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See April 13.
- 6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See April 6.
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See April 6.

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6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See April 6.

Tuesday, May 19

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See April 7.

9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY AT FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See April 21.

9:30 AM MERIDIAN HILLS AND TRAILS See April 7.

10:00 AM WHITE RIVER, THE CANAL AND EITELJORG EXHIBIT Meet in front of 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 or if you tour the exhibit. Following a 6-mile hike along the canal and White River and lunch, there will be an optional tour of a special Eiteljorg exhibit (\$10 adults, \$8 seniors). *Gold! Riches and Ruin* tells through art and artifacts how three gold rushes of the 1800s changed America (Map #33) (F,PS,3-3.5) Leaders: Ron and Claudia Clark (769-6566, cell 626-1553)

10:00 AM FERDINAND-NAN-NAN STATE FOREST See May 5.

12:30 PM FORT HARRISON TRAILS See April 7.

6:00 PM HOME COMING IN UNIVERSITY PARK See May 5.

Wednesday, May 20

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 1.

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See April 1.

9:15 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See May 6.

9:30 AM GRAND PARK IN WESTFIELD Come join us for the first 5-6 mile hike at the Grand Park sports complex. We will have a speaker talk to our group before the hike to inform us all about the park. From I-465 N take Meridian St (US 31) north to 116th St and turn left and go to the 2nd round about and go north on Spring Mill Rd. Proceed north past SR 32 to 191st St. Turn right on 191 St and go 1.1 miles to Lot B Administration building. Park in far east section of the parking lot. We will meet in the Administration Building. (F,PS/3) June Sergi (372-3018), Don Hayes (694-1385), Cherie Voegel (848-7674)

9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See April 1.

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 a View. Meet in front of 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 Cafe. (Map #33) (F,PS/NS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (652-2779 cell, 329-2779)

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See April 1.

6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See April 1.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See April 6.

Thursday, May 21

9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK ON THE BOULEVARD TRAIL See May 7.

9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See April 2.

1:00 PM GREENWOOD AFTERNOONS See April 2.

3:45 PM GET FIT ON THE FITNESS TRAIL See April 2.

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See April 2.

Friday, May 22

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 3.

8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See April 3.

9:00 AM TGIF! See April 3.

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See April 3.

10:00 AM SLOW AND EASY AT SOUTHEASTWAY PARK See May 8.

6:00 PM BUTLER CAMPUS AND IMA See May 15.

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Multi-Day Trip: Saturday, May 23 – Monday, May 25

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND AT GNAW BONE CAMP This event is for members and their invited guests. A reservation supplement was included with this schedule or if you do not receive the schedule via mail, the reservation form is available on the website at www.indyhike.org/forms. Please consult it for details. Deadline for reservations for the entire weekend is May 18. Day hikers are welcome to come down for any hikes. Allow 1½ hours travel time from I-465 S. Take I-65 south to Columbus exit SR 46. Turn right on SR 46 and proceed west about 14 miles to SR 135 (sign for Story and Horseman's camp) on your left. Proceed south on SR 135 about 2 miles to Gnow Bone Camp on the left down a long lane. Hikes are scheduled for Saturday at 2:00 PM, Sunday at 9:00 AM and Monday at 9:00 AM.

Meals are included with those that are staying in the camp cabins. For Day Hikers a day fee of \$3.00 and any meal will be \$7.00. For more information, please contact Karleen Huneck at 765-480-1570, karleenhuneck@yahoo.com or Beth Maschino at 317-701-7544, memaschino@mac.com or Barbie McNeely at 317-392-2018, beweb@live.com.

Saturday, May 23

8:00 AM FRANKLIN TRAIL, COLLEGE AND ROSES See April 4.

8:00 AM TECUMSEH MARATHON HIKE 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. Go about 4.5 miles and meet in the Forest Headquarters parking lot for a 26 mile hike on the route that the Tecumseh Trail Marathon takes, ending at the Forest Office at Yellowwood Lake. This is a long and strenuous hike, so please make sure you are physically prepared. Bring plenty of water, lunch and snacks. We will need to car shuttle back to Morgan Monroe. Please call the leader before May 21 if you plan on doing this hike so we can figure out car shuttle logistics. (Map #28) (H,NS,3-3.5) Leader: Mick Parker (430-5523-cell)

9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See April 4.

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See April 4.

2:00 PM GNAW BONE CAMP See multi-day trip write-up above.

Sunday, May 24

9:00 AM GNAW BONE CAMP See multi-day trip write-up above.

9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See April 5.

9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE See April 5.

1:00 PM TEN AT ONE See April 5.

1:30 PM ROUND HILL CEMETERY See May 3.

Monday, May 25**Memorial Day**

8:00 AM MEMORIAL DAY IN ZIONSVILLE Join us for an 8-9 mile hike in and around Zionsville. 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. (Map #34) (M,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Susan Sievers (344-2635, 513-5239 cell)

9:00 AM GNAW BONE CAMP See multi-day trip write-up above.

9:00 AM YMCA NEIGHBORHOODS See May 4.

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See April 13.

9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY See April 13.

6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See April 6.

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See April 6.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See April 6.

Tuesday, May 26

9:00 AM GEIST ON FALL CREEK See May 12.

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See April 7.

9:30 AM MERIDIAN HILLS AND TRAILS See April 7.

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- 10:00 AM POGUE'S RUN BASIN Meet at the Pogue's Run Basin Park which is located at E. 23rd St and N. Dequincy St. for a 6 mile hike. From I-70 E take Emerson Exit and go south on Emerson to 21st St. Turn right and go to Dequincy which is the 4th street on your right. Turn right and go to the end of the street, which ends at the park. (F,PS/NS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (652-2779 cell, 329-2779)
- 6:00 PM HOME COMING IN UNIVERSITY PARK See May 5.

Wednesday, May 27

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 1.
- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See April 1.
- 9:15 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See May 6.
- 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See April 1.
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See April 1.
- 6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See April 1.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See April 6.

Thursday, May 28

- 9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK ON THE BOULEVARD TRAIL See May 7.
- 9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See April 2.
- 1:00 PM GREENWOOD AFTERNOONS See April 2.
- 3:45 PM GET FIT ON THE FITNESS TRAIL See April 2.
- 6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See April 2.

Friday, May 29

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 3.
- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See April 3.
- 9:00 AM TGIF! See April 3. On today's hike we will walk the roads to Starbucks, at 71st St and I-465. Enjoy a beverage of your choice and return back to our cars.
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See April 3.
- 6:00 PM BUTLER CAMPUS AND IMA See May 15.

Saturday, May 30

- 8:00 AM FRANKLIN TRAIL, COLLEGE AND ROSES See April 4.
- 9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See April 4.
- 9:30 AM BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK 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. Meet there for a 10-11 mile hike on trails. Bring snacks and water. (M,NS,2.5) Leader: Narcisso Povinelli (784-9384 or 874-6212-cell)
- 9:30 AM MIAMI WHITEWATER FOREST, OHIO Allow 2 hours (85 miles) from I-465 and I-74 SE. Take I-74 toward Cincinnati. Take exit 3 in Ohio. Turn left on Dry Fork Rd and go to the first street, West Rd, and turn right. Turn left into park (fee \$2). Take park road all the way to the lake. Follow signs to "Golf Course / Bike Trail." Meet in front of Nature Center. Hike is 8-mile loop on asphalt multiuse trail. There will be three water fountain stops and a bathroom at the halfway mark. (F,PS,3) Leader: David Kincaid (787-6593 or 224-6541 cell).
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See April 4.

Sunday, May 31

- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See April 5.
- 9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE See April 5.
- 10:00 AM JACKSON WASHINGTON STATE FOREST- PINNACLE PEAK - ALL IN THE PARK Allow about 1½ hours travel from I-465 S. Take I-65 south to the US 50 exit at Seymour (exit 50). Go west on US 50 to Brownstown. Turn left on SR 250 and go about 3 miles to Jackson State Forest on the left. Follow the main paved road to the very back of the park passing the forest office, Knob Lake, to

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parking lot near the CCC picnic area at the end of the road. Parking is along the base of a flight of stone steps. First leg is a 5-mile woods hike which includes several steep ascents. We will return to the cars for a picnic lunch. We will explore other trails in the park after lunch that will be about 4 miles, some of which are rugged. (H,NS/PS,2-3) Leader: Cheryl Smolecki (696-8922)

1:00 PM TEN AT ONE See April 5.

1:30 PM ROUND HILL CEMETERY See May 3.

PREVIEW OF FUTURE HIKES AND EVENTS:

CLUB PICNIC – Saturday, July 25

GENERAL ASSEMBLY – Wednesday, September 2

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 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 or www.estes-park.com for many more accommodations and information about the area. For more information contact Narcisso Povinelli at 784-9384 or 874-6212 cell or narcisso.povinelli@sbcglobal.net.

CHRISTMAS PARTY – Sunday, December 6

TUCSON, ARIZONA – March 6-11, 2016 Our Club had highly successful trips to Tucson, Arizona in 2005 and 2010. Well it's been six years and we're ready to go again just when winter seems as if it will never end. There is no prettier desert in the world than the Sonoran Desert around Tucson, especially when the wildflowers are in bloom. Hikes are planned for Monday through Friday, tentatively in Saguaro National Park, Tucson Mountain Park, Mount Lemon, Wasson Peak the highest point in the Tucson Mountains, and the Chiricahau National Monument which was the hit of the 2010 trip. Easy, moderate and challenging options will be available most days and there will be plenty of free time after the hikes to explore the many attractions around Tucson. Plan on arriving in time for a group meeting on Sunday evening March 6 when all your questions about the upcoming week will be answered. Look for a hotel recommendation in the June-July schedule, however it is not too soon to make your air and car reservations. If you have any questions please contact either John Gaebler or Ed Wright who will be coordinating this trip. You may contact John at 575-8490 or 431-6304 or by email at jgaebler@iupui.edu. Contact Ed at 219-5536 or 371-2485 (cell) or by email at ewright@indyhike.org. Once you make your reservations please email Ed and advise us who will be in your party, so we will know who is coming.

PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

Lisa Almon	Brownsburg, IN	Janet Schneider	Indianapolis, IN
Kim Redman	Roachdale, IN	Wanda VanSlyke	Indianapolis, IN

RECENT MILEAGE AWARDS:

Glee Crowder	33,000	Michal Nugent	4,500	Curtis Hinds	2,000
Rick Kinnaman	25,500	Mary Bruss	4,500	Karen Paxson	1,500
Ricki Jo Hoffmann	20,500	Richard Voegel	4,500	Lothar Nitz	1,000
Anna Gehring	12,000	Katy Smith	3,500	Mervyn Cohen	1,000
Kathy Braun	8,500	Kathy Whalen	3,000	Mike Schultz	400

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Kae Ramey	6,500	Priscilla Dick	2,500	Liz Meyer	400
Macie Stephens	5,500	Karen Bacon	2,500		

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

Cliff Hoard, 79, a member since 1975, passed away in late December in Carmel, IN. Cliff knew the trails at Gnaw Bone like the back of his hand.

Adena Rynerson, a member for 25 years, passed away on January 26 after a long illness. Her surviving husband Hal led enjoyable woods hikes for many years.

Betty Steed passed away on February 4 after a year-long battle with cancer. She was 83 and an active IHC member since 1994 having walked almost 7,000 miles with the Club.

Kathy Burch Braun, whose brother Jim Moore passed away in early February.

Glee Crowder, whose sister Kay Wall died in mid February.

Former member Karey Brooks, 65, who moved to North Carolina, but passed away in Indianapolis on March 7.

Karen Doty, whose mother passed away on March 12.

NOTES OF APPRECIATION:

I would like to thank everyone in the Hiking Club for all of their thoughts, prayers, cards and flowers sent to me and Tim for the passing of my brother, Jim Moore. Everyone is so caring, and when something tragic like this happens, the people in this club are there for you. Thank you. *Kathy Braun*

I would like to give a great big THANK YOU to all of the well wishers from the Indianapolis Hiking Club on my 100th birthday. *Nell Larrison* Note, Nell and Bill Larrison joined our Club in 1964. At 51 years Nell is now our longest tenured member.

WANT MORE INFORMATION? For more information about our Club please visit our website at www.indyhike.org or contact our Membership Officer Mary Williams, 695 Old Plank Road, Franklin, IN 46131 (422-9384 or 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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