



The Indianapolis Hiking Club

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Happiness - A Step at a Time



SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 2015 AND JANUARY 2016

(PLEASE --- NO PETS ON HIKES)

Celebrating 59 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 (317-696-2120) jeanballinger77@gmail.com for weekend hikes or Ed Wright (317-219-5536) 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.

WINTER HIKING: As we enter the winter season it is important to remember that 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) to send one for you and request Ed to post the cancellation on our website and Facebook page.

BICENTENNIAL STATE PARK HIKES: On January 1 we will kick off the bicentennial state park hikes, which will include a visit to all 25 Indiana state parks during 2016. The first two hikes appear in this schedule; Friday, January 1 at White River SP and Saturday, January 9 at Fort Harrison SP. Multiple options will be available on both hikes. See the write-ups on the appropriate date for details. If you miss either of these hikes, you can still receive credit for visiting the parks by attending another hike scheduled in these parks during 2016. When we visit a state park - weekday or weekend - the name of the park will be clearly identified in the hike title and the mileage officer will give everyone who signs the signup sheet credit for visiting the park. Note: there is a hike at McCormick's Creek SP on January 31. Although not one of the 25 official Bicentennial hikes, you will still receive credit for visiting Indiana's first state park by attending this hike.

Bicentennial Tee Shirts: At the Christmas party, Jeff Edmondson will take orders for bicentennial tee shirts, so bring your checkbook. The shirts will have a large bicentennial logo stenciled on the front (same logo as at top of this page). A copy of the order form, which includes a photo of the shirts, six color options, sizes and prices, is on our website at www.indyhike.org/forms. Complete the form and mail to Jeff or bring to the Christmas party along with your check. As indicated on the form this will be a one-time order so you need to get your orders to Jeff no later than December 9.

Additional Logo Merchandise: If you go to the Logo Merchandise link on our website at www.indyhike.org/store.shtml, you will now be able to purchase a wide variety of embroidered logo merchandise, including shirts, jackets and hats, sporting either our traditional IHC logo (man and women hiker) or the new 2016 Bicentennial State Parks Hikes logo. The store will walk you through the purchase process, no order forms or middlemen. Jeff Edmondson will bring samples to the Christmas Party of some of the Bicentennial logo merchandise you can purchase through the online store.

Passports: Also at the Christmas Party we will distribute State Park Passports. This full color pocket size booklet is meant to be a personal memento of your participation in the state park hikes. There is one page in the passport for each state park. Bring the passport when you attend a state park hike and record the date and leader's name on the appropriate state park page and have your passport stamped with the Club's Bicentennial logo. If you miss the Christmas Party, Passports will be available on any Bicentennial SP hike. There is no cost to you for the Passport, however we only printed a limited number. So please take one only if you intend to do a significant number of SP hikes and plan to record your participation in the Passport.

ANNUAL DUES REMINDER: To date, 436 members out of a year-end membership of 570 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. 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 43rd St, Indianapolis, IN 46208. If you have any questions contact Kathy at 317-409-3265 or kawhalen00@hotmail.com.

LAST CHANCE FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARTY: As usual, we expect a large turnout at this year's Christmas Party on Sunday, December 6. Details are on the reservation form that was mailed to everyone. At the party we will recognize winners of the 2015 Achievement Awards and new 25-year members. We will also take orders for bicentennial tee shirts and distribute State Park Passports. Please bring canned food and unwrapped toys. You will receive a chance ticket for every item donated. Foodstuffs will be donated to a local food bank and the toys will be delivered to fire houses where they will be distributed to needy families. Deadline for reservations is December 1. If you misplaced the invitation you may print one at www.indyhike.org/forms. If you miss the deadline, Janet Cohen may still be able to fit you in. Contact her at 317-844-2658 or by email at janetcohen48@hotmail.com.

TRAIL BLAZER: The 2015 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. If you receive the schedule by mail the report will be sent to you.

BOOK CLUB AND PET HIKES: Kathy Whalen will be leading a book club hike on Friday, December 18 and Phil Smith will lead one on Friday, January 22. Mary Williams and Carol Radek are leading a pet hike on Wednesday, December 2. Check the hike write-ups for details.

FLORIDA HIKES: There are a number of hikes on the west coast of Florida in this schedule. If you will be there this winter, check the schedule for the dates you plan to be in Florida and hopefully you can make one of the warm weather hikes. Look for more Florida hikes in the February/March schedule.

YAHOO GROUPS TRAINING SESSION: About 250 members are enrolled in Yahoo Groups (free service) and regularly share emails related to Club business, like hike cancellations, car pools and news announcements. We know there are quite a few members who have attempted to enroll or tried to update their email address in Yahoo Groups, but became frustrated by the process and gave up. If you one of these people, Joan Griffiths will help you enroll and answer your questions at a training session on Monday evening December 14 at 6:00 p.m. See the write-up on December 14 for details, including what you should bring to the session.

PRESIDENTS CORNER: Welcome to a new Hiking Club year. The Board has adopted a new budget and approved donations to a number of charities, including the Eagle Creek foundation, Hoosier Hikers Council, Meals on Wheels, The Nature Conservancy and the Friends of Holiday Park (for a full list see November Treasurers report on the website). Recently they are busy finalizing plans for the Christmas party.

At the party on December 6th, we will recognize 2015 Achievement Award winners and new 25-year members. Also, passports for the Bicentennial hikes will be distributed and orders for Bicentennial T-shirts will be collected. The day before the Christmas party there will be an orientation meeting for members going to Tucson in March.

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New members the board are bright and quick to accomplish tasks and are developing an appreciation of how much people like Karen Zimmerman, Ed Wright and Kathy Whalen work for the club.

I look forward to the holiday season, the coming year with the Indianapolis Hiking Club and walking the trails while sharing conversations with many of you.

John Gaebler, President IHC

HIKE SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 1

- 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 (317-771-0914)
- 9:15 AM CRAIG PARK, GREENWOOD This 8-mile hike (shorter options) starts at Craig Park 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 lot on the right after you go under the pedestrian bridge. Hike will be on the Greenwood Trails and neighborhoods. Repeats every Tuesday in December and January. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Mary Lang (317-509-8251)
- 10:00 AM SOUTHWEST INDY AND ROSA PARKS SCHOOL This new 6-mile hike will take us by the Rosa Parks Grade School, named after the civil rights pioneer, and through surrounding areas on Indy's southwest side. From I-465 SW take SR 37 south to Southport Rd. Turn right and go to the Steak and Shake at 2202 Southport Rd, 46217 There is an empty store behind the Steak and Shake where we will park. (F,PS/NS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (329-2779 home, 652-2779 cell)
- 1:00 PM AFTERNOONS ON THE WHITE LICK CREEK TRAIL Join us for a 6-mile fitness walk on paved trails, which start at the Plainfield Recreation Center and goes through Friendship Gardens to Hummel Park and back. Four and 8-mile partially self-guided options are available. From I-465 W, exit on Washington St and travel west about 8.4 miles going through Plainfield. Turn right at the first stop light west of town onto Vestal Rd. Travel to the roundabout and park in the north lot on the left. Repeats on Tuesday, December 8 & 22 and Wednesday on January 6 & 20. (Map #50) (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Terry Roesch (cell 317-910-2943) or Marty Burton (cell 317-306-9878)
- 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. Hike repeats each Tuesday in December. The route may vary each week. (F,PS,3) Leader: David Kincaid (317-787-6593, 317-864-9574 cell)

Wednesday, December 2

- 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. (F,PS) Leader: Dick Bacon (317-585-8742)
- 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. Join us at Starbuck's after the hike. (Map #40) (M,NS,3-3.5) Leaders: Jeff Edmondson (317-733-0143 or 317-450-2526 cell) or Chuck Turner (317-777-2594)
- 9:00 AM AMPITHEATER ROAD HIKE If country roads are calling your name, this is the hike for you. Join me for a 5, 6 or 10 mile hike and enjoy the countryside by hiking down a beautiful winding road. Park at my house at 688 N 900 W, Arlington, IN 46104. From I-465 SE exit on Brookville Rd (US 52) heading east. Follow US 52 approximately 25 miles to CR900W and turn right. Go past 2 crossroads on 900W. My house is the 2nd house on the left past the 2nd crossroad. My address is on the mailbox. Repeats every Wednesday in December and January. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Julie Litten (317-407-4652)

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- 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL Join us for a 4-5 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. (Map #25) (F,PS,2.5-3) Leaders: Harold Crooks (317-730-4850) and other members of the S&E team
- 10:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK Meet at 6901 Derbyshire Rd behind the Southport Police Station for an 8-mile hike. Repeats each Wednesday in December and January. (F,NS/PS,3) Leader: Glee Crowder (317-859-8159)
- 2:00 PM PET HIKE AT GLEN VALLEY NATURE PARK Enjoy a 3 to 4 mile pet walk, depending on the weather and how long dogs can walk. Meet at Glens Valley Nature Park, 8015 Bluff Rd, Indianapolis. From SR 135 on Indy's south side go west on W Stop 11 Rd to Bluff Rd. Go south on Bluff Rd to park entrance. All hikers are welcome; you do not need a dog to join us. Please be prepared to provide the date of the dog's rabies vaccination. All dogs must be on a 6' or less non-retractable leash at all times - no exceptions. Owners please be prepared to and responsible for picking up after your pet (poop patrol). Please note that the hike leaders shall have the authority to ask any participant to leave the hike if their dog becomes aggressive toward other dogs or hikers. (F,PS,Dog Speed) Leader: Mary Williams (317-422-9384 or 317-919-8574 cell) and Carol Radke
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE This will be a 5-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 December and January. (Map #34) (F,PS,3.5) Leaders: Janet Cohen (317-873-6586), Penny Edmondson, Cathy Harms 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. A special holiday guided option will be available on December 16 and 23. Repeats each Wednesday in December and January. (Map #26) (F,PS) Leader: John Lyghtel (317-578-9756 or 317-626-9117 cell)
- 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 walk outside. Repeats each Monday and Wednesday in December and January. (F,PS) Leader: Glee Crowder (317-859-8159)

Thursday, December 3

- 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 self-guided 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 Eve. (Map #45) (F,PS,3-3.5) Leaders: Tish Brafford (317-251-8907, 317-531-6700 cell) and Charlotte Lyle (317-457-4638)
- 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 December and January, except Christmas Eve. (Map #17) Leaders: Ed Wright in December (317-219-5536 or cell 317-371-2485), Ron Clark in January (317-769-6566 or cell 317-626-1553), Bob Kriz (317-882-7083) 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. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Ricki Jo (317-221-9893)
- 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

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December and January, except December 24 and 31 and January 7. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Rick Braun (317-679-2972)

Friday, December 4

- 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 December and January, except for Christmas Day and New Years Day. (F,PS) Leaders: Rick Kinnaman (317-407-9746) and Dick Bacon (317-585-8742)
- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE Join us for a 6-mile brisk 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, except for Christmas Day and New Year's Day. On December 11 we will do a different format and enjoy a little Christmas cheer. (Map #34) (M,PS,3.5-4) Leader: Susan Sievers (317-344-2635, 317-513-5239 cell)
- 9:00 AM TGIF! Join us for a 6 or 8-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, except Christmas Day and New Year's Day. (Map #40) (M,PS/NS,3-3.5) Leader: Donna Chastain (317-347-0107, 317-489-2245 cell)
- 9:30 AM MCCORMICK'S CREEK STATE PARK I Join us for a 5-mile hike in Indiana's first state park. Some of the highlights are limestone formations, canyons surrounded by high cliffs, waterfalls, the State House Quarry, Wolf Cave and a CCC built fire tower and stone bridge. Morning and afternoon hikes will be on moderate trails with a touch of rugged! From I-465 SW take SR 67 southwest to Spencer and SR 46 east to the park (fee). Meet in the Inn parking lot. Have lunch at the Inn if you are staying for the afternoon hike or come down early for the afternoon hike and join us for lunch. (Map #24) (M,NS,2.5-3) Leaders: Terry Roesch (317-910-2943 cell) and Nanette Tate (812-254-8456 cell)
- 12:00 PM 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 in December and January, except Christmas Day. (Map #52) (F,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Glee Crowder (317-859-8159)
- 1:00 PM MCCORMICK'S CREEK STATE PARK II Follow directions above for a 5-mile hike. (M,NS,2.5-3) Leaders: Terry Roesch (317-910-2943 cell) and Nanette Tate (812-254-8456 cell)
- 6:00 PM BUTLER CAMPUS AND THE CANAL This is a 5-mile hike through the Butler campus, 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 December 11 and 18. There is a different Friday night hike on Christmas Day. (Map #32) (M,PS/NS,3.5) Leader: Jim Griffin (317-294-1121)

Saturday, December 5

- 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 AM. Repeats each Saturday in December and January. (F,PS) Leader: Glee Crowder (317-859-8159)
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN Meet in the free parking lot 1/2 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 (317-413-5709-cell)
- 2:00 PM TUCSON, AZ - INFORMATION MEETING If you are planning to attend the week long trip to Tucson Arizona in March, or even if you are still thinking about it, please join John Gaebler and Ed Wright on Saturday afternoon to answer all your questions about the trip, including driving directions to the hotel and hikes, planned hikes, group dinner, things to do in Tucson, etc. Join us at the MCL, 1390 Keystone Way S, Carmel, from 2-4 PM. From I-465 N go north on Keystone Ave and take exit 5 (116th St). Use the roundabout to head west on 116th St for 0.1 miles. Turn right onto a road with Wendy's on the corner. Drive 58 feet and turn right again. Follow the drive to the northeast. MCL

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will be on the left. We look forward to seeing you there. If you are unable to make the meeting, please contact either John or Ed so we can email you an information packet. Leaders: John Gaebler (317-575-8490 or jgaebler@iupui.edu), Ed Wright (317-371-2485 or ewright@indyhike.org)

4:00 PM **METAMORA AND WHITEWATER CANAL** Allow one hour travel time from I-465 SE. Take I-74 southeast 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 and 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 (317-407-4652-cell)

Sunday, December 6 Christmas Party

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 on paved roads with a 4-mile option. 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 (317-306-9878)

9:00 AM **BROAD RIPPLE** Meet in the free parking lot ½ block south of Broad Ripple Ave on Carrollton Ave for a guided 6 mile hike with an option for up to 4 additional self-guided miles. Note: beginning next Sunday the hike will start at 10:00 a.m. (F,PS,3-3.5) (Map #16) Leader: Kathy Whalen (317-409-3265)

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. Full details are on the reservation form which was mailed to all members or is available on the Club website at www.indyhike.org/forms. Excalibur Catering will serve a traditional Christmas dinner. Following the meal we will recognize winners of the 2015 Achievement Awards and new 25-year members. Also, Jeff Edmondson will show samples and take orders for 2016 Bicentennial State Park Hike tee shirts; so bring your checkbook. We will also be distributing at no charge Bicentennial State Park Passports to record your participation on the state park hikes.

Advance reservations are required for this event and are supposed to be submitted by December 1. If you miss the deadline contact our Social Chairperson Janet Cohen (see below). She may still be able to squeeze you in. BYOB if you so desire. Please bring a donation of non-perishable canned or packaged foodstuffs that will be given to St. Vincent DePaul, a local food pantry serving 3,300 families each week. Also consider donating an unwrapped toy, which will be given to local firehouses to be distributed to needy families. From I-465 E, exit at Southeastern Ave exit (49), go west approx. 0.5 mi. to first left turn toward Marion County fairgrounds sign. Make a second left immediately at stop sign (Southeastern Ave) and go about 1.5 miles to church on your right side. Enter on Meadows Drive into school parking lot. If you have any questions call Janet Cohen 317-873-6586 or email her at janetcohen48@hotmail.com.

Monday, December 7 Pearl Harbor Day

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 21 and January 4 and 18. (Map #16) (F,PS,3-3.25) Leader: John Gaebler (317-575-8490).

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 4. (Map #40) (M,PS,3.5) Leader: Kate Curtiss (317-247-0283)

9:15 AM **YMCA NEIGHBORHOOD** Meet in the parking lot on at the south entrance to Baxter YMCA on Shelby St and Stop 11, right off US 31 on Indy's south side. This will be a neighborhood walk of 5-6 miles. Repeats every Monday in December. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Mary Lang (317-509-8251)

9:30 AM **NEBO RIDGE TRAIL** This will be a 17-mile all trail hike out and back on the Nebo Ridge Trail. 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, go straight off SR 135 onto the unmarked paved Elkinsville Rd, which eventually becomes a gravel road. Travel about

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2.7 miles; at a creek-bridge take the left fork and go 0.3 miles to the Nebo Ridge trailhead on your left. Suggest you bring lunch or a snack. (H,NS,2-2.5) Leaders: Theresa Ray (317-627-1205) and Mick Parker (327-430-5523)

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 28 and January 4. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Rick Braun (317-679-2972)

6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 2.

Tuesday, December 8

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See December 1.

9:15 AM CRAIG PARK, GREENWOOD See December 1.

9:30 AM SLOW & EASY AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY This is a hike that Marsha Hutchins usually leads, however her doctor doesn't want her to schedule hikes in the winter. If the weather is nice, Marsha will probably join us and may lead. 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 options of 3, 4 and 5 miles. Repeats every other Tuesday in December and January. (Map #42) (M,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: David Kincaid (317-787-6593, 317-864-9574 cell)

10:00AM UP BY THE RIVERSIDE Join us on this new 6-7 mile hike where we will explore the Wapahani Trail, the Urban Wilderness Trail, and Martin Park. 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 Café. (Map #33) (F,NS/PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-329-2779, 317-652-2779 cell)

1:00 PM AFTERNOONS ON THE WHITE LICK CREEK TRAIL See December 1.

6:00 PM SOUTHPORT See December 1.

Wednesday, December 9

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 2.

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See December 2. 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.

9:00 AM AMPITHEATER ROAD HIKE See December 2.

9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See December 2.

10:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See December 2.

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See December 2.

6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See December 2.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 2.

Thursday, December 10

9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK ON THE BOULEVARD TRAIL See December 3.

9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See December 3.

1:00 PM GREENWOOD AFTERNOONS See December 3.

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See December 3.

Friday, December 11

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 4.

8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See December 4. On today's hike we will walk three miles to the leader's home for coffee/coffee cake, then three miles back to our cars.

9:00 AM TGIF! See December 4.

10:00 AM M-M-M-MARTIN STATE FOREST This is an enjoyable 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. (M,NS,2-5-3) Leader: Nanette Tate (812-254-8456 cell)

12:00 PM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See December 4.

6:00 PM BUTLER CAMPUS AND THE CANAL See December 4.

Saturday, December 12

8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 5.

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- 9:30 AM CHRISTMAS VOLKSMARCH Our Club has been participating in this fun downtown Volksmarch for many years. 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. A map is provided. 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: Ed Wright (317-219-5536)
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See December 5.
- 2:00 PM CHRISTMAS AT THE MILL If you wish to go on this hike, call the leader. If no one calls there will be no hike. 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 Street. 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 PM for lunch at the mill before the hike. For menu and info, see www.cliftonmill.com. The Christmas light display (over 3.5 million lights) comes on at 6:00 p.m. (\$10.00/adult). (M,HS,2.5-3) Leader: David Kincaid (317-787-6593 or 317-864-9574-cell)

Sunday, December 13

- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See December 6.
- 10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE Meet in the free parking lot 1/2 block south of Broad Ripple Ave on Carrollton Ave for a guided 6 mile hike with option for up to 4 additional self-guided miles. Repeats all remaining Sundays in December and each Sunday in January. (Map #16) (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Kathy Whalen (317-409-3265)
- 12:15 PM PROMISE RD, NOBLESVILLE A 4--5 mi hike in neighborhoods north of 146th St and east of Promise Rd in Noblesville. Meet in parking lot of Promise Rd Elementary School, 14975 Promise Rd in Noblesville. (F,PS,3.5-4) Leaders: Jim or Elizabeth Robinson (317-450-1015-cell or 317-695-8140)
- 2:00 PM SIX AT TWO Meet in the free parking lot ½ block south of Broad Ripple Ave on Carrollton Ave for a self-guided 6 mile hike. Hike repeats on the remaining Sundays in December and January. (Map #16) (F,PS) Leaders: Kae Ramey (317-701-5805), Mike Khalil (317-635-2028), and Allan Roberts (317-549-6909)
- 3:30 PM FRANKLIN CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AT MASONIC HOME AND FRANKLIN UNITED METHODIST RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES. 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. Hike is 6-7 miles with a midway stop at Bob and Mary Ann Layman's cottage for coffee, hot chocolate and cookies. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leaders: Mary Williams (317-422-9384 or 317-919-8574 cell) and Mary Ann Layman (317-346-1802 or 317-412-5190 cell)

Monday, December 14

- 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)
- 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 December and January except January 4. (Map #40) (M,PS,3.5) Leader: Janet Cohen (317-873-6586)
- 9:15 AM YMCA NEIGHBORHOOD See December 7.
- 6:00 PM YAHOO GROUPS HELP SESSION Need help connecting to Yahoo Groups? Come to this help session and I will help you get started. Bring your laptop, ipad, iphone or any other portable device you may have. A computer and wifi will be provided. Please bring any login information for your email--user id and password. The session will be from 6-8 p.m. at the College Ave Branch, Indianapolis Public Library, 4180 N. College Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46205. If you have any questions please call or text Joan Griffitts at 317-297-7312 or email at jkgriffitts@gmail.com. Leader: Joan Griffitts (317-297-7312)

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- 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. 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 go past the entrance to Coxhall Gardens and turn left on Meeting House Rd. At round about take first exit go a short distance to 12514 Meeting House Rd. Park in clubhouse lot. (F,PS,NS,3) Leaders: Don Hayes (317-694-1385) and June Sergi (317-372-3018)
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See December 7.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 2.

Tuesday, December 15

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See December 1.
- 9:15 AM CRAIG PARK, GREENWOOD See December 1.
- 9:30 AM INDY'S BEST KEPT SECRET This is a brisk 7-mile trail hike in Town Run Trail Park a fun mountain biking trail along the White River. From I-465 N go north on Allisonville Rd. Turn left (west) on 96th St, get in the left lane and go about .3 miles. Just after you cross the bridge over the White River, take a sharp left into the park. The park entrance is very easy to miss since the sign is usually covered with foliage. If you reach Hazel Dell Pkwy you have gone too far. If the park gate is closed, it means the trail has flooded, in which case the hike will be moved to Starbucks at Hazel Dell Pkwy and Main St (131st St) in Carmel. (M,NS,3-3.5) Leader: Ed Wright (317-219-5536)
- 1:00 PM AFTERNOONS ON SATORI POINT TRAILS, AVON YMCA Stay fit this winter and join us for a 6-mile walk on paved trails located at the Hendricks Regional Health YMCA campus located at 301 Satori Pkwy in Avon. Four and 7-mile options are available (partially self-guided). Meet in the parking lot to the east of the building. From I-465 W, exit on Rockville Rd (US 36) and travel west about 6.5 miles turning right at Satori Pkwy. Meet in the parking lot to the east of the building. Hike repeats on Tuesday, December 29 and Wednesday, January 13 and 27. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leaders: Terry Roesch (317-910-2943 cell) or Marty Burton (cell 317-306-9878)
- 6:00 PM SOUTHPORT See December 1.

Wednesday, December 16

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 2.
- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See December 2.
- 9:00 AM AMPITHEATER ROAD HIKE See December 2.
- 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See December 2.
- 10:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See December 2.
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See December 2.
- 6:00 PM DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY SEASON HIKE See December 2. In addition to the usual 5 or 7-mile self guided option, tonight and on December 23 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 2.

Thursday, December 17

- 9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK ON THE BOULEVARD TRAIL See December 3.
- 9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See December 3.
- 1:00 PM GREENWOOD AFTERNOONS See December 3.
- 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 (317-733-0143 or 317-450-2526 cell)
- 6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See December 3.

Friday, December 18

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 4.

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- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See December 4.
 9:00 AM TGIF! See December 4.
 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 (317-874-6212)
 12:00 PM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See December 4.
 1:00 PM BOOK CLUB HIKE Read *The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion* by Fannie Flagg 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). Come even if you haven't read the book. Book discussion will be held indoors after the hike. (Map #51) (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Kathy Whalen (317-409-3265)
 6:00 PM BUTLER CAMPUS AND THE CANAL See December 4.

Saturday, December 19

- 8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 5.
 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. Hike repeats each remaining Saturday in December and January. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Julie Litten (317-407-4652)
 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See December 5.
 10:00 AM GRIFFY LAKE BLOOMINGTON From I-465 SW, take SR 37 south to College Ave – N/ Walnut St exit in Bloomington. Allow extra time because of road construction on SR 37. At second light (SR 46), turn left onto East SR 46. Stay on SR 46 until the second light, turn left onto Matlock Rd. Follow Matlock Rd to Headley Rd, turn left and continue on Headley Rd to the lake. Meet across the causeway at the boathouse parking lot on the right. This will be a 5-6 mile hike. Plan on having lunch at a local restaurant after the hike. (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972 cell)
 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 (317-787-6593 or 317-864-9574-cell)

Sunday, December 20

- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See December 6.
 10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See December 13.
 2:00 PM SIX AT TWO See December 13.

Monday, December 21

- 9:00 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See December 7.
 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See December 14.
 9:15 AM YMCA NEIGHBORHOOD See December 7.
 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See December 7.
 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 2.

Tuesday, December 22 *First Day of Winter*

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See December 1.
 9:15 AM CRAIG PARK, GREENWOOD See December 1.
 9:30 AM NORTH CARMEL FIGURE EIGHT Meet in the northwest parking lot in front of Whole Foods on the north side of Clay Terrace outdoor mall for a 6 or 7-mile figure eight hike on the Hagen-Burke Trail,

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Monon Trail, trail to St. Vincent's, and through downtown Carmel. From I-465 N take US 31 (Meridian) north and exit at 146th St heading west. Go ¼ mile and turn into Clay Terrace Mall and take the first right. Park in front of the Whole Foods on the west side close to 146th St. (Map #14) (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Ed Wright (317-219-5536)

- 9:30 AM SLOW & EASY AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY See December 8.
- 1:00 PM AFTERNOONS ON THE WHITE LICK CREEK TRAIL See December 1.
- 6:00 PM SOUTHPORT See December 1.

Wednesday, December 23

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 2.
- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See December 2.
- 9:00 AM AMPITHEATER ROAD HIKE See December 2.
- 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See December 2.
- 10:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See December 2.
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See December 2.
- 6:00 PM DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY SEASON HIKE See December 2. 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 2.

Thursday, 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 (317-219-5536)

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.

- 1:00 PM GREENWOOD AFTERNOONS See December 3.

Friday, December 25 *Merry Christmas*

- 9:30 AM MORNING IN MAROTT PARK 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 90-minute hike. If the trails are icy we will move the hike to mostly paved surfaces. (M,NS/PS,3.5) Leaders: Brad (317-490-9878) and Susan Tollefson (317-258-6690)
- 6:00 PM IRVINGTON CHRISTMAS Meet at northeast corner of Irvington Plaza shopping center (6400 E Washington St) for a 5-mile guided hike through historic Irvington on Christmas night. The holiday decorations should be a sight to behold. Flashlights suggested. Repeats on January 1. (F,PS3-3.5) Leader: Jim Griffin (317-294-1121)

Saturday, December 26

- 8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 5.
- 9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See December 19.
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See December 5.

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Sunday, December 27

- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See December 6.
- 10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See December 13.
- 12:15 PM AVALON OF FISHERS A 4-5 mile hike in the neighborhood Avalon of Fishers. Meet at Thorpe Creek Elementary School, 14642 E 126th St in Fishers. (F,PS,3.5-4) Leaders: Jim or Elizabeth Robinson (317-450-1015 cell or 317-695-8140)
- 2:00 PM SIX AT TWO See December 13.

Monday, December 28

- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See December 14.
- 9:15 AM YMCA NEIGHBORHOOD See December 7.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 2.

Tuesday, December 29

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See December 1.
- 9:15 AM CRAIG PARK, GREENWOOD See December 1.
- 1:00 PM AFTERNOONS ON SATORI POINT TRAILS, AVON YMCA See December 15.
- 6:00 PM SOUTHPORT See December 1.

Wednesday, December 30

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 2.
- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See December 2.
- 9:00 AM AMPITHEATER ROAD HIKE See December 2.
- 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See December 2.
- 10:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See December 2.
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See December 2.
- 6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See December 2.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 2.

Thursday, December 31 *New Year's Eve*

- 9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK ON THE BOULEVARD TRAIL See December 3.
- 9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See December 3.
- 12:30 PM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK From I-465 E go east on 56th St. Turn left on Post Rd and turn left into Fort Harrison SP (fee). Meet at Delaware Lake parking area for a 5-6 mile hike with shorter options. We will be hiking the Lawrence Creek Bike Trail and some paved paths as well. Depending on weather and trail conditions, we may re-route to all paved surface. (Map #18) (M,NS/PS 2.5-3) Leader: Cheryl Smolecki (317-696-8922)
- 1:00 PM GREENWOOD AFTERNOONS See December 3.
- 7:00 PM WALK OUT THE OLD YEAR Meet in downtown Shapiro's Deli parking lot, 808 S. Meridan for a 6-mile hike through Indy. Park in the rear of the lot away from the building. Eat dinner afterwards at Punch Burger. Be home before midnight. (Map #41) (F,PS,3) Leaders: Ellen Mutzl (317-490-5478) and Mary Williams (317-919-8574)

Friday, January 1 *Happy New Year and Bicentennial Hike*

- 12:00 PM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See December 4.
- 1:00 PM BICENTENNIAL SP HIKE – WHITE RIVER STATE PARK Today we kick off the Bicentennial SP hike series, which will take us to all 25 Indiana state parks during 2016. There will be two options: Pat will lead a 5-6 mile hike at a modest pace and Chuck Turner will lead a slightly faster 8-mile option. Don't forget to bring your State Park Passport you received at the Christmas Party and get it stamped before the hike. Don't have a passport? Not to worry, we will have extras to pass out. The hike will start at the White River SP Visitor Center. You can park in the outdoor lot at White River State Park (fee); entrance is on W Washington St across the street from Victory Field. The underground parking at the IN State Museum, also on W Washington St, should also be open (fee). Because of the holiday, parking meters throughout Indy will be free. (Map #23) (F,PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-652-2779 cell, 317-329-2779) and Chuck Turner (317-777-2594)

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6:00 PM IRVINGTON See December 25.

Saturday, January 2

7:30 AM SANIBEL ISLAND, FLORIDA 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 a.m. at the flagpole. Or meet at 991 Whelk on Sanibel Island. Optional lunch to follow. Call the leaders if you need help with directions. (F,NS,3.5) Leaders: Judi Lewis (317-605-6987) and Marge Braun (317-331-0570)

8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 5.

9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See December 19.

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See December 5.

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 (317-787-6593 or 317-864-9574-cell)

Sunday, January 3

9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See December 6.

10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See December 13.

12:15 PM HAMILTON SE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL A 4-5 mile hike in neighborhoods north of Hamilton SE Jr. High School. Meet at the junior high school parking lot, 12278 Cyntheanne which is at the intersection of Southeastern Pky and Cyntheanne Rd in Fishers. (F,PS,3.5-4) Leaders: Jim or Elizabeth Robinson (317-450-1015-cell or 317-695-8140)

2:00 PM SIX AT TWO See December 13.

Monday, January 4

8:30 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 6. (F,PS,3.5) Leaders: Marge and Rick Braun (317-679-2972)

9:00 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See December 7.

9:00 AM MORNING CONSTITUTIONAL See December 7.

9:15 AM YMCA NEIGHBORHOOD See December 7.

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 86th 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 (317-848-7674) and June Sergi (317-372-3018)

6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 2.

Tuesday, January 5

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See December 1.

9:15 AM CRAIG PARK, GREENWOOD See December 1.

9:30 AM SLOW & EASY AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY See December 8.

10:00 AM BRADFORD WOODS As we have every year since 1988, once again we are 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. Since we must pay IU to use Bradford Woods, we 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 every Tuesday in

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January. Join the group for lunch after the hike at either Poe's or Grays. (M,NS,2.5) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (317-346-1802, 317-412-5190 cell or malayman@earthlink.net)

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 (317-787-6593, 317-864-9574 cell)

Wednesday, January 6

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 2.
 8:30 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL - FORT MEYERS, FL See January 4.
 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See December 2.
 9:00 AM AMPITHEATER ROAD HIKE See December 2.
 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See December 2.
 10:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See December 2.
 1:00 PM AFTERNOONS ON THE WHITE LICK CREEK TRAIL See December 1.
 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See December 2.
 6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See December 2.
 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 2.

Thursday, January 7

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

Friday, January 8

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 4.
 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See December 4.
 9:00 AM TGIF! See December 4.
 10:00 AM OWEN-PUTNAM STATE FOREST FOR CASS Allow 1 1/2 hours travel from I-465 S and SR 67. Take SR 67 south to Spencer and SR 46 west 5 miles to Fish Creek Rd. Watch for signs. Travel 4.4 miles on Fish Creek Rd to Horsemen's Camp/Day Use Parking sign on left, then 0.2 miles to parking area on right for a 6-mile hike through some of the most beautiful hills of south central Indiana and view a 50-ft sandstone bluff. (H,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Nanette Tate (812-254-8456 cell)
 12:00 PM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See December 4.
 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 on the remaining Friday's in January. (Map #41) (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Jim Griffin (317-294-1121)

Saturday, January 9 *Bicentennial Hike*

8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 5.
 9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See December 19.
 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See December 5.
 10:00 AM **BICENTENNIAL SP HIKE – FORT HARRISON STATE PARK** We plan to offer two options on this hike. Charlotte Lyle will lead an 8-mile hike on the bike trails and Bill Dowling will lead an easier 5-mile trail hike. If the trails are slippery we may retreat to the roads. 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 the Delaware Lake parking area. Note: if you plan to do a number of the Bicentennial SP hikes, this would be a good day to purchase your annual IN State Park Pass at the entrance gate. Don't forget to bring the SP Passport that you received at the Christmas Party and get it stamped before the hike. Don't have one? Not to worry, we will have extras at the hike. (Map #18) (M/F,NS,2.5) Leaders: Charlotte Lyle (317-457-4638) and Bill Dowling (317-353-2815)

Sunday, January 10

9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See December 6.
 10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See December 13.

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2:00 PM SIX AT TWO See December 13.

Monday, January 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 CLEAR THE COBWEBS See December 14.
- 9:15 AM YMCA NEIGHBORHOOD See December 7.
- 9:30 AM FASHION MALL See January 4.
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See December 7.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 2.

Tuesday, January 12

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See December 1.
- 9:15 AM CRAIG PARK, GREENWOOD See December 1.
- 10:00AM CLERMONT, LION'S CLUB PARK AND PAT'S HOUSE Here is another 6-mile hike starting at Clermont Park. From I-465 W take exit 16A to Crawfordsville Rd. Go west to the 5th stoplight (Tansel Rd) and turn left. Drive about 1/3 mile to Lion's Club Park, which is on your left. We will sightsee in Clermont, walk in the park, stop for hot chocolate at my house, and continue through the park. (Map #44) (F,PS/NS,3-3.5) Leader: Pat Lawler (329-2779 home, 652-2779 cell)
- 10:00 AM BRADFORD WOODS See January 5.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD NIGHTS See January 5.

Wednesday, January 13

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 2.
- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See December 2.
- 9:00 AM AMPITHEATER ROAD HIKE See December 2.
- 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See December 2.
- 10:00 AM COCKROACH BAY PRESERVE, RUSKIN, FL If you are fortunate enough to be near Tampa FL in January, join us for a 2 or 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 the Yaro Grill. (F,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Lavagnino (813-645-0624 or tonylavagnino208@gmail.com)
- 10:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See December 2.
- 1:00 PM AFTERNOONS ON SATORI POINT TRAILS, AVON YMCA See December 15.
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See December 2.
- 6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See December 2.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 2.

Thursday, January 14

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

Friday, January 15

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 4.
- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See December 4.
- 9:00 AM TGIF! See December 4.
- 12:00 PM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See December 4.
- 6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See January 8.

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Saturday, January 16

- 8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 5.
- 9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See December 19.
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See December 5.
- 10:00 AM BLOOMINGTON TRAIL AND WINTER FARMERS MARKET From I-465 SW take SR 37 south to Tapp Rd in Bloomington. Allow extra time for road construction on SR 37. Turn left and go 2 1/4 miles on Tapp Rd/Country Club Rd past the golf course 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 the Old National Bank. We will hike on the trail to the Farmers Market, stop for refreshments and walk back to the parking lot. This will be a 6-mile hike. (F,PS,3) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972-cell)

Sunday, January 17

- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See December 6.
- 10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See December 13.
- 1:30 PM CARMEL FLOWING WELL From the roundabout at Keystone Ave and 106th St proceed east one block to Lake Shore Dr W (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 7-mile hike mostly on paved surface through a variety of Carmel neighborhoods and winding through Flowing Well Park. (F,PS/NS,3-3.5) Leader: Cheryl Smolecki (317- 696-8922)
- 2:00 PM SIX AT TWO See December 13.

Monday, January 18 *Martin Luther King Day*

- 9:00 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See December 7.
- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See December 14.
- 9:15 AM YMCA NEIGHBORHOOD See December 7.
- 9:30 AM FASHION MALL See January 4.
- 10:00 AM MLK/RFK 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 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 EXPLORE FISHERS See December 7.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 2.

Tuesday, January 19

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See December 1.
- 9:15 AM CRAIG PARK, GREENWOOD See December 1.
- 9:30 AM SLOW & EASY AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY See December 8.
- 10:00 AM BRADFORD WOODS See January 5.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD NIGHTS See January 5.

Wednesday, January 20

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 2.
- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See December 2.
- 9:00 AM AMPITHEATER ROAD HIKE See December 2.
- 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See December 2.
- 10:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See December 2.
- 1:00 PM AFTERNOONS ON THE WHITE LICK CREEK TRAIL See December 1.
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See December 2.
- 6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See December 2.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 2.

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Thursday, January 21

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

Friday, January 22

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 4.
- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See December 4.
- 9:00 AM TGIF! See December 4.
- 12:00 PM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See December 4.
- 1:00 PM BOOK CLUB HIKE Read *Bridge of Spies* by Giles Whittell before attending this 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). Come even if you haven't read the book. Book discussion will be held indoors after the hike. (Map #51) (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Phil Smith (317-443-3955)
- 6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See January 8.

Saturday, January 23

- 8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 5.
- 9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See December 19.
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See December 5.
- 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,3.5) Leader: David Kincaid (317-787-6593 or 317-864-9574-cell)

Sunday, January 24

- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See December 6.
- 10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See December 13.
- 2:00 PM SIX AT TWO See December 13.

Monday, January 25

- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See December 14.
- 9:15 AM YMCA NEIGHBORHOOD See December 7.
- 9:30 AM FASHION MALL See January 4.
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See December 7.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 2.

Tuesday, January 26

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See December 1.
- 9:15 AM CRAIG PARK, GREENWOOD See December 1.
- 10:00 AM INSIDE/OUTSIDE INDY This 6-mile hike will be a quest in the downtown area to find warm places to step into to ward off the chill. 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 Café. (Map #33) (F,NS/PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-329-2779, 317-652-2779 cell)
- 10:00 AM BRADFORD WOODS See January 5.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD NIGHTS See January 5.

Wednesday, January 27

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 2.
- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See December 2.
- 9:00 AM AMPITHEATER ROAD HIKE See December 2.
- 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See December 2.

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- 10:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See December 2.
- 1:00 PM AFTERNOONS ON SATORI POINT TRAILS, AVON YMCA See December 15.
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See December 2.
- 6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See December 2.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 2.

Thursday, January 28

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

Friday, January 29

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 4.
- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See December 4.
- 9:00 AM TGIF! See December 4.
- 12:00 PM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See December 4.
- 6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See January 8.

Saturday, January 30

- 8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 5.
- 9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See December 19.
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See December 5.

Sunday, January 31 *Indiana State Park Hike*

- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See December 6.
- 10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See December 13.
- 12:15 PM BRITTON FALLS A 4-5 mile hike in Britton Falls a Del Webb community. Meet at Britton Falls Chateau (clubhouse) parking lot on the northeast side near tennis courts. Take I-69 northeast to exit 210 and turn right onto Southeastern Pkwy. Go through the circle, past St. Vincent's hospital and take the first left onto 136th St heading east. Go about 1½ miles to the stop sign and turn right on Cyntheanne Rd. Go about 1/3 mile to the entrance to the Britton Falls on your left. (F,PS,3.5-4) Leaders: Jim or Elizabeth Robinson (317-450-1015 cell or 317-695-8140)
- 1:30 PM WINTER AFTERNOON AT MCCORMICK'S CREEK STATE PARK 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 5-7 mile hike depending on the weather and trail conditions. Bring your State Park Passport and get it stamped before the hike. (M,NS,2-2.5) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (317-346-1802, 317-412-5190 cell)
- 2:00 PM SIX AT TWO See December 13.

PREVIEW OF FUTURE HIKES AND EVENTS:

UPCOMING 2016 BICENTENNIAL STATE PARK HIKES – February through April 2016 No bicentennial SP hikes are scheduled for February. Marty Burton will lead at Versailles SP on March 26. Note, this hike was originally scheduled on April 9, but has been swapped with Mounds SP. Three Bicentennial SP hikes are planned for April, all on Saturday. Phil and Katy Smith will lead a Bicentennial hike at Mounds SP on April 9 (originally scheduled for March 26). Terry Roesch will be leading at Summit Lake SP on April 23. And on April 30 at Brown County SP, choose between a hilly 10-mile hike led by Narcisso Povinelli or a slow and easy 5-mile hike led by Marthene Kohlmeyer. Check www.indyhike.org/hikes.shtml for a list of all of the Bicentennial hikes, including any revisions to the schedule.

HIKING BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK on the way to TUCSON Several members will be hiking in Big Bend National Park for several days before traveling on to the Tucson trip. We are all staying at the Chisos Mountains Lodge in Big Bend the nights of March 2, 3, & 4, 2016 (Wednesday through Friday) and plan to hike on Thursday and Friday before leaving Saturday to travel on to Tucson. Reservations can be made at Chisos Mountains Lodge by calling reservations at 877-386-4383. Co-leaders are Phil Coons, Richard Evans, and

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Mary Ann Layman. If you would like to join the group please contact Mary Ann Layman for further information at malayman@earthlink.net or 317-346-1802.

TUCSON, ARIZONA – March 6-11, 2016 There will be an information meeting for this trip on Saturday, December 5, the day before the Christmas party. See the write-up on December 5th in this schedule for details about the meeting. 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. This trip will be in lieu of the Club's traditional Winter Weekend at an Indiana State Park. There is no prettier desert in the world than the Sonoran desert around Tucson, especially in March 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 Chiricahua 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. Most people will be staying at the Comfort Suites at Sabino Canyon (520-298-2300) www.comfortsuites.com/hotel-tucson-arizona-AZ023. Regrettably, as of October 20th the Comfort Suites is completely sold out. So is the Ramada Inn across the street. The Radisson Suites East Tucson at 6555 East Speedway (520) 721-7100 has rooms available. The Radisson is only a couple of miles from the Comfort Suites. Plan on arriving in Tucson in time for a group meeting at the Comfort Suites on Sunday evening March 6 when all your questions about the upcoming week will be answered. More details will be provided at the information meeting on December 5, however, since Tucson is very popular in March, you need to make your air, car and hotel reservations as soon as possible. More details including driving directions to the recommended hotels will be in the February/March schedule. If you have any questions please contact either John Gaebler or Ed Wright who are coordinating this trip. You may contact John at 317-575-8490 or 317-431-6304 or by email at jgaebler@iupui.edu. Contact Ed at 317-219-5536 or 317-371-2485 (cell) or by email at ewright@indyhike.org. So we know who is coming, please email Ed once you make your reservations and advise us who will be in your party.

19th ANNUAL SMOKY MOUNTAINS LONG WEEKEND – April 14-16, 2016 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 (across the street from Riverhouse) (865-430-4330) and Carr's Cottages & Motel (865-436-4836). Contact Jean Ballinger at 317-696-2120 or jeanballinger77@gmail.com if you have any questions.

NEW HARMONY INN WEEKEND – June 17-19, 2016 This weekend will include a BICENTENNIAL HIKE at HARMONIE STATE PARK on Saturday, June 18 and a hike in New Harmony on Sunday morning, June 19. A block of rooms has been reserved at the New Harmony Inn at New Harmony, IN, located in southwest corner of the state, for the nights of Friday, June 17 and Saturday, June 18. Make your reservations by calling New Harmony Inn at 1-800-782-8605. Be sure to tell reservations that you are with the Indianapolis Hiking Club. Rooms start at \$140.00 for a double-double (10% discount with AAA card), which includes a continental breakfast. Our block of rooms is limited and will be released on April 17, so be sure to get your reservations in early to be assured a room. We will hike Harmonie State Park on Saturday beginning at 10:30 a.m. Indy or EDT time (this is 9:30 a.m. local or CDT), late enough for those planning to drive from Indy on Saturday morning. On Sunday morning we will hike the historic and scenic grounds surrounding the New Harmony Inn and the town of New Harmony. There is much to see in New Harmony, IN. More information will be in future schedules. Mary Ann Layman will be coordinating this trip. For more information contact her at malayman@earthlink.net or 317-346-1802.

MICHIGAN'S UPPER PENINSULA - September 19-21, 2016 For those planning on joining us next September in upper Michigan, hotel accommodations have been finalized. There are many options in the area to stay, however, we have established a base hotel for the Club: Magnuson Hotel Pictured Rocks, East Highway 28 & Federal Highway 13, Munising, MI 49862 (www.magnusonhotelpicturedrocks.com). If you are staying for the full trip, your reservation should be for four nights; check in 9/18 and check out on the morning of 9/22. You should call the hotel directly for reservations at 906-387-2466. Be sure to identify yourself as being with the Indianapolis Hiking Club and confirm that your room rate will be \$99.99 per night plus tax. This will be for one King or two Queen beds for up to two individuals. There will be an additional charge if more than two people per room. The hotel has only 43 rooms, so you are encouraged to book early. Room rates increase if booking after August 31, 2016. This hotel is at the intersection of Hwy 28 and Hwy 13 which is centrally located for the three days of hikes. We will be driving to the hike locations from this hotel. For those using campgrounds or other hotels, you will want to arrive at the Magnuson Hotel no later than 8 a.m. on the

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days of the hikes. If you have any questions please contact Bill Halik the trip organizer by email at yooper1954@gmail.com or at 317-523-6058.

STARVED ROCK STATE PARK, IL – September 2-4, 2017 Note, because of all the Bicentennial Hike overnights planned during 2016, this trip has been moved to Labor Day 2017. Plan to join us for 2017 Labor Day weekend at Starved Rock State Park located along the Illinois River southwest of Chicago near Olgesby, IL. The last time the Club visited this state park was September of 2008. More information will be in future schedules. Mary Ann Layman will be coordinating this weekend. For more information contact her at malayman@earthlink.net or 317-346-1802.

PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

Steven Barnes	Lebanon, IN	Carol Burton	Indianapolis, IN
Charlotte Gambrel	Brownsburg, IN	Carolyn Hickman	Indianapolis, IN
Mary Carol Reardon	Bloomington, IN	Deidre Tanaka	Indianapolis, IN
Michael Watson	Pendleton, IN	Danny and Kathie Wise	Muncie, IN
Denise Arie	Indianapolis, IN	Andrea Broxton	Indianapolis, IN
Sandy Burrow	Indianapolis, IN	Joyce Fillenwarth	Plainfield, IN
Tom Flatt	Martinsville, IN	Susan Hawkins	Carmel, IN
Monica Huber	Carmel, IN	Chris Jones	Indianapolis, IN
Linda McGlothlin	Indianapolis, IN	Scott Voehringer	Indianapolis, IN

WELCOME BACK THE FOLLOWING REINSTATED MEMBERS:

Doug Lindsay	Indianapolis, IN	Jan Swander	Indianapolis, IN
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RECENT MILEAGE AWARDS:

Glee Crowder	35,000	Kae Ramey	7,500	Carol Fine	1,000
Allan Roberts	34,000	Lee Duckworth	7,000	Anne Polk	1,000
Jill McFall	31,500	Rory Wyss	7,000	Larry Sievers	500
Rick Kinnaman	26,500	Narcisso Povinelli	6,000	Amy Auberry	400
Mary Lester	24,000	Olga Hackenberg	4,500	L Neal Percy	400
Cherie Voege	22,500	Mike Khalil	4,500	Vicki Baker	400
Ricki Jo Hoffmann	21,000	Penny Edmondson	4,000	Joe Thurston	300
David Kincaid	20,000	Susan Roberts	4,000	Ned Lewis	300
Tom Hollett	18,000	Curtis Hinds	4,000	Tena MacDonald	300
Marsha Hutchins	15,500	Betsy Friedenberg	3,000	Barb Miller	200
Julie Litten	12,000	Ray Howell	3,000	Jeren Touch-Werner	200
Jean Ballinger	10,500	Jo Anne Starzyk	3,000	Rose Feeney	200
Pat Lawler	10,500	Sandy McLaughlin	3,000	Jan Wark	100
Rick Braun	10,000	Phil Smith	2,500	Martina Owen	100
Jeff Edmondson	10,000	Pat Babineau	2,000	Dennis Hardin	100
Bob Layman	9,500	Golam Mannan	2,000		
Rena Elsner	8,000	Mervyn Cohen	1,500		

MEMBER NEWS: We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the following members: Amy Auberry whose 31 year old son Steven Brown passed away from melanoma on September 10th. Long-term member John Behrmann whose wife Margaret passed away in late September. Paul Lorenz, brother of Fred Lorenz from Gnaw Bone Camp, passed away at the age of 98,

We wish the best to the following people:

Macie Stephens who is recovering from a stroke she suffered on October 29 while at the hospital for a chemotherapy treatment.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION:

Thank you for all the cards, prayers and thoughts for my quick recovery from recent hip surgery. All of you mean so much to me. *Michele Kestle*

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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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