



The Indianapolis Hiking Club

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Happiness - A Step at a Time



SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 2016 & JANUARY 2017

(Please – no pets except on designated pet hikes)

Celebrating 60 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 PM 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 the Club's website and Facebook page.

ANNUAL DUES REMINDER: To date, 426 members out of a year-end membership of 571 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.

BICENTENNIAL STATE PARK HIKES: In December our highly successful Bicentennial State Park Hike series draws to a close. Participation has far exceeded our initial expectations. In all, 255 club members attended at least one state park hike. The last official Bicentennial State Park hike took place at Spring Mill State Park on November 12. Seventy six members and guests attended this hike, including 26 who wrapped up all 25 Indiana state parks. Since a number of our members are still scrambling to hike in all the parks, fifteen make-up hikes appear in this schedule, including Mounds SP on December 1 and 13, Summit Lake SP on December 1, Shades SP on December 2, McCormick's Creek SP on December 3 and 9, Brown County SP on December 3, Chain O'Lakes SP on December 3 and 10, Turkey Run SP on December 5, Falls of the Ohio SP on December 6, Charlestown SP on December 6 and 11, and Spring Mill SP on December 11, Tippecanoe River SP on December 13. Members who hiked in 20 or more state parks will be recognized at the Christmas Party on December 4. Members who did all 25 parks will receive a special reward.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: This year's party is a sell-out. Thanks to a generous bequeath from deceased member Betty Steed's estate, there is no cost for members and guests to attend. We expect 220 people, an all time record, which is all the hall and caterer can handle. Please see the write-up on December 4 for more details and driving directions.

As we do every year we ask you to bring something for the less fortunate this holiday season. This year we are recognizing several local charities. One is Craine House which is a unique nonprofit work-release facility housing women convicted of non-violent offences to reside with their preschool age children while they serve their sentence. They are in need of diapers, feminine hygiene products, toilet paper and coffee, sugar and cereal or cash donations. Please be generous. Also, as we have in past years, please bring canned and packaged food donations for a local food pantry to feed hungry Indianapolis families. If you are unsure of what to bring please contact Janet Cohen our Social Committee chairperson at 317-844-2658 or by email at janetcohen48@hotmail.com.

BOOK CLUB, PET AND FLORIDA HIKES: Book Club hikes have been scheduled by Phil Smith on Friday, December 16 and by Linda Whitt on Friday, January 20. Mary Williams will lead pet hikes on December 13 and January 9. Elaine Wright and Ed Lavagnino are leading hikes in the Florida gulf area on December 6, 20, January 3, 17, 26 and 31.

PRESIDENTS CORNER: The 2016-17 hiking year is off to a great start. The final originally scheduled Bicentennial state park hike was held at Spring Mill on November 12th and the turnout was tremendous. Quite a few makeup hikes are on the December schedule. It's exciting to see that this Club project has generated and continues to generate much interest. The number of members who may complete a hike in all 25 parks is beyond all expectations.

The newly established Indiana Parks Alliance has contacted IHC with information concerning its work to promote and protect Indiana state parks. "No other organization exists that is devoted solely to the support of Indiana state parks and nature preserves as a whole." The Indiana Parks Alliance projects include: advocacy, education, research, support for park friends groups, and trail development grants. The organization is funded through tax-deductible memberships at various levels. Additional information can be found at www.indianaparksalliance.org or on Facebook at facebook.com/indianaparksalliance.

The annual IHC Christmas Party will be held on December 4th. Because of the capacity of the venue and the catering company, 220 is the maximum number of reservations. That number has been reached, and reservations are closed. This will be the largest gathering in IHC history. The event is being entirely funded by a bequest from Club member Betty Steed. There will be a special remembrance before the dinner. Besides the normal Achievement Awards presentation, members who have completed hikes in all 25 state parks will be recognized. In addition, members who completed 20 or more state park hikes will be acknowledged.

See you on the trail,
Phil Smith, President IHC

HIKE SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 1

- 9:00 AM FOLLOW FALL CREEK 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. The first half we will walk together; the second half will be at your own pace. Hike repeats on the December 15 and January 12. (Map #45) (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Tish Brafford (317-251-8907, 317-531-6700 cell)
- 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 from three hike options: a moderately paced 5-mile hike over, around, up and down through the woods (M,NS,2.5-3); a 4-mile slower hike mostly on groomed trails (M,NS,2.5); or a 3-mile easier road hike, only if the weather cooperates (M,PS/HS/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. (Map #17) Leaders: Ed Wright (317-219-5536), Bob Kriz (317-882-7063), Marsha Hutchins (317-251-9078) and various others.
- 9:30 AM MAKE-UP HIKE - MOUNDS STATE PARK This will be a 4-5 mile hike with shorter options. 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 Visitor Center parking lot. (Map #19) (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Chuck Turner (317-777-2594)

2:00 PM MAKE-UP HIKE - SUMMIT LAKE STATE PARK Summit Lake became Indiana's 19th state park on January 9, 1988. Three hiking trails offer good views of the 800 acre lake. This will be a 4-5 mile hike with a shorter 2 mile option. Allow about 80 minutes from I-465 E. Take I-70 east to SR 3 turning left (north), continue through New Castle. Take a right onto SR 36 and travel east about 3.5 miles to N. Messick Rd. Turn left and continue until you reach Summit Lake SP. Meet at the Beach Parking Lot (fee). Hiking boots suggested as some parts of the trails can be marshy. (F,NS,3) Leader: Chuck Turner (317-777-2594 cell)

Friday, 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. Hike repeats each Friday in December and January. (F,PS) Leaders: Rick Kinnaman (317-407-9746) and Dick Bacon (317-585-8742)

8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE After a two month hiatus the slower and shorter option is back. Susan will continue to lead a brisk 6-mile road hike. Janet will lead a slower 4-5 mile option. Expect a different route each week through scenic 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. Join us for coffee after the hike. Hike repeats every Friday in December and January. (Map #34) (M,PS,4 or 3) Leaders: Susan Sievers (317-344-2635, 317-513-5239 cell) and Janet Cohen (317-873-6586)

9:00 AM TGIF! Join us for a 6 or 8-mile road or trail hike. Meet in Eagle Creek Park (fee) at lot just inside 56th St entrance that is just west of the Colts facility. Hike repeats on all Fridays in December and January. (Map #40) (M,PS/NS,3-3.5) Leader: Phil Smith (317-443-3955)

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 every Friday in December and January. (Map #52) (F,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Glee Crowder (317-859-8159)

9:30 AM MAKE UP HIKE – SHADES STATE Allow 1 1/2 hours travel time from I-465 W. Go west on I-74 to Exit 52. Follow SR 75 south through Jamestown. Then go west on SR 234 to the park entrance (fee). After the gatehouse go straight ahead to the large parking lot at the end of the road. This 5 mile hike will be mostly on flat level surface, although if the participants are willing we may throw in a ravine or two. (M,NS,2.5) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-329-2779, 317-652-2779 cell)

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. Hike repeats every Friday in December. (Map #41) (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Jim Griffin (317-294-1121)

Saturday, December 3

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 except December 24. (F,PS) Leader: Glee Crowder (317-859-8159)

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 December and January except December 10. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Julie Litten (317-407-4652)

9:30 AM MAKE-UP HIKE - MC CORMICK'S CREEK STATE PARK Allow 1 1/2 hours from I-465 S. Take SR 67 southwest to Spencer and SR 46 east to the park (fee). Meet in the Inn parking lot. This will be a 8 mile hike with shorter options. (Map #24) (M,NS,2-3) Leader: Chuck Turner 317-777-2594)

10:00 AM MAKE-UP HIKE – 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 Ogle Lake parking lot for a 5

mile hike with shorter options. Rustic restrooms are available at Ogle Lake parking lot. (M,NS,2.5-3)
 Leaders: Tim & Kathy Braun (317-408-3051 Tim), 317-625-3486 Kathy)

- 10:00 AM MAKE-UP HIKE – CHAIN O’LAKES STATE PARK This will be a 5-6 mile hike with shorter options. From Indy allow 2 1/2 hours from I-465 N. Take I-69 northeast for 109 miles to exit 309 B. Follow US 33 (exit says US 30/US 33) northwest for 17 miles to Merriam. Turn right on SR 9 and go north about 3.5 miles to CR E 75 S and turn right into the park. After the entrance gate (fee) follow park road about 2 miles to Beach parking lot where we will meet. (M,NS,2.5). Leader: Pat Lawler (317-329-2779, 317-652-2779 cell)
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN Meet in the free parking lot ½ block south of Broad Ripple Ave on Carrollton Ave for a self-guided 6 or 10-mile hike. Hike repeats December 10. (F,PS) Leader: Allan Roberts (317-549-6909)
- 2:00 PM BAXTER YMCA & PERRY PARK Meet at 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) Leader: David Kincaid (317-787-6593, 317-864-9574 cell)

Sunday, December 4 *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 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 December and January except Christmas Day. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Marti Burton (317-306-9878)
- 9:00 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. Note the hike time reverts to 10:00 AM starting next week. (Map #16) (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Kathy Whalen (317-409-3265)
- 2:00 PM CHRISTMAS PARTY Thanks to a generous donation to underwrite the cost of this year’s party response has been unprecedented. Because of the size of the hall, we regret that we had to cap attendance at 220 people, which will still make it the largest Club gathering in our 60 year history. Following a traditional Christmas dinner served by Excalibur Catering (BYOB if you so desire), we will recognize winners of the 2016 Achievement Awards and announce our new 25-year members. We will also be recognizing Bicentennial State Park attendees in three ways. Every member who did at least one hike (255 so far) will receive a commemorative pin. Members who did 20 or more state Parks will receive a tee shirt. And members who hiked in all 25 Indiana state parks will also receive a photo book of the hikes. See write-up on the first page of this schedule for suggestions of what you might bring to help the less fortunate this holiday season. Nativity Catholic School, 7225 Southeastern Ave is once again the venue for this year’s party. 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 approx. 1.5 miles to church on your right side. Enter on Meadows Drive into school parking lot. If you have any questions contact our social chairperson Janet Cohen at 317-873-6586 or email her at janetcohen48@hotmail.com.

Monday, December 5

- 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 with a 5 mile option. Repeats on December 19 and January 2 and 16. (Map #16) (M,NS/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 2. (Map #40) (M,PS,3.5) Leader: Kate Curtiss (317-247-0283)
- 9:30 AM SLOW & EASY AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY From the 700 block of West 38th St, go north on Clarendon Rd to the cemetery entrance. Meet at north end of first parking lot. Options of 3, 4 and 5 miles. Repeats every Monday in December and January. (Map #42) (M,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leaders: Marsha Hutchins (317-251-9078, 317-439-1468 cell) or David Kincaid (317-787-6593, 317-864-9574 cell)
- 10:00 AM MAKE UP HIKE – TURKEY RUN STATE PARK Here is perhaps your last chance to receive credit for hiking in Turkey Run State Park this Bicentennial year. The hike will be approximately 3 miles

on moderate trails with a small connecting trail described as moderate to rugged (trails 8, 7 and a portion of 6). Boots and poles are recommended. From I-465 W take I-74 west to Exit 52. Go south through Jamestown and then follow SR 234 west and SR 47 southwest to the park (fee). Meet at the east end of the Turkey Run Inn parking lot. (M,NS,2-3) (Map #46) Leader: Kay Meier (317-690-1067 cell)

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS While Rick Braun recovers from a back injury, Mike Khalil will lead this hike as well as Rick's hike on Thursday evening. Meet at Mama Bears Coffee Shop parking lot at the northwest corner of Fall Creek Rd and Brooks School Rd for a 6-8 mile hike through neighborhoods. Hike repeats each Monday in December and January. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Mike Khalil (317-635-2028)

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. If the weather is nice we will probably walk outside. Hike repeats every Monday in December and January. (F,PS) Leader: Glee Crowder (317-859-8159)

Tuesday, December 6

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL This is a 1-12 mile self-guided hike (most people do 6 miles) 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)

9:30 AM WEEDON PRESERVE LOOKOUT POINT WALK, PINELLAS PARK, FLORIDA From I-275 exit at the Pinellas Park, Gandy Blvd. Travel east past Derby Lane. Turn right on St Martin Blvd, which is the first right after you pass the Goodwill Store. The St Martin Shopping Plaza is on the corner. Go about 1 mile and turn left into Weedon Preserve – look for brown sign. Follow signs to the History and Cultural Center. The walk will enable us to get a closer look at Mangroves on this 4 - 5 mile walk on boardwalks and a wide conditioned trail. (F,PS/NS,3) Leader: Elaine Wright (317-753-5516)

10:00 AM THE MILE SQUARE AND A FEW OTHER STOPS Meet at the 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. We will traverse the original town layout (Mile Square including North, East, South and West streets) and note the differences between then and now. (F,PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-329-2779, 317-652-2779 cell)

10:00 AM PLAINFIELD TRAILS - A DIFFERENT ROUTE Join us for a 5 mile walk from Friendship Gardens across the Hummel Bridge along the Blue Heron Path. This path follows White Lick Creek passing by several ponds as well as Blue Heron Lake. Meet at the Friendship Gardens parking lot, 850 S Center St in Plainfield. From I-465 W exit on Washington St (US 40) and travel west a little more than 7 miles into Plainfield. Turn left at Center St and travel a short distance to the stop sign at Stafford Rd. Turn right into the parking lot and park in the second lot. Restrooms are available. Hike repeats on January 10. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Terry Roesch (317-910-2943 cell)

10:00 AM MAKE UP HIKE – FALLS OF THE OHIO STATE PARK This will be a 4-5 mile hike with shorter options. From I-465 S take I-65 south to exit 1 (Stansifer) and follow signs to the Falls of the Ohio SP or route to 201 W Riverside Drive, Clarksville 47128. Allow at least 2 hours, as there is always construction. Meet in front of the Interpretive/Visitor center at 10:00 AM. Parking is free with your SP annual pass. This is an out and back hike, so you may travel at your own speed and distance. (F,NS/PS,2-3) Leader: Chuck Turner (317-777-2594)

2:00 PM MAKE-UP HIKE – CHARLESTOWN STATE PARK This will be a 4-5 mile hike with shorter option. Allow 2 1/2 to 3 hours from Indianapolis. Meet at Clark Shelter picnic (pit toilets available). Suggested route: take I-65 south to Scottsburg 56. East on 56 to 3. Turn right (south) on 3 thru Charlestown (18 miles) to 62. Turn left (east) on 62. In 3 miles arrive at park on the right. After entering the gatehouse, stay right on park road to Clark Shelter parking lot where we will meet to begin the hikes. (M,NS,2-2.5). Leader: Chuck Turner (317-777-2594)

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 7 Pearl Harbor 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 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 (except December 7). After today's (December 7) hike, everyone is invited to Phil & Katy Smith's house for soup and dessert. They will provide directions to their home at 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 AMPHITHEATER 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 for 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)
- 9:15 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)
- 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL Join us for a 4-5 mile walk in downtown Indy and surrounding neighborhoods. Expect a different route each week. On today's hike (December 7) we will tour hotels and banks to view their holiday decorations. Meet at Shapiro's Deli at 808 S. Meridian St (at McCarty St). Please park on the southwest portion of the lot away from the building. Repeats each Wednesday December and January. (Map #41) (F,PS,2.5-3) Leaders: Harold Crooks (317-730-4850) & other members of the S& E team
- 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. Hike 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 This will be a 5 or 7 mile self guided hike in downtown Indy. After a several month absence we are returning to our former parking location at the northeast corner of the Marsh at Lockerbie parking lot at 320 N, however we cannot guarantee that this lot will be available in which case you would need to park on the street. Hike repeats every Wednesday in December and January. Look for a special holiday guided option on December 14 and 21. (F,PS) Leader: John Lyghtel (317-578-9756, 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. If the weather is nice we will probably walk outside. Hike repeats every Wednesday in December and January. (F,PS) Leader: Glee Crowder (317-859-8159)

Thursday, December 8

- 9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See December 1.

Friday, December 9

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 2.
- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See December 2.
- 9:00 AM TGIF! See December 2.
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See December 2.
- 10:00 AM MAKE UP HIKE – MC CORMICK'S CREEK STATE PARK Allow 1½ hours from I-465 S. Take SR 67 southwest to Spencer and SR 46 east to the park (fee). Drive through the park and cross the bridge over McCormick's Creek. Meet at the Wolf Cave Parking Lot which is located on the same road as the campgrounds. The hike will be approximately 3 miles on moderate trails (Trails 5 and 7). (M,NS,2-3) (Map #24) Leader: Kay Meier (317-690-1067 cell)

- 5:30 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 OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See December 2.

Saturday, December 10

- 8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 3.
- 9:30 AM CHRISTMAS VOLKSMARCH Join us for this fun annual holiday season event in downtown Indy. Meet in the lobby of the downtown Hyatt Regency hotel (One South Capitol Ave between Washington & Maryland St) for a 6 or 12 mile self-guided hike. Walking directions will be provided to each participant. Walk as a group or on your own at your own pace. 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 MAKE-UP HIKE – CHAIN O'LAKES STATE PARK This will be a 8-10 mile hike with shorter options. From Indy allow 2 1/2 hours from I-465 N. Take I-69 northeast for 109 miles to exit 309 B. Follow US 33 (exit says US 30/US 33) northwest for 17 miles to Merriam. Turn right on SR 9 and go north about 3.5 miles to CR E 75 S and turn right into the park. After the entrance gate (fee) follow park road about 2 miles to Beach parking lot where we will meet. (M,NS,2.5-3). Leader: Chuck Turner (317-777-2594)
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See December 3.

Sunday, December 11

- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See December 4.
- 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. Hike repeats all remaining Sundays in December and January, including Christmas Day. (Map #16) (F,PS) Leader: Kathy Whalen (317-409-3265)
- 10:00 AM MAKE-UP HIKE – CHARLESTOWN STATE PARK Allow approximately 2½ hours drive time from Indy. Suggested route: take I-65 south to Scottsburg SR 56. East on SR 56 to SR 3. Turn right (south) on SR 3 thru Charlestown (18 miles) to SR 62. Turn left (east) on SR 62 and go 3 miles to the park on the right. After entering the gatehouse (fee), stay right on park road to Clark Shelter parking lot where we will meet (toilets available). We will then carpool to Trail 3 & 4 parking lot. The hike will be 6 miles in length, hiking on Trail 4 (rugged - 2.9 miles), Trail 3 (rugged-2.1 miles) and Trail 7 (easy-9 mile). Call the leader if you would like to share a ride. (M,NS,2) Leader: Betsy Friedenbergl (317-523-4446 cell)
- 1:00 PM CARMEL LOOP Park behind the Starbucks at the NW corner of 131 St (Main St) and Hazel Dell Pkwy in Carmel. Meet at Starbucks for a 6-7 mile loop hike on wooded pathways along the White River and through nearby neighborhoods. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Ed Wright (317-219-5536)
- 1:30 PM MAKE-UP HIKE – SPRING MILL STATE PARK If you missed the Bicentennial SP hike on November 12, here is your chance to make it up. Allow 1 3/4 hours travel from I-465 S. Take SR 37 south through Bloomington and Bedford to Mitchell. Allow some extra time due to road construction. Turn left on SR 60 and go 3 miles to the park entrance. Meet in the Inn parking lot for a 5-6 mile hike. (H,NS,2-2.5) Leader: Tony Uliana (317-852-8545)

Monday, December 12

- 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, then faster hikers may go on at their own pace. Hike repeats on the remaining Mondays in December and January except January 2. (Map #40) (M,PS,3.5) Leader: Janet Cohen (317-873-6586)
- 9:30 AM LAKE CLEARWATER Meet in the northeast corner of the Super Wal-Mart parking lot to the left of the Garden Center at the intersection of 74th St and Keystone Ave. On this six mile hike we will walk around two lakes. (Map #43) (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Ed Wright (317-219-5536)

- 9:30 AM SLOW & EASY AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY See December 5.
- 10:00 AM MAKE-UP HIKE - SHADES STATE PARK This will be a 7-8 mile hike. We will explore some of the ravines and canyons and some miles on flatter ground. Shorter options are available. Allow 1 1/2 hours travel time from I-465 W. Go west on I-74 to Exit 52. Follow SR 75 south through Jamestown. Then go west on SR 234 to the park entrance (fee). After the gatehouse go straight ahead to the large parking lot at the end of the road. Since the ravines are rocky, sometimes steep and may be wet and slippery, trail boots and poles are suggested. Also, bring water and snacks for a light lunch on the trail. (H,NS,2) Leaders: ChuckTurner (317-777-2594)
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See December 5.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 5.

Tuesday, December 13

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See December 6.
- 10:00 AM AVON TOWN HALL PARK Join us for a 4-5 mile walk along paved walking trails, a nature trail and on sidewalks in a nearby subdivision. The park is located at 6570 E. US 36. From I-465 west, exit on US 36 (Rockville Rd) and travel about 8 miles turning right into the park. Meet at the parking lot up by the playground. (M,PS/NS,3-3.5) Leader: Terry Roesch (317-910-2943 cell)
- 10:00 AM ANARCHY HIKE Yup, you heard right. On this 6-mile hike, mob rule prevails. Everyone who shows up gets a turn deciding which way we go. Only rule is that we stay within the boundaries of North, East, South and West streets. Should be lots of fun. Meet in downtown Indy at Shapiro's Deli lot, 808 S. Meridian St. Please park in the rear of the lot away from the restaurant entrance. (F,PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-329-2779, 317-652-2779 cell)
- 10:00 AM MAKE-UP HIKE - TIPPECANOE RIVER STATE PARK Allow 2 hours travel time from I-465 N. Take US 31 north. Exit left onto US 35 just north of Kokomo heading northwest toward Logansport. Take US 35 around Logansport and continue on US 35 for another 30 miles to the park entrance (fee) on the right. Meet at the parking lot by the River Shelter and Nature Center. One 5-6 mile hike is planned with shorter options. Call the leader if you would like to carpool. (F,NS,3) Leader: Chuck Turner (317-777-2594)
- 1:00 PM MAKE-UP "PET" HIKE – 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 Visitor Center parking lot for a 4 mile hike with shorter options. All hikers are welcome; you do not need a pet to join us. Please be prepared to provide the date of your dog's last rabies vaccination. All dogs must be on a 6' or less non-retractable leash at all times - no exceptions. Owners be prepared to pick up after your pet (poop patrol). Please note that the hike leader shall have the authority to ask any participant to leave the hike if their dog becomes aggressive toward other dogs or people. (Map #19) (M,NS/PS,2.5) Leader: Mary Williams (317-736-1259 cell, 317-919-8574) and Carol Radke
- 6:00 PM SOUTHPORT See December 6.

Wednesday, December 14

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 7.
- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See December 7.
- 9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See December 7.
- 9:15 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See December 7.
- 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See December 7.
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See December 7.
- 6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See December 7. In addition to the usual 5 or 7-mile self guided option, tonight and on December 21 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 7.

Thursday, December 15

- 9:00 AM FOLLOW FALL CREEK See December 1.
- 9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See December 1.
- 6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE While Rick Braun recovers from a back injury, Mike Khalil will lead this hike as well as Rick's hike on Monday evening. 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 on December 22 & 29 and each Thursday in January. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Mike Khalil (317-635-2028)

Friday, December 16

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 2.
- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See December 2.
- 9:00 AM TGIF! See December 2.
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See December 2.
- 10:00 AM BOOK CLUB HIKE Read *The Killer Angels* by Michael Shaara. This novel was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for literature in 1974. The hike will be 5-6 miles downtown (shorter options possible - contact Phil Smith before the hike) and related to sites important to the role of Indianapolis during the American Civil War. Meet at Shapiro's Deli at 808 S. Meridian St (at McCarty St). Please park on the southwest portion of the lot away from the building. The discussion will be held at the downtown library during the hike. (F,PS,3) Leader: Phil Smith (317-443-3955)
- 6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See December 2.

Saturday, December 17

- 8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 3.
- 9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See December 3.
- 10:00 AM BROWNING MOUNTAIN This will be an 8-mile trail and abandoned dirt road hike to the mysterious Browning Mountain which overlooks the ghost town of Elkinsville whose residents were forced to evacuate for Lake Monroe. Bring lunch and help us solve the mysterious boulders on the mountain. 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 Story. At the Story Inn turn SW off SR135 onto the unmarked road that turns to gravel (this road shows as Elkinsville Rd on maps). Travel 2.7 miles and at the creek bridge take the left fork and go 0.3 miles to Nebo Ridge Trail parking on your left. (H,NS,2-2.5) Leader: Chuck Turner (317-777-2594)
- 10:00 AM GRIFFY LAKE BLOOMINGTON Take SR 37 South to College Ave -N/ Walnut St exit. 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 boat house parking lot on the right. This will be a 5-6 mile hike We can have lunch at Smokin Jacks BBQ after the hike. (H,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-876-4024 or 812-322-3972 cell)
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN Meet in the free parking lot ½ block south of Broad Ripple Ave on Carrollton Ave for a self-guided 6 or 10-mile hike. Hike repeats all remaining Saturday in December and January. (F,PS) Leader: Mike Khalil (317-635-2028)

Sunday, December 18

- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See December 4.
- 10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See December 11.
- 1:00 PM DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY HIKE AND FREE CONCERT Park at the Roberts Park United Methodist Church at 401 N Delaware Ave. The Church lot in back is \$3, but some of the street meters are free on Sunday. Gather at the Homeless Jesus statue at Vermont & Alabama at east end of lot. We will walk 5 miles around downtown highlighting sites of musical interest. One restroom stop midway, and shorter options. At 3:00 PM there is a free concert in the Church with the 20+ members of the Indy Winds Flute Choir. Dress is casual. This would have been Jane Hilaire's 60th birthday, a member of both the Club and Choir who passed away this summer. Stay for dinner somewhere afterwards. (F,PS,3) Leader: Daymon Evans (317-370-4894 or daymonevans@aol.com)

Monday, December 19

- 9:00 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See December 5.
- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See December 12.
- 9:30 AM SLOW & EASY AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY See December 5.
- 6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE/MERIDIAN-KESSLER CHRISTMAS LIGHTS This 5-mile hike will include several magnificent light displays. Meet at the home of John & Konnie Schlechte, 5875 N New Jersey St (4th house south of Kessler Blvd). Park in the driveway or on the street. While most streets will be

lit, we suggest a flashlight and/or reflective clothing. Join us afterwards for holiday cheer and refreshments. RSVP appreciated. (F,PS,2.5) Leaders: John & Konnie Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell or jschlechte@ameritech.net)

- 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See December 5.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 5.

Tuesday, December 20

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See December 6.
- 9:30 AM KAPOK PARK TRAIL, CLEARWATER, FL From I-275 either north or south turn west at SR 60 go across the Courtney Campbell causeway and turn right or north on McMullen Booth Rd. After travelling under the Reim Wilson Trail Bridge take the 2nd exit to the left which will be Terrace View Lane. Drive to T junction and turn right onto Moss Lane, travel a short distance to Glen Oak Avenue N turn left and drive into Kapok Park parking area. This will be a 4–5 mile hike with shorter options. If you have a problem with the directions please phone the leader. (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Elaine Wright (317-753-5516)
- 10:00 AM WHITE LICK CREEK TRAIL Join us for a 6-mile walk on paved trails from the Plainfield Recreation Center to Hummel Park with an optional 2-mile self-guided add-on. From I-465 W exit on Washington St (US 40) and travel west about 8.3 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 of the Recreation Center (651 Vestal Rd) on the left. Restrooms are available. Hike repeats on January 17. (Map #50)(F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Terry Roesch (317-910-2943 cell)
- 6:00 PM SOUTHPORT See December 6.

Wednesday, December 21 *First Day of Winter*

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 7.
- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See December 7.
- 9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See December 7.
- 9:15 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See December 7.
- 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See December 7.
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See December 7.
- 6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See December 7. 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 7.

Thursday, December 22

- 9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See December 1.
- 6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See December 15.

Friday, December 23

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 2.
- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See December 2.
- 9:00 AM TGIF! See December 2.
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See December 2.
- 6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See December 2.

Saturday, 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. 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. Meet at Shapiro's Deli at 808 S. Meridian St (at McCarty St). Please park on the southwest portion of the lot away from the building. (Map #25) (F,PS,3) Leaders: Ed and Linda Wright (317-219-5536)
- 9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See December 3.
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See December 17.

Sunday, December 25 *Merry Christmas*

10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See December 11.

Monday, December 26

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See December 12.

9:30 AM SLOW & EASY AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY See December 5.

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See December 5.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 5.

Tuesday, December 27

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See December 6.

9:30 AM ROYAL PINES Meet in the northeast corner of the Super Wal-Mart parking lot to the left of the Garden Center at the intersection of 74th St and Keystone Ave. This will be a 6 mile neighborhood hike including interesting Royal Pines which features hundreds of pine trees. (Map #43) (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Ed Wright (317-219-5536)

6:00 PM SOUTHPORT See December 6.

Wednesday, December 28

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 7.

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See December 7.

9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See December 7.

9:15 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See December 7.

9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See December 7.

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See December 7.

6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See December 7.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 7.

Thursday, December 29

9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See December 1.

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See December 15.

Friday, December 30

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 2.

8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See December 2.

9:00 AM TGIF! See December 2.

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See December 2.

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

Saturday, December 31 *New Year's Eve*

8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 3.

9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See December 3.

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See December 17.

Sunday, January 1 *Happy New Year*

9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See December 4.

10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See December 11.

1:00 PM FIRST DAY HIKE AT FORT HARRISON From I-465 E take 56 St exit east to Post Rd. Turn left and go to park entrance (fee). Follow signs for the Delaware Lake parking lot for a 4 mile hike through the woods and on paved surfaces. (M,NS/PS,2-2.5) Leader: Wilma Bailey (317-293-0051)

Monday, January 2

9:00 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See December 5.

9:00 AM MORNING CONSTITUTIONAL See December 5.

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)

9:30 AM SLOW & EASY AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY See December 5.

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See December 5.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 5.

Tuesday, January 3

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See December 6.

9:30 AM ROYAL PINES Meet in the northeast corner of the Super Wal-Mart parking lot to the left of the Garden Center at the intersection of 74th St and Keystone Ave. This will be a 6 mile neighborhood hike including interesting Royal Pines which features hundreds of pine trees. (Map #43) (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Ed Wright (317-219-5536)

9:30 AM DUNEDIN TRAIL, DUNEDIN, FL From I-275 travel west over the Courtney Campbell Causeway which is Highway 60. Turn North on SR-19 and travel to 580, which runs between Oldsmar and Dunedin. Signs will show you when to turn into Dunedin. This puts you close to Main St Dunedin. Drive on Main St down to the Marina and park in general parking. We plan on eating at one of Dunedin's restaurants for those that choose to stay, afterwards. (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Elaine Wright (317-753-5516)

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 4

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 7.

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See December 7.

9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See December 7.

9:15 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See December 7.

9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See December 7.

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See December 7.

6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See December 7.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 7.

Thursday, January 5

9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See December 1.

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See December 15.

Friday, January 6

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 2.

8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See December 2.

9:00 AM TGIF! See December 2.

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See December 2.

6:00 PM SPEEDWAY NIGHTS This is a hike that long time member Avis Shipman used to lead. Meet in the northeast corner of the parking lot in front of Kohl's in Speedway (5600 Crawfordsville Rd) for a 5-6 mile hike. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Jim Griffin (317-294-1121)

Saturday, January 7

8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 3.

9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See December 3.

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See December 17.

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, January 8

- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See December 4.
- 10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See December 11.

Monday, January 9

- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See December 12.
- 9:30 AM FASHION MALL See January 2.
- 9:30 AM SLOW & EASY AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY See December 5.
- 10:00 AM BLUE HERRON PARK PET HIKE This 4 mile hike is on Indy's south side, go south on US 31. Turn right at first stop light (South St) south of US 31 and Jefferson St, take immediate right into Blue Herron parking lot. All hikers are welcome; you do not need a dog to join us. Please be prepared to provide the date of your dog's last rabies vaccination. All dogs must be on a 6' or less non-retractable leash at all times - no exceptions. Owners be prepared to pick 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 people. (F,PS,Dog Speed) Leader: Mary Williams (317-736-1259, 317-919-8574 cell) and Carol Radke
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See December 5.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 5.

Tuesday, January 10

- 9:00 AM GLENDALE Meet in the NE corner of the Glendale Mall parking lot behind Buffalo Wild Wings at 62nd St and Rural for a 6-mile hike in Broad Ripple and nearby neighborhoods. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Tish Brafford (317-251-8907, 317-531-6700 cell)
- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See December 6.
- 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 \$3.00 (please have singles). The hike will start from the parking lot. We may use the restrooms, but not the dining hall. Hike repeats the remaining Tuesdays in 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), Ed Wright (317-219-5536) and Bob Kriz (317-882-7063)
- 10:00 AM CLERMONT For this 6 mile hike 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. (M,PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-652-2779 cell, 317-329-2779 home)
- 10:00 AM PLAINFIELD TRAILS - A DIFFERENT ROUTE See December 6.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD NIGHTS See January 3.

Wednesday, January 11

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 7.
- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See December 7.
- 9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See December 7.
- 9:15 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See December 7.
- 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See December 7.
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See December 7.
- 6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See December 7.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 7.

Thursday, January 12

- 9:00 AM FOLLOW FALL CREEK See December 1.
- 9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See December 1.
- 6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See December 15.

Friday, January 13

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 2.
- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See December 2.
- 9:00 AM TGIF! See December 2.
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See December 2.
- 6:00 PM SPEEDWAY NIGHTS See January 6.

Saturday, January 14

- 8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 3.
- 9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See December 3.
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See December 17.
- 10:00 AM BLOOMINGTON TRAIL AND WINTER FARMERS MARKET From I-465 S 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 15

- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See December 4.
- 10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See December 11.

Monday, January 16 *Martin Luther King Day*

- 9:00 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See December 5.
- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See December 12.
- 9:30 AM FASHION MALL See January 2.
- 9:30 AM SLOW & EASY AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY See December 5.
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See December 5.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 5.

Tuesday, January 17

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See December 6.
- 9:30 AM FORT DE SOTO, TIERRA VERDE, FL Directions for Fort De Soto as follows, travel north or south whichever you may be doing on I-275 and take exit 17. Go west on 679 and follow signs to Fort De Soto Park. The entrance fee is \$5 per car. Upon entering park turn right and travel towards the Old Fort and gift shop. The parking area is shelter number 11. Plan to take a sandwich and a drink for a picnic lunch afterwards; stay and enjoy the company of the Mainlands Walking Club. (F,P,2.5-3) Leader: Elaine Wright (317-753-5516)
- 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 at The Eiteljorg Museum at 500 W. Washington St. Parking is free at the museum if you join us for lunch after the hike. (Map #33) (F,PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (652-2779 cell, 329-2779)
- 10:00 AM BRADFORD WOODS See January 10.
- 10:00 AM WHITE LICK CREEK TRAIL See December 20.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD NIGHTS See January 3.

Wednesday, January 18

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 7.
- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See December 7.
- 9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See December 7.
- 9:15 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See December 7.
- 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See December 7.
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See December 7.
- 6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See December 7.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 7.

Thursday, January 19

- 9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See December 1.
- 6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See December 15.

Friday, January 20

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 2.
- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See December 2.
- 9:00 AM TGIF! See December 2.
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See December 2.
- 10:00 AM BOOK CLUB HIKE Read *The Immortal Irishman* by Timothy Egan. It's the story of an Irish revolutionary who became an American Civil War hero. The hike will be self guided up to 6 miles on the Monon Trail. You do not have to read the book to join us for the hike. Meet in the west lobby of the Monon Center (1235 Central Park Drive) in Carmel. From the intersection of 116th St and Westfield Blvd/Rangeline Rd go south to Central Park Dr (first intersection on the right). Turn right (west) and go to the parking lot at the end. (F.PS) Leader, Linda Whitt (314-891-0955, 317-501-5038 cell)
- 6:00 PM SPEEDWAY NIGHTS See January 6.

Saturday, January 21

- 8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 3.
- 9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See December 3.
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See December 17.

Sunday, January 22

- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See December 4.
- 10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See December 11.

Monday, January 23

IHC was founded 60 years ago today

- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See December 12.
- 9:30 AM FASHION MALL See January 2.
- 9:30 AM SLOW & EASY AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY See December 5.
- 1:00 PM HAPPY 60th BIRTHDAY IHC Join us as we celebrate the IHC's 60th birthday with a hike around downtown Indianapolis. Attendees will have an opportunity to win a prize. Meet at the downtown Shapiro's Deli lot, 808 S. Meridian St. Please park in the rear of the lot away from the restaurant entrance. (F,PS,2.5-3). Leader: Pat Lawler (317-652-2779)
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See December 5.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 5.

Tuesday, January 24

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See December 6.
- 10:00 AM BRADFORD WOODS See January 10.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD NIGHTS See January 3.

Wednesday, January 25

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 7.
- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See December 7.
- 9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See December 7.
- 9:15 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See December 7.
- 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See December 7.
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See December 7.
- 6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See December 7.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 7.

Thursday, January 26

- 9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See December 1.
9:30 AM ROBINSON PRESERVE, BRADENTON, FL Join us for fun 4-mile hike with a shorter option in this wildlife preserve along the Manatee River and the Gulf of Mexico. From I-75 in Bradenton, take exit 220 and go west 10 miles on Route 64 to 75th St. Turn north on 75th St W and go 1.4 miles to 17th Ave NW. Proceed 1.5 miles west to the preserve entrance and meet in the parking lot. Join us for lunch on Anna Maria Island after the hike. (F,NS,2.5-3) Leaders: Ed Lavagnino (813-645-0624) and Narcisso Povinelli (317-874-6212)
6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See December 15.

Friday, January 27

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 2.
8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See December 2.
9:00 AM TGIF! See December 2.
9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See December 2.
6:00 PM SPEEDWAY NIGHTS See January 6.

Saturday, January 28

- 8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 3.
9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See December 3.
10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See December 17.

Sunday, January 29

- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See December 4.
10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See December 11.

Monday, January 30

- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See December 12.
9:30 AM FASHION MALL See January 2.
9:30 AM SLOW & EASY AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY See December 5.
6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See December 5.
6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 5.

Tuesday, January 31

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See December 6.
9:30 AM GULFPORT AND OSGOOD POINT (CLAM BAYOU NATURE PARK), GULFPORT, FL From I-275 exit 50 54th Ave travel west as far as 58th St N turn left (south) and drive as far as Shore Blvd; there will be a sign for the Casino. Turn left and drive as far as the public parking adjacent to the volleyball court, which sits alongside the casino building. Afterwards plan on eating at one of the many restaurants that Gulfport has to offer. You may also enjoy walking through the Farmers Market which takes place each Tuesday. (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Elaine Wright (317-753-5516)
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 10.
6:00 PM GREENWOOD NIGHTS See January 3.

PREVIEW OF FUTURE HIKES AND EVENTS:

WINTER WEEKEND AT MC CORMICK'S CREEK – March 17-19, 2017 Our annual winter weekend trip will be at McCormick's Creek State Park. To make reservations at the Canyon Inn for the evenings of March 17 and 18 go to www.indianainns.com or call toll free 1-877-563-4371 and give them our group code of 0317HC. Our block of rooms will be held until February 6, 2017. For further information contact Mary Ann Layman at 317-346-1802 or malayman@earthlink.net

CALIFORNIA HERE WE COME, LAST CHANCE – March 26-April 1, 2017 This fun filled trip is a repeat of a trip Pat led to the Los Angeles area in 2004, 2006 and again in 2013. All three of the prior trips were very popular. Should be lots of fun for first timers and repeat customers. If you missed the information meeting Pat held on October 30, call Pat and she will send you the information that was distributed. So far about 15 people are planning to go and it is not too late to join the group. Leader: Pat Lawler at 317-329-2779 or 317-652-2779 cell.

20th ANNUAL SMOKY MOUNTAINS LONG WEEKEND – April 20-22, 2017 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.

RIDGEWAY TRAIL IN ENGLAND - early May, 2017 As anticipated, attendance on this trip had to be limited and it filled up very quickly. Since it will not be an official Hiking Club event (i.e., no mileage credit), no further updates will be included in future schedules.

STARVED ROCK STATE PARK, IL – September 2-4, 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:

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| Tammy Anderson | Indianapolis, IN | Debbie Bell | Carmel, IN |
| Diana Benfield | Indianapolis, IN | Michelle Bowen | Brownsburg, IN |
| Claire Campassi | Fishers, IN | Randy Deane | Indianapolis, IN |
| Dennis Gilbert | Carmel, IN | Beverly Hiner | Indianapolis, IN |
| Connie Hollar | Indianapolis, IN | Fanny Rosenstihl | Zionsville, IN |
| Jim Wark | Zionsville, IN | Sherry Bender | Indianapolis, IN |
| Charlie Crawford | Indianapolis, IN | Diane Osborn | Mooresville, IN |
| Christopher Riester | Indianapolis, IN | Marcy Rousseau | Indianapolis, IN |
| Tracy Richardson | Carmel, IN | Michelle Arwood | Indianapolis, IN |
| Melinda Jones | Indianapolis, IN | | |

WELCOME BACK THE FOLLOWING REINSTATED MEMBERS:

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| Becky Cothran | Mooresville, IN | Allen Pekar | Indianapolis, IN |
| Nancy Curran | Indianapolis, IN | Shannon Reister | Indianapolis, IN |
| Bryan Stillwell | Indianapolis, IN | | |

RECENT MILEAGE AWARDS:

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| Glee Crowder | 38,000 | Mary Ann Beuke | 5,000 | Susie Long | 200 |
| Allan Roberts | 36,000 | Mike Seeman | 5,000 | John Schlechte | 200 |
| Cherie Voege | 24,000 | Katy Smith | 4,500 | Konnie Schlechte | 200 |
| David Kincaid | 21,500 | Susanne McNeely | 4,000 | Debbie Grew | 200 |
| Marsha Hutchins | 16,000 | Jo Anne Starzyk | 4000 | Monica Huber | 100 |
| Jim Griffin | 15,500 | Phil Smith | 4,000 | Tammy Hanson | 100 |
| Mary Lang | 13,500 | Judy Torrence | 3,500 | Linda Force | 100 |
| Jeff Edmondson | 10,500 | Paula Chappell | 2,000 | Steve Tarr | 100 |
| Bob Layman | 10,000 | Richard Vonnegut | 2,000 | Kathi Brewster | 100 |
| Jim Shoufler | 9,500 | Judith Maas | 2,000 | Michelle Bowen | 100 |
| Kae Ramey | 8,500 | Amy Auberry | 500 | Cathy Tharpe | 100 |
| John Lyghtel | 7,500 | Chris Jones | 400 | Connie Hollar | 100 |
| Mike Khalil | 6,500 | Steve Kirchhoff | 400 | | |
| Curtis Hinds | 6,500 | Kathleen Yager | 400 | | |
| June Sergi | 6,000 | Phill Price | 300 | | |

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

Member James Tygum who passed away in late September.

Long time member and former Club President John Behrmann passed away peacefully on November 15.

All the best to:

Janet Cohen who is back hiking again after a bad fall several months back.

Mabel Easton is also recovering nicely from broken bones suffered in a fall several months ago.

WANT MORE INFORMATION? For more information about our Club including history, how to join, contacts, etc. please visit our website at www.indyhike.org or contact our Membership Officer Barb Strite, 234 N Raceway Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46234 (317-271-7263, brstrite@att.net). 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 Barb 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.