



The Indianapolis Hiking Club

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Happiness - A Step at a Time



SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 2019 AND JANUARY 2020

(Please – no pets except on designated pet hikes)

Celebrating 63 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
M (Mixed)	Hilly & Flat	HS (Hard)	Packed Dirt or Gravel
F (Flat)	Few Hills	PS (Paved)	Concrete or Blacktop
			Walking Speed in MPH, not including breaks (e.g., 3.0 is 20 min/mile)

Guests are welcome on all hikes - no fee. 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 (317-445-5646) ewright@indyhike.org for weekdays. Note, a reference at the end of a hike description in the following format (Map #24) indicates that you can access a Google map pointing to the hike meeting location at www.indyhike.org/locations.shtml.

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, cancel or move a hike to a mall. 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 a hike has been cancelled or moved to a mall. Whenever possible, leaders of out of town hikes should make cancellation decisions by 6 PM of the preceding day. If you decide to cancel a hike, please go to the Website Mileage page and cancel your hike using the Enter Mileage link. Also, please inform the rest of us by sending out a Yahoo! Groups email or ask Ed Wright (ewright@indyhike.org) to send one for you.

ITEMS OF NOTE IN THIS SCHEDULE: Annual Winter Banquet is on Sunday, December 1 (see write-up below). Phil Smith will lead a Book Club hike in downtown Indy on Friday, December 20 and Susan Sievers will lead one on Friday, January 17. Come and celebrate Elaine Wright's 80th birthday with a hike and lunch on Friday, December 13 in Pendelton. Plan to attend the following Holiday Season Themed Hikes: Christmas Volksmarch on Saturday, December 7; Meridian-Kessler Christmas Lights on Monday evening December 9; Inside, Outside at Christmas Time, Tuesday, December 17; Christmas Lights and Cookies in Franklin on Sunday, December 22; a Christmas Eve Tradition in downtown Indy on Tuesday, December 24; and Christmas Morning in Fort Harrison SP on Christmas Day. Many southwest Florida options on December 3, 10, January 7, 8, 10, 12, 14, 21 and 28. Check the hike description on the appropriate day for details.

ANNUAL DUES REMINDER: To date, 413 members out of a year-end membership of 517 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. If you do not renew by January 1, you will be dropped from the membership and will no longer accumulate mileage. Please return the dues notice you received in late September 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.

DON'T MISS THE WINTER BANQUET: We expect another great turnout at this year's Annual Winter Banquet on Sunday, December 1. Details are on the reservation form that was mailed to everyone with your annual dues notice. This year, we will be starting the party at 1:30 PM, a ½ hour earlier than in prior years, to allow for a full hour of socializing with appetizers before dinner. Remember all are allowed to BYOB. After a great dinner, we will recognize winners of the 2019 Achievement Awards and our new 25-year members and you may be lucky enough to win one of the door prizes. As we do every year, please bring canned and prepackaged foodstuffs or a cash/check donation for a local food charity. Deadline for reservations is

November 26. If you misplaced the reservation form you may print one at www.indyhike.org/forms. If you miss the deadline, Pat Lawler our Social Committee Chairperson will probably be able to fit you in. Contact her at 317-329-2779 or by email at patricialawler2@me.com.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER: A new hiking year began October 1st. I am happy to start my year as president of the Club. The Hiking Club is an important part of my life and I am pleased to "give back" by serving in this capacity. One of the great attributes of the Club is that we offer a variety of hikes to a variety of people and we do so without an abundance of rules. Being on time for hikes, following the hike leader's directions and leaving pets at home are a few simple guidelines that allow hikes to run smoothly. If only other areas of my life ran as smoothly.

As a club, we are fortunate to have hike leaders that create and conduct hikes all around the Indianapolis area and beyond. If you have never led a hike, please consider doing so. If you have an idea for a hike and are hesitant to try it on your own, contact the Pathfinders or a hike leader for help or mentorship. The Club website also contains a useful document titled "Guidelines for Hike Leaders."

With winter approaching, our hike schedule continues. Winter hiking can be enjoyable if you prepare by wearing the proper clothing and footwear. Feeling the cold, brisk air as you hike can be exhilarating. Saying that, we do want to stay safe in extreme weather conditions. A hike leader may cancel or move a hike to an inside mall location. If there's bad weather check the Club website news and calendar function to see if a hike you are interested in has been cancelled or moved, or look for a Yahoo group email or Facebook page update. If you are unsure if a hike will take place, call the hike leader.

Your Hiking Club Board conducts the business of the Hiking Club. One initiative that is presently being worked on is formulating a job description for the Club Historian position that was approved and added to the Constitution at the September General Assembly. Historian was a past Board position and several members were interested in seeing the position reinstated in order to better preserve the history of our club.

I look forward to seeing you on the trail and at the Winter Banquet.

Marti Burton, President
Indianapolis Hiking Club

HIKE SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 1 ***Annual Winter Banquet***

9:00 AM **COLLEGE PARK** Meet at the College Park Elementary School, 2811 Barnard St. From W 86th St, turn north on Colby Blvd and travel .4 miles to Barnard St and turn right, going 0.3 miles to the school.

This will be a 5 mile hike with shorter options through the College Park area neighborhood. Hike repeats each Sunday in December and January. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Marti Burton (317-306-9878)

9:30 AM **BROAD RIPPLE BEFORE WINTER BANQUET** Meet in the free parking lot ½ 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. (Map #16) (F,PS,3-3.25) Leader: Kathy Whalen (317-409-3265)

1:30 PM **ANNUAL WINTER BANQUET** for the Hiking Club members and their invited guests. Deadline for reservations is November 25, although if you miss this date call Pat Lawler she may be able to fit you in. Because it was so successful last year, this year we will be starting the banquet a half hour earlier than in years past, to allow a full hour for socializing. Appetizers will be served during the social hour. BYOB if you so desire. Since you will probably still have left-over turkey from Thanksgiving in your fridge, this day we will be enjoying ham and lasagna (regular and vegetarian) along with a very delicious meal prepared by Excalibur Catering. Following the meal, we will recognize winners of the 2019 Achievement Awards and announce our new 25-year members. We will also have gift cards for the folks with the lucky number! As in past years, please bring canned and non-perishable food donations which will be given to a local food pantry to feed hungry Indiana families. The banquet will be held at Nativity Catholic School, 7225 Southeastern Ave. 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, call Pat Lawler (317-652-2779)

Monday, December 2

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK - MONDAY Meet at food court near Dick's on the north side of Castleton Square between the hours of 8-10 AM for a self-guided 1-12 mile hike. Hike repeats on all Mondays in December and January. (Map #54)(F,PS) Leader: Dick Bacon (317-585-8742)
- 9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK Note the hike starts 15 minutes earlier than the past. Meet at 6901 Derbyshire Rd behind the former Southport Police Station for an 8-mile hike. Hike repeats each Monday in December and January. (F,NS/PS,3) Leader: Glee Crowder (317-859-8159)
- 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 6. (Map #40) (M,PS,3.5) Leader: Kate Curtiss (317-247-0283)
- 9:30 AM SLOW & EASY AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY Enjoy a scenic walk in America's fourth largest private cemetery established in 1863 and final resting place to many famous Hoosiers and more than 100 tree species. 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. Hike repeats every Monday in December and January. (Map #42)(M,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Marsha Hutchins (317-251-9078)
- 1:00 PM ARBUCKLE PARK, BROWNSBURG Meet near the basketball courts at Arbutle Acres Park, 200 N Green St for a 5-6 mile hike around the park and through quiet neighborhoods. Shorter options available. Take I-74 west to Exit 66 onto SR 267 (Green St) in Brownsburg. Go right about .8 mile to Lucas Dr (just before the railroad tracks) and turn right into the park. Then go .1 mile to Huber Dr and turn right into the parking lot. Hike repeats on Monday, January 6. (M,PS,3-3.25) Leader: Marti Burton (317-306-9878)
- 4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - MONDAY Sign in at the food court between the hours of 4-5:30 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)
- 4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE Note earlier start time for this recurring hike. Meet in free parking lot that is 1/2 block south of Broad Ripple Ave on Carrollton Ave for a hike of 5-6 miles. Hike repeats every Monday in December and January, except December 9. (Map #16) (F,PS/NS,3-3.5) Leader: Mary Bruss (317-308-0182)
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING Meet at Geist Coffee parking lot at the northwest corner of Fall Creek Rd and Brooks School Rd for a 6-8 mile hike through scenic neighborhoods. Hike repeats each Monday evening in December and January. (Map #25)(F,PS,3.5) Leader: Rick Braun (317-679-2972)

Tuesday, December 3

- 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 or in the lobby of the East Monon Building. Hike repeats every Tuesday in December and January, except Christmas Eve. (Map #51) (F,PS) Leader: Jo Anne Starzyk (317-771-0914)
- 9:30 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 5-6 mile hike. Hike may include parts of the Monon Trail, Holliday Park, Marott Park, Arden neighborhood, or Broad Ripple Park. Hike repeats December 31, January 14 & 28. (M,NS/HS/PS,2.75) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)
- 9:30 AM BOYD NATURE PRESERVE, ST. PETERSBURG, FL Come join us for a 5 mile hike in Boyd Nature Preserve. Driving either north or south on I-275 turn onto I-375 exit and drive to Martin Luther King Rd turn right and continue past 45 South and the Fire Station stay to the right and Boyd Nature Preserve will be on your right. There will be a \$3.00 entrance fee per visitor. After the hike please join us for lunch. (F,PS/NS,3) Leader: Elaine Wright (317-753-5516)

- 10:00 AM CHAPEL HILL This will be a 6 mile hike through the Chapel Hill neighborhoods and Ben Davis High School grounds. From I-465 W take 10th St exit and head west for 1 mile. There is a large parking lot on the southwest corner and we will meet near Rally's. (F,NS/PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-329-2779 or 317-652-2779 cell)
- 11:00 AM SLOW AND EASY IN MORGAN MONROE STATE FOREST Join us for a 5 mile hike (shorter options) on a new paved trail in Morgan Monroe State Forest that parallels Forest Rd. This hike is in the woods, on soft pavement and it will not include hills. Travel to Martinsville your favorite way. Go south from Martinsville on I-69 to the first exit south of Martinsville, the Liberty Church exit (look for Morgan Monroe SF sign). Take Liberty Church exit and turn left and go to the first crossroad (Old State Rd 37), turn right and follow Old State Rd 37, staying right at the Hacker Creek Rd curve. It is 4.0 miles from where you turn on to Old State Rd 37 to the forest entrance. When you reach the forest entrance proceed a very short way (1/4 mile) and look immediately to your right for the Bryant Creek Lake Shelter parking lot which is where we will meet. Restrooms are available at the shelter. After the hike join us for lunch in Martinsville. (Map #28)(F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Marthene Kohlmeyer (317-849-5051)
- 6:00 PM SOUTHPORT Meet behind (north side) Dollar Tree at the NE corner of Southport Rd and Madison Ave for a 5-mile guided hike. Hike repeats each Tuesday in December, including Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. The route may vary each week. (F,PS,3) Leader: David Kincaid (317-787-6593, 317-864-9574 cell)

Wednesday, December 4

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK - WEDNESDAY Meet at food court near Dick's on the north side of Castleton Square between the hours of 8-10 AM for a self-guided 1-12 mile hike. Hike repeats each Wednesday in December and January, except Christmas Day and New Years Day. (Map #54)(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, except Christmas Day. Join us at a nearby Starbuck's after the hike. (Map #40)(M,NS,3-3.5) Leader: Jeff Edmondson (317-450-2526 cell)
- 9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL From US 31 in Carmel go east on W Main St past Guilford Rd to Meadow Lane. Turn left and go north to the park located at 450 Meadow Lane and meet just inside the park entrance. This 5 mile hike will include this beautiful 17 acre park, a small lake and a walk on various Carmel paths. Hike repeats each Wednesday in December and January, except Christmas Day. If the weather is inclement or very cold look for the hike to be moved to the mall. (Map #58) (F,PS,3.25) Leader: Cherie Voege (317-848-7674) or other leaders.
- 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. Hike repeats every Wednesday in December and January, except Christmas Day. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Julie Litten (317-407-4652)
- 9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK Join me for a 4-5 mile walk starting at Pike Library, 6525 Zionsville Rd. We will walk through Robin Run Village and continue on to Northwestway Park then back to the library. Shorter and longer options are available. Meet behind the library in the rear lot. Hike repeats each Wednesday in December and January, including Christmas and New Years Day. (F,PS,3) Leader: Joan Griffiths (317-297-7312)
- 9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL Join us for a 4-5 mile walk in downtown Indy and surrounding neighborhoods. Expect a different route each week. 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. Hike repeats each Wednesday in December and January, except Christmas Day and New Years Day. (Map #41) (F,PS,2.5-3) Leaders: Harold Crooks (317-730-4850) and Susanne McNeely (317 384-2909)
- 4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY Sign in at the food court between the hours of 4-5:30 p.m. for a self-guided hike of up to 6 miles with shorter options. If the weather is nice we may walk

outside. Hike repeats every Wednesday in December and January, except Christmas Day and New Years Day. (F,PS) Leader: Glee Crowder (317-859-8159)

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, except Christmas Day and New Years Day. (Map #34) (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Janet Cohen (317-873-6586) and various others

Thursday, December 5

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE Meet at the Walmart located at 5550 Fall Creek Pkwy N Dr at the corner of 56th St and Fall Creek Pkwy. To find the main entrance to WalMart, turn south off 56th St onto Fall Creek Pkwy and then turn right into the parking lot. Park in the rear of the Walmart lot behind Starbucks. This is usually a 6-mile self guided hike north on the Fall Creek Trail to Skiles Test Park and back, however, from time to time the leaders may change the route. Hike repeats every Thursday in December and January. Note, if the weather is inclement check the website news, the hike may be moved to a mall. (Map #45)(F,PS,3-3.5) Leaders: Tish Brafford (317-251-8907, 317-531-6700 cell) or Jo Anne Starzyk (317-771-0914)

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE This is the first of three very popular hikes in Eagle Creek Park every Thursday morning. All three hikes 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. This will be a moderately paced 5-mile hike over, around, up and down through the woods. Hike repeats every Thursday in December and January. After the hike, join us for lunch at Golden Corral on 38th St. We have a fun time and all are welcome. (Map #17)(M,NS,3) Leader: Phil Smith (317-443-3955)

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE Same directions, repeat dates and lunch invite as Easy at Eagle Creek - Five Mile. This is a 4 mile slower paced hike mostly on groomed trails (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Harold Crooks (317-730-4850)

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE Same directions, repeat dates and lunch invite as Easy at Eagle Creek - Five Mile. This is a 3 mile hike at an even slower pace, mostly on roads and groomed trails. (M,PS/HS/NS,2.75-3.25) Leader: Marsha Hutchins (317-251-9078)

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 every Thursday in December and January. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Rick Braun (317-679-2972)

Friday, December 6

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK - FRIDAY Meet at food court near Dick's on the north side of Castleton Square between the hours of 8-10 AM for a self-guided 1-12 mile hike. Hike repeats each Friday in December and January. (Map #54)(F,PS) Leader: Rick Kinnaman (317-407-9746)

8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE - BRISK PACE Susan will lead a brisk 6-mile road hike. 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) Leader: Susan Sievers (317-344-2635, 317-513-5239)

8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE - MODERATE PACE This will be a slower 4-5 mile version of the longer/faster hike that Susan Sievers will lead from the same starting location and start time. Expect a different route each week through scenic Zionsville, however not necessarily the same route that Susan will take. Join us for coffee after the hike. Hike repeats every Friday in December and January. (Map #34) (M,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Janet Cohen (317-873-6586) or various other leaders

9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK 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)

6:00 PM BUTLER CAMPUS AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS This is a 6-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 every Friday in December. (Map #32) (M,PS/NS,3.5) Leader: Jim Griffin (317-294-1121)

Saturday, December 7 *Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day*

8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - SATURDAY Sign in at the food court between the hours of 8-10 AM for a self-guided hike of up to 8 miles with shorter options. If the weather is nice we will probably walk outside. Hike repeats every Saturday in December and January. (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. Hike repeats every Saturday in December and January. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Julie Litten (317-407-4652)

9:30 AM CHRISTMAS VOLKSMARCH Join us for this fun annual holiday season 6 or 12 mile self guided hike in downtown Indy; this year at a new location (not the Hyatt or where we met last year). 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. The Volksmarch is sponsored by Indy 'G' Walkers. We may participate at no charge, however donations are appreciated. It takes a few minutes to check in and the leader will lead a group at about 10:00 AM. This year's Volksmarch starts at All Saints Episcopal Church, 1559 Central Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46202. From the north or south, take I-65 into downtown Indy to exit 113. Go west to Pennsylvania St and turn left (south) going under the interstate to 11th St. Left (east) on 11th St to Delaware St. Left (north) on Delaware St going back under the interstate to 16th St. Right (east) on 16th St to Central Ave. The church is on the SE corner of 16th St and Central. From I-70, east or west enter downtown Indy and exit to I-65 going north (Chicago). Take exit 113 and follow the above directions. Free parking is available on the nearby streets. (F,PS) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

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. Repeats every Saturday in December and January. (Map #16) (F,PS) Leader: Rick Braun (317-679-2972)

Sunday, December 8

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, December 1

10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE Note time change. Meet in the free parking lot ½ 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 January. (Map #16)(F,PS,3-3.25) Leader: Kathy Whalen (317-409-3265)

1:30 PM MC CORMICK'S CREEK STATE PARK Join us for a 5-6 mile hike in Indiana's first state park. This hike will be on all moderate trails and include Trail 4 with a stop at the recently restored historic fire tower again open to the public. Thanks to Indiana Landmarks and the McCormick's Creek Friends Group, \$95,000 was raised to restore the 1930's CCC fire tower. From I-465 SW take SR 67 southwest to Spencer and SR 46 east to the park (fee). Meet in the Inn lower parking lot. Join us for lunch around 12:15 in the Inn before the hike. (Map #24) (M,NS,2-2.5) Leader: Terry Roesch (317-910-2943-cell)

Monday, December 9

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK - MONDAY See Monday, December 2

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, December 2

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 brisk 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 6. (Map #40)(M,PS,3.5) Leader: Janet Cohen (317-873-6586)

- 9:30 AM SLOW & EASY AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY See Monday, December 2
- 4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - MONDAY See Monday, December 2
- 5:30 PM BROAD RIPPLE/MERIDIAN-KESSLER CHRISTMAS LIGHTS Join us for a 4-5 mile hike which will include many lovely 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, but not required. (F,PS,2.5) Leaders: John & Konnie Schlechte (317-328-1876 home or 317-294-2021 cell or jschlechte@ameritech.net)
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, December 2

Tuesday, December 10

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, December 3
- 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)
- 10:00 AM CHRISTIAN PARK TO ELLENBERGER PARK For this 6 mile hike take Washington St east from downtown Indy to Sherman Dr. Turn right (S) and go .5 mile to English Ave. Turn left (E) and go .3 mile to the entrance to Christian Park. Meet there. (F,N/PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-329-2779 or 317-652-2779 cell)
- 6:00 PM SOUTHPORT See Tuesday, December 3

Wednesday, December 11

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK - WEDNESDAY See Wednesday, December 4
- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, December 4
- 9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, December 4
- 9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See Wednesday, December 4
- 9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, December 4
- 9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, December 4
- 4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY See Wednesday, December 4
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, December 4

Thursday, December 12

- 9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, December 5
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, December 5
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, December 5
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, December 5
- 6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, December 5

Friday, December 13

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK - FRIDAY See Friday, December 6
- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE - BRISK PACE See Friday, December 6
- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE - MODERATE PACE See Friday, December 6
- 9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, December 6
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, December 6
- 10:00 AM PENDLETON FALLS - ELAINE WRIGHT'S BIRTHDAY HIKE AND LUNCH From I-465 N, go north on I-69 about 18 miles to the Pendleton exit. Turn right after leaving I-69 and travel through Pendleton to the 2nd stoplight. Turn right and park behind the bank building in the main part of town off of State St. We will hike around historic Pendleton for 4-5 miles, including Pendleton Falls Park. After the hike you are all invited back to my little house to enjoy lunch with me and my family to celebrate my 80th birthday. A decade ago I had you all over to my house to celebrate my 70th birthday and thoroughly enjoyed my day with my friends and family. It will be an open house to come and go as you please. Just a birthday card, please no presents, just your presence. (Map #59)(F,PS/NS,3) Leader: Elaine Wright (317-753-5516)

6:00 PM BUTLER CAMPUS AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See Friday, December 6

Saturday, December 14

8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - SATURDAY See Saturday, December 7

9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See Saturday, December 7

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, December 7

10:00 AM BLOOMINGTON TRAIL NORTH, SWITCH YARD PARK AND WYLIE HOUSE, BLOOMINGTON

From I-465 S take SR 37/ I-69 south to Tapp Rd, exit 116. Go east on Tapp Rd/Country Club Rd. until just before the Walnut Str. traffic light. Turn left into the Shopping Plaza (Lucky's) and park behind Old National Bank. We will walk through the recently opened Switch Yard Park to the Wylie House Museum on 2nd St. There we will tour the beautifully decorated (for Christmas) Wylie House. This will be a 5-mile hike on a paved trail. After the hike plan on having lunch at a restaurant in Bloomington. (PS,F,2.5) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972 cell)

Sunday, December 15

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, December 1

10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See Sunday, December 8

1:30 PM SUNDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O From I-465 W take exit 16A to Crawfordsville Rd west thru Clermont to Hornaday Rd in Brownsburg. Turn left and go about 5-6 miles to Cardinal Park parking lot just north of 3300 Hornaday Rd, west side of road. This is a change in parking from previous hikes. This will be 6-8 miles out and back self guided hike. There are no bathrooms. Repeats December 29 & January 5. (F,PS) Leader: Kae Ramey (317-701-5805 cell)

2:00 PM FAIR WEATHER HIKE IN 100 ACRE WOODS Meet in the main parking lot of Newfields (Indianapolis Museum of Art) for a 3-4 mile slow and mostly easy hike. From 38 St and Michigan Rd, go west on 38th St one block to the main entrance to Newfields. Turn right into the first parking lot. There will be no fee since we will be walking around not through the museum. Hike repeats on January 5 and 19. (F,PS/NS/HS,2.5) Leader: Wilma Bailey (317-293-0051)

Monday, December 16

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK - MONDAY See Monday, December 2

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, December 2

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, December 9

9:30 AM SLOW & EASY AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY See Monday, December 2

4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - MONDAY See Monday, December 2

4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, December 2

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, December 2

Tuesday, December 17

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, December 3

9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK Enjoy a quiet and scenic 5 mile hike. From I-465 NE go east on 56th St and turn left on Post Rd then turn left into the park (fee). Meet at the Cherry Tree parking lot. Hike repeats on January 7 & 21. (Map #18) (M,NS,2.75) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)

10:00 AM INSIDE, OUTSIDE AT CHRISTMAS TIME For this 5 mile hike we will attempt to stay warm by stopping in the buildings downtown to enjoy their Christmas decorations. 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 (317-652-2779 cell, 317-329-2779)

6:00 PM SOUTHPORT See Tuesday, December 3

Wednesday, December 18

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK - WEDNESDAY See Wednesday, December 4

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, December 4

9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, December 4

9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See Wednesday, December 4

9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, December 4

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, December 4

4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY See Wednesday, December 4

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, December 4

Thursday, December 19

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, December 5

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, December 5

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, December 5

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, December 5

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, December 5

Friday, December 20

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK - FRIDAY See Friday, December 6

8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE - BRISK PACE See Friday, December 6

8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE - MODERATE PACE See Friday, December 6

9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, December 6

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, December 6

1:00 PM BOOK CLUB HIKE - DOWNTOWN INDY Before the hike read *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead. The hike will be 6 miles at a moderate pace through downtown Indy. Meet at Shapiro's Deli at 808 S. Meridian St (at McCarty St). Park on the southwest portion of the lot away from the building. We will hike to the downtown Central Library. The book discussion will be inside at the library. After the discussion we will hike back to Shapiro's Deli. You do not need to read the book to join the hike and discussion. Contact the leader for shorter options. (Map #41) (F,PS,3) Leader: Phil Smith (317-443-3955)

6:00 PM BUTLER CAMPUS AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See Friday, December 6

Saturday, December 21

First Day of Winter

8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - SATURDAY See Saturday, December 7

9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See Saturday, December 7

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, December 7

10:00 AM AVON PARKS Join us for a 5-6 mile hike in two scenic, connecting parks, Avon Town Hall Park and Avon Washington Township Park. The trails we plan to walk are paved but depending on weather, we may use some of the natural trails. Meet at the Avon Town Hall "Upper" Parking Lot by the playground. Attractions in these parks are several scenic lakes, the 1875 Whipple Iron Truss Bridge, White Lick Creek and trail, and the 1906 "Haunted" Avon Bridge. This park is located at 570 E US 36. From I-465 W, exit on US 36 (Rockville Rd) and travel west about 8 miles, turning right into the park. Bathrooms available. This hike repeats on January 4 and 19 at 1:00 PM. Join us for lunch at local restaurant after Dec. 21 morning hike. (F,PS/NS,3-3.25) Leader: Terry Roesch (317-910-2943 cell)

Sunday, December 22

Hanukkah

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, December 1

10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See Sunday, December 8

3:00 PM CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND COOKIES TOO IN FRANKLIN Choose your favorite way to go to Franklin, IN. Follow US 31 south through Franklin past the stoplight for West Jefferson St and go to the next stoplight (South St) by the cemetery. Turn east (left) and go 0.8 miles to the Beeson Recreation Center (396 Branigin Blvd) on the left to park. Hike is 6-7 miles with a midway stop at the Layman's home for coffee, hot chocolate, tea and cookies. Bring a flashlight, as it will be dark when we walk back through town and there are dark places with uneven sidewalks. (F,PS,3) Leaders: Mary Ann Layman (317-346-1802) and Mary Williams (317-919-8574)

Monday, December 23

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK - MONDAY See Monday, December 2

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, December 2

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, December 9

9:30 AM SLOW & EASY AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY See Monday, December 2

4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - MONDAY See Monday, December 2

4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, December 2

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, December 2

Tuesday, 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 drink 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. Note this is the one year anniversary of the fall I took last Christmas Eve which kept me out of commission for a number of months. I am still recovering and happy to be repeating the hike I led last Christmas Eve. (Map #25) (F,PS,3) Leaders: Ed and Linda Wright (317-445-5646)

6:00 PM SOUTHPORT See Tuesday, December 3

Wednesday, December 25 *Christmas Day*

9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, December 4

10:00 AM CHRISTMAS MORNING AT FORT HARRISON STATE PARK Enjoy a quiet 5 mile hike on Christmas Day. From I-465 E on Indy's North-East Side go east on 56th St and turn left on Post Rd then turn left into the park (fee). Meet at the Cherry Tree parking lot.(Map #18) (M,NS,2.75) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)

Thursday, December 26 *Kwanzaa Begins*

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, December 5

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, December 5

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, December 5

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, December 5

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, December 5

Friday, December 27

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK - FRIDAY See Friday, December 6

8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE - BRISK PACE See Friday, December 6

8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE - MODERATE PACE See Friday, December 6

9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, December 6

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, December 6

6:00 PM BUTLER CAMPUS AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See Friday, December 6

Saturday, December 28

8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - SATURDAY See Saturday, December 7

9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See Saturday, December 7

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, December 7

Sunday, December 29

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, December 1

10:00 AM BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK LIME KILN TRAIL From I-465 S take I-65 south to the Columbus / SR 46 west exit to Brown County SP (fee). Or take SR 135 south to Nashville and turn left (east) on SR 46 to the park entrance. Once in the park, follow the signs to the Nature Center. This will be a 5-6 mile hike on the Lime Kiln bike trail. After the hike plan on having lunch at a restaurant in Nashville. (M,NS,2-2.5) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972-cell)

10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See Sunday, December 8

1:30 PM SUNDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Sunday, December 15

Monday, December 30

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK - MONDAY See Monday, December 2

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, December 2

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, December 9

9:30 AM SLOW & EASY AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY See Monday, December 2

4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - MONDAY See Monday, December 2

4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, December 2

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, December 2

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

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, December 3
9:30 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See Tuesday, December 3
6:00 PM SOUTHPORT See Tuesday, December 3

Wednesday, January 1***New Year's Day***

- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, December 4
9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, December 4
9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See Wednesday, December 4
9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, December 4

Thursday, January 2

- 9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, December 5
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, December 5
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, December 5
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, December 5
6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, December 5

Friday, January 3

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK - FRIDAY See Friday, December 6
8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE - BRISK PACE See Friday, December 6
8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE - MODERATE PACE See Friday, December 6
9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, December 6
9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, December 6
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 January. (Map #41) (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Jim Griffin (317-294-1121)

Saturday, January 4

- 8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - SATURDAY See Saturday, December 7
9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See Saturday, December 7
10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, December 7
1:00 PM AVON PARKS See Saturday, December 21

Sunday, January 5

- 9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, December 1
10:00 AM MCCORMICK'S CREEK STATE PARK From I-465 S, take SR 67 (Kentucky Ave) south to SR 46 in Spencer. Turn left (east) and proceed on SR 46 to the park entrance (fee) on the left. Meet at the Nature Center parking area for a 5-6 mile hike on trails. After the hike plan on having lunch at a restaurant in Spencer. (M,NS,PS,2-2.5) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972-cell)
10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See Sunday, December 8
1:30 PM SUNDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Sunday, December 15
2:00 PM FAIR WEATHER HIKE IN 100 ACRE WOODS See Sunday, December 15

Monday, January 6

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK - MONDAY See Monday, December 2
9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, December 2
9:00 AM MORNING CONSTITUTIONAL See Monday, December 2
9:30 AM SLOW & EASY AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY See Monday, December 2
9:30 AM FASHION MALL Join us at the Fashion Mall at Keystone at the Crossing. This is a self-guided hike of 1.2 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 on all Mondays in January. (F,PS) Leaders: Cherie Voege (317-848-7674) and June Sergi (317-844-7883)

- 1:00 PM ARBuckle PARK, BROWNSBURG See Monday, December 2
4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - MONDAY See Monday, December 2
4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, December 2
6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, December 2

Tuesday, January 7

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, December 3
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)
9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Tuesday, December 17
10:00 AM DOWNTOWN AND ROOM WITH A VIEW This 6 mile hike will take us along the White River and in and around the the 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 (317-652-2779 cell, 317-329-2779)
6:00 PM UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS & ROSEDALE HILLS From I-65, go south on Keystone Ave about 1/2 mile to small shopping center on right (west) at 4040 S. Keystone. Meet at the south end of the parking lot for a 5-mile hike. Hike repeats each Tuesday in January. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: David Kincaid (317-787-6593, 317-864-9574 cell)

Wednesday, January 8

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK - WEDNESDAY See Wednesday, December 4
9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, December 4
9:00 AM PRAIRIE PINES PRESERVE - NORTH FORT MEYERS, FL We will hike the Prairie Pines Preserve in North Fort Meyers, FL. This large preserve consists of many diverse native plant communities, including wet and mesic flatwoods, depression marshes, wet prairie and prairie hammock. Birds and wildlife commonly observed at this preserve include wood storks, red-headed woodpeckers and marsh rabbits. Our hike will be approximately 12-13 miles. The trail is flat and somewhat sandy. It could be wet. If it is wet, we will walk an alternative route through some nearby neighborhoods. Meet in the Preserve parking lot at 18400 N Tamiami Trail, North Fort Myers, Florida 33903. Optional lunch to follow. (F,NS,3-3.5) Leader: Judi Lewis (317-605-6987)
9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, December 4
9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See Wednesday, December 4
9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, December 4
9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, December 4
4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY See Wednesday, December 4
4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, December 4

Thursday, January 9

- 9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, December 5
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, December 5
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, December 5
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, December 5
6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, December 5

Friday, January 10

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK - FRIDAY See Friday, December 6
8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE - BRISK PACE See Friday, December 6
8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE - MODERATE PACE See Friday, December 6
9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL - FORT MEYERS, FL If you find yourself in southwest Florida over the holidays please join us for a 12-mile, with a 6 and 9 mile option, on the paved John Yarbrough Linear Park Trail in Fort Myers. Meet at the trail less than one block west of Metro Pkwy on

the north side of Daniels Pkwy. Park in the grass on the east side of the trail. Call if you need more precise directions. Hike repeats on Tuesday, January 14. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Rick Braun (317-679-2972)

9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, December 6

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, December 6

6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See Friday, January 3

Saturday, January 11

8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - SATURDAY See Saturday, December 7

9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See Saturday, December 7

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, December 7

10:00 AM BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK HIKE ON THE LIME KILN MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAIL From I-465 S take I-65 south to Columbus exit for Hwy 46. Travel west on Hwy 46 to entrance for Brown County State Park (fee). Meet at the Ogle Hollow Rally parking lot which is on your right just before the entrance to the campground. This will be a 5 mile hike (Map #27) Stay for lunch after the hike somewhere nearby. (M,NS,2 2.5) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (317-346-1802-home or 317-412-5190-cell)

Sunday, January 12

8:00 AM SANIBEL ISLAND, FL Join us for a 10 mile hike on beautiful Sanibel island off the west coast of Fort Meyers Beach. In past years, we have been able to hike the entire island mostly on the beach. Due to erosion at the west end of the island, we will begin our hike at Lighthouse Beach at the east end of the island. Meet at 991 Whelk Dr, Sanibel, Florida. We will head inland at Tarpon Beach, continuing on to the Bailey track. At this time of the year, the tide will be extremely low, making hiking the beach difficult due to the distraction of so many shells! The Bailey track is always full of local wildlife. Optional lunch to follow. (F,NS/PS,3-3.5) Leader: Judi Lewis (317-605-6987)

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, December 1

10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See Sunday, December 8

Monday, January 13

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK - MONDAY See Monday, December 2

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, December 2

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, December 9

9:30 AM SLOW & EASY AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY See Monday, December 2

9:30 AM FASHION MALL See Monday, January 6

4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - MONDAY See Monday, December 2

4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, December 2

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, December 2

Tuesday, January 14

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, December 3

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL - FORT MEYERS, FL See Friday, January 10

9:30 AM FORT DE SOTO, FL If you find yourself in the Clearwater area of Florida, come join us for a hike at Ft. De Soto located at 3500 Pinellas Bayway S Tierra Verde, Florida 33715 ([http://www.pinellascountry.org/parks/05 Ft DeSoto.htm](http://www.pinellascountry.org/parks/05_Ft_DeSoto.htm)). Travel south on I-275 to exit 17, turn right and go west on 679 and follow the signs for Ft De Soto Park. There is an admission fee of \$5.00 per car. Once inside the park arrive at the T-junction and turn right and go to the parking Lot to the right of Shelter 11. Note this is the parking lot after the entrance to the actual fort; it also shows a cafe for snacks at this parking lot. Plan to take a sandwich or a snack and join the group for a picnic afterwards. Leader: Elaine Wright (317-753-5516)

9:30 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See Tuesday, December 3

6:00 PM UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS & ROSEDALE HILLS See Tuesday, January 7

Wednesday, January 15

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK - WEDNESDAY See Wednesday, December 4

- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, December 4
9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, December 4
9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See Wednesday, December 4
9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, December 4
9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, December 4
4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY See Wednesday, December 4
4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, December 4

Thursday, January 16

- 9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, December 5
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, December 5
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, December 5
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, December 5
6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, December 5

Friday, January 17

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK - FRIDAY See Friday, December 6
8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE - BRISK PACE See Friday, December 6
8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE - MODERATE PACE See Friday, December 6
9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, December 6
9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, December 6
1:00 PM BOOK CLUB HIKE - ZIONSVILLE This month's book selection is *Hero of the Empire: The Boer War, a Daring Escape and the Making of Winston Churchill* by Candice Millard. We will meet at the Zionsville Town Hall and walk 1 mile to Zionsville's Hussey-Mayfield library located at 250 N. 5th St. To get to the town Hall from 1-465 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. Following the book discussion, there will be two hike options: a 3 mile slower hike or a 4-5 mile hike. You do not need to read the book to join the hike and discussion. (Map #34) (F,PS,3) Leader: Susan Sievers (317-513-5239)
6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPTI See Friday, January 3

Saturday, January 18

- 8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - SATURDAY See Saturday, December 7
9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See Saturday, December 7
10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, December 7

Sunday, January 19

- 9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, December 1
10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See Sunday, December 8
10:00 AM GRIFFY LAKE, BLOOMINGTON From I-465 S take SR 37/ I-69 S to SR 46/ Bloomington East, Exit 120A. Continue on SR 46. At the 4th traffic light turn left onto Matlock Rd. Follow Matlock Rd to Haedley Rd, turn left and continue on to the lake. Meet across the causeway at the boat house parking area on the right. This will be a 5-6 mile hike on natural trail. After the hike, plan on having lunch at a restaurant in Bloomington. (M,NS,2-2.5) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972-cell)
1:00 PM AVON PARKS See Saturday, December 21
2:00 PM FAIR WEATHER HIKE IN 100 ACRE WOODS See Sunday, December 15

Monday, January 20 **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK - MONDAY See Monday, December 2
9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, December 2
9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, December 9
9:30 AM SLOW & EASY AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY See Monday, December 2
9:30 AM FASHION MALL See Monday, January 6
4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - MONDAY See Monday, December 2
4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, December 2

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, December 2

Tuesday, January 21

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, December 3

9:30 AM VETERANS WAR MEMORIAL HIKE - ST PETERSBURG, FL If you find yourself in the Petersburg area of Florida, come join us for a 5 mile hike in a park devoted to Veterans. From I-275 there will be a sign showing exit for the VA Hospital which is located on 38th Rd or Tyrone. After exiting I-275 travel west past Tyrone Mall until you see the signs for the VA Hospital, the War Memorial Park sits adjacent to the grounds of the VA Hospital on the left if traveling west. We meet at Shelter number 5, which is at the very back of the Park. Usually after this hike we eat at the Cuban Restaurant across the road from the Park and the Hospital. (F,PS,3) Leader: Elaine Wright (317-753-5516)

9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Tuesday, December 17

10:00 AM AVON AND OVER THE BRIDGE From I-465 W go west about 1 mile on Rockville Rd to Raceway Rd. Turn left and park in Meijer Parking lot near Chick Filet. This will be a 6-7 mile hike in Avon which includes going over the Ronald Reagan Bridge. (F/PS/NS/3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-329-2779, 317-652-2779 cell)

6:00 PM UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS & ROSEDALE HILLS See Tuesday, January 7

Wednesday, January 22

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK - WEDNESDAY See Wednesday, December 4

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, December 4

9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, December 4

9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See Wednesday, December 4

9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, December 4

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, December 4

4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY See Wednesday, December 4

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, December 4

Thursday, January 23 *Our Club is 63 years old today*

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, December 5

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, December 5

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, December 5

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, December 5

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, December 5

Friday, January 24

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK - FRIDAY See Friday, December 6

8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE - BRISK PACE See Friday, December 6

8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE - MODERATE PACE See Friday, December 6

9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, December 6

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, December 6

6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See Friday, January 3

Saturday, January 25

8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - SATURDAY See Saturday, December 7

9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See Saturday, December 7

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, December 7

10:00 AM TURKEY RUN STATE PARK Our second state park (established 1916) offers some of Indiana's most ruggedly beautiful hiking trails. Allow about 1 1/2 hours travel time from I-465 W. Go west on I-74 to Exit 52. Turn left on SR 75 south through Jamestown. Then go west on SR 234 about 16 miles to SR 47. Turn left on SR 47 and travel about 13 miles to the park entrance on the right (fee). Meet in the Turkey Run Inn lobby for a 5 mile hike (shorter option available) Join us afterwards for lunch in the Inn.

OPTIONAL EAGLES IN FLIGHT A popular annual event co-hosted by Turkey Run State Park and The Friends of Turkey Run and Shades State Parks. Join John & Konnie before the hike to view

bald eagles in flight. This is a ranger led expedition to a local eagle roost site near one of Parke County's covered bridges on Sugar Creek. We caravan from the Inn parking lot, leaving at 6:45 AM sharp, and returning by 8:30 AM (breakfast available in the dining room). There is a required \$15/person contribution to view the eagles. If you are interested, this fee will also provide access to a full weekend of events from Friday night to Sunday afternoon (indoors and out). Phone or text John for schedule of events. (Map #46) (H,NS,2.5) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)

Sunday, January 26

The following hike was added to the schedule on 1/20; it will not appear in the printed schedule.

- 8:30 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD From I465 W take the Washington St exit (US 40) west to Plainfield. In Plainfield turn south on S. Center St and drive to Friendship Gardens, which is north of Hummel Park. This will be a 14 mile brisk hike. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Theresa Ray (317-627-1205)
- 9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, December 1
- 10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See Sunday, December 8

Monday, January 27

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK - MONDAY See Monday, December 2
- 9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, December 2
- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, December 9
- 9:30 AM SLOW & EASY AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY See Monday, December 2
- 9:30 AM FASHION MALL See Monday, January 6
- 4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - MONDAY See Monday, December 2
- 4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, December 2
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, December 2

Tuesday, January 28

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, December 3
- 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)
- 9:30 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See Tuesday, December 3
- 10:00 AM THE MILE SQUARE For this 6 mile hike we will park at Shapiro's. Please park at the far back area of the parking lot away from the main entrance. When Indy was first laid out it was a mile square, bounded by North, East, West and South Streets. We will walk these streets and stop for a restroom break. Following the hike enjoy a hot bowl of Shapiro's delicious soup. (Map #41) (F,PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-329-2779 home, 317- 652-2779 cell)
- 6:00 PM UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS & ROSEDALE HILLS See Tuesday, January 7

Wednesday, January 29

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK - WEDNESDAY See Wednesday, December 4
- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, December 4
- 9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, December 4
- 9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See Wednesday, December 4
- 9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, December 4
- 9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, December 4
- 4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY See Wednesday, December 4
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, December 4

Thursday, January 30

- 9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, December 5
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, December 5
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, December 5

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, December 5

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, December 5

Friday, January 31

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK - FRIDAY See Friday, December 6

8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE - BRISK PACE See Friday, December 6

8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE - MODERATE PACE See Friday, December 6

9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, December 6

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, December 6

6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See Friday, January 3

FUTURE EVENTS:

WINTER WEEKEND AT SPRING MILL STATE PARK – March 13 -15 We will be returning to Spring Mill State Park for our 2020 late winter weekend. To make your room reservations, call the DNR central reservations number at 877-563-4371. Our contract with Spring Mill Inn also says you can make your reservations on line at www.Indiananinns.com. Our group code for this event is 0313IH. Currently the rates with taxes are: Double-Double \$101.91, King \$123.19, and two queen beds \$137.97. Our block of rooms will be released February 10, 2020. Hikes are planned for Saturday AM & PM and Sunday AM. Plans are to have two hike leaders for the Saturday hikes. Hike times will be listed in the March 2020 schedule. For questions or further information, please contact Mary Ann Layman at 317-346-1802 or email her at malayman@earthlink.net.

23rd ANNUAL SMOKY MOUNTAINS LONG WEEKEND – April 23-25 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). John Schlechte and Jim Shoufler will be coordinating the trip. Contact John at 317-294-2021 or Jim at 317-697-0744 if you have any questions.

PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

Rita Burkhardt	Carmel, IN	Donald Duncan Jr.	Indianapolis, IN
Ana Alejos-Pratt	Indianapolis, IN	Betty Brandenstein	Lebanon, IN
Mary Ann Crawford	Indianapolis, IN	Natalie Crawford	Indianapolis, IN
Kathy Doyle	Avon, IN	Betty Johnson	Indianapolis, IN
Sharon Miller	Danville, IN	Dave White	Fishers, IN

WELCOME BACK THE FOLLOWING FORMER MEMBERS:

Ruth Nevins (formerly Ruth Baker)	Jenison, MI	Charlotte Gluschenko	Indianapolis, IN
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RECENT MILEAGE AWARDS:

Glee Crowder	46,500	Judy Torrence	5,000	Carolyn Hickman	400
Allan Roberts	40,000	Linda Whitt	5,000	Jane Quimby	400
Jill McFall	35,000	Maribeth Fischer	2,500	Lorraine Smith	400
Rick Kinnaman	32,000	Chris Jones	2,500	Rick Wortman	400
David Kincaid	27,500	Sandra Kleber	2,500	Neil Anderson	300
Mary Lester	26,000	Ella Spreckelmeyer	2,500	Kris Kothe	300
Ricki Jo Hoffmann	22,500	Tish Roberts	2,000	Georgia Novak	300
Marsha Hutchins	17,500	Cheryl Conces	1,500	Rick Wortman	300
Mary Lang	17,000	Dewey Conces	1,500	Monica Endres	200
Julie Litten	16,500	Carolyn Daly	1,500	Linda Gibson	200
Rick Braun	14,000	Susan Alden	1,000	Nancy Goldfarb	200
Curtis Hinds	12,500	Cathy Harms	1,000	Mike Graves	200
Kae Ramey	12,000	Steve Kirchhoff	1,000	Mary Ann Loehr	200
Janet Cohen	10,500	Christel Norcross	1,000	Anne Miller	200

Ellen Mutzl	10,500	Sharon Dean	500	Rick Wortman	200
Frank Bymaster	9,000	Monica Huber	500	Virginia Cutler	100
John Gaebler	8,500	Pat Starzynski	500	Voja Radovanovic	100
Jo Anne Starzyk	7,500	Sharon Dean	400	Myra Summerlot	100
Ruth Ann Loser	6,500	Deborah Dirk	400		

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

Kate Curtiss, a long time Hiking Club member, whose husband Daniel Curtiss passed away suddenly on October 18.

Long time member Ron Clark who has Pancreatic Cancer and Parkinson's disease is now under hospice care at home. His wife Claudia would like people to send fond memories or stories about Ron to him.

We wish all the best to the following members:

Narcisso Povinelli is receiving chemotherapy for cancer in his liver and colon.

Jo Anne Starzyk recently had cataracts removed from both eyes.

WANT MORE INFORMATION? For more information about our Club, including history, past hike schedules, 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. That's it. 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 (we start on time), but please no pets unless the hike is designated as a "pet hike."