



The Indianapolis Hiking Club

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Happiness - A Step at a Time



SCHEDULE FOR APRIL AND MAY 2021

(Please – no pets except on designated pet hikes)

Celebrating 64 Years of Sponsoring Hikes and Outings

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

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. 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.

COVID-19 POLICY: There are many reasons to be positive that the pandemic may be nearing an end. Most of our members have been vaccinated. Still on March 18 the Board of Directors decided that it is better to be cautious and continue to follow IN Governor Eric Holcomb's Covid-19 guidelines. So for the time being the Club's Covid-19 policies detailed in the June/July 2020 schedule remain in effect for April and May hikes. If during April or May the Governor relaxes the guidelines for masks and social gatherings we will follow suit and notify you via a Google Groups email.

- Hike leaders will sign-in all hikers and read the Covid-19 warning from the sign-up sheet.
- All hikers will wear a face mask during the sign-in process and are recommended to wear them throughout the hike.
- Each hiker is responsible for maintaining their own safe distance (at least 6 feet) from other hikers.
- If you test positive for Covid-19 or have been close to someone who has tested positive or are awaiting test results, you should self quarantine and not participate in any Club activities, even if you don't have symptoms.
- If you have been vaccinated against Covid-19, we ask you to still follow the above rules a bit longer.

ITEMS OF NOTE IN THIS SCHEDULE: Lots of good hikes (378 to be exact) in the April and May schedule. Noteworthy are the Smokies and Hocking Hills away trips in April and the return of Book Club hikes, on Friday, April 30 and Friday, May 21. Mary Ann Layman and Ed Wright will again be leading Wildflower hikes every Tuesday in April and Sunday, April 25. Mary Williams will be leading a Pet hike on Saturday, April 4. More than a dozen visits to Indiana state parks and state forests are scheduled, mostly on the weekends. John Lyghtel is leading a hike on the new Nickel Plate trail in Fishers on Tuesday, May 11 and again on Tuesday, May 18. And even though the mini Marathon has been cancelled due to the pandemic, Mary Bruss is leading a "No Frills" half marathon on Saturday, April 24 for all of you long distance hikers. See the schedule write-up on the appropriate date for details.

CELEBRATING GLEE CROWDER'S ACHIEVEMENT: On Friday, March 18 Glee Crowder became the first member in the 64 year history of our club to hike 50,000 miles on club sponsored hikes – a phenomenal personal achievement. Please come and help Glee celebrate her accomplishment at the Earth Discovery

Center in Eagle Creek Park on Thursday, April 8 at 9:00 a.m. before the start of the three regularly scheduled Thursday hikes. Please arrive early (i.e., before 9:00 a.m.) so we can start the ceremony on time.

WE ARE JOINING MEETUP: In an effort to share our story with a wider Indiana audience the Board has decided to join Meetup for a six month trial. Meetup is an internet service used to organize online groups that host events for people with similar interests. There are dozens of Meetup sites in the Indianapolis area focused on hiking and walking and the Board felt we need to be part of it, even though it will cost the Club a modest fee to participate. So we are developing a Meetup site called Indianapolis Hiking Club (catchy isn't it), that hopefully will refer Meetup users to our website and Facebook page, with the goal of attracting them as guests on our hikes. Because of the large effort that would be involved to replicate our full schedule of hikes on Meetup, only a small subset of our April and May hikes will be listed as events on Meetup, mainly to entice online viewers to dig deeper. When our Meetup site goes live in early April we will announce it to the membership with a Google Groups broadcast email, which will include instructions how to access the site which is free to any viewer. Please check it out and tell us what you think, but because you are already members of IHC, please do not join our Meetup site or indicate that you will come to the events that we list on Meetup, that is reserved for the new guests we hope to reach. Please give a warm welcome to any guest you encounter on club hikes who learned about us through Meetup.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER: Dear Hiking Club members, Sshh, speak softly, but SPRING is upon us! I'm always amazed and grateful to see the signs of spring - warmer days, plants waking up, birds and critters romping - and of course, an expanding list of excellent hiking options. Please check out the April/May schedule - and if you have a suggestion for a new hiking time/place, please realize that any Hiking Club member can lead a hike. Just contact our friendly Pathfinders to add to the schedule. If you lead it, we will come!

Speaking of hike leaders, we are all very excited and humbled to celebrate the 50,000 mile mark with our fellow club member and frequent hike leader, Glee Crowder. A celebration of Glee's incredible feat will be on Thursday, April 8 at Eagle Creek Park - again, see the schedule for details.

Your Hiking Club Board is already beginning plans to celebrate the Indianapolis Hiking Club's 65th birthday on January 23, 2022 at this year's Winter Banquet in December. If you have ideas for events, or just want to get involved with the Board, please do reach out to me or any Board member.

Happy Spring!
Mary Barbara Miller
President, Indianapolis Hiking Club

HIKE SCHEDULE:

Thursday, April 1

- 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 April and May. (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 April and May. (Map #17)(M,NS,3) Leader: Rick Wortman (317-701-1329)
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE Same directions and repeat dates 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 and repeat dates Easy at Eagle Creek - Five Mile. This is a 3 mile hike at an even slower pace, mostly on paved roads. (M,PS/NS,2.25-2.75) Leader: Marsha Hutchins (317-251-9078)
- 6:00 PM FORT HARRISON AND 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. Brisk hike repeats every Thursday in April and May. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Rick Braun (317-679-2972)

Friday, April 2 *Good Friday*

- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE - MODERATE PACE Janet will lead a moderate speed 5-6 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. Hike repeats every Friday in April and May. (Map #34) (M,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Janet Cohen (317-873-6586) or various other leaders
- 8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL Note, earlier start time for this recurring Friday hike. Join Rick for a self-guided hike of 1-14 miles on the Monon Trail every Friday morning in April and May. Meet at the Monon trail-head parking lot on 96 St. Restrooms are available. (F,PS) Leader: Rick Kinnaman (317-407-9746)
- 9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK Join us for a 6-mile hike with a 8-mile option. This will be a trail hike unless conditions prompt a switch to the roads. 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 April and May. (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 April and May. (Map #52) (F,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Glee Crowder (317-859-8159)
- 6:00 PM BUTLER, TOWPATH 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 April. (Map #32) (M,PS/NS,3.5) Leader: Jim Griffin (317-294-1121)

Saturday, April 3

- 8:00 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD This will be an 8-mile walk with a 5-mile option in parks and neighborhoods in Greenwood. Take US 31 south to Main St. in Greenwood. Go west on Main St to the bottom of the hill and park at Westside Park on the right. Walk repeats every Saturday in April and May. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Glee Crowder (317-859-8159)
- 9:00 AM BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK PRE SMOKIES TRAINING HIKE From I-465 S take I-65 south to Columbus exit and then SR 46 west to Brown County State Park (fee). Alternately you can take SR 135 south from Indy thru Nashville and SR 46 east to the Brown County State Park entrance. Follow signs to Ogle lake parking lot. This will be about 14 miles on hiking and biking trails. (Map #27)(H,NS,3) Leader: Jim Goulding (317-695-8744)
- 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 all Saturdays in April and May. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Julie Litten (317-407-4652)
- 10:00 AM SLOW & EASY ON FALL CREEK TRAIL From Emerson go east on 56th St to the next street, which has no sign but is Fall Creek Parkway North Drive. Turn south and then turn right into the Walmart parking area. Immediately turn right again, follow the perimeter road, and park away from the buildings in the area between Walmart, Subway, and Starbucks. Walk will have options of 2, 3, 4 and 5 miles. Repeats April 17 and May 1, 15, and 29. (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Marsha Hutchins (317 251 9078)

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 April and May. (Map #16) (F,PS) Leader: Rick Braun (317-679-2972)

Sunday, April 4 *Easter*

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 or an additional 1 mile self guided option through the College Park area neighborhood. Repeats each Sunday in April and May.(F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Marti Burton (317-306-9878)

9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE Meet in the free parking lot ½ block south of Broad Ripple Ave on Carrollton Ave (use 6229 Carrollton Ave for GPS address) for a guided 6 mile hike with option for up to 4 additional (self-guided) miles. Repeats each Sunday in April and May. (Map #16)(F,PS,3-3.25) Leader: Kathy Whalen (317-409-3265)

2:00 PM PET HIKE - WHITE RIVER GREENWAY TRAIL From I-465 S take SR 37 south, turn right onto SR144 W, go to Old SR 37 to first traffic light, turn left, go about 1.5 miles to Waverly Road Park which will be to your right. Alternate route: From I-465 SW take SR 67 south to SR 144 E, go for about 7 miles to old SR 37, turn right, go for 1.5 miles to Waverly Road Park which will be to your right. Parking lot will be to your left. This will be a 4 mile hike (out and back) with a 5 mile option on the scenic paved White River Greenway Trail. This is a pet hike, but you do not need a pet to participate. If you would like to walk at a faster pace that's fine. 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. (F,PS/NS,2.5) Leader: Mary Williams (317-736-1259-cell, 317-919-8574)

Monday, April 5

8:00 AM OUTSIDE CASTLETON MALL WALK - MONDAY Meet outside the food court near Dick's on the north side of Castleton Square Mall between the hours of 8-10 AM for a self-guided 1-12 mile hike outside the mall which doesn't open until 11 AM. If you arrive after 8 AM the leader may be hiking around the mall; he will have the signup sheet with him. Hike repeats each Wednesday in April and May. (Map #54)(F,PS) Leader: Rick Kinnaman (317-407-9746)

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 brisk 6-mile road hike. Repeats on Monday, May 3. (Map #40) (M,PS,3.5) Leader: Kate Curtiss (317-247-0283)

9:15 AM SOUTHPORT PARK Meet at 6901 Derbyshire Rd behind the former Southport Police Station for an 8-mile hike. Hike repeats each Monday in April and May. (F,NS/PS,3) Leader: Glee Crowder (317-859-8159)

9:30 AM SLOW & EASY: TOWPATH, BUTLER, ROCKY RIPPLE Join us for a walk on the canal tow path, Butler University campus and the town of Rocky Ripple, but not necessarily in that order. From Meridian St, turn west on 56th St and drive two blocks; park on either side of Kenwood, but not in the parking lots. Restroom available at Starbucks on 56 St. Walk will have 3, 4 and 5 mile options. Hike repeats on May 3. (F,PS/HS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Marsha Hutchins (317-251-9078)

4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING 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 April and May. (Map #16) (F,PS/NS,3-3.5) Leader: Mary Bruss (317-308-0182)

4:00 PM GREENWOOD MALL - MONDAY AFTERNOON Meet to signup at the food court at 4:00 pm; otherwise look for the leader during the hike (she will have the signup sheet with her). Self guided hike of up to 6 miles with shorter options between the hours of 4-6 pm. If the weather is nice we may walk outside. Hike repeats every Monday in April and May. (F,PS) Leader: Glee Crowder (317-859-8159)

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING Meet in Geist Coffee parking lot at the northwest corner of Fall Creek Rd and Brooks School Rd for a 6-8 mile brisk hike through scenic neighborhoods. Hike repeats each Monday evening in April and May. (Map #25)(F,PS,3.5) Leader: Rick Braun (317-679-2972)

Tuesday, April 6

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL This is a 1-12 mile self-guided hike (most people do 5-8 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 in the rear of the parking lot close to the Monon trail. Hike repeats every Tuesday in April and May. (Map #51) (F,PS) Leader: Jo Anne Starzyk (317-771-0914)
- 9:30 AM MERIDIAN WOODS Join us for a 5-6 mile south side hike in Meridian Woods and nearby neighborhoods on mostly paved trails. On Indy's south side, go south on SR 135 and turn right onto West Banta Rd. Go about 1/2 mile and turn left into the Baptist Church, 329 West Banta, which is just past Lockwood Lane. Meet in the parking lot. Seek a restroom before you arrive since there are none on the hike. Repeats every Tuesday in April and May. (F,PS,3) Leader: Glee Crowder (317-859-8159)
- 9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK Enjoy a quiet 5-mile hike through forested parkland. 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 April 27 and May 11 & 25. (Map #18) (M,NS,2.75) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)
- 10:00 AM CHAPEL HILL AND BEN DAVIS HS CAMPUS AND NEAR-BY NEIGHBORHOODS From I-465 W take the 10th St exit. Go west about a mile to Girls School Rd. Park in the strip mall parking lot on the southwest corner of 10th St and Girls School Rd. This will be a 6 mile hike. (F,PS/NS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-329-2779, 317-652-2779 cell)
- 10:30 AM EASTSIDE NEIGHBORHOODS Join us for a 5 mile hike around the city's historical east side neighborhoods. We will walk a different area each week. From the 5700 block of East Washington St turn south on to Audubon Rd next to the Irvington Library - restrooms available at the Library. Turn right at the second 4-way stop sign onto Bonna Ave and park on the north side of Bonna next to the Pennsy trail. Hike repeats each Tuesday in April and on May 4 and May 11. (F,PS,3) Leader: Melinda Jones (317-850-2500)
- 1:00 PM WILDFLOWER HIKE AT MCCORMICK'S CREEK STATE PARK This is the first of four wildflower hikes every Tuesday in April and Sunday, April 25. All but one hike will be led by Mary Ann Layman who provides expert commentary. Each hike will be at a different location known for the diversity of its wildflowers. As the month progresses you will see new varieties of wildflowers you didn't see on the earlier hikes. Since wildflowers are sensitive to cold, a 1:00 PM start time gives them a chance to open up.
- We usually see more varieties of wildflowers at McCormick's Creek SP than at any other location. From I-465 SW, take SR 67 southwest to Spencer. Turn left (east) on SR 46 and proceed to park entrance (fee). Meet at the Nature Center for a 4-5 mile hike at a slow pace with lots of commentary. (Map #24)(M,NS/PS,2-2.5) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (317-346-1802 home, 317-412-5190 cell)
- 5:00 PM SCHOOL TO SCHOOL AND PERRY WOODS Meet at Southport Middle School at 5715 S Keystone Ave. Park your car by the basketball court on the south side of the school for a 5-mile hike. Repeats each Tuesday evening in April and May. (F,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: David Kincaid (317-787-6593)

Wednesday, April 7

- 8:00 AM OUTSIDE CASTLETON MALL WALK - WEDNESDAY Meet outside the food court near Dick's on the north side of Castleton Square Mall between the hours of 8-10 AM for a self-guided 1-12 mile hike outside the mall. If you arrive after 8 AM the leader may be hiking around the mall; he will have the signup sheet with him. Hike repeats each Wednesday in April and May. (Map #54)(F,PS) Leader: Rick Kinnaman (317-407-9746)
- 9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL Join us for a 5 mile hike in Carmel; each week we will walk as a group and visit a different location, hopefully with a new leader. We encourage all hikers to lead from time to time. 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. Hike repeats each Wednesday in April and May. (Map #58)(F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646) and 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 April and May. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Julie Litten (317-407-4652)

- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS This 7-8 mile brisk all trail hike is a great way to stay in shape. Meet in Eagle Creek Park (fee) at lot just inside the 56th St entrance. Hike repeats each Wednesday in April and May. (Map #40)(M,NS,3-3.5) Leader: Rob Dickinson (317-987-9606)
- 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 April and May. (Map #41) (F,PS,2.5-3) Leaders: Harold Crooks (317-730-4850) and Susanne McNeely (317-384-2909)
- 9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK Join me for a 4-5 mile self-guided 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 April and May. (F,PS) Leader: Joan Griffitts (317-297-7312)
- 4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON Meet to sign-up at the food court at 4:00 pm; otherwise look for the leader during the hike (she will have the sign-up sheet with her). Self guided hike of up to 6 miles with shorter options between the hours of 4-6 pm. If the weather is nice we may walk outside. Hike repeats every Wednesday in April and May. (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 April and May. (Map #34) (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Janet Cohen (317-873-6586)

Thursday, April 8

- 9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, April 1
- 9:00 AM CELEBRATE GLEE CROWDER'S ACHIEVEMENT Last month, Glee Crowder achieved the incredible feat of hiking 50,000 miles on Club hikes; the first member to do so in the 64 year history of our club. Please come early (before 9 am) and help Glee celebrate her accomplishment at the Earth Discovery Center in Eagle Creek Park before the start of the three regular Thursday morning hikes. Your host for the event will be Club President Mary Barbara Miller.
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, April 1
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, April 1
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, April 1
- 6:00 PM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE See Thursday, April 1

Friday, April 9

- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE - MODERATE PACE See Friday, April 2
- 8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, April 2
- 9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, April 2
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, April 2
- 6:00 PM BUTLER, TOWPATH AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See Friday, April 2

Saturday, April 10

- 8:00 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See Saturday, April 3
- 9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See Saturday, April 3
- 9:00 AM MORGAN MONROE STATE FOREST – LOW GAP TRAIL Because of the construction on SR 37 S, please use the following directions: From I-465 S. take SR67 (Kentucky Ave.) south to SR39, turn left (east) and follow SR 39 to I-69 S to Exit 134. Turn left on Liberty Church Road and follow signs for Morgan Monroe State Forest. From the entrance to the state forest drive 4.5 miles to the Forest

Headquarters. Meet at the Forest Headquarters parking lot for an 11 mile hike. Bring snacks/lunch and water. (H,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Susan Sievers (317-513-5239)

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, April 3

10:00 AM FRANKLIN Enjoy a leisurely 5 mile walk thru Franklin. Take US31 south through Franklin past the intersection of SR44. Go over Young's Creek and turn left at the Indiana Masonic sign. Go 0.8 miles to the Beeson Recreation Center. (396 Branigin Blvd) on the left. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Mary Williams (317-736-1259-home or 317-919-8574-cell)

1:30 PM SLOW WALK AT FORT HARRISON STATE PARK Park entrance is at 59th and Post Rd. Daily fee is \$7; annual pass, good at all state parks, is \$25 senior and \$50 under 65. Marsha will lead this walk often enough for you to get your money's worth. Consider carpooling. Marsha has room for three vaccinated passengers who are wearing masks. She could pick them up outside the park. Call ahead. After the gatehouse, turn right at the first intersection. Then turn left into the Cherry Tree Picnic Area. Park at the south end away from the shelter. Walk with options of 3, 4 and 5 miles will be mostly on pavement. Repeats April 24 and May 8 & 22. (Map #18)(M,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Marsha Hutchins (317-251-9078)

Sunday, April 11

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, April 4

9:00 AM BLOOMINGTON CASCADE PARK AND TRAIL Because of the construction on SR 37 S please use the following directions: From I-465 S take SR 67 (Kentucky Ave) south to SR 39, turn left (east) follow SR 39 to I-69 S to Exit 123 (College Ave/Walnut St). Turn right at Old SR 37 (road is open to the park) and go for about 1 mile to Cascade Park entrance. This will be a 6 mile hike on natural and paved trails. Restrooms might still be closed. (F,NS/PS,2.5) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972 cell)

9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE See Sunday, April 4

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 will be 6-9 miles out and back self guided hike. Restrooms are available. Repeats May 30. (F,PS) Leader: Kae Ramey (317-701-5805 cell)

Monday, April 12

8:00 AM OUTSIDE CASTLETON MALL WALK - MONDAY See Monday, April 5

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 every remaining Monday in April and May, except May 3. (Map #40)(M,PS,3.5) Leader: Janet Cohen (317-873-6586)

9:15 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, April 5

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 home to more than 100 tree species. From the 700 block of West 38th St, go north on Clarendon Rd to the cemetery entrance. Crown Hill has asked us to no longer use the main parking lot; it is reserved for funerals. Just after you enter the cemetery proper, please park behind the mausoleum (large limestone building) on both sides of the street not blocking any drive ways or dumpsters. Hike includes options of 3, 4 and 5 miles. Hike repeats on May 10 and Memorial Day, May 31 when all veterans graves will be decorated with flags. (Map #42)(M,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Marsha Hutchins (317-251-9078)

4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, April 5

4:00 PM GREENWOOD MALL - MONDAY AFTERNOON See Monday, April 5

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, April 5

Tuesday, April 13

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, April 6

9:30 AM MERIDIAN WOODS See Tuesday, April 6

10:00 AM MILE SQUARE We will meet at Shapiro's Restaurant, 808 S. Meridian St. Please park at the rear of the parking lot away from the main entrance. We will traverse the "Mile Square" (the original layout of

Indianapolis) for 5-6 miles. (Map #41)(F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-329-2779, 317-652-2779 cell)

10:30 AM EASTSIDE NEIGHBORHOODS See Tuesday, April 6

1:00 PM WILDFLOWER HIKE ON THE WEST SIDE OF EAGLE CREEK Take 56th St west pass the main entrance to Eagle Creek Park and continue across the causeway and take the first right into the fisherman's parking lot which has the large iron sculpture of a bear (currently no fee). (Map #30)(M,NS,2-2.5) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (317-346-1802 home or 317-412-5190 cell)

5:00 PM SCHOOL TO SCHOOL AND PERRY WOODS See Tuesday, April 6

Wednesday, April 14

8:00 AM OUTSIDE CASTLETON MALL WALK - WEDNESDAY See Wednesday, April 7

9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, April 7

9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See Wednesday, April 7

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, April 7

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, April 7

9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, April 7

4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON See Wednesday, April 7

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, April 7

MULTIDAY TRIP: Thursday, April 15 – Saturday, April 17

24th ANNUAL SMOKY MOUNTAINS LONG WEEKEND Allow 7 hours to travel 400 miles. Consider Wednesday and Sunday as travel days. Go southeast on I-74 to I-275. Go south on I-275 around Cincinnati to I-75 south. Follow I-75 to Knoxville, TN. Go east on I-640 to I-40. Continue east on I-40 to Exit 407 (Highway 66 – Sevierville exit). Go south on Highway 66, which become US 441, to Gatlinburg. John Schlechte and Konnie Schlechte will lead a.m. and p.m. moderate hikes and Jim Goulding will lead more challenging full-day hikes. Bring water, snacks, and lunch each day, as we may not return to Gatlinburg between hikes. Contact John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell or jschlechte@ameritech.net) if you have questions regarding the moderate hikes. Contact Jim Goulding (317-695-8744 cell or jimgo21@gmail.com) for questions regarding the more challenging hikes.

Thursday, April 15

8:00 AM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – OLD SUGARLANDS TRAIL (MODERATE) – MORNING DAY 1 Meet at the Sugarland Visitor Center. Please park in the bus parking lot as the other spaces are short term only. The trail follows Little Pigeon River initially, then climbs gently up and away from the river. We will pass an old home site and other reminders that this area was once inhabited by early settlers. We will follow the trail to the pioneer cemetery and return to Sugarland Visitor for a total of 6 miles. (M,NS,2.25-2.5) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)

8:00 AM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – CLINGMANS DOME (CHALLENGING) – ALL DAY 1 Meet at the Sugarland Visitors Center where the trailhead and route of this 13-17 mile all day hike will be announced. This is the highest peak in the Smoky Mountains NP. (H,NS,3,0) Leader: Jim Goulding (317-695-8744 cell)

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, April 1

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, April 1

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, April 1

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, April 1

1:00 PM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – PORTERS CREEK TRAIL (MODERATE) – AFTERNOON DAY 1 Carpool if possible. Meet at the trailhead for this 4-5 mile hike. This is a long-time favorite of club members. Turn left out of the Sugarlands Visitor Center parking lot towards U.S. 441. Turn left toward Gatlinburg. From Gatlinburg stoplight #3 on U.S. 441, turn right onto U.S. 321 East. Drive about 6 miles and turn right at the Great Smoky Mountains National Park (Greenbrier) sign. The direction sign only lists the Ramsey Cascades Trail. Follow the road for about 4 miles (ignoring the Ramsey Cascades turnoff along the way) and park. We'll hike along Porters Creek for 2 miles to Fern Falls and return. This trail is well known for its variety of wildflowers. (M,NS,2.25-2.5) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE See Thursday, April 1

Friday, April 16

- 7:30 AM SMOKY MOUNTAINS ALUM CAVE TRAIL (MODERATE) – MORNING DAY 2 Meet at the trailhead for a 5 mile morning hike. Allow 30 minutes to drive to the Alum Cave parking area. If possible, double up in the cars as parking spaces may be limited. Enter the National Park as usual but ignore the turnoff for the Sugarland Visitor Center. Continue on the main Park road (US 441) for about 8.6 miles. There is a sign and 2 large parking areas on the left. This exceptional trail was beautifully restored a few years ago by the Friends of The Smokies. Total elevation gain is 1,200 feet. The loose gravel on the final stretch has been replaced with gentle stairs—Yea! This hike option goes to Alum Cave and back to the parking area. (H,NS,2.0-2.25) Leader: Konnie Schlechte (317-417-5112 cell)
- 7:30 AM SMOKY MOUNTAINS –MOUNT LE CONTE VIA ALUM CAVE (MODERATE) – ALL DAY 2 Meet at the trailhead for an 11 mile all day hike. Follow the Alum Cave directions above. After reaching Alum Cave (2.3 miles) we will proceed 3.2 miles to the summit. Bring your lunch and enjoy eating while taking in the spectacular view. Water and toilet facilities are available. Total elevation gain is 2,700 feet. This is the 3rd highest peak in the Smoky Mountains NP (after Clingmans Dome and Mount Guyot). (H,NS,2.0) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)
- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE - MODERATE PACE See Friday, April 2
- 8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, April 2
- 8:00 AM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – MOUNT LE CONTE (CHALLENGING) – ALL DAY 2 Trailhead and route for this challenging 12-18 mile hike to be announced. Hike will approach and depart the summit on different trails. This is the 3rd highest peak in the Smoky Mountains NP (after Clingmans Dome and Mount Guyot). (H,NS,3) Leader: Jim Goulding (317-695-8744 cell)
- 9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, April 2
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, April 2
- 10:00 AM MACGREGOR PARK MacGregor Park is a 96 acre nature park located in Westfield. Take US 31 north to the Sheridan Rd (SR 38) exit and turn east. The park is located just east of US 31 on SR 38. You will turn north into the park and pass the playground and continue to the main parking lot. We will hike in the park 4-5 miles, which should be ablaze with spring wildflowers. (F,NS,2.5-3) Leader: June Sergi (317-372-3018)
- 1:00 PM SMOKY MOUNTAINS –OLD GATLINBURG TRAIL/FIGHTING CREEK NATURE TRAIL (MODERATE) – AFTERNOON DAY 2 This will be a 5 mile from the parking area of Riverhouse at the Park to the Sugarland Visitor Center and back on these lovely nature trails. (M,NS,2.25-2.5) Leader: Konnie Schlechte (317-417-5112 cell)
- 6:00 PM BUTLER, TOWPATH AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See Friday, April 2

Saturday, April 17

- 8:00 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See Saturday, April 3
- 8:00 AM SMOKY MOUNTAINS (CHALLENGING) HIKE – ALL DAY 3 Details about this 12-17 mile all day hike to be announced. (H,NS,3,0) Leader: Jim Goulding (317-695-8744 cell)
- 8:30 AM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – BIG CREEK TRAIL (MODERATE) – MORNING DAY 3 Allow at least 1 1/4 hours from Riverhouse at the Park. Directions will be provided prior to the hike. This will be a 6 mile hike on a gently inclining trail along Big Creek for 3 miles to a bridge that provides a scenic view and then return on the same trail. The rushing waters pool in some areas, and you may see swimmers in the cold water. Join us for a picnic afterwards near the parking area. If you are driving home from here, I-40 will allow you to avoid Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge. (H/M,NS,2.25-2.5) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)

Note, the following hike was inserted into the schedule on April 10 which is when it was originally scheduled, but was cancelled due to weather. It will not appear in the printed schedule.

- 9:00 AM MORGAN MONROE STATE FOREST – LOW GAP TRAIL Because of the construction on SR 37 S, please use the following directions: From I-465 S. take SR67 (Kentucky Ave.) south to SR39, turn left (east) and follow SR 39 to I-69 S to Exit 134. Turn left on Liberty Church Road and follow signs for Morgan Monroe State Forest. From the entrance to the state forest drive 4.5 miles to the Forest Headquarters. Meet at the Forest Headquarters parking lot for an 11 mile hike. Bring snacks/lunch and water. (H,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Susan Sievers (317-513-5239)
- 9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See Saturday, April 3
- 10:00 AM SLOW & EASY ON FALL CREEK TRAIL See Saturday, April 3

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, April 3

1:00 PM SMOKY MOUNTAINS –BAXTER CREEK TRAIL (MODERATE) – AFTERNOON DAY 3 We will hike the Baxter Creek trail for 5-6 miles. Same directions as Big Creek Trail. Both trails share the same parking area. After the first mile we will be hiking through original growth forest with trees up to 170 feet tall. Inspiring! (H,NS,2.0-2.25) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)

Sunday, April 18

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, April 4

9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE See Sunday, April 4

1:30 PM MEADOWLARK PARK 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 is a 5 mile hike that repeats on May 9. (Map #58)(F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Cherie Voegel (317-848-7674)

Monday, April 19

8:00 AM OUTSIDE CASTLETON MALL WALK - MONDAY See Monday, April 5

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, April 12

9:15 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, April 5

9:30 AM RIVER ROAD PARK IN CARMEL We will hike the paved trails in River Road Park in Carmel along the White River and explore trails in nearby neighborhoods for options of 4 or 5 miles. From I-465 N take Keystone Ave north to 116th St and turn east, go 2.4 miles to River Rd. Turn north onto River Rd and go 1.2 miles to River Rd Park. Note you will pass River Heritage Park. Park in the north lot by the restrooms which will be open. Hike repeats on May 17. (F,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

9:30 AM SLOW & EASY: HOLLIDAY PARK & BEYOND Meet at Holliday Park. Enter the park from Spring Mill Rd at 64th St. Take the road to the left and continue to the parking lot for the Nature Center. Our walk will begin in the upper part of the park. Since this is an easy walk, we will not go down the hill into the woods. To get enough miles (2,3,4 and 5), we will walk in nearby neighborhoods. Repeats May 17. (Map #47)(F,PS/HS/NS,2.4-2.9) Leader: Marsha Hutchins (317-251-9078)

4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, April 5

4:00 PM GREENWOOD MALL - MONDAY AFTERNOON See Monday, April 5

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, April 5

Tuesday, April 20

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, April 6

9:00 AM STARLING NATURE PRESERVE - EAGLE CREEK PARK Approximate address – 8530 Wilson Rd. Meet at the parking lot for a 5 mile hike through the nature preserve and part of the West Side of Eagle Creek Park. The hike consists of a narrow boardwalk about 1/4 mile in length, a natural trail and a paved trail. Rest rooms are not available. Hike repeats on May 25. (M,NS/PS,3) Leader: Marti Burton (317-306-9878)

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 (across from Post Office) for a 5-6 mile hike. Hike may include parts of the Monon Trail, Holliday Park, Marott Park, Arden neighborhood, Rocky Ripple or Broad Ripple Park. Hike repeats May 18. (M,NS/HS/PS,2.75) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)

9:30 AM MERIDIAN WOODS See Tuesday, April 6

10:00 AM BUTLER-TARKINGTON AREA For this 6 mile hike we will meet at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Indianapolis located at 635 W 43rd St. (M,NS/PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-329-2779, 317-652-2779 cell)

10:30 AM EASTSIDE NEIGHBORHOODS See Tuesday, April 6

1:00 PM WILDFLOWER HIKE - HOLLIDAY PARK Because of the diversity of terrain and numerous water sources, Holliday Park is arguably the best place in the Indy area to view wildflowers. Meet at the Nature Center parking lot, 6340 Spring Mill Rd, for a 4 mile hike. Hike repeats on Sunday, April 25 to give people who are unable to make Tuesday hikes (e.g. Hocking Hills attendees) a chance to see late blooming wildflowers. (Map #47) (M,NS/PS,2.5) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

5:00 PM SCHOOL TO SCHOOL AND PERRY WOODS See Tuesday, April 6

MULTI DAY TRIP: Wednesday, April 21 - Thursday, April 22

HOCKING HILLS GETAWAY Allow 4-5 hours travel time from Indianapolis area. Take I-70 east to Columbus, OH. Take I-270 around Columbus to the southeast and then take the US 33 exit east toward Lancaster, OH. Continue past Lancaster to Logan, OH. Arrange your own lodging. See the Upcoming Events section in last schedule for lodging recommendations. Tuesday and Friday will be travel days. To appreciate the beauty of the park (and take photos), all hikes will be at a reasonable pace. These hikes will be leader-led with hikers behind the hike leader. Please bring hiking schedule with you. If you have not been to Hocking Hills sections of trails include climbing over rocks, tight areas, many steps so sturdy footwear and poles suggested. Bring snacks, (trail lunch on Wednesday) and water/snacks to hikes. If rain is expected, pack rain gear. Meet in the Old Man's Cave Parking Lot on Wednesday, April 21 at 9 am. The parking lot is located in Hocking Hills State Park, which is about 12 miles southwest of Logan on SR 664, a winding slow traveling road. The parking lot address is 20517 SR 664. Cell phone reception can be spotty in the park. Leaders: Terry Roesch (317-910-2943 cell) and Jill McFall (317-908-2530 cell)

Wednesday, April 21

8:00 AM OUTSIDE CASTLETON MALL WALK - WEDNESDAY See Wednesday, April 7

9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, April 7

9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See Wednesday, April 7

9:00 AM HOCKING HILLS - OLD MAN'S CAVE TO WHISPERING CAVE - DAY 1 There is one hike option this morning. We will stagger the start of this 5-mile loop hike to split up into three hiking groups. Mary Ann will be at the back and take any hikers who wish an easy pace. We will hike through the scenic Old Man's Cave inner gorge area over to Whispering Cave and back. Along the trail are recess caves, including the well-known Old Man's Cave, waterfalls, Devil's Bathtub, black sandstone cliffs, stone tunnels, and unique rock formations. This hike will be at a pace to appreciate the beauty of the park and take photos. Old Man's Cave and Whispering Cave are 2 of the 7 major hiking trails in Hocking Hills. Meet in the parking lot at Old Man's Cave, 20517 SR 664, Logan 43138 GPS Tracking (39.437176,-82.539667). Bring water, snacks and trail lunch if staying for the afternoon hike. Bathrooms available at nearby Visitors Center. (M,NS,1.5-2+) Leader: Terry Roesch (317-910-2943 cell)

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, April 7

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, April 7

9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, April 7

1:00 PM HOCKING HILLS - ASH CAVE TO CEDAR FALLS - DAY 1 LONG HIKE Afternoon start time could change depending on time morning hikers' finish. This will be an in and out 6-7 mile hike. Meet in the large Ash Cave parking lot on the south side of the road. Ash Cave and Cedar Falls are 2 of the 7 major hiking trails in Hocking Hills. Address is 27291 SR56 South Bloomingville OH 43152 GPS Tracking (39.395993,-82.545927). Hike hi-lights will be Ash Cave, the largest recess cave in the state, Cedar Falls, moss covered cliffs. There should be plenty of wildflowers blooming in April. Bathrooms available at Ash Cave parking lot and Cedar Falls. (M,NS,2.25-2.5) Leader: Terry Roesch (317-910-2943 cell)

1:00 PM HOCKING HILLS - CONKLES HOLLOW STATE NATURE PRESERVE - DAY 1 EASY OPTION This is a 4-mile hike with a 3-mile option. Meet in the Old Man's Cave parking lot (see address above). We will carpool/caravan to trailhead. The address is 24132 Big Pine Road, Logan, GPS Tracking: 39.452879,-82.572148. Conkles Hollow is one of the 7 major hiking trails of Hocking Hills. The longer rim trail has many steps and the scenic paved gorge trail has waterfalls cascading over sandstone cliffs. Bathroom available. (M,NS,1.5-2) Leader: Jill McFall (317-908-2530 cell)

4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON See Wednesday, April 7

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, April 7

Thursday, April 22

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, April 1

9:30 AM HOCKING HILLS - LAKE HOPE STATE PARK - DAY 2 LONG OPTION This will be a 9-mile scenic hike on hiking trails around the lake at Lake Hope State Park. This hike expected to take 4 hours. Meet at the Ash Cave parking lot to caravan to trailhead. See address for Ash Cave in Wednesday's

write-up. Address for Lake Hope is 27331 SR 278, McArthur OH 45651 approximately a 30 minute drive. (M,NS,2.25-2.5) Leader: Jill McFall (317-908-2530 cell)

9:30 AM HOCKING HILLS - LAKE HOPE STATE PARK - DAY 2 EASY OPTION This will be a shorter and easy-paced hike option on trails around Lake Hope – 5 miles. Meet at Ash Cave parking lot to caravan to trailhead. See address for Ash Cave in Wednesday's write-up. Address for Lake Hope is 27331 SR 278, McArthur OH 45651 approximately a 30 minute drive. (M,NS,1.5-2) Leader: Terry Roesch (317-910-2943 cell)

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, April 1

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, April 1

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, April 1

2:00 PM HOCKING HILLS - ROCK HOUSE – DAY 2 EASY AFTERNOON OPTION Terry will take any hikers interested in seeing the Rock House after lunch at Lake Hope. Listed start time is approximate depending on when lunch ends. Check with the leader after the morning hike for a better estimate. The Rock House, 16526 Ohio 374, Laurelville, OH 43135 GPS Tracking: 39.495240, -82.615252. The Rock House is a tunnel-like cavern 25 feet high with a "window" at the end providing views of a waterfall flowing over the cliff face. Small recesses in the back wall were used as baking ovens for Native Americans staying in the cave. The Rock House is one of the 7 major hiking features of Hocking Hills, a mile long and takes about 45 minutes to traverse. No bathrooms. (M,NS,2) Leader: Terry Roesch (317-910-2943 cell)

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE See Thursday, April 1

Friday, April 23

8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE - MODERATE PACE See Friday, April 2

8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, April 2

9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, April 2

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, April 2

6:00 PM BUTLER, TOWPATH AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See Friday, April 2

Saturday, April 24

8:00 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See Saturday, April 3

8:00 AM NO FRILLS HALF MARATHON No shirts, no medals, no water stations and NO FEES. This 13.1 mile half marathon is self guided. Restrooms will be located 2 1/2 miles from start location at WalMart and at the turn around in Fort Harrison. We will meet in the parking lot at Binford & Fall Creek. Directions to the parking lot: Go south on Keystone to 46th St. Turn east to Allisonville Rd. Turn right/south and go to the next stop light. At that stop light go straight, crossing Binford, and the parking lot will be on the right. We will walk the Fall Creek Greenway trail north, to the Shaffer Restrooms (across from the sledding hill) in Ft. Harrison and back. Any questions, please call Mary. Be sure to leave nothing visible in your car. (F,PS/NS) Leader: Mary Bruss (317-308-0182)

9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See Saturday, April 3

9:00 AM PATE HOLLOW PAYNETOWN SRA Because of the construction on SR 37 S please use the following directions: From I-465 S take SR 67 S (Kentucky Ave) south to SR 39, turn left (east) follow SR 39 to I-69 S to Exit 120A (SR 46 E). Continue on SR 46 E to SR 446. Turn right (south) onto SR 446 and go for about 6 miles. Look for Paynetown SRA entrance on the right. Park behind the building. This will be a 7-mile hike on the scenic woods trail loop. (M,NS,2) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972 cell)

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, April 3

1:30 PM SLOW WALK AT FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Saturday, April 10

Sunday, April 25

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, April 4

9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE See Sunday, April 4

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 5-6 mile hike. Suggestion: Bring picnic lunch for after the hike. (Map #46) (H,NS,2.5) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)

1:00 PM WILDFLOWER HIKE AT HOLLIDAY PARK For all you weekenders who are unable to attend Mary Ann Layman's informative Tuesday wildflower hikes; this is a repeat of one on April 20. Holliday Park is one of the best places to view wildflowers in the metro area. Meet at the Nature Center parking lot, 6340 Spring Mill Rd, for a 4 mile slow and easy hike focusing on the flowers. (Map #47) (M,NS,2-2.5) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

Monday, April 26

8:00 AM OUTSIDE CASTLETON MALL WALK - MONDAY See Monday, April 5

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, April 12

9:15 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, April 5

9:30 AM SLOW & EASY BROAD RIPPLE PARK & BEYOND Park in Community Center parking area at the front of Broad Ripple Park, 1550 Broad Ripple Ave. Expect a different route each time. Options of 3, 4 and 5 miles. Hike repeats on May 24. (Map #57)(F,HS/PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Marsha Hutchins (317-251-9078)

4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, April 5

4:00 PM GREENWOOD MALL - MONDAY AFTERNOON See Monday, April 5

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, April 5

Tuesday, April 27

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, April 6

9:00 AM WEST SIDE OF EAGLE CREEK Take 56th Street west pass the main entrance to Eagle Creek Park and continue across the causeway and take the first right into the fisherman's parking lot which has the large iron sculpture of a bear (currently no fee). We will explore various trails for a 6-7 mile hike. Rest rooms are not available. Hike repeats on May 11. (Map #30)(M,NS,2.5) Leader: Marti Burton (317-306-9878)

9:30 AM MERIDIAN WOODS See Tuesday, April 6

9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Tuesday, April 6

10:00 AM DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE This 6 mile hike takes us along White River south of Washington St. We will 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 #41) (M,PS/NS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-329-2779, 317-652-2779 cell)

10:30 AM EASTSIDE NEIGHBORHOODS See Tuesday, April 6

1:00 PM WILDFLOWER HIKE AT MOUNDS STATE PARK From I-465 N take I-69 north to Anderson, IN. Take exit 126 and go north (left) to SR 232. Turn right at SR 232 and follow the signs to Mounds State Park (fee) and meet in the Pavilion parking lot for a 4-5 mile hike. (Map #19)(M,NS/PS,2-2.5) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (317-346-1802 home or 317-412-5190 cell)

1:30 PM TUESDAY 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 will be 6-9 miles out and back self-guided hike. Restrooms are available. (F,PS) Leader Kae Ramey (317-701-5805 cell)

5:00 PM SCHOOL TO SCHOOL AND PERRY WOODS See Tuesday, April 6

Wednesday, April 28

8:00 AM OUTSIDE CASTLETON MALL WALK - WEDNESDAY See Wednesday, April 7

9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, April 7

9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See Wednesday, April 7

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, April 7

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, April 7

9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, April 7

1:00 PM BUTLER-TARKINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD WALK Meet at Unitarian Universalist Church of Indianapolis parking lot at 615 W 43rd St for a guided 5-6 mile hike exploring Butler University and surrounding area. There are many sites to explore in this neighborhood. Hike repeats on Wednesday 5/12, 5/19 and 5/26. (F,M/PS,3) Leader: Kathy Whalen (317-409-3265)

4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON See Wednesday, April 7

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, April 7

Thursday, April 29

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, April 1

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, April 1

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, April 1

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, April 1

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE See Thursday, April 1

Friday, April 30

8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE - MODERATE PACE See Friday, April 2

8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, April 2

9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, April 2

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, April 2

1:00 PM BOOK CLUB HIKE – AVON TOWN HALL AND WASHINGTON PARKS The book is *Upstairs at the White House: My Life with the First Ladies* by J.B. West. Meet at the Avon Town Hall Park located at 6570 E US 36, Avon, IN 46123. Meet at the Avon Town Park Pavilion (top of hill to the right of the Town Hall, with parking) for the book discussion followed by a 3-5 mile hike. You may want to bring a lawn chair to distance during the discussion. A bathroom should be available. From I-465 W take Rockville Rd (US 36) west. The Avon Town Hall is on the north side just past SR 267 (Avon Ave); there is a sign for the Town Hall. You do not have to read the book to join the discussion or the hike. (M,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Susan Fox (317-682-8117 cell)

6:00 PM BUTLER, TOWPATH AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See Friday, April 2

Saturday, May 1

8:00 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See Saturday, April 3

9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See Saturday, April 3

9:30 AM MCCORMICK'S CREEK STATE PARK Travel to McCormick's Creek State Park your preferred way and meet at the Nature Center for a moderate hike of 5 miles. There will be lots of wildflowers for us to enjoy and that is what we will be looking forward to seeing and identifying. (Map #24)(M,NS,1.5-2) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (317-346-1802 home, 317-412-5190 cell)

10:00 AM SLOW & EASY ON FALL CREEK TRAIL See Saturday, April 3

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, April 3

Sunday, May 2

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, April 4

9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE See Sunday, April 4

9:30 AM MOUNDS STATE PARK Known for its ancient mounds built around 160 B.C., the park has excellent hiking trails through a mature forest and along White River. Allow 1 1/4 hours travel time from I-465 N. Take I-69 north to exit 26 (Anderson). Go north on SR 9 to SR 232. Turn right and follow signs to the park (fee). Meet at the Pavilion parking lot for a 5-6 mile moderate hike with shorter options. Suggestion: bring a picnic lunch for after the hike. (Map #19) (M,NS/PS,2.75) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)

1:00 PM DEVONSHIRES Join us on a 6-mile road hike though attractive and somewhat hilly neighborhoods. The spring bulbs should be putting on quite a show. Meet behind the Starbucks in the Avalon Crossing shopping center on the east side of Binford Blvd just south of 71st St. (M,PS,3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

Monday, May 3

8:00 AM OUTSIDE CASTLETON MALL WALK - MONDAY See Monday, April 5

9:00 AM MORNING CONSTITUTIONAL See Monday, April 5

9:15 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, April 5

9:30 AM SLOW & EASY: TOWPATH, BUTLER, ROCKY RIPPLE See Monday, April 5

4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, April 5

4:00 PM GREENWOOD MALL - MONDAY AFTERNOON See Monday, April 5

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, April 5

Tuesday, May 4

9:00 AM SOUTH SIDE OF CLERMONT For this 6 mile hike we will meet at Clermont Lion's Club Park, 3201 Tansel Rd. From I-465 W take exit 16 toward Clermont and Brownsburg. Go 5 stoplights to Tansel Rd. Turn left and go .3 mi to the park which will be on your left. (Map #44)(F,PS/NS,3) Leader:Pat Lawler (317-329-2779, 317-652-2779 cell)

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, April 6

9:30 AM MERIDIAN WOODS See Tuesday, April 6

10:00 AM SLOW AND EASY IN MORGAN MONROE STATE FOREST Join us for a 5 mile hike (shorter options) on a paved trail in Morgan Monroe State Forest that parallels Forest Rd. This hike is in the woods, on blacktop and includes only a few modest hills. Because of the construction on SR 37 S please use the following directions: From I-465 S take SR 67 (Kentucky Ave) south to SR 39, turn left (east) follow SR 39 through Martinsville to I-69. Go south 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 SR 37), turn right and follow Old SR 37, staying right at the Hacker Creek Rd curve. It is 4.0 miles from where you turn on to Old SR 37 to the forest entrance. When you reach the forest entrance drive 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. (Map #28)(F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Marthene Kohlmeyer (317-849-5051)

10:30 AM EASTSIDE NEIGHBORHOODS See Tuesday, April 6

5:00 PM SCHOOL TO SCHOOL AND PERRY WOODS See Tuesday, April 6

Wednesday, May 5

8:00 AM OUTSIDE CASTLETON MALL WALK - WEDNESDAY See Wednesday, April 7

9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, April 7

9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See Wednesday, April 7

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, April 7

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, April 7

9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, April 7

4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON See Wednesday, April 7

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, April 7

Thursday, May 6

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, April 1

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, April 1

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, April 1

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, April 1

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE See Thursday, April 1

Friday, May 7

8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE - MODERATE PACE See Friday, April 2

8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, April 2

9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, April 2

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, April 2

6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUJUI 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 May. (Map #41) (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Jim Griffin (317-294-1121)

Saturday, May 8

8:00 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See Saturday, April 3

9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See Saturday, April 3

9:00 AM BLOOMINGTON OLCOTT PARK AND JACKSON CREEK TRAIL Because of the construction on SR 37 S please use the following directions: From I-465 S take SR 67 (Kentucky Ave) south to SR 39, turn left (east) and follow SR 39 to I-69 S to Exit 120A. Continue on SR 46 to Jackson Creek

Shopping Center on College Mall (look for Kroger sign). Park at the west end of the Hobby Lobby parking lot. This will be a 5 mile loop hike through Bloomington neighborhoods to Olcott Park and the Jackson Creek Trail. (F,NS/PS,2.5) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972 cell)

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, April 3

1:30 PM SLOW WALK AT FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Saturday, April 10

Sunday, May 9

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, April 4

9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE See Sunday, April 4

1:30 PM MEADOWLARK PARK See Sunday, April 18

Monday, May 10

8:00 AM OUTSIDE CASTLETON MALL WALK - MONDAY See Monday, April 5

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, April 12

9:15 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, April 5

9:30 AM ENJOY SPRING IN BLOOM We will walk northeast from Glendale Mall through nice neighborhoods sporting many beautiful spring flowers and blossoming trees. Meet in the NE corner of the Glendale Mall parking lot behind Buffalo Wild Wings restaurant at 62nd St and Rural for a 5 mile hike 4 mile option. (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

9:30 AM SLOW & EASY AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY See Monday, April 12

4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, April 5

4:00 PM GREENWOOD MALL - MONDAY AFTERNOON See Monday, April 5

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, April 5

Tuesday, May 11

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, April 6

9:00 AM CHAPEL GLEN For this 6 mile hike we will meet at Chapel Glen School, which is located at 701 Lansdowne Rd. From I-465 W take 10th St exit heading west. Turn left at Lansdowne Rd and go about .5 miles to the school which is on your left. (F,PS/NS,3) Leader:Pat Lawler (317-329-2779, 317-652-2779 cell)

9:00 AM WEST SIDE OF EAGLE CREEK See Tuesday, April 27

9:30 AM MERIDIAN WOODS See Tuesday, April 6

9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Tuesday, April 6

10:30 AM EASTSIDE NEIGHBORHOODS See Tuesday, April 6

2:00 PM DOWNTOWN FISHERS ON THE NICKEL PLATE TRAIL Join us for a 5 mile hike on the new Nickel Plate Trail in Fishers, which is still under construction, and other nearby trails. From I-465 N, take I-69 north to 116 St and go west for about 1/2 mile to Municipal Dr. Find a parking spot on the street, before the circle and Government Center, or close by in a free parking garage. Meet in the Central Green, a small park dividing Municipal Dr. Hike repeats on May 18. (F,PS,3) Leader: John Lyghtel (317-626-9117)

5:00 PM SCHOOL TO SCHOOL AND PERRY WOODS See Tuesday, April 6

Wednesday, May 12

8:00 AM OUTSIDE CASTLETON MALL WALK - WEDNESDAY See Wednesday, April 7

9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, April 7

9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See Wednesday, April 7

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, April 7

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, April 7

9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, April 7

1:00 PM BUTLER-TARKINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD WALK See Wednesday, April 28

4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON See Wednesday, April 7

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, April 7

Thursday, May 13

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, April 1

- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, April 1
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, April 1
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, April 1
6:00 PM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE See Thursday, April 1

Friday, May 14

- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE - MODERATE PACE See Friday, April 2
8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, April 2
9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, April 2
9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, April 2
6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUUPUI See Friday, May 7

Saturday, May 15 *Armed Forces Day*

- 8:00 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See Saturday, April 3
9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See Saturday, April 3
9:00 AM MORGAN MONROE STATE FOREST – THREE LAKES TRAIL Because of the construction on SR 37 S, please use the following directions: From I-465 S. take SR 67 (Kentucky Ave.) south to SR 39, turn left (east) and follow SR 39 to I-69 S to Exit 134. Turn left on Liberty Church Road and follow signs for Morgan Monroe State Forest. From the entrance of MMSF, drive 4.5 miles to the Forest Headquarters. Meet at the Forest Headquarters parking lot for a 10 mile hike. Bring snacks/lunch and water. (H,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Susan Sievers (317-513-5239)
10:00 AM SLOW & EASY ON FALL CREEK TRAIL See Saturday, April 3
10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, April 3

Sunday, May 16

- 9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, April 4
9:00 AM BLOOMINGTON GRIFFY LAKE Because of the construction on SR 37 please use the following directions: From I-465 S take SR67 (Kentucky Ave) south to SR 39, turn left (east) and follow SR39 to I-69 S. Continue on I-69 S to Exit 120 A (SR 46 E) Follow SR 46 E to the 4th traffic light, turn onto Matlock Rd to Hadley Rd. Turn left and continue on to the lake. Meet across the causeway at the boat house parking area. This will be a 5 mile hike on scenic woods trails. (M,NS,2.5) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972 cell)
9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE See Sunday, April 4
1:00 PM NONIE WERBE KRAUSS NATURE PRESERVE Join us to hike this 77 acre nature preserve in Fishers just east of the Carmel border. Spring flowers should be abundant. On this 7-8 mile loop (about 3.5 miles in the preserve) hike we will also walk in Founders Park and nearby neighborhoods. There is a shorter 5 mile option. Meet at Founders Park in Carmel. From I-465 N take Keystone Ave north to 116th St and turn right (east) and go to Hazel Dell Pkwy. From the round-about, drive north on Hazel Dell ¼ mile to the entrance to Founders park on your right. (F,PS/NS,3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

Monday, May 17

- 8:00 AM OUTSIDE CASTLETON MALL WALK - MONDAY See Monday, April 5
9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, April 12
9:15 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, April 5
9:30 AM RIVER ROAD PARK IN CARMEL See Monday, April 19
9:30 AM SLOW & EASY: HOLLIDAY PARK & BEYOND See Monday, April 19
4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, April 5
4:00 PM GREENWOOD MALL - MONDAY AFTERNOON See Monday, April 5
6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, April 5

Tuesday, May 18

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, April 6
9:00 AM B & O FROM PAT'S HOUSE Take exit 16 from I-465 W headed toward Clermont and Brownsburg. Go 4 stoplights and turn left on Country Club Rd. Go about .5 mile to RR underpass and immediately

turn right onto Sunningdale Blvd. Follow Sunningdale to 8704 which will be on your right. Look for white mailbox and flag pole in the yard. (F,PS/NS,3) Leader:Pat Lawler (317-329-2779, 317-652-2779 cell)

9:30 AM MERIDIAN WOODS See Tuesday, April 6

9:30 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See Tuesday, April 20

2:00 PM DOWNTOWN FISHERS ON THE NICKEL PLATE TRAIL See Tuesday, May 11

5:00 PM SCHOOL TO SCHOOL AND PERRY WOODS See Tuesday, April 6

Wednesday, May 19

8:00 AM OUTSIDE CASTLETON MALL WALK - WEDNESDAY See Wednesday, April 7

9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, April 7

9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See Wednesday, April 7

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, April 7

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, April 7

9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, April 7

1:00 PM BUTLER-TARKINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD WALK See Wednesday, April 28

4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON See Wednesday, April 7

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, April 7

Thursday, May 20

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, April 1

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, April 1

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, April 1

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, April 1

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE See Thursday, April 1

Friday, May 21

8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE - MODERATE PACE See Friday, April 2

8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, April 2

9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, April 2

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, April 2

9:30 AM MARKET DISTRICT Meet in the north east corner of the parking lot at the Market District supermarket in Carmel for a 5 mile hike. The address is 11505 N. Illinois Carmel 46032. We will visit the gardens at the Mormon Temple and nearby neighborhoods. (F,PS,3) Leader: June Sergi (317-372-3018)

1:30 PM BOOK CLUB HIKE - CANTERBURY PARK AND MONON TRAIL The short novel *The Cellist of Sarajevo* by Steven Galloway, is "a spare and haunting, wise and beautiful novel about war and the endurance of the human spirit and the subtle ways individuals reclaim their humanity". Marsha has a dozen copies to give away. She recommends reading this very short novel straight through and then rereading it character by character. Background information about the *Bosnian War* and the *Siege of Sarajevo* is available on Wikipedia. We'll start with the book discussion. Meet at the shelter in Canterbury Park, 5510 Carvel Ave. Take Kessler Blvd east from College or west from Keystone. Carvel is the first street east of the Monon Trail overpass. Go south on Carvel to the park. Leave your car on the west side of the street, since no parking is allowed on the east side. Hopefully the restroom will be open. We'll start with the book discussion followed by a self-guided walk on the Monon, with options up to 6 miles. (F,PS) Leader: Marsha Hutchins (317-251-9078)

6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPTI See Friday, May 7

Saturday, May 22

8:00 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See Saturday, April 3

9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See Saturday, April 3

10:00 AM HIKE AROUND YELLOWWOOD LAKE From I-465 S take I-65 S to Exit 68 (SR 46 E, Nashville) and continue west on SR 46. At the traffic light in Nashville turn left, go about 5 miles and look for Yellowwood State Forest sign at Knights Corner. Turn right and follow Yellowwood Forest Rd to the Yellowwood Forest Office parking lot. This will be a 5-mile hike around the lake on a moderate, scenic

woods trail. There is a stream crossing at the dam to navigate. Bring water. (M,NS,2-2.5) Leader:

Terry Roesch (317-910-2943 cell)

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, April 3

1:30 PM SLOW WALK AT FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Saturday, April 10

Sunday, May 23

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, April 4

9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE See Sunday, April 4

1:00 PM ROYAL PINES This is a scenic 6 mile (3 mile shorter option) neighborhood hike including interesting Royal Pines which features hundreds of pine trees. 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. (Map #43) (F,PS,3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

Monday, May 24

8:00 AM OUTSIDE CASTLETON MALL WALK - MONDAY See Monday, April 5

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, April 12

9:15 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, April 5

9:30 AM SLOW & EASY BROAD RIPPLE PARK & BEYOND See Monday, April 26

4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, April 5

4:00 PM GREENWOOD MALL - MONDAY AFTERNOON See Monday, April 5

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, April 5

Tuesday, May 25

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, April 6

9:00 AM PENDLETON FALLS 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. We will hike around historic Pendleton for 5-6 miles, including Pendleton Falls Park. (Map #59)(F,PS/NS,3) Leader: Elaine Wright (317-753-5516)

9:00 AM SPEEDWAY AT RACE TIME Let's explore Speedway and the IMS less than a week before the big race. Park at Leonard Park in Speedway, located at the corner of 15th St and Lynhurst Dr in Speedway. From W 10th St and Lynhurst Dr go north to 15th St. Turn left and park in the lot behind the buildings on your left. This parking lot is also for the park. (F,PS/NS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-329-2779, 317-652-2779 cell)

9:00 AM STARLING NATURE PRESERVE - EAGLE CREEK PARK See Tuesday, April 20

9:30 AM MERIDIAN WOODS See Tuesday, April 6

9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Tuesday, April 6

5:00 PM SCHOOL TO SCHOOL AND PERRY WOODS See Tuesday, April 6

Wednesday, May 26

8:00 AM OUTSIDE CASTLETON MALL WALK - WEDNESDAY See Wednesday, April 7

9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, April 7

9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See Wednesday, April 7

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, April 7

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, April 7

9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, April 7

1:00 PM BUTLER-TARKINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD WALK See Wednesday, April 28

4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON See Wednesday, April 7

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, April 7

Thursday, May 27

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, April 1

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, April 1

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, April 1

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, April 1

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE See Thursday, April 1

Friday, May 28

8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE - MODERATE PACE See Friday, April 2
8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, April 2
9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, April 2
9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, April 2
6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See Friday, May 7

Saturday, May 29

8:00 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See Saturday, April 3
9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See Saturday, April 3
10:00 AM SLOW & EASY ON FALL CREEK TRAIL See Saturday, April 3
10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, April 3

Sunday, May 30

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, April 4
9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE See Sunday, April 4
1:30 PM SUNDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Sunday, April 11

Monday, May 31 *Memorial Day*

8:00 AM OUTSIDE CASTLETON MALL WALK - MONDAY See Monday, April 5
9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, April 12
9:15 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, April 5
9:30 AM SLOW & EASY AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY See Monday, April 12
4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, April 5
4:00 PM GREENWOOD MALL - MONDAY AFTERNOON See Monday, April 5
6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, April 5

FUTURE EVENTS:

ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC – Saturday, July 17 Hopefully, things will open up so we can enjoy the Club Picnic, which was cancelled due to the pandemic in 2020. Meet at Shelter A in Eagle Creek Park at 10 a.m. for three hike choices, followed by the picnic at noon.

CUMBERLAND FALLS STATE PARK, KY - October 22-23 The Club last visited this park in September 2007. Join us for two days of hiking in this beautiful Kentucky SP. Plan on arriving on the 21st and departing the 24th. The Park is famous for the magic of the “Moonbow” which is created by the mist of the falls on moonlit nights. The park is nicknamed the Niagara of the South. In addition to its namesake waterfall, the park has one of the most extensive trail systems in the Kentucky park system. The park is located off of I-75 near Corbin, KY, about 300 miles or 5½ hours from Indy The Park is holding up to 35 rooms in the Inn (each with 2 queen beds) for IHC members. The daily price for 2-person occupancy is \$109.95+tax, and 2 more occupants may be added for \$10/each. Please specify “Group Code 2660” when reserving by phone or on-line. Modern housekeeping cabins are also available. To make your reservations or for more information go to the following website: <https://parks.ky.gov/corbin/parks/resort/cumberland-falls-state-resort-park> or phone 606-528-4121.

Contact: John Schlechte at jschlechte@ameritech.net or 317-294-2021.

ANNUAL WINTER BANQUET – Sunday, December 5 Mark your calendar for this major event. This year in addition to a happy hour, great food and recognizing our 2021 Achievement Award winners and new 25 year members, we will be celebrating the 65th anniversary of the Indianapolis Hiking Club, which occurs on January 23, 2022.

MCCORMICK’S CREEK STATE PARK WINTER WEEKEND – March 11-13, 2022 Even though we just announced the cancellation of the 2021 Winter Weekend due to the pandemic, we are happy to announce that this very popular weekend has already been scheduled for 2022 at the same state park. Mary Ann Layman will again coordinate this event. Look for more details in future schedules.

RESCHEDULED HIGHLANDS OF SCOTLAND – May 12-19, 2022 Twice cancelled due to the pandemic, third time is a charm (we hope). Mervyn Cohen is leading this trip and the trip is currently full. If you would like

to be added to the waitlist, please contact Mervyn by email at mecohen@iu.edu. Although the hotel and coach parts of the trip are full, any club member is welcome to join any hike, should they be visiting Scotland.

PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

Samar Srour	Indianapolis, IN	George Blankenbaker	Westfield, IN
Jin Zhang	Westfield, IN	Jamie Campbell	Carmel, IN

PLEASE WELCOME BACK THE FOLLOWING REINSTATED MEMBERS:

Kathy Hough	Bradenton, FL	Swati Gunale	Indianapolis, IN
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RECENT MILEAGE AWARDS: Glee Crowder finally reached her goal of hiking 50,000 miles on March 18. A ceremony has been scheduled on Thursday, April 8 (this schedule) to celebrate her accomplishment.

Glee Crowder	50,000	Cheryl Conces	4,000	Jenny McClure	500
Rick Kinnaman	34,000	Dewey Conces	4,000	Sandy Duncan	300
Katy Smith	9,000	Chris Jones	3,000	Cathy Fischer	300
Jo Anne Starzyk	9,000	Tammy Mathew	2,500	Jacki Caviston	300
Linda Wright	7,000	Lori Showley	2,000	Randy Fischer	200
Armen Avakian	6,000	Rick Wortman	2,000	Cindy Schroeder	200
Lynn Thurston	6,000	Ron Elkins	1,500	Jacki Caviston	200
Richard Voegel	5,500	Kathleen Widland	1,000	John McShea	200

MEMBER NEWS: We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the following former members: Long time member, Al Crandall, died recently. He and his wife, Louise were members until 2014.

We wish all the best to the following members:

Narcisso Povinelli who recently turned 86, had triple bypass surgery on March 11. He is doing well and is recovering at home and hopes to be hiking again by June. Cards would be appreciated.

Last month, Mervyn Cohen was selected to be a member of the Eagle Creek Foundation board; quite an honor.

Great to see Marty Johnson, who suffered a broken ankle on a hike last September, back hiking again.

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".