



The Indianapolis Hiking Club

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SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 2022 and JANUARY 2023

(Please – no pets except on designated pet hikes)

Celebrating 66 Years of Sponsoring Hikes and Outings

HIKE RATING LEGEND – Shown in parentheses at the end of each hike

CHALLENGING HIKE	TERRAIN	SURFACE	SPEED
	H (Hilly)	Continuously	NS Natural, mainly soft
*	M (Mixed)	Hilly & Flat	HS Packed dirt or gravel
(asterisk)	F (Flat)	Few Hills	PS Concrete or black top
			Hiking speed in MPH
			not including breaks
			(e.g., 3.0 is 20 min/mi)

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.

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 contact the leader to confirm a hike. Also, check the website homepage "news" to see if a hike has been cancelled or moved. Whenever possible, leaders of out of town hikes should make cancellation decisions by 6 p.m. 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 a Google Groups broadcast email or ask Ed Wright (ewright@indyhike.org) to send one for you.

ANNUAL DUES REMINDER: If you have not paid your annual dues, 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 kawhalen00@hotmail.com or 317-409-3265.

REMINDER ABOUT THE WINTER BANQUET: We expect more than 135 members and guests at this year's Annual Winter Banquet on Sunday, December 4 at 1:30 p.m. See the write-up on December 4 for directions to the venue. Come about 12:30 p.m. if you would like to assist members of the Board set-up for the banquet. We will enjoy a social hour with appetizers; as always feel free to BYOB. After a catered dinner featuring an Italian theme, we will recognize winners of the 2022 Achievement Awards and 12 new 25-year members. We will also have new long sleeve tee shirts, featuring our former club logo featuring a man and women hiker (we have retired the 65th Anniversary logo), available for sale for \$20. As we have done in past years, please bring canned and pre-packaged food donations to make needy Indianapolis families holiday season a bit brighter. If you have any questions about the Banquet please don't hesitate to contact Pat Lawler our Social Committee Chairperson at patricialawler2@me.com or 317-329-2779.

ITEMS OF NOTE IN THIS SCHEDULE: Book Club hikes have been scheduled by Kathy Whalen on Friday, December 30 and by Phil Smith on Friday, January 20. In addition to our Annual Winter Banquet on Sunday, December 4th, several hikes are planned to view Christmas decorations. Notably, June Sergi will be leading a hike in the Village of West Clay on the evening of December 5th and on December 15th June will also be

leading a hike in Carmel to Enjoy Christkindlmarkt. A number of leaders are planning a hike on Sunday afternoon, December 11 to View Franklin's Christmas Lights, including a stop for holiday treats. Pat Lawler has scheduled an Inside and Outside hike in downtown Indy on Tuesday, December 20 to view holiday decorations. And finally on December 24 our Club's annual Christmas Eve Tradition hike through downtown Indy will be led by Ed and Linda Wright. Lots of good woods hikes in this schedule (too numerous to highlight), but two of the more challenging ones (flagged with an blue * in the Hike Rating Legend) will be led by Susan Sievers on December 10 in the Hoosier National Forest and on January 7 at Nebo Ridge. Finally, if you find yourself in south Florida or Gulf Shores, AL this holiday season; check out the warm weather hikes on Tuesdays and Thursdays in January. Please review the write-ups in this schedule on the appropriate dates for complete details.

HAVE YOU BEEN RECEIVING BROADCAST EMAILS? Broadcast emails are sent out about 2-3 times a week to advise all Club members of a pending hike cancellation, an addition to the schedule or a change to an already scheduled hike (e.g., different parking location). If you haven't been receiving these emails, perhaps it is because your current email address is not registered in Goggle Groups, which is a free service we use for broadcast emails. Joan Griffiths is our Goggle Groups administrator. Please don't hesitate to contact her at jkgriffitts@gmail.com (preferred) or by phone at 317-297-7312 to insure your email address is set up to receive broadcast emails. It is free to all Club members. In the future, if you change your email address make sure to note it on the Annual Dues Notice form or contact our Membership Officer, Marti Burton at mjburton51@hotmail.com (see website 'Contact Us' page) and she will update our records and coordinate with Joan to make the necessary change to Google Groups.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER: Looking forward to the coming year. Be safe, stay warm and hope to see you at the Winter Banquet and on the trail.

Rick Wortman
President, Indianapolis Hiking Club

HIKE SCHEDULE:

Thursday, December 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. Meet 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. (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 four very popular hikes in Eagle Creek Park every Thursday morning. All four 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 moderate to brisk 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 (we have been doing it for over 30 years) at Golden Corral on 38th St; we have lots of fun. (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 modest paced hike mostly on groomed trails with some hills. Same lunch invite as the 5 mile hike. (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 3-4 mile hike at a modest pace, mostly groomed flat trails and paved roads. Same lunch invite as the 5 mile hike. (M,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)
- 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 brisk hike. Hike repeats every Thursday in December. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Rick Braun (317-679-2972)

Friday, December 2

- 8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL Join me for a self-guided hike of 1-20 miles on the Monon Trail every Friday morning in December and January. Meet at the Monon trail-head parking lot on 96 St. Restrooms are available. (F,PS) Leader: Rick Kinnaman (317-407-9746)
- 8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE This will be moderate pace 5-6 mile hike through scenic Zionsville; expect a different route each week. We stop for a coffee break (\$) midway through the hike. 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 December and January. (Map #34) (M,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Janet Cohen (317-508-8523 or 317-417-2628)
- 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 the Swimming Area (beach) parking lot. Use the 56th St entrance that is just west of the Colts facility. Hike repeats on all Fridays in December and January. (M,PS/NS,3-3.5) Leader: Phil Smith (317-443-3955)
- 9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY ON FRIDAY This is the same 4-5 mile self-guided walk starting at Pike Library, 6525 Zionsville Rd that I lead each Wednesday. 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 on Friday January 6. (F,PS) Leader: Joan Griffiths (317-297-7312)
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL Since I-70 and I-65 are both closed in downtown Indy due to construction, you are going to have to find your own way to get to Garfield Park. In any event from exit 109 on I-65 (Raymond St) go 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 in Garfield Park. 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)

The start time of the following hike and all repeat date has been changed from 9:00 a.m. It will only appear on the Club website and not in the printed schedule.

- 10:00 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 Fridays in December and January. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Julie Litten (317-407-4652)
- 6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI Meet in downtown Shapiro's Deli lot, 808 S. Meridian St, for a 6-mile hike. Please park in the rear of the lot away from the restaurant entrance. Hike repeats every Friday in December and January. (Map #41) (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Jim Griffin (317-294-1121)

Saturday, December 3

- 8:30 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD This will be a 7-8 mile hike 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. Repeats every Saturday in December, except Christmas Eve. (F,PS,3) Leader: Glee Crowder (317-859-8159)
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN Meet at Broad Ripple Methodist Church, 6185 Guilford Ave for a self-guided 6 or 10 mile hike. Repeats every Saturday in December and January. (Map #65)(F,NS) Leader: Rick Kinnaman (317-407-9746)
- 1:30 PM PLAINFIELD GREENWAY TRAILS This well-landscaped Plainfield trail system connects several community parks and is a great place to get some exercise during the colder months. This will be a 6 mile hike on paved trails. The route extends along White Lick Creek and crosses an historic iron truss bridge. From I-465 W, exit on Washington St and travel west about 8.3 miles going through Plainfield. Turn right at the first stop light west of town onto Vestal Rd. Travel to the roundabout and meet in the north parking lot on the right. This lot is across the road from the Plainfield Rec Ctr. An approximate address is 651 Vestal Rd, Plainfield. Bathrooms are available. Repeats on January 28. (Map #50) (F,PS,3) Leader: Terry Roesch (317-910-2943 cell)

Sunday, December 4***IHC Winter Banquet***

- 9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE Meet in front of 6220 Carrollton Avenue for a guided 6-mile hike with option for up to 4 additional (self-guided) miles. Parking lot is no longer free so please park on the street south of Broad Ripple Ave using the 6100 & 6200 blocks of Carrollton Ave. Use 6220 Carrollton Ave for GPS

address. Repeats each Sunday in December and January. Note time change to 10 a.m. for all remaining Sundays. (Map #16) (F,PS,3-3.25) Leader: Kathy Whalen (317-409-3265)

- 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 6 mile hike with shorter options through the College Park area neighborhood. Repeats each Sunday in December and January. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Marti Burton (317-306-9878)
- 1:30 PM WINTER BANQUET We expect another great turnout at this year's Annual Winter Banquet. Details are on the reservation form that was mailed to everyone (see Forms on the Club website). If you would like to help set up please come early at 12:30 p.m. DIRECTIONS: From I-465 on the southeast side, exit onto Southeastern Ave and go to the first left turn. Look for Marion County fairgrounds signs. Make a second left at stop sign onto Southeastern Ave. Go approximately 1.5 miles to Nativity Catholic Church on your right. Please park in the school parking lot.

Monday, December 5

- 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, January 2. (Map #40) (M,PS,3.5) Leader: Kate Curtiss (317-247-0283)
- 9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK Meet at 6901 Derbyshire Rd behind the former Southport Police Station for an 5-mile hike. Hike repeats each Monday in December and January. (F,NS/PS,3) Leader: Glee Crowder (317-859-8159)
- 9:30 AM TOWPATH, BUTLER UNIVERSITY AND ROCKY RIPPLE Join us for a walk the canal tow path, Butler University campus and the quaint town of Rocky Ripple. 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 Monday, January 2. (F,PS/HS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)
- 4:00 PM GREENWOOD MALL - MONDAY AFTERNOON Meet to sign-up at the food court at 4:00 p.m.; 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 p.m. If the weather is nice we may 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 Meet at the Broad Ripple Methodist Church at 6135 Guliford Ave for a hike of 5-6 miles. Hike repeats every Monday in December and January. (Map #65) (F,PS/NS,3-3.5) Leaders Mary Bruss (317-308-0182)
- 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 hike through scenic neighborhoods. Hike repeats each Monday evening in December. (Map #25)(F,PS,3.5) Leader: Rick Braun (317-679-2972)

Tuesday, December 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 north end of the parking lot close to the Monon trail. Hike repeats every Tuesday in December and January. (Map #51) (F,PS) Leader: Jo Anne Starzyk (317-771-0914)
- 9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK Enjoy a moderate 5-mile hike through the woods along White River and/or Cottonwood Lakes in addition to Mann Hill, the 2nd highest elevation in Marion County. Meet at Southwestway Park; the address is 8400 Mann Rd, 46221. Coming from I-465 SW, exit onto SR 67 (Kentucky Ave) heading southwest toward Mooresville and go just over a half mile. Turn left on High School Rd and go 0.2 miles turn left onto W. Thompson Rd and go about 2.3 miles to Mann Rd. Turn right onto Mann Rd and go 2.5 miles to the park. Enter the park on the east side of the road just after the ball diamonds. Meet in the upper parking lot at the end of the drive. (Coming from the east or south can be problematic because of I-69 construction, Debbie can offer alternative options using Southport Rd). Hike repeats every Tuesday in December and January, except December 20. (Map #61)(M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Debbie Bucholz (317-361-9210)
- 9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK Enjoy a 5-mile hike on forested trails. 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 December 20 and January 3, 17 & 31. (Map #18) (M,NS,2.5) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)

9:30 AM MERIDIAN WOODS Join us for a 4-5 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 December and January. (F,PS,3) Leader: Glee Crowder (317-859-8159)

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,2.5-3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-329-2779 or 317-652-2779 cell)

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 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 December 20 and January 10 & 24. (F,PS,3) Leader: John Lyghtel (317-626-9117)

The following hike has been deleted from December and January. Look for a substitution Southport Road starting at 6 p.m. This change will only be reflected on the Club website and not in the printed schedule.

4:00 PM SCHOOL TO SCHOOL AND PERRY WOODS (hike and all repeats deleted on November 23)

5:30 PM CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE OF WEST CLAY Hope you can join us for a 4 to 5 mile hike in the village of West Clay in Carmel to view the Christmas lights and decorations. Please bring flashlights. After the hike you might want to have dinner in one of the restaurants located in the village. We will meet in the parking lot next to the West Clay clubhouse at 12514 Meetinghouse Rd., Carmel. (F, PS,2.5) Leaders: June Sergi (317-372-3018) and Don Hayes (317-694-1385)

The following hike was substituted for the School to School hike that was deleted on November 23. It will appear on each Tuesday in December and January, shifting to a 4:30 p.m. start beginning in January. It will only appear on the Club website and not in the printed schedule.

6:00 PM SOUTHPORT ROAD Meet behind (north side) Dollar Tree at the NE corner of Southport Rd and Madison Ave for a 5-mile guided hike. During December the Christmas lights are something to behold. The route will vary each week. Hike repeats each Tuesday in December and January, but in January the start time will change to 4:30 p.m. (F,PS,3) Leader: Glee Crowder (317-859-8159)

Wednesday, December 7

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

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 Meadowlark park. We will meet by the bathrooms. If the parking lot is full, park outside the park on the streets. We will walk as a group and take turns leading this 5 mile hike on paved trails and neighborhoods in northern Carmel. Hike repeats every Wednesday in December and January. (Map #58)(F,PS,3) Leader: Edwin Wright (317-445-5644)

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS This 7-8 mile brisk all trail hike is a great way to stay in shape. Meet in Eagle Creek Park (fee) at lot just inside the 56th St entrance. Hike repeats each Wednesday in December and January. Join us at a nearby Starbucks after the hike. (Map #40)(M,NS,3-3.5) Leader: Jim Goulding (317-695-8744)

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. (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 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 December and January. (F,PS) 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. (Map #41) (F,PS,2.5-3) Leaders: Harold Crooks (317-730-4850) and Susanne McNeely (317 384-2909)
- 9:30 AM SODALIS NATURE PARK Join us for a slow, easy, meandering hike of 4 miles with additional self-guided miles available. This will be the only Sodalís Park hike we will be leading in December; look for my Gulf Shores, AL hikes starting on December 20 through January. The trails are mostly flat but occasionally will be muddy. From I-70 take SR 267S to E CR 750 S and turn left. At S CR 975 E turn right. The nature park will be on the right in approximately 1/2 mile. As you enter the parking lot, park on the left side. Port-a-let's are available. (F,NS,2-2.5) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)
- 4:00 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE This will be a 5-mile hike through quaint neighborhoods, the Zionsville Rail Trail and possibly Starkey Park. Meet in Zionsville Town Hall parking lot at 1100 W Oak St across from McDonalds. From I-465 N take Michigan Rd north and turn left (west) on 116th St and go to 1st St in downtown Zionsville. Go right on 1st St then left (west) on Oak St to the town hall. Hike repeats each Wednesday in December and January. (Map #34) (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Janet Cohen (317-873-6586)
- 4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY 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 Wednesday in December and January. (F,PS) Leader: Glee Crowder (317-859-8159)

Thursday, December 8

- 9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, December 1
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, December 1
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, December 1
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, December 1
- 6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, December 1

Friday, December 9

- 8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, December 2
- 8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, December 2
- 9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, December 2
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, December 2
- 10:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See Friday, December 2
- 6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPTU See Friday, December 2

Saturday, December 10

- 8:30 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See Saturday, December 3
- 10:00 AM HICKORY RIDGE TRAIL – HOOSIER NATIONAL FOREST Join us for a 10 mile hike (8 mile option) in HNF. We will be hiking trail 18 and connecting with trail 4 stopping at the 5 mile mark for a 20 minute lunch and then retracing our steps to complete the 10 mile hike. This is a multi-use trail and is considered a moderately challenging route. To see the elevation changes, *AllTrails* is a good source (Hickory Ridge Trail). Bring hiking pole, lunch, snacks, water. From Indianapolis, you can reach Hickory Ridge trailhead via I-65 south or SR 37S/I-69S. The trailhead is located 1.5 miles west of Maumee Scout Reservation Camp (12975 W. Co Rd 925, Norman, IN 47264). If coming from Bloomington on SR 446, turn left on Tower Ridge Rd and turn right just after the lookout tower. The parking area is on the corner in about a mile. Cell phone service is highly unlikely so I suggest printing off directions for the Maumee Scout camp. (*M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Susan Sievers (317-513-5239)
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, December 3
- 1:30 PM LIME KILN TRAIL BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK From I-465 S take I-65 to Columbus SR46 west Exit 68 to Brown County SP (fee). Or take SR 135 south to Nashville and turn left (east) to park entrance. Once in the park, follow the signs to the Nature Center. This will be a 6 mile hike on the Lime Kiln bike trail. After the hike join us at a restaurant in Nashville. (M,NS/PS,2-2.5) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972 cell)

Sunday, December 11

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, December 4

10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See Sunday, December 4

1:30 PM FORT HARRISON BIKE TRAILS 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 Creek shelter parking lot for a 5 mile hike on bike trails. Repeats on January 22. (M,NS/PS,3-3.5) Leader: Barb Fagan (317-370-9951)

3:00 PM FRANKLIN'S CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND COOKIES, TOO, HIKE Meet in the parking lot of the Franklin Park & Recreation Center, 396 Branigin Blvd in Franklin. Hike is 6-7 miles with a midway stop at Bob & Mary Ann Layman's home to enjoy refreshments of cookies, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate. We will continue the hike through downtown Franklin and the Compass Park campus to enjoy viewing the Christmas decorations. Be sure to bring a FLASHLIGHT as it will be dark when we walk back through town and there are dark places with uneven sidewalks and curbs. (F,PS,2-2.5) Leaders: Mary Ann Layman (317-346-1802 or 317-412-5190 cell) and Mary Williams (317-919-8574)

Monday, December 12

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS Meet in Eagle Creek Park (fee) at lot just inside 56th St entrance for a 6 or 8-mile 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 Monday in December and January, except January 2. (Map #40)(M,PS,3.5) Leader: Janet Cohen (317-508-8523 or 317-417-2628)

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, December 5

9:30 AM 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 January 9. (Map #42)(M,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

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

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

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

Tuesday, December 13

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

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, December 6

9:30 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE Park at the Broad Ripple Methodist Church (fee only applies in the evening), 6185 N Guilford Ave. Hike may include parts of Holliday Park, Marott Park, Monon Trail, Arden neighborhood, Rocky Ripple or Broad Ripple Park. Hike repeats December 27 and January 10 & 24. (Map #65)(M,NS/HS/PS,2.5) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)

9:30 AM MERIDIAN WOODS See Tuesday, December 6

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 in downtown Indy at 500 W. Washington St. Parking is free at the museum if you join us for lunch after the hike. (Map #33)(F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-652-2779 cell, 317-329-2779)

1:30 PM TUESDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&Q 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. Hike repeats on January 3 & 17. (F,PS) Leader Kae Ramey (317-701-5805 cell)

6:00 PM SOUTHPORT ROAD See Tuesday, December 6

Wednesday, December 14

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

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

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

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

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

4:00 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, December 7

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

Thursday, December 15

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

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

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

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

3:00 PM ENJOY CHRISTKINDLMARKT We will meet in the parking lot around the fountain in Carmel at the gazebo, the address is 3 Civic Square, Carmel 46032. We will hike 4 to 5 miles in and around Carmel taking in the Holiday lights. The guided hike will end at Christkindlmarkt. There you will be able to enjoy the festivities, grab a bite to eat and drink if you wish. You will then walk a short way on the Monon Trail back to your cars. (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: June Sergi (317-372-3018)

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, December 1

Friday, December 16

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

8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, December 2

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

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

10:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See Friday, December 2

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

Saturday, December 17

8:30 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See Saturday, December 3

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

1:30 PM RAILS TO TRAILS NORTH BLOOMINGTON From I-465 S take SR37/I69 to Exit 116 (Tapp Rd). Continue on Tapp Rd to just before the Walnut Street traffic light. Turn left into the shopping plaza and park behind the Old National Bank. This trail leads through the Switchyard Park and Bloomington neighborhoods. This will be a 6 mile hike out and back with a 4 mile option. Join us after the hike at a restaurant in Bloomington. (F,PS,2.5) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972 cell)

Sunday, December 18

Hanukkah

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, December 4

10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See Sunday, December 4

Monday, December 19

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

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, December 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 3, 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. Hike repeats on January 16. (Map #64)(F,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

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

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

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

Tuesday, December 20

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

9:30 AM EAGLES NEST - GULF SHORES, AL Slow, easy 3 mile hike on paved surfaces and a wooden boardwalk in Gulf State Park. Bring binoculars/scope. We will stop and view the eagle's nest. Park in the first "small" parking lot (Lakeview Trailhead) on the right as you come in from 59 (Gulf Shores Pkwy) on Refuge Road. Using the park map the lot is located near the West Cabin Connector. No restrooms available. Please RSVP if you are coming. Repeats on January 5 & 24. (F,PS,2-2.5) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)

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

9:30 AM MERIDIAN WOODS See Tuesday, December 6

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 in the Eiteljorg after the hike. (Map #33) (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-652-2779 cell, 317-329-2779)

The Book Club hike previously in this time slot has been moved to Friday, December 30 at the same time.

2:00 PM DOWNTOWN FISHERS ON THE NICKEL PLATE TRAIL See Tuesday, December 6

6:00 PM SOUTHPORT ROAD See Tuesday, December 6

Wednesday, December 21 *First Day of Winter*

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

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

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

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

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

4:00 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, December 7

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

Thursday, December 22

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

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

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

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

9:30 AM ALLIGATORS AT THE OVERLOOK - GULF SHORES, AL Slow and easy 3 mile hike on paved surfaces and a wooden boardwalk in Gulf State Park. Bring binoculars/scope. We will stop and view the alligators and look for eagle, osprey and other wildlife. Park in the lot at dead end on Refuge R (State Park Rd 2). Using the park map the lot is located where the Gulf Oak Ridge Trailhead West trail begins. No restrooms available. Please RSVP if you plan to come. Repeats on January 10 & 26 (F,PS,2-2.5) Leader: Karen LeClerc(920-883-9477)

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, December 1

Friday, December 23

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

8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, December 2

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

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

10:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See Friday, December 2

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

Saturday, December 24 *Christmas Eve*

10:00 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. There is also a shorter 3 mile option. 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 at South Bend Chocolate Cafe on Monument Circle. Meet at Shapiro's Deli at 808 S. Meridian St (at McCarty St). Please park on the southwest portion of the lot away from the building. (Map #25) (F,PS,2.5-3) Leaders: Ed and Linda Wright (317-445-5646)

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

Sunday, December 25 *Merry Christmas*

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, December 4

10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See Sunday, December 4

Monday, December 26

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

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, December 5

9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE PARK AND BEYOND Meet in Broad Ripple Park, 1550 Broad Ripple Ave in the large parking lot behind the dog park to the right of the swimming pool. Hike options of 3, 4 and 5 miles. Christmas decorations should still be up. Hike repeats on January 23. (Map #57)(F,HS/PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

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

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

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

Tuesday, December 27

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

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, December 6

9:30 AM LETS FIND LEFTY - GULF SHORES, AL Slow and easy 4 mile hike on paved surfaces in Gulf State Park. Bring binoculars/scope. We will walk the paved trail to see if Lefty the alligator is out along the bank as she often is. We may see other alligators, eagles, osprey and other wildlife. Restrooms are available. Meet at the Hugh S. Branyon Backcountry Trail lot (use the park map) on 182. 24037 Peridido Beach Blvd Orange Beach. It is next to the Indigo Hotel. Please RSVP if coming. Repeats on January 12 & 31. (F,PS,2-2.5) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)

9:30 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See Tuesday, December 13

9:30 AM MERIDIAN WOODS See Tuesday, December 6

10:00 AM THE MILE SQUARE The mile square was the name given to the original design for downtown Indy, boarded by East, South, West and North streets. For this 6 mile hike we will park at Shapiro's. Please park at the far back area of the parking lot. Enjoy a hot bowl of their delicious soup after the hike. (Map #41) (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-329-2779, 317-652-2779 cell)

6:00 PM SOUTHPORT ROAD See Tuesday, December 6

Wednesday, December 28

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

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

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

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

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

4:00 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, December 7

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

Thursday, December 29

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

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

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

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

9:30 AM GRAHAM CREEK NATURE PRESERVE - FOLEY, AL Slow & easy 4 mile hike thru a beautiful nature preserve/pine forest. Lots of carnivorous plants and wildlife to be seen. Park at the Nature Center where restrooms are available. The trail may be muddy in areas. There are numerous ways to get to the preserve depending on where you are staying in the area. The address is 2030 Wolf Bay Dr, Foley, AL 36535. RSVP if planning to come. Repeats on January 17. (F, NS,HS,PS,2-2.5) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, December 1

Friday, December 30

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

8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, December 2

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

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

10:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See Friday, December 2

The following hike was moved here from December 20 on November 23. The change only appears on the Club website and not in the printed schedule.

1:30 PM BOOK CLUB HIKE - COLLEGE AVE LIBRARY This month's selection is *A Christmas Story* by Jean Shepherd. Meet at the College Ave Library; 4180 College Ave. Park in parking lot on the east side of the 4100 block of College, accessible from 42nd St. Discussion will be followed by a Monon Trail hike of up to 6 miles. Feel free to join book conversation even if you've not read the book. (F,NS/PS,2.5-3). Leader: Kathy Whalen (317-409-3265)

6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUUI See Friday, December 2

Saturday, December 31 *New Year's Eve*

8:30 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See Saturday, December 3

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

Sunday, January 1 *Happy New Year*

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, December 4

10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See Sunday, December 4

Monday, January 2

9:00 AM MORNING CONSTITUTIONAL See Monday, December 5

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, December 5

9:30 AM TOWPATH, BUTLER UNIVERSITY AND ROCKY RIPPLE See Monday, December 5

9:30 AM FASHION MALL Now that is the new year, here is a warm and fuzzy alternative to hiking in the cold outdoors. Join us at the Fashion Mall at Keystone at the Crossing. This is a self-guided hike of 1.2 mile loops. We will meet in the Food Court located on the west side of the mall. 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 for as many laps as you wish, up to 8 miles. 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. Hike repeats on all Monday's in January. (F,PS) Leader: June Sergi (317-372-3018)

4:00 PM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE While Rick Braun is in Florida for the month of January, Allan Roberts will lead his Monday and Thursday hike, but both will be at Fort Harrison at 4 PM. 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 Monday and Thursday in January. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Allan Roberts (317-549-6909)

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

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

Tuesday, January 3

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, 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 15-mile, with a 6, 9 or 12 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 every Tuesday and Thursday in January. (*F,PS,3.5) Rick Braun (317-679-2972)

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, December 6

9:30 AM GULF STATE PARK CAMPGROUND - GULF SHORES, AL Slow & easy 3 mile hike thru the trails in and around the campground. We may see an owl nesting on one of the platforms near the nature center, dolphins, gators and a variety of other wildlife and plants. There is a minimal fee to get into the campground but there are many discounts available or free entry(veterans). Address for the campground is 22050 Campground Rd, Gulf Shores, AL. Follow the signs to the Nature Center and park there. Restrooms are available. Repeats on January 19. (F,NS/HS/PS,2-2.5) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)

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

9:30 AM MERIDIAN WOODS See Tuesday, December 6

10:00 AM CLERMONT NEIGHBORHOODS We will visit Clermont Park and nearby neighborhoods on this 5-6 mile hike; each week will be different. Meet in Clermont Lions' Club Park. From I-465 W exit 16A onto

Crawfordsville Rd heading west. Go to the 5th stoplight which is Tansel Rd. Turn left and go 1/3 mile. The park is on your left. Hike repeats on January 10, 17 & 24. (M,PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-329-2779, 317-652-2779 cell)

1:30 PM TUESDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Tuesday, December 13

4:30 PM SOUTHPORT ROAD See Tuesday, December 6

Wednesday, January 4

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

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

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

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

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

4:00 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, December 7

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

Thursday, January 5

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

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL See Tuesday, January 3

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

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

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

9:30 AM EAGLES NEST - GULF SHORES, AL See Tuesday, December 20

4:00 PM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE See Monday, January 2

Friday, January 6

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

8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, December 2

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

9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY ON FRIDAY See Friday, December 2

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

10:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See Friday, December 2

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

Saturday, January 7

9:00 AM GREENWOOD MALL - SATURDAY Sign in at the food court by 9 a.m.; thereafter look for the leader during the hike (she will have the sign-up sheet with her). Hike between the hours of 9-11 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 January. (F,PS) Leader: Glee Crowder (317-859-8159)

9:00 AM NEBO RIDGE TRAIL This will be a 17 mile trail hike out and back on the Nebo Ridge Trail. Allow 1.5 hours travel time from I-465 S on Indy's south side. Take I-65 south to SR 46 at Columbus. Go west on SR 46 to SR 135 and turn south (left). Go 9.0 miles to the community of Story. At the Story Inn, turn off SR 135 (west) onto Elkinsville Rd. Travel about 2.7 miles; at a creek-bridge take the left fork and go 0.3 miles to the Nebo Ridge Trailhead on your left. (*M,NS,2.5-3) Bring snacks, lunch, and water. Leader: Susan Sievers (317-513-5239)

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

1:30 PM GRIFFY WOODS IN WINTER BLOOMINGTON From I-465 S take SR37/I69 to Exit 120A (SR46 East). Stay on SR46 E. At the 4th traffic light turn left onto Matlock Rd to Hadley Rd. Continue on Hadley Rd to Griffy Lake. Meet across the causeway at the boathouse parking lot. This will be a 5 mile hike on scenic woods trail. After the hike, plan on eating at a local restaurant. (M,NS,2-2.5) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972 cell)

Sunday, January 8

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, December 4

10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See Sunday, December 4

10:00 AM TURKEY RUN STATE PARK January is a great time to hike in our second state park which 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. (Map #46) (H,NS,2) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)

Monday, January 9

- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, December 12
- 9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, December 5
- 9:30 AM CROWN HILL CEMETERY See Monday, December 12
- 9:30 AM FASHION MALL See Monday, January 2
- 4:00 PM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE See Monday, January 2
- 4:00 PM GREENWOOD MALL - MONDAY AFTERNOON See Monday, December 5
- 4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, December 5

Tuesday, January 10

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, December 6
- 9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL See Tuesday, January 3
- 9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, December 6
- 9:30 AM ALLIGATORS AT THE OVERLOOK - GULF SHORES, AL See Thursday, December 22
- 9:30 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See Tuesday, December 13
- 9:30 AM MERIDIAN WOODS See Tuesday, December 6
- 10:00 AM CLERMONT NEIGHBORHOODS See Tuesday, January 3
- 2:00 PM DOWNTOWN FISHERS ON THE NICKEL PLATE TRAIL See Tuesday, December 6
- 4:30 PM SOUTHPORT ROAD See Tuesday, December 6

Wednesday, January 11

- 9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, December 7
- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, December 7
- 9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See Wednesday, December 7
- 9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, December 7
- 9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, December 7
- 1:00 PM FORT HARRISON ON WEDNESDAY Enjoy a 5-6 mile hike on forested trails or paved paths if the trails are muddy. 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 Delaware Lake Parking Lot. Hike repeats on January 25. (Map #18) (M,NS,3.0) Leader: Annie Falvey (614-596-2020)
- 4:00 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, December 7
- 4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON See Wednesday, December 7

Thursday, January 12

- 9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, December 1
- 9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL See Tuesday, January 3
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, December 1
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, December 1
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, December 1
- 9:30 AM LETS FIND LEFTY - GULF SHORES, AL See Tuesday, December 27
- 4:00 PM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE See Monday, January 2

Friday, January 13

- 8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, December 2
- 8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, December 2
- 9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, December 2
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, December 2
- 10:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See Friday, December 2
- 6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See Friday, December 2

Saturday, January 14

9:00 AM GREENWOOD MALL - SATURDAY See Saturday, January 7

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

1:30 PM WHITE LICK TRAIL/AVON WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP PARK This is a 5 mile walk on the newest section of the paved White Lick Creek trail. It is a great place to get some exercise during the winter months. This paved trail meanders along the creek and ends at CR100N. Meet in the small parking lot on the north side of CR100S. An approximate address is 6121 E CR100S. From I-465 W, exit on US 36 (Rockville Rd) and travel west past the Avon Town Hall about 7.5 miles to CR625E. Turn left and travel to the next intersection. Take a right onto CR100S, and turn right (before crossing bridge) at the almost hidden entrance to a small gravel parking lot. No Bathrooms. (F,PS,3) Leader: Terry Roesch (317-910-2943 cell)

Sunday, January 15

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, December 4

10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See Sunday, December 4

Monday, January 16

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

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, December 5

9:30 AM RIVER ROAD PARK IN CARMEL See Monday, December 19

9:30 AM FASHION MALL See Monday, January 2

4:00 PM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE See Monday, January 2

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

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

Tuesday, January 17

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

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL See Tuesday, January 3

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, December 6

9:30 AM GRAHAM CREEK NATURE PRESERVE - FOLEY, AL See Thursday, December 29

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

9:30 AM MERIDIAN WOODS See Tuesday, December 6

10:00 AM CLERMONT NEIGHBORHOODS See Tuesday, January 3

1:30 PM TUESDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Tuesday, December 13

4:30 PM SOUTHPORT ROAD See Tuesday, December 6

Wednesday, January 18

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

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

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

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

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

4:00 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, December 7

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

Thursday, January 19

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

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL See Tuesday, January 3

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

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

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

9:30 AM GULF STATE PARK CAMPGROUND - GULF SHORES, AL See Tuesday, January 3

4:00 PM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE See Monday, January 2

Friday, January 20

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

- 8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, December 2
9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, December 2
9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, December 2
10:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See Friday, December 2
1:00 PM BOOK CLUB HIKE - NORTHWESTWAY PARK This month's selection is *Beneath A Scarlet Sky* by Mark Sullivan. Meet at the north end of the parking lot in Northwestway Park (5253 W 62nd St, Indianapolis). The hike will begin in the park and proceed to our home in a nearby neighborhood (about 1.5 miles). The book discussion will be held there. Following the discussion you will have the choice of returning to your car (a total hike of 3 miles) or an additional 2-3 miles for a total of 5-6 miles. You don't need to have read the book to participate in the hike. (F,PS,3.0) Leader: Phil Smith (317-443-3955)
6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See Friday, December 2

Saturday, January 21

- 9:00 AM GREENWOOD MALL - SATURDAY See Saturday, January 7
10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, December 3
1:30 PM LOWER CASCADE PARK AND TRAIL BLOOMINGTON From I-465 S take Exit 4, SR 37/I-69 S. Follow I-69 S to Exit 123 (College Ave/Walnut St.) Continue on Walnut St and turn right onto Old SR 37 (road is open to the park) and go for about one mile to the Lower Cascade Park entrance to your right. (2851 Old SR 37, Bloomington). Restrooms? This will be a 6 mile hike. After the hike, plan on eating at a restaurant in Bloomington. (M,NS/PS,2.5) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972 cell)

Sunday, January 22

- 9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, December 4
10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See Sunday, December 4
1:30 PM FORT HARRISON BIKE TRAILS See Sunday, December 11

Monday, January 23

- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, December 12
9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, December 5
9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE PARK AND BEYOND See Monday, December 26
9:30 AM FASHION MALL See Monday, January 2
4:00 PM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE See Monday, January 2
4:00 PM GREENWOOD MALL - MONDAY AFTERNOON See Monday, December 5
4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, December 5

Tuesday, January 24

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, December 6
9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL See Tuesday, January 3
9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, December 6
9:30 AM EAGLES NEST - GULF SHORES, AL See Tuesday, December 20
9:30 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See Tuesday, December 13
9:30 AM MERIDIAN WOODS See Tuesday, December 6
10:00 AM CLERMONT NEIGHBORHOODS See Tuesday, January 3
2:00 PM DOWNTOWN FISHERS ON THE NICKEL PLATE TRAIL See Tuesday, December 6
4:30 PM SOUTHPORT ROAD See Tuesday, December 6

Wednesday, January 25

- 9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, December 7
9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, December 7
9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See Wednesday, December 7
9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, December 7
9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, December 7
1:00 PM FORT HARRISON ON WEDNESDAY See Wednesday, January 11
4:00 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, December 7
4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON See Wednesday, December 7

Thursday, January 26

- 9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, December 1
9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL See Tuesday, January 3
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, December 1
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, December 1
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, December 1
9:30 AM ALLIGATORS AT THE OVERLOOK - GULF SHORES, AL See Thursday, December 22
4:00 PM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE See Monday, January 2

Friday, January 27

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

Saturday, January 28

- 9:00 AM GREENWOOD MALL - SATURDAY See Saturday, January 7
10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, December 3
1:30 PM PLAINFIELD GREENWAY TRAILS See Saturday, December 3

Sunday, January 29

- 9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, December 4
10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See Sunday, December 4

Monday, January 30

- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, December 12
9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, December 5
9:30 AM FASHION MALL See Monday, January 2
1:00 PM LAKE CLEARWATER Meet in the northeast corner of the Super Walmart parking lot to the left of the Garden Center at the intersection of 74th St and Keystone Ave. On this 6 mile hike, with a 3 mile option, we will walk around two lakes and through scenic neighborhoods. The first half of the hike we will do as a group. After an optional restroom break, the second half will be at your own pace. (Map #43) (F,PS,3) Leader: Michele Kestle (317-251-7157)
4:00 PM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE See Monday, January 2
4:00 PM GREENWOOD MALL - MONDAY AFTERNOON See Monday, December 5
4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, December 5

Tuesday, January 31

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, December 6
9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL See Tuesday, January 3
9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, December 6
9:30 AM LETS FIND LEFTY - GULF SHORES, AL See Tuesday, December 27
9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Tuesday, December 6
9:30 AM MERIDIAN WOODS See Tuesday, December 6
4:30 PM SOUTHPORT ROAD See Tuesday, December 6

FUTURE EVENTS:

WINTER WEEKEND - ABE MARTIN LODGE, BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK – March 3-5, 2023 We will be going to a new location in 2023 for our traditional Winter Weekend. To make your reservations, call 1-877-563-4371, choose option # 1, choose option # 1 again, give reservationist the Group Code: 0303IH. The above instructions are from the group sales contract with Abe Martin Lodge. Base rate for most of the rooms (Historic double queens and Patio Kings) is \$134.99. Our block of rooms will be released February 3, 2023 so

be sure to make your reservations before that date. Information about hikes and social gatherings will be provided in future schedules. Contact Mary Ann Layman (home 317-346-1802) or malayman@earthlink.net if you have any questions.

26TH ANNUAL SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK – April 18-20, 2023. Mark your calendar for the Annual Club Trip to Smoky Mountains National Park. We are again scheduling the hike mid-week (Tue-Thu). It's not too early to make your room reservations in Gatlinburg, TN. Most members stay at Riverhouse at the Park (865-436-2070). Bearskin Lodge on the River (865-430- 4330) is another good choice. There will be a range of morning, afternoon and full-day hikes. More to come. Contact John Schlechte (317- 294-2021 cell or jschlechte@fastmail.com).

MICHIGAN'S UPPER PENINSULA - September 2023 Mark your calendars for September 2023. The last time we visited northern Michigan was in September 2019. I am in the early stages of planning our next trip to Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore and the Hiawatha National Forest near Munising, Michigan. Once the final dates are set and the host hotel is established, additional information will be published. In the mean time, if you have any questions regarding the trip, you can contact Bill Halik at yooper1954@gmail.com.

PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

Pamela Adamson	Indianapolis, IN	De Bush	Lafayette, IN
Jane Gooliak	Carmel, IN	Carman Kercher	
Surjit Malhi	Fishers, IN	Karen Richmond	Zionsville, IN
Brad Smith	Indianapolis, IN	Chris Steadham	Indianapolis, IN
Laura Steadham	Indianapolis, IN	Cynthia Weiner	Indianapolis, IN
Candus Cage	Indianapolis, IN	Patrick Eaton	Indianapolis, IN
Brenda Meyers	Pittsboro, IN	Nancy Russell	Zionsville, IN
Joan Pea	Speedway, IN	Carol Ripani	Carmel, IN

PLEASE WELCOME BACK THE FOLLOWING FORMER MEMBER:

DeWayne Burkhart Indianapolis, IN

RECENT MILEAGE AWARDS:

Glee Crowder	54,000	Richard Evans	6,500	Paul Labbe	200
Allan Roberts	47,000	Edeltraud Evans	6,500	Lisa Schenck	200
Cherie Voege	32,500	Christine Nitz	5,000	John Gervais	200
David Kincaid	31,500	Rick Wortman	4,500	David Drzewiecki	200
Julie Litten	19,500	Theresa Ray	3,500	Barbara Spaans	200
Kae Ramey	16,000	Pat Babineau	3,500	Barbara Fagan	200
Donna Chastain	16,000	Mike Schultz	3,500	Paul Klimowitch	100
Martin Dadel	14,500	Ron Elkins	3,000	Marian Fahy	100
Mike Seeman	11,000	Lori Showley	2,500	Jennifer Schuler	100
Katy Smith	11,000	Lorraine Smith	2,000	Frank Byrnes	100
Emily Hudson-Burch	10,500	John McShea	1,500	Effie Lewin	100
Sandy Fillenwarth	8,500	Annie Falvey	1,000	Donna Coomes	100
Marti Burton	8,500	Mike Lindstedt	500	Debi Mitchell	100
Dewey Conces	8,000	Beth Baker Schoch	500	Beth Wooding	100
Cheryl Conces	8,000	Connor Endres	400	Ben Thompson	100
Armen Avakian	7,000	Mary Hamlin	300	Amanda Smith	100

MEMBER NEWS: We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the following member: John Schlechte whose son Ted passed away in Australia in late September. He was just 46 years old.

We wish the best to the following members:

Long-time member Mabel Easton is recovering very well from an October fall which resulted in a fractured pelvis.

Active 48 year member Marsha Hutchins continues to struggle with bruised ribs, which has resulted in her inability to attend and lead hikes.

NOTE OF APPREICATION: Our sincere thanks to our Hiking Club friends for the many expressions of sympathy we received following John's son Ted's passing. Sometimes we are reminded the difficult lesson that life is short, so please be sure to tell the people you love how much they mean to you. The kindness that you've shown to us is deeply appreciated. *John and Konnie Schlechte*

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 Marti Burton, 8812 River Ridge Dr, Brownsburg, IN 46112 (317-306-9878, mjburton51@hotmail.com). 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 Marti 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".