



The Indianapolis Hiking Club

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Happiness - A Step at a Time



SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 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
Challenging or blank	H (Hilly)	Continuously	NS Natural, mainly soft
	M (Mixed)	Hilly & Flat	HS Packed dirt or gravel
	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.

ANNUAL PICNIC: Just a reminder that our annual Club picnic will be held on Saturday, July 29 at Shelter A in Eagle Creek Park. See the July schedule for details. Entry to the park will be free that day for all members and their invited guests. Three hikes will begin at 10 a.m. and the picnic will start at 12:00 noon.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY: Once again the Club's annual meeting will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Indianapolis on Thursday, September 7 (see write-up in this schedule for directions). All members are encouraged to attend. Come at 6 p.m. to enjoy free snacks, beverages (courtesy of the board) and conversation. At 6:30 p.m. we will have a short business meeting during which we will elect officers for the new Club year. We will then enjoy a guest speaker.

NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION: We have revised the new member application form on the Forms page of the website, including new fees. Effective immediately, please cease using any old application forms you may have on hand and begin using the new one.

ITEMS OF NOTE IN THIS SCHEDULE: In addition to our usual full complement of recurring weekday and weekend hikes and the extended stay trip to Michigan's Upper Peninsula in late September, the following hikes are note worthy. Book Club hikes are on the schedule on Friday, August 18 led by Susan Sievers and on Tuesday, September 19 led by Phil Coons. Theresa Ray has scheduled two back to back **challenging** Knobstone Trail hikes on August 3-4. Edeltraud Evans will be leading a 6 mile hike in Brown County SP on Saturday, August 5. A hike to Carmel Farmers Market will be led by June Sergi on Saturday, August 12. Debbie Bucholz will be leading a longer version of her Southwestway Park hike on Saturday, August 26. Konnie Schlechte will wrap up her I Hike for Ice Cream hike series on Friday, September 1. We will visit Spring Mill SP on Sunday, September 3 led by Ari Shifron and on the same day Ed Wright will tour two of Fishers newest parks Agripark and Geist Waterfront Park. On Saturday, September 9 June Sergi will lead the popular Carmel Artomobilia hike. Karen LeClerc will lead a slow and easy Grandparents' Day hike in Eagle Creek Park on Sunday, September 10. Finally, on Saturday, September 30 Terry Roesch will lead a hike on the West Side of Eagle Creek. Please review the write-ups in this schedule on the appropriate dates for complete details.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER: Hello Hikers,
Another great schedule is coming. We're fortunate to have so many dedicated hike leaders. Every day has multiple choices. Don't forget the summer picnic on Saturday, July 29 and the General Assembly on Thursday, September 7.

This summer Mother Nature has dealt us a curve ball - Air Quality. We have already experienced several unhealthy air quality index (AQI) days and cancelled hikes or moved them indoors. The possibility of more unhealthy days this summer is high. Unhealthy air can have lasting effects on your lungs and I have experienced this myself. So as the saying goes, "Discretion is the better part of valor." Stay safe. Leaders don't be afraid to cancel, shorten or move a hike to a mall if you feel that doing it might be unsafe. Check the predicted air quality index for your area for today and tomorrow on the following website www.airnow.gov. An AQI above 100 is considered unhealthy for sensitive individuals. Above 150 is considered to be unhealthy for anyone to be outside. Act accordingly.

See you on the trail.
Rick Wortman
President IHC

HIKE SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, August 1

- 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 and/or nearby neighborhoods. 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. Meet in the north end of the parking lot close to the Monon trail. Hike repeats every Tuesday in August and September. (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 other directions can be problematic because of I-69 construction. Debbie can offer advice closer to each hike.) Port-a-let is available. Hike repeats every Tuesday in August and September. (Map #61) (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Debbie Bucholz (317-361-9210)
- 9:30 AM CLERMONT AND NEARBY 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 all Tuesday's in August. (M,NS/PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-329-2779, 317-652-2779 cell)
- 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 August 15 & 29 and September 12 & 26. (Map #18) (M,NS,2.5) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 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 6-10 miles out and back self-guided hike. Restrooms are available. Hike repeats on August 15. (F,PS) Leader Kae Ramey (317-701-5805 cell)
- 6:00 PM BAXTER YMCA & PERRY PARK Meet at Baxter YMCA on Shelby St at Stop 11 Rd (south entrance). This is right off US 31 on Indy's south side. This is a neighborhood hike of 5 miles. Hike repeats each Tuesday in August and September. (F,PS,3) Leader: David Kincaid (317-787-6593)

Wednesday, August 2

- 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 Carmel. Hike repeats every Wednesday in August and September. (Map #58)(F,PS,3) Leader: Edwin Wright (317-445-5646)

- 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 August and September. 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 August and September. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Julie Litten (317-407-4652)
- 9:00 AM SODALIS NATURE PARK Join us for a slow, easy, meandering hike of 3-4 miles. Route will be slightly different each week. 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. Hike repeats on Wednesday September 6 & 27. (F,NS,2-2.5) Leader Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)
- 9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL Join us for a 5-mile hike 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 August and September. (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 August and September. (F,PS) Leader: Joan Griffiths (317-297-7312)
- 4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY 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 Wednesday in August and September. (F,PS) Leader: Glee Crowder (317-859-8159)
- 6:00 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 August and September. (Map #34) (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Janet Cohen (317-873-6586)

Thursday, August 3

- 8:00 AM KNOBSTONE TRAIL (KT) - NEW CHAPEL TRAILHEAD This is the first of two Knobstone Trail (KT) hikes on back to back days. Do one or both, as the leader will. This hike will be a 14 mile out and back hike starting at mile marker (mm) 17 New Chapel trailhead (TH) going south 7 miles to the Pixley Rd TH mm 10 where we will turn around, stopping for a quick break for lunch. This part of the trail is RUGGED/CHALLENGING please let me know if you're planning to join us. I realize this is an early start, so I've decided to stay at a nearby hotel. Cobblestone Hotel Salem, 1015 East Hackberry St, Salem, IN 812-883-4224. The TH is about 15 minutes from there. Hotel has a great breakfast for hikers. Time from Indy to TH is approximately an 1.5 hours. DIRECTIONS: GPS will take you directly to the TH - 7998 S Liberty Knob Rd New Pekin, In 47165. If coming from Indianapolis Take I-65 south about 90 miles. Take exit 19 for SR 160 towards Henryville/Charlestown; turn right onto SR 160 W; turn right onto Liberty Knob Rd New Chapel TH. No restrooms! Bring high energy snacks, poles, lunch and enough water for the 14 miles. I suggest 2.5/3 liters. This could be a very hot day. The cold wraps that can be wrapped around your neck are a great way to stay cool. Cell service is unreliable! Don't forget your sunscreen, hat, bug spray and I highly recommend long pants and even long sleeves. (**Challenging**,H,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Theresa Ray (317-627-1205, tmrquincy@yahoo.com)
- 9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE This is a 6-mile self guided hike usually north on the Fall Creek Trail to Skiles Test Park and back, however, from time to time the leaders may change the route. 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. Hike repeats every Thursday in August and September. (Map #45)(F,PS,3-3.5) Leaders: Tish Brafford (317-531-6700 cell) or JoAnne 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 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 trail hike over, around, up and down through the woods. Hike repeats every Thursday in August and September. 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 August and September.(F,PS,3.5) Leader: Rick Braun (317-679-2972)

Friday, August 4

- 7:00 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 August and September. Meet at the Monon trail-head parking lot on 96 St in Nora. Restrooms are available. (F,PS) Leader: Rick Kinnaman (317-407-9746)
- 8:00 AM FLAT FORK CREEK PARK, FISHERS Join us for a 5-15 mile brisk trail and sidewalk hike (5 miles) in Fishers newest park and then as many trips up and down the steep sledding hill on the sidewalk as you wish. If you went up the hill 10 or more times the hike would be considered challenging. The address of the park is 16141 E 101st St, Fishers.From the corner of 96th St and Olio Rd in Fishers, travel east on 96th St about 1.5 miles to Cyntheanne Rd. Go north on Cyntheanne Rd to 101st St and then east to the park entrance on your right. Meet in the parking lot. Hike repeats on Fridays in August and September. (**Challenging**,H/F,PS/HS,3-3.5) Leader: Rick Braun (317-679-2972)
- 8:00 AM KNOBSTONETRAIL (KT) - PIXLEY KNOB RD TRAILHEAD This will be a 12 mile hike starting at Pixley TH continuing on to Deam Lake Trailhead. I realize this is only 10 miles, however when we get there we will turn around and hike for a short mile and back to get the extra 2 miles needed for a total of 12. This hike will require a shuttle. I definitely need to know who is coming on this day. Direction to Pixley Knob TH: From I-465 S, take I-65 S to exit 19 (state road 160 West). Go 5 miles and turn left on Pixley Knob Road. Go 2.5 miles and the trailhead is on the right. No restrooms! Phone service is not reliable. Again, bring snacks, poles and a lunch to eat around mm 4. Don't forget your sunscreen, hat, bug spray. I highly suggest long pants! (**Challenging**,H,NS,2.5-3). Leader: Theresa Ray (317-627-1205, tmrquincy@yahoo.com)
- 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 August and September. (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. This hike will be in Eagle Creek Park (fee). Use the 56th St entrance that is just west of the Colts facility and take the first left after entering the park. Meet in at the Swimming Area (beach) parking lot. Hike repeats on all Fridays in August and September. (M,PS/NS,3-3.5) Leader: Phil Smith (317-443-3955)
- 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 Fridays in August and September. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Julie Litten (317-407-4652)

- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL Since I-70 and I-65 in downtown Indy are still may be closed due to construction, you are going to have to find your own way to get to Garfield Park. 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 August and September. (Map #52)(F,NS/PS,3-3.5) Leader: David Kincaid (317-787-6593)
- 9:30 AM FOREST PARK AND BEYOND, NOBLESVILLE We will meet at the Forest Park Aquatic Center parking lot in Noblesville for a 4-5 mile hike with shorter options. The address for the park at 701 Cicero Rd, Noblesville, IN. We will walk and visit the train depot, the old carousel and explore other parts of the park then head for the River Trail. We will walk past the Riverview cemetery established in 1820 and the flower bridge. Then head to Alexander's old fashion ice cream parlor on the Courthouse Square. You may purchase a treat if you like. We will head back to the park. After the hike, you may want to ride the carousel, play a round of miniature golf or visit the train depot more thoroughly. (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: June Sergi (317-372-3028)
- 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 August. (Map #32) (M,PS/NS,3.5) Leader: Jim Griffin (317-294-1121)

Saturday, August 5

- 7:30 AM RISE AND SHINE Meet at the Broad Ripple Methodist Church, 6185 Guilford Ave for an 8 mile guided hike. Hike will be done in time for those that wish to do the Ten at Ten. Hike repeats each Saturday in August and September. (Map #65)(F,P/NS,3.5-4) Leader: Rick Braun (317-679-2972)
- 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 August and September. (F,PS,3) Leader: Glee Crowder (317-859-8159)
- 9:00 AM LIME KILN TRAIL BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK From I-465 S take I-65 to Columbus Exit 68 SR46 west to Brown County State Park (fee). Once in the park follow the signs to the Nature Center. This will be a 6 mile hike on the Lime Kiln mountain bike trail. After the hike join us for lunch at a restaurant in Nashville. (M,NS,PS,2) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972 cell)
- 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 August and September. (Map #65)(F,NS) Leader: Rick Kinnaman (317-407-9746)

Sunday, August 6

- 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 0.4 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 August and September. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Marti Burton (317-306-9878)
- 9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING 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 August and September. (Map #16) (F,PS,3-3.25) Leader: Kathy Whalen (317-409-3265)
- 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 6-10 miles out and back self guided hike. Restrooms are available. Hike repeats August 20, September 3 and 17. (F,PS) Leader: Kae Ramey (317-701-5805 cell)

Monday, August 7

- 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 September 4. (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 August and September. (F,NS/PS,3-3.5) Leader: David Kincaid (317-787-6593)
- 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 Ave, 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, August 4. (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 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 August and September. (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 hike through scenic neighborhoods. Hike repeats each Monday evening in August and September. (Map #25)(F,PS,3.5) Leader: Rick Braun (317-679-2972)
- 6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE Meet at the Broad Ripple Methodist Church at 6135 Guilford Ave for a hike of 5-6 miles. Hike repeats every Monday in August and September. (Map #65) (F,PS/NS,3-3.5) Leaders Mary Bruss (317-308-0182)

Tuesday, August 8

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, August 1
- 9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, August 1
- 9:30 AM CLERMONT AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See Tuesday, August 1
- 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 August 22 and September 5 & 19. (Map #65) (M,NS/HS/PS,2.5) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)
- 6:00 PM BAXTER YMCA & PERRY PARK See Tuesday, August 1

Wednesday, August 9

- 9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, August 2
- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, August 2
- 9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See Wednesday, August 2
- 9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, August 2
- 9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, August 2
- 4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON See Wednesday, August 2
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, August 2

Thursday, August 10

- 9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, August 3
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, August 3
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, August 3
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, August 3
- 6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, August 3

Friday, August 11

- 7:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, August 4
- 8:00 AM FLAT FORK CREEK PARK, FISHERS See Friday, August 4
- 8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, August 4
- 9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, August 4
- 9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See Friday, August 4
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, August 4
- 6:00 PM BUTLER, TOWPATH AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See Friday, August 4

Saturday, August 12

7:30 AM RISE AND SHINE See Saturday, August 5

8:00 AM CARMEL FARMERS MARKET Meet at the parking lot around the fountain in Carmel at the gazebo for a 4-5 mile hike. The address is 3 Civic Square, Carmel 46032. The hike will end at the Carmel farmers market and you can enjoy some fresh fruits and vegetables or other treats. It will be a short walk from there back to your cars. (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: June Sergi (317-372-3018)

8:30 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See Saturday, August 5

The following hike has been moved to Monday, August 28. The change will only appear on the website and not in the printed schedule.

9:30 AM TWIN BRIDGES TRAIL This hike has been moved to Monday August 28

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. Bring your lunch and join us for a picnic afterwards. (Map #19) (M,NS/PS,2.5) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, August 5

Sunday, August 13

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, August 6

9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, August 6

9:00 AM VANDALIA RAIL TRAIL (WESTERN PORTION) Meet at the Amo trailhead located at 5042 South St. for 6 miles out and back from Amo to Coatesville. A canopy of trees along this paved section of the trail and a bridge that spans Crittenden Creek provides natural scenery. This section of the Vandalia Trail is part of the National Road Heritage Trail, a 150-mile continuous system of multi-use trails that spans the state along the former Pennsylvania/Vandalia railroad corridors. From I-465 W, take US 40 traveling through Plainfield to IN-39. Turn right onto IN-39 and follow 39 into Clayton. Turn left at Iowa St., go one block, turn right at W CR 500S and travel about 5 miles to the Amo trailhead. Amo is just under 10 miles from Danville. Bathrooms available. (F,PS,3-3.25) Leader: Terry Roesch (317-910-2943 cell)

Monday, August 14

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 remaining Mondays in August and September, except September 4. (Map #40)(M,PS,3.5) Leader: Janet Cohen (317-508-8523 or 317-417-2628)

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, August 7

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 not use the main parking lot just inside the entrance; it is reserved for funerals. Drive though the parking lot and 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 Monday September 11. (Map #42)(M,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

4:00 PM GREENWOOD MALL - MONDAY AFTERNOON See Monday, August 7

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, August 7

6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, August 7

Tuesday, August 15

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, August 1

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, August 1

9:30 AM CLERMONT AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See Tuesday, August 1

9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Tuesday, August 1

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

6:00 PM BAXTER YMCA & PERRY PARK See Tuesday, August 1

Wednesday, August 16

9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, August 2

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, August 2

9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See Wednesday, August 2

9:00 AM TALON STREAM PARK - VANDALIA TRAIL This will be an slow and easy 4 miles in Talon Stream Park and along the Vandalia trail. The trail will be mostly flat with a few inclines in Talon Stream. Pike Lane is the listed address for the park which is just North of the Richard A. Carlucci Rec and Aquatic Center (651 Vestal Rd, Plainfield,IN). Park at the shelter/restrooms at Talon Stream. Restrooms are available. Hike repeats September 13. (F,PS,2-2.5) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, August 2

9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, August 2

4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON See Wednesday, August 2

6:00 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, August 2

Thursday, August 17

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, August 3

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, August 3

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, August 3

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, August 3

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, August 3

Friday, August 18

7:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, August 4

8:00 AM FLAT FORK CREEK PARK, FISHERS See Friday, August 4

8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, August 4

9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, August 4

9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See Friday, August 4

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, August 4

10:00 AM BOOK CLUB HIKE – EAGLE CREEK PARK This month's selection is *The Facemaker: A Visionary Surgeon's Battle to Mend the Disfigured Soldiers of World War I* by Lindsey Fitzharris. From 56th St, just west of the Colts facility, enter the Eagle Creek Park (fee). Once in the park take the first left to the beach. Meet at the swimming area (beach) parking lot. A 3 mile hike will be followed by the book discussion. For a longer hike, participate in the TGIF 9:00 a.m. hike at the same location. For those choosing to join us for the discussion only (11:00 a.m.), we will be at the shelter to the right of the concession building. Bring your lunch to enjoy while we discuss the book. (M,PS/NS,3) Discussion Leader: Susan Sievers (317-513-5239)

6:00 PM BUTLER, TOWPATH AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See Friday, August 4

Saturday, August 19

7:30 AM RISE AND SHINE See Saturday, August 5

8:30 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See Saturday, August 5

9:00 AM PATE HOLLOW AT PAYNETOWN SRA Allow 1 1/2 hours travel time. From I-465 S take Exit 4 and follow I-69/ SR37 S to Exit 120 and go east to SR 446. Turn right onto SR 446 and go south for about 6 miles. Look for Paynetown SRA on the right. (4850 Hwy 446 Bloomington). Park behind the building. This will be a 5 mile hike on an all scenic natural loop trail. After the hike plan on having lunch at a local restaurant. (M,NS,2) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972 cell)

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, August 5

Sunday, August 20

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, August 6

9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, August 6

1:30 PM SUNDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Sunday, August 6

Monday, August 21

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, August 7

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 September 18. (Map #64)(F,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

4:00 PM GREENWOOD MALL - MONDAY AFTERNOON See Monday, August 7

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, August 7

6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, August 7

Tuesday, August 22

9:00 AM PENDLETON FALLS From I-465 N, go north on I-69 about 18 miles to the Pendleton exit. Turn right 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 miles, with a 3 mile option, including Pendleton Falls Park. After the hike join us at one of Pendleton's local restaurants. Hike repeats on September 26. (Map #59)(F,PS/NS,3) Leader: Elaine Wright (317-753-5516)

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, August 1

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, August 1

9:30 AM CLERMONT AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See Tuesday, August 1

9:30 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See Tuesday, August 8

6:00 PM BAXTER YMCA & PERRY PARK See Tuesday, August 1

Wednesday, August 23

9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, August 2

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, August 2

9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See Wednesday, August 2

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, August 2

9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, August 2

4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON See Wednesday, August 2

6:00 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, August 2

Thursday, August 24

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, August 3

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, August 3

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, August 3

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, August 3

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, August 3

Friday, August 25

The following hike was added to the schedule on August 22 and will not appear in the printed schedule. Note the early start time.

7:00 AM MORGAN MONROE STATE FOREST Come and enjoy being in the woods in Morgan Monroe State Forest, 6220 Forest Rd, Martinsville, IN 46151. From I-465 S take SR 37 south until it becomes I-69 S in Martinsville. Turn left on Liberty Church Rd (Exit 134) and follow signs for Morgan Monroe SF. From the entrance of the state forest drive 4.5 miles to the forest HDQ parking lot. This will be a 14/15 mile hike on the Low Gap trail, with shorter options for those that are comfortable turning around (self guided) at their desired mileage. We'll hike 7 to 7.5 miles in then turn around and hike out. Bring water, a light lunch with some high energy snacks as well. Please note the early start to beat the heat and RSVP if you are coming. (**Challenging**,H,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Theresa Ray (317-627-1205, tmrquincy@yahoo.com)

7:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, August 4

8:00 AM FLAT FORK CREEK PARK, FISHERS See Friday, August 4

8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, August 4

9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, August 4

9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See Friday, August 4

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, August 4

6:00 PM BUTLER, TOWPATH AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See Friday, August 4

Saturday, August 26

The following hike was added on August 23 and will only appear on the Club website and not appear in the printed schedule.

- 7:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD This will be a 15 mile hike or you can turn around (self-guided) at your desired mileage. This park is very easy to find, it's just North of Hummel park. (Google: Friendship Gardens, Plainfield, IN 46168). Bring a large bottle of water and a small snack to eat while you walk. (**Challenging**,F,PS,3.5) Leader: Theresa Ray (317-627-1205, mrquincy@yahoo.com)
- 7:30 AM RISE AND SHINE See Saturday, August 5
- 8:30 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See Saturday, August 5
- 9:00 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK - LONGER VERSION Enjoy an 8 mile hike through the woods along White River and up Mann Hill in the second largest city park in Indy. Meet at Southwestway Park, 8400 Mann Rd. 46221. Coming from I-465 SW, exit onto SR 67 (Kentucky Ave.) heading southwest toward Mooresville. Go just over 1/2 mile then turn left onto High School Rd. Go 0.2 miles and turn left onto W. Thompson Rd. Go about 2.3 miles to Mann Rd. Turn right and go 2.5 miles to the park. Enter the park on the east side of the road just after the baseball diamonds. Meet in the upper parking lot at the end of the drive. (Due to I-69 and I-465 construction, Debbie can offer up-to-date alternatives coming from other directions.) There is a porta potty in the parking lot. (Map #61) (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Debbie Bucholz (317-361-9210)
- 9:30 AM VANDALIA TRAIL This will be a slow and easy 4 miles along the Vandalia trail. The trail will be mostly flat with a few inclines in Talon Stream. Park at Talon Stream park. Pike Lane is the listed address for the park which is just North of the Richard A. Carlucci Rec and Aquatic Center (651 Vestal Rd, Plainfield,IN). Park at the shelter/restrooms at Talon Stream. Restrooms are available. (F,PS,2-2.5) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, August 5

Sunday, August 27

- 9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, August 6
- 9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, August 6

Monday, August 28

- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, August 14
- 9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, August 7
- The following hike was moved from August 12.
- 9:30 AM TWIN BRIDGES TRAIL This will be a slow and easy, but somewhat hilly hike of 3-4 miles. There is a small creek crossing up a muddy slope (depending on weather conditions) and we will also walk on a gravel road that is within the trail area. Parking lot is across the street from Hawkeye Storage 1303 E CR 200S. THE ENTRANCE/PARKING AREA IS VERY EASY TO MISS. Port-a-lets are available at the softball fields. (M,NS,HS,2-2.5) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)
- 9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE PARK AND BEYOND Join us for a hike in and around Broad Ripple, we go a different way each time. Park 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. Hike repeats on September 25. (Map #57)(F,HS/PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)
- 4:00 PM GREENWOOD MALL - MONDAY AFTERNOON See Monday, August 7
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, August 7
- 6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, August 7

Tuesday, August 29

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, August 1
- 9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, August 1
- 9:30 AM CLERMONT AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See Tuesday, August 1
- 9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Tuesday, August 1
- 6:00 PM BAXTER YMCA & PERRY PARK See Tuesday, August 1

Wednesday, August 30

9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, August 2

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, August 2

9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See Wednesday, August 2

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, August 2

9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, August 2

9:30 AM HUMMEL PARK, PLAINFIELD Enjoy a 4 mile walk on paved trails in the park (1500 S Center St Plainfield). From Main St in Plainfield, go south on Center St approximately 1.6 miles. Turn right into the park. At the roundabout in the park, take the second exit. Park near the Splash Pad. Restrooms are available. (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)

The following hike was added on August 24 and will only appear on the website and not in the printed schedule.

11:30 AM AUBURN, CORD AND DUSENBURG FESTIVAL Enjoy the Meadowlark Park hike at 9:00 a.m. then stay or join us at 11:30 a.m. for this classic antique car show and hike. We will meet at the gazebo by the City Hall. The address is 3 Civic Square, Carmel. We will walk 3-4 miles and enjoy seeing 35+ of these antique cars, plus some other sites in Carmel, (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: June Sergi (317-372-3018)

4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON See Wednesday, August 2

6:00 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, August 2

Thursday, August 31

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, August 3

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, August 3

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, August 3

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, August 3

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, August 3

Friday, September 1

7:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, August 4

8:00 AM FLAT FORK CREEK PARK, FISHERS See Friday, August 4

8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, August 4

9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, August 4

9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See Friday, August 4

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, August 4

The following hike has been moved to Friday, September 8

1:00 PM I HIKE FOR ICE CREAM .. hike moved to Friday, September

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

Saturday, September 2

This hike was added on August 26 and will not appear in the printed schedule.

7:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD This will be a 15 mile hike or you can turn around (self-guided) at your desired mileage. This park is very easy to find, it's just North of Hummel park. (Google: Friendship Gardens, Plainfield, IN 46168). Bring a large bottle of water and a small snack to eat while you walk. (**Challenging**,F,PS,3.5) Leader: Therese Cokain (317-796-9183)

7:30 AM RISE AND SHINE See Saturday, August 5

8:30 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See Saturday, August 5

9:30 AM ELLIS PARK TO BLANTON WOODS TRAIL Slow 3-4 mile loop in Danville. We will begin on a paved trail in Ellis Park and then hike on natural surfaces into Blanton Woods (600 E Main St, Danville). Once you enter the park there is parking on the left. Restrooms are usually available. (M,NS,PS,2-2.5) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)

9:30 AM BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK Allow about an hour from I-465 and I-65 on the south side of Indianapolis. Take I-65 south about 43 miles to the Columbus exit #68. Head west on SR 46 toward Nashville about 14 miles to the entrance for Brown County SP on your left. Enter the park (fee) and follow signs to the Ogle Lake Parking Lot for a hilly 6 mile forested hike. Bring your lunch and join us for a picnic afterwards. (Map #27) (M,NS,2.5) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021)

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, August 5

Sunday, September 3

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, August 6

9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, August 6

10:00 AM SPRING MILL STATE PARK The park is located at 3333 IN-60, Mitchell, IN 47446. Allow 1.5-2 hours travel time from I-465S. Go south on I- 69/SR37 through Martinsville and Bloomington. At the split just south of Bloomington, follow SR37 South and continue to US 60 East. Turn left on US 60 and go approx 3.5 miles to the park entrance (fee). Meet at the Pioneer Village parking lot by Shelter F for a 5 mile relatively rugged hike. We will do trails 3 and 4 and catch the highlights of the place. Starting on trail 4 we will go through the Pioneer Village and see all the historic homes there. The hike will then meander past Bronson and Twin Caves on trail 3. Towards the end of the walk back on trail 4, Donaldson Cave is seen and allowed to be entered. Those who want to can go in briefly and see it. Make sure to bring water, bug spray, and walking poles if needed. Also please wear long pants and closed toed shoes. (H,NS,3) Leader: Ari Shifron (812-272-6926)

1:00 PM TOUR FISHERS AGRIPARK AND GEIST WATERFRONT PARK This 7-mile loop hike will traverse around the east end of Geist Reservoir in Fishers through pretty neighborhoods with scenic overlooks. During the hike we will visit two unique Fishers Parks. The first is Fishers AgriPark, a 33-acre urban farm that pays homage to Fishers' agricultural roots. The second and Fishers newest park is Geist Waterfront Park, which offers the only public beach on Geist Reservoir, on the day before the park closes for the season. Directions: Take I-69 north to 116th St (Exit 205) and go east on 116th to Olio Rd. Park behind the CVS pharmacy that is located on the southeast corner of Olio Rd and 116 St. (M,PS,3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

1:30 PM SUNDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Sunday, August 6

Monday, September 4

Labor Day

9:00 AM MORNING CONSTITUTIONAL See Monday, August 7

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, August 14

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, August 7

9:30 AM TOWPATH, BUTLER UNIVERSITY AND ROCKY RIPPLE See Monday, August 7

4:00 PM GREENWOOD MALL - MONDAY AFTERNOON See Monday, August 7

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, August 7

6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, August 7

Tuesday, September 5

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, August 1

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, August 1

9:30 AM BROOKSIDE PARK AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS This 5-6 mile hike will begin at Brookside Park. From downtown Indy go east on 10th St to Rural St. Then go left (north) on Rural and go to Brookside Parkway So. Dr. Turn right (east) and continue until you reach the park (3500 east) on your left. (F,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-652-2779 cell, 317-329-2779)

9:30 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See Tuesday, August 8

6:00 PM BAXTER YMCA & PERRY PARK See Tuesday, August 1

Wednesday, September 6

9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, August 2

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, August 2

9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See Wednesday, August 2

9:00 AM SODALIS NATURE PARK See Wednesday, August 2

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, August 2

9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, August 2

4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON See Wednesday, August 2

6:00 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, August 2

Thursday, September 7

General Assembly

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, August 3

- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, August 3
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, August 3
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, August 3
6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, August 3

6:00 PM **GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS** This year's annual meeting will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Indianapolis, where we have held the meeting in the past. All members are encouraged to attend. The address is: 615 West 43rd St, IN 46208. Come at 6 p.m. to enjoy free snacks, beverages and conversation. At 6:30 p.m. we will have a short business meeting and elect officers for the Club year – October 1, 2023 thru September 30, 2024 (see slate below). Our guest speaker for the evening will be fellow member Jeff Roberts who will relate his experience being honored with an honor flight to Washington, DC for his career as a submariner in the Navy and his wartime service in Desert Storm.

The nominating committee, composed of Debbie Bucholz, Mike Lindstedt and Cheri Voegel, has recommended the following slate of officers for the Club year starting October 1, 2023: PRESIDENT: Debbie Bucholz, VICE PRESIDENT: Marian Fahy, PATHFINDERS: Jean Ballinger and Ed Wright, SECRETARY: Konnie Schlechte, TREASURER: Kathy Whalen, DIRECTORS: Kathy Braun, Pat Lawler, Mary Barbara Miller and Lori Showley. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor; however, a person so nominated must be present at the meeting. Appointed officer positions will be announced at the meeting.

Friday, September 8

- 7:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, August 4
8:00 AM FLAT FORK CREEK PARK, FISHERS See Friday, August 4
8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, August 4
9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, August 4
9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, August 4

[The following hike was previously scheduled on Friday, September 1 but was moved to this date.](#)

- 1:00 PM I HIKE FOR ICE CREAM Let's hike for ice cream one more time as we begin the Labor Day weekend. Meet at Meadowood Park, 5700 Meadowood Dr, Speedway. Parking is located on the other side of the park on School Dr. We will walk 5 miles through Speedway neighborhoods to Fundae's Ice Cream & Sweets on Main St and back to the park. Fundae's signature flavor is salted caramel ice cream with sea salt fudge and cashews – YUM! (F,PS,2.5) Leader: Konnie Schlechte (317-417-5112 cell)
6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPTU See Friday, September 1

Saturday, September 9

- 7:30 AM RISE AND SHINE See Saturday, August 5
8:30 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See Saturday, August 5
10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, August 5
10:00 AM ARTOMOBILIA HIKE Meet in Meadowlark Park (450 Meadow Lane, Carmel 46032) for a 5 mile hike. From US 31 in Carmel, go east on W. Main St., pass Guilford Rd to Meadow Lane. Turn left and go north toward the park. We will walk in, through and around Carmel ending up in midtown near the arts and design district where there will be more than 400 vintage vehicles on display. You may stay and browse then walk back to your car at leisure. (Map #58) (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: June Sergi (317-372-3018)
2:00 PM MCCORMICKS CREEK STATE PARK - ARTS, BARBEQUE AND BLUES From I-465 S take SR 67 S (Kentucky Ave) to SR46 in Spencer. Turn left and proceed to the park entrance (fee) on the left. Meet at the Deer Run Shelter for a 4-5 mile hike depending on which trails are still closed. Bring a lawn chair, stay after the hike and enjoy the Arts, Barbeque and Blues. (M,NS,2) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972 cell)

Sunday, September 10

Grandparents' Day

- 9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, August 6
9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, August 6

1:00 PM GRANDPARENTS DAY HIKE We will hike the Orange loop trail in Eagle Creek Park (fee). Bring the grandkids "and their parents" on this slow, meandering 3 miles on the Orange trail. Flat, but may be wet/muddy in areas. As you enter the park from 56th St, park at the first lot on the right. Port-a-lets are available. (Map #40) (F,NS, 2-2.5) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)

Monday, September 11 *Patriots Day*

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, August 14
9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, August 7
9:30 AM CROWN HILL CEMETERY See Monday, August 14
4:00 PM GREENWOOD MALL - MONDAY AFTERNOON See Monday, August 7
6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, August 7
6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, August 7

Tuesday, September 12

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, August 1
9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, August 1
9:30 AM NORTH END OF EAGLE CREEK PARK AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS From I-465 W exit on 71 St and head west into Eagle Creek Park. Park just inside the 71 St park entrance (fee). This will be a 5-6 mile hike within the north end of the park and nearby neighborhoods. (M,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-652-2779 cell, 317-329-2779)
9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Tuesday, August 1
6:00 PM BAXTER YMCA & PERRY PARK See Tuesday, August 1

Wednesday, September 13

9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, August 2
9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, August 2
9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See Wednesday, August 2
9:00 AM TALON STREAM PARK - VANDALIA TRAIL See Wednesday, August 16
9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, August 2
9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, August 2
4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON See Wednesday, August 2
6:00 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, August 2

Thursday, September 14

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, August 3
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, August 3
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, August 3
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, August 3
6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, August 3

Friday, September 15

7:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, August 4
8:00 AM FLAT FORK CREEK PARK, FISHERS See Friday, August 4
8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, August 4
9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, August 4
9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See Friday, August 4
9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, August 4
9:30 AM FOREST PARK TO POTTERS BRIDGE, NOBLESVILLE We will walk from Forest Park to Potters Bridge and back for a total of 4 miles. Note, if the Potters Bridge trails are flooded we will do an alternate route. Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy in the park after the hike if you like. We will park at the Forest Park Aquatic Center. The address for Forest Park is 701 Cicero Rd, Noblesville. (PS,F,2.5-3) Leader: June Sergi (317-372-3028)
9:30 AM VIRGINIA B. FAIRBANKS ART & NATURE PARK/CANAL TOWPATH Slow and easy 4 mile hike thru the nature park and a portion of the canal towpath. Great area to see some art work as well as a great area for birders. 1850 W. 38th St, Indianapolis. Park in the 100 Acres IMA lot. (F,NS/PS,2-2.5) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)

6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See Friday, September 1

Saturday, September 16

7:30 AM RISE AND SHINE See Saturday, August 5

8:30 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See Saturday, August 5

9:00 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 and go for about 5 miles, look for Yellowwood Forest sign at Knights corner. Turn right and follow the Yellowwood Forest Rd to Forest Office parking lot (772 Yellowwood Lake Rd, Nashville.) This will be a 5 mile hike around the lake on a moderate scenic trail (hiking poles are recommended). Restroom are available at the parking lot. After the hike join us for lunch at a restaurant in Nashville. (M,NS,2) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972 cell)

9:00 AM MORGAN MONROE STATE FOREST This will be a 6-7 mile hike combining Low Gap, Rock Shelter and Mason Ridge Trails. Be prepared for elevation challenges on the Low Gap section. DIRECTIONS to 6220 Forest Rd, Martinsville IN: From Indy's south side, take I-465 to I-69 South.. Follow I-69 S to Liberty Church Road (Exit 134). Turn left on Liberty Church Rd and follow signs for Morgan Monroe State Forest. From the entrance to MMSF, drive 4.5 miles to the Forest Headquarters parking lot. Restrooms available. Bring snacks/lunch and water. (H,NS,HS,2.5-3) Leader: Susan Sievers (317-513-5239)

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, August 5

Sunday, September 17

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, August 6

9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, August 6

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. On this 7 mile loop hike we will also walk in Founders Park and nearby neighborhoods. There is a shorter 4 mile option, which includes the nature preserve. 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 1/4 mile to the entrance to Founders park on your right. (F,PS/NS,3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

1:30 PM SUNDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Sunday, August 6

Monday, September 18

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, August 14

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, August 7

9:30 AM RIVER ROAD PARK IN CARMEL See Monday, August 21

4:00 PM GREENWOOD MALL - MONDAY AFTERNOON See Monday, August 7

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, August 7

6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, August 7

Tuesday, September 19

9:00 AM BOOK CLUB HIKE – EAGLE CREEK PARK, BIRD SANCTUARY September's book(s) are any of the novels or non-fiction nature books by Gene Stratton Porter a famous Indiana author. Your choice. Also watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kvOWDOfxLw> Gene Stratton Porter: Voice of the Limberlost on YouTube, 56 minutes. Meet in front of the Ornithology Center at Eagle Creek Park. Closest access is the 71st St. entrance (fee) just off I-65. After entering the park go to 65th St and turn right at the sign. Parking is available in the Ornithology Center parking lot. The hike will be 4-5 miles in the vicinity of the bird sanctuary. Bring your binoculars if you like. After the hike we will meet at Phil Coons' house for lunch and discussion. Directions will be provided by e-mail or at the hike. Bring a sack lunch. Drinks and cups and dessert will be provided. As always, you do not have to read any of the books to join the hike or discussion. (M,NS/HS,2.5-3) Leader: Phil Coons (317-402-8810 cell)

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, August 1

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, August 1

9:30 AM BOBBY KENNEDY AND MARTIN LUTHER KING MEMORIAL For this 6-mile hike to the inspirational memorial to two famous fallen leaders we will park at Shapiro's 808 S. Meridian St. Please park in the

back part of the parking lot away from the restaurant entrance. (May # 41) (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-329-2779, 317-652-2779 cell)

9:30 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See Tuesday, August 8

11:00 AM W.S. GIBBS MEMORIAL PARK, DANVILLE Two slow and easy loops around the park will give us 3 miles. The park address is 4521 Gibbs Rd, Danville. Going west on Main St in Plainfield, turn right on Vestal Rd, at the round-about, take the 2nd exit staying on Vestal, turn right on Vestal, in approximately .5 miles turn left on Gibbs. Turn left into the park in 1.7 miles. Park at the pavilion by the lake. Port-a-lets are not always open. Bring a picnic lunch if you would like to stay for lunch after. (M,NS,PS,2-2.5) Leader: Karen LeClerc(920-883-9477)

6:00 PM BAXTER YMCA & PERRY PARK See Tuesday, August 1

Wednesday, September 20

9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, August 2

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, August 2

9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See Wednesday, August 2

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, August 2

9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, August 2

10:00 AM HUMMEL PARK/FRIENDSHIP PARK HIKE, PLAINFIELD Enjoy a 4 mile walk on paved trails. We will visit Friendship park as well as walk a portion of Hummel Park. Park behind the Oasis Diner (405 W. Main St, Plainfield). Do not park in the Diner lot. There is parking for the park/trails directly behind the Diner parking lot. We will enjoy a meal together at the Diner after the hike. Restrooms are available. (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)

4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON See Wednesday, August 2

6:00 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, August 2

Thursday, September 21

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, August 3

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, August 3

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, August 3

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, August 3

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, August 3

Friday, September 22

7:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, August 4

8:00 AM FLAT FORK CREEK PARK, FISHERS See Friday, August 4

8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, August 4

9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, August 4

9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See Friday, August 4

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, August 4

6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See Friday, September 1

Saturday, September 23

7:30 AM RISE AND SHINE See Saturday, August 5

8:30 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See Saturday, August 5

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, August 5

Sunday, September 24

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, August 6

9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, August 6

Multi-Day Trip: Sunday, September 24 - Wednesday, September 27

MICHIGAN'S UPPER PENINSULA Sunday is a travel day of at least 570 miles from Indy to Munising, MI. You can either drive north through Wisconsin or through Michigan (slightly longer), your choice. Suggest you use Google Maps or Map-quest for precise directions. Most hikers are staying at the recommended North Star/Pictured Rocks hotel (906-387-2466, northstarhogelpr@gmail.com) located on East SR 28 and Federal Hwy 13 in Munising. Munising is a very small town, so the hotel will not

be hard to locate. There will be an information meeting at 7 p.m. on Sunday evening at the hotel for all hikers to review the week's events. Bill will answer any questions and provide information about the hikes, including printed driving directions and a list of local restaurants. If you are unable to attend the information meeting make sure you meet in the hotel parking lot by 8:00 AM on Monday, September 25th. If you have any questions please contact Bill Halik the trip organizer by email at vooper1954@gmail.com or at 317-523-6058. Please note that Bill is traveling overseas through August, so email would be better.

Multi-Day Trip: Thursday, September 28 - Friday, September 29

UPPER PENINSULA EXTENSION Konnie and John Schlechte are planning two additional days of hiking on the return from Bill Halik's UP trip. On Thursday, September 28 Konnie will lead a hike at Mackinac Island and on Friday, September 29 John will lead a hike at Petoskey/Bay View, Michigan. For planning purposes, we would suggest staying at Munising through Tuesday night (9/26), St. Ignace on Wednesday night (9/27), and Petoskey on Thursday night (9/28). Driving time from Munising to St. Ignace is 2.5 hours, and St. Ignace to Petoskey is about an hour.

Mackinac Island probably doesn't need much explanation since the Club has visited there several times. It is a lovely, quaint and historic island located in the Straits of Mackinac separating Lakes Huron and Michigan. It is a very short trip by passenger ferry from St. Ignace. There are many hotels in St. Ignace from which you can choose (Google hotels in St. Ignace). One suggestion is the Best Western Harbor Pointe Lakefront, 797 N. State St. Ignace, MI, phone number 906-643-6000. Current senior rate for 9/27 is \$131.39 + tax (breakfast included). Questions: Contact Konnie Schlechte at 317-417-5112 cell or kmschlechte@gmail.com.

Petoskey and Bay View are located next to one another on Little Traverse Bay, about 35 miles south of the Mackinac Bridge on US 31. There are many hotel options including Quality Inn, 1314 US 31 N; Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 1751 US 131 S and several others on US 131 S. Questions: Contact John Schlechte at 317-294-2021 cell or jschlechte@fastmail.com.

Monday, September 25

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, August 14

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, August 7

9:00 AM MICHIGAN'S UPPER PENINSULA, PINE MARTEN - DAY I MORNING This will be a moderate six mile hike, mostly level trail. Directions: From the host hotel, turn right (south) onto Federal Forest Hwy 13. Take this to Road 2258. Turn left. Go about three miles to the one lane bridge. Just after crossing the bridge, park on the right. No parking permit will be needed for this trail head location. (F/M,NS,2.5)
Leader: Bill Halik (317-523-6058)

9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE PARK AND BEYOND See Monday, August 28

1:00 PM MICHIGAN'S UPPER PENINSULA, PINE MARTEN - DAY I AFTERNOON This will be a moderate four mile hike, mostly level trail. Hike begins at the same location as the morning hike. (F/M,NS,2.5)
Leader: Bill Halik (317-523-6058)

4:00 PM GREENWOOD MALL - MONDAY AFTERNOON See Monday, August 7

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, August 7

6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, August 7

Tuesday, September 26

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, August 1

9:00 AM MICHIGAN'S UPPER PENINSULA, CHAPEL ROCK / MOSQUITO FALLS - DAY 2 MODERATE This will be a hilly somewhat challenging seven mile hike, with a ten mile option. I will lead a seven mile portion of the hike. For those that would like to complete the entire ten mile loop, the last three miles will be self guided. Bring plenty of water and snacks. (H/M,NS,2.5) Directions: From the host hotel, go north on Connor Rd to Alger County Rd H-58. Turn right. Drive to Chapel Rd. Turn left onto Chapel Rd. There will be signs pointing left to Chapel Rock and Mosquito Falls. Drive to the end of the road. Portions of this road are narrow and very bumpy. Parking lot will be at the end of Chapel Rd. A parking permit will be needed for this trail head location. Leader: Bill Halik (317-523-6058)

9:00 AM PENDLETON FALLS See Tuesday, August 22

- 9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, August 1
9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Tuesday, August 1
6:00 PM BAXTER YMCA & PERRY PARK See Tuesday, August 1

Wednesday, September 27

- 9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, August 2
9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, August 2
9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See Wednesday, August 2
9:00 AM SODALIS NATURE PARK See Wednesday, August 2
9:00 AM MICHIGAN'S UPPER PENINSULA, CHAPEL ROCK / MOSQUITO FALLS - DAY 3 MODERATE This will be a moderate/hilly five mile hike on a different route than Tuesday. Same directions and parking location as Tuesday's hike. (M,NS,2.5) Leader: Bill Halik (317-523-6058)
9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, August 2
9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, August 2
4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON See Wednesday, August 2
6:00 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, August 2

Thursday, September 28

- 8:30 AM MICHIGAN UP EXTENSION - MACKINAC ISLAND We will meet at Shepler's Ferry dock, 601 N. State Street, St. Ignace. Allow enough time to purchase tickets and board the ferry for an 8:30 AM departure. Take a parking ticket at the gate as you enter the lot to allow free exit until midnight. Round trip cost is \$36. You can buy tickets online (sheplersferry.com) for \$34. This will be a 6-mile guided hike with an option for 2 additional self-guided miles. After the hike, you may want to check out Fort Mackinac, the porch at the Grand Hotel, or Doud's, America's oldest grocery store (at the corner of Main and Fort Sts across from Marquette Park). There are many shops and eateries to visit on the island and don't forget to sample some fudge. Catch a return ferry at your leisure. Returns are every hour with the last one at 6:00 PM. (M,NS/HS,2.5) Leader: Konnie Schlechte (317-417-5112 cell)
9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, August 3
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, August 3
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, August 3
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, August 3
6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, August 3

Friday, September 29

- 7:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, August 4
8:00 AM FLAT FORK CREEK PARK, FISHERS See Friday, August 4
8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, August 4
9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, August 4
9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See Friday, August 4
9:00 AM MICHIGAN UP EXTENSION - PETOSKEY / BAY VIEW Petoskey and Bay View are located next to each other on Little Traverse Bay, about 35 miles south of Mackinac Bridge on US 31. Petoskey is a charming resort town and Bay View is a historic summer community. Most of its' beautifully maintained cottages were built between 1875 and 1900 and are still occupied during the summer months. We will hike a 5-6 mile loop between the two villages and finish with lunch. Directions: If you are south of downtown Petoskey traveling north on US 31, turn right on E. Lake St. If you are north of downtown Petoskey traveling south on U.S. 31, turn left on E. Lake St. We will meet at the metered parking lot (\$) on the north side of E. Lake St between Howard St and Division St, about 2-3 blocks east of US 31 at 9 a.m. Another frame of reference is the large Emmet County Building, which is immediately east of the lot. (M,PS/NS,2.5) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)
9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, August 4
6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See Friday, September 1

Saturday, September 30

- 7:30 AM RISE AND SHINE See Saturday, August 5
8:30 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See Saturday, August 5

The following hike was added on August 24 after the schedule was finalized and will only appear on the website and not in the printed schedule.

9:00 AM GERMAN RIDGE We'll be hiking this challenging 17 mile loop, with some stops and exploring along the way to end probably closer to 20 miles. Please bring plenty of snacks, water, first aid and whatever else you'll need for this 8-9 hour hike. A hiking stick or poles are also recommended. If time allows we might visit Buzzard Roost after, and I always try to visit a locally restaurant afterwards. We'll meet at the parking area located here on Google maps: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/eaJbsDdKNasectxj8>. From Indianapolis allow three hours to drive. Take I-65 south to almost Louisville, exiting on 6B onto I-265 west. In 6 miles you'll then take exit 0 onto I-64 and follow it for 43 miles. Then take exit 79 to Tell City and make a left onto SR 37 S. In 12 miles take a left onto SR 70 E than a right onto Tiger Rd. Go 4 miles further and take another right onto Gerald Rd and a left onto German Ridge Rd. In 4 miles take a left onto German Ridge Lake Access Camping Rd. Keep left at the fork and turn right into the parking area, just after the fork. (**Challenging**,H,NS,2.5) Leader: Scott Beam (317-601-1033)

9:30 AM WEST SIDE EAGLE CREEK The "Bear Side" of Eagle Creek has wide graded trails with sturdy benches, pedestrian bridges and scenic overlooks into the reservoir and high quality woods. Join us for a 6 mile out and back hike with a shorter option. Take 56th St west past the reservoir and turn right into the west side of Eagle Creek (fee or pass). Address is 7840 W 56th Street. We'll meet in the parking lot with the large Bear Sculpture. (Map #30) (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Terry Roesch (317-910-2943 cell)

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, August 5

FUTURE EVENTS:

ANNUAL WINTER BANQUET – Sunday, December 3 Once again our Club's annual Winter Banquet will be held at Nativity Catholic School on the southeast side of Indianapolis. There will be an hour for socializing with your Hiking Club friends and guests before enjoying a catered meal provided by a new caterer. After the meal we will recognize winners of the 2023 Achievement Awards and new 25-year members. A reservation form for the Winter Banquet will be mailed to all members in early October along with your annual dues notice.

GULF SHORES, ALABAMA – January 28 to February 2, 2024 ALL THE LODGE ROOMS IN THE BLOCK HAVE BEEN BOOKED. I will not be adding additional rooms because of a contractual stipulation if we have a high percentage of cancellations. Our room block carries a 5 day cancellation policy. Any changes or cancellations to a reservation less than 5 days in advance of arrival will incur a one night room and tax penalty that will be charged to the person(s) that the room is booked under. If you are still interested in going I suggest calling The Lodge to see if there have been any cancellations. (Make your reservation online via the following link www.group.hilton.com/1lou22 or by calling their reservations office at 800-618-4350. Use group code #908.) All rooms at The Lodge must be booked by Dec 29, 2023 to receive our group rate. There are many condos and hotels in the Gulf Shores/Orange Beach area if you prefer to stay someplace else. The current hike plan is for no more than 3-4 easy miles per hike and no more than 8 miles each day. This will be on all types of surfaces – sand, natural surface and pavement. There will be lots of opportunities to go off on self-guided "excursions" alone or with other members of the group. More details to come on the hikes and a group meal or two as we get closer. Please contact Karen LeClerc if you have any questions at kmleclerc58@gmail.com or 920-883-9477

WINTER WEEKEND – CANYON INN, McCORMICK'S CREEK STATE PARK – March 1-3, 2024 We will be going back to McCormick's Creek's Canyon Inn for this weekend trip. To make your reservations either call the Canyon Inn at 812-829-4881, toll free at 877-922-6966 or access the Inn's website. Our block of room group code is 0301IH (IH for Indianapolis Hiking). Our block of rooms will be released on 2-1-2024 so make your reservations before that date. The Double/Double rooms are \$109.99 + tax and the Queen/Queen rooms are 139.99 + tax. Information about the hikes and social gatherings will be provided in future schedules. Hopefully all the tornado damaged trails will be open by March 2024. Contact Mary Ann Layman (home 317-346-1802) or malayman@earthlink.net if you have questions.

27TH ANNUAL SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK – April 16-18, 2024 (Tue-Thu) Mark your calendar for the Annual Club Trip to Smoky Mountains National Park. It's not too early to make your room reservations in Gatlinburg, TN. Most members stay at Riverhouse at the Park (865-436-2070). Bearskin Lodge on the River (865-430-4330) is another good choice. We will repeat the Monday evening pool-side social hour at Riverhouse and on Wednesday we are bringing back the catered dinner at the historic Appalachian Clubhouse in the park. There will be a full range of moderate morning and afternoon hikes, and more

challenging full-day hikes. The hike leaders will include Chuck Turner, Tim Braun, John Lyghtel, Konnie Schlechte, and John Schlechte. Contact: John Schlechte 317-294-2021 cell or jschlechte@fastmail.com.

PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

Mark Cox	Indianapolis, IN	Joe Goebel	Indianapolis, IN
Kelli Mays-Aboagye	Indianapolis, IN	Pooya Iranpour	Indianapolis, IN
John McGlynn	Carmel, IN	John Wooding	Mooresville, IN
Sofya Fradkina	Indianapolis, IN	Bev Hoopingarner	Indianapolis, IN
Victor Levenson	Indianapolis, IN	Yvonne Moss	Indianapolis, IN
Shari Osburn	Indianapolis, IN	Quinn Osburn,	Indianapolis, IN
James Radloff	Carmel, IN	Tari Radloff	Carmel, IN
Harriet Ross	Indianapolis, IN	Serena Shim	Fishers, IN

RECENT MILEAGE AWARDS: Allan Roberts is closing in on 50,000 miles, only Glee Crowder has more.

Allan Roberts	48,500	Lothar Nitz	4,500	Patrick Eaton	500
Cherie Voege	33,500	John Triplett	4,500	Mark Copher	400
Julie Litten	20,500	Marty Johnson	4,000	Lisa Schenck	400
Rick Braun	18,000	Sandra Kleber	4,000	Donna Coomes	400
Kae Ramey	17,000	Tom Seeman	3,500	Effie Lewin	300
Mike Khalil	13500	Bill Halik	2,500	Donna Coomes	300
Phil Smith	12,000	John Schlechte	2,500	Jennifer Schuler	200
Jo Anne Starzyk	12,000	Monica Endres	2,000	Joan Pea	200
Mike Seeman	11,500	Mike Lindstedt	2,000	Stephen Morris	200
Cheryl Conces	9,500	Luanne Aurelius	1,500	Tammy DiLullo	100
Dewey Conces	9,500	Paula Foster	1,000	Teresa Malue	100
Armen Avakian	7,500	Georgia Novak	1,000	Barbara Fisher	100
Betsy Friedenber	5,500	Delaram Moghaddam	500	Nancy Russell	100
Rick Wortman	5,500	Marian Fahy	500	Robin Koehl	100
Harold Crooks	4,500	Ben Thompson	500	Cindy Schmidt	100

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

Linda Griffin, 69, a longtime member, passed away on May 28. She had an almost 3-year battle with cancer and fought hard. Hiking was one of her joys and she took many trips with the Club. Her sister-in-law Linda Bryant is also a member.

Rachel Joachim, a member since 1990, passed away Wednesday, June 14, due to heart and lung difficulties. Rachel hiked 4,580 miles with the Club.

Member Tim Braun's brother Danny passed away on June 30.

Long-time member of the Hiking Club (27 years), Carol Fine passed away on July 13 from pancreatic cancer. She and her husband Gary enjoyed the hiking trips to the Smokies.

NOTE OF APPERCIATION: Thank you to all our friends in the Indianapolis Hiking Club for your calls, cards, and well wishes following my recent surgery. I am home now and recovering. *Joe Sergi*

WANT MORE INFORMATION? For more information about our Club, including history, past hike schedules, how to join, photos, 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 need to be invited to hike with us as a guest 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.