

The following poem was written by David Kincaid to recognize Glee Crowder for leading the most hikes all time in the 68-year history of the Indy Hiking Club – 3,923 to be exact. It was first read at a recognition ceremony for Glee at the Winter Banquet on January 11, 2025

One Hike Leader Award

Glee joined the hiking club in 99.
She caught on to hiking really fine.
Glee hiked. It was her only deed.
She went hiking. She did not lead.
Glee did not get one hike leading award.

In 2002 Glee led hikes in Fountain Square.
She never cancelled. That would be rare.
It really, really rained. We got so wet.
No matter what, she led and yet,
Glee did not get one hike leading award.

In 2006, fifty hikes Glee led.
That was what the requirement said.
And her annual mileage hit the 2000 mark.
Glee was on her way. This was no lark.
This year Glee earned one hike leader award.

2017 Glee averaged over one hike a day.
That is a lot of hiking I must say.
Glee also led 300 hikes. (That's 6 times 50.)

That is a lot of leading. Really nifty.

That year Glee received one Hike leader award.

In leading 3,923 hikes, Glee has achieved quite a lot.

That is more than twice what anyone before ever got.

What does one do for such an achievement?

You give her a special Certificate of Achievement,

Which says more than one hike leader award.