



The Indianapolis Hiking Club

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SCHEDULE FOR APRIL AND MAY 2016

(PLEASE --- NO PETS ON HIKES)

Celebrating 59 Years of Sponsoring Hikes and Outings

HIKE RATING SYSTEM - Shown in parentheses at the end of each hike

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

Guests are welcome on all hikes. 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 (317-219-5536) ewright@indyhike.org for weekdays.

A map reference at the end of a hike description in the following format (Map #42) indicates that you may view a Google map and GPS coordinates pointing to the hike meeting location at www.indyhike.org/locations.shtml. You may also access the maps from the hike schedule page on the website.

BICENTENNIAL STATE PARK HIKES: The Versailles SP hike on March 26 was too late for us to recap here. Now that spring has arrived, our state park hikes really pick up steam. Following is a list of the six hikes that appear in this schedule, see write-ups on the appropriate date for details:

- On Saturday April 9, Phil and Katy Smith will lead at nearby Mounds SP.
- On April 23, Terry Roesch and Betsy Friedenburg will lead hikes at Summit Lake SP in eastern IN.
- Saturday, April 30 Narcisso Povenelli will lead a hilly moderate hike in Brown County SP and Marthene Kohlmeyer will lead a slow and easy option.
- On Saturday afternoon, May 7 Dick Underwood and Jim Shoufler will lead hikes at Prophetstown SP near Lafayette. This follows a 6-7 mile hike Dick will lead in the morning at the nearby town of Delphi.
- On the weekend of May 14-15 Chuck Turner and Bill Dowling plan to visit two state parks. On Saturday, they will hike at Indiana Dunes SP and on Sunday they will lead hikes at Potato Creek SP which is just south of South Bend. See the write-up on May 14-15 for hotel suggestions for the night of May 14.

Also, there are a quite a few opportunities in this schedule to receive credit for visiting an Indiana state park that are not official Bicentennial SP hikes, notably: Brown County SP on April 10; McCormick's Creek SP on April 12; Ft Harrison SP on April 3, 10, 12 and May 1, 8, 10, 22, 29; Mounds SP on April 19; and White River SP on April 5, 12, 19, 26 and May 16. Check Future Events at the end of this schedule for a list of the Bicentennial SP Hikes planned for June and July.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND AT GNAW BONE CAMP: Come and be a part of the Club's 46th traditional Memorial Day weekend at Gnow Bone Camp on May 28-30. Please consider what a wonderful experience it would be to spend quality time with your grandkids and their friends in this beautiful setting allowing them to build memories like the ones we did many years ago. If you wish to reserve a cabin or tent space for Saturday and Sunday evenings the fee will be \$12 per cabin per night. This year we will not be using a reservation form, instead please contact either Karleen Huneck at 765-480-1570, karleenhuneck@yahoo.com or Barbie McNeely at 317-392-2018, beweb@live.com by May 18 to reserve your space. Similar to last year, no food will served at the camp so you will need to bring your own food to cook out or use local restaurants. See write-up on May 28 for details about the planned hikes on Saturday and Sunday. As always day hikers are encouraged to join the overnights.

BOOK CLUB, PET HIKES AND FLORIDA HIKES: Marti Burton and Kathy Whalen will lead a book club hike on Friday, April 8. Cindy Richardson will lead one on Friday, May 27. Mary Williams and Carol Radke will be leading Pet hikes on Monday, April 18 and Monday, May 16. Finally, Elaine Wright will be leading a number of hikes in the Clearwater area of Florida on April 5, 12, 19 and 26. See hike descriptions for details.

PRESIDENTS CORNER: Spring is coming. In fact, many of the Hiking Club members who went to Tucson had a taste of summer. The week in Tucson was attended by over 55 members and a number of guests. Temperatures reached the mid-80s on several days. Hikers were offered the option of long, medium and short hikes on each day. Hiking groups ranged from 5-12 persons. We had the largest number of hike leaders that I can remember at an out-of-state event. Thanks to Linda Wright, Bud and Pat Buedel, Phil and Charlotte Slaughter, Narcisso Povinelli, Richard Evans and Mike Khalil for their leadership. Oh yea, Ed Wright and I led hikes too. Great thanks to Ed Wright for his path finding and the description of hikes and directions to trailheads.

It's nice to return to Indiana where most of the trails are less rocky and one doesn't have to worry about removing cactus spines because you brushed against a plant at the side of the trail.

Good Hiking,
John Gaebler, President IHC

HIKE SCHEDULE

Friday, April 1

April Fool's Day

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK Meet at food court near Dick's on the north side of Castleton Square between the hours of 8-10 a.m. for a self-guided hike of up to 12 miles with shorter options. Hike repeats each Friday in April and May. (F,PS) Leaders: Rick Kinnaman (317-407-9746) and Dick Bacon (317-585-8742)
- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE Join us for a 6-mile brisk hike with a shorter option, through quaint neighborhoods, the Zionsville Rail Trail and possibly Starkey Park. From I-465 N take Michigan Rd north to 116th St. Turn left (west) and go to downtown Zionsville and turn right on 1st St (one block past Main) and then left on Oak St. Take Oak St to the Zionsville Town Hall parking lot at 1100 W Oak St across from McDonalds. Join us for coffee after the hike. Repeats every Friday in April and May. (Map #34) (M,PS,3.5-4) Leader: Susan Sievers (317-344-2635, 317-513-5239 cell)
- 9:00 AM TGIF! Join us for a 6 or 8-mile road or trail hike. Meet in Eagle Creek Park (fee) at lot just inside 56th St entrance that is just west of the Colts facility. Hike repeats every Friday in April and May. (Map #40) (M,PS/NS,3-3.5) Leader: Donna Chastain (317-347-0107, 317-489-2245 cell)
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL From I-70 in downtown Indy go south on I-65. Exit on Raymond St (exit 109) and go right (west) on Raymond about 1/2 mile to Pleasant Run Pkwy N Dr and turn left (south) go to the next stoplight. Turn left onto Pagoda Dr, then turn left again and park next to the swimming pool. This is a 5-6 mile hike in various neighborhoods surrounding Garfield Park. Hike repeats every Friday in April and May. (Map #52) (F,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Glee Crowder (317-859-8159)
- 6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPTU 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 April. (Map #41) (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Jim Griffin (317-294-1121)

Saturday, April 2

- 8:30 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD This will be an 8-mile walk with a 5-mile option in parks and neighborhoods in Greenwood. Take US 31 south to Main St. in Greenwood. Go west on Main St to the bottom of the hill and park at Westside Park on the right. Walk repeats every Saturday in April and May. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Glee Crowder (317-859-8159)
- 9:00 AM NEBO RIDGE TRAIL This will be a 17-mile all trail hike out and back on the Nebo Ridge Trail. Allow 1.5 hours travel time from I-465 S. 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, go straight off SR 135 onto the unmarked paved Elkinsville Rd, which eventually becomes a gravel road. Travel about

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- 2.7 miles; at a creek-bridge take the left fork and go 0.3 miles to the Nebo Ridge trailhead on your left. (H,NS,2-2.5) Leader: Chuck Turner (317-777-2594)
- 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. This is a new trailhead with restrooms. Repeats each Saturday in April and May, except May 7. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Julie Litten (317-407-4652)
- 9:30 AM GRIFFY LAKE-BLOOMINGTON Take SR 37 south to College Ave-N/Walnut St exit (allow extra time for road work). At the second light (SR46) turn left onto E SR 46. Stay on SR46 until the second light, turn left onto Matlock Rd. Follow Matlock Rd to Haedley Rd, turn left and continue on Haedley Rd to the lake. Meet across causeway at the boat house parking lot. This will be a 5-6-mile hike. Plan on having lunch at a local restaurant after the hike. (H,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972)
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN Meet in the free parking lot ½ block south of Broad Ripple Ave on Carrollton Ave for a self-guided 6 or 10-mile hike. Repeats each Saturday in April and May. (F,PS) Leader: Donna Maurer (317-413-5709 cell)
- 10:00 AM SLOW & EASY ON FALL CREEK TRAIL Meet at Walmart located at 5550 Fall Creek Pkwy N Dr. From 56th St and Emerson go east on 56th St to next light. There is a sign for Kessler Blvd, which goes north, but no sign for Fall Creek Pkwy which goes south. Turn right and then shortly turn right again into Walmart lot. Meet in NW corner near green donation bins. Options of 3, 4 and 5 miles. Repeats April 16 and May 7. (Map #45) (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Marsha Hutchins (317-251-9078 or 317-439-1468 cell)

Sunday, April 3

- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP From I-465 N, exit on Michigan Rd heading south, turn left at first light (92nd. St.) and go ¼ mile to the Beef and Boards Dinner Theatre on the left. Meet in the parking lot in front of Beef and Boards. This will be a 5 mile walk with a 4 mile option on paved roads. Hikers may choose to stay for a 45-minute non-denominational, contemporary religious service at the Garden at Beef & Boards. Repeats each Sunday in April and May. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Marti Burton (317-306-9878)
- 9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE Meet in the free parking lot ½ block south of Broad Ripple Ave on Carrollton Ave for a guided 6 mile hike with option for up to 4 additional (self-guided) miles. Repeats each Sunday in April and May. (Map #16) Leader: Kathy Whalen (317-409-3265)
- 1:00 PM TEN AT ONE Meet in the free parking lot ½ block south of Broad Ripple Ave on Carrollton Ave for a self-guided 6 or 10 mile hike. Hike repeats each Sunday in April and May except April 17 and May 15. (Map #16) (F,PS) Leaders: Kae Ramey (317-701-5805), Mike Khalil (317-635-2028), and Allan Roberts (317-549-6909)
- 1:00 PM SLOW & EASY AT FORT HARRISON STATE PARK From I-465 E go east on 56th St. Turn left (north) on Post Rd and turn left into Fort Harrison SP (fee). Meet at Cherry Tree parking area for a 5-6 mile hike. Hike repeats on May 22. (Map #18) (M,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Dick Underwood (317-506-0924)

Monday, April 4

- 9:00 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE Meet in free parking lot that is ½ block south of Broad Ripple Ave on Carrollton Ave for a 6-mile hike. Repeats on April 18 and May 2 and 16. (Map #16) (F,PS,3-3.25) Leader: John Gaebler (317-575-8490).
- 9:00 AM MORNING CONSTITUTIONAL Meet in Eagle Creek Park (fee) at lot just inside 56th St entrance just west of the Colts facility for a 6-mile road hike. Repeats on March 7. (Map #40) (M,PS,3.5) Leader: Kate Curtiss (317-247-0283)
- 9:30 AM SLOW & EASY AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY From the 700 block of West 38th St, go north on Clarendon Rd to the cemetery entrance. Meet at north end of first parking lot. Options of 3, 4 and 5 miles. Repeats on April 25 and May 9. (Map #42) (M,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Marsha Hutchins (317-251-9078, 317-439-1468 cell)

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- 6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE Meet in free parking lot that is ½ block south of Broad Ripple Ave on Carrollton Ave for a hike of 5-6 miles. Repeats on April 25 and May 30. (Map #16) (F,PS/NS,3-3.5) Leader: Mary Bruss (317-308-0182)
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS Meet at Mama Bears Coffee Shop parking lot at the northwest corner of Fall Creek Rd and Brooks School Rd for a 6-8 mile hike through neighborhoods. Repeats each Monday in April and May. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Rick Braun (317-679-2972)
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL Sign in at the food court between the hours of 6-7:30 p.m. for a self-guided hike of up to 6 miles with shorter options. If the weather is nice we will probably walk outside. Hike repeats every Monday in April and May. (F,PS) Leader: Glee Crowder (317-859-8159)

Tuesday, April 5

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL This is a 1-12 mile self-guided hike on the Monon Trail. From the intersection of 116th St and Westfield Blvd/Rangeline Rd in Carmel go south to Central Park Dr (first intersection on right). Turn right (west) on Central Park Dr and go to the parking lot at the end. Meet on the Monon Trail under the walkway between the two buildings near the skateboard park. Hike repeats every Tuesday in April and May. (Map #51) (F,PS) Leader: Jo Anne Starzyk (317-771-0914)
- 9:30 AM SLOW & EASY IN THE TOWN OF LAWRENCE From I-465 E go east on 56th St to Post Rd. Turn left (north) and go one block to Otis Ave. Turn right and meet at parking lot in front of veterinarian's office at 9160 Otis Ave facing the road. This is a 6-mile hike (no fee) with 3-4 mile options. Hike repeats on April 26 and May 24. (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Dick Underwood (506-0924)
- 9:30 AM MERIDIAN WOODS AND TRAILS Join us for a south side 5-6 mile 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 ½ mile and turn left off into Woodside Community Church, 329 West Banta, which is just past Lockwood Lane. Meet in the parking lot. Repeats every Tuesday in April and May. (F,PS,3) Leader: Glee Crowder (317-859-8159)
- 9:30 AM NE COACHMAN PARK, CLEARWATER, FLORIDA From either north or south on I-275, turn west on SR 60 across the Courtney Campbell Causeway. Turn right (north) on McMullen Booth and travel to first traffic light and turn left on Drew. You will be travelling west and will pass 19 and the first road on the right will be Old Coachman Rd. Turn right - Joe DiMaggio's field on left and the Bighthouse field on the right - continue over a small bridge and on the left you will see NE Coachman Park. This will be a 4-6 miles hike with lunch in Safety Harbor. Hike repeats on April 12. (F,PS,3) Leader: Elaine Wright (317-753-5516)
- 10:00 AM PARK, HIKE, AND RIDE AND WHITE RIVER STATE PARK Come along with me for a nice 6 mile hike and a ride on the People Mover. Meet at The Eiteljorg Museum at 500 W. Washington St. Parking is free at the museum if you join us for lunch after the hike. This is the first of three hikes in April that Pat will lead that will briefly visit White River SP in case you missed the Bicentennial Hike there. You will receive credit for visiting the SP so bring your Bicentennial SP passport and get it stamped. (Map #33) (F,PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-652-2779 cell, 317-329-2779 home)
- 1:00 PM WILDFLOWER HIKE AT HOLLIDAY PARK This is the first of four wildflower hikes every Tuesday in April. The afternoon start time allows the flowers open up. One of the best places to view wildflowers in the metro area is Holliday Park. Meet at the Nature Center parking lot, 6340 Spring Mill Rd, for a 4-5 mile hike. (Map #47) (M,NS/PS,2.5) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (317-346-1802 or cell 317-412-5190)
- 6:00 PM UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS & ROSEDALE HILLS From I-65, go south on Keystone Ave about ½ mile to small shopping center on right (west) at 4040 S. Keystone. Meet at the south end of the parking lot for a 5-mile hike. Hike repeats each Tuesday in April. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: David Kincaid (317-787-6593 and 317-864-9574 cell)

Wednesday, April 6

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK Meet at food court near Dick's on the north side of Castleton Square between the hours of 8-10 a.m. for a self-guided hike of up to 12 miles with shorter options. Repeats each Wednesday in April and May. (F,PS) Leader: Dick Bacon (317-585-8742)
- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS This 7-8 mile brisk all trail hike is a great way to stay in shape. Meet in Eagle Creek Park (fee) at lot just inside the 56th St entrance. Hike repeats each Wednesday in

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- April and May. Join us at Starbuck's after the hike. (Map #40) (M,NS,3-3.5) Leaders: Jeff Edmondson (317-733-0143 or 317-450-2526 cell) or Chuck Turner (317-777-2594)
- 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. Follow US 52 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. Repeats every Wednesday in April and May. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Julie Litten (317-407-4652)
- 9:15 AM SOUTHPORT PARK Meet at 6901 Derbyshire Rd behind the Southport Police Station for an 8-mile hike. Repeats each Wednesday in April and May. (F,NS/PS,3) Leader: Glee Crowder (317-859-8159)
- 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL Join us for a 4-5 mile walk in downtown Indy. Expect a different route each week. Take I-65 to Michigan St exit. Then go west a short distance to Meals on Wheels at 708 E. Michigan St. Alternatively, take Meridian St to North St and turn east. Go past College one short block to Spring St and turn right. Please park on the right side of the building beside the fence. Repeats each Wednesday April and May. (Map #25) (F,PS,2.5-3) Leaders: Harold Crooks (317-730-4850) and other members of the S&E team
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE This will be a 5-mile hike through quaint neighborhoods, the Zionsville Rail Trail and possibly Starkey Park. Meet in Zionsville Town Hall parking lot at 1100 W Oak St across from McDonalds. From I-465 N take Michigan Rd north and turn left (west) on 116th St and go to 1st St in downtown Zionsville. Go right on 1st St then left (west) on Oak St to the town hall. Hike repeats each Wednesday in April and May. (Map #34) (F,PS,3.5) Leaders: Janet Cohen (317-873-6586), Penny Edmondson, Cathy Harms and various other leaders.
- 6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE Meet in the northeast corner of the Marsh at Lockerbie parking lot at 320 N. New Jersey for a 5 or 7-mile self guided hike in downtown Indy. Repeats each Wednesday in April and May. (Map #26) (F,PS) Leader: John Lyghtel (317-578-9756 or 317-626-9117 cell)
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL Sign in at the food court between the hours of 6-7:30 p.m. for a self-guided hike of up to 6 miles with shorter options. If the weather is nice we will probably walk outside. Hike repeats every Wednesday in April and May. (F,PS) Leader: Glee Crowder (317-859-8159)

Thursday, April 7

- 9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK ON THE BOULEVARD TRAIL Meet at the Walmart located at 5550 Fall Creek Pkwy N Dr at the corner of 56th St and Fall Creek Pkwy. Main entrance is the first right off of Fall Creek Pkwy. Park in the rear of the west lot behind the Starbucks. This will be a 6-mile hike north on the Fall Creek Trail, with an optional additional two self-guided miles through Skiles Test Park. The first half we will walk together; the second half will be at your own pace. Hike repeats each Thursday in April and May. (Map #45) (F,PS,3-3.5) Leaders: Tish Brafford (317-251-8907, 317-531-6700 cell) and Elaine Wright (317-753-5516)
- 9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK 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. Choose either a moderately paced 5-mile hike over, around, up and down through the woods (M,NS,3) or a 4-mile slower hike mostly on groomed trails (M,NS,2.5). These hikes are popular with new members and guests and usually draw a crowd. Hikes repeat every Thursday in April and May. (Map #17) Leaders: Ed Wright (317-219-5536), Bob Kriz (317-882-7083) and various other leaders.
- 10:00 AM WHITE LICK CREEK TRAIL IN PLAINFIELD Join us for a 6-mile fitness walk on paved trails which starts at the Plainfield Recreation Center, goes through Friendship Gardens to Hummel Park and back. Four and 8-mile partially self-guided options are available. 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; take first right and park in the north lot on the left. Restrooms are available. Bring water. Join us for lunch after the hike. (Map #50) (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Terry Roesch (317-910-2943 cell)

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6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE From I-465 E go east on 56th St and turn left on Lee Rd. Meet in the back parking lot of the YMCA on Lee Rd for 6-8 mile hike. Hike repeats each Thursday in April and May. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Rick Braun (317-679-2972)

Friday, April 8

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 1.

8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See April 1.

9:00 AM TGIF! See April 1.

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See April 1.

1:00 PM BOOK CLUB HIKE Read *Killing Lincoln* by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard. Many of us have visited the Lincoln Museum in Illinois and we will have a Bicentennial hike in Lincoln State Park. You are welcome to join the hike even if you have not read the book. Meet in the free parking lot at the 100 Acres Art and Nature Park. Get to the lot by taking the exit to N. White River Parkway, East Drive, from 38th St, which is the first turn west of the entrance to the Indianapolis Museum of Art. If you are coming east on 38th St, turn left into the IMA parking lot, drive around the circle drive and make a right turn on 38th St as you exit the IMA lot. Restrooms are available. The hike will be 5-6 miles in the 100 Acres park and along the Central Canal Towpath. Afterwards we'll have the book discussion and a snack at the IMA Café or at the Visitor's Building in the 100 Acre Woods. (F,NS/HS,2.75-3.25) Leaders: Marti Burton (317-306-9878) and Kathy Whalen (317-409-3265)

6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See April 1.

Saturday, April 9 ***Bicentennial SP Hike***

8:00 AM MINI MARATHON TEN MILE TRAINING HIKE Meet at NCAA Hall of Champions, 700 W. Washington St. This will be a self-guided event and you do not have to be registered for the Mini Marathon to participate. Pre-registration is required at <http://www.500festival.com> Cost is \$18.00 in advance or \$22.00 day of event. Contact the hike leader with your bib number if you wish to participate. Leader: Susan Roberts (317-439-1724)

8:30 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See April 2.

9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See April 2.

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See April 2.

2:00 PM BICENTENNIAL SP HIKE – MOUNDS STATE PARK We will offer two hike options. Phil will lead a moderate 5-mile hike and Katy will lead a slower hike of 3.5 miles. Pat Lawler will lead a shorter hike if needed. Both hikes will pass various historic mound formations. Depending on how many hikers attend, we may draft more leaders. Fee for park entrance or bring your State Park pass. Meet outside the front of the Visitors Center (restrooms available.) There is some parking near the Visitors Center and Pavilion, and more spaces by the shelters and pool area. Carpooling would help alleviate parking issues. Remember to bring your Bicentennial SP Passport and get it stamped before the hike. NOTE: there is a Geocaching event at the park that day which wraps up at or before 2 PM. (Map #19) (M/F,NS/PS,2.5-3.5) Leaders: Phil and Katy Smith (317-966-8702)

Sunday, April 10

9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See April 3.

9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See April 3.

10:00 AM SLOW & EASY AT FORT HARRISON STATE PARK From I-465 E take 56th St east to Post Rd and turn left. Park entrance (fee) is located at 59th and Post Rd. Meet at far end of Delaware Lake lot. Options of 3, 4 and 5 miles on Harrison Trace and other paved surfaces. If you missed the Bicentennial SP hike at Ft Harrison in January, you will receive credit for visiting the park. Bring your Bicentennial SP Passport and get it stamped. Repeats May 1 and 29. (Map #18) (M,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Marsha Hutchins (317-251-9078 or 317-439-1468 cell)

1:00 PM TEN AT ONE See April 3.

1:30 PM EARLY BOOMING WILDFLOWERS AT BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK From I-465 S take I-65 south to Columbus exit and then SR46 west to Brown County SP (fee). Alternately you can take SR 135 south from Indy thru Nashville and SR 46 east to the park entrance. Follow signs to the Abe Martin Lodge where a 6-mile hike with shorter options, will start. We will hike at a moderate pace so we may observe (but keep moving) any wildflowers that may be in bloom. Although not an

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official Bicentennial hike you will still received credit for visiting Brown County SP, so bring your Bicentennial Passport. (Map #27) (M,NS,2.5-3) Hike Leader: Cheryl Smolecki (317-696-8922 cell)

Monday, April 11

- 9:00 AM LET'S EXPLORE DOWNTOWN Hike will be 6 miles through downtown Indy. Take I-65 to Michigan St exit. Then go west a short distance to the Meals on Wheels building at 708 E. Michigan St. Alternatively, take Meridian St to North St and turn east. Go past College one short block to Spring St and turn right. Park to the right of the building beside the fence. (Map #25) (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Tish Brafford (317-251-8907, 317 531-6700 cell)
- 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 road hike. We will walk together for the first 3 miles to the restroom stop then faster hikers may go on at their own pace. Hike repeats on the remaining Mondays in April and May except May 2. (Map #40) (M,PS,3.5) Leader: Janet Cohen (317-873-6586)
- 10:00 AM JACKIE KING'S BIRTHDAY HIKE Please help celebrate Jackie King's 70th birthday with a 5-6 mile and followed by lunch. We will explore north side neighborhoods in Nora. Meet at St Luke's Methodist church parking lot at 100 W 86th St. Park on the north side of the large lot. We will walk new sidewalks, the Monon trail and smaller streets. Lunch at a local restaurant will follow for those interested. (F,P,2.7-3) Leader: Jackie King (317-658-4375)
- 1:30 PM EAGLE CREST ON WEST SIDE OF EAGLE CREEK PARK From I-465 W, exit at 71st St and head west to Lafayette Rd. Alternatively, if coming from I-65, exit at 71st St and go east to Lafayette Rd. Go north on Lafayette Rd 1 mile to Traders Lane. Turn left and go .3 miles to Wilson Rd. Turn right on Wilson and go .7 miles to Fishback Rd. Turn left on Fishback Rd and go .2 miles. Turn left into Eagle Crest area (7201 Fishback Rd) (no fee). Park near the building. Hike will be 5-6 miles in the woods on unimproved trails. We should see plenty of wildflowers. Hike repeats on Monday April 25. (M,NS,3) Leaders: Ron & Claudia Clark (317-769-6566 or cell 317-626-1553.)
- 6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE Meet in free parking lot that is ½ block south of Broad Ripple Ave on Carrollton Ave for a hike of 5-6 miles. Repeats on April 18 and every Monday in May, except May 30. (Map #16) (F,PS/NS,3-3.5) Leader: Jean Ballinger (317-696-2120)
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See April 4.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See April 4.

Tuesday, April 12

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See April 5.
- 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY AT FORT HARRISON STATE PARK & SKILES TEST NATURE PARK From I-465 E go east on 56th St. Turn left (north) on Post Rd and turn left into Fort Harrison SP (fee). Meet at Cherry Tree parking area for a 7-mile hike with shorter options. If you missed the Bicentennial SP hike at Ft Harrison in January, you will receive credit for visiting the park. Bring your Bicentennial SP Passport and get it stamped. Hike repeats on May 10. (Map #18) (M,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Dick Underwood (506-0924)
- 9:30 AM SLOW & EASY AT 100 ACRES & TOWPATH From the Indianapolis Museum of Art entrance on 38th St west of Michigan Rd, go west on 38th St. Immediately exit at White River Parkway East Dr on your right. Follow road as it winds around art installation and turn left into parking lot. Note: If coming east on 38th St, you will have to enter the main IMA grounds at light in order to get turned around before you can go west on 38th to access White River Pkwy. Options of 3, 4, and 5 miles. Restroom should be open. Repeats on May 3 and 31. (F,HS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Marsha Hutchins (317-251-9078, cell 317-439-1468)
- 9:30 AM MERIDIAN WOODS AND TRAILS See April 5.
- 9:30 AM NE COACHMAN PARK, CLEARWATER, FLORIDA See April 5.
- 10:00 AM NEW AND IMPROVED 'DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE' AND WHITE RIVER STATE PARK For this 6-7 mile hike along the White River, we will meet at the Eiteljorg Museum located at 500 W. Washington St. Afterward join us for lunch at the Eiteljorg. Parking is free if you eat at the museum. (Map #33) (F,PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-652-2779 cell, 317-329-2779 home)
- 1:00 PM WILDFLOWER HIKE AT MCCORMICK'S CREEK STATE PARK We usually see more varieties of wildflowers at this state park than any other location. From I-465 SW, take SR 67 southwest to Spencer. Turn left (east) on SR 46 and proceed to park entrance (fee). Meet at the Nature Center.

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This will be a 4-5 mile hike at a moderate pace with time to enjoy the many wildflowers in the park. Join us for lunch before the hike at 11:30 AM at Chambers in Spencer. To get to Chambers, turn right (west) on to SR 46 and go to Main St. Turn left on Main St and go several blocks to Market. Turn right onto West Market St. Chambers will be on your left just before the next intersection - S. Montgomery St. Don't forget to bring your Bicentennial SP passport and receive credit for visiting a state park. (M,NS/PS,2.5) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (346-1802 or cell 412-5190)

6:00 PM UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS & ROSEDALE HILLS See April 5.

Wednesday, April 13

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 6.
 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See April 6.
 9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See April 6.
 9:15 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See April 6.
 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See April 6.
 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See April 6.
 6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See April 6.
 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See April 6.

Multi Day Trip: Thursday, April 14 – Saturday, April 16

18th ANNUAL SMOKY MOUNTAINS LONG WEEKEND Allow 7 hours to travel 400 miles. Go southeast on I-74 to I-275. Go south on I-275 around Cincinnati to I-75 south. Go south on I-75 to Knoxville, TN. Go east on I-640 to I-40. Continue east on I-40 to Exit 407 (Highway 66 – Sevierville exit). Go south on Highway 66, which becomes US 441, to Gatlinburg. Arrange your own accommodations. See the Upcoming Events section in the last schedule for hotel recommendations or call Jean Ballinger. Wednesday and Sunday will be travel days. There will be two hike options on Thursday and three on Friday and Saturday. Ron Mutzl and Jeff Edmondson will share leading challenging all day hikes. Jim Shoufler and Jean Ballinger will lead moderate morning and afternoon 5-6 mile hikes that will include some hills. All morning hikes will begin at the Sugarland Visitor Center in the national park and will start at 8:00 AM local (Gatlinburg) time. Most hikes will require a car shuttle to the trailhead. Check with the leader in the morning for the location of the afternoon hike, as it may not start from the Visitor Center. Bring water and snacks on all hikes and lunch on the long hikes. Leaders: Jeff Edmondson (317-733-0143 or 317-450-2526-cell), Ron Mutzl (317-490-5478), Jim Shoufler (317-697-0744) and Jean Ballinger (317-696-2120)

Thursday, April 14

9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK ON THE BOULEVARD TRAIL See April 7.
 9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See April 7.
 6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See April 7.

Friday, April 15

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 1.
 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See April 1.
 9:00 AM TGIF! See April 1.
 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See April 1.
 6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See April 1.

Saturday, April 16

8:30 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See April 2.
 8:00 AM SUSAN G. KOMEN - RACE FOR THE CURE If you are one of the 40,000 people planning to participate in this year's 5K run/walk fund raiser for breast cancer research (registration required), you can get credit for 3 self-guided miles by calling or emailing the leader. (F,PS) Leader: Donna Chastain (317-347-0107 or dmchastain@sbcglobal.net)
 9:00 AM PANCAKE HIKE Join us for a 5 mile hike through neighborhoods and to Home Place Fire Station for pancakes. Then finish the hike and walk off those extra calories. From N. Meridian St (US 31) go east on 106th St 1.5 miles to Westfield Blvd. Turn left (north) on Westfield and go about 0.7 miles.

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The Monon Center Park entrance (look for sign) will be on your left just past 111th St. Meet near the Information Desk of the Monon Center (west building). (Map #51) (F,PS 3) Leaders: Cherie Voege (317-848-7674) and June Sergi (317-372-3018)

9:00 AM GOOSE POND & GREEN-SULLIVAN STATE FOREST I From I-465 W take I-70 west to SR 59 (exit 23). Take SR 59 south through Linton (take a rest room break here). Continue south on SR 59 for about 2 miles, road turns right for about a mile and then left to the sign-in station on the left. Look for the IHC sign. Allow 2 hours travel time. With nearly 5,000 acres of shallow water wetlands, 1,300 acres of prairie and over 30 miles of levees, Goose Pond FWA offers excellent wildlife watching opportunities. Over 260 bird species have been documented at Goose Pond FWA. Check-in is required for all activities at Goose Pond FWA. This will be a 6-mile hike with shorter options on levees. Bring a trail lunch and plenty of water and stay for the afternoon hike at Green-Sullivan State Park. (F,NS,2.5-3) Leaders: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972) and Nanette Tate (812-254-8456)

9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See April 2.

9:30 AM LAWRENCE COMMUNITY From I-465 E go east on 56th St to Post Rd. Turn left (north) and go one block to Otis Ave. Turn right and meet at parking lot in front of veterinarian's office (9160 Otis Ave) facing the road. This is a 6-7 mile hike (no fee) with 3-4 mile options. (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Dick Underwood (317-506-0924)

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See April 2.

10:00 AM SLOW & EASY ON FALL CREEK TRAIL See April 2.

1:00 PM GOOSE POND & GREEN SULLIVAN STATE FOREST II After the Goose Pond hike we will lunch at Green-Sullivan State Forest campground prior to a 6 mile hike. Caravan or take Bucktown Rd CR 200 S across from Goose Pond trailhead 3.5 miles to SR 159 and turn right. Go north a short distance and turn into horses camp ground/Ladder Lake. Sections could be muddy. Boots, hiking sticks, and water are recommended. The forest boasts more than 7,000 acres of beautiful woodland and rolling hills dotted with more than 120 lakes, making it one of the most unique areas in Indiana. Follow directions to and from Goose Pond. Or, alternate route for afternoon hike from Indy: Take I 70 West to Terra Haute and SR 41 south to Sullivan and drive east on SR 54 to Dugger, turn south on SR 159 go 3 miles to horse camp ground, allow 2 hrs travel time. After the hike we can have a meal at J. Seven Bar and Grill in Linton. (M,NS, 2.5-3) Leaders: Nanette Tate (812-254-8456) and Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972)

2:00 PM BAXTER YMCA AND PERRY PARK Meet in parking lot for 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 6 miles with a 5 mile option. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: David Kincaid (317-787-6593, 317-864-9574 cell)

Sunday, April 17

9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See April 3.

9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See April 3.

9:00 AM BROWNING MOUNTAIN This will be an 8-mile trail and abandoned dirt road hike to the mysterious Browning Mountain. Browning Mountain overlooks the ghost town of Elkinsville whose residents were forced to evacuate for Lake Monroe. Bring lunch and help us solve the mysterious boulders on the Mountain. Allow 1.5 hours travel time from I 465 S. 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 Story. At the Story Inn turn SW off SR135 onto the unmarked road that turns to gravel (this road shows as Elkinsville Rd on maps). Travel 2.7 miles and at the creek bridge take the left fork and go 0.3 miles to Nebo Ridge Trail parking on your left. (H,NS,2-2.5) Leader: Chuck Turner (317-777-2594)

1:00 PM WILDFLOWER HIKE AT HOLLIDAY PARK This hike got rained out last year, maybe this year we will get luckier. For all you weekenders who can't attend Mary Ann Layman's informative Tuesday wildflower hikes, this is a repeat of one she led on April 5. Holliday Park is one of the best places to view wildflowers in the metro area. Meet at the Nature Center parking lot, 6340 Spring Mill Rd, for a 4 mile slow and easy hike focusing on the flowers. (Map #47) (M,NS,2.5) Leader: Ed Wright (317-219-5536)

Monday, April 18

9:00 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See April 4.

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- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See April 11.
- 3:00 PM WESTSIDE PARK PET HIKE Join us for a 3-4 mile pet hike. 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. All hikers are welcome; you do not need a dog to join us. Please be prepared to provide the date of your dog's last rabies vaccination. All dogs must be on a 6' or less non-retractable leash at all times - no exceptions. Owners be prepared to pick up after your pet (poop patrol). Please note that the hike leaders shall have the authority to ask any participant to leave the hike if their dog becomes aggressive toward other dogs or people. If the weather is inclement please confirm hike with leader. (F,PS,Dog Speed) Leader: Mary Williams (317-919-8574 cell) and Carol Radke
- 6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See April 11.
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See April 4.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See April 4.

Tuesday, April 19

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See April 5.
- 9:30 AM WEEDON PRESERVE LOOKOUT POINT WALK, PINELLAS PARK, FLORIDA From I-275 exit at the Pinellas Park, Gandy Blvd. Travel east past Derby Lane. Turn right on St Martin Blvd, which is the first right after you pass the Goodwill Store. The St Martin Shopping Plaza is on the corner. Go about 1 mile and turn left into Weedon Preserve – look for brown sign. Follow signs to the History and Cultural Center. The walk will enable us to get a closer look at Mangroves on this 4 - 5 mile walk on boardwalks and a wide conditioned trail. (F,PS/NS,3) Leader: Elaine Wright (317-753-5516)
- 9:30 AM MERIDIAN WOODS AND TRAILS See April 5.
- 10:00 AM UP BY THE RIVERSIDE Join us on this new 6-7 mile hike where we will explore the Wapahani Trail, the Urban Wilderness Trail, and Martin Park. Meet in front of the Eiteljorg Museum at 500 W. Washington St. Parking is free at the museum garage if you join us for lunch after the hike at the Eiteljorg Sky Café. (Map #33) (F,NS/PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-652-2779 cell or 317-329-2779 cell)
- 1:00 PM WILDFLOWER HIKE AT MOUNDS STATE PARK Allow 1¼ 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 4-5 mile moderate speed hike with shorter options. If you missed the Bicentennial hike at Mounds on April 9, here is your chance to receive credit for visiting the park, so don't forget to bring your Bicentennial SP Passport. (Map #19) (M,NS/PS, 2.5) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (346-1802 or cell 412-5190)
- 6:00 PM UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS & ROSEDALE HILLS See April 5.

Wednesday, April 20

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 6.
- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See April 6.
- 9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See April 6.
- 9:15 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See April 6.
- 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See April 6.
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See April 6.
- 6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See April 6.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See April 6.

Thursday, April 21

- 9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK ON THE BOULEVARD TRAIL See April 7.
- 9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See April 7.
- 6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See April 7.

Friday, April 22**Earth Day**

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 1.
- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See April 1.
- 9:00 AM TGIF! See April 1.
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See April 1.

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6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See April 1.

Saturday, April 23 *Passover and Bicentennial SP Hike*

8:30 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See April 2.

9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See April 2.

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See April 2.

1:00 PM **BICENTENNIAL SP HIKE – SUMMIT LAKE STATE PARK** Summit Lake became Indiana's 19th state park on Jan. 9, 1988. Three hiking trails offer good views of the 800-acre lake. There will be three hike options today. Terry will lead a moderate 6-7 mile hike and Betsy will lead a moderate 4-5 mile hike. A short 2 mile option for those who do not wish to do more mileage will be offered. Depending on how many hikers show up we will draft other leaders. Allow about 80 minutes from I-465 E. Take I-70 east to SR 3 turning left (north), continue through New Castle. Take a right onto SR 36 and travel east about 3.5 miles to N. Messick Rd. Turn left and continue until you reach Summit Lake State Park. Meet at the Beach Parking Lot (fee). Hiking boots suggested as some parts of the trails can be marshy. If you wish, bring a picnic lunch and join us around noon before the hikes. Don't forget to bring your Bicentennial SP Passport and to have it stamped. We will have extra passports if you have not received one. Leaders: Terry Roesch (317-910-2943 cell) and Betsy Freidenberg (317-523-4446 cell)

Sunday, April 24

9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See April 3.

9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See April 3.

1:00 PM TEN AT ONE See April 3.

Monday, April 25

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See April 11.

9:30 AM SLOW & EASY AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY See April 4.

1:30 PM EAGLE CREST ON WEST SIDE OF EAGLE CREEK PARK See April 11.

6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See April 4.

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See April 4.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See April 4.

Tuesday, April 26

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See April 5.

9:30 AM PHILLIPPE PARK ON OLD TAMPA BAY WALK, SAFETY HARBOR, FLORIDA From either north or south on I-275, turn west on SR 60 and cross the Courtney Campbell Causeway. Turn right (north) on McMullen Booth and travel to Safety Harbor, Main St which leads into center of Safety Harbor. At the T junction turn left onto Phillippe Pkwy and travel about 2 miles until you see the entrance to the park on the right. Inside the park turn right and you will see the parking area in front of the bay. We plan to walk into Safety Harbor, have a break at Starbucks, and walk back. This will be a 5-6 miles hike. (F,PS,3) Leader: Elaine Wright (317-753-5516)

9:30 AM SLOW & EASY IN THE TOWN OF LAWRENCE See April 5.

9:30 AM MERIDIAN WOODS AND TRAILS See April 5.

10:00 AM WHITE RIVER STATE PARK, EITELJORG, FOUNTAIN SQUARE, AND RESEARCH This 7 mile hike will take us to Fountain Square, returning by a circuitous route. Along the way we will do some vital research. Meet in front of the Eiteljorg Museum at 500 W. Washington St. Parking is free at the museum garage if you join us for lunch after the hike at the Eiteljorg Sky Café . (Map #33) (F,PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-329-2779, 317-652-2779 cell)

1:00 PM WILDFLOWER HIKE ON THE WEST SIDE OF EAGLE CREEK This will be a modest paced 4-5 mile hike on the more rustic west side of Eagle Creek Reservoir with time to see the wildflowers. Take 56th St west past the main entrance to Eagle Creek Park and continue across the causeway. Take the first right after the causeway into the fisherman's parking lot beside the large iron sculpture of a bear (no fee). (M,NS,2.5) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (317-346-1802 or cell 317-412-5190)

6:00 PM UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS & ROSEDALE HILLS See April 5.

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Wednesday, April 27

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 6.
9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See April 6.
9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See April 6.
9:15 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See April 6.
9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See April 6.
4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See April 6.
6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See April 6.
6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See April 6.

Thursday, April 28

- 9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK ON THE BOULEVARD TRAIL See April 7.
9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See April 7.
10:00 AM VANDALIA TRAIL IN PLAINFIELD Join us for a 6-mile fitness walk along the paved Vandalia Rail Trail east of the Plainfield Recreation Center. An additional self-guided 2 mile option is available. Meet at the north parking lot of the Plainfield Recreation Center located at 651 Vestal Rd. From I-465 W exit on Washington St and travel west about 8.4 miles through Plainfield. Turn right at the first stop light west of town onto Vestal Rd. Travel to the roundabout; take first right and park in the north lot on the left. Restrooms are available. Bring water. (Map #50) (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Terry Roesch (317-910-2943 cell)
6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See April 7.

Friday, April 29

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 1.
8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See April 1.
9:00 AM TGIF! See April 1.
9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See April 1.
1:30 PM SLOW & EASY: CANTERBURY PARK TO BROAD RIPPLE PARK VIA MONON Meet at shelter in Canterbury Park, 5510 Carvel Ave. Take Kessler Blvd east from College or west from Keystone. Carvel is first street east of the Monon Trail overpass. Go south on Carvel to the park. Leave car along west side of street. Options of 3, 4 and 5 miles. Restroom should be open in each park. Repeats May 13 and 27. (F,PS/HS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Marsha Hutchins (317-251-9078; cell 317-439-1468)
6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See April 1.

Saturday, April 30***Bicentennial SP Hike***

- 3:00 AM C&O CANAL ONE DAY HIKE Starts in Washington DC and continues along C&O towpath to the finish at Harpers Ferry, WV. And yes, the start time is 3 a.m. Two IHC members including the leader are currently registered for the self guided 100K, which will tie our Club's single day distance record. Registration is currently closed for the 100K and 50K but will reopen on April 14 to fill any cancellations, so check www.onedayhike.org or call the leader if interested. (F,NS) Leader: Rita Bymaster (317-509-1711, ritabymaster@aol.com)
8:30 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See April 2.
9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See April 2.
10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See April 2.
9:30 AM BICENNIAL SP HIKE – BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK We will be offering two options today to accommodate all skills levels. Narcisso will lead a moderate speed hike of 9-10 miles that includes a number of challenging hills (M,NS,2.5-3). You can shave about 2 miles and some major hills off this hike if you return from the halfway point by the road. Marthene will lead a slow and easy hike of 4-5 miles on a flat bike trail (F,NS,2.5). Shorter options will be available on Marthene's hike. Depending on the turnout we may draft additional hike leaders to keep the hike groups a reasonable size. From I-465 S take I-65 south to Columbus exit and SR 46 west to Brown County SP (fee). Or take SR 135 south to Nashville and turn left (east) on SR 46 to the park entrance. After entering the park follow signs to the Nature Center where we will park. Note: this is not the parking lot Narcisso usually uses, which is too small for the number of cars we anticipate. From the Nature

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Center we will walk 1/4 mile to the trailheads at the beginning and end of both hikes. Make sure to bring your Bicentennial Hikes Passport and get it stamped. Bring snacks and water. Leaders: Narcisso Povinelli (317-784-9384 or 317-874-6212 cell) and Marthene Kohlmeyer (317-317-850-1291 cell)

Sunday, May 1

9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See April 3.

9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See April 3.

10:00 AM SLOW & EASY AT FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See April 10.

1:00 PM TEN AT ONE See April 3.

1:30 PM ICE CREAM HIKE IN CARMEL Join us for a 5-6 mile hike where we'll stop midway for an ice cream cone. From N. Meridian St (US 31) go east on 106th St 1.5 miles to Westfield Blvd. Turn left (north) on Westfield and go about 0.7 miles. The Monon Center Park entrance (look for sign) will be on your left just past 111th St. Meet near the Information Desk of the Monon Center (west building). (Map #51) (F,PS 3) Leaders: Cherie Voege (317-848-7674) and June Sergi (317-372-3018)

Monday, May 2

9:00 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See April 4.

9:00 AM MORNING CONSTITUTIONAL See April 4.

6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See April 11.

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See April 4.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See April 4.

Tuesday, May 3

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See April 5.

9:30 AM SLOW & EASY AT 100 ACRES & TOWPATH See April 12.

9:30 AM MERIDIAN WOODS AND TRAILS See April 5.

10:00 AM KRANNERT PARK AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS On this 6 mile hike we will walk around the pond and through Krannert Park and then through the neighborhood. Krannert Park is at 605 S. High School Rd. From I-465 W take the W. Washington St. exit heading west. Turn right at the first stop light onto High School Rd. Go .6 mile and Krannert Park is on your right. Park in the lot in front of the building. (F,NS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-652-2779 cell, 317-329-2779 home)

6:00 PM HOMECOMING IN UNIVERSITY PARK From I-465 S take I-65 south to exit 99 - Main St in Greenwood. Go east about one mile and turn right into a subdivision called *Homecoming in University Park*. Go half way around the round-about and continue to the University Park sign. Turn right and park at the first parking lot. This hike is 5 miles with shorter options on sidewalks and blacktop footpaths through wooded areas. Hike repeats each Tuesday in May. (F,PS,3) Leader: David Kincaid (317-787-6593 and 317-864-9574 cell)

Wednesday, May 4

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 6.

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See April 6.

9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See April 6.

9:15 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See April 6.

9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See April 6.

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See April 6.

6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See April 6.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See April 6.

Thursday, May 5

Cinco de Mayo

9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK ON THE BOULEVARD TRAIL See April 7.

9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See April 7.

1:30 PM CELEBRATE CINCO DE MAYO From I-70 in downtown Indy take I-65 heading south. Exit I-65 at Raymond St (exit 109) and go right (west) on Raymond St for about 1/2 mile. Turn left (south) onto Pleasant Run Parkway N Dr and go to the next stoplight. Turn left onto Pagoda Dr; then turn left

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again and park in the swimming pool lot in Garfield Park. This will be a 5-mile hike. Plan to eat afterwards at El Azabache Mexican restaurant in Southern Plaza. (M,HS,3) Leader: Jean Ballinger (317-696-2120)

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See April 7.

Friday, May 6

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 1.

8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See April 1.

9:00 AM TGIF! See April 1.

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See April 1.

6:00 PM BUTLER CAMPUS AND THE CANAL This is a 5-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 May. (Map #32) (M,PS/NS,3.5) Leader: Jim Griffin (317-294-1121)

Saturday, May 7 *Bicentennial SP Hike*

7:00 AM 500 FESTIVAL MINI-MARATHON AND 5K This famous 13-mile and 3-mile self guided hike starts and ends downtown. If you are one of the 35,000 people registered for this event, you can obtain Club credit by calling or emailing the leader, who will verify your completion through the 500 Festival web site race results. (F,PS) Leader: Jackie Quarto (317-319-4144 cell, jquarto@sbcglobal.net)

7:30 AM RISE AND SHINE Meet in Broad Ripple at the free parking lot ½ block south of Broad Ripple Ave on Carrollton Ave for an 8 mile guided hike. Hike will be done in time for those that wish to do the Ten at Ten. Repeats each Saturday in May. (F,P/NS,3.5-4) Leader: Rick Braun (317-679-2972)

8:30 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See April 2.

9:00 AM WABASH & ERIE CANAL AT DELPHI Allow 65 minutes from I-465 NW. Take I-65 north past Lafayette to SR 25 (exit 175). Take new SR 25 about 11 miles to old SR 25. Meet at Trailhead Park one mile before Delphi. Hike is 6-7 miles with shorter options. After the hike we will drive to Prophetstown SP where we will have lunch before the afternoon Bicentennial SP hike. (F,HS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Dick Underwood (506-0924)

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See April 2.

10:00 AM SLOW & EASY ON FALL CREEK TRAIL See April 2.

1:30 PM BICENTENNIAL SP HIKE – PROPHETSTOWN STATE PARK Indiana's newest state park, Prophetstown is located where the Tippecanoe River meets the Wabash near the town of Battle Ground northeast of Lafayette. Native American people hunted and lived along the two rivers for thousands of years. Dick Underwood will lead a slow and easy a 5-mile trail hike with shorter options. Jim Shoufler will lead a 7 mile moderate speed (3-3.5 mph) hike. If you attended the Delphi hike, return to I-65 and go north to the next exit (exit 178, SR 43). Turn west and go " mile to Burnett Rd; turn south to 9th St and go west on 9th St for 1 mile to Swisher Rd. Turn east and enter park (fee). Meet at Blazing Star Shelter in Prairie View picnic area. Come early and join the Delphi hikers for a picnic lunch. Make sure to bring your Bicentennial SP passport. We will have extras if you do not have one. (F,NS,2.5) Leader: Dick Underwood (317-506-0924) and Jim Shoufler (317-697-0744)

Sunday, May 8 *Mother's Day*

9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See April 3.

9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See April 3.

1:00 PM TEN AT ONE See April 3.

1:30 PM LATE BLOOMING WILDFLOWERS AT FORT HARRISON STATE PARK From I-465 E take 56th St east. Turn left (north) on Post Rd and proceed to park entrance (fee) at 59th St. Meet at Delaware Lake lot for a 5-mile hike. We will hike at a moderate pace so we may observe (but keep moving) some of the later blooming wildflowers. If you missed the Bicentennial SP hike at Fort Harrison in January, you will receive credit for visiting the SP, so bring your Bicentennial Passport. (M,PS/NS,2.5-3) Hike Leader: Cheryl Smolecki (317-696-8922 cell)

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Monday, May 9

- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See April 11.
 9:30 AM SLOW & EASY AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY See April 4.
 6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See April 11.
 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See April 4.
 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See April 4.

Tuesday, May 10

- 9:00 AM GEIST ON FALL CREEK Meet in the parking lot of Mama Bears Café at the northwest corner of Brooks School Rd and Fall Creek Pkwy in Fishers. This will be a 6-mile moderate pace hike through pretty neighborhoods. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Elaine Wright (753-5516)
 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See April 5.
 9:30 AM BLOOMINGTON TRAIL From I-465 S take SR 37 south to Tapp Rd in Bloomington. Allow extra time for road construction on SR 37. Turn left and go 2 1/4 miles on Tapp Rd/Country Club Rd past the golf course on the right. Continue across Rogers St to just before the next traffic light (Walnut St) turn left into the shopping plaza and park behind the Old National Bank. This will be a 6-mile hike with a 4-mile option. After the hike plan on having lunch at a local restaurant. Hike repeats on May 24. (M,NS, 2.5-3) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972)
 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY AT FORT HARRISON STATE PARK & SKILES TEST NATURE PARK See April 12.
 9:30 AM MERIDIAN WOODS AND TRAILS See April 5.
 6:00 PM HOME COMING IN UNIVERSITY PARK See May 3.

Wednesday, May 11

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 6.
 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See April 6.
 9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See April 6.
 9:15 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See April 6.
 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See April 6.
 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See April 6.
 6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See April 6.
 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See April 6.

Thursday, May 12

- 9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK ON THE BOULEVARD TRAIL See April 7.
 9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See April 7.
 6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See April 7.

Friday, May 13

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 1.
 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See April 1.
 9:00 AM TGIF! See April 1.
 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See April 1.
 1:30 PM SLOW & EASY: CANTERBURY PARK TO BROAD RIPPLE PARK VIA MONON See April 29.
 6:00 PM BUTLER CAMPUS AND THE CANAL See May 6.

Saturday, May 14***Bicentennial SP Hike***

- 7:30 AM RISE AND SHINE See May 7.
 8:30 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See April 2.
 9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See April 2.
 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See April 2.
 10:00 AM BICENTENNIAL SP HIKE – INDIANA DUNES STATE PARK Allow at least 3 hours travel from I-465 N. Suggest you take US 31 north to US 30 and go west to Valparaiso. As you enter Valparaiso take SR 49 north to West Dunes Hwy (US 12) and left (east) into the state park (not the National Seashore). We will meet in the beach house parking lot. There will be hikes for everyone. We will

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have a long hike (about 9-10 miles) that will include the three dune challenge. There will be a more moderate hike led by Bill Dowling and shorter hikes for anyone interested. Don't forget your SP Passport and get it stamped. We will have extras if you have not received one. For those planning to stay overnight for tomorrow's Potato Creek SP hike, there is camping at Dunes State Park, Dunes National Seashore and Potato Creek State Park. Many motels and hotels are in the area and I would recommend checking in Plymouth, Valparaiso, LaPorte or South Bend which are all close to both hikes. The closest hotels to Potato Creek SP are located in Plymouth (about 14 miles south of the park) on US 30, including a Holiday Inn Express and Suites, Super 8 and Days Inn. Google Plymouth hotels (or whatever other city you wish) for details. (H/F,NS,3-3.5) Leaders: Chuck Turner (317-777-2594) and Bill Dowling (317-446-2380)

Sunday, May 15 *Bicentennial SP Hike*

9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See April 3.

9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See April 3.

9:30 AM **BICENTENNIAL SP HIKE – POTATO CREEK STATE PARK** Allow at least 2 ¾ hours travel from I-465 N. Suggest you take US 31 north to SR 4 (about 20 miles south of South Bend) then west about 4 miles to the park. If you stayed overnight in the area following yesterday's Dunes hike, Potato (Tater) Creek SP is located on SR 4 about four miles west of US 31. We will meet in the bathhouse parking lot which is on the north side of Worster Lake. After the gatehouse turn left and continue around the lake. There will be hikes for everyone. We will have a long hike (about 9-10 miles) which may involve moving cars. There will be a more moderate hike led by Bill Dowling and shorter hikes for anyone interested. If interested in staying over Saturday night, check the Indiana Dunes write-up on Saturday for suggestions. (M,NS,3-3.5) Leaders: Chuck Turner (317-777-2594) and Bill Dowling (317-446-2380)

Monday, May 16

9:00 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See April 4.

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See April 11.

10:00 AM WHITE RIVER STATE PARK, THE CANAL AND EITELJORG GRAND CANYON EXHIBIT Meet in front of the Eiteljorg Museum at 500 W. Washington St. Parking is free at the museum garage if you join us for lunch after the hike at the Eiteljorg Sky City Cafe or if you tour the exhibit. Following a 6 mile hike along the canal and White River and lunch, there will be an optional tour of a special Eiteljorg exhibit on the art, history and culture of the Grand Canyon (\$11 adults, \$9 seniors). If you didn't get to visit White River SP on the January 1 Bicentennial hike, here is your chance to receive credit for visiting the park. (Map #33) (F,PS,3-3.5) Leaders: Ron and Claudia Clark (317-769-6566, cell 317-626-1553)

3:00 PM BLUE HERRON PARK PET HIKE On Indy's south side, go south on US 31. Turn right at first stop light (South St) south of US 31 and Jefferson St, take immediate right into Blue Herron parking lot. All hikers are welcome; you do not need a dog to join us. Please be prepared to provide the date of your dog's last rabies vaccination. All dogs must be on a 6' or less non-retractable leash at all times - no exceptions. Owners be prepared to pick up after your pet (poop patrol). Please note that the hike leaders shall have the authority to ask any participant to leave the hike if their dog becomes aggressive toward other dogs or people. If the weather is inclement please confirm hike with leader. (F,PS,Dog Speed) Leader: Mary Williams (317-919-8574 cell) and Carol Radke

6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See April 11.

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See April 4.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See April 4.

Tuesday, May 17

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See April 5.

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN, LOCKERBIE & SAFFRON CAFÉ Take I-65 to Michigan St exit. Then go west a short distance to the Meals on Wheels building (formerly Indianapolis Senior Center) at 708 E. Michigan St. Alternatively, take Meridian St to North St and turn east. Go past College one short block to Spring St and turn right. Park to the right of the building beside the fence. This will be a 5

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mile hike. Afterwards, plan to eat at Saffron Cafe, 621 Fort Wayne Ave. (Map #25) (F,PS,3-3.5)

Leader: Jean Ballinger (317-696-2120)

9:30 AM MERIDIAN WOODS AND TRAILS See April 5.

10:00 AM SOUTHWEST WAY PARK Let's enjoy a 6 mile hike through the woods. Bring your lunch if you would like to join us for a picnic after the hike. If you are coming west on I-465 S exit at IN 37 heading south. Go 2.7 miles to Southport Rd and turn right and go about 3 miles to Mann Rd. Turn left and go .5 miles to the park on your left. If you are coming east on I-465 SW, there is an exit directly onto Mann Rd, which you can take south directly to the park. Note, there is no exit for Mann Rd if you are heading west on I-465. (F,NS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-652-2779 cell, 317-329-2779)

10:00 AM EXPLORE SPEEDWAY Have you visited Speedway lately? Come and see some of the changes that have occurred on this 5–6 mile hike. We will walk through neighborhoods, past the track and see the changes on Georgetown Road and Main St. This is a track practice day so you may hear the roar of the engines. Meet in the parking lot at Kohl's on Crawfordsville Rd in Speedway. From I-465, take Exit 16A on the west side of Indianapolis and proceed about .8 miles to Kohl's. (F, PS,3-3.25) Leader: Marti Burton (317-306-9878)

6:00 PM HOME COMING IN UNIVERSITY PARK See May 3.

Wednesday, May 18

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 6.

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See April 6.

9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See April 6.

9:15 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See April 6.

9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See April 6.

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See April 6.

6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See April 6.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See April 6.

Thursday, May 19

9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK ON THE BOULEVARD TRAIL See April 7.

9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See April 7.

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See April 7.

Friday, May 20

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 1.

8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See April 1.

9:00 AM TGIF! See April 1.

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See April 1.

10:30 AM SHORT AND EASY AT SODALIS NATURE PARK Join us for a 4 mile-walk through Sodalís Nature Park, a conservation area established to protect the endangered Indiana bat. The park is located at 7700 S CR 975 E south of Plainfield. From I-465 SW exit on SR 67 (Kentucky Ave) and travel south toward Camby for a little more than 5 miles. Turn right onto E CR 800 S and travel slightly more than a mile. Take second right onto S CR 975 E traveling 0.3 miles to park entrance on left. Meet in the parking lot in front of the lake. Restroom is available. Join us for lunch at Squealer's BBQ after the hike (F,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Terry Roesch (317-910-2943 cell)

6:00 PM BUTLER CAMPUS AND THE CANAL See May 6.

Saturday, May 21 *Armed Forces Day*

7:30 AM RISE AND SHINE See May 7.

8:30 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See April 2.

9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See April 2.

9:30 AM GRIFFY LAKE-BLOOMINGTON Take SR 37 South to the College Ave N/Walnut St exit (allow extra time for road work). At second light (which is SR 46) turn left on SR46, continue to the second light, turn left onto Matlock Rd. Follow Matlock Rd to Headley Rd, turn left and continue on Headley Rd to the lake. Meet across the causeway at the boat house parking lot. This will be a 5-mile hike. Bring

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lunch and stay for the afternoon hike at Griffy Woods. (H,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972)

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See April 2.

1:00 PM GRIFFY WOODS- BLOOMINGTON Follow directions above. This will be a 5-mile hike (H,NS,2.5-3). Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972)

2:00 PM HILL VALLEY EAST Meet in parking lot for 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 6 miles, with a 5-mile option. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: David Kincaid (317-787-6593 or 317-864-9574 cell)

Sunday, May 22

9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See April 3.

9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See April 3.

1:00 PM TEN AT ONE See April 3.

1:00 PM SLOW & EASY AT FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See April 3.

Monday, May 23

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See April 11.

9:30 AM MARKET DISTRICT Join us for a new hike through the Market District, Carmel's newest super grocery store and around nearby neighborhoods for 5-6 miles. We will also visit the gardens of the new Mormon Temple. Park at the Market District located at 11505 N Illinois Carmel 46032. From US 31 N. turn west onto 116th street. Take the roundabout onto Illinois and turn into the parking lot. We will meet in the south east corner of the parking lot. If you wish, join us for lunch after the hike. (F,PS,3) Leaders: Cherie Voege (317-848-7674) and June Sergi (317-372-3018)

6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See April 11.

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See April 4.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See April 4.

Tuesday, May 24

9:00 AM PENDLETON FALLS From I-465 N, go north on I-69 about 18 miles to the Pendleton exit. Turn right after leaving I-69 and travel through Pendleton to the 2nd stoplight. Turn right and park behind the bank building in the main part of town. We will hike around historic Pendleton for 6 miles, including Pendleton Falls Park. Plan on eating with us at one of Pendleton's small local restaurants. (F,PS,NS) Leader: Elaine Wright (317-753-5516)

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See April 5.

9:30 AM BLOOMINGTON TRAIL See May 10.

9:30 AM SLOW & EASY IN THE TOWN OF LAWRENCE See April 5.

9:30 AM MERIDIAN WOODS AND TRAILS See April 5.

6:00 PM HOMECOMING IN UNIVERSITY PARK See May 3.

Wednesday, May 25

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 6.

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See April 6.

9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See April 6.

9:15 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See April 6.

9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See April 6.

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See April 6.

6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See April 6.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See April 6.

Thursday, May 26

9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK ON THE BOULEVARD TRAIL See April 7.

9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See April 7.

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See April 7.

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Friday, May 27

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 1.

8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See April 1.

9:00 AM TGIF! See April 1.

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See April 1.

10:00 AM BOOK CLUB HIKE Read the book *A Sense of the World -- How a Blind Man Became History's Greatest Traveler* by Jason Roberts. This is a biography of James Holman (1786 - 1857), who fought the slave trade in Africa, survived a frozen captivity in Siberia, hunted rogue elephants in Ceylon, and helped chart the Australian outback. Hike will be about 5 miles on mostly on the Monon Trail. We'll walk around (and maybe into) the grounds of the Indiana School for the Blind. You do not have to read the book to join the hike. Meet at the Nora Library Branch, 8625 Guilford Ave (corner of 86th St) (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Cindy Richardson (317-938-4683)

1:30 PM SLOW & EASY: CANTERBURY PARK TO BROAD RIPPLE PARK VIA MONON See April 29.

6:00 PM BUTLER CAMPUS AND THE CANAL See May 6.

Multi Day Trip: Saturday, May 28 – Monday, May 30

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND AT GNAW BONE CAMP. This event is for members and their invited guests. If you are interested in booking a cabin or tent site for Saturday and Sunday evening please contact either Karleen Huneck or Barbie McNeely (see contact information below) by May 18 and they will reserve for you. The cost will be only \$12 per night. Again this year, no meals will be served at the camp. If you are staying over please bring your own food to cook out or plan to use local restaurants. Day hikers are welcome to come down for any hikes. There is a day fee of \$3.00. Mary Ann Layman will lead hikes on Saturday at 2:00 PM and Sunday at 10:00 AM. It is suggested that hikers bring a picnic lunch to enjoy after the Sunday hike. Allow 1½ hours travel time from I-465 and I-65 on the south side. Take I-65 south to Columbus exit SR 46. Turn right on SR 46 and proceed west about 14 miles to SR 135 (sign for Story and Horseman's camp) on you left. Proceed south on SR 135 about 2 miles to Gnow Bone Camp on the left down a long lane. For more information or to reserve overnight cabins, please contact Karleen Huneck at 765-480-1570, karleenhuneck@yahoo.com or Barbie McNeely at 317-392-2018, beweb@live.com.

Saturday, May 28

7:30 AM RISE AND SHINE See May 7.

8:30 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See April 2.

9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See April 2.

9:30 AM MIAMI WHITEWATER FOREST, OHIO Allow 2 hours (85 miles) from I-465 SE and I-74 SE. Take I-74 toward Cincinnati. Take exit 3 in Ohio. Turn left on Dry Fork Rd and go to the first street, West Rd and turn right. Turn left into park (fee \$2). Take park road all the way to the lake. Follow signs to "Golf Course/Bike Trail". Park and meet in front of Nature Center. Hike is 8-mile loop on asphalt multiuse trail. There will be three water fountain stops and a bathroom at the halfway mark. (F,PS,3) Leader: David Kincaid (317-787-6593 or 317-864-9574 cell).

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See April 2.

2:00 PM GNAW BONE CAMP See May 28 description for Gnow Bone weekend above.

Sunday, May 29

9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See April 3.

9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See April 3.

10:00 AM GNAW BONE CAMP See May 28 description for Gnow Bone weekend above.

10:00 AM SLOW & EASY AT FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See April 10.

1:00 PM TEN AT ONE See April 3.

1:30 PM RACCOON SRA – HARDEN LAKE Join us for a 6-7 mile mostly trail hike with many moderate hills. Hikers will see mature forest, scenic overlooks of the large lake, deep sandstone cliffs and the 1800's Payne Cemetery. Meet in the parking lot near the fish cleaning station across from the beach. From I-465 W, travel west about 45 miles on US 36 to the property entrance, 1588 S Raccoon Pkwy, Rockville (fee). Hiking boots and poles suggested. Bring water. Join us for supper

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in Rockville after the hike. (M,NS-PS,2.5-2.75) Leader: Terry Roesch (317-910-2943 cell or 317-718-5532)

Monday, May 30 *Memorial Day*

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See April 11.

9:00 AM LAKE CLEARWATER Meet in the northeast corner of the Super Wal-Mart parking lot to the left of the Garden Center at the intersection of 74th St and Keystone Ave. On this six mile hike we will walk around two lakes. (Map #43) (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Ed Wright (317-219-5536)

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See April 4.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See April 4.

6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See April 4.

Tuesday, May 31

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See April 5.

9:30 AM SLOW & EASY AT 100 ACRES & TOWPATH See April 12.

9:30 AM MERIDIAN WOODS AND TRAILS See April 5.

6:00 PM HOMECOMING IN UNIVERSITY PARK See May 3.

PREVIEW OF FUTURE HIKES AND EVENTS:

UPCOMING BICENTENNIAL STATE PARK HIKES in June and July Six Bicentennial SP hikes are planned for June and July. As with all of our state park hikes, multiple speed and distance options will be offered on all hikes. Details and driving directions will be in the June and July schedule.

- On Saturday June 4, Kathy Whalen and John Triplett will lead morning and afternoon hikes at Turkey Run SP with lunch at the Inn between hikes.
- In conjunction with a weekend at New Harmony IN (see write-up below), Mary Ann Layman will lead a Bicentennial hike at Harmonie State Park SP on Saturday, June 18. If not staying over, the hike will start late enough to allow you to drive out that morning.
- On Saturday June 25, John Gaebler will be lead morning and afternoon hikes at Pokagon SP in northeast Indiana with an opportunity for lunch in between the hikes at the Pokagon Inn.
- On Saturday July 9, Mick Parker and Joe Keller will lead a hike at Ouabache SP near Muncie.
- And on the weekend of July 16 and 17, Jeff Edmondson assisted by Mary Williams and Cecilia Keller will lead hikes at Lincoln SP on Saturday and O'Bannon Woods SP on Sunday. See below for a hotel suggestion for the night of July 16.

Check www.indyhike.org/hikes.shtml for a list of all of the remaining Bicentennial hikes, a few of which may have changed.

NEW HARMONY INN WEEKEND – June 17-19 This weekend will include a BICENTENNIAL HIKE at HARMONIE STATE PARK on Saturday, June 18 and a hike in New Harmony on Sunday morning, June 19. A block of rooms has been reserved at the New Harmony Inn at New Harmony, IN, located in southwest corner of the state, for the nights of Friday, June 17 and Saturday, June 18. Make your reservations by calling New Harmony Inn at 1-800-782-8605. Be sure to tell reservations that you are with the Indianapolis Hiking Club. Rooms start at \$140.00 for a double-double (10% discount with AAA card), which includes a continental breakfast. Our block of rooms is limited and will be released on April 17, so be sure to get your reservations in early to be assured a room. We will hike Harmonie State Park on Saturday beginning at 10:30 a.m. Indy or EDT time (this is 9:30 a.m. local or CDT), late enough for those planning to drive from Indy on Saturday morning. On Sunday morning we will hike the historic and scenic grounds surrounding the New Harmony Inn and the town of New Harmony. There is much to see in New Harmony, IN. More information will be in future schedules. Mary Ann Layman will be coordinating this trip. For more information contact her at malayman@earthlink.net or 317-346-1802.

HOTEL RECOMMENDATION FOLLOWING LINCOLN SP HIKE – July 16 If you are planning to spend the evening between the Lincoln SP Bicentennial hike on Saturday July 16 and the O'Bannon Woods SP hike on Sunday July 18, consider the Baymont Inn & Suites, 1339 N. Washington St, Dale, IN 47523 812-937-7000. There are a number of other hotels in Dale (Google: Dale IN hotels) which is only 5 miles north of Lincoln SP and just 2 miles south of I-64 and 52 miles from O'Bannon Woods SP.

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ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC – July 23 Once again our picnic will begin held in Eagle Creek Park at 12:00 noon, preceded by a slow and easy and moderate hike at 10:00 a.m.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS – Thursday, September 8

MICHIGAN’S UPPER PENINSULA - September 19-21 For those planning on joining us next September in upper Michigan, hotel accommodations have been finalized. There are many options in the area to stay; however, we have established a base hotel for the Club: North Star Hotel/Pictures Rocks, East Highway 28 & Federal Highway 13, Munising, MI 49862 (www.magnusonhotelpicturedrocks.com). Note: the name of the hotel recently changed from Magnuson Hotel Pictured Rocks (same facility). Everything else is the same. If you are staying for the full trip, your reservation should be for four nights; check in 9/18 and check out on the morning of 9/22. You should call the hotel directly for reservations at 906-387-2466. Be sure to identify yourself as being with the Indianapolis Hiking Club and confirm that your room rate will be \$99.99 per night plus tax. This will be for one King or two Queen beds for up to two individuals. There will be an additional charge if more than two people per room. The hotel has only 43 rooms, so you are encouraged to book early. Room rates increase if booking after August 31, 2016. This hotel is at the intersection of Hwy 28 and Hwy 13, which is centrally located for the three days of hikes. We will be driving to the hike locations from this hotel. For those using campgrounds or other hotels, you will want to arrive at the Magnuson Hotel no later than 8 a.m. on the days of the hikes. If you have any questions please contact Bill Halik the trip organizer by email at yooper1954@gmail.com or at 317-523-6058.

CHRISTMAS PARTY - December 4 Always a fun and well attended event, reserve the date for this year’s Christmas party on Sunday afternoon.

WINTER WEEKEND AT MC CORMICK’S CREEK – March 17-18, 2017 Our fun annual winter weekend (actually we missed it in 2016 because of Tucson) will be at McCormick’s Creek State Park. To make reservations at the Canyon Inn for the evenings of March 16 and 17 go to www.indianainns.com or call toll free 1-877-563-4371 and give them our group code of 0717HC. Our block of rooms will be held until February 6, 2017. For further information contact Mary Ann Layman at 317-346-1802 or malayman@earthlink.net.

STARVED ROCK STATE PARK, IL – September 2-4, 2017 Plan to join us for 2017 Labor Day weekend at Starved Rock State Park located along the Illinois River southwest of Chicago near Olgesby, IL. The last time the Club visited this state park was September of 2008. More information will be in future schedules. Mary Ann Layman will be coordinating this weekend. For more information contact her at malayman@earthlink.net or 317-346-1802.

PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

Megan Anderson	Beech Grove, IN	Tammy Hanson	Avon, IN
Paula LaBonte	Indianapolis, IN	Kathy Lay	Indianapolis, IN
Peg O’Grady	Indianapolis, IN	Dale Oldfather	Indianapolis, IN
Marilyn Bishop	Indianapolis, IN	Dorcas Dillingham	Carmel, IN
Melina Elliott	Greenwood, IN		

WELCOME BACK THE FOLLOWING REINSTATED MEMBERS:

Jerry LaBonte	Indianapolis, IN
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RECENT MILEAGE AWARDS:

Glee Crowder	36,000	Anthony Uliana	3,500	Gary Fine	500
Cherie Voegel	23,000	Phil Smith	3,000	Linda Crawford	500
David Kincaid	20,500	Dick Bacon	3,000	Steve Abner	400
Tish Brafford	17,000	Priscilla Dick	3,000	James Kendall	300
Julie Litten	12,500	Mick Parker	2,000	Russ Himes	200
Lee Kestle	5,500	Mary K Johnson	2,000	Martina Owen	200
Mike Khalil	5,000	Ella Spreckelmeyer	1,500	John Bacone	200
Lynn Thurston	5,000	Sue Brutkiewicz	1,000	Dennis Hardin	200
Sylvia Davis	3,500	Doug Wickham	1,000	Carolyn Daley	100
Tom Roesch	3,500	Barb Strite	1,000	Kay Meier	100

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

Tom Roesch, whose youngest brother Charley (62) passed away peacefully on February 18 from pancreatic cancer.

We wish all the best to the following members:

On January 24 100 year old Nell Larrison injured herself in a fall. She is undergoing therapy at home. Please remember Nell's 101 year birthday is on March 7.

Long time member John Behrman also recently fell several times. No broken bones but lots of bruises. John would appreciate a get well card. His address is: Traditions at Reagan Park, 1176 Kingwood Dr, Rm100, Avon, IN 46123

Katy Smith broke a bone in her foot on a hike in early March. She is recuperating in a walking boot.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION: We would like to thank all of the IHC members and guests who joined us in Tucson, AZ for your very generous thank you gift. We enjoyed putting the week together as much as we hope you enjoyed it. *John Gaebler and Ed Wright*

WANT MORE INFORMATION? For more information about our Club please visit our website at www.indyhike.org or contact our Membership Officer Mary Williams, 695 Old Plank Road, Franklin, IN 46131 (422-9384 or marylynn2@yahoo.com). To become a member you must be 18 years old and have hiked with us at least twice as a guest. A Membership Application may be printed from the "forms" page on the website or ask Mary 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, but please no pets unless the hike is designated as a "pet" hike.

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