



The Indianapolis Hiking Club

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SCHEDULE FOR APRIL AND MAY 2023

(Please – no pets except on designated pet hikes)

Celebrating 66 Years of Sponsoring Hikes and Outings

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

CHALLENGING HIKE	TERRAIN	SURFACE	SPEED		
	H (Hilly)	Continuously	NS	Natural, mainly soft	Hiking speed in MPH
Challenging	M (Mixed)	Hilly & Flat	HS	Packed dirt or gravel	not including breaks
or blank	F (Flat)	Few Hills	PS	Concrete or black top	(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.

ITEMS OF NOTE IN THIS SCHEDULE: In addition to our usual full complement of recurring weekday and weekend hikes, including lots of woods hikes, the following hikes deserve your attention. Book Club hikes are on the schedule on Friday, April 21 led by John Triplett and on Friday, May 19 led by Linda Whitt. The Club's annual Wildflower Hikes appear every Tuesday in April. Edeltraud Evans will be leading a hike around scenic Yellowwood Lake on Saturday, April 8. Ari Shifron will be leading a moderate hike at Shades SP on Saturday, April 15. Our 26th annual trip to Smoky Mountains National Park begins on Tuesday April 18. Quite a few challenging hikes (signified by **Challenging** at the start Hike Rating Legend; the blue * didn't stand out enough) appear in this schedule, including two hikes on the same day and a new hike every Friday led by Rick Braun, which offers a hike up a steep sledding hill as many times as you are able. Be sure to check out Future Events for a new extension to the Michigan's Upper Peninsula trip this fall sponsored by John and Konnie Schlechte and a new getaway to Gulf Shores, AL next January hosted by Karen LeClerc. Please review the write-ups in this schedule on the appropriate dates for complete details.

MILEAGE CREDIT: Leaders, ever wonder if you forgot to enter miles for a hike you recently led? Now due to a recent website enhancement completed by Paul Klimowitch you no longer have to guess. Go to the Mileage page on the website and pull up the link at the top of the display entitled Hikes Without Mileage. If your name appears on the list of hikes without posted mileage you have your answer. If the hike was cancelled it will continue to show up on the same list until the hike is cancelled in the database (option on the Mileage Entry screen). This link is also useful for hikers who are wondering if they ever received credit for a hike they attended. If the hike in question appears on the list, you can follow up with the leader to get your miles posted.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER: Hello Happy Hikers,
We are on the verge of spring and this schedule looks great. There is something for everyone from leisurely to challenging (in **red**).

Science has been telling us for years that exercise is good for physical health but there is now research supporting exercise for mental health as well. Regular walking/hiking is good for slowing or alleviating depression, anxiety, stress, cognitive decline and memory loss. So get out there. It's good for body and mind.

Rick Wortman
President, Indianapolis Hiking Club

HIKE SCHEDULE:**Saturday, April 1** *April Fool's Day*

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 April and May. (F,PS,3) Leader: Glee Crowder (317-859-8159)

The following hike was moved from April 2 to April 1 on March 18; no changes to the description. The change will only appear on the website and not in the printed schedule.

9:30 AM VERSAILLES STATE PARK Allow 1 1/2 hours from I-465 S. Take I-74 southeast to Greensburg, US 421 south to Versailles and US 50 east to the park (fee). After the gate house, take the 3rd left turn into the large parking area at the top of the hill (Oak Grove shelter). If you arrive at Campground A or B, you went too far. Meet in picnic area up the hill past the campground for a 6-7 mile hike. Join us for lunch after the hike at Crossroads Family Restaurant in Versailles. (H,NS,2.25) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 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 April and May. (Map #65)(F,NS) Leader: Rick Kinnaman (317-407-9746)

2:00 PM BAXTER YMCA TO SOUTHPORT RD Meet in SE corner of the 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 5 miles. Repeats on May 27. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: David Kincaid (317-787-6593)

Sunday, April 2 *Palm Sunday*

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 April and May. (Map #16) (F,PS,3-3.25) Leader: Kathy Whalen (317-409-3265)

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK Meet at the College Park Elementary School, 2811 Barnard St. From W 86th St, turn north on Colby Blvd and travel 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 April and May. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Marti Burton (317-306-9878)

10:00 AM ELLETTSVILLE HERITAGE TRAIL From I-465 S take SR 67 south to Spencer. Turn left (east) onto SR 46, drive for about 7 miles to Ellettsville. At Sale St. (first traffic light) turn left and go to just before the next traffic light, turn right into the public parking lot. We will hike the Heritage Trail and beyond on the newest section of the paved Karst Farm Greenway Trail. This will be a 5-6-mile hike out and back. After the hike plan on having lunch in the area. There are no restrooms at the trail. (F,PS,2.5) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812- 322-3972 cell)

Monday, April 3

9:00 AM MORNING CONSTITUTIONAL Meet in Eagle Creek Park (fee) at lot just inside 56th St entrance just west of the Colts facility for a brisk 6-mile road hike. Repeats on Monday, May 1. (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 April and May. (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, May 1. (F,PS/HS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

1:30 PM BUTLER-TARKINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD WALK Meet at Unitarian Universalist Church of Indianapolis parking lot at 615 W 43rd St for a guided 5-6-mile hike exploring Butler University and surrounding area. There are many sites to explore in this neighborhood. Hike repeats on Monday April 10 & 24 and on all Tuesdays in May, except May 16.. (M,PS,3) Leader: Kathy Whalen (317-409-3265)

- 4:00 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 April and May. (Map #65) (F,PS/NS,3-3.5) Leaders Mary Bruss (317-308-0182)
- 5:00 PM GREENWOOD MALL - MONDAY AFTERNOON Meet to sign-up at the food court at 5:00 pm; otherwise look for the leader during the hike (she will have the sign-up sheet with her). Self guided hike of up to 6 miles with shorter options between the hours of 5-7 pm. If the weather is nice we may walk outside. Hike repeats every Monday in April and May. (F,PS) Leader: Glee Crowder (317-859-8159)
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING Meet in Geist Coffee parking lot at the northwest corner of Fall Creek Rd and Brooks School Rd for a 6-8 mile hike through scenic neighborhoods. Hike repeats each Monday evening in April and May. (Map #25)(F,PS,3.5) Leader: Rick Braun (317-679-2972)

Tuesday, April 4

- 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 April and May. (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. (traffic may be problematic due to I-69 and I-465 construction. Debbie can offer advice closer to each hike.) Please note that the port-a-let has been removed during the winter and will return sometime in the spring. Hike repeats every Tuesday in April and May, except April 18th (the annual Smoky Mountains trip). (Map #61) (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Debbie Bucholz (317-361-9210)
- 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 April 18 and May 2, 16 & 30. (Map #65) (M,NS/HS/PS,2.5) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)
- 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 hike in the nearby neighborhood. Krannert Park is located at 605 S. High School Rd. From I-465 W take the W Washington St exit heading west. Immediately turn right at the first stop light, which is High School Rd. Go .6 mile and Krannert Park will be on your right. Park in the lot in front of the building. This hike will repeat each Tuesday in April. (F,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-652-2779 cell, 317-329-2779)
- 10:30 AM EASTSIDE NEIGHBORHOODS Join us for a 5 mile hike around the city's historical east side. We will walk a different area each time. From the 5700 block of East Washington St turn south on Audubon Rd by the Irvington Library - restrooms in library. Turn right at the second 4-way stop sign on to Bonna Ave and park on the north side of Bonna next to the Pennsy Trail. Hike repeats on Tuesdays in April and on May 9 & 16. No hike on May 2 Election Day - please vote. (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Melinda Jones (317-850-2500)

Because of wind damage to McCormick's Creek State Park this year's wildflower hikes scheduled on every Tuesday in April have been shuffled; same locations but the dates have been changed. These changes which were made on April 3 will only appear on the website and not in the printed schedule. The following write-ups for all of the wildflower hikes are now correct.

- 1:00 PM WILDFLOWER HIKE AT MOUNDS STATE PARK This is the first of four wildflower hikes every Tuesday in April, each at a different location. All hikes will be at a slow pace with expert commentary about the flowers. The hikes are all scheduled at 1:00 p.m. to give the wildflowers a chance to open up. Different varieties will be prevalent as the month progresses and then suddenly the flowers will be gone once the trees start to bloom and block the sun from reaching the ground.

Take I-69 north to Anderson, IN. Take exit 126 and go north (left) to SR 232. Turn right at SR 232 and follow the signs to Mounds State Park (fee) and meet in the Pavilion parking lot for a 4-5 mile hike. If you wish, enjoy a picnic lunch with other hikers at the park before the hike begins. (Map #19) (M,NS/PS,2) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (317-346-1802 home, 317-412-5190 cell)

1:30 PM TUESDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O From I-465 W take exit 16A to Crawfordsville Rd west thru Clermont to Hornaday Rd in Brownsburg, turn left and go about 5-6 miles to Cardinal Park parking lot just north of 3300 Hornaday Rd, west side of road. This will be 6-10 miles out and back self-guided hike. Restrooms are available. Hike repeats on April 18 and May 30. (F,PS) Leader Kae Ramey (317-701-5805 cell)

6:00 PM BEECH GROVE Meet at southeast corner of Emerson and Churchman in Beech Grove in the Churchman Hill Plaza behind the Phillips 66 gas station for a 5-mile hike. Hike repeats each Tuesday in April and May. (F,PS,3-3,5) Leader: David Kincaid (317-787-6593)

Wednesday, April 5 *Passover Begins*

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 April and May. (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 April and May. 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 April and May. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Julie Litten (317-407-4652)

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL Join us for a 4-5 mile walk in downtown Indy and surrounding neighborhoods. Expect a different route each week. Meet at Shapiro's Deli at 808 S. Meridian St (at McCarty St). Please park on the southwest portion of the lot away from the building. Hike repeats each Wednesday in April and May. (Map #41) (F,PS,2.5-3) Leaders: Harold Crooks (317-730-4850) and Susanne McNeely (317-384-2909)

9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK Join me for a 4-5 mile self-guided walk starting at Pike Library, 6525 Zionsville Rd. We will walk through Robin Run Village and continue on to Northwestway Park then back to the library. Shorter and longer options are available. Meet behind the library in the rear lot. Hike repeats each Wednesday in April and May. (F,PS) Leader: Joan Griffiths (317-297-7312)

9:30 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 April 19, May 3 and May 17. (F,NS,2-2.5), Leader Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE This will be a 5-mile hike through quaint neighborhoods, the Zionsville Rail Trail and possibly Starkey Park. Meet in Zionsville Town Hall parking lot at 1100 W Oak St across from McDonalds. From I-465 N take Michigan Rd north and turn left (west) on 116th St and go to 1st St in downtown Zionsville. Go right on 1st St then left (west) on Oak St to the town hall. Hike repeats each Wednesday in April and May (Map #34) (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Janet Cohen (317-873-6586)

5:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON Meet to sign-up at the food court at 5:00 pm; otherwise look for the leader during the hike (she will have the sign up sheet with her). Self guided hike of up to 6 miles with shorter options between the hours of 5-7 pm. If the weather is nice we may walk outside. Hike repeats every Wednesday in April and May. (F,PS) Leader: Glee Crowder (317-859-8159)

Thursday, April 6

- 9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE This is a 6-mile self guided hike north on the Fall Creek Trail to Skiles Test Park and back, however, from time to time the leaders may change the route. 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 April and May. (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 April and May. 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 April and May.(F,PS,3.5) Leader: Rick Braun (317-679-2972)

Friday, April 7***Good Friday***

- 8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL Join me for a self-guided hike of 1-20 miles on the Monon Trail every Friday morning in April and May. 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 TRAINING HIKE VANDALIA TRAIL The leader will be using this training hike to help prepare for the upcoming 100k event. Come join me for a 30-34 miles self-guided brisk hike (out and back) on the Vandalia Trail. You may do a shorter distance of your own choosing. This section of the Vandalia Trail is part of the National Road Heritage Trail. This is a multi-use trail. A canopy of trees envelops much of this paved section of the trail and a bridge spans Crittenden Creek providing natural scenery. Meet at the trailhead in Amo located at 5042 South St, Amo. From I-465 W, take US 40 (Washington St) west about 22 miles. Turn right on S CR550W/Amo Rd across from the Dollar General Store. Travel into Amo turning right on South St. Take a left on Pearl. The parking lot is on the left. I always put the Amo pizza shop in my GPS and the trail begins about 50 to 100 ft south of there. Bathrooms are available. The hike will be canceled for heavy rain or storms so call me if there are any questions. Hike will repeat on Friday, April 14, but we may do as many as 35 miles. (**Challenging**,F,PS/NS) Leader: Theresa Ray (317-627-1205)
- 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 April and May, except on May 19 when we have a special hike planned. (Map #34) (M,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Janet Cohen (317-508-8523 or 317-417-2628)
- 9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK Join us for a 6-mile hike with a 8-mile option. This will be a trail hike unless conditions prompt a switch to the roads. Meet in Eagle Creek Park (fee) at the Swimming Area (beach) parking lot. Use the 56th St entrance that is just west of the Colts facility. Hike repeats on all Fridays in April and May. (M,PS/NS,3-3.5) Leader: Phil Smith (317-443-3955)
- 9:00 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 want. 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 April and May. (**Challenging**,H/F,PS/HS,3-3.5) Leader: Rick Braun (317-679-2972)

- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL After many years, Glee is finally turning over her favorite hike to David Kincaid. Since I-70 and I-65 are both closed in downtown Indy due to construction, you are going to have to find your own way to get to Garfield Park. In any event from exit 109 on I-65 (Raymond St) go west on Raymond about 1/2 mile to Pleasant Run Pkwy N Dr and turn left (south) go to the next stoplight. Turn left onto Pagoda Dr, then turn left again and park next to the swimming pool in Garfield Park. This is a 5-6 mile hike in various neighborhoods surrounding Garfield Park. Hike repeats every Friday in April and May. (Map #52)(F,NS/PS,3-3.5) Leader: David Kincaid (317-787-6593)
- 10:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL Enjoy a 6-12 mile hike on the paved Pennsy Trail. From I-465 E take I-70 east to Greenfield exit. Turn right on SR 9 and then left on New Rd (light by Starbucks). At roundabout, go right (south) on Apple St. After you cross US 40, look for the Pennsy trailhead parking lot on the right. Hike repeats all Fridays in April and May. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Julie Litten (317-407-4652)
- 6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI Meet in downtown Shapiro's Deli lot, 808 S. Meridian St, for a 6-mile hike. Please park in the rear of the lot away from the restaurant entrance. Hike repeats every Friday in April. (Map #41) (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Jim Griffin (317-294-1121)

Saturday, April 8

- 8:30 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See Saturday, April 1
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, April 1
- 10:00 AM HIKE AROUND LAKE YELLOWWOOD 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 the Forest Office parking lot. This will be a 5-mile hike around the lake on a moderate scenic trail (hiking poles are recommended). Restroom is 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)

Sunday, April 9 *Easter*

- 9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, April 2
- 9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, April 2

Monday, April 10

- 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 April and May, except May 1. (Map #40)(M,PS,3.5) Leader: Janet Cohen (317-508-8523 or 317-417-2628)
- 9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, April 3
- 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 through 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 May 29 when the cemetery will be all dressed up for Memorial Day, (Map #42)(M,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)
- 1:30 PM BUTLER-TARKINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD WALK See Monday, April 3
- 4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, April 3
- 5:00 PM GREENWOOD MALL - MONDAY AFTERNOON See Monday, April 3
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, April 3

Tuesday, April 11

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, April 4
- 9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, April 4

- 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 April 25 and May 9 & 23. (Map #18) (M,NS,2.5) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)
- 10:00 AM KRANNERT PARK AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See Tuesday, April 4
- 10:30 AM EASTSIDE NEIGHBORHOODS See Tuesday, April 4
- 1:00 PM WILDFLOWER HIKE IN HOLLIDAY PARK We usually see more varieties of wildflowers at this city park than any other location in Indianapolis. The address of the park is 6340 Spring Mill Rd. Enter the park off of Spring Mill Rd just south of 64th St. Turn left to the Nature Center parking lot. Meet in the parking Lot. (Map #47)(M,NS,2) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (317-346-1802 home, 317-412-5190 cell)
- 6:00 PM BEECH GROVE See Tuesday, April 4

Wednesday, April 12

- 9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, April 5
- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, April 5
- 9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See Wednesday, April 5
- 9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, April 5
- 9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, April 5
- 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. Hike repeats April 26 & May 10. (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, April 5
- 5:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON See Wednesday, April 5

Thursday, April 13

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

Friday, April 14

- 8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, April 7
- 8:00 AM TRAINING HIKE VANDALIA TRAIL See Friday, April 7
- 8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, April 7
- 9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, April 7
- 9:00 AM FLAT FORK CREEK PARK, FISHERS See Friday, April 7
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, April 7
- 10:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See Friday, April 7
- 6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See Friday, April 7

Saturday, April 15

- 6:00 AM ADENA TRACE LOOP We'll meet before sunrise at the Bonwell Hill Boat Ramp parking area, crossing the dam and usually catching a great sunrise before we get started. This trail is gradually uphill most of the way but otherwise fairly easy for the distance, with just over 3,000 feet of elevation gain in 26 miles. For those who might want to enjoy a shorter and more sensible hike, feel free to start with us and enjoy the western side of the trail, take in the sunrise, enjoy the flowers blooming along the Wolf Creek section and return whenever you want on an out and back self guided hike. This hike will start before sunrise, so a headlamp would be wise for the first 15 minutes of the hike. From I-465 E, take I-74 east to St Leon (SR 1) north and stay on SR 1 as it merges with US 52 all the way into Brookville. From there, merge to the right on SR 101 once through Brookville, and about halfway up the large hill turn right onto Bonwell Hill Rd. Continue straight until you reach the large parking area with restrooms. Meet in the very back after you circle around the second restroom. It's called Bonwell Trailhead on Google Maps. (**Challenging**,H,NS,3) Leader: Scott Beam (317-601-1033)
- 8:30 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See Saturday, April 1

- 9:30 AM SHADES STATE PARK The beautiful sandstone cliffs overlooking Sugar Creek and numerous shady ravines provide the backdrop for our hike through this park. Allow 1 1/2 hours travel time from I-465 W. Go west on I-74 to Exit 52. Follow SR 75 south through Jamestown. Then go west on SR 234 to the park entrance (fee). Meet at the Dell Shelter parking lot for a 4-5 mile hike with shorter options. Trail boots and poles are suggested. (H,NS,3) Leader: Ari Shifron (812-272-6926 cell)
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, April 1

Sunday, April 16

- 9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, April 2
- 9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, April 2

Monday, April 17

- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, April 10
- 9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, April 3
- 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 May 15. (Map #64)(F,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)
- 4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, April 3
- 5:00 PM GREENWOOD MALL - MONDAY AFTERNOON See Monday, April 3
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, April 3

MULTIDAY TRIP: Tuesday, April 18 – Thursday, April 20

26th ANNUAL SMOKY MOUNTAINS GETAWAY 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 become US 441, to Gatlinburg. John Schlechte, Konnie Schlechte, John Lyghtel Tim Braun and Narcisso Povinelli will lead AM and PM moderate or slow and easy hikes and Chuck Turner will lead more challenging full-day hikes. Bring plenty of water, snacks, and lunch each day, as we may not return to Gatlinburg between hikes. Full details about all the hikes will be distributed at 8:00 am Tuesday morning at the Sugarland Visitors Center in Smoky Mountain NP (please don't miss this meeting). Great Smoky Mountains National Park has instituted a new parking fee of \$5 per day or \$15 per week. Passes may be easily purchased at the Park Visitor Centers and other locations, or on-line at <https://www.recreation.gov/activitypass/AP2510>. If purchased on-line, you will need to print a paper copy. Other information is available at <https://www.nps.gov/grsm/planyourvisit/fees.htm>.

Please join us at the pool area of Riverhouse at the Park late afternoon Monday April 17 for a casual social hour (BYOB). Contact John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell or jschlechte@fastmail.com) if you have questions regarding the moderate hikes. Contact Chuck Turner (317-777-2594 cell or chaslee08@yahoo.com) for questions regarding the more strenuous hikes.

Tuesday, April 18

- 8:00 AM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – (MORNING MODERATE) – DAY 1 Meet at the Sugarland Visitor Center in Smoky Mountain NP. A 3-day schedule of all hikes will be provided at this time. This morning's hike will be moderate, somewhat hilly and about 5 miles. Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)
- The following hike and the slow and easy hike in the Smokies on April 19 were added after the schedule was finalized and thus will only appear on the website and not in the printed schedule.
- 8:00 AM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – (MORNING EASY) – DAY 1 Meet at the Sugarland Visitor Center in Smoky Mountain NP. A 3-day schedule of all hikes will be provided at this time. This morning's hike will be slow and easy with modest hills and about 3-4 miles (M,PS/NS,2-2.5). Leader: Narcisso Povinelli (317-874-6212 cell)
- 8:00 AM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – (CHALLENGING FULL-DAY) – DAY 1 Meet at the Sugarland Visitor Center. A 3-day schedule of all hikes will be provided at this time. This first day's hike will be 12-15 miles. (Challenging,H,NS,3) Leader: Chuck Turner (317-777-2594 cell)
- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, April 4

- 9:30 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See Tuesday, April 4
10:00 AM KRANNERT PARK AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See Tuesday, April 4
10:30 AM EASTSIDE NEIGHBORHOODS See Tuesday, April 4
1:00 PM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – (AFTERNOON MODERATE) – DAY 1 Location will be announced at the 8:00 AM morning hike. This hike will be moderate and around 5 miles. (M,NS,2.5) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)
1:00 PM WILDFLOWER HIKE ON WESTSIDE OF EAGLE CREEK PARK We see many different wildflowers at this location. Take 56th St west past the entrance to Eagle Creek Park and across the causeway. After the causeway take the first right into Eagle Creek Park West, by the large iron stature of a bear. Park in what is now a pay-lot; use your Eagle Creek pass or pay by CC. (Map #30) Leader: Ed Wright (317 445-5646)
1:30 PM TUESDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Tuesday, April 4
6:00 PM BEECH GROVE See Tuesday, April 4

Wednesday, April 19

- 8:00 AM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – (MORNING MODERATE) – DAY 2 Location of today's morning hike will be announced at the previous morning's initial meeting. Plan for this hike to be moderate and about 5 miles. (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: John Lyghtel (317-626-9117)
8:00 AM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – (MORNING EASY) – DAY 2 Location of today's morning hike will be announced at the previous morning's initial meeting. Plan for this hike to be slow and easy with modest hills and about 3-4 miles (M,PS/NS,2-2.5). Leader: Narcisso Povinelli (317-874-6212 cell)
8:00 AM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – (CHALLENGING FULL-DAY) – DAY 2 Location will be announced at the previous morning's initial meeting. Today's hike will be hilly and 10-15 miles. (**Challenging**,H,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Chuck Turner (317-777-2594 cell)
9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, April 5
9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, April 5
9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See Wednesday, April 5
9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, April 5
9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, April 5
9:30 AM SODALIS NATURE PARK See Wednesday, April 5
2:00 PM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – (AFTERNOON MODERATE) – DAY 2 Location will be announced at the previous morning's initial meeting. This afternoon's hike will be somewhat hilly and about 5 miles (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Tim Braun (317-408-3051)
2:00 PM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – (AFTERNOON EASY) – DAY 2 Location will be announced at the previous morning's initial meeting. (M,NS,2-2.5) Leader: Konnie Schlechte (317-417-5112 cell)
4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, April 5
5:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON See Wednesday, April 5

Thursday, April 20

- 8:00 AM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – (MORNING EASY) – DAY 3 Location will be announced at Tuesday morning's initial meeting. Hike will be easy, with fewer hills at a very modest pace. (M,NS,2-2.5) Leader: Konnie Schlechte (317-417-5112 cell)
8:00 AM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – (MORNING MODERATE) – DAY 3 Location will be announced at Tuesday morning's initial meeting. Hike will be 5-6 miles at a moderate pace over hilly terrain. (H,NS,2.5-3) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)
8:00 AM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – (CHALLENGING FULL-DAY) – DAY 3 Details will be announced at Tuesday morning's initial meeting. Most likely we will climb Mt. LeConte at a somewhat brisk pace for 12-15 miles. (**Challenging**,H,NS,3) Leader: Chuck Turner (317-777-2594 cell)
8:00 AM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – (MODERATE PACED FULL-DAY) – DAY 3 Details will be announced at Tuesday morning's initial meeting. This hike will likely be going to the top of Mount LeConte for a 12+ mile hike, but at a more modest pace and maybe less challenging route than the more challenging version. (**Challenging**,H,NS,2.5) Leader: Tim Braun (317-408-3051 cell)
9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, April 6
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, April 6
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, April 6
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, April 6

- 1:00 PM SMOKY MOUNTAINS - (AFTERNOON EASY) - DAY 3 Location to be announced at Tuesday morning's initial meeting. This will be a slow and easy 3-4 mile hike to wrap up the week for the weary. (M,NS,2-2.5) Leader: Konnie Schlechte (317-417-5112)
- 6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, April 6

Friday, April 21 *Ramadan Ends*

- 8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, April 7
- 8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, April 7
- 9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, April 7
- 9:00 AM FLAT FORK CREEK PARK, FISHERS See Friday, April 7
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, April 7
- 10:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See Friday, April 7
- 10:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY ON FRIDAY Note, the new start time for this hike. This is the same 4-5 mile self-guided walk starting at Pike Library, 6525 Zionsville Rd that I lead each Wednesday. We will walk through Robin Run Village and continue on to Northwestway Park then back to the library. Shorter and longer options are available. Meet behind the library in the rear lot. Hike repeats on Friday May 15. (F,PS) Leader: Joan Griffiths (317-297-7312)
- 1:00 PM BOOK CLUB HIKE – LEADER'S HOUSE This month's book selection is *The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit* by Sloan Wilson. Meet at the home of leader at 726 W 43rd St. Discussion will be followed by a 4-5 mile hike in the Butler Tarkington Neighborhood. You may attend the hike even if you have not read the book. (M,PS,2.5-3) Leader: John Triplett (317-409-3302)
- 6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See Friday, April 7

Saturday, April 22 *Earth Day*

- 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 3:00 a.m. Registration is currently closed for the 100K (which I will be doing) and 50K, but may reopen to fill any cancellations, so check www.onedayhike.org or call the leader if interested. (**Challenging**,F,NS) Leader: Theresa Ray (317-627-1205, tmrquincy@yahoo.com)
- 8:30 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See Saturday, April 1
- 9:00 AM NO FRILLS HALF MARATHON No shirts, no medals, no water stations and NO FEES. This 13.1 mile half marathon is self guided. Restrooms will be located 2 1/2 miles from start location at WalMart and at the turn around in Fort Harrison. We will meet in the parking lot at Binford & Fall Creek. Go south on Keystone to 46th St. Turn east to Allisonville Rd. Turn right/south and go to the next stop light. At that stop light go straight, crossing Binford and the parking lot will be on the right. We will walk the Fall Creek Greenway trail north, to the Shaffer Restrooms (across from the sledding hill) in Ft. Harrison and back. Any questions, please call Mary. Be sure to leave nothing visible in your car. Make sure to bring water and snacks. (**Challenging**,F,PS/NS) Leader: Mary Bruss (317-308-0182)
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, April 1

Sunday, April 23

- 9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, April 2
- 9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, April 2
- 1:00 PM DEVONSHIRES Join us on a 6-mile road hike though attractive and somewhat hilly neighborhoods. The spring bulbs should be putting on quite a show. Meet behind the Starbucks in the Avalon Crossing shopping center on the east side of Binford Blvd just south of 71st St. (M,PS,3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5654)

Monday, April 24

- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, April 10
- 9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, April 3
- 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 May 22. (Map #57)(F,HS/PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)
- 1:30 PM BUTLER-TARKINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD WALK See Monday, April 3

- 4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, April 3
5:00 PM GREENWOOD MALL - MONDAY AFTERNOON See Monday, April 3
6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, April 3

Tuesday, April 25

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, April 4
9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, April 4
9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Tuesday, April 11
9:30 AM COOL CREEK PARK, CARMEL Join us as we hike around and through one of Carmel's most popular parks. Then take a paved trail north towards Westfield for a total of 4 to 5 miles. The address is 200 E. 151st St, Carmel 46033. Meet in the children's play area near the front entrance of the park.
(M,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: June Sergi (317-372-3028)
10:00 AM KRANNERT PARK AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See Tuesday, April 4
10:30 AM EASTSIDE NEIGHBORHOODS See Tuesday, April 4
1:00 PM WILDFLOWER HIKE AT MCCORMICK'S CREEK STATE PARK We will see the later spring wildflowers on this hike. From I-465 SW, take SR 67 southwest to Spencer. Turn left (east) on SR 46 and proceed to park entrance (fee). Meet at the Nature Center for a 4-5 mile hike. Those that want to come early to eat lunch can meet other hikers at 11:30 am at the Crossroad 46 Diner located in Spencer on Hwy 46 (661 W. Morgan St). (Map #24)(M,NS/PS,2) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (317-346-1802 home, 317-412-5190 cell)
6:00 PM BEECH GROVE See Tuesday, April 4

Wednesday, April 26

- 9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, April 5
9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, April 5
9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See Wednesday, April 5
9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, April 5
9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, April 5
9:30 AM HUMMEL PARK, PLAINFIELD See Wednesday, April 12
4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, April 5
5:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON See Wednesday, April 5

Thursday, April 27

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

Friday, April 28

- 8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, April 7
8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, April 7
9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, April 7
9:00 AM FLAT FORK CREEK PARK, FISHERS See Friday, April 7
9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, April 7
10:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See Friday, April 7
6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUUPUI See Friday, April 7

Saturday, April 29

- 8:30 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See Saturday, April 1
10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, April 1

Sunday, April 30

- 9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, April 2
9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, April 2

1:30 PM FORT HARRISON TRAILS AROUND DELAWARE LAKE From I-465 E go east on 56th St and turn left on Post Rd, then turn left into the park (fee). Meet at the Walnut Trail Head for a 5-6 mile hike on the combined Harrison Trace, Fall Creek and Camp Creek trails. To get to the Walnut Trail Head, after entering the main gate you will approach an intersection to Cherry Tree and Delaware Lake – go straight. Keep going straight past the sledding hill (left), all the walnut trees (right), then turn left into the parking lot. (M,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Barb Fagan (317-370-9951)

Monday, May 1

9:00 AM MORNING CONSTITUTIONAL See Monday, April 3

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, April 3

9:30 AM TOWPATH, BUTLER UNIVERSITY AND ROCKY RIPPLE See Monday, April 3

The following hike was moved to May 1 from May 2 due to a conflict. The change will only appear on the website and not in the printed schedule.

1:30 PM BUTLER-TARKINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD WALK See Monday, April 10

4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, April 3

5:00 PM GREENWOOD MALL - MONDAY AFTERNOON See Monday, April 3

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, April 3

Tuesday, May 2

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, April 4

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, April 4

9:30 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See Tuesday, April 4

6:00 PM BEECH GROVE See Tuesday, April 4

Wednesday, May 3

9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, April 5

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, April 5

9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See Wednesday, April 5

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, April 5

9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, April 5

9:30 AM SODALIS NATURE PARK See Wednesday, April 5

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, April 5

5:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON See Wednesday, April 5

Thursday, May 4

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, April 6

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, April 6

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, April 6

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, April 6

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, April 6

Friday, May 5

8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, April 7

8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, April 7

9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, April 7

9:00 AM FLAT FORK CREEK PARK, FISHERS See Friday, April 7

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, April 7

The following hike including all of its repeat dates was added after the schedule was finalized and will only appear on the Club website and not in the printed schedule.

10:00 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK From I-465 E take 56th St east to Post Rd. Turn left and go to the entrance to Fort Harrison SP (fee). Meet at the Lawrence Creek Trail Head. Stay left after entering the park. Turn left just before the sledding hill and park before bridge. Hike will be 9 miles with a 5 mile option. Hike repeats on May 9, 12, 19, 23, 27 and 30. ([Map #18](#)) (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Chuck Turner (317-777-2594)

10:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See Friday, April 7

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 May. (Map #32) (M,PS/NS,3.5) Leader: Jim Griffin (317-294-1121)

Saturday, May 6

7:00 AM 500 FESTIVAL MINI-MARATHON AND 5K This famous 13-mile and 3-mile self guided hike starts and ends downtown. You will need to be pre-register for this event to participate at www.indymini.com. You can obtain club mileage credit by calling or emailing the leader, who will verify your completion through the 500 Festival web site race results. (**Challenging**,F,PS) Leader: Swati Gunale (317-847-0684, swatigunale@yahoo.com)

8:30 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See Saturday, April 1

9:30 AM PROPHETSTOWN STATE PARK 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. Partly wooded and partly prairie. Allow 1-1/4 hours from I-465 and I-65 NW. (The DNR advises caution if using a GPS for this park, as it may direct you to use SR-225, which is incorrect.) Take I-65 north to Exit 178, IN-43 West Lafayette/Brookston. Turn left on IN-43 S/N River Road. Turn left on Burnetts Road. Turn right on N 9th St. Turn left on Swisher Rd and drive 2-1/2 miles to the gatehouse at 5545 Swisher Rd., West Lafayette (fee). Meet at Blazing Star Shelter in Prairie View picnic area for a 5-mile hike. Join us for lunch afterwards at the classic Triple XXX Family Restaurant, a very short drive away in West Lafayette. Yummm! (M,NS,2.5) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, April 1

Sunday, May 7

9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, April 2

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, April 2

1:00 PM NONIE WERBE KRAUSS NATURE PRESERVE Join us to hike this 77 acre nature preserve in Fishers just east of the Carmel border. Spring flowers should be abundant. On this 7 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 FORT HARRISON LAWRENCE CREEK TRAILS From I-465 E go east on 56th St and turn left on Post Rd then turn left into the park (fee). Meet at the Delaware Lake parking lot. To get to the Delaware Lake parking lot, after entering the main gate, you will approach an intersection to Cherry Tree and Delaware Lake. Turn right. We will walk towards the Lawrence Creek trailhead for a 5-6 mile hike on the Lawrence Creek trail. (M,NS/PS,2.5-3 depending on moisture on the trails) Leader: Barb Fagan (317-370-9951)

Monday, May 8

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, April 10

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, April 3

9:30 AM POTTER'S BRIDGE IN NOBLESVILLE Normally I would lead at Crown Hill Cemetery today, but that hike has been rescheduled for Memorial Day, Monday, May 29. Instead today we will hike from Potters Bridge in Noblesville. The hike will be 5-6 miles, with options of 3 or 4 miles, along the White River from Potter's Bridge and visit Forest Park and the historic square in downtown Noblesville. From I-69 go north on SR 37 to 191st St and turn left. Go west on 191st St to the second stop sign (10th St/Allisonville Rd). Turn right (north) and go about 1/4 mile. The parking lot for Potter's Bridge is on your left. (Map #15) (F,PS,3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

9:30 AM STRETCH AND WALK AT ARBUCKLE PARK, BROWNSBURG This will be a 4-5 mile walk on paved surface through the park and nearby neighborhoods, stopping occasionally to stretch. The address for Arbutle Park is 300 N. Green St, which is the same as SR 267. From I-465 W take I-74 west to Brownsburg. Exit on SR 267 from I-74 or north from SR 136. After entering the park, turn right on

Huber Trail, go to the bottom of the hill and park near Shelter #6. (F,PS,3) Leaders: June Sergi (317-372-3018) and Susan Roberts (317-439-1724)

4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, April 3

5:00 PM GREENWOOD MALL - MONDAY AFTERNOON See Monday, April 3

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, April 3

Tuesday, May 9

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, April 4

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, April 4

9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Tuesday, April 11

10:00 AM CHAPEL GLEN From I-465 W take 10th St exit west. Travel 2.3 miles to Landsdowne. Turn left and go about ½ mile to Chapel Glen School, which will be on your left. Park in the lot just past the school. This is a pleasant hike mostly in the woods. Hike will repeat on May 9, 16 & 23. (F,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-652-2779 cell, 317-329-2779)

10:00 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Friday, May 5

10:30 AM EASTSIDE NEIGHBORHOODS See Tuesday, April 4

1:00 PM JACKSON GRANT NEIGHBORHOOD Meet in the north west corner of the parking lot at the Market District supermarket in Carmel for a 4 to 5 mile hike. The address is 11505 N. Illinois St. Carmel 46032. We will walk through the Jackson Grant neighborhood, exploring their trails and different sites along the way. (F,PS/NS,3) Leader: June Sergi (317-372-3018)

1:30 PM BUTLER-TARKINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD WALK See Monday, April 3

2:00 PM DOWNTOWN FISHERS ON THE NICKEL PLATE TRAIL Join us for a 5 mile hike on the Nickel Plate Trail in Fishers and other nearby trails. From I-465 N, take I-69 north to 116 St and go west for about 1/2 mile to Municipal Dr. Find a parking spot on the street, before the circle and Government Center or close by in a free parking garage. Meet in the Central Green, a small park dividing Municipal Dr. Hike repeats on May 23. (F,PS,3) Leader: John Lyghtel (317-626-9117)

6:00 PM BEECH GROVE See Tuesday, April 4

Wednesday, May 10

9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, April 5

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, April 5

9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See Wednesday, April 5

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, April 5

9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, April 5

9:30 AM HUMMEL PARK, PLAINFIELD See Wednesday, April 12

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, April 5

5:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON See Wednesday, April 5

Thursday, May 11

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, April 6

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, April 6

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, April 6

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, April 6

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, April 6

Friday, May 12

8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, April 7

8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, April 7

9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, April 7

9:00 AM FLAT FORK CREEK PARK, FISHERS See Friday, April 7

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, April 7

10:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See Friday, April 7

10:00 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Friday, May 5

6:00 PM BUTLER, TOWPATH AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See Friday, May 5

Saturday, May 13

8:30 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See Saturday, April 1

9:30 AM HAYS TRAIL BLOOMINGTON From I-465 S take SR 37S/ I-69 S to Bloomington. Take Exit 120A, SR46 E. Stay on SR46 to SR 446 (south). Continue on SR446 S across Lake Monroe causeway. After crossing the causeway, go for about 2 miles. Look for the Hays Trail sign on your left. This will be a 6-mile out and back hike on a scenic woods trail in the Deem Wilderness. Hiking poles are recommended for this hike. Parking is limited, please carpool if possible. There are no restrooms at this 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, April 1

Sunday, May 14 *Mother's Day*

9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, April 2

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, April 2

1:00 PM ROYAL PINES This is a scenic 6 mile (3 mile shorter option) neighborhood hike including interesting Royal Pines which features hundreds of pine trees. Meet in the northeast corner of the Super Wal-Mart parking lot to the left of the Garden Center at the intersection of 74th St and Keystone Ave. (Map #43) (F,PS,3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

Monday, May 15

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, April 10

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, April 3

9:30 AM RIVER ROAD PARK IN CARMEL See Monday, April 17

[The following hike was moved from May 16 to May 15 on April 2. The change will only appear on the website and not in the printed schedule](#)

1:30 PM BUTLER-TARKINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD WALK See Monday, April 3

4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, April 3

5:00 PM GREENWOOD MALL - MONDAY AFTERNOON See Monday, April 3

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, April 3

Tuesday, May 16

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, April 4

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, April 4

9:30 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See Tuesday, April 4

10:00 AM CHAPEL GLEN See Tuesday, May 9

10:30 AM EASTSIDE NEIGHBORHOODS See Tuesday, April 4

6:00 PM BEECH GROVE See Tuesday, April 4

Wednesday, May 17

9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, April 5

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, April 5

9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See Wednesday, April 5

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, April 5

9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, April 5

9:30 AM SODALIS NATURE PARK See Wednesday, April 5

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, April 5

5:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON See Wednesday, April 5

Thursday, May 18

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, April 6

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, April 6

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, April 6

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, April 6

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, April 6

Friday, May 19

8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, April 7

8:30 AM BIRD WATCHING AND WILDFLOWER HIKE This hike is in lieu of the regular *Early Bird in Zionsville* hike on this Friday only. Details (e.g., start time and location) are not yet finalized and a Broadcast email will be sent out when details are firm. But for now we can say that Rachel Felling naturalist with the Zionsville library will take us on a tour which includes listening for bird calls and searching for newly emerging species of wild flowers. (M,NS/PS,2.5) Leader: Janet Cohen (317-508-8523 or 317-417-2628)

9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, April 7

9:00 AM FLAT FORK CREEK PARK, FISHERS See Friday, April 7

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, April 7

10:00 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Friday, May 5

10:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See Friday, April 7

10:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY ON FRIDAY See Friday, April 21

1:00 PM BOOK CLUB HIKE - BROAD RIPPLE PARK This month's book is *The Sound of Gravel* a memoir by Ruth Wariner. Meet at Broad Ripple Park 1550 Broad Ripple Ave. Park behind the dog park. Bring a lawn chair and if you want a picnic lunch. After the discussion we will hike 5 miles with shorter options in interesting neighborhoods. You do not have to read the book to join the discussion and hike. (F,PS,2.5) Leader: Linda Whitt (317-891-0955, 317-501-5038)

6:00 PM BUTLER, TOWPATH AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See Friday, May 5

Saturday, May 20 *Armed Forces Day*

8:30 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See Saturday, April 1

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, April 1

10:00 AM DEPAUW NATURE PARK, GREENCASTLE Join us for a 6-7 mi hike at this 520-acre well maintained nature park located at 1400 W County Road 125 S, Greencastle, IN 46135. Trails are natural surface and easy-moderate. Features at this park are woodland trails, stone outcroppings, Big Walnut Creek and a stone quarry. From I-465 W, exit on US40 and travel to SR231. Turn right and travel to Washington St in Greencastle. Turn left. Travel to just past courthouse and turn left again at Jackson St. Turn right onto W. Walnut St going west about 0.6 miles. The driveway to the nature park is on the left. Follow the driveway about 0.5 mile to the main parking lot where we will meet. Bring water. Bathroom available. (NS, M, 2.75) Leader: Terry Roesch (317-910-2943 cell)

Sunday, May 21

9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, April 2

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, April 2

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. (F,PS) Leader: Kae Ramey (317-701-5805 cell)

2:00 PM AROUND LAKE MAXINHALL This is a 6 mile hike around Lake Maxinhall and through pretty neighborhoods when spring color should be at its peak. From I-465 N take Allisonville Rd south. Just before you get to 62nd St there is a Big Lots store on the east side of Allisonville Rd. Meet in the Big Lots parking lot. (F,PS,3) Leader: Michele Kestle (317-251-7157)

Monday, May 22

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, April 10

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, April 3

9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE PARK AND BEYOND See Monday, April 24

4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, April 3

5:00 PM GREENWOOD MALL - MONDAY AFTERNOON See Monday, April 3

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, April 3

Tuesday, May 23

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, April 4

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, April 4

- 9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Tuesday, April 11
10:00 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Friday, May 5
10:00 AM CHAPEL GLEN See Tuesday, May 9
1:00 PM SPRINGTIME IN MACGREGOR PARK Macgregor Park is a 96 acre nature park located in Westfield. Take US 31 north to the Sheridan Rd, (SR 38) exit and turn east. The park is located just east of US 31 on SR 38. You will turn north into the park and pass the playground. Continue back to the main parking lot. We will hike 4 to 5 miles natural trails. (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: June Sergi (317-372-3018)
1:30 PM BUTLER-TARKINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD WALK See Monday, April 3
2:00 PM DOWNTOWN FISHERS ON THE NICKEL PLATE TRAIL See Tuesday, May 9
6:00 PM BEECH GROVE See Tuesday, April 4

Wednesday, May 24

- 9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, April 5
9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, April 5
9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See Wednesday, April 5
9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, April 5
9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, April 5
4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, April 5
5:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON See Wednesday, April 5

Thursday, May 25

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

Friday, May 26

- 8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, April 7
8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, April 7
9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, April 7
9:00 AM FLAT FORK CREEK PARK, FISHERS See Friday, April 7
9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, April 7
10:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See Friday, April 7
6:00 PM BUTLER, TOWPATH AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See Friday, May 5

Saturday, May 27 **500 Festival Parade**

- 8:30 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See Saturday, April 1
9:30 AM 500 FESTIVAL PARADE Join in on the fun of marching in the 500 Festival parade in downtown Indianapolis. This will be a 1.5 mile parade route (credit for a 2 mile hike). You must register in advance at 500festival.com/volunteer/ to select your role (balloon handler, band escort, flag carrier, equine). If you sign up before 5:00 PM on April 12, you'll also receive an invitation to Volunteer Appreciation Day on May 20. The festival will inform you of your meeting site and time. You can sign in with the hike leader after the parade at the pizza party or by sending me an email (debbiebucholz@hotmail.com). Be sure to RSVP if you're coming so I can look for you. (F,PS,2) Leader: Debbie Bucholz (317-361-9210)
9:30 AM DE PAUW NATURE PARK From I-465 W take I-70 west to the Greencastle/Cloverdale exit. Turn right (north) and follow US 231 for about 7 miles into Greencastle. At the courthouse turn left onto Jackson St. (west side of courthouse) and drive one block, turn right on to Walnut St. Continue for about 1/2 mile to park entrance on the left. Follow the driveway for about one mile to the main parking lot. This will be a 5-6 mile scenic hike on all natural trails around the park. Restrooms are available. Plan on having a picnic after the hike. (M,NS,2) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972 cell)
10:00 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Friday, May 5
10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, April 1
2:00 PM BAXTER YMCA TO SOUTHPORT RD See Saturday, April 1

Sunday, May 28 *Indianapolis 500*

9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, April 2

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, April 2

Monday, May 29 *Memorial Day*

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, April 10

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, April 3

9:30 AM CROWN HILL CEMETERY - MEMORIAL DAY Join us today for our traditional Memorial Day hike in Crown Hill Cemetery where there will be flags on every Veteran's grave; you can anticipate Civil War reenactors too. 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; it is reserved for funerals. Drive through 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. (Map #42)(M,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, April 3

5:00 PM GREENWOOD MALL - MONDAY AFTERNOON See Monday, April 3

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, April 3

Tuesday, May 30

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, April 4

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, April 4

9:30 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See Tuesday, April 4

10:00 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Friday, May 5

1:30 PM BUTLER-TARKINGTON NEIGHBORHOOD WALK See Monday, April 3

1:30 PM TUESDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Tuesday, April 4

6:00 PM BEECH GROVE See Tuesday, April 4

Wednesday, May 31

9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, April 5

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, April 5

9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See Wednesday, April 5

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, April 5

9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, April 5

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, April 5

5:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON See Wednesday, April 5

FUTURE EVENTS:

SUBARU FACTORY TOUR AND HIKE – Monday, June 5 In the June schedule you will see a repeat of the Subaru factory tour and hike, we first did last year. Unfortunately, the factory tour is already full from people who were waitlisted the first time around, although the hike afterwards is still open to all. This is because Subaru limits the number of people on the tour and it is very popular. All hope is not lost, however, for those that missed out. Mervyn plans to repeat the tour in the future. Keep your eye on Future Events for the next tour announcement and act quickly when you see it. It is truly a tour not to be missed. Leader Mervyn Cohen mecohen@in.edu.

ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC – Saturday, July 29 Once again, our annual picnic will be at noon in Eagle Creek Park Shelter A at 12 noon, preceded by three hike choices at 10:00 a.m. Entry to the park will be free this day for Hiking Club members and guests.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY – Thursday, September 7

MICHIGAN'S UPPER PENINSULA – September 24-27 Our third trip to northern Michigan will take place in September 2023 and will include hikes in Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore and the Hiawatha National Forest near Munising, Michigan. Travel and arrival date will be Sunday September 24. There will be a meeting that evening at the hotel for all hikers to review the week's events. Hotel check out can be Wednesday morning of the 27th. Hikes will take place on Monday, Tuesday and on Wednesday morning. The host hotel will be the same as the two prior trips: North Star Hotel Pictured Rocks, E9681 East M-28, Wetmore, MI 49895,

phone number: 906-387-2466 The hotel has informed me that hikers must call them directly to get the club rates. If you book a room on line, you will pay a higher room rate. Be sure to mention you are calling in regards to the Indianapolis Hiking Club booking. In the mean time, if you have any questions regarding the trip, you can contact Bill Halik at yooper1954@gmail.com.

UPPER PENINSULA EXTENSION – September 28-29 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. Look for more information in future schedules. 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. Hikers will travel together on the St. Ignace/Mackinac Island ferry.

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 (no cars allowed on the island). Hiking is mostly on paved surfaces, generally within view of the water. There are many hotels in St. Ignace from which you can choose (Google hotels in St. Ignace). One suggestion is the Best Western Harbour 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).

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. Petoskey is a charming resort town and Bay View is a historic summer community based on the late 19th century Chautauqua model. Most of its many beautiful well-maintained cottages were built between 1875 and 1900 and are still occupied during the summer months. 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.

If you have any questions regarding this trip please do not hesitate to contact John Schlechte at 317-294-2021 cell or jschlechte@fastmail.com

ANNUAL WINTER BANQUET – Sunday, December 3 Sunday afternoon at same location as the last few years. 2023 Achievement Award winners and new 25 year members will be honored.

GULF SHORES, ALABAMA – January 28 to February 2, 2024 I have received a lot of interest for a Gulf Shores, AL trip next January. Current plan is to offer hikes Monday, January 28 through Friday, February 2, with no more than 3 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 as we get closer. I have reserved a block of rooms at the Gulf State Park Lodge, 21196 E Beach Blvd, Gulf Shores, AL. Check in will start on Sunday, January 28 and check out will be on February 2. Come for as many or few days as you like. Rate will be \$139.00 plus tax per night for two queen beds with a Lake Shelby view. Upgrades are available, but you will need to phone and ask the cost. There is also a \$10 per day parking fee. 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. Make your reservation online via the following link www.group.hilton.com/1lou22 or by calling their reservations office at 800-618-4350. If you call make sure to mention our group code #908. If you wish to extend dates on either side of our reservation block, they are based upon availability and are not available online. Reservations should be booked prior to our cut-off date of Friday, December 29, but given the interest I doubt any rooms will be left if you wait that long. I am looking forward to a great trip next winter. Please contact Karen LeClerc if you have any questions at kmlcleclerc58@gmail.com or 920-883-9477.

PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

Anna Hastings	Indianapolis, IN	Gloyd Johnson	Kokomo, IN
Jennifer Topp	Zionsville, IN	Christy Kehoe	Carmel, IN
Robert Kowal	Indianapolis, IN	Suzanne Perkett	Indianapolis, IN
Cindy Carr	Indianapolis, IN	Randy Deane	Indianapolis, IN
Cindy Schmidt	Zionsville, IN	Janet Stoffel	Indianapolis, IN
Susan Teich	Noblesville, IN	Marlene Mendonsa	Zionsville, IN

RECENT MILEAGE AWARDS:

Allan Roberts	48,000	Anne Heighway	4,500	Ben Thompson	300
Cherie Voegel	33,000	Chris Jones	4,500	Patrick Eaton	300
Michele Kestle	26,500	Ron Elkins	3,500	Janet Labbe	200
Julie Litten	20,000	Mary Barbara Miller	3,500	Miriam Wells	200
Marge Braun	12,000	Susan Alden	1,500	Gene Wisner	200
Mary Bruss	12,000	Linda Gibson	1,500	Beth Wooding	200
Kate Curtiss	9,500	Mike Lindstedt	1,500	Karen LeClerc	200
Cheryl Conces	9,000	Sylvia McClure	1,000	Marian Fahy	200
Dewey Conces	9,000	Connor Endres	500	Donna Coomes	200
Sandy Fillenwarth	9,000	Mary Hamlin	400	Patrick Eaton	200
Mary Ann Beuke	7,000	Samar Srour	400	Debi Byrnes	100
Mervyn Cohen	7,000	Barbara Fagan	300	Greg Ray	100
Tim Braun	6,000	Helen Morlock	300	Jim LeClerc	100
Rick Wortman	5,000	Marian Fahy	300	Joan Pea	100

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

Pat Lawler's sister Nancy (92) passed away on January 21 a short time after her step son Scott passed away. Long time member Bob Coyra (90+) passed away on March 5. He had more than 10,000 miles with the Club and was a former columnist for the Indianapolis News.

We wish the best to the following member:

Long time member (48 years in the club) Marsha Hutchins has been diagnosed with multiple myeloma and is being treated with chemotherapy. We miss seeing you on hikes.

NOTES OF APPRECIATION:

From the bottom of my heart, Club members please accept my sincere thank you for the many sympathy cards, emails, phone calls and hugs following the recent passing of my step son Scott and my dear sister Nancy. It has been tough dealing with such devastating losses so close together, but my dear friends in the Hiking Club are like my family during times like these. *Pat Lawler*

We wish to say thank you to all of you kind members who sent Marsha cards and get well messages while she is being treated for multiple myeloma. The messages gave her a lift and are dearly cherished. *Allan Pekar and Marsha Hutchins*

WANT MORE INFORMATION? For more information about our Club, including history, past hike schedules, how to join, contacts, etc. please visit our website at www.indyhike.org or contact our Membership Officer Marti Burton, 8812 River Ridge Dr, Brownsburg, IN 46112 (317-306-9878, mjburton51@hotmail.com). To become a member you must be 18 years old and have hiked with us at least twice as a guest. That's it. A Membership Application may be printed from the "forms" page on the website or ask Marti to send you one. You do not have to be invited to hike with us and there is no fee. Simply show up for any hike 10 minutes before the scheduled start time (we start on time), but please no pets unless the hike is designated as a "pet hike".

