



The Indianapolis Hiking Club

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SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 2023 AND JANUARY 2024

(Please – no pets except on designated pet hikes)

Celebrating 67 Years of Sponsoring Hikes and Outings

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

CHALLENGING HIKE	TERRAIN		SURFACE		SPEED
Challenging or blank	H (Hilly)	Continuously	NS	Natural, mainly soft	Hiking speed in MPH
	M (Mixed)	Hilly & Flat	HS	Packed dirt or gravel	not including breaks
	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. Note, any additions or changes to the hike schedule (e.g., hike cancellation) after it has been *finalized* will be announced to all members via a Broadcast email and a website Home page news entry and details will be available only on the Club website *calendar function* and not in the printed schedule or the .pdf schedule saved on the Hike Schedule page of the website.

WINTER HIKING: As we enter the winter season it is important to remember that hike leaders are responsible for safety first. In adverse weather the leader may reroute, shorten, cancel or move a hike indoors. If the weather is inclement, very cold or the roads are icy, contact the leader to confirm a hike. Also, check the website homepage “news” to see if a hike has been cancelled or moved. Whenever possible, leaders of out of town hikes should make cancellation decisions by 6 p.m. of the preceding day. If you decide to cancel a hike, please go to the Website Mileage page and cancel your hike using the Enter Mileage link. Also, please inform your fellow club members by sending out a Broadcast email (see instructions on website home page).

ANNUAL DUES REMINDER: If you have not paid your annual dues, please do so now. If you do not renew by January 1, you will be dropped from the membership and will no longer accumulate mileage. Please return the dues notice you received in late September with your payment. If you misplaced the notice you may print one from the website at www.indyhike.org/forms. Annual dues are \$25 for individuals and \$40 for a family. Also, if you wish to receive the hike schedule by mail please include an additional \$10 mailed schedule surcharge. Your check should be made payable to the Indianapolis Hiking Club and mailed to our Treasurer Kathy Whalen at 726 W 43rd St, Indianapolis, IN 46208. If you have any questions contact Kathy at 317-409-3265 or kawhalen00@hotmail.com.

REMINDER ABOUT THE WINTER BANQUET: We expect a large turnout at this year’s Annual Winter Banquet on Sunday, December 3 at 1:00 p.m. See the write-up on December 3 for directions to the venue. If you would like to assist members of the Board set-up for the banquet, please come about 12:00 noon. We will enjoy a full social hour (BYOB if you wish) before a dinner prepared by a new caterer CR Heros is served. After the meal we will recognize winners of the 2023 Achievement Awards and ten new 25-year members. As we have done in past years, please bring canned and pre-packaged food donations to make needy Indianapolis families’ holiday season a bit brighter. If you have any questions about the Banquet or missed the deadline for reservations, please don’t hesitate to contact Annie Falvey our Social Committee Chairperson at indygypsygirl@gmail.com or 614-596-2020.

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ITEMS OF NOTE IN THIS SCHEDULE: There are 330 hikes to choose from in December and January, pretty impressive for the winter. In addition to the usual recurring weekday and weekend hikes and a Gulf Shores, AL week long trip in late January that 50+ Club members plan to attend, the following hikes warrant a closer look. A Book Club hike is on the schedule on Tuesday, January 23. Holiday theme hikes are planned for December 6 to visit Christkindlmarkt in Carmel; December 17 in Franklin to view Christmas Lights and enjoy cookies and hot chocolate; and on December 20 to see Christmas in the Village of West Clay. Also, Pat Lawler will be leading Downtown Indy Christmas Theme Hikes every Tuesday in December. And it all wraps up with our Club's Annual Christmas Eve Tradition hike in downtown Indy on Christmas Eve with hot chocolate for all comers. To kick off the New Year there is a **Challenging** hike at Nebo Ridge on January 6 and a hike at popular Turkey Run SP on January 14. Look for warm weather Florida hikes on Tuesdays and Thursdays in January. Finally check-out a new multi-day trip to Hocking Hills SP, OH to Hike Frozen Waterfalls (yes, that's what we said) on February 2-3. Please review the write-ups in this schedule on the applicable dates for complete details.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER: Welcome to the new Hiking Club calendar year! By now you should have received your membership renewal forms. I certainly hope to see all of you back with us and hiking with some amazing people. Speaking of amazing people, I'd like to thank outgoing president Rick Wortman for his leadership, Marla Zinkan for her work as Publicity Director, Pat Lawler as Social Director, and Lorraine Smith who has served most recently as a Board Director. Without such volunteers, an organization like ours wouldn't be as strong as we are. Please welcome our new Vice President Marian Fahy and our new Social Director Annie Falvey. It's exciting to have new faces on the Board!

I would be amiss if I didn't mention our hike leaders who put the time into looking for good locations, special events and recording your mileage. To those of you who are current or wannabe leaders, please review the hike leader guidelines on our website. I'd also like to call your attention to an app that could help you in an emergency. It's "First Aid: American Red Cross". It's also good to carry a few band-aids (just in case)!

Be safe and enjoy hiking!
Debbie Bucholz
President IHC

HIKE SCHEDULE:

Friday, December 1

- 8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL Join me for a self-guided hike of 1-20 miles on the Monon Trail every Friday morning in December and January. Meet at the Monon trail-head parking lot on 96 St in Nora. Restrooms are available. (F,PS) Leader: Rick Kinnaman (317-407-9746)
- 8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE This will be moderate pace 5-6 mile hike through scenic Zionsville; expect a different route each week. We stop for a coffee break(\$) midway through the hike. From I-465 N take Michigan Rd north to 116th St. Turn left (west) and go to downtown Zionsville and turn right on 1st St (one block past Main) and then left on Oak St. Take Oak St to the Zionsville Town Hall parking lot at 1100 W Oak St across from McDonalds. Hike repeats every Friday in December and January. (Map #34) (M,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Janet Cohen (317-508-8523 or 317-417-2628)
- 9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK Join us for a 6-mile hike with a 8-mile option. This will be a trail hike unless conditions prompt a switch to the roads. This hike will be in Eagle Creek Park (fee). Use the 56th St entrance that is just west of the Colts facility and take the first left after entering the park. Meet in at the Swimming Area (beach) parking lot. Hike repeats on all Fridays in December and January. (M,PS/NS,3-3.5) Leader: Phil Smith (317-443-3955)
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL Enjoy a 5-6 mile hike in scenic Garfield Park and various surrounding neighborhoods. From exit 109 on I-65 in downtown Indy (Raymond St exit) 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. Hike

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repeats every Friday in December and January. (Map #52)(F,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: David Kincaid (317-787-6593)

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

Saturday, December 2

8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS ON SATURDAY This will be a 10 mile hike or you can turn around (self-guided) at your desired mileage. This park is very easy to find, it's just north of Hummel park. (Google: Friendship Gardens, Plainfield, IN 46168) Hike repeats each Saturday in December and January. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Therese Cokain (317-796-9183)

9:00 AM GREENWOOD MALL - SATURDAY Sign in at the food court by 9:00 AM; thereafter look for the leader during the hike (she will have the sign-up sheet with her). Hike between the hours of 9-11 AM for a self-guided hike of up to 8 miles with shorter options. If the weather is nice we will probably walk outside. Hike repeats every Saturday in December and January. (F,PS) Leader: Glee Crowder (317-859-8159)

9:00 AM DEAM WILDERNESS – SYCAMORE LOOP AND AXSOM LOOP On this 11 mile hike, we will combine two scenic loops in Deam Wilderness for a brisk hike. We will meet at the Hickory Ridge Fire - Tower parking lot. Please bring hiking poles, lunch and plenty of water. From I-465 S take I-65 South to Columbus and exit SR 46 West to Nashville towards Bloomington. At the intersection of SR 46/446 turn south on SR 446 towards Lake Monroe and continue for 15 miles and turn left on Hunter's Creek Rd. Continue on S. Hunter's Creek Rd for 4.2 miles. Turn right on Tower Ridge Rd and proceed 0.4 miles to fire tower on the left. Elevation gain per AllTrails: Sycamore (919 ft), Axsom (924 ft) (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Susan Sievers (317-513-5239) **Cell service unreliable.

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN Meet at Broad Ripple Methodist Church, 6185 Guilford Ave for a self-guided 6 or 10 mile hike. Repeats every Saturday in December and January. (Map #65)(F,NS) Leader: Rick Kinnaman (317-407-9746)

2:00 PM LOWER CASCADE PARK AND TRAIL BLOOMINGTON From I-465 S take Exit 4, SR37/I-69 S to Exit 123 (Collage Ave/Walnut St). Continue on Walnut St and turn right onto Old SR 37 (road is open to the park) for about one mile to the Lower Cascade Park entrance to your right. (2851 Old State Rd, Bloomington) This will be a 6 mile, 1 hill hike on paved and natural trails. Restroom is closed. Plan on eating after the hike at a restaurant in Bloomington. (H/F,NS/PS,2.5) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972 cell)

Sunday, December 3

Annual Winter Banquet

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 December and January, except Christmas Eve (Dec 24). (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Marti Burton (317-306-9878)

9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING Meet in front of 6220 Carrollton Avenue for a guided 6-mile hike with the option for up to 4 additional (self-guided) miles. The parking lot in the 6200 block of Carrollton is no longer free, so please park on the street south of Broad Ripple Ave using the 6100 & 6200 blocks of Carrollton Ave. Use 6220 Carrollton Ave for GPS address. Repeats each Sunday in December and January, except for December 24. Members who wish to hike on Sunday December 24, are encouraged to join the Wrights annual Hot Chocolate hike. NOTE: Start time is 9:30 AM only for December 3. All remaining Sundays will begin at 10:00 AM. (Map #16) (F,PS,3-3.25) Leader: Kathy Whalen (317-409-3265)

1:00 PM WINTER BANQUET We expect another great turnout at this year's Annual Winter Banquet. Details are on the reservation form that was mailed to everyone (see Forms on the Club website). If you would like to help set up please come early at 12:00 p.m. DIRECTIONS: From I-465 on the southeast side, exit onto Southeastern Ave and go to the first stoplight. Turn left onto Southeastern Ave. Go

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approximately 1.5 miles to Nativity Catholic Church and school on your right. Please park in the school parking lot. If you have questions, contact Annie Falvey (614-596-2020)

Monday, December 4

- 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 January 1. (Map #40) (M,PS,3.5) Leader: Cathrine Curtiss (317-209-9816)
- 9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK Meet at 6901 Derbyshire Rd behind the former Southport Police Station for an 5-mile hike. Hike repeats each Monday in December and January, except Christmas Day and January 29. (F,NS/PS,2.5-3) 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 New Year's Day, Monday, January 1. (F,PS/HS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)
- 4:00 PM GREENWOOD MALL - MONDAY AFTERNOON Meet to sign-up at the food court at 4:00 pm; otherwise look for the leader during the hike (she will have the signup sheet with her). Self guided hike of up to 6 miles with shorter options between the hours of 4-6 pm. If the weather is nice we may walk outside. Hike repeats every Monday in December and January, except Christmas Day. (F,PS) Leader: Glee Crowder (317-859-8159)
- 4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE Meet at the Broad Ripple Methodist Church at 6135 Guliford Ave for a hike of 5-6 miles. Hike repeats every Monday in December and January, including Christmas Day. (Map #65) (F,PS/NS,3-3.5) Leader: Mary Bruss (317-308-0182)
- 4:30 PM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE While Rick Braun is in Florida for the month of December and January, Allan Roberts will lead his Monday and Thursday hike, but both will be at Fort Harrison at 4:30 p.m. 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 every Monday and Thursday in December and January, except Christmas Day and New Years Day. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Allan Roberts (317-840-2478)

Tuesday, December 5

- 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 December and January. (Map #51) (F,PS) Leader: Jo Anne Starzyk (317-771-0914)
- 9:00 AM EXPLORE THE UNPAVED PARTS OF THE VANDALIA TRAIL This will be a slow and easy 4 miles exploring the unpaved portions of the Vandalia trail as well as a portion of the paved trails. The paved trail is mostly flat with a few inclines. Natural surface portion of the trail can muddy and is mostly flat. Park at Talon Stream park. Pike Lane is the listed address for the park which is just North of the Richard A. Carlucci Recreation and Aquatic Center (651 Vestal Rd, Plainfield,IN). Park at the shelter/restrooms at Talon Stream. Restrooms are available. (Map #50)(F,PS,2-2.5) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)
- 9:00 AM CHRISTMAS TIME IN DOWNTOWN INDY Join me for 5-6 mile hikes every Tuesday before Christmas in downtown Indy, which will be decked out with the sights and sounds of Christmas. Each week's hike will be different and will include visits to hotels and other indoor locations to see impressive decorations. Meet at the Eiteljorg Museum (restroom available) at 500 W Washington St. Parking is free at underground museum parking lot off of W. Washington St if you join us for lunch at the museum after the hike. Consider a visit to the fabulous Jingle Rails (fee required) at the Eiteljorg after the hike. (Map #33)(F,PS,2-5-3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-652-2779 cell, 317-329-2779)
- 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.

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Hike repeats December 19 and January 2, 16 & 30. (Map #18) (M,NS,2.5) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)

- 9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK Enjoy a moderate 5-mile hike through the woods along White River and/or Cottonwood Lakes in addition to Mann Hill, the 2nd highest elevation in Marion County. Meet at Southwestway Park. The address is 8400 Mann Rd, 46221. Coming from I-465 SW, exit onto SR 67 (Kentucky Ave) heading southwest toward Mooresville and go just over a half mile. Turn left on High School Rd and go 0.2 miles turn left onto W. Thompson Rd and go about 2.3 miles to Mann Rd. Turn right onto Mann Rd and go 2.5 miles to the park. Enter the park on the east side of the road just after the ball diamonds. Meet in the upper parking lot at the end of the drive. (Coming from other directions can be problematic because of I-69 construction. Debbie can offer advice closer to each hike.) Hike repeats every Tuesday in December and January. (Map #61) (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Debbie Bucholz (317-361-9210)
- 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 December 19 and January 2 & 16. (F,PS) Leader Kae Ramey (317-701-5805 cell)
- 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. Meet in the northeast corner of the Hamilton East Public Library Fishers parking lot, 5 E Municipal Drive (Lantern Rd at Municipal Dr). Hike repeats on December 19 and January 9 & 23. (F,PS,3) Leader: John Lyghtel (317-626-9117)
- 4:30 PM POTTERS BRIDGE ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON Join me for a 3 mile hike on a pretty paved trail in the woods along the White River from Potters Bridge and back. 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. Hike repeats on December 19 and January 2 & 16 (Map #15) (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Martha Rivera June (317-750-6895)
- 6:00 PM SOUTHPORT ROAD Meet behind (north side) Dollar Tree at the NE corner of Southport Rd and Madison Ave for a 5-mile guided hike. During December the Christmas lights are something to behold. Hike repeats each Tuesday in December. The route may vary each week. (F,PS,3) Leader: David Kincaid (317-787-6593)

Wednesday, December 6

- 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, just west of the Colts training facility. Hike repeats each Wednesday in December and January. Join us at a nearby Starbucks after the hike. (Map #40)(M,NS,3-3.5) Leader: Jim Goulding (317-695-8744)
- 9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL Join us for a 5-mile hike in downtown Indy and surrounding neighborhoods. Expect a different route each week. Meet at Shapiro's Deli at 808 S. Meridian St (at McCarty St). Please park on the southwest portion of the lot away from the building. Hike repeats each Wednesday in December and January. (Map #41) (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Harold Crooks (317-730-4850)
- 9:30 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL Note: Later start time (now 9:30 a.m.) for the winter months. 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. Each week we will walk on different paved trails and neighborhoods in Carmel. Hike repeats every Wednesday in December and January. (Map #58)(F,PS,3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)
- 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. During December please park behind the library. Effective January 3 there will be new parking location. Park

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in the southeast corner of the Robin Run Village parking lot, by the pond, off of W. 62nd St. Hike repeats each Wednesday in December and January. (F,PS) Leader: Joan Griffiths (317-297-7312)

3:00 PM CHRISTKINDLMART IN CARMEL We will meet in the parking lot around the fountain in Carmel at the gazebo. The address is 3 Civic Square, Carmel, 46032. We will hike 4 to 5 miles in and around Carmel taking in some of the holiday sites. The guided hike will end at Christkindl mart where you will be able to enjoy a light show (starts at 4:30 p.m.), view ice skaters and grab a bite to eat and a drink if you wish. You will walk a short distance on the Monon back to your cars at your leisure. (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: June Sergi (317-372-3018)

4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON Meet to sign-up at the food court at 4:00 p.m.; otherwise look for the leader during the hike; she will have the sign-up sheet with her. Self guided hike of up to 6 miles with shorter options between the hours of 4-6 p.m. If the weather is nice we may walk outside. Hike repeats every Wednesday in December and January. (F,PS) Leader: Glee Crowder (317-859-8159)

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 December and January. (Map #34) (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Janet Cohen (317-873-6586)

Thursday, December 7 *Hanukkah Begins and Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day*

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE This is a 6-mile self guided hike usually north on the Fall Creek Trail to Skiles Test Park and back, however, from time to time the leaders may change the route. Meet at the Walmart located at 5550 Fall Creek Pkwy N Dr at the corner of 56th St and Fall Creek Pkwy. To find the main entrance to Walmart, turn south off 56th St onto Fall Creek Pkwy and then turn right into the parking lot. Park in the rear of the Walmart lot behind Starbucks. Hike repeats every Thursday in December and January. (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 December and January. After the hike join us for lunch (we have been doing it for over 30 years) at Golden Corral on 38th St. We have lots of fun. (Map #17)(M,NS,3) Leader: Rick Wortman (317-701-1329)

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE Same directions and repeat dates as Easy at Eagle Creek - Five Mile. This is a 4 mile modest paced hike mostly on groomed trails with some hills. Same lunch invite as the 5 mile hike. (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Russ Himes (317-892-4553)

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)

4:30 PM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE See Monday, December 4

Friday, December 8

8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, December 1

8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, December 1

9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, December 1

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, December 1

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

Saturday, December 9

8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS ON SATURDAY See Saturday, December 2

9:00 AM GREENWOOD MALL - SATURDAY See Saturday, December 2

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10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, December 2

Sunday, December 10

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, December 3

10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, December 3

2:00 PM RAILS TO TRAILS SOUTH BLOOMINGTON From I-465 S take SR37/I-69 to Exit 116 Tapp Rd. At the round-about go left (east) onto Tapp Rd. Continue on Tapp /Country Club Rd to just before the Walnut St traffic light. Turn left into the Shopping Plaza and park behind the Old National Bank. This will be a 5 mile hike on an all natural trail. Join us after the hike at a restaurant in Bloomington. (F,NS,2.5) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972 cell)

Monday, December 11

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 December and January, except Christmas Day. (Map #40)(M,PS,3.5) Leader: Mary Barbara Miller (317-220-9593)

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, December 4

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, veterans 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, January 8. (Map #42)(M,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

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

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

4:30 PM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE See Monday, December 4

Tuesday, December 12

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, December 5

9:00 AM CHRISTMAS TIME IN DOWNTOWN INDY See Tuesday, December 5

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. This 5 mile hike may include parts of Holliday Park, Marott Park, Monon Trail, Arden neighborhood, Rocky Ripple or Broad Ripple Park. Hike repeats December 26 and January 9 & 23. (Map #65) (M,NS/HS/PS,2.5) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, December 5

6:00 PM SOUTHPORT ROAD See Tuesday, December 5

Wednesday, December 13

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, December 6

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, December 6

9:30 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, December 6

9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, December 6

4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON See Wednesday, December 6

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, December 6

Thursday, December 14

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, December 7

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, December 7

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, December 7

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, December 7

4:30 PM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE See Monday, December 4

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Friday, December 15

- 8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, December 1
8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, December 1
9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, December 1
9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, December 1
6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See Friday, December 1

Saturday, December 16

- 8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS ON SATURDAY See Saturday, December 2
9:00 AM GREENWOOD MALL - SATURDAY See Saturday, December 2
10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, December 2
2:00 PM BAXTER YMCA AND PERRY PARK Meet at Baxter YMCA on Shelby St at Stop 11 Rd (south entrance). This is right off US 31 on Indy's south side. This is a neighborhood hike of 5 miles. Hike repeats January 6 and 20. (F,PS,3) Leader: David Kincaid (317-787-6593)

Sunday, December 17

- 9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, December 3
10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, December 3
1:30 PM SUNDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O From I-465 W take exit 16A to Crawfordsville Rd west thru Clermont to Hornaday Rd in Brownsburg, turn left and go about 5-6 miles to Cardinal Park parking lot just north of 3300 Hornaday Rd, west side of road. This will be 6-10 miles out and back self guided hike. Restrooms are available. Hike repeats January 21. (F,PS) Leader: Kae Ramey (317-701-5805 cell)
3:00 PM FRANKLIN'S CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND COOKIES, TOO Meet in the parking lot of the Franklin Park & Recreation Center, 396 Branigin Blvd in Franklin, IN. Hike is 6-7 miles with a midway stop at Bob & Mary Ann Layman's home to enjoy refreshments of cookies, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate. We will continue the hike through downtown Franklin and the Compass Park campus to enjoy viewing the Christmas decorations. Be sure to bring a FLASHLIGHT as it will be dark when we walk back through town and there are dark places with uneven sidewalks and curbs. (F,PS,2-2.5) Leaders: Mary Ann Layman (317-412-5190) and Mary Williams (317-919-8574)

Monday, December 18

- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, December 11
9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, December 4
9:30 AM PRATHER PARK IN CARMEL We will hike the paved trails in Prather Park (formally 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 Prather Park. Note you will pass River Heritage Park. Park in the north lot by the restrooms. Hike repeats on January 15. (Map #64)(F,PS,2.7-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)
4:00 PM GREENWOOD MALL - MONDAY AFTERNOON See Monday, December 4
4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, December 4
4:30 PM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE See Monday, December 4

Tuesday, December 19

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, December 5
9:00 AM SODALIS NATURE PARK Join us for a slow, easy, meandering hike of 3-4 miles. The trails are mostly flat but occasionally will be muddy. From I-70 take SR 267S to E CR 750 S and turn left. At S CR 975 E turn right. The nature park will be on the right in approximately 1/2 mile. As you enter the parking lot, park on the left side. Port-a-let's are available. (F,NS,2-2.5) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)
9:00 AM CHRISTMAS TIME IN DOWNTOWN INDY See Tuesday, December 5
9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Tuesday, December 5

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- 9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, December 5
1:30 PM TUESDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Tuesday, December 5
2:00 PM DOWNTOWN FISHERS ON THE NICKEL PLATE TRAIL See Tuesday, December 5
4:30 PM POTTERS BRIDGE ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON See Tuesday, December 5
6:00 PM SOUTHPORT ROAD See Tuesday, December 5

Wednesday, December 20

- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, December 6
9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, December 6
9:30 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, December 6
9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, December 6
4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON See Wednesday, December 6
4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, December 6
6:00 PM CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE OF WEST CLAY Come join us for a 4 to 5 mile hike in the village of West Clay in Carmel to view the Christmas lights and spectacular decorations. Please bring flashlights. After the hike, you may want to have dinner in one of the local restaurants in the village. We will meet in the parking lot next to the West Clay clubhouse at 12514 Meetinghouse Rd, Carmel. (F,PS,2.5) Leaders: June Sergi (317-372-3018) and Don Hayes (317-694-1385)

Thursday, December 21 *First Day of Winter*

- 9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, December 7
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, December 7
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, December 7
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, December 7
4:30 PM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE See Monday, December 4

Friday, December 22

- 8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, December 1
8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, December 1
9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, December 1
9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, December 1
6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See Friday, December 1

Saturday, December 23

- 8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS ON SATURDAY See Saturday, December 2
9:00 AM GREENWOOD MALL - SATURDAY See Saturday, December 2
10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, December 2

Sunday, December 24 *Christmas Eve*

- 10:00 AM A CHRISTMAS EVE TRADITION Join us for this fun annual event on the day before Christmas. Hike will be 5 miles at a moderate pace through downtown Indy. There is also a shorter 3 mile option. Wear your Santa hat, reindeer antlers, jingle bells and bring your grandkids. The leaders will treat everyone to hot chocolate or your drink of choice at South Bend Chocolate Cafe on Monument Circle. Meet at Shapiro's Deli at 808 S. Meridian St (at McCarty St). Please park on the southwest portion of the lot away from the building. (Map #25) (F,PS,2.5-3) Leaders: Ed and Linda Wright (317-445-5646)

Monday, December 25 *Christmas Day*

- 10:00 AM MERRY CHRISTMAS AT FORT HARRISON STATE PARK Enjoy a quiet 4-5 mile hike on Christmas Day, hopefully we will have some snow. From I-465 E on Indy's north-east side go east on 56th St and turn left on Post Rd then turn left into the park (no fee this day). Meet at the Cherry Tree parking lot. (Map #18) (M,NS,2.5) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)
4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, December 4

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Tuesday, December 26***Kwanzaa Begins***

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, December 5
9:30 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See Tuesday, December 12
9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, December 5
6:00 PM SOUTHPORT ROAD See Tuesday, December 5

Wednesday, December 27

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

Thursday, December 28

- 9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, December 7
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, December 7
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, December 7
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, December 7
4:30 PM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE See Monday, December 4

Friday, December 29

- 8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, December 1
8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, December 1
9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, December 1
9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, December 1
6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See Friday, December 1

Saturday, December 30

- 8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS ON SATURDAY See Saturday, December 2
9:00 AM GREENWOOD MALL - SATURDAY See Saturday, December 2
10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, December 2

Sunday, December 31***New Year's Eve***

- 9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, December 3
10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, December 3
1:30 PM AVON COMMUNITY PARKS Join us for a 5-6 mile walk in two connecting parks, Avon Town Hall Park and Avon Washington Township Park on mostly paved surfaces. Meet at the Avon Library, 498 North Avon Ave (also known as SR267). From I-465 W, exit on US 36 (Rockville Rd) and travel west a little less than 8 miles, turning right onto Avon Ave./SR 267. The library is on your left, less than a half mile from the intersection. Bathrooms available. Hike repeats on January 28. (F,PS,3) Leader: Terry Roesch (317-910-2943 cell)

Monday, January 1***Happy New Year***

- 9:00 AM MORNING CONSTITUTIONAL See Monday, December 4
9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, December 4
9:30 AM TOWPATH, BUTLER UNIVERSITY AND ROCKY RIPPLE See Monday, December 4
4:00 PM GREENWOOD MALL - MONDAY AFTERNOON See Monday, December 4
4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, December 4

Tuesday, January 2

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, December 5
9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL If you find yourself in southwest Florida this winter please join us for a 12-mile, with a 6 and 9 mile option, on the paved John

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Yarbrough Linear Park Trail in Fort Myers. Meet at the trail less than one block west of Metro Pkwy on the north side of Daniels Pkwy. Park in the grass on the east side of the trail. Call if you need more precise directions. Hike repeats on every Tuesday and Thursday in January. (F,PS,3.5) Rick Braun (317-679-2972)

9:00 AM CLERMONT NEIGHBORHOODS From I-465 W take exit 16A heading west on Crawfordsville Rd. Go 2.7 miles to Tansel Rd. Turn left and go .3 miles to Lion's Club Park where the hike will start from. On this 5-6 mile hike we will visit several neighborhoods and Robey Park. Hike repeats on each Tuesday in January. (Map #44)(M,PS/NS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-652-2779 cell, 317-329-2779)

9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Tuesday, December 5

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, December 5

1:30 PM FASHION MALL In case you are tired of hiking in the early morning in the cold outdoors, here is a warm and fuzzy alternative. Join us at the Fashion Mall at Keystone at the Crossing. This is a self-guided hike of 1.2 mile loops. We will meet in the Food Court located on the west side of the mall. You may walk at your own pace for as many laps as you wish; most hikers do 4-6 miles. From I-465 N exit at Keystone Ave going south. Take the first exit off Keystone at 86th St and go left (east) and proceed to the mall entrance. Park in front of the Food Court. Hike repeats on Tuesday January 9, 16 & 23. (F,PS) Leader: June Sergi (317-372-3018)

1:30 PM TUESDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Tuesday, December 5

4:30 PM POTTERS BRIDGE ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON See Tuesday, December 5

4:30 PM GREENWOOD NIGHTS From I-465 S take I-65 south to exit 99 - Greenwood. Turn right (west) on Main St. Meet in the parking lot located at the corner of Madison Ave and Main St for a 5-mile guided hike. Repeats each Tuesday in January, except January 30. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: David Kincaid (317-787-6593)

Wednesday, January 3

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, December 6

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, December 6

9:30 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, December 6

9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, December 6

4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON See Wednesday, December 6

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, December 6

Thursday, January 4

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, December 7

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL See Tuesday, January 2

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, December 7

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, December 7

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, December 7

4:30 PM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE See Monday, December 4

Friday, January 5

8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, December 1

8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, December 1

9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, December 1

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, December 1

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

Saturday, January 6

8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS ON SATURDAY See Saturday, December 2

9:00 AM GREENWOOD MALL - SATURDAY See Saturday, December 2

9:00 AM NEBO RIDGE TRAIL This will be a 17 mile trail hike out and back on the Nebo Ridge Trail. Allow 1.5 hours travel time from I-465 S on Indy's south side. Take I-65 south to SR 46 at Columbus. Go west on SR 46 to SR 135 and turn south (left). Go 9.0 miles to the community of Story. At the Story Inn,

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turn off SR 135 onto Elkinsville Road. Travel about 2.7 miles; at a creek-bridge take the left fork and go 0.3 miles to the Nebo Ridge Trailhead on your left. Meet at The Story Inn following the hike??

Bring snacks, lunch, and water. (**Challenging**, M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Susan Sievers (317-513-5239)

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, December 2

2:00 PM BAXTER YMCA AND PERRY PARK See Saturday, December 16

Sunday, January 7

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, December 3

10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, December 3

2:00 PM CLEAR CREEK TRAIL BLOOMINGTON From I-465 S take Exit 4 and follow I-69/SR37 S to Tapp Rd Exit 116 At the round-about go left (east) to Tapp Rd. After crossing the bridge look for the Clear Creek Trail sign on your right. This will be a 5 mile hike on the flat, paved trail. Portalet toilet is available. After the hike plan on eating at a local restaurant. (F,PS,2.5) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972 cell)

Monday, January 8

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, December 11

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, December 4

9:30 AM CROWN HILL CEMETERY See Monday, December 11

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

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

4:30 PM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE See Monday, December 4

Tuesday, January 9

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, December 5

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL See Tuesday, January 2

9:00 AM CLERMONT NEIGHBORHOODS See Tuesday, January 2

9:30 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See Tuesday, December 12

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, December 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)

1:30 PM FASHION MALL See Tuesday, January 2

2:00 PM DOWNTOWN FISHERS ON THE NICKEL PLATE TRAIL See Tuesday, December 5

4:30 PM GREENWOOD NIGHTS See Tuesday, January 2

Wednesday, January 10

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, December 6

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, December 6

9:30 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, December 6

9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, December 6

4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON See Wednesday, December 6

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, December 6

Thursday, January 11

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, December 7

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL See Tuesday, January 2

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, December 7

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, December 7

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, December 7

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4:30 PM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE See Monday, December 4

Friday, January 12

8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, December 1

8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, December 1

9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, December 1

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, December 1

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

Saturday, January 13

8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS ON SATURDAY See Saturday, December 2

9:00 AM GREENWOOD MALL - SATURDAY See Saturday, December 2

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, December 2

Sunday, January 14

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, December 3

10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, December 3

10:00 AM TURKEY RUN STATE PARK January is a great time to hike in our second oldest state park which offers some of Indiana's most ruggedly beautiful hiking trails. Allow about 1 1/2 hours travel time from I-465 W. Go west on I-74 to Exit 52. Turn left on SR 75 south through Jamestown. Then go west on SR 234 about 16 miles to SR 47. Turn left on SR 47 and travel about 13 miles to the park entrance on the right (\$). Meet in the Turkey Run Inn lobby for a 5-6 mile hike. Join us afterwards for lunch in the Inn. (Map #46) (H,NS,2.0) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)

Monday, January 15 *Martin Luther King Day*

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, December 11

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, December 4

9:30 AM PRATHER PARK IN CARMEL See Monday, December 18

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

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

4:30 PM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE See Monday, December 4

Tuesday, January 16

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, December 5

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL See Tuesday, January 2

9:00 AM CLERMONT NEIGHBORHOODS See Tuesday, January 2

9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Tuesday, December 5

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, December 5

9:30 AM ST PETERSBURG, FL - DOWNTOWN BAY WALK Travel along I-275 to I-375 take the 375 exit and continue to the downtown split. Take the left turning lane and travel past the Vinoy Hotel on your right. Take the 2nd right past the Vinoy onto 7th Ave and travel to the end and turn into the free parking lot on your left, you will be close to the bay. Let's plan on having lunch in town, many to choose from. Call the leader if you need directions from other locations. Leader: Elaine Wright (317-753-5516)

1:30 PM FASHION MALL See Tuesday, January 2

1:30 PM TUESDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Tuesday, December 5

4:30 PM POTTERS BRIDGE ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON See Tuesday, December 5

4:30 PM GREENWOOD NIGHTS See Tuesday, January 2

Wednesday, January 17

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, December 6

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, December 6

9:30 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, December 6

9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, December 6

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4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON See Wednesday, December 6

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, December 6

Thursday, January 18

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, December 7

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL See Tuesday, January 2

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, December 7

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, December 7

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, December 7

4:30 PM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE See Monday, December 4

Friday, January 19

8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, December 1

8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, December 1

9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, December 1

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, December 1

6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUUPUI See Friday, December 1

Saturday, January 20

8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS ON SATURDAY See Saturday, December 2

9:00 AM GREENWOOD MALL - SATURDAY See Saturday, December 2

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, December 2

2:00 PM BAXTER YMCA AND PERRY PARK See Saturday, December 16

Sunday, January 21

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, December 3

10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, December 3

1:30 PM SUNDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Sunday, December 17

2:00 PM RAILS TO TRAILS, NORTH BLOOMINGTON From I-465 S take SR37/I-69 S to Exit 116 Tapp Rd. At the round-about go left (east) onto Tapp Rd. Continue on Tapp/Country Club Rd to just before the Walnut St traffic light. Turn left into the Shopping Plaza and park behind the Old National Bank. The trail leads through the Switchyard Park and Bloomington neighborhoods. This will be a 6 mile hike with a 4 mile option. After the hike join us at a local restaurant. (F,PS,2.5) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972 cell)

Monday, January 22

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, December 11

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, December 4

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. Hike options of 3, 4 and 5 miles. (Map #57)(F,HS/PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

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

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

4:30 PM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE See Monday, December 4

Tuesday, January 23

Today is the 67th Birthday of our Club

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, December 5

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL See Tuesday, January 2

9:00 AM CLERMONT NEIGHBORHOODS See Tuesday, January 2

9:30 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See Tuesday, December 12

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, December 5

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1:00 PM BOOK CLUB HIKE - CENTRAL LIBRARY Before the hike read *A Fever in the Heartland* by Timothy Egan. We will walk to Central Library for the book discussion. The 5-mile hike will start at Shapiro's Deli at 808 S. Meridian St at 1 pm. Please park on the southwest section of the lot, away from the building. NOTE: If you want to only attend the discussion, meet us at the library about 1:30 p.m. You do not need to read the book to join the hike and discussion. (Map #41) (F,PS,3) Leader: Phil Smith (317-443-3955)

1:30 PM FASHION MALL See Tuesday, January 2

2:00 PM DOWNTOWN FISHERS ON THE NICKEL PLATE TRAIL See Tuesday, December 5

4:30 PM GREENWOOD NIGHTS See Tuesday, January 2

Wednesday, January 24

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, December 6

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, December 6

9:30 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, December 6

9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, December 6

4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON See Wednesday, December 6

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, December 6

Thursday, January 25

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, December 7

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL See Tuesday, January 2

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, December 7

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, December 7

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, December 7

4:30 PM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE See Monday, December 4

Friday, January 26

8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, December 1

8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, December 1

9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, December 1

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, December 1

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

Saturday, January 27

8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS ON SATURDAY See Saturday, December 2

9:00 AM GREENWOOD MALL - SATURDAY See Saturday, December 2

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, December 2

MULTIDAY TRIP: SUNDAY JANUARY 28 – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2 - GULF SHORES, AL

Address for the Lodge at Gulf State Park (where most people are staying) is 20115 State Park Rd, Gulf Shores, AL. Travel time will be approximately 12 hours. This doesn't include any stops along the way. GPS will be your best bet to find your way there since everyone isn't staying at the Lodge and you may encounter diversions along the way. A few places to stop along the way:

Priester's Pecans – watch candy making and get some great food items made with pecans: 80 Bishop Bottom Rd, Ft Deposit, AL

Buc-ee's - you have to experience them at least once; the pulled pork is better than the brisket in my opinion! One of the locations along the way: 20403 County Rd 68, Robertsedale, AL

A total of 10 hikes will be offered during the week. The first hike will occur on Sunday, January 28 at 3:00 p.m. and will occur after a Meet and Greet session. There will be morning and afternoon hikes on Monday, January 29 thru Thursday, February 1 and to wrap things up a Friday morning hike on February 2. (Although this schedule would normally not include any February hikes the last few hikes on this trip are included for planning purposes, as does a new multi-day trip on Feb 1-2. They will not appear on the website calendar function until around January 20 when the February/March schedule

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is finalized). If you are staying at the Lodge you will receive a parking pass that will allow access to the Nature Center (campground area) and the Gulf State Park beach areas. Those NOT staying at the Lodge will need to purchase a parking pass to gain access to the beach parking lots and/or the Nature Center (campground area). We only have one hike leaving from a paid parking area and that is at the Nature Center (campground area). Veterans are free to enter this area. I will be making reservations at two restaurants during the week: one for lunch and one dinner if you are interested. The rest of the meals will be on your own. You will always have time to enjoy a picnic lunch or go out for lunch before the afternoon hikes start.

The Learning Center at the park offers wonderful, educational lectures from 10:30-11:30 a.m. each morning. Hikes will be planned around this time for those that may want to attend. Registration is required. I will send out the list of lectures for the week as soon as the list is posted. They fill up fast! The Woodside Restaurant is a great place to eat lunch and they usually have a lunch special listed at the Learning Center. It's within walking distance from the Learning Center.

Unless noted for each hike parking is limited to approximately 20 cars at all the trailheads. Those staying at the Lodge may be able to use the free shuttle that stops at all parking lots/trailheads. You will need to make those reservations yourself.

There will be an Meet and Greet session and an optional hike at 3:00 PM on Sunday afternoon for folks arriving on Saturday or Sunday (see 3 p.m. below). Questions? Karen LeClerc 920-883-9477 or kmleclerc58@gmail.com. Karen will be sending out another email after the first of the year with more details to everyone planning to attend.

Sunday, January 28

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, December 3

10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, December 3

1:30 PM AVON COMMUNITY PARKS See December 31

3:00 PM GULF SHORES - MEET AND GREET SESSION AND OPTIONAL HIKE For folks arriving by Sunday afternoon there will be a Meet and Greet session at the Lake Sheby Picnic Area, along with an optional 3 mile hike. Karen will answer any questions you may have and have maps of the trails in Gulf State Park to help you navigate the week. Maps are available online (www.mygulfstatepark.com) and at the Lodge. The picnic area is right across the walkway bridge from the Lodge. We will hike out/back on the Lake Crossing and Saw Grass trails. Plenty of parking. Restrooms are available. (F,PS,2-2.5) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)

Monday, January 29

8:30 AM GULF SHORES - DAY 1 MORNING - LET'S FIND LEFTY This will be a slow and easy 4 mile hike in Gulf State Park. Bring binoculars/scope. We will walk the paved trail to see if Lefty the alligator is out along the bank as she often is. We may see other alligators, eagles, osprey and other wildlife. Restrooms are available. Meet at the Hugh S. Branyon Back Country Trail lot (use the park map) on 182. The sign also says Rosemary Dunes Trail. 24037 Peridido Beach Blvd Orange Beach. It is next to the Indigo Hotel. (F,PS,2-2.5) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, December 11

9:30 AM LAKE CLEARWATER Meet in the northeast corner of the Super Walmart parking lot to the left of the Garden Center at the intersection of 74th St and Keystone Ave. On this 6 mile hike, with a 3 mile option, we will walk around two lakes and through scenic neighborhoods. The first half of the hike we will do as a group. After an optional restroom break, the second half will be at your own pace. (Map #43) (F,PS,3) Leader: Michele Kestle (for Ed Wright) (317-251-7157)

3:00 PM GULF SHORES - DAY 1 AFTERNOON - EAGLE'S NEST This will be a slow and easy 3 mile hike on mostly paved surfaces and a wooden boardwalk in Gulf State Park. Bring binoculars/scope. We will stop and view the eagle's nest. The eaglets should be popping their heads out of the nest and we may catch the parents flying in with food. Park in the lot across from the Woodside restaurant – 20249

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State Park Rd, Gulf Shores, AL. No restrooms available. (F,PS/NS,2-2.5) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)

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

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

4:30 PM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE See Monday, December 4

Tuesday, January 30

8:30 AM GULF SHORES - DAY 2 MORNING - GULF OAK RIDGE TRAIL Slow & easy 4-5 mile out/back hike on paved and natural surfaces. We will walk among the mossy oaks at the top of the island's highest bluff, a whooping 34 ft above sea level. This trail is one of the 9 ecosystems in Gulf State Park and my personal favorite! We may see a gator or two along the banks, a variety of birds as well as large turtles. Park at the GULF OAK RIDGE TRAIL parking lot. There is no address -the park map is easy to navigate. Restrooms available. (F,PS/NS,2-2.5) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, December 5

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL See Tuesday, January 2

9:00 AM CLERMONT NEIGHBORHOODS See Tuesday, January 2

9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Tuesday, December 5

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, December 5

3:00 PM GULF SHORES - DAY 2 AFTERNOON - HIDDEN LAKE/TWIN BRIDGES Slow & easy 3 miles through a rare ecosystem. Red and gray fox as well as bobcats have been spotted in this area. Park at the Orange Beach Sportsplex 4385 William Silvers Pkwy. Go all the way to the back of the lot. You will spot the large trailhead sign over the trail. This will be about a 15 minute drive from the Lodge. Plenty of parking for all. Restrooms usually available. (F,PS/NS,2-2.5) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)

Wednesday, January 31

8:30 AM GULF SHORES - DAY 3 MORNING - GOPHER TORTOISE TRAIL Slow and easy 3 mile hike going through another of the ecosystems. We will walk to a board walk to see if we can spot 'George' the gator. We may also see him or a gopher tortoise in the small narrow waterway next to the trail. No restrooms available. (F,PS,2-2.5) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, December 6

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, December 6

9:30 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, December 6

9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, December 6

3:00 PM GULF SHORES - DAY 3 AFTERNOON - BON SECOUR NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE This will be a slow 4 miles through pine-oak woodlands. We may see and hear a variety of song birds. We will try to make our way to the sandy beaches along the Gulf that are a part of the refuge. This is about a 25 minute easy drive from the Lodge. The address for parking will be provided at a later date. Restrooms may be available. (F,NS/HS,2-2.5) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)

4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON See Wednesday, December 6

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, December 6

Thursday, February 1 Selected hikes in February are included only because they are a continuation of the Gulf Shores week or a new Hocking Hills Multi Day trip that will occur in early February.

8:30 AM GULF SHORES - DAY 4 MORNING - NATURE CENTER AND CAMPGROUND TRAILS Slow and easy 3-4 miles around Middle Lake and the NS trails in the campground area. There is a charge to get into the campground if you are not staying at the Lodge. Veterans are free. The Nature Center has an eagle cam (Florida nest) and we can watch the adults and eaglets. Plenty of parking with restrooms available. (F,P,NS,HS,2-2.5) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)

1:30 PM GULF SHORES - DAY 4 AFTERNOON - GRAHAM CREEK NATURE PRESERVE Slow and easy 4 miles in bottom land and mixed forest areas. We will also be walking down Pitcher Plant Lane. This is approx. 25 minutes from the Lodge with plenty of parking and restrooms available. 23030 Wolf Bay

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Dr, Foley,AL – park at the interpretive center lot. (F,NS/HS,2-2.5) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)

Friday, February 2 ***Hocking Hills, OH - Frozen Waterfalls Hikes***

8:30 AM GULF SHORES – DAY 5 - LAST HIKE BEFORE YOU HEAD HOME Slow, meandering 2 mile loop around to the eagle's nest for one last look at the eaglets and their parents. Park at the lot across from the Woodside restaurant – 20249 State Park Road, Gulf Shores, AL. No restrooms available (F,PS,NS,2-2.5) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)

1:00 PM HOCKING HILLS STATE PARK, OH - FROZEN WATERFALL HIKE - DAY 1 This is a repeat of a hike that was first led in February, 2023 and we are crazy enough to do it again. If you want to know how it went last year please contact the leader. Allow 4 hours of travel time from I-465 east. Take I-70 east to Columbus, OH; then take Exit 105A and follow US 33E toward Logan, OH where you will turn right onto SR 664 S and travel about 10 miles to Old Man's Cave parking lot. Hike will meet at Old Man's Cave Visitor Center both days and cover 5-6 miles on Friday afternoon and another 7-8 miles at Old Man's Cave and multiple other Hocking Hills sites on Saturday. Weather and trail conditions will dictate the exact routes and the length of hikes. Because of frozen waterfalls and trails, hiking poles are recommended and YAKTRAX or MICROSPIKES are considered MANDATORY. Hikers that arrive on Friday and hike both days can take advantage of the multiple lodging options in Logan, OH. Bring lunch and snacks for the Saturday hikes. RSVP to hike leader if possible. (M,HS,2-2.5) Leader: Tom Seeman (317-362-8960, tpseeman@sbcglobal.net)

Saturday, February 3

10:00 AM HOCKING HILLS STATE PARK, OH - FROZEN WATERFALL HIKE - DAY 2
See above write-up for details on the 2nd day of this 2 day trip.

FUTURE EVENTS:

HOCKING HILLS STATE PARK, OH - FROZEN WATERFALL HIKE – February 2-3 This is a repeat of a trip that was first led in February, 2023 and we are doing it again. If you want to know how it went last year please contact the leader. Hike will meet at Old Man's Cave Visitor Center in Hocking Hills SP, OH both days and cover 5-6 miles on Friday afternoon and another 7-8 miles at Old Man's Cave and multiple other Hocking Hills sites on Saturday. Weather and trail conditions will dictate the exact routes and the length of hikes. RSVP to hike leader if possible. (M,HS,2-2.5) Leader: Tom Seeman (tpseeman@sbcglobal.net, 317-362-8960)

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

27TH ANNUAL SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK – April 16-18 (Tue-Thu) Mark your calendar for the Annual Club Trip to Smoky Mountains National Park. It's not too early to make your room reservations in Gatlinburg, TN. Most members stay at Riverhouse at the Park (865-436-2070). Bearskin Lodge on the River (865-430-4330) is another good choice. We will repeat the Monday evening pool-side social hour at Riverhouse and on Wednesday we are bringing back the catered dinner at the historic Appalachian Clubhouse in the park. There will be a full range of moderate morning and afternoon hikes, and more challenging full-day hikes. The hike leaders will include Chuck Turner, Tim Braun, John Lyghtel, Konnie Schlechte, and John Schlechte. Contact: John Schlechte 317-294-2021 cell or jschlechte@fastmail.com.

INDIANAPOLIS INDIANS BASEBALL GAME - June 9 Join your fellow IHC members and invited guests at an Indians baseball game at Victory Field in downtown Indy. Details will be available in future schedules.

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IHC ANNUAL PICNIC – July 27 Plan to attend our annual picnic at Shelter A Eagle Creek Park for all members and their invited guests. As in the past there will be multiple hike options before the picnic.

OHIO MULTI DAY HIKING TRIP – October 2024 Plan to join us during mid-October 2024 for the following back to back hiking trips to Ohio:

Hocking Hills, Ohio Every season is a great season to visit Hocking Hills, but there is something truly special about autumn. Along with cooler weather the fall brings beautiful fall colors. The last time our Club visited Hocking Hills in October was 2009. This trip is in the planning stage and when final dates are set, more information, including lodging suggestions with phone numbers will be shared. Meanwhile, if you have any questions about this trip, please contact trip planner Terry Roesch at troesch1@indy.rr.com.

Cuyahoga Valley National Park, Ohio Following the Hocking Hills trip we will explore a new location (for many of us) by driving north approximately 3 hours to Cuyahoga Valley NP located between Akron and Cleveland, Ohio. The trails are similar to those at Eagle Creek, Mounds, and McCormick's Creek SP. We will see waterfalls too. As with the Hocking Hills trip once dates are set lodging suggestions and phone numbers will be shared. If you have any questions about this trip, please contact trip planner, John Lyghtel at jrllyghtel@aol.com.

PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

Matt Braun	Indianapolis, IN	Debra Fortman	Indianapolis, IN
Kelley Hale	Fishers, IN	Brenda Hardesty	Fishers, IN
Stephen Hastings	Indianapolis, IN	Peter Kirch	Indianapolis, IN
Carol McKinney	Indianapolis, IN	Patricia Cowser	Indianapolis, IN
Theresa Cowser	Indianapolis, IN	Gary Dove	Indianapolis, IN
Mike Dove	Indianapolis, IN	Pam Dove	Indianapolis, IN
Kathleen Fox	Indianapolis, IN	Nancy Hertig	Indianapolis, IN
James Kendall	Plainfield, IN	Edward Srour	Indianapolis, IN
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RECENT MILEAGE AWARDS: Congratulations to *Allan Roberts* who is only the 2nd Club member to achieve 50,000 miles. Also, this is the largest number of members to be recognized for mileage awards in our history.

Allan Roberts	50,000	Christine Nitz	6,000	Nancy Garland	400
Jill McFall	38,000	Ann Uliana	5,500	John Gervais	400
Rick Kinnaman	37,500	Tom Roesch	5,000	Miriam Wells	300
Cherie Voege	34,000	Sylvia Davis	5,000	Gene Wisner	300
Michele Kestle	27,000	Theresa Ray	4,500	Bev Hoopingarner	300
Ed Wright	25,500	Susan Sievers	4,500	Karen Graves	200
Rick Braun	18,500	Marilyn Bradley	4,500	Jay Davis	200
Kae Ramey	17,500	Mike Schultz	4,000	David Colville	200
Jim Griffin	17,500	Phill Price	3,500	Daniel Davis	200
Martin Dadel	15,000	Mike Lindstedt	3,000	Cindy Schmidt	200
Phil Smith	12,500	Dori Davis	3,000	Cheri Bray	200
Jo Anne Starzyk	12,500	Phil Coons	2,500	Amanda Smith	200
Mike Seeman	12,000	Konnie Schlechte	2,500	Sylvia Miller	100
Katy Smith	12,000	Jim Goulding	2,500	Steve Knoop	100
Dewey Conces	11,000	Debbie Bucholz	2,500	Nancy Russell	100
Cheryl Conces	11,000	John Bacone	2,000	Janie Westermeier	100
Marti Burton	9,500	Cathy Fischer	2,000	David Garrison	100
Mervyn Cohen	7,500	Betty Johnson	1,500	Christy Kehoe	100
Jerry Green	7,500	Patrick Eaton	1,000	Brenda Kirch	100
Mary K Johnson	6,500	Alan Cloe	1,000	Barb Stayton	100
Linda Whitt	6,500	Mary Hamlin	500	Ari Shifron	100
Rick Workman	6,000	Donna Coomes	500	Anna Hastings	100

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

Much beloved Joanne Applegate, who celebrated her 96 birthday on the day before she died peacefully on October 23, will be sorely missed. Joanne, who didn't join the Club until she was in her 70's, was an active member for more than 20 years and hiked 14,617 miles, completed more than a dozen mini-marathons and enjoyed traveling on Club away trips, including hiking the Grand Canyon and multiple trips to Europe.

Congratulations to member *John Bacone*:

John was presented with the *Sagamore of the Wabash* award from Gov Eric Holcomb during the dedication of Toothwort Woods nature preserve on 10/10/23. John made it his life's work to protect some of Indiana's most natural and undisturbed areas through his work as the director of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Nature Preserves. When he started, the state was home to 46 preserves. Last month, Toothwort Woods in Jennings County became the state's 300th nature preserve. Thank you John for your dedication to preserve the beauty in Indiana for all of us to enjoy.

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

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