



The Indianapolis Hiking Club

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Happiness - A Step at a Time SCHEDULE FOR APRIL AND MAY 2025

(Please – no pets except on designated pet hikes)



Celebrating 68 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, because it is a Club tradition to 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. Any additions or changes to the hike schedule after it has been finalized (e.g., new hike added, hike cancellation or revised start time) will be announced to all members via a Broadcast email and a website Home page news entry. Details will be available only on the Club website *calendar function* and not in the printed schedule or the schedule saved on the website Hike Schedule page.

MY MEMORIES OF KATHY WHALEN: Written by Marti Burton

I joined the Hiking Club in 2010, and Kathy joined in 2011. Because we were both still working, we hiked when we were able to fit in into our schedules. We met when Rena Elsner, a hike leader who led several different hikes, invited us to go on a club trip to Sleeping Bear Dunes in June 2012. It was a great trip and the start of a strong friendship.

The Hiking Club meant so much to Kathy. She was Club Treasurer for 11 years, an active hiker, hike leader and a strong shepherd of the Hiking Club book club.

Through the years we hiked many miles together and traveled on many club trips and other outings together and with Kathy's husband John and other friends. So many hours of shared conversations, laughter and some complaining. One of the happiest moments for Kathy during our years of friendship was the birth of her grandson.

Kathy had the gift of being able to voice her feelings without hesitation. And when traveling she could find information on her phone quicker than anyone I know. In closing I can only echo the words from her obituary, "she will be remembered for her kindness, selflessness and joyfulness." Kathy is already missed!

CONSERVATION NEWS: Greetings, fellow hikers, from your club Conservation Officer, Dave Drzewiecki. Recently, the board heard from Mike Oles, Director of the Forests for Indy initiative under the Indiana Forest Alliance (IFA) umbrella. They currently have an initiative aimed at preserving Eastside Flatwoods, a 100-acre woods located SE of Rawls Ave. and S. Franklin Rd. Opportunities for involvement are the following:

- Write letters to council men/women regarding your support for preservation
- Contribute to the FFI initiative and/or the IFA
- Attend city council meetings to voice your opinion on the issue

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As we continue to look for conservation opportunities, trail and otherwise, we will alert you to these to allow you to participate if so motivated. Check out the IFA website at www.indianaforestalliance.org. As always, Happy Hiking!

ITEMS OF NOTE IN THIS SCHEDULE: In this schedule choose from 363 hikes, including a wide variety of recurring weekday and weekend options. There are three extended stay trips in this schedule: the 28th Annual Smokies trip; Tri State Hikes in Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois; and a two day very brisk hike on the Knobstone Trail. Or you might want to give something back to the trails we enjoy hiking by participating on any of a dozen Trail Maintenance opportunities. Book Club hikes will be held by Laura Otten on Monday, April 14 and by Edeltraud Evans on Saturday, May 17. Join Mary Layman for annual Wildflower Hikes every Tuesday in April and with Ed Wright on Sunday, April 20. On Sunday, April 6 join Harold Crooks for a hike in forested trails in Cordry Sweetwater Conservancy District, then stay for lunch in Nineveh. Up for something a bit more challenging, Mary Bruss is leading her annual No-Frills Half Marathon on Saturday, April 19 or on May 3 plan to attend the world famous 500 Festival Mini-Marathon. There are a dozen more **Challenging** hikes to choose from in April and May. Consider volunteering for the 500 Festival Parade on Saturday, May 24, the day before the Indy 500. And don't forget our Memorial Day Hike at Crown Hill Cemetery on Monday, May 26. And for those who prefer slow and easy shorter hikes, check out Karen LeClerc's Rehab/Get Back into Hiking options that are sprinkled throughout the schedule. Please review the write-ups in this schedule on the applicable dates for complete details.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER: Did you know that April 19 is the first day of National Parks week? All National Parks are open for free on that day (along with several other dates throughout the year). In the 19th Century, the conservation movement led to the concept of a National Parks system. Yellowstone was the first national park in the world, designated in 1872. President Woodrow Wilson then established the National Park Service in 1916 to manage the parks, approximately 84 million acres. That's a lot of areas from which to go hiking.

Did you ever wonder why the Club goes to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in April? Our trip is scheduled during National Parks week! Come join us April 22-24 and experience the wonders of one of the nation's most popular national parks.

Debbie Bucholz
President, Indianapolis Hiking Club

HIKE SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, April 1 *April Fools Day*

7:30 AM TRAIL MAINTENANCE HIKE EAGLE CREEK PARK - RED NORTH TRAIL Today's parking location in Eagle Creek Park is the lot on your right just after you enter the park at the 71st St entrance (fee). Hike will be about 4 miles. Bring boots, hiking poles and gloves. (M,NS,1.5-2) Leader: Phil Coons (317-402-8810 cell)

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 7500 Mann Rd, 46221. 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. Hike repeats every Tuesday in April and May. (Map #61) (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Debbie Bucholz (317-361-9210)

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- 9:30 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE Park at the Methodist church (no fee) at 6185 N. Guilford Ave, 1½ blocks south of Broad Ripple Avenue. 5-mile moderate hike may include parts of Holliday Park, Marott Park, Monon Trail or Arden neighborhood. Hike repeats April 15 & 29 and May 13 & 27. (M,NS/HS/PS,2.25) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)
- 10:00 AM 100 ACRE WOODS We will walk in through and around the hundred-acre woods, including parts of the Canal towpath. It should be beautiful this time of year, hopefully we will see some early spring wildflowers. And that's no April fool's joke! This will be a 4 to 5-mile walk. From Michigan Rd and 38th St, drive west on 38th St past the entrance to Newfields (Indianapolis Museum of Art). Take the first right. There is a large sign that reads White River Pkwy and a small sign that reads 100 Acres. Take the circle around into the parking lot. (Map #56)(M,NS,2.5-3) Leader June Sergi (317-372-3018)

Wednesday, April 2

- 9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL Note the start time change to 9:00 a.m. starting on April 2. Each week we will walk on different paved trails and neighborhoods in scenic areas of 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 restroom. 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 7-9 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 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)
- 9:30 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 to Northwestway Park then back to the library. Shorter and longer options are available. Park in the lot behind the library along the fence. Hike repeats each Wednesday in April and May (F,PS) Leader: Joan Griffitts (317-297-7312)
- 9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL Join us for a 5-mile hike in downtown Indy, including the Cultural Trail. Expect a different route each week. Meet at Shapiro's Deli at 808 S. Meridian St (at McCarty St). Please park in 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) Leader: Harold Crooks (317-730-4850)
- 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 (317-508-8523 or 317-417-2628)

Thursday, April 3

- 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 April and May. (Map #45)(F,PS) 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 four 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 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

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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 often have 15 or more hikers join us and 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 moderate paced hike mostly on groomed trails with some hills. Same repeat dates and lunch invite as 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 on mostly groomed flat trails and paved roads. Same lunch invite and repeat dates as the 5 mile hike. (M,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - REHAB/GET BACK INTO HIKING HIKE Same directions and repeat dates as Easy at Eagle Creek Five Miles. This will be a slow and easy hike of 1-2 miles on roads or easy trails for folks rehabilitating from an injury/illness or new to hiking. Same lunch invite and repeat dates as 5 mile hike. (F,PS/NS,2-2.5) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)
- 2:00 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON This will be a 4-5 mile moderate speed hike through Noblesville's trails and neighborhoods. Meet at Forest Park by the Office parking lot. Hike repeats every Thursday in April and May. Directions: From I-69 north take SR 37 north to SR 38 and turn left, past downtown Noblesville then turn right on SR 19 to Forest Park for about a mile. Entrance to the park is on the left after passing under the railroad tracks. (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Martha Rivera June (317-750-6895)
- 6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE Join us for a brisk 6-8 mile hike in and around scenic old Fort Harrison and surrounding neighborhoods. From I-465 E go east on 56th St to Lawrence and turn left on Lee Rd. Meet in the back parking lot of the YMCA on Lee Rd. Hike repeats every Thursday in April and May. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Rick Braun (317-679-2972)

Friday, April 4

- 7:30 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL Note the earlier start time of 7:30 a.m. beginning April 4. 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)
- 7:30 AM VANDALIA TRAIL This hike will be for endurance training for the upcoming C&O 100K hike. Come join me for a 20-mile brisk self-guided hike (out and back) on the Vandalia Trail. You may do a shorter distance of your own choosing, turning around whenever you wish. The trail is mostly dirt and lite gravel with some being paved. 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 CR 550W/Amo Rd across from the Dollar General Store. Travel into Amo turning right on South St. Take a left on Pearl. Parking lot is on the left. Bathrooms are available. The hike will be cancelled for heavy rain or storms. Please call or email me to let me know if you will be attending. There's a cute little country store by the parking lot if you forget anything. Bring water high energy snacks to have throughout the hike. Hike repeats on Friday, April 11. (**Challenging**,F,PS/NS) Leader: Theresa Ray (317-627-1205, tnrquincy@yahoo.com)
- 8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE This will be a 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. Meet at the Zionsville Town Hall. From I-465 N take Michigan Rd north to 116th St and turn left (west) and go to downtown Zionsville. 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. (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 an 8-mile option. This will be a brisk 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

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park. Meet in at the Swimming Area (beach) parking lot. Hike repeats on all Fridays in April and May. (Map #66)(M,PS/NS,3-3.5) Leader: Phil Smith (317-443-3955)

9:00 AM HIKE IN THE WOODS - FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON Enjoy a 5-6 mile moderate to brisk walk in the woods on the trails. Expect hills and stairs. From I-465 NE go east on 56th St and turn left (north) on Post Rd then turn left into the park. After entering the Fort gate (fee) follow signs on the main road to the Sycamore Shelter across from the sledding hill. Hike repeats on April 18 and May 2,16 & 30. (Map #18)(M,NS,2.5-3) Leaders: Bev Hoopingarner (317-695-1419) or Pam Marusic (216-469-1494)

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL Enjoy a 4-5 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 repeats every Friday in April and May, until the regular leader David Kincaid returns from Texas. (Map #52)(F,NS/PS,3-3.5) Leader: Mary Ann Beuke (317-782-4055)

6:00 PM OVER, AROUND AND THROUGH PURDUE AND IU 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 5

7:30 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD This will be a 10-15 mile hike or you can turn around (self-guided) at your desired mileage. This park is very easy to find, it's just north of Hummel Park. (Google: Friendship Gardens, Plainfield, IN 46168) Hike repeats each Saturday in April and May. (Map #55)(F,PS,3.5) Leader: Therese Cokain (317-796-9183)

8:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING Meet at the Broad Ripple Methodist Church, 6185 Guilford Ave for a 6-mile brisk self-guided hike with a 2-mile option. The hike will be completed in time for those that wish to do the Ten at Ten. Hike repeats all remaining Saturdays in April and May. Note that there are no restrooms on the hike routes. (Map #65) (F, P/NS,3.5-4) Leader: Marian Fahy (916-606-6840)

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)

Sunday, April 6

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK Meet at the College Park Elementary School, 2811 Barnard St. From W 86th St, turn north on Colby Blvd and travel 0.4 miles to Barnard St and turn right, going 0.3 miles to the school. This will be a 6-mile hike with shorter options through the College Park neighborhood. The hike may be self-guided after the first 3 miles. Repeats each Sunday in April and May. Map #70)(F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Marti Burton (317-306-9878)

9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING Meet at 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 April and May. (Map #16) (F,PS,3-3.25) Leader: John Triplett (317-409-3302)

2:00 PM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK ON SUNDAY 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 7500 Mann Rd, 46221. 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. Hike repeats on May 4. (Map #61) (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Debbie Bucholz (317-361-9210)

Monday, April 7

9:00 AM MORNING CONSTITUTIONAL Meet in Eagle Creek Park (fee) at lot just inside 56th St entrance just

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- west of the Colts facility for a brisk 6-mile road hike. Repeats on Monday, May 5. (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 April and May. (F,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Curt Hawhee (317-529-3482)
- 9:30 AM ECHO HOLLOW NATURE PARK This will be an easy 4-mile hike on natural surface trails and the boardwalk. The trails can be muddy after it rains. The address is 7700 S CR 975 E Plainfield, IN. Restrooms available. Hike repeats on Monday April 21 and Wednesday May 14 (M,NS/HS,3) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)
- 9:30 AM TOWPATH, BUTLER UNIVERSITY AND ROCKY RIPPLE Join us for a hike on 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 or nearby streets, but not in the parking lots. Restroom available at Starbucks on 56 St. Hike has options of 3, 4 and 5 miles. Hike repeats on Monday, May 5. (F,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)
- 5:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE Note the new start time of 5 p.m. for this hike beginning in April. Meet at the Broad Ripple Methodist Church at 6135 Guilford Ave for a hike of 5-6 miles. Hike repeats every Monday on April and May. (Map #65) (F,PS/NS,3-3.5) Leader: Mary Bruss (317-308-0182)
- 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 brisk 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 8

- 7:15 AM TRAIL MAINTENANCE HIKE IN EAGLE CREEK PARK - GREEN NORTH TRAIL Today's parking location at Eagle Creek Park is the lot on your right just after you enter the park at the 71st St gate (fee). The hike will be about 4 miles. Bring boots, hiking poles and gloves. (M,NS,1.5-2) Leader: Phil Coons (317-402-8810 cell)
- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, April 1
- 9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, April 1
- 9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK Enjoy a 5-6 mile moderate speed on forested trails. From I-465 NE go east on 56th St and turn left (north) on Post Rd then turn left into the park (\$). Meet at the Cherry Tree parking lot (first right turn after passing gate, then first left). Hike repeats April 22 and May 6 & 20 (Map #18) (M,NS,2.25) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)
- 1:00 PM WILDFLOWER HIKE AT HOLLIDAY PARK This is the first of four slow and easy wildflower hikes that Mary Ann has led in April for many years. Mary Ann will provide commentary about each variety. Each hike will be in a different location known for its diversity of spring wildflowers. They last only a short time every April and different varieties are prevalent as the month progresses. All hikes begin at 1 p.m. to give the flowers a chance to open.
Come see what early wildflowers are blooming at Holliday Park, located at 6340 Spring Mill Rd. We usually see more varieties of flowers here than at any other location in Indy. Meet in the Nature Center parking lot for a hike of 2-4 miles. The hike repeats at a different location all remaining Tuesdays in April. (Map #47) (M,NS,1.5) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (317-346-1802 home or 317-412-5190 cell)
- 1:30 PM TUESDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O From I-465 W take exit 16A to Crawfordsville Rd west through 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 29 and May 13 & 27. (F,PS) Leader Kae Ramey (317-701-5805 cell)

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- 9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, April 2
9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, April 2
9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, April 2
9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, April 2
4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, April 2

Thursday, April 10

- 9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, April 3
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, April 3
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, April 3
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, April 3
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - REHAB/GET BACK INTO HIKING HIKE See Thursday, April 3
2:00 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, April 3
6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, April 3

Friday, April 11

- 7:30 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, April 4
7:30 AM VANDALIA TRAIL See Friday, April 4
8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, April 4
9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, April 4
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6:00 PM OVER, AROUND AND THROUGH PURDUE AND IU See Friday, April 4

Saturday, April 12***Passover Begins***

- 7:30 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, April 5
8:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING See Saturday, April 5
9:00 AM MC CORMICK'S CREEK STATE PARK From I-465 S take SR 67 S (Kentucky Ave) to SR 46 in Spencer. Turn left and proceed on SR 46 to the park entrance. (250 Mc Cormick's Creek Park Rd, Spencer) Meet at the Nature Center for a 5-mile hike on scenic natural park trails. After the hike plan to have lunch at the Crossroads 46 Diner in Spencer. (M,NS,2) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-233-3972 cell)
9:30 AM HOOSIER NATIONAL FOREST HICKORY RIDGE EXPLORATION Meet at the Trail 18 parking area located in the Hickory Ridge area for an 8-mile hike. From I-465 S go south on I-65 to exit 64 (Ogilville SR 58). Go right (west) 3 miles to the 4-way stop. Turn left to continue on SR 58, driving another mile where you'll turn right just after the fire department on W 525 S. Go just over a mile, where you'll turn left onto S 700 W, and in 1/4 mile at the church make a right back onto W 525 S. This will wind around for 3 miles, where you make a left onto Becks Grove Rd. Go 3 more miles to the stop sign at IN135 S, where you make a left. After 2.5 miles, you'll stay straight to turn onto Buffalo Pike instead of continuing on SR 135 S. In one mile, make a slight left on Buffalo Pike, and in two miles you'll reach the town of Houston. Drive straight through town, with a sharp right that turns into 800 W and then another sharp left at the top of the hill onto CR 1000 N. Follow this for 4 miles past the southern end of Nebo Ridge, and take the bridge on the left that's still 1000 N. In 1/3 mile at the top of the hill make a mild right onto 990 N CR 1200 W. Signs for Maumee Scout Reservation will be present. In about a mile you'll pass Maumee and the road turns to gravel. Continue straight for 2 more miles to the parking area on the left side of a sharp turn. Hike repeats May 10. (**Challenging**,H,NS,3) Leader: Scott Beam (317-474-0168)
10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, April 5

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Sunday, April 13

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, April 6

9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, April 6

1:30 PM MCCLOUD NATURE PARK / PERILLO'S This is a 232-acre park with woods, glacial ravines, prairie, a restored 100+ yr. old truss bridge over Big Walnut Creek and observable live honeybee hives (in season). Meet at the Nature Center parking lot for a 5–6-mile hike. From 1-465 W merge onto 1-74 at Exit 16B. Travel about 21 miles to SR 75, Exit 52. Turn left onto SR 75 and travel about 6.5 miles through North Salem. Turn right at the intersection of SR 75 and W CR 500 N. You are now on Hughes Rd. Continue 1.5 mi. to the park. From the south side, take 1-465 W to US 36 (Rockville Rd) and travel about 21 miles to SR75. Turn right and travel about 6 miles to Hughes Rd. Turn left onto Hughes Rd, traveling 1.5 mi. to the park. Join us at always fun Perillo's Pizzeria after the hike. Note: CASH only, no credit cards. (Map #62) (M,NS,2.5+) Leader: Terry Roesch (317-910-2943-cell)

2:00 PM SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT EAGLE CREEK PARK Enjoy a 5-mile hike on the trails in Eagle Creek Park. Meet in Eagle Creek Park (fee) at lot just inside the 56th St entrance, just west of the Colts training facility. Hike repeats on the remaining Sundays in April and May except April 20, May 11 & 25. (Map #40)(M,NS,2.5) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-652-2779 cell, 317-329-2779)

Monday, April 14

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS Meet in Eagle Creek Park (fee) at lot just inside 56th St entrance for a 6 or 8-mile brisk road hike. The hike repeats on the remaining Mondays in April and May, except May 5 and May 26, when Donna Chastain will lead a special 80th birthday hike. (Map #40)(M,PS,3.5) Leader: Mary Barbara Miller (317-220-9593)

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, April 7

9:30 AM CROWN HILL CEMETERY Enjoy a scenic walk in America's fourth largest private cemetery established in 1863 and final resting place to many famous Hoosiers and home to more than 100 tree species. From the 700 block of West 38th St, go north on Clarendon Rd to the cemetery entrance. Crown Hill has asked us not to 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 proper cemetery, turn right and park behind the large limestone mausoleum on both sides of the street not blocking any driveways or dumpsters. Hike includes options of 3, 4 and 5 miles. Hike repeats on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26. (Map #42)(M,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

1:30 PM BOOK CLUB HIKE - GLENDALE LIBRARY We will discuss *Into Thin Air* by Jon Krakauer – his personal account of the Mt. Everest disaster in 1996. Has anything changed in the subsequent years since this was published? Plenty of copies are available at the Indianapolis Public Library. Discussion, which you can join whether or not you've read the book, will be followed by a 6-mile hike through the surrounding neighborhoods (3-mile option available). Meet at the new Glendale Library Branch (3660 E 62nd St). Park in the library parking lot. (F,PF,3-3.5) Leader: Laura Otten (317-378-9945)

5:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, April 7

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

Tuesday, April 15

7:15 AM TRAIL MAINTENANCE HIKE IN EAGLE CREEK PARK - BLUE TRAIL Once again we will be meeting in Eagle Creek Park in the parking lot on your right just after you enter the park at the 71st St gate (fee) Hike will be about 4 miles. Bring boots, hiking poles and gloves. (M,NS,1.5-2) Leader: Phil Coons (317-402-8810 cell)

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

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, April 1

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9:30 AM MACGREGOR NATURE PARK This is a wonderful 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. Turn north into the park past the playground and continue to the main parking lot. Restrooms are available. We will see many spring wildflowers. We will also visit the Park's *Christmas Tree*. You are welcome to bring and hang an ornament. I will have yarn to hang the ornaments. This hike will be 4 to 5 miles. (M,NS,2.5) Leader: June Sergi (317-372-3028)

9:30 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See Tuesday, April 1

1:00 PM WILDFLOWER HIKE ON WEST SIDE OF EAGLE CREEK Take 56th St west pass the main entrance to Eagle Creek Park and continue across the causeway and take the first right into the Bear parking lot (fee) - use your Eagle Creek pass or a \$5.00 charge to park in this parking lot. Those that do not wish to park there, can continue on 56th St and park for free at the Eagle Creek Golf Course parking lot and take the paved trail about 1/3 mile to the Bear parking lot. The hike will be 2-4 miles. (Map #30) (M,NS,1.5) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (317-346-1802 home or 317-412-5190 cell)

Wednesday, April 16

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

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

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

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

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, April 2

6:00 PM SLOW AND EASY AT SOUTHWESTWAY PARK Enjoy a slow and easy 2-mile hike through the woods along the White River and Cottonwood Lakes. Meet at Southwestway Park. The address is 7500 Mann Rd, 46221. 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. Hike repeats on April 30 and May 14. (Map #61) (M,NS,2-2.5) Leader: Debbie Bucholz (317-361-9210)

Thursday, April 17

MULTIDAY TRIP: HIKE KNOBSTONE IN TWO DAYS - THURSDAY, APRIL 17 & FRIDAY, APRIL 18 Join in on some fun hiking the Knobstone Trail (KT) with two mileage options each day. Day I on Thursday, April 17 (see below) starting at Deam Lake at 9:00 a.m. Choose between an 18-mile option or a shorter 10-mile version. Day II will be on Friday, April 18 from New Chapel to Elk Creek starting at 8:00 a.m. Choose either a 15-mile option or a shorter 8-mile option. Be prepared for a physical and demanding hike, with lots of elevation change. Bring ample high energy food and water, also poles, a headlamp (especially if choosing the longer options). We will need a carpool for these hikes, please call me and let me know you're coming so I can make arrangements. Cell service is unreliable, I recommend downloading all maps and directions before you get to the woods. Lodging recommendation for Thursday night at Cobblestone Hotel & Suites, 1015 E Hackberry St. Salem IN 47167 (812-883-4224). Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, Leader: Theresa Ray (317-627-1205, tmrquincy@yahoo.com)

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

9:00 AM KNOBSTONE TRAIL - DAY I The first Knobstone Trail hike starts at Deam Lake (Wilson Switch Rd, Borden IN 47106) and finishes in New Chapel (longer option 18 miles) or for the shorter option you can stop at Pixley doing (10 miles). Directions: I-65 S to exit 16, turn right then quickly left onto Crone Rd. In 3 miles turn right onto Cummins Rd. Proceed 1.3 miles, turn right onto Flower Gap Rd, go 0.2 miles turning left on Wilson Switch Rd. Go 1.9 miles turning right on Deam Lake Rd. Go 1.4 miles and you will arrive at the trail head. (**Challenging**,H,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Theresa Ray (317-627-1205, tmrquincy@yahoo.com)

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

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

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

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - REHAB/GET BACK INTO HIKING HIKE See Thursday, April 3

2:00 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, April 3

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

Friday, April 18 *Good Friday*

7:30 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, April 4

8:00 AM KNOBSTONE TRAIL - DAY II We will hike from New Chapel to Elk Creek (longer option 15 miles) or shorter option stopping at Leota (8 miles). Directions: (7997 S. Liberty Knob Rd, Scottsburg IN) Or, put New Chapel trailhead in GPS and it will take you there. If you have All Trails it also has directions. (**Challenging**,H,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Theresa Ray (317-627-1205, tmrquincy@yahoo.com)

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

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

9:00 AM HIKE IN THE WOODS - FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON See Friday, April 4

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

6:00 PM OVER, AROUND AND THROUGH PURDUE AND IU See Friday, April 4

Saturday, April 19

7:30 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, April 5

8:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING See Saturday, April 5

8:00 AM CARMEL MARATHON, HALF MARATHON, 10K, AND 5K Advance registration required as is packet pick-up the day before. Registration link and additional event info: www.carmelmarathon.com. Self-guided with 26,13, 6, or 3 mile options. Call/text the leader to report your mileage. (**Challenging**,M,PS) Leader: Swati Gunale (317-847-0684, swatigunale@yahoo.com)

9:00 AM NO FRILLS HALF MARATHON No shirt, no medals, no water stations, and NO FEES. This is a 13.1-mile self-guided half marathon. Restrooms will be located 2 1/2 miles from the start location at Walmart and at the turnaround in Fort Harrison. We will meet in the parking lot at Binford Blvd and Fall Creek. Go south on Keystone to 46th St. Turn east to Allisonville Rd. Turn right/south and go to the next stoplight. At that stoplight 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 Fort 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 5

10:00 AM SHRADER WEAVER NATURE PRESERVE This will be a 4-5 mile hike in an Indiana Nature Preserve known for its wildflowers and some very old trees in the old growth section. I am hoping that part of the forest floor will be covered with the Blue-Eyed Mary wildflowers in full bloom. To get to this preserve, take I-70 east to Wilbur Wright Exit (exit # 131) and turn right (south). Go to US 40, turn left and go 1 mile to Bentonville Rd on your right (later known as 550W), turn right and drive 4 1/2 miles to the 4-way stop in Bentonville. Turn left at the 4-way stop on road 700N and go 1.2 miles to road 450W, turn right and travel approximately 1 2/2 miles to the parking area on your right. There are no restrooms at the trailhead. Join us after the hike for lunch at the Lakeview Restaurant on US 40. (M,NS,2-2.5) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (317-346-1802-home, 317-412-5190 cell).

Sunday, April 20 *Easter Sunday*

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, April 6

9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, April 6

1:00 PM WILDFLOWER HIKE - FALL CREEK WOODS NATURAL AREA Join us for a 3-4 mile hike on natural trails in Fishers newest nature park along Fall Creek, when spring wildflowers should be in

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bloom. The address of the new park is 18399 Southeastern Pkwy, Fishers 46040. Visit www.fallcreektwp.com/fall-creek-woods/ for more information on the park including a trail map. Take I-69 north to 116 St in Fishers and travel east to Olio Rd (about 3.5 miles). Turn right on Olio Rd and drive only about 1/4 mile to 113th St and turn left. If you find yourself on the bridge over Geist Reservoir you have gone too far on Olio. Travel east on 113th St through a roundabout and continue to the intersection of 113th St and Southeastern Pkwy. Continue a short distance on Southeastern Pkwy (continuation of 113th St) and just after you turn the corner right towards Fortville you will see the entrance to Fall Creek Woods Natural Area. Meet in the parking area. (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

Monday, April 21

MULTIDAY TRIP: MONDAY, APRIL 21 - THURSDAY, APRIL 24

28th ANNUAL SMOKY MOUNTAINS GETAWAY

Monday, April 21 is considered a travel day. Allow 7 hours to travel 400 miles. Go southeast on I-74 to I-275. Go south on I-275 around Cincinnati to I-75 south. Go south on I-75 to Knoxville, TN. Go east on I-640 to I-40. Continue east on I-40 to Exit 407 (Highway 66 – Sevierville exit). Go south on Highway 66, which becomes US 441, to Gatlinburg. Hikes will be led by John Schlechte, Konnie Schlechte, Tim Braun and John Lyghtel. Bring plenty of water, snacks, and lunch each day, as you may not return to Gatlinburg between hikes. Full details about the hikes will be distributed at Monday's 5:00 p.m. social-hour at Riverhouse and 8:00 a.m. Tuesday morning at the Sugarland Visitors Center in Smoky Mountain NP (please don't miss this meeting). After the first day, some hikes may meet earlier than 8:00 a.m. Great Smoky Mountains National Park has instituted a parking fee of \$5 per day or \$15 per week. Passes may be easily purchased at the Park Visitor Center kiosks and other locations, or on-line at www.nps.gov/grsm/planyourvisit/fees.htm. If purchased online, you will need to print a paper copy. Please join us at the pool area of Riverhouse at the Park in the late afternoon on Monday, April 21 for a casual social hour (BYOB). For questions regarding the trip Contact John Schlechte (317-294-2021 text/cell or jschlechte@fastmai.com). The hike listings below are place holders subject to change, some notes to consider: — Except for Tuesday a.m., start times are subject to change and will be provided at Tuesday's meeting. — Details regarding trails, mileage, and hike leaders will be provided at the Monday evening social hour and Tuesday morning's meeting. — As always, trail parking is limited: please double up in cars. — Shorter options will be offered on some hikes.

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

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, April 7

9:30 AM ECHO HOLLOW NATURE PARK See Monday, April 7

9:30 AM PRATHER PARK IN CARMEL We will hike the paved trails in Prather Park in Carmel along the White River and explore trails in nearby neighborhoods for options of 3, 4 or 5 miles. Wildflowers should be blooming. 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. Meet in the north lot by the restrooms. Hike repeats on May 19. (Map #64)(F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

5:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, April 7

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

Tuesday, April 22

Earth Day

7:00 AM TRAIL MAINTENANCE HIKE EAGLE CREEK PARK - GREEN TRAIL SOUTH Today's parking location is the parking lot on your right just after you enter the park at the 56th St gate (fee). Hike will be about 4-5 miles. Bring boots, hiking poles and gloves. (Map #40)(M,NS,1.5-2) Leader: Phil Coons (317-402-8810 cell)

8:00 AM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – MORNING DAY I - MODERATE I Meet at the Sugarland Visitor Center. A 3-day schedule of all hikes will be provided at this time. This will be a moderate 5-mile hike. Leader:

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To be announced

- 8:00 AM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – MORNING DAY I - MODERATE II Meet at Sugarland Visitors Center. A 3-day schedule of all hikes will be provided at this time. This is tentatively a 5-mile hike. Leader: To be announced
- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, April 1
- 9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, April 1
- 9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Tuesday, April 8
- 1:00 PM WILDFLOWER HIKE AT MOUNDS STATE PARK 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. This hike will be 2-4 miles. If you wish, enjoy a picnic lunch with other hikers at the park before the hike begins. (Map #19) (M,NS,1.5) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (317-346-1802-home or 317-412-5190-cell).
- 1:00 PM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – AFTERNOON DAY I - MODERATE Details will be provided at 8:00 a.m. at Sugarland Visitors Center. This will be about a 5-mile hike. Leader: TBA
- 2:00 PM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – AFTERNOON DAY I - EASY Location and leader will be provided at Sugarland Visitors Center at 8:00 a.m. Leader: TBA

Wednesday, April 23

- 8:00 AM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – MORNING DAY II - MODERATE This will be about a 5 mile hike. Details to be announced on Tuesday morning. Leader: TBA
- 8:00 AM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – MORNING DAY II - LONG This will be about a 10+ mile hike. Details will be provided on Tuesday morning. (**Challenging**, H,NS,2.5-3) Leader: TBA
- 9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, April 2
- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, April 2
- 9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, April 2
- 9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, April 2
- 1:00 PM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – AFTERNOON DAY II - MODERATE This will be about a 5-mile hike. Details will be provided on Tuesday morning. Leader: TBA
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, April 2

Thursday, April 24

- 8:00 AM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – MORNING DAY III - MODERATE/EASY This will be about a 5-mile hike. Details to be announced on Tuesday morning. Leader: TBA
- 8:00 AM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – MORNING DAY III - LONG This will be about an 8-mile hike. Details will be provided on Tuesday morning. (**Challenging**, H,NS,2.5-3) Leader: TBA
- 9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, April 3
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, April 3
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, April 3
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, April 3
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - REHAB/GET BACK INTO HIKING HIKE See Thursday, April 3
- 1:00 PM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – AFTERNOON DAY III - MODERATE This will be about a 5-mile hike. Details will be provided on Tuesday morning. Leader: TBA
- 2:00 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, April 3
- 6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, April 3

Friday, April 25

Arbor Day

- 7:30 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, April 4

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- 8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, April 4
9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, April 4
9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, April 4
6:00 PM OVER, AROUND AND THROUGH PURDUE AND IU See Friday, April 4

Saturday, April 26

- 7:30 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, April 5
8:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING See Saturday, April 5
9:00 AM GRIFFY LAKE NATURE PRESERVE BLOOMINGTON From I-465 S take I-69 S to Exit 120 (SR 46 E). Stay on SR 46, turn left onto Matlock/ Headley Rd to Griffy Lake (3595 N Headley Rd Bloomington). After crossing the causeway, turn right into the parking lot. This will be a 5-mile out and back hike on the newest developed trail at Griffy Lake. After the hike join us for lunch at a local restaurant. (M,NS,2) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972 cell)
9:00 AM THE SCARCE O'FAT TRAIL – YELLOWWOOD STATE FOREST From I-465 S take I-65 S to Exit 68 (SR 46W/Nashville) and continue west on SR 46. At the traffic light in Nashville turn left and continue on SR 46W, go 5.8 miles and look for the Yellowwood State Forest sign at Knights Corner. Turn right and follow Yellowwood Rd for 2 miles until you come to signage for Scarce o' Fat trail/High King Hill trailhead. Bear left and go 0.3 miles to signage for Dam & Trails, turn right. Go .1 mile and you will reach the first of two parking areas for Scarce o' Fat/High King Hill trailhead. Go another .1 mile to reach the second trailhead/parking. No restrooms at the trailhead. This is a good training opportunity for anyone hiking the Presidential Range/White Mts trip. We will hike the Scarce o' Fat trail in one direction (5 miles), break for lunch, and then hike the same trail in the opposite direction (5 miles). This will be a 10-mile challenging, rugged hike. Bring high energy snacks, hiking poles, lunch, water. Ticks will be out in full force. To check out elevation changes, go to AllTrails and enter Scarce o' Fat. (**Challenging**,M,NS 2.5-3) Leader: Susan Sievers (317-513-5239)
10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, April 5

Sunday, April 27

- 9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, April 6
9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, April 6
1:00 PM DEVONSHIRES Join us on a 6-mile road hike though attractive and somewhat hilly neighborhoods which should be ablaze with spring color. 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 (317-445-5646)
1:30 PM SUNDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O From I-465 W take exit 16A to Crawfordsville Rd west through 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 May 18 and 25. (F,PS) Leader: Kae Ramey (317-701-5805 cell)
2:00 PM SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT EAGLE CREEK PARK See Sunday, April 13

Monday, April 28

- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, April 14
9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, April 7
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. We will start with a restroom break at the Community Center. Hike repeats on Monday, May 11. (Map #57)(F,HS/PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)
5:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, April 7

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

Tuesday, April 29

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

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, April 1

9:30 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See Tuesday, April 1

1:00 PM WILDFLOWER HIKE AT MC CORMICK'S CREEK STATE PARK From I-465 SW, take SR 67 southwest to Spencer. Turn left on SR 46 and proceed to the park entrance(fee). We will meet at the Nature Center for a 2-4 mile hike. Those that want to come early and have lunch with other hikers meet at 11:30 a.m. at the Crossroad 46 Diner located in Spencer on SR 46 (661 W. Morgan St). (Map #24)(M,NS,1.5-2) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (317-346-1802 home or 317-412-5190 cell).

1:30 PM TUESDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Tuesday, April 8

Wednesday, April 30

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

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

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

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

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, April 2

6:00 PM SLOW AND EASY AT SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, April 16

Thursday, May 1

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

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

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

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

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - REHAB/GET BACK INTO HIKING HIKE See Thursday, April 3

2:00 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, April 3

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

Friday, May 2

7:30 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, April 4

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

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

9:00 AM HIKE IN THE WOODS - FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON See Friday, April 4

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

6:00 PM BUTLER, CANAL 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 3

3:00 AM C&O CANAL ONE DAY HIKE The 100 K starts in Washington DC and continues along the C&O towpath to the finish at Harpers Ferry, WV. Start time is 3:00 a.m. for the 100K and 10:00 a.m. for the 50K. Registration is currently closed for the 100K and 50K, but will reopen to fill any cancellations, check www.onedayhike.org or call the leader if interested. (**Challenging**,F,NS) Leader: Theresa Ray (317- 627-1205, tmrquincy@yahoo.com)

7:00 AM 500 FESTIVAL MINI-MARATHON AND 5K This famous 13-mile and 3-mile self-guided hike starts

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and ends in downtown Indy. You will need to register for this event at www.indymini.com which includes race details. 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: Martha Rivera June (317-750-6895, churca40@yahoo.es)

7:30 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, April 5

8:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING See Saturday, April 5

8:30 AM FARMER'S MARKET HIKE AT W.S. GIBBS MEMORIAL PARK The hike will cover many of the trails in the park. This slow, easy 3-mile hike may be on some wet/muddy areas. We will climb the 30-foot tall observation hill and check out the 8-acre pollinator garden to see if anything is in bloom. After the hike stay for the Farmer's Market. There will be seasonal produce, homemade breads/candies and local artisans. Park at the lot by the playground on the right about 1/4 mile after you enter the park. 4521 Gibbs Rd, Danville, IN. Restrooms available (M,NS/HS/PS,2) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)

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

1:30 PM HOME PLACE ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL HIKE This will be a 4 to 5-mile hike on the Monon Trail and nearby neighborhoods. From the intersection of 116 St and Westfield Blvd/Rangeline Road in Carmel go south to Central Park Drive turn right on Central Park Drive and go to the parking lot. Meet in the north end close to the Monon Trail. We will stop part of the way through for some ice cream. Also, the military museum will be open for us this year. We will take a quick peek. (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: June Sergi (317-372-3028)

Sunday, May 4

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, April 6

9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, April 6

10:00 AM CORDRY SWEETWATER TRAILS & GRILLERZ Join us again for a hike in the Cordry Sweetwater Conservancy District on mostly forested trails for 5 miles. Then join us at Grillerz in Nineveh for lunch. We will meet in the parking lot by the Sweetwater beach where restrooms will be available. Allow about one hour from I-465 S. Take your best route to Nineveh which is about 10 miles south of Franklin (via I-65, US 31 or SR 135). At the dead 4-way flashing light take Nineveh Rd south for 4 miles. At the Sweetwater Reality office take the U curve to the right for 1.3 miles. When you see the fire station ahead, ease right onto Sunset Dr for about 3/4 mile to the beach parking area on the right. (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Harold Crooks (317 730-4850)

2:00 PM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK ON SUNDAY See Sunday, April 6

2:00 PM SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT EAGLE CREEK PARK See Sunday, April 13

Monday, May 5

9:00 AM MORNING CONSTITUTIONAL See Monday, April 7

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, April 7

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

5:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, April 7

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

Tuesday, May 6

7:00 AM TRAIL MAINTENANCE HIKE IN EAGLE CREEK PARK - RED SOUTH TRAIL Today's parking location is the parking lot on your right just after you enter the park at the 56th St gate (fee). Hike will be about 4-5 miles. Bring boots, hiking poles and gloves. (Map #40) (M,NS,1.5-2) Leader: Phil Coons (317-402-8810 cell)

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

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, April 1

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9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Tuesday, April 8

10:00 AM SLOW AND EASY IN MORGAN MONROE STATE FOREST Join us for a 5-mile hike with shorter options on the paved trail in Morgan Monroe State Forest that parallels Forest Rd. This hike is in the woods, on paved trails that include only a few modest hills. Spring wildflowers should still be prevalent making it a very pretty hike. Directions: From I-465 S take I-69 south and go the first exit south of Martinsville to Liberty Church exit (look for Morgan Monroe SF sign). Take Liberty Church exit and turn left and go to the first crossroad (Old SR 37), turn right and follow Old SR 37, staying right at the Hacker Creek Rd curve. It is 4.0 miles from where you turn on to Old SR 37 to the forest entrance. When you reach the forest entrance drive 4.5 miles on Forest Rd to the campground where the fire tower is. We will walk back toward the forest entrance on the paved trail for 2.5 miles and then retrace our steps. Restrooms are available at the Fire Tower. After the hike join us for lunch in Martinsville. (Map #28)(F,PS,2.5) Leader: Marthene Kohlmeyer (317-849-5051)

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 May 20. (F,PS,3) Leader: John Lyghtel (317-626-9117)

Wednesday, May 7

MULTI DAY TRIP: WEDNESDAY, MAY 7 - FRIDAY, MAY 9

TRI-STATE HIKES

We will hike on Wednesday afternoon in Audubon State Park in Henderson Kentucky. It is just across the river from Evansville. On Thursday we will hike all day in New Harmonie State Park and on Friday morning in Beall Woods State Park in Illinois. Because we anticipate over 60 hikers, we will be offering three different hike options each day. We have rooms held at New Harmony Inn for the Wednesday and Thursday nights. The rate is \$115.00 + tax. To make a reservation telephone 1-812-682-4431; tell them that you are a member of the Indianapolis Hiking Club. Please note that all three days of this trip are on Central Time, ONE HOUR BEHIND Indianapolis. The start times in the hike descriptions below are all listed in local (Central) time. Restrooms are available in all three parks.

After the hike on Thursday, you will need to travel Audubon State Park to New Harmonie Inn is 33 miles about 40 minutes <https://maps.app.goo.gl/BVDZx7N5c28fx99v8>. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the trip organizer Mervyn Cohen at mecohen@iu.edu or 317 417-2628.

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

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

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

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

1:30 PM TRI STATE HIKES - DAY I BRISK - AUDUBON STATE PARK, KENTUCKY This is the first of three hikes this afternoon. This will be a 5-mile brisk pace hike, led by one of the leaders listed below. Hike will be on woodland trails with hills. Directions – the travel time is about 3 hours from Indianapolis. Follow I-69 South, from Indianapolis to Evansville. In Evansville take exit 0 from I-69 on to SR 41 South. The destination will be on the left after 4.4 miles. You will cross the bridge over the Ohio river. No entrance fee. Meet at the parking lot for the Audubon Museum and Nature Center. It is on your left about 1/2 mile from the park entrance. You are strongly encouraged to arrive about 1-1.5 hours early and tour the Audubon Museum. It is spectacular. www.friendsof Audubon.org/museum-nature-center/ Do not miss it. No food is sold in the park. You may want to bring a picnic lunch. (H,NS,2.5) Leaders Mervyn Cohen (317 417-2628) or Dale McCuiston (812 629-3577) or Phil Smith (317 443-3955)

1:30 PM TRI STATE HIKES - DAY I MODERATE - AUDUBON STATE PARK, KENTUCKY This will be a

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moderate pace 5-mile hike led by one of the leaders listed below. Same directions and meeting point and information about the Audubon Museum as brisk hike. (H,NS, 2.5) Leaders: Mervyn Cohen (317 417-2628) or Dale McCuiston (812 629-3577) or Phil Smith (317 443-3955)

1:30 PM TRI STATE HIKES - DAY I SLOW AND EASY - AUDUBON STATE PARK, KENTUCKY This will be a slower 4-mile hike led by one of the leaders listed below. Same directions and meeting point and information about the Audubon Museum as described in the Brisk hike. (H,NS,2.0) Leaders Mervyn Cohen (317 417-2628) or Dale McCuiston (812 629-3577) or Phil Smith (317-443-3955)

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, April 2

Thursday, May 8

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

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

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

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

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - REHAB/GET BACK INTO HIKING HIKE See Thursday, April 3

9:30 AM TRI STATE HIKES - DAY II MORNING MODERATE - HARMONIE STATE PARK, INDIANA This will be a moderate pace 5-mile hike. Same Sycamore Ridge Trail meeting location, directions and lunch recommendation as brisk hike. (M,NS,2.5) Leaders: Mervyn Cohen (317 417-2628) or Dale McCuiston (812 629-3577) or Phil Smith (317 443-3955)

9:30 AM TRI STATE HIKES - DAY II MORNING BRISK - HARMONIE STATE PARK, INDIANA Travel from Audubon State Park to New Harmonie Inn is 33 miles about 40 minutes <https://maps.app.goo.gl/BVDZx7N5c28fx99v8>. All Day II hikes will be in Harmonie State Park. From New Harmony Inn to Harmonie State Park 10 minutes 4.5 miles. It will be another 3.9 miles to the meeting point in the park. Entrance fee or Indiana State Park pass. <https://maps.app.goo.gl/wECaeFdIDWNSvSr6>.

This is the first of three hikes this morning. This hike will be a brisk 5-miles on woodland trails with some up and down. Meet at the Sycamore Ridge Trail parking lot. From the Park entrance (fee) go straight for about 3.9 miles to the Sycamore Ridge turnoff. You will pass the Cherry Hill Shelter about 1/4 mile before the Sycamore ridge turnoff. There is a signpost to the Sycamore Ridge trail parking lot. Turn left and the parking lot is about 1/4 miles. After the hike lunch on your own. Bring a picnic to the park or return to New Harmony. There is no food available in Harmonie State Park. (H,NS,2.5-3) Leaders: Mervyn Cohen (317 417-2628) or Dale McCuiston (812 629-3577) or Phil Smith (317 443-3955)

9:30 AM TRI STATE HIKES - DAY II MORNING SLOW AND EASY - HARMONIE STATE PARK, INDIANA This will be a slower 4-mile trail hike. Same Sycamore Ridge Trail meeting location, directions and lunch advise as Brisk hike. (M,NS,2.0) Leaders: Mervyn Cohen (317 417-2628) or Dale McCuiston (812 629-3577) or Phil Smith (317 443-3955)

2:00 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, April 3

2:00 PM TRI STATE HIKES - DAY II AFTERNOON BRISK - HARMONIE STATE PARK, INDIANA This is the first of three hikes this afternoon. This hike will be 5 miles at a brisk pace. Hike is on woodland trails with some up and down. Meet at the Cherry Hill Shelter parking lot. (It is also the trail head for trail 6). You will have passed it on the way to the Sycamore Ridge trail for the morning hike. See directions for the 9:30 a.m. brisk hike (H,NS,2.5-3) Leaders: Mervyn Cohen (317 417-2628) or Dale McCuiston (812 629-3577) or Phil Smith (317 443-3955)

2:00 PM TRI STATE HIKES - DAY II AFTERNOON MODERATE - HARMONIE STATE PARK, INDIANA This will be a 5-mile hike at a moderate pace on wooded trails. See Brisk hike for directions. (M,NS,2.5) Leaders: Mervyn Cohen (317 417-2628) or Dale McCuiston (812 629-3577) or Phil Smith (317 443-3955)

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2:00 PM TRI STATE HIKES - DAY II AFTERNOON SLOW AND EASY - HARMONIE STATE PARK, INDIANA This will be a 4-mile hike at a slow and easy pace on wooded trails. See Brisk hike for directions. (M,NS,2.0) Leaders: Mervyn Cohen (317 417-2628) or Dale McCuiston (812 629-3577) or Phil Smith (317 443-3955)

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

Friday, May 9

7:30 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, April 4

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

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

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

10:00 AM TRI STATE HIKES - DAY III BRISK - BEALL WOODS SP, ILLINOIS Directions from New Harmonie Inn to Beall Woods State Park. About 27 miles, 40 minutes. Take SR 69 North to I-64. Turn left. Continue for almost 6 miles (you will cross the Wabash River) and turn right on Illinois Route 1. After 11.5 miles turn right on 1st St/CR 900 in Keensburg. There is a sign to Beall Woods SP at the turn. After 1.8 miles turn left on 800 East, look for a large Beall Woods sign just past the turn. After 0.5 miles turn right into the park. After 0.3 miles turn left at a stop sign. Continue 0.3 miles to the Visitor center/Interpretive center. Park in the large lot. All three hikes will meet at the Visitors Center. No entrance fee.

This morning's brisk 6-mile hike will begin at 10:00 AM on mostly flat woodland trails. After the hike it is about 168 miles back to Indy (2hrs 45 mins) <https://maps.app.goo.gl/qS8zEcF15FfSJjBV8>. (M,NS,3.0) Leaders: Mervyn Cohen (317 417-2628) or Dale McCuiston (812 629-3577) or Phil Smith (317 443-3955)

10:00 AM TRI STATE HIKES - DAY III MODERATE - BEALL WOODS SP, ILLINOIS For directions to Beall Woods SP from New Harmonie see Day III brisk hike write-up. This will be a moderate speed 5-mile hike starting at 10:00 a.m. from the Visitors Center. (F,NS,2.5) Leaders: Mervyn Cohen (317 417-2628) or Dale McCuiston (812-629-3577) or Phil Smith (317- 443-3955)

10:00 AM TRI STATE HIKES - DAY III SLOW AND EASY - BEALL WOODS SP, ILLINOIS For directions to Beall Woods SP from New Harmonie see Day III brisk hike write-up. This will be a slow and easy 4-mile hike starting at 10:00 a.m. from the Visitors Center. (F,NS,2.0) Leaders: Mervyn Cohen (317 417-2628) or Dale McCuiston (812-629-3577) or Phil Smith (317- 443-3955)

6:00 PM BUTLER, CANAL TOWPATH AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See Friday, May 2

Saturday, May 10

7:30 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, April 5

8:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING See Saturday, April 5

9:30 AM HOOSIER NATIONAL FOREST HICKORY RIDGE EXPLORATION See Saturday, April 12

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

Sunday, May 11 *Mother's Day*

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, April 6

9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, April 6

1:00 PM POTTERS BRIDGE IN NOBLESVILLE We will walk 6 miles (with shorter options) along the White River from Potter's Bridge, a historic covered bridge, and visit Forest Park and the historic square in downtown Noblesville. Spring flowers should make for a pretty walk. 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)

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Monday, May 12

- 7:00 AM SEVEN AT SEVEN Get your mileage completed before the heat of the day with this 7-mile hike through south Broad Ripple and beyond – on the Monon Trail; 5 and 9-mile options too. Meet at Canterbury Park, 5510 Carvel Ave – bathrooms available in the park. Hike repeats Monday May 19 & 26 and Wednesday, May 14, 21 & 28. (F,PS,3-4) Leader: Laura Otten (317-378-9945)
- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, April 14
- 9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, April 7
- 9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE PARK AND BEYOND See Monday, April 28
- 5:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, April 7
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, April 7

Tuesday, May 13

- 7:00 AM TRAIL MAINTENANCE HIKE IN EAGLE CREEK PARK - ORANGE TRAIL Today's parking location is the parking lot on your right just after you enter the park at the 56th St gate (fee) . 3-4 miles. Bring boots, hiking poles and gloves. (Map #40) (M,NS,1.5-2) Leader: Phil Coons (317-402-8810 cell)
- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, April 1
- 9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, April 1
- 9:30 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See Tuesday, April 1
- 1:30 PM TUESDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Tuesday, April 8

Wednesday, May 14

- 7:00 AM SEVEN AT SEVEN See Monday, May 12
- 9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, April 2
- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, April 2
- 9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, April 2
- 9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, April 2
- 9:30 AM ECHO HOLLOW NATURE PARK See Monday, April 7
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, April 2
- 6:00 PM SLOW AND EASY AT SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, April 16

Thursday, May 15

- 9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, April 3
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, April 3
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, April 3
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, April 3
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - REHAB/GET BACK INTO HIKING HIKE See Thursday, April 3
- 2:00 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, April 3
- 6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, April 3

Friday, May 16

- 7:30 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, April 4
- 8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, April 4
- 9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, April 4
- 9:00 AM HIKE IN THE WOODS - FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON See Friday, April 4
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, April 4
- 6:00 PM BUTLER, CANAL TOWPATH AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See Friday, May 2

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Saturday, May 17

7:30 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, April 5

8:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING See Saturday, April 5

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

1:30 PM BOOK CLUB HIKE – HOME OF EDELTRAUD EVANS 4157 W SHADOW WOOD DR BLOOMINGTON, IN Before the hike, please read *A Letter to My Daughters* by Edeltraud Evans. A true story of the first ten years of my life, as I remember it. It tells about our family's happy and sad times, about being evacuated from our home and the struggle to survive as refugees at the end of World War II. It is also a tribute to my mother, who kept our family healthy and safe as best she possibly could during these trying times. The book was just released last December and is not likely to be in libraries. Copies can be obtained where books are sold, also available on eBooks. Discussion, which you can join whether you've read the book or not, will be followed by a 2, 4 or 6-mile hike through the neighborhood. From I-465 S take I-69 south to exit 120, SR46 West to Ellettsville. Continue west on SR46 about 3 miles to Union Valley (CVS on the right). Turn right and continue for about a mile, turn right into Meadow Wood subdivision, the road makes a quick left then turn right on to Meadowvale, continue to the (T) then turn left then a quick right onto West Shadow Wood Dr, 4157 is the third house (yellow siding) on the right, (F,PS,2.5) Leader: Richard Evans (Please RSVP text or call 812-322-3972)

Sunday, May 18

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, April 6

9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, April 6

1:30 PM TREKKING AROUND RACCOON SRA Join us for a 5 to 6-mile hike on moderate and some sections of rugged natural trail. Hikers will see mature forests, scenic overlooks of the 2,060-acre lake, sandstone cliffs and the 1800's Payne Cemetery. Meet at the Hilltop Shelter parking lot. This is on your left across from the fish cleaning station. From I-465 W, travel west about 45 miles on US 36 (Rockville Rd) to the property entrance, 1588 S Raccoon Pkwy, Rockville (fee). Hiking boots and poles suggested. Restrooms available. Join us for lunch after the hike at the The Ranch Restaurant. (M,NS/PS,2.5+) Leader: Terry Roesch (317-910-2943-cell)

1:30 PM SUNDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Sunday, April 27

2:00 PM SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT EAGLE CREEK PARK See Sunday, April 13

Monday, May 19

7:00 AM SEVEN AT SEVEN See Monday, May 12

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

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, April 7

9:30 AM PRATHER PARK IN CARMEL See Monday, April 21

5:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, April 7

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

Tuesday, May 20

7:00 AM TRAIL MAINTENANCE HIKE IN EAGLE CREEK PARK - EDESISS TRAIL Today's parking location in Eagle Creek Park is the parking lot at the Earth Discovery Center (fee). The hike will be about 3-4 miles. Bring boots, hiking poles and gloves. (Map #17)(M,NS,1.5-2) Leader: Phil Coons (317-402-8810 cell)

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

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, April 1

9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Tuesday, April 8

2:00 PM DOWNTOWN FISHERS ON THE NICKEL PLATE TRAIL See Tuesday, May 6

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Wednesday, May 21

- 7:00 AM SEVEN AT SEVEN See Monday, May 12
9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, April 2
9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, April 2
9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, April 2
9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, April 2
4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, April 2

Thursday, May 22

- 9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, April 3
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, April 3
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, April 3
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, April 3
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - REHAB/GET BACK INTO HIKING HIKE See Thursday, April 3
2:00 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, April 3
6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, April 3

Friday, May 23

- 7:30 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, April 4
8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, April 4
9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, April 4
9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, April 4
6:00 PM BUTLER, CANAL TOWPATH AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See Friday, May 2

Saturday, May 24***500 Festival Parade***

- 7:30 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, April 5
8:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING See Saturday, April 5
9:30 AM 500 FESTIVAL PARADE Join in 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, specialty unit escort). The festival will inform you of your meeting site and time along with more information specifically to the role you choose. If you sign up before 5:00 PM on April 9, you'll also receive an invitation to Volunteer Appreciation Day at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on May 17 which includes two tickets to qualifications and lunch that day. 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)
10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, April 5

Sunday, May 25***Indy 500 Race***

- 9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, April 6
9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, April 6
1:30 PM VANDALIA RAIL TRAIL (WESTERN PORTION) Meet at the Amo trailhead located at 5042 South St. for a 6-mile out and back to Coatesville. A canopy of trees along this paved section of the trail and a bridge that spans Crittenden Creek provides natural scenery. This section of the Vandalia Trail is part of the National Road Heritage Trail, a 150-mile continuous system of multi-use trails that spans the state along the former Pennsylvania/Vandalia railroad corridors. From 1 - 465 W, take US 40 traveling through Plainfield to IN-39. Turn right onto IN-39 and follow 39 into Clayton. Turn left at

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Iowa St., go one block, turn right at W CR 500S and travel about 5 miles to the Amo trailhead. Amo is just under 10 miles from Danville. Bathrooms available. (F,PS,3+) Leader: Terry Roesch (317-910-2943-cell)

1:30 PM SUNDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Sunday, April 27

Monday, May 26 *Memorial Day*

7:00 AM SEVEN AT SEVEN See Monday, May 12

9:00 AM EIGHT FOR EIGHTY Meet in Eagle Creek Park (fee) at lot just inside 56th St entrance for a 8-mile road hike. Today we will celebrate Donna Chastain's 80th birthday, which is tomorrow. (Map #40)(M,PS,3.5) Leader: Donna Chastain (317-489-2245)

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, April 7

9:30 AM CROWN HILL CEMETERY ON MEMORIAL DAY Memorial Day is a special day at Crown Hill Cemetery and this hike usually draws a big crowd. All of the many veterans' graves will be adorned with American Flags. From the 700 block of West 38th St, go north on Clarendon Rd to the cemetery entrance. Crown Hill has asked us not to 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, turn right and park behind the large limestone mausoleum on both sides of the street not blocking any driveways 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)

5:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, April 7

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

Tuesday, May 27

7:00 AM TRAIL MAINTENANCE HIKE ON WEST SIDE OF EAGLE CREEK PARK - BEAR LOOP TRAIL Today we will head to the West Side of Eagle Creek Park. Park at the Bear Overlook, just off 56th St. If you are unsure how to get to the parking location check the google map listed below. Hike will be about 2-3 miles. Bring boots, hiking poles and gloves. (Map #30)(M,NS,1.5-2) Leader: Philip Coons (317-402-8810 cell)

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

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, April 1

9:30 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See Tuesday, April 1

1:30 PM TUESDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Tuesday, April 8

Wednesday, May 28

7:00 AM SEVEN AT SEVEN See Monday, May 12

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

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

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

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

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, April 2

Thursday, May 29

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

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

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

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

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - REHAB/GET BACK INTO HIKING HIKE See Thursday, April 3

2:00 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, April 3

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

7:00 PM RUN 317 RACE SERIES - FOUNTAIN SQUARE I am going to schedule and participate (walk) in all five races in the Run (317) Series which all start at 7 p.m. on a Thursday night at a different location in Indianapolis. The first race will be in Fountain Square on May 29. Please consider joining me for all or a subset of these races, which support five different charities and include five post-race parties, food and a tee shirt. I will include the remaining races on the IHC schedule on June 19, July 10, July 31 and August 21. To participate you must register and pay a fee which is dependent on how many events you attend. Details of the 317 Series, including how to register, locations and fees are available at www.run317.com. Please join the INDIANAPOLIS HIKING CLUB Group when registering. You will earn 3 miles IHC credit for each race you attend by texting or emailing the leader who will verify your completion through the Run 317 website. Contact Kelley if you have any questions and to let me know you will be participating. (F,PS) Leader: Kelley Hale (973-985-3916, kelley2475@gmail.com)

Friday, May 30

7:30 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, April 4

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

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

9:00 AM HIKE IN THE WOODS - FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON See Friday, April 4

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

6:00 PM BUTLER, CANAL TOWPATH AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See Friday, May 2

Saturday, May 31

7:30 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, April 5

8:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING See Saturday, April 5

9:00 AM PATE HOLLOW AT PAYNETOWN SRA From I-465 S follow I-69 S to Exit 120, go east to SR 446, turn and go for about 6 miles. Look for Paynetown SRA on the right (4850 SR 446, Bloomington) Park at the lot behind the building. This will be a 5-mile hike on a scenic all natural loop trail. (M,NS,2) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972 cell)

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

FUTURE EVENTS:

TREK OUR TRAILS 2025 CHALLENGE – June 18 – July 23 Looking for slower, shorter distance hikes (1-3 miles) on fairly easy terrain? Karen LeClerc will be leading hikes at six most popular preserves of the Central Indiana Land Trust as part of the TREK OUR TRAILS 2025 Challenge. These hikes will be held weekly on Wednesdays from June 18- July 23. We will visit Oliver's Woods, Burnett Woods, Fred and Dorothy Meyer Nature Preserve, Laura Hare Preserve at Blossom Hollow, Meltzer Woods and Nonie Weber Krause Nature Preserve. If you complete all six of the hikes you will receive a CILTI pin and the Trek Our Trails 2025 sticker. Details will follow in the June/July hike schedule. For more information, please contact Karen at 920-883-9477 or kMLECLERC58@gmail.com

CONTINUATION OF RACE (317) SERIES – June – August The first race in this 5 race (walk) series is on May 29 and appears in this schedule. Kelley Hale is the leader. You must be registered to participate, and details are in the write-up on May 29. The remaining four races will be in June, July and August. Details on these hikes will appear in the June/July and August/September hike schedules.

PRESIDENTIAL RANGE, WHITE MOUNTAINS, NEW HAMPSHIRE – July 15-19 There is a new leader on this exciting trip, Barb Bates a relatively new member of the IHC but a very experienced hiker and leader. Enjoy the most spectacular hiking in eastern North America on a 5-day trip. The total hiking miles for the four hiking days will be about 20 miles, but don't be lulled into thinking that the hiking will be anything but strenuous. At times we will be lucky to do one mile an hour.

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Here are the plans so far:

The participant list is full, meaning that we have the eight allotted slots filled and there is a waiting list. Reservations have been made for 8 hikers with AMC lodging.

Day1: Meet at AMC Highlands Center Lodge, Crawford Notch, Bretton Woods, NH for pre-trip rendezvous. Stay includes buffet supper, showers and buffet breakfast.

Day 2: Hike the Crawford Path -- oldest continuous-use recreational footpath in North America -- to Mizpah Hut, about 4 rugged, steep miles including side trips to a waterfall and mountain views. Huts in the Whites provide family-style supper, bunk and breakfast.

Day 3: Continue hiking the often-arduous Crawford Path along the Presidential Range, above the tree line and over awesome alpine scenery, 5 miles to Lakes of the Clouds Hut.

Day 4: Climb Mount Washington, the highest peak in the northeast, then hike to Madison Springs Hut, a total of 7 miles for the day.

Day 5: From Madison Springs Hut, descend via the Airline Trail 4 miles to the Appalachia Trailhead, catch the shuttle bus to Joe Dodge Lodge. Final hiking day, head home or stay another night in a lodge at hiker's personal arrangement.

Hikers must arrange their own arrival which could include 1 or 2 travel days and may involve driving, flying, bus and hiker shuttle. The cost for staying at the lodges/huts is \$513.47 per hiker. Additional expenses will include transportation to/from the Presidential Range area, snacks/lunch, necessary gear, etc.

If you are interested in being added to the waitlist, please contact the trip organizer Barb Bates. Prospective participants will be screened for fitness and mountain hiking experience. Don't hesitate to contact Barb if you have any questions at phone 317-403-3543 or by email barbelizbates56@gmail.com.

ANNUAL IHC PICNIC - Saturday, July 26 at Eagle Creek Park.

INDIANAPOLIS INDIANS BASEBALL GAME – Sunday, June 27 Join your fellow IHC members and invited guests at an Indians baseball game at Victory Field in downtown Indy. Details will be available in the next schedule.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY - Thursday, September 4 at Unitarian Universalist Church in Indy.

WINTER BANQUET - Saturday, January 10, 2026 at St. Theresa Little Flower school.

GULF SHORES, ALABAMA - February 8-13, 2026 Karen LeClerc will once again lead a week of slow & easy hikes in Gulf Shores, AL and surrounding areas. New this year will be a visit to Fort Pickens with a hike starting at the Northern terminus of the Florida trail. Everyone will be making their own reservations for lodging. Look for more details in future schedules. If you would like more details on suggestions for lodging or have any other questions, please call/email Karen at 920-883-9477 or kmleclerc58@gmail.com.

PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

Winde Hamrick	Carmel, IN	Tony Wolski	Carmel, IN
Ron Selby	Zionsville, IN	Carol Mullins	Indianapolis, IN
Rick Hofacker	Carmel, IN	Jennie Francis	Carmel, IN
Lynette Jennings	Indianapolis, IN	Valerie Beaver	Greenwood, IN

RECENT MILEAGE AWARDS:

Rick Kinnaman	40,000	Carol Gartner	4,000	Laura Otten	500
Michele Kestle	28,000	John Schlechte	3,000	Linda Bryant	500
Ed Wright	26,500	Jim Goulding	3,000	Steve Knoop	400
Dewey Conces	14,500	Kathy Fisher	3,000	Scot Marsella	400
Cheryl Conces	14,500	Monica Endres	3,000	David Drzewiecki	400
Mervyn Cohen	8,500	Patrick Eaton	2,500	Dawn Zumbrun	300
Christine Nitz	7,500	Kathleen Widland	2,500	Matt Braun	300
Richard Evans	7,000	Sandy Duncan	2,500	Evan Hoffar	300
Edeltraud Evans	7,000	Marla Zinkan	1,500	Pete Zinkan	200
Theresa Ray	6,000	John Wagner	1,000	Ari Shifron	200

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Sandra Nichols	5,500	Jan Adams	1,000	Richard Stroup	100
Ron Elkins	5,500	Dale McCuiston	500	Deb McCuiston	100

MEMBER NEWS: Our condolences to the families and friends of the following former members:

Former long-term member and very fast hiker **Bernie West** died on February 4 from diabetes complications and kidney failure. A private family service was held.

Armen Avakian, a very active club member, died unexpectedly in Amsterdam on February 25. Armen was cremated and his remains have been returned to his out-of-state family. At this time, there is no word on any planned memorial service.

Kathy Whalen a current board member, longtime Club Treasurer and active hike leader, passed away suddenly on Sunday, March 24. She will be greatly missed. See memorial write-up on the first page of this schedule.

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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