



The Indianapolis Hiking Club

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Happiness - A Step at a Time

SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY & MARCH 2026

(Please – no pets except on designated pet hikes)



Celebrating 69 Years of Sponsoring Hikes and Outings

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

<u>CHALLENGING HIKE</u>	<u>TERRAIN</u>		<u>SURFACE</u>	<u>SPEED</u>
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 .pdf schedule saved on the website Hike Schedule page.

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 6:00 p.m. on 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 hikers by sending out a Broadcast email.

RESERVATIONS FOR WINTER WEEKEND AT BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK: Mary Ann Layman who is recovering from cancer surgery has turned over the reins for the winter weekend scheduled for March 6-8 to John and Konnie Schlechte. Easy and moderate hikes will be offered by Konnie, John and Tim Braun on Saturday and Sunday, March 7 and 8. A block of rooms has been reserved for Friday, March 6, and Saturday, March 7 at the Abe Martin Lodge. If you haven’t already done so it is time to call 812-988-4418 to reserve your room. Regular and deluxe rooms both come with 2 queen beds. Don’t forget to mention the Indianapolis Hiking Club room block. Day hikers are also encouraged to attend the hikes. Any questions? Please contact John Schlechte at 317-294-2021 or jschlechte@fastmail.com.

CLUB ROSTER AND TRAIL BLAZER: All members who paid their 2026 dues will be receiving a current Club roster by mail, listing every member’s home address, phone number and email address, unless you requested that your name be excluded from the roster. To protect your privacy the roster is not available on the website and Club rules prohibit your converting your personal copy to electronic media. Thanks to our Club Historian, Mervyn Cohen and our database specialists John McShea and Paul Klimowitch, the 2025 Trail Blazer is now available on the website along with all previous Trail Blazers dating back to 1968. The current Trail Blazer lists all members 2025 and lifetime mileage as well as recapping last year’s major events and interesting statistics, 2025 award winners, and memories from various members.

WINTER BANQUET RECAP AND SPECIAL MILEAGE AWARD: The Club held a very successful Winter Banquet on Saturday, January 10. Over 140 members and guests attended. We’ve heard a lot of positive comments about the venue and the caterer. Check out photos of the event on the Club website and Facebook if you see a reference at the end of a hike description in the following format (Map #24), access a Google map pointing to the hike meeting location at www.indyhike.org/locations.shtml .

page. Thanks to our Social Committee chairperson Annie Falvey for organizing this event. At the banquet we recognized 50 2025 Achievement Award winners and 11 new 25-year members. You can see the names of those recognized on the Achievement Awards page on our website. Allan Roberts received a special trophy for breaking the Club's all-time mileage record of 55,867 miles on the day after Thanksgiving. The previous record holder Glee Crowder presented Allan the trophy. It is anyone's guess what Allan's total mileage will be when he finally hangs up his trail shoes, which we do not expect anytime soon. New bandanas featuring the Club logo were available for purchase for \$5 each. Sorry but they have all been sold. All in all, the banquet was a wonderful celebration.

ITEMS OF NOTE IN THIS SCHEDULE: You have your choice of 355 hikes for February and March, quite impressive for the winter months. In addition to the regular recurring weekday and weekend hikes and several new options, the following hikes deserve your closer attention. Two Book Club Hikes are on this schedule both on Monday, led by Richard Stroup on February 23 and by Marti Burton on March 30. The Annual Winter Weekend will be held at Brown County SP this year from March 6-8, organized by John and Konnie Schlechte. We will again be participating in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Friday, March 13 led by Marla Zinkan. Beginning on February 6, the not for the faint of heart, first leg of the Indiana Triple Crown Series will commence and continues March 27 & 28. This **challenging** hike series will be led by Susan Sievers and Theresa Ray. Scott Beam will be leading three Off Trail in the Hoosier National Forest hikes: a one-day hike on February 28 and two overnight backing packing trips, one for beginners on March 14 and another for experienced backpackers on March 28. For you winter snowbirds there are number of hikes in the St. Petersburg and Ft. Myers areas of Florida to choose from on Tuesday's and Thursdays. Check the write-ups on the appropriate day for details.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER: Hello Hiking Friends,
It was great seeing many of you at the Winter Banquet. It was a wonderful time!

To follow up regarding Club logo apparel, it may be ordered at any time through our club website. To access, go to homepage and click on Logo Merchandise. Our Karen LeClerc has listed ten carefully curated items. And our vendor is *Shirt Tales* in Plainfield, Indiana. So, if you are running low on hiking gear, or need a gift for that special someone, then we have it covered. It is also a great way to show club spirit, not to mention a great advertisement. We have been very impressed with the prices and quality of merchandise from *Shirt Tales*. You may pay by credit card and have your purchase delivered to your home; however additional fees will be added. If you want to see additional products that *Shirt Tales* offers not listed on our website, check out www.sanmar.com. Then email shirrtales83@gmail.com with your order.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the St Patrick's Day Parade on Friday March 13th. Marla Zinkan is again the event organizer, and she plans to offer two different mileage options. Please see the Hike Schedule Page for details, and don't forget to RSVP.

Fingers crossed for an early spring,
Cathy Fischer
Indianapolis Hiking Club President

HIKE SCHEDULE:

Sunday, February 1

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 February and March. (Map #70)(F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Marti Burton (317-306-9878)

9:00 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

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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 February and March. (Map #16) (F,PS,3-3.25) Leader: John Triplett 317-409-3302)

1:30 PM AVON AFTERNOON ENERGIZER This 5-mile moderate hike will be on natural and paved trails at Washington Township Park. Meet in the small parking lot on the north side of CR 100S. An approximate address is 6121 E CR 100S. From I-465 W, exit on US 36 (Rockville Rd) and travel west past the Town Hall about 7.5 miles to CR 625E. Turn left and travel to the next intersection. Take a right onto CR 100S and turn right again (before crossing bridge) at the almost hidden entrance to a small gravel parking lot. Bathrooms available. Repeats February 8 and 15. (F,PS/NS,3) Leader: Terry Roesch (cell 317-910-2943)

Monday, February 2

- 9:00 AM MORNING CONSTITUTIONAL Meet in Eagle Creek Park (fee) at lot just inside 56th St entrance just west of the Colts facility for a brisk 6-mile road hike. Repeats on Monday, March 2. (Map #40) (M,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Catherine Curtiss (317-209-9816)
- 9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK The usual leader of this hike Curt Hawhee is experiencing a health issue and until he is well David Kincaid will fill in. Meet at 6901 Derbyshire Rd behind the former Southport Police Station for a 5-mile hike. Hike repeats each Monday in February and March. (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 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, March 2. (Map #79)(F,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)
- 4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE Meet at the Broad Ripple Methodist Church at 6135 Guilford Ave for a hike of 5-6 miles. Hike repeats every Monday in February and March. (Map #65) (F,PS/NS,3-3.5) Leader: Mary Bruss (317-308-0182)
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING While Rick Braun is enjoying Florida, his Monday night hike in Fishers will continue. 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 February and March. (Map #25)(F,PS,3.5) Leader: Kelley Hale (973-985-3916)

Tuesday, February 3

- 8:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL - TUESDAY This is a self-guided hike in Zionsville of 1-10 miles north on the Big Four Trail. Meet at the Zionsville Rd Trailhead located at 10230 Zionsville Rd. Restrooms available. The hike repeats every Tuesday in February and March. (Map #74)(M,PS) Hike Leader: Dewey Conces (317-371-0068)
- 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 February and March. (Map #51) (F,PS) Leader: Jo Anne Starzyk (317-771-0914)
- 9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MYERS, FL If you find yourself in southwest Florida this winter, please join us for a brisk 12-mile, with a 6 and 9 mile option, on the paved John 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 every Tuesday and Thursday in February and March. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Rick Braun (317-679-2972)

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- 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 February and March. (Map #61) (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Debbie Bucholz (317-361-9210)
- 9:30 AM ENJOY BROAD RIPPLE Park at the Methodist church (no fee) at 6185 N. Guilford Ave, 1½ blocks south of Broad Ripple Avenue. 5-mile hike of Broad Ripple and environs (Holliday Park, Marott Park, Monon Trail, Arden neighborhood, or Rocky Ripple). Join us for lunch afterwards at one of Broad Ripple's restaurants. Hike repeats Feb 17 and Mar 3, 17 & 31. (Map #65)(M,NS/HS/PS, 2.5) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)
- 9:30 AM JOHN CHESTNUT PARK, PALM HARBOR, FL This is one of a series of slow and easy Tuesday morning hikes in the Clearwater/St. Petersburg area of FL led by long term member Elaine Wright who is living in Pinellas, FL during the winter. She hikes with quite a few members of her community in Florida, and visitors from the IHC are always welcome. All hikes will be about 3 miles long at a slow and easy pace. Hikers usually go to a local restaurant after every hike. Please contact Elaine for precise driving directions from wherever you are staying. (F,PS,2.5) Leader: Elaine Wright (317-753-5516)
- 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 February 17 and March 10 & 31.(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 March 3, 17 & 31. (F,PS,3) Leader: John Lyghtel (317-626-9117)
- 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 February. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: David Kincaid (317-787-6593)

Wednesday, February 4

- 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 February and March. Upwards of 20 hikers 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 MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL This will be a 4-5 mile hike with a 3-mile option at a modest pace. 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 February and March. (Map #58)(F,PS,3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)
- 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 on the southwest portion of the lot away from the building. Hike repeats each Wednesday in February and March. (Map #41) (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Harold Crooks (317-730-4850)
- 10:00 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

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behind the library along the fence. Hike repeats each Wednesday in February and March. (Map #73)(F,PS) Leader: Joan Griffiths (317-297-7312)

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 February and March. (Map #34)(F,PS,3.5) Leader: Janet Cohen (317-508-8523 or 317-417-2628)

Thursday, February 5

- 8:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL - THURSDAY This is a self-guided hike in Zionsville 1-10 miles north on the Big Four Trail. Meet at the Zionsville Rd Trailhead located at 10230 Zionsville Rd. Restrooms available. The hike repeats every Thursday in February and March. (Map #74)(M,PS) Hike Leader: Cindy Schmidt (317-753-4890)
- 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 February and March. (Map #45)(F,PS) Leaders: Tish Brafford (317-531-6700 cell) or JoAnne Starzyk (317-771-0914)
- 9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MYERS, FL See Tuesday, February 3
- 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 will meet in Eagle Creek Park (fee), which is located off of 56th St just west of the Colts facility. Once in Eagle Creek Park drive on Eagle Creek Pkwy to the middle of the park and turn on Walnut Point Rd, which is just prior to the turn on Delong Rd, which takes you to the Earth Discovery Center. Park in the new parking lot on Walnut Point Rd. 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 February and March. 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 10 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 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 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 1-2.5 miles on roads or easy trails for folks rehabbing 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 until Karen LeClerc returns in March. Leader: Richard Vonnegut (317-440-9069)
- 4:00 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON This will be a 4-6 mile moderate speed hike through Noblesville's trails and neighborhoods. Meet at Forest Park by the Office parking lot. Hike repeats every Thursday in February and March. 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

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left on Lee Rd. Meet in the back parking lot of the YMCA on Lee Rd. Hike repeats every Thursday in February and March. (F,PS,3.5) Leaders: Allan Roberts (317-840-2478) or Chris Jones

Friday, February 6

INDIANA TRIPLE CROWN SERIES – TECUMSEH TRAIL, ADVENTURE TRAIL AND KNOBSTONE TRAIL The Indiana Triple Crown is a completion of the following trails: Tecumseh (41.8 mi), Adventure Trail (25 mi) and the Original Knobstone Trail (KT) (48 mi), and They must be completed in the same calendar year. All hikes will be rated as **Challenging**. We will first tackle the Tecumseh Trail in three sections (February 6/March 6&7), Adventure Trail in two sections (March 27 &28), and the KT in three or four sections (dates TBD). A car shuttle will be required for each hike so an RSVP to Susan is a must. Can't complete all hikes? Consider joining us for the hikes that work for your schedule. **INFORMATION FOR ALL HIKES:** Be a considerate car shuttle passenger and bring clean shoes to change into after the hike and bag for muddy boots. Wear hiking boots or sturdy trail shoes. Bring trekking poles, headlamp with fresh batteries, rain gear, plenty of water, electrolytes, high energy snacks/lunch. No restrooms at trailheads. Cell service unreliable. See individual hike write-ups on the appropriate days. Leaders: Susan Sievers 317-513-5239 and Theresa Ray 317-627-1205

- 7:00 AM INDIANA TRIPLE CROWN SERIES - TECUMSEH TRAIL - DAY I Note early starting time! Meet at Indian Hill parking. We will car shuttle to MMSF office and hike 19 miles back to our cars at Indian Hill. **DIRECTIONS** to Indian Hill parking: From I-465 S to I-65 south to Columbus. Take SR 46 west to Nashville (16 miles). In Nashville, turn right on SR 135 north for .3 miles. Turn left on E. Main St. At 2.1 miles, turn left on Owl Creek Rd (not Lower Owl Creek Rd) and proceed for 2.2 miles. Turn left on Lanam Ridge Rd and go 450 ft, turn right on Plum Creek Rd. Go 1.5 miles and make a sharp right on Indian Hill Rd. Proceed approximately 1 mile to the parking area. Restrooms available at MMSF office. See above write-up on February 6 for recommended backpack supplies. If you're seriously interested, please contact Susan Sievers before the hike. Anyone interested in carpooling, meet in Columbus, IN at the Waffle House (2665 W Jonathon Moore Pike) at 6 a.m. (**Challenging**,H,NS,2.5-3) Leaders: Susan Sievers (317-513-5239) and Theresa Ray (317-627-1205)
- 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 February and March. Meet at the Monon trail-head parking lot on 96 St in Nora. Restrooms are available. (Map #77)(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. 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 February and March. (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 park. Meet in at the Swimming Area (beach) parking lot. Hike repeats on all Fridays in February and March. (Map #66)(M,NS,3-3.5) Leader: Phil Smith (317-443-3955)
- 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 February and March. (Map #52)(F,NS/PS,3-3.5) Leader: David Kincaid (317-787-6593)

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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 February. (Map #41) (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Jim Griffin (317-294-1121)

Saturday, February 7

8:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING Meet at the Broad Ripple United Methodist Church (6185 Guilford Ave) for a 6-mile brisk self-guided hike with an additional 2-mile option. This hike is fast paced (3.5-4 miles per hour) so that it is completed in time for those that wish to also do the Ten at Ten hike. The hike repeats each Saturday in February and March. Note that there are no restrooms on the hike routes. (Map #65) (F, P/NS,3.5-4) Leader: Marian Fahy (916-606-6840)

8:00 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 February and March. (Map #55)(F,PS,3.5) Leader: Therese Cokain (317-796-9183)

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 February and March. (Map #65)(F,NS) Leader: Rick Kinnaman (317-407-9746)

1:00 PM BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK - WHISTLE PIG SHADOW CHASER 5K AND 8K Registration and start is at the Recreation Building at park campground entrance. Allow time to pick up your number/bib. Park entry fee and race registration is required. Registration link: <https://runsignup.com/Race/IN/Nashville/WhistlePigShadowChaser8k5k>. Discounted rate if you opt not to get a shirt but last year's shirts were cute! Self-Guided. Call/Text the leader to report your mileage. (M,PS) Leader: Swati Gunale (317-847-0684, swatigunale@yahoo.com)

Sunday, February 8

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, February 1

9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, February 1

1:30 PM FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON MTB LOOP Meet at Fort Benjamin Harrison (fee) Walnut Trailhead Parking lot for an 8-9 mile trek of the MTB loop. (M,NS/PS,2.5-2.9) Leader: Barb Fagan (317-370-9951)

1:30 PM AVON AFTERNOON ENERGIZER See Sunday, February 1

Monday, February 9

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. Hike repeats on remaining Mondays in February and March, except March 2. (Map #40)(M,PS,3.5) Leader: Mary Barbara Miller (317-220-9593)

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, February 2

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. Please do not park in 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. Hike includes options of 3, 4 and 5 miles. Hike repeats on Monday, March 9. (Map #42)(M,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

9:30 AM FALL CREEK WOODS NATURAL AREA Enjoy a moderate to brisk 6 to-7-mile hike in the woods on the trails. Expect hills and ramps. Take I-69 north to Exit 214. Turn right on SR 13 toward Fortville. Turn right onto CR W800S. Then a left onto CR S1000W. Continue on CR S1000W for 2.7 miles. Fall Creek Woods Natural Area parking is on your right. Hike repeats on February 23 and March 16 & 30. (M,NS,3) Leader: Pam Marusic (216-469-1494)

4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, February 2

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6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, February 2

Tuesday, February 10

8:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL - TUESDAY See Tuesday, February 3

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, February 3

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MYERS, FL See Tuesday, February 3

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, February 3

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 (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). Sometimes we meet at nearby Panera for lunch afterwards. Hike repeats Feb 24 and Mar 10 & 24.(Map #18)(M,NS,2.5) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)

9:30 AM NE COACHMAN PARK ROAD, CLEARWATER, FL This is one of a series of slow and easy Tuesday morning hikes in the Clearwater/St. Petersburg area of FL led by long term member Elaine Wright who is living in Pinellas, FL during the winter. She hikes with quite a few members of her community in Florida, and visitors from the IHC are always welcome. All hikes will be about 3 miles long at a slow and easy pace. Hikers usually go to a local restaurant after every hike. Please contact Elaine for precise driving directions from wherever you are staying. (F,PS,2.5) Leader: Elaine Wright (317-753-5516)

4:30 PM GREENWOOD NIGHTS See Tuesday, February 3

Wednesday, February 11

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, February 4

9:30 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, February 4

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, February 4

10:00 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, February 4

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, February 4

Thursday, February 12

8:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL - THURSDAY See Thursday, February 5

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, February 5

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MYERS, FL See Tuesday, February 3

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, February 5

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, February 5

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, February 5

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - REHAB/GET BACK INTO HIKING HIKE See Thursday, February 5

4:00 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, February 5

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, February 5

Friday, February 13

8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, February 6

8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, February 6

9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, February 6

9:00 AM HIKE IN THE WOODS - FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON Enjoy a 5-6 mile, with a **7-8 mile option**, 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 main road to the Sycamore Shelter across from the sledding hill. Hike repeats

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Friday, February 13 & 27 and March 13 & 27. (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 See Friday, February 6

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

Saturday, February 14 *Valentine's Day*

7:30 AM 500 FESTIVAL MILER SERIES: 3 MILER This 3-mile self-guided hike starts and ends at the Fowling Warehouse, 1125 E Brookside Ave, Indianapolis. 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. (F,PS) Leader: Kelley Hale (973-985-3916, kelly2475@gmail.com)

8:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING See Saturday, February 7

8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, February 7

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, February 7

Sunday, February 15

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, February 1

9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, February 1

1:30 PM AVON AFTERNOON ENERGIZER See Sunday, February 1

Monday, February 16 *Presidents' Day*

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, February 9

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, February 2

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. Fall foliage should be colorful. 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 Monday, March 16. (Map #64)(F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, February 2

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, February 2

Tuesday, February 17

8:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL - TUESDAY See Tuesday, February 3

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, February 3

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MYERS, FL See Tuesday, February 3

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, February 3

9:30 AM ENJOY BROAD RIPPLE See Tuesday, February 3

9:30 AM MCDILL 48 PARK, TAMPA ST PETERSBURG FL This is one of a series of slow and easy Tuesday morning hikes in the Clearwater/St. Petersburg area of FL led by long term member Elaine Wright who is living in Pinellas, FL during the winter. She hikes with quite a few members of her community in Florida, and visitors from the IHC are always welcome. All hikes will be about 3 miles long at a slow and easy pace. Hikers usually go to a local restaurant after every hike. Please contact Elaine for precise driving directions from wherever you are staying. (F,PS,2.5) Leader: Elaine Wright (317-753-5516)

1:30 PM TUESDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Tuesday, February 3

4:30 PM GREENWOOD NIGHTS See Tuesday, February 3

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Wednesday, February 18**Ash Wednesday**

- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, February 4
9:30 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, February 4
9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, February 4
10:00 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, February 4
4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, February 4

Thursday, February 19

- 8:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL - THURSDAY See Thursday, February 5
9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, February 5
9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MYERS, FL See Tuesday, February 3
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, February 5
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, February 5
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, February 5
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - REHAB/GET BACK INTO HIKING HIKE See Thursday, February 5
4:00 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, February 5
6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, February 5

Friday, February 20

- 8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, February 6
8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, February 6
9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, February 6
9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, February 6
9:30 AM WEST PARK, CARMEL We will walk in through and around West Park and some nearby Carmel neighborhoods for about 5 miles. We might even try the big hill. The address is 277 W. 116th St., Carmel 46032. (M,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: June Sergi (317-372-3018)
6:00 PM OVER, AROUND AND THROUGH PURDUE AND IU See Friday, February 6

Saturday, February 21

- 8:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING See Saturday, February 7
8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, February 7
10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, February 7

Sunday, February 22

- 9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, February 1
9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, February 1
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 3300Hornaday Rd, west side of road. This will be 6-10 miles out and back self-guided hike. Restrooms are available. Hike repeats March 1 and 29. (F,PS) Leader: Kae Ramey (317-701-5805 cell)

Monday, February 23

- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, February 9
9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, February 2
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

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Community Center. Hike repeats on March 23. (Map #57)(F,HS/PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

9:30 AM FALL CREEK WOODS NATURAL AREA See Monday, February 9

1:00 PM BOOK CLUB HIKE - ZIONSVILLE LIBRARY Join us as we discuss the *1965 Palm Sunday Tornadoes in Indiana* by Indiana author Janis Thornton. She recounts the events that took place on a warm sunny April 11, a day that resulted in Indiana's deadliest tornado outbreak in recorded history. We'll discuss what took place and how this event changed the way we warn the public about severe weather occurrences. The book discussion will be at the Zionsville public library located at 250 N. 5th St, Zionsville. After the discussion, we'll do a 3-to-5-mile hike on the Big 4 Trail near the library. (F,PS,3) Leader: Richard Stroup (765-891-2672)

4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, February 2

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, February 2

Tuesday, February 24

8:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL - TUESDAY See Tuesday, February 3

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, February 3

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MYERS, FL See Tuesday, February 3

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, February 3

9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Tuesday, February 10

9:30 AM JOHN S. TAYLOR PARK, LARGO, FL This is one of a series of slow and easy Tuesday morning hikes in the Clearwater/St. Petersburg area of FL led by long term member Elaine Wright who is living in Pinellas, FL during the winter. She hikes with quite a few members of her community in Florida, and visitors from the IHC are always welcome. All hikes will be about 3 miles long at a slow and easy pace. Hikers usually go to a local restaurant after every hike. Please contact Elaine for precise driving directions from wherever you are staying. (F,PS,2.5) Leader: Elaine Wright (317-753-5516)

4:30 PM GREENWOOD NIGHTS See Tuesday, February 3

Wednesday, February 25

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, February 4

9:30 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, February 4

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, February 4

10:00 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, February 4

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, February 4

Thursday, February 26

8:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL - THURSDAY See Thursday, February 5

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, February 5

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MYERS, FL See Tuesday, February 3

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, February 5

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, February 5

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, February 5

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - REHAB/GET BACK INTO HIKING HIKE See Thursday, February 5

4:00 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, February 5

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, February 5

Friday, February 27

8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, February 6

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- 8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, February 6
9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, February 6
9:00 AM HIKE IN THE WOODS - FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON See Friday, February 13
9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, February 6
6:00 PM OVER, AROUND AND THROUGH PURDUE AND IU See Friday, February 6

Saturday, February 28

- 8:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING See Saturday, February 7
8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, February 7
9:30 AM EXPLORE THE HOOSIER NATIONAL FOREST - OFF TRAIL Another hike in the explore the Hoosier NF series, this time it'll be a 8 to 9 mile 'off trail' day hike around the Nebo Ridge. These hills are extremely steep, but pace will be around 1 mph. The hike will begin at Nebo Ridge North parking area, which is west of Story, IN. From I-465 S take I-65 south to the Columbus exit then take SR 46 west toward Nashville. Just past the town of Gnaw Bone, turn left on SR 135 to Story. Then go west 3 miles down Elkinsville Rd. Cross an old wooden bridge, just after turning left at the intersection at Blue Creek Rd. Parking will be on your left in a few hundred yards.
(Challenging,H,NS,2.5) Leader: Scott Beam (317-474-0168, hoosierhappytrails@yahoo.com)
10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, February 7

Sunday, March 1

- 9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, February 1
9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, February 1
1:30 PM SUNDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Sunday, February 22
1:30 PM EAGLE CREEK WEST SIDE – BEAR OVERLOOK Meet at the Bear Overlook parking lot on Eagle Creek's West Side for a 7-8 mile out and back hike (fee). There will be stairs and hills. Hike repeats on March 22. (H,NS,3) Leader: Barb Fagan (317-370-9951)

Monday, March 2

- 9:00 AM MORNING CONSTITUTIONAL See Monday, February 2
9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, February 2
9:30 AM TOWPATH, BUTLER UNIVERSITY AND ROCKY RIPPLE See Monday, February 2
4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, February 2
6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, February 2

Tuesday, March 3

- 8:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL - TUESDAY See Tuesday, February 3
9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, February 3
9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MYERS, FL See Tuesday, February 3
9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, February 3
9:30 AM ENJOY BROAD RIPPLE See Tuesday, February 3
9:30 AM DEL ORO PARK WEST, LARGO FL This is one of a series of slow and easy Tuesday morning hikes in the Clearwater/St. Petersburg area of FL led by long term member Elaine Wright who is living in Pinellas, FL during the winter. She hikes with quite a few members of her community in Florida, and visitors from the IHC are always welcome. All hikes will be about 3 miles long at a slow and easy pace. Hikers usually go to a local restaurant after every hike. Please contact Elaine for precise driving directions from wherever you are staying. (F,PS,2.5) Leader: Elaine Wright (317-753-5516)
2:00 PM DOWNTOWN FISHERS ON THE NICKEL PLATE TRAIL See Tuesday, February 3

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4:30 PM FRANCISCAN TRAIL Meet at southeast corner of Emerson and Churchman in Beech Grove in the Churchman Hill Plaza behind the Phillips 66 station for a 5-mile hike. Hike repeats each Tuesday in March. (F,PS,3-3,5) Leader: David Kincaid (317-787-6593)

Wednesday, March 4

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, February 4

9:30 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, February 4

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, February 4

10:00 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, February 4

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, February 4

Thursday, March 5

8:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL - THURSDAY See Thursday, February 5

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, February 5

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MYERS, FL See Tuesday, February 3

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, February 5

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, February 5

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, February 5

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4:00 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, February 5

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, February 5

Friday, March 6

MULTI-DAY TRIP: WINTER WEEKEND AT BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK: MARCH 6-8 Mark your calendar for the Indianapolis Hiking Club's 2026 Winter Weekend at Brown County State Park. Hikes will be on Saturday and Sunday, March 7 and 8, with a block of rooms reserved for Friday, March 6, and Saturday, March 7. Call 812-988-4418 to reserve your room. Regular and deluxe rooms both come with 2 queen beds. Please mention the Indianapolis Hiking Club room block. Day hikers are also encouraged to attend the hikes. We will continue to offer easy and moderate Hikes led by Tim Braun, Konnie and John Schlechte. Any questions, please contact John Schlechte at 317-294-2021. For directions use (Map #27).

8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, February 6

8:00 AM INDIANA TRIPLE CROWN SERIES - TECUMSEH TRAIL -DAY II This is a continuation of the Triple Crown Series, see general write-up on February 6. Meet at Scarce o' Fat (SoF) Rd parking. Car shuttle to Indian Hill parking and hike 15 miles back to our cars at SoF Rd. DIRECTIONS to SoF parking: 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 46 west. Go 6.8 miles and turn right on Scarce o' Fat (SoF) Rd (gravel road). Go approximately 1 mile to the car park. See above Hike Series write up on February 6 for recommended backpack supplies. Let Susan Sievers know if you plan to hike. Interested in carpooling? Meet at the Waffle House in Columbus (2665 W Jonathon Moore Pike) at 7 a.m. For anyone wanting to stay overnight on Friday night, there are a few hotel choices in Bloomington or Nashville. Another option, Hickory Shades Hotel in Belmont. Contact information is 812-988-4694, www.hickoryshadesmotel.com. (Challenging,H,NS,2.5-3) Leaders: Susan Sievers (317-513-5239) and Theresa Ray (317-627-1205)

8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, February 6

9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, February 6

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, February 6

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

Saturday, March 7

7:30 AM 500 FESTIVAL MILER SERIES: 6 MILER This 6-mile self-guided hike starts and ends at the Fowling Warehouse, 1125 E Brookside Ave, Indianapolis. 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. (F,PS) Leader: Kelley Hale (973-985-3916, kelly2475@gmail.com)

8:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING See Saturday, February 7

8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, February 7

8:00 AM INDIANA TRIPLE CROWN SERIES - TECUMSEH TRAIL - DAY III Meet at Crooked Creek parking. We'll shuttle to Scarce o' Fat Rd parking area and hike 16 miles back to our cars at Crooked Creek. DIRECTIONS to Crooked Creek parking: From Indy's south side take I-465 W to I-65 south to Columbus. Take Exit 68 and SR 46 west toward Nashville. At the traffic light in Nashville, turn left and continue on SR 46 west. Go 5 miles and turn left on Crooked Creek Rd (gravel). Proceed 2.6 miles and you will arrive at Crooked Creek Lake Dam. See general write-up for hike series on February 6 for recommended backpack supplies. (**Challenging**,H,NS,2.5-3. Leaders: Susan Sievers 317-513-5239 and Theresa Ray (317-627-1205)

9:30 AM BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK - DAY 1 MORNING MODERATE HIKE Meet in front of the Abe Martin Lodge in Brown County SP. This will be faster and about 5 miles (M,NS,2-2.5) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)

9:30 AM BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK - DAY 1 MORNING EASY HIKE Meet in front of the Abe Martin Lodge in Brown County SP. This will be a slower 4-5 mile hike. (M,NS,2) Leader: Konnie Schlechte (317-417-5112 cell)

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, February 7

2:00 PM BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK - DAY 1 AFTERNOON MODERATE HIKE Meet in front of the Abe Martin Lodge in Brown County SP. This will be faster and about 5 miles (M,NS,2-2.5) Leader: Tim Braun (317-408-3051cell)

2:00 PM BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK - DAY 1 AFTERNOON EASY HIKE Meet in front of the Abe Martin Lodge in Brown County SP for this slower 4-5 mile hike. (M,NS,2) Leader: Konnie Schlechte (317-417-5112 cell)

Sunday, March 8

Daylight Savings Time Begins

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, February 1

9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, February 1

9:30 AM BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK - DAY 2 MODERATE HIKE Meet in front of the Abe Martin Lodge in Brown County SP. This will be faster and about 5 miles (M,N,2-2.5) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)

9:30 AM BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK - DAY 2 EASY HIKE Meet in front of the Abe Martin Lodge in Brown County SP for a slower 4-5 mile hike. (M,NS,2) Leader: Konnie Schlechte (317-417-5112 cell)

Monday, March 9

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, February 9

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, February 2

9:30 AM CROWN HILL CEMETERY See Monday, February 9

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4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, February 2

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, February 2

Tuesday, March 10

8:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL - TUESDAY See Tuesday, February 3

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, February 3

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MYERS, FL See Tuesday, February 3

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, February 3

9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Tuesday, February 10

9:30 AM WALL SPRINGS, PALM HARBOR, FL This is one of a series of slow and easy Tuesday morning hikes in the Clearwater/St. Petersburg area of FL led by long term member Elaine Wright who is living in Pinellas, FL during the winter. She hikes with quite a few members of her community in Florida, and visitors from the IHC are always welcome. All hikes will be about 3 miles long at a slow and easy pace. Hikers usually go to a local restaurant after every hike. Please contact Elaine for precise driving directions from wherever you are staying. (F,PS,2.5) Leader: Elaine Wright (317-753-5516)

1:30 PM TUESDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Tuesday, February 3

4:30 PM FRANCISCAN TRAIL See Tuesday, March 3

Wednesday, March 11

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, February 4

9:30 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, February 4

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, February 4

10:00 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, February 4

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, February 4

Thursday, March 12

8:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL - THURSDAY See Thursday, February 5

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, February 5

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9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, February 5

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4:00 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, February 5

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, February 5

Friday, March 13

8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, February 6

8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, February 6

9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, February 6

9:00 AM HIKE IN THE WOODS - FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON See Friday, February 13

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, February 6

10:15 AM SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE Again this year our Club will be participating in the annual Indianapolis St. Patrick's Day Parade (www.indystpats.com/events/st-patricks-day-parade), which will be held this year on Friday four days before St. Patrick's Day. The parade begins at 11:30 a.m. rain or shine. Please be in place at the parade line-up by 11:00 a.m. (instead of the previous 10:30).

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We will meet at Shapiro's at 10:15 a.m. (instead of 9:45) and walk to our parade line-up spot. Others may park closer and meet us at the parade line-up and receive 2 miles. Hikers meeting at Shapiro's and walking with us will receive 5 miles. We will not be informed of our exact meeting location until one week before the event, but I anticipate it will be like the last three years the near Ft. Wayne Ave and Pennsylvania. Please wear hiking gear with the club logo wear or hat visible (might need to layer if cold weather), green club shirt, if you have it, or another club shirt or jacket is okay too. Feel free to add some festive St. Patrick's Day garb as well and bring your hiking pole as a prop. Our club will be introduced as we pass by the announcers' booth. I would appreciate a RSVP by March 10 to let us know approximate numbers. (Map #41)(PS,F,2.5) Leader: Marla Zinkan (317-403-5621)

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

Saturday, March 14

8:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING See Saturday, February 7

8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, February 7

9:30 AM EXPLORE THE HOOSIER NATIONAL FOREST - INEXPERIENCED BACKPACKERS - DAY I
Consider joining us for a beginner off trail 2-day backpacking trip beginning on Saturday, March 14th and concluding on Sunday, March 15. Look for another 2-day trip for moderately experienced backpackers on March 28-29. I'm hosting some early spring off trail trips, to enjoy the views offered before the plants and insects return. This hike will be a relatively easy one, where we hike 5 miles out and set up a dispersed camp site. We'll then return to the parking area on Sunday, finding a slightly different route. There will still be a few hills, but we will use long stretches of valleys and ridges when possible. Again, feel free to reach out to me ahead of time with any questions or concerns. I'm trying to make it easy for people who want to learn to backpack but haven't gotten the chance. We are all willing to share equipment and show what is needed. The hike will begin at Nebo Ridge North parking area, which is west of Story, IN. From I-465 S take I-65 south to the Columbus exit then take SR 46 west toward Nashville. Just past the town of Gnaw Bone, turn left on SR 135 to Story. From Story go west 3 miles down Elkinsville Rd. Cross an old wooden bridge, just after turning left at the intersection at Blue Creek Rd. Parking will be on your left in a few hundred yards. (M,NS,2.5) Leader: Scott Beam (317-474-0168, hoosierhappytrails@yahoo.com)

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, February 7

Sunday, March 15

8:00 AM EXPLORE THE HOOSIER NATIONAL FOREST - INEXPERIENCED BACKPACKERS - DAY II
This is a continuation of the backpacking trip that begins on Saturday, March 14. See write-up on March 14 above. You will be credited with about 5 miles for today's hike. (M,NS,2.5) Leader: Scott Beam (317-474-0168, hoosierhappytrails@yahoo.com)

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, February 1

9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, February 1

Monday, March 16

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, February 9

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, February 2

9:30 AM PRATHER PARK IN CARMEL See Monday, February 16

9:30 AM FALL CREEK WOODS NATURAL AREA See Monday, February 9

4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, February 2

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, February 2

Tuesday, March 17

Saint Patrick's Day

8:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL - TUESDAY See Tuesday, February 3

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, February 3

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- 9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MYERS, FL See Tuesday, February 3
- 9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, February 3
- 9:30 AM ENJOY BROAD RIPPLE See Tuesday, February 3
- 9:30 AM KAPOK PARK/ MOCCASIN LAKE NATURE PARK, CLEARWATER FL This is one of a series of slow and easy Tuesday morning hikes in the Clearwater/St. Petersburg area of FL led by long term member Elaine Wright who is living in Pinellas, FL during the winter. She hikes with quite a few members of her community in Florida, and visitors from the IHC are always welcome. All hikes will be about 3 miles long at a slow and easy pace. Hikers usually go to a local restaurant after every hike. Please contact Elaine for precise driving directions from wherever you are staying. (F,PS,2.5) Leader: Elaine Wright (317-753-5516)
- 2:00 PM DOWNTOWN FISHERS ON THE NICKEL PLATE TRAIL See Tuesday, February 3
- 4:30 PM FRANCISCAN TRAIL See Tuesday, March 3

Wednesday, March 18

- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, February 4
- 9:30 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, February 4
- 9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, February 4
- 10:00 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, February 4
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, February 4

Thursday, March 19

- 8:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL - THURSDAY See Thursday, February 5
- 9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, February 5
- 9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MYERS, FL See Tuesday, February 3
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, February 5
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, February 5
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, February 5
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - REHAB/GET BACK INTO HIKING HIKE See Thursday, February 5
- 4:00 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, February 5
- 6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, February 5

Friday, March 20***First Day of Spring***

- 8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, February 6
- 8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, February 6
- 9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, February 6
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, February 6
- 1:00 PM COXHALL GARDENS AND ICE CREAM We will walk around the paved trails in Coxhall Garden, and then on into the Village of West Clay for 3-4 miles. Looking for signs of spring along the way. We will plan to stop for ice cream in the Village. The address of the park is 11677 Towne Rd, Carmel IN 46032. (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: June Sergi (317-372-3018)
- 6:00 PM BUTLER, CANAL TOWPATH AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See Friday, March 6

Saturday, March 21

- 8:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING See Saturday, February 7
- 8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, February 7
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, February 7

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10:00 AM DEPAUW NATURE PARK AND LUNCH This is a 5-mile hike at this 520-acre nature park located at 1400 W County Rd 125 S, Greencastle. Features at this park are woodland trails, a lake, Big Walnut Creek and a retired limestone quarry. From I-465 West, exit on US 40 and travel to SR 231. Turn right and travel to Washington St in Greencastle. Turn left. Travel to just past courthouse and turn left again at Jackson St. Turn right onto W. Walnut St going west about 0.6 miles. The driveway to the nature park is on the left. Follow the driveway for about 0.5 miles to the main parking lot where we will meet. Join us for lunch at Almost Home restaurant in Greencastle after the hike. (Map #71) (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Terry Roesch (317-910-2943 cell)

Sunday, March 22

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, February 1

9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, February 1

1:30 PM EAGLE CREEK WEST SIDE – BEAR OVERLOOK See Sunday, March 1

Monday, March 23

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, February 9

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, February 2

9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE PARK AND BEYOND See Monday, February 23

4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, February 2

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, February 2

Tuesday, March 24

8:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL - TUESDAY See Tuesday, February 3

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, February 3

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MYERS, FL See Tuesday, February 3

9:00 AM HOLLIDAY PARK, BLICKMAN EDUCATIONAL TRAIL, MAROTT NATURE PRESERVE AND BEYOND Come explore and enjoy these woody trails before the vegetation gets too thick on this 6-mile hike. There is one somewhat steep hill on the route. Trails may be muddy so wear appropriate footwear. We will start in Holliday Park at 6363 Spring Mill Rd. Enter the park off Spring Mill Rd just south of 64th St. Turn left to the Nature Center parking lot. Restrooms available in the Nature Center. (Map #47)(M,NS/HS,3-3.5) Leader: Laura Otten (317-378-9945)

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, February 3

9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Tuesday, February 10

9:30 AM A.L. ANDERSON, TARPON SPRINGS, FL This is one of a series of slow and easy Tuesday morning hikes in the Clearwater/St. Petersburg area of FL led by long term member Elaine Wright who is living in Pinellas, FL during the winter. She hikes with quite a few members of her community in Florida, and visitors from the IHC are always welcome. All hikes will be about 3 miles long at a slow and easy pace. Hikers usually go to a local restaurant after every hike. Please contact Elaine for precise driving directions from wherever you are staying. (F,PS,2.5) Leader: Elaine Wright (317-753-5516)

4:30 PM FRANCISCAN TRAIL See Tuesday, March 3

Wednesday, March 25

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, February 4

9:30 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, February 4

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, February 4

10:00 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, February 4

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, February 4

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Thursday, March 26

- 8:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL - THURSDAY See Thursday, February 5
- 9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, February 5
- 9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MYERS, FL See Tuesday, February 3
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, February 5
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, February 5
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, February 5
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - REHAB/GET BACK INTO HIKING HIKE See Thursday, February 5
- 4:00 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, February 5
- 6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, February 5

Friday, March 27

- 8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, February 6
- 8:00 AM INDIANA TRIPLE CROWN SERIES - ADVENTURE TRAIL - DAY I This is the second of three hike series that Susan Sievers and I will be leading to accomplish the Indiana Triple Crown, Look for the third hike series, the Knobstone Trail, in future schedules. See write-up on February 6 for a complete description of the Triple Crown.

Today and tomorrow, we will hike a total of 25/26 miles, we will do 13 miles each day. It is a loop hike on the beautiful Adventure Trail in O'Bannon State Park. We will meet both days at Rock Creek Trail Head, on SR 482 0.3 miles west of the Old Barn Shelter located in the upper right of the attached map: https://www.in.gov/dnr/state-parks/files/sp-obannon_hike_adventuretrail.pdf.

Depending on the number of cars that show up, we will either drive or carpool to the starting point at Old Forest Rd trailhead, approximately 2 miles away. I will be staying at the campground before the first day and the night before day II. There are hotels 15 minutes away: Hampton Inn 2455 Landmark Ave NE, Corydon, In 47112/ 812-738-6688 or Holiday Inn 249 Federal Dr NW Corydon, In 47112/ 812-738-1623. Directions: Allow 2.5 hours from Indy. From I-465 S take I-65 south to I-64 heading west. At Corydon exit I-64 and take SR 62 west to SR 482 and turn south. If you're seriously interested in this hike, please contact me or Susan before the hike. We will take a short lunch break and have several opportunities for picture taking. I recommend bringing hiking poles, headlamp, rain gear, hiking boots or sturdy trail shoes, pack high energy snacks/lunch and plenty of water. There are no restrooms at the trailhead. Cell service is unreliable. (**Challenging**,H,NS,3) Leaders: Theresa Ray (317-627-1205, tmquincy@yahoo.com) and Susan Sievers (317-513-5239)

- 8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, February 6
- 9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, February 6
- 9:00 AM HIKE IN THE WOODS - FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON See Friday, February 13
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, February 6
- 6:00 PM BUTLER, CANAL TOWPATH AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See Friday, March 6

Saturday, March 28

- 8:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING See Saturday, February 7
- 8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, February 7
- 8:00 AM INDIANA TRIPLE CROWN SERIES - ADVENTURE TRAIL - DAY II This is the second day for completing the Adventure Trail. Today we will hike the final 13 miles. Please review the write-up on March 27 for specifics on driving and meeting locations. Today we will meet at the same location as yesterday at Rock Creek Trail Head. There are no restrooms at the trailhead. Cell service is unreliable. See Day I write-up on March 27 for a list of recommended supplies.

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9:30 AM EXPLORE THE HOOSIER NATIONAL FOREST - INTERMEDIATE BACKPACKING - DAY I
Similar to the beginner back packing trip scheduled over the weekend of March 14-15, but we'll be hiking about 8 miles each day. Terrain will be more rugged with more elevation per mile and creek crossings. We'll set up a dispersed camp where we can and then head out in the morning. As with the first trip, feel free to reach out to me with questions, concerns or gear needs. We will meet at the Nebo Ridge Trailhead, see write-up on March 14 for directions. (M,NS,2.5) Leader: Scott Beam (317-474-0168, hoosierhappytrail@yahoo.com)

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, February 7

Sunday, March 29 *Palm Sunday*

8:00 AM EXPLORE THE HOOSIER NATIONAL FOREST - INTERMEDIATE BACKPACKING - DAY II This is a continuation of the intermediate backpacking trip that begins on Saturday, March 28. See write-up on March 28 above. You will be credited with about 8 miles for today's hike. (M,NS,2.5) Leader: Scott Beam (317-474-0168, hoosierhappytrails@yahoo.com)

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, February 1

9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, February 1

1:30 PM SUNDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Sunday, February 22

Monday, March 30

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, February 9

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, February 2

9:30 AM FALL CREEK WOODS NATURAL AREA See Monday, February 9

9:30 AM HAZEL LANDING PARK (NEW) This will be a new hike of about 5 miles with shorter options to explore Carmel's new Hazel Landing Park, which features the Bur Oak pedestrian bridge over the White River to Fishers Heritage Park. We will explore both sides of the river. Meet at Founders Park in Carmel at the intersection of Hazel Dell Pkwy and 116 St. From I-465 N take the Allisonville Rd exit north to the 96th St roundabout turn onto 96th St heading west. At the next roundabout and turn north onto Hazel Dell Pkwy. Drive north past the roundabout at 116 St just a short way to the entrance to Founders Park. (F,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

10:00 AM BOOK CLUB HIKE - PIKE LIBRARY Read *Leave Only Footprints* by Conor Knighton. This is about the author's one year journey to all the National Parks. The hike, on paved paths and sidewalks, will be 5 miles with shorter options available. The book discussion will be before the hike at the Pike branch library, 6525 Zionsville Rd in Indianapolis. The library is not open until 10:00 a.m. You may hike and attend the discussion even if you have not read the book. (F,PS,3) Leader Marti Burton (317-306-9878)

4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, February 2

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, February 2

Tuesday, March 31

8:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL - TUESDAY See Tuesday, February 3

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, February 3

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MYERS, FL See Tuesday, February 3

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, February 3

9:30 AM ENJOY BROAD RIPPLE See Tuesday, February 3

9:30 AM DUNEDIN BAY WALK, DUNEDIN, FL This is one of a series of slow and easy Tuesday morning hikes in the Clearwater/St. Petersburg area of FL led by long term member Elaine Wright who is living in Pinellas, FL during the winter. She hikes with quite a few members of her community in

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1:30 PM TUESDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Tuesday, February 3

2:00 PM DOWNTOWN FISHERS ON THE NICKEL PLATE TRAIL See Tuesday, February 3

4:30 PM FRANCISCAN TRAIL See Tuesday, March 3

FUTURE EVENTS:

29TH ANNUAL SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK – April 14 -16 (Tue-Thu). Mark your calendar for the Annual Club Trip to Smoky Mountains National Park. If you haven't already booked your room reservations in Gatlinburg, TN, do so now. Most members stay at Riverhouse at the Park (865-436-2070). Bearskin Lodge on the River (865-430-4330) is another good choice. This year we will repeat the Monday evening pool-side social hour at Riverhouse. There will be a range of traditional and new morning and afternoon moderate hikes, and more challenging full-day hikes. The hike leaders will include Tim Braun, John Lyghtel, Konnie and John Schlechte. Contact: John Schlechte 317-294-2021 cell or jschlechte@fastmail.com.

500 FESTIVAL PARADE – Saturday, May 23 Once again I will be organizing volunteers for the 500 Festival Parade on May 23rd. It will be listed as a hike on our schedule for which you will receive mileage credit. Signups are now available at <https://500festival.com/volunteer/#volunteer>. Get signed up early for your favorite role (balloon handler, flag carrier, specialty unit escort, float walker, band escort, and equine). Be sure to sign up before April 9 to get your invitation to Volunteer Appreciation Day at IMS on May 16. Once you've signed up, let me know. Debbie Bucholz (317-361-9210)

INDIANAPOLIS INDIANS BASEBALL GAME – Sunday, July 12 Once again, Debbie Bucholz will organize a group outing to the game against the Toledo Mudhens. She has reserved the date and a block of tickets which may be purchased from her at a discounted price closer to game day.

ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC – Saturday, July 25 Once again at Eagle Creek Park with free entry to the park.

FRANCONIA RIDGE WHITE MOUNTAINS, NH – July 26-31 This Franconia loop requires two nights backpack camping and two nights in huts. We will clamber up the boulder-strewn Kinsman, considered a most difficult climb on all the Appalachian Trail, as well as going up the arduous ascent from Franconia Notch to Franconia Ridge. Estimated elevation gain is nearly 10,000' in about 26 miles for the four-day trek. A limited roster of intrepid hikers will be included on this White Mountains excursion. Four IHC hikers have already indicated a desire to go on this trip, which is all the leader feels comfortable taking. However, if you would like to be considered as an alternate, please contact hike leader James Kendall by email at 4hickory1950@gmail.com or by phone at 812-968-9487.

KATAHDIN AND BAXTER STATE PARK, MAINE – September 10-13 Katahdin is generally considered the very toughest mountain climb on all the Appalachian Trail. This **challenging** hike ascends 4000' in five miles, then descends steeply for another five miles. You must be fit and proficient in boulder scrambling. We will also hike a 12-mile loop within Baxter, either the day before or day after "The Greatest Mountain" (Penobscot translation for Katahdin), weather permitting. Please hike with me on at least three IHC scheduled hikes before May 31 to talk as we walk and thereby determine your readiness for Katahdin. Questions? Contact trip leader James Kendall at 4hickory1950@gmail.com or 812-968-9487.

PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW AND REINSTATED ® MEMBERS:

Sangeeta Kalia	Indianapolis, IN	Ann Buttery	Indianapolis, IN
Sarah Rose	Martinsville, IN	John Wilson	Plainfield
Mehran Hourmozdi	Carmel, IN	Sholeh Hourmozdi	Carmel, IN
Linda Trivison	Arcadia, IN	Elizabeth Reifeis	Carmel, IN
Ray Fowler	Westfield, IN	Jenn Fowler	Westfield, IN
Kathie Hartwell ®	Indianapolis, IN	Joe Hartwell ®	Indianapolis, IN
Monica Olson	Lebanon, IN	Aria Arrizabalaga	Zionsville, IN
Linda Kraatz	Indianapolis, IN	Amy Loane	Indianapolis, IN

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RECENT MILEAGE AWARDS: Of special note, as of the day after Thanksgiving Allan Roberts became the IHC's all-time mileage leader and every time he hikes he sets the bar higher.

Allan Roberts	56,000	Cathy Fischer	3,500	David Garrison	500
Rick Kinnaman	41,500	Monica Enders	3,500	Cora Carpenter	400
Ed Wright	27,000	Betty Johnson	3,000	Nathan Canfield	300
Kae Ramey	20,500	Luanne Aurelius	3,000	Phylliss McNamara	300
Dewey Conces	17,000	John Wagner	2,500	Terie Schaeffer	200
Cheryl Conces	17,000	Linda Gibson	2,500	Julie Ayer	200
Janet Cohen	15,500	Bev Hoopingarner	2,000	Michael Taylor	200
Katy Smith	15,000	Amy Auberry	2,000	Tom Moll	200
Mike Khalil	15,000	Susan Alden	2,000	Mike Fox	100
Mike Seeman	14,000	Connor Enders	1,500	Jennifer Aspy	100
Marti Burton	11,500	Kathleen Fox	1,000		
Marthene Kohlmeyer	9,000	Scott Marsella	1,000		
Mary K Johnson	7,500	James Kendall	500		
Ron Elkins	6,000	Evan Hoffar	500		

MEMBER NEWS: We offer our condolences to the family of the following member:

Ron Elkins mother passed away on January 12, 2026.

We also wish rapid healing to the following member:

Rick Wortman had a major fall on January 15 on the Thursday morning hike he was leading in Eagle Creek Park. Thank you, Debbie Bucholz, for assisting when it happened. Rick fractured his arm and his nose, has some facial injuries and is badly bruised. But luckily, he did not have a concussion. He will not be hiking or leading until he recovers, which we pray is soon.

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 Terry Roesch, 1698 Ginseng Trail, Avon, IN 46123, troesch1@indy.rr.com, 317-910-2943. To become a member, you must be at least 18 years old and pay the applicable dues. That's it. A Membership Application may be printed from the "forms" page on the website or ask Terry 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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