



The Indianapolis Hiking Club

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Happiness - A Step at a Time

SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 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.

CHALLENGING HIKE	TERRAIN		SURFACE	SPEED
	H (Hilly)	Continuously	NS Natural, mainly soft	Hiking speed in MPH
Challenging	M (Mixed)	Hilly & Flat	HS Packed dirt or gravel	not including breaks
or blank	F (Flat)	Few Hills	PS Concrete or black top	(e.g., 3.0 is 20 min/mi)

Guests are welcome on all hikes - no fee. Hikers should arrive at the meeting location at least 10 minutes early, 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.

ANNUAL DUES AND WINTER BANQUET: Our Club's new fiscal year starts on October 1, 2026, and your annual dues become payable at that time. All members will receive a dues notice in the mail. The mailing will include a self-addressed return envelope. Our annual dues will be unchanged from last year, \$25 for an individual and \$40 for a family. Again, this year if you choose to receive the hike schedule/newsletter by mail there will be a \$10 surcharge to partially offset the increased cost of printing and postage. You have the option to pay by check or Zelle, an electronic payment service, if your bank offers it. The instructions for using Zelle are included on the dues notice.

Along with your dues notice you also will receive a Winter Banquet Reservations (planned for January 9, 2027) form. Please note that the banquet will be at 1:00 p.m. this year, one hour earlier than last year. Please provide separate checks or separate Zelle payments for the member dues and winter banquet reservations. If you misplace either form, you may reprint them from the Forms page on the Club website. If you have any questions regarding the dues or mailed schedule surcharge, or using Zelle as a form of payment please contact our Treasurer Marian Fahy at 916-606-6840 or email her at fahy8952@gmail.com. Any questions about the Winter Banquet should be directed to Laura Otten at 317-378-9945 or lbotten@hotmail.com.

CLUB OFFICER ELECTION RESULTS: This year's General Assembly was held on September 10. All members present voted by acclamation to accept the recommendations of the nominating committee, thereby electing the following officers for the new Club year beginning on October 1: PRESIDENT: Laura Otten, VICE PRESIDENT: Anna Hastings, PATHFINDERS: Jean Ballinger and Ed Wright, SECRETARY: Lori Showley, TREASURER: Marian Fahy, DIRECTORS: Cathy Fischer, Karen LeClerc, Richard Stroup and Janie Westemier. President-elect Laura Otten announced the following appointed officers: CLUB HISTORIAN: Mervyn Cohen, MEMBERSHIP: Terry Roesch, MILEAGE: TBD, PUBLICATIONS: Kae Ramey, PUBLICITY: Delaram Moghaddam, SOCIAL: TBD and WEBMASTER: Paul Klimowitch. The new board wishes to thank departing officers: Konnie Schlechte, our former Club Secretary; Annie Falvey, our former Social Director; John McShea our former Mileage officer; and Debbie Bucholz, Martha Rivera June and Pat Lawler, former Directors at Large, for their long and dedicated service to the Club.

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/hikelocations.shtml.

REMINDER – PLEASE ENTER MILEAGE FOR PAST DATE HIKE: All hike leaders who have yet to record miles on the website for September or earlier hikes, we need you to enter the miles ASAP (preferably before October 1), so that we can determine winners of the 2026 Achievement Awards. To see if you own one of the hikes without mileage, access the *Hikes without Mileage* link on the website Mileage page (there are quite a few, some dating back months) and either enter miles or cancel your hike, which will cause the hike to disappear from the list. If you have problems accomplishing either, please contact Ed Wright at ewright@indyhike.org.

ITEMS OF NOTE IN THIS SCHEDULE: In this schedule you may choose any of 369 hikes scheduled during October and November. In addition to the regular recurring weekday and weekend hikes, the following hikes deserve a closer look. Book Club hikes have been scheduled on Monday, October 19 led by Marti Burton and on Monday, November 23 led by Wilma Bailey. On Saturday October 12 three strenuous hikes are scheduled: Big B&O 50K scheduled by Therese Cokain; Mammoth March in Pennsylvania led by Theresa Ray; and the start of an Overnight Backpacking trip in the Hoosier National Forest led by Scott Beam. This is followed by another strenuous hike on Sunday, October 13 led by Mary Bruss to Downtown Indy and Back. A three-day trip organized by Mervyn Cohen to Burr Oak SP in Ohio, which we last visited 50 years ago, will take place on October 14-16. This will be followed on Saturday, October 17 with our annual visit to Gnaw Bone Camp for Oktoberfest led by Marthene Kohlmeier. On Thanksgiving Day, you have your choice between the annual Drumstick Dash in Broad Ripple and our usual multiple hikes at Eagle Creek Park. As always, you have an opportunity in this schedule to hike in a number of Indiana State Parks. Check for event details on the specific day in the hike schedule below.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER: Hi Fellow Hikers. It is amazing to be a part of an organization that is entering its 70th year. I am so grateful to be a member and to be your President for the coming year.

To keep this club going, there are many duties that are performed behind the scenes. Those duties are performed by club members who volunteer their time, energy and talents in service to the club. Without those volunteers, the club would not function. Some of those behind-the-scenes duties involve the upkeep of our website and database. These important functions touch almost every hiking club member, allowing our hiking schedule, documents and history to be posted on the website and our mileage to be tracked and reported on.

We need someone to take over the Database/Mileage board position replacing John McShea, who wants to move on after 6 years in his role. If you have database skills or experience, or are willing to learn, you could be a good match and we need you.

We are also seeking a few more volunteers to help our Webmaster and Technical Team maintain and improve our website and provide backup support. If you have programming or website development skills, or would be willing to learn, training is available. This is an opportunity to have a voice in how our website functions going forward.

Please let me know if you would be willing to discuss these roles. This would be a great time for you to provide meaningful assistance to the club and help keep it moving forward.

I look forward to serving you and the club in the coming year. If I haven't met you yet, I look forward to doing so.

Hope to see you on the trails,
Laura Otten
President Indianapolis Hiking Club

HIKE SCHEDULE:

Thursday, October 1

8:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL. 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 and Thursday in October and November. (Map #74)(M,PS) Hike Leader: Dewey Conces (317-371-0068)

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- 9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE Now that the summer is over, we are going back to our usual 9:00 a.m. start. 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 October and November. (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 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 about 1/2 mile and turn left on Walnut Point Rd. Shortly after you turn, turn left into 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 October and November. 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 #80)(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 GET BACK INTO HIKING 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: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)
- 4:30 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON This will be a 4-6 mile moderate speed hike through Noblesville's trails and neighborhoods. 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. Meet at Forest Park by the Office parking lot. Hike repeats each Thursday in October and November (excluding Thanksgiving Day). (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 October and November (Except on Thanksgiving Day). (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Rick Braun (317-679-2972)

Friday, October 2

- 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 October and November. 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)
- 8:00 AM THRIVE FOR LIFE HEALTH & WELLNESS SUNRISE HIKE - FRIDAY Finish your week strong on the Nickel Plate Trail. Hosted in conjunction with the Thrive for Life Health and Wellness Community (a PCRM Building Healthy Communities initiative) and led by Kelley Hale, Certified Health & Well-being Coach, this Friday morning hike covers a guided 3-mile route along the trail, with a self-guided 5-mile option for extra miles. Meet near the trailhead entrance at Hub & Spoke at 106th Street (8100 E 106th St, Fishers, IN 46038). Restrooms are available. Hike repeats on all Fridays in October and November. (F,PS) Leader: Kelley Hale (317-721-4382)

- 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 October and November. (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 October and November. (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 October and November. (Map #52)(F,NS/PS,3-3.5) Leader: David Kincaid (317-787-6593)
- 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 Oct. (Map #41) (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Jim Griffin (317-294-1121)

Saturday, October 3

- 8:00 AM INDY HALF MARATHON 10K AND 5K AT FORT BEN Preregistration is required. See www.indyhalfmarathon.com for details on how to preregister. There is an entry fee. The half-marathon and 10K start at 8:00 AM and the 5K starts at 8:25 AM. Allow time before the start to pick up your race bib. Text or email leader with mileage. (**Challenging**,F,PS) Leader: Swati Gunale (317-847-0684 or swatigunale@yahoo.com)
- 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 October and November. (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 each Saturday in October and November. 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 October and November. (Map #65)(F,NS) Leader: Rick Kinnaman (317-407-9746)

Sunday, October 4

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

1:00 PM JIGSAW PUZZLE EXCHANGE AND ICE CREAM Bring your jigsaw puzzles to exchange with club members and get an ice cream treat at Frigid Frog in Plainfield. This will be a 4-mile hike on parts of the Vandalia and White Lick trails. Restrooms available. There will be plenty of puzzles for anyone who may not have puzzles to exchange but would like to take some that do not need to be returned. We will be stopping for an ice cream treat at Frigid Frog as we make our way back to our cars. Park in the lot behind the Oasis Diner 405 W. Main St, Plainfield. Do not park in the Diner parking lot, (M,PS, 2.5-3) Leader; Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)

Monday, October 5

- 8:00 AM THRIVE FOR LIFE HEALTH & WELLNESS SUNRISE HIKE - MONDAY Kick off your week with a morning hike along the scenic trails and waterside paths of Geist Park! Presented in conjunction with the Thrive for Life Health and Wellness Community (a PCRM Building Healthy Communities initiative) and led by Kelley Hale, Health & Well-being Coach, this recurring Monday hike promotes regular physical activity, group connection, and outdoor wellness. We will hike a guided 3-mile route, with an optional self-guided 5-mile extension for those seeking extra distance. Meet in the main parking area (10979 Florida Rd, Fortville/Fishers, IN 46040). Restrooms are available. Hike repeats all Mondays in October and November. (F,NS,PS) Leader: Kelley Hale (317-721-4382)
- 8:30 AM FALL CREEK WOODS NATURAL AREA Enjoy a moderate to brisk 6 to 7-mile hike in the woods on natural trails. Expect hills and ramps. Take I-69N to exit 214. Turn right onto SR 13 toward Fortville. Turn right on CR W800S. Then a left onto CR S1000W continue for 2.7 miles. Fall Creek Woods Natural Area parking lot is on your right. Hike repeats on October 19 and November 2 & 9 (Map #82)(M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Pam Marusic (216 469-1494)
- 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, November 2. (Map #40) (M,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Catherine Curtiss (317-209-9816)
- 9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK Meet at 6901 Derbyshire Rd behind the former Southport Police Station for a 4 to-5-mile hike. Hike repeats each Monday in October and November. (F,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Curt Hawhee (317-529-3482)
- 9:00 AM ECHO HOLLOW NATURE PARK Join us for a 4-mile hike on natural surface trails and a boardwalk. We will be hiking on some of the newer trails in the park. Restrooms available. The park is located at 7700 S CR 975E Plainfield, IN. Hike repeats on Monday, November 16 (M,NS/HS,2.5-3) 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 break on the hike. Hike has options of 3, 4 and 5 miles. Hike repeats on Monday, November 2. (Map #79)(F,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)
- 5:00 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 on October and November. (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 to 8-mile brisk hike through scenic neighborhoods. Hike repeats each Monday evening in October and November. (Map #25)(F,PS,3.5) Leader: Rick Braun (317-679-2972)

Tuesday, October 6

- 8:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL See Thursday, October 1
- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL **Please note**, that 106th St and Westfield Blvd intersection will be closed for roundabout construction. I suggest College Ave to 111 St and then east to Rangeline and north to the entrance. Please allow extra time. Not sure how long the construction will take.
This is a 1 to 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 October and November. (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 lower parking lot by the baseball diamonds. Hike repeats every Tuesday in October and November. (Map #61) (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Debbie Bucholz (317-361-9210)

9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK Enjoy a 5-mile hike on forested trails. From I-465 NE go east on 56 th 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 Oct 20 and Nov 3 & 17 (Map #18)(M,NS,2.5) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)

1:00 PM LIONS PARK AND ICE CREAM We will meet in Zionsville at Lions Park for a 4-mile hike in and around the park as well as nearby trails. We will explore some of the village with a stop at Scoop (\$) for ice cream. The address for the park is 11053 Sycamore St. Zionsville 46077. (M,PS/NS,2.5) Leader: June Sergi (317-372-3018)

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 October 27 and November 10 & 17. (Map #81)(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 October 20, and November 3 & 17. (F,PS,3) Leader: John Lyghtel (317-626-9117)

6:00 PM UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS & ROSEDALE HILLS From I-65, go south on Keystone Ave about 1/2 mile to small shopping center on right (west) at 4040 S. Keystone. Meet at the south end of the parking lot for a 5-mile hike. Hike repeats each Tuesday in October and November. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: David Kincaid (317-787-6593, 317-864-9574 cell)

Wednesday, October 7

8:00 AM THRIVE FOR LIFE HEALTH & WELLNESS SUNRISE HIKE - WEDNESDAY Enjoy a mid-week morning nature hike through Ritchey Woods Nature Preserve! Held in conjunction with the Thrive for Life Health and Wellness Community (a PCRM Building Healthy Communities initiative) and led by Kelley Hale, Certified Health & Well-being Coach, this recurring 3-mile hike offers a scenic trek through wooded trails. A self-guided 5-mile extension is available. Meet near the main trailhead parking lot (10410 Hague Rd, Fishers, IN 46038). Restrooms are available. Hike repeats all Wednesdays in October and November. (F,NS,PS) Leader: Kelley Hale (317-721-4382)

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 October and November. 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 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 October and November. (Map #41) (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Harold Crooks (317-730-4850)

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 October and November. (Map #58)(F,PS,3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

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

Thursday, October 8

8:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL See Thursday, October 1

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, October 1

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, October 1

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, October 1

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, October 1

9:30 AM GET BACK INTO HIKING See Thursday, October 1

4:30 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, October 1

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, October 1

Friday, October 9

8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, October 2

8:00 AM THRIVE FOR LIFE HEALTH & WELLNESS SUNRISE HIKE - FRIDAY See Friday, October 2

8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, October 2

8:30 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 on Friday, October 23 and November 6 & 20. (Map #18)(M,NS,2.5-3) Leaders: Bev Hoopingarner (317-695-1419) or Pam Marusic (216-469-1494)

9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, October 2

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, October 2

6:00 PM OVER, AROUND AND THROUGH PURDUE AND IU See Friday, October 2

Saturday, October 10

7:00 AM THE BIG BO 50K, 25K, 10K AND 5K Preregistration is required. See <https://runsignup.com/Race/IN/Indianapolis/TheBigBO50k> for details on how to preregister (fee). The 50K starts at 7:00 a.m. and the 25K, 10K and 5K starts at 9:00 a.m. The start/end is at Daredevil Brewing Co. in the heart of Speedway, IN — the Racing Capital of the World — and covers the entire length of the B&O trail through Marion and Hendricks counties. Text or email leader with mileage. (Challenging,F,PS) Leader: Therese Cokain (317-796-9183 tcokain@gmail.com)

7:30 AM MAMMOTH MARCH PENNSYLVANIA This event is currently sold out. See www.mammothmarch.com/pennsylvania-2026 to enter the wait list if you're not already registered (fee). This is a 20-mile hike over rugged terrain, and you get eight hours to do it. The start/finish is at 9901 S Ridge Dr, McCandless Township, PA 15044 (North Park's Swimming Pool). Start times

are staggered beginning at 7:30 AM. Text or email leader for further details. (**Challenging**,H,NS)
Leader: Theresa Ray (317-627-1205, tmquincy@yahoo.com)

8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, October 3

8:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING See Saturday, October 3

9:30 AM OVERNIGHT BACKPACK TRIP - HOOSIER NATIONAL FOREST - DAY I Although only one overnight, you should be an experienced backpacker before considering this trip. We will be hiking a rugged 16-20 miles mostly off trail in the Hoosier National Forest for 2 days, where the leader will showcase some unique areas, he has found over the years. We'll meet at the Hoosier National Forest Hickory Ridge Trail 18 parking area and hike a 10-mile loop and finish Day I about a mile out from the parking area. We'll then pass by the parking area when leaving camp on Day II, so items can be dropped off to make day two easier. We won't be in any hurry, expect the pace to be around 1.25 mph or slower for much of the trip. Camp will be dispersed in a small valley, with plenty of flat areas spaced throughout the valley. This is a full-on backpacking overnight trip, so carry what you need, including provisions and water, for an overnight. A small footprint tent is best when setting up camp or, better still, a hammock can make just about everywhere a good site. We will be staying in a large valley, so temps often get colder than the expected low by several degrees so plan accordingly. Also, ticks will likely still be present. Please wear treated clothes or whatever precautions you can.

Directions from Indy: Drive south on I-65 to exit 64 - Ogilville. Turn right and follow SR 58 for almost 5 miles and turn right just past the fire station on CR W 525 S. After a mile, you'll take a left and then right at the church to remain on CR W 525 S, but then in another mile take a left onto Becks Grove and stay on it for 6 miles to SR 135 south. A left onto SR 135, and in 2.5 miles go straight onto Buffalo Pike. Follow it through Houston, making a 90-degree turn right at the end of town and then left onto CR W 1000 N. Continue for 4 miles, then a slight right onto the road leading to Maumee Scout Reservation. It will change to gravel at the Maumee, but continue on for another 2 miles to the trailhead. If you are interested in joining this trip or have any questions, please RSVP. (**Challenging**,M,NS,1.25-2) Leader: Scott Beam (hoosierhappytrails@yahoo.com, 317-601-1033)

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, October 3

Sunday, October 11

8:00 AM OVERNIGHT BACKPACK TRIP - HOOSIER NATIONAL FOREST - DAY II This is the second day of a 2-day backpacking trip. Today we will be able to drop off overnight camping gear at our cars early in the hike, so it will be a bit easier than yesterday. Expect about 8-10 miles today, still mostly off trail. (**Challenging**,M,NS,1.25-2) Leader: Scott Beam (hoodierhappytrails@yahoo.com, 317-601-1033)

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, October 4

9:00 AM DOWNTOWN INDY AND BACK Meet at Broad Ripple Methodist Church, 6185 Guilford Ave for an 18-19 mile brisk self-guided hike. We will take the tow-path downtown and then walk across town to connect to the Monon back to the parking lot. Bring snacks and water. Join us for lunch at the Half Liter along the Monon Trail about a mile from the finish. (Map #65) (**Challenging**,F,PS/HS,3.5) Leader: Mary Bruss (317-308-0182)

9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, October 4

Monday, October 12 *Indigenous Peoples' Day*

8:00 AM THRIVE FOR LIFE HEALTH & WELLNESS SUNRISE HIKE - MONDAY See Monday, October 5

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. Leader may offer a 10 or 12-mile option. Hike repeats on all Mondays in October and November, except October 5 and November 2. (Map #40)(M,PS,3.5) Leader: Mary Barbara Miller (317-220-9593)

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, October 5

- 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 November 9. (Map #42)(M,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)
- 1:00 PM SERGI WOODS AND NEAR BY NEIGHBORHOODS We will meet in the northwest corner of the parking lot at Market District supermarket located at 11505 N. Illinois St., Carmel 46032. We will walk in neighborhoods exploring Hussey Lane and Jupiter St. There are some very interesting estates located in this area. We will stop at our house to walk our trails and indulge in some refreshments before returning to Market District for a total of 3 to 4 miles. (F,PS,2.5) Leader: June Sergi (317-372-3018)
- 5:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, October 5
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, October 5

Tuesday, October 13

- 8:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL See Thursday, October 1
- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, October 6
- 9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, October 6
- 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 hike may include parts of Holliday Park, Marott Park, Monon Trail, Arden neighborhood, or Rocky Ripple. Hike repeats Oct 27 & Nov 10; no hike on Nov 24. (Map #65)(M,NS/HS/PS, 2.5) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)
- 5:30 PM THE LEVEE AT MORSE RESERVOIR This will be a new 5-mile hike on paved trails in and around Morse Reservoir. Park at Morse Park & Beach parking lot. From SR 38 in west Noblesville take Hague Rd north to 196th St, turn left and follow to Morse Park & Beach. We will stop at Wolfies halfway for refreshments and light meal. Bathrooms are available at the beginning of the hike and then at Wolfies. Repeats on Tuesday November 10. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Martha Rivera June (317-750-6895)
- 6:00 PM UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS & ROSEDALE HILLS See Tuesday, October 6

Wednesday, October 14

BURR OAK STATE PARK, OHIO - OCTOBER 14-16 Fifty years ago the Indianapolis Hiking Club hiked in Burr Oak SP in Ohio. It is time we return. Burr Oak State Park is about 25 miles from Hocking Hills State Park in Ohio. The address of the Burr Oak SP lodge is 10220 Burr Oak Lodge Rd, Glouster, OH 45732 (use google maps for directions). You should have already made your reservations at the lodge or cabin in Burr Oak SP. If not, please do so ASAP by calling 800 282-7275 and identify yourself as an IHC member. Check future events in the August-September hike schedule for lodging options and rates. Note, there is an indoor swimming pool. Wednesday is considered a travel day. On Thursday we will do morning and afternoon hikes and on Friday a morning hike. There will be a 6-mile hike moderate hike led by Richard Stroup and a slower 5-mile hike led by the trip organizer and possibly a 3-mile option for each of the 3 hike sessions. If you have any questions, please contact the trip organizer Mervyn Cohen by email at mecohen@iu.edu or by phone at 317 417-2628.

- 8:00 AM THRIVE FOR LIFE HEALTH & WELLNESS SUNRISE HIKE - WEDNESDAY See Wednesday, October 7
- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, October 7
- 9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, October 7

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- 9:30 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, October 7
10:00 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, October 7
4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, October 7

Thursday, October 15

- 8:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL See Thursday, October 1
9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, October 1
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, October 1
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, October 1
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, October 1
9:30 AM GET BACK INTO HIKING See Thursday, October 1
9:30 AM BURR OAK SP, OHIO - DAY I MORNING - MODERATE HIKE Both morning hikes will start at the same location. Meet at the parking lot at Dock 1. This is 3.5 miles from the Lodge. Exit Lodge Rd and turn right on SR 78; continue for 2.4 miles. Turn right to Dock 1 (signpost may also say Marina). Continue 1/3 mile to the parking lot. Toilets available. This will be a 6 mile hike at a moderate pace from Doc 1 to Jenkins Dam. (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Richard Stroup (765-891-2672)
9:30 AM BURR OAK SP, OHIO - DAY I MORNING - EASIER HIKE See moderate hike above for directions to the starting location. Toilets available. This will be a 5-mile hike, with the possibility of a shorter option, Doc 1 to Jenkins Dam. (M,NS,2.5) Leader: Mervyn Cohen (765-891-2672)
2:30 PM BURR OAK SP, OHIO - DAY I AFTERNOON - MODERATE HIKE Hike will start from the entrance at Burr Oak SP Lodge. This will be a 6-mile hike at a moderate pace from the Lodge to Doc 1. (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Richard Stroup (765-891-2672)
2:30 PM BURR OAK SP, OHIO - DAY I AFTERNOON - EASIER HIKE Hike will start from the entrance at Burr Oak SP Lodge. This will be a 5-mile hike at an easier pace, with the possibility of a shorter option, from the Lodge to Doc 1. (M,NS,2.5) Leader: Mervyn Cohen (765-891-2672)
4:30 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, October 1
6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, October 1

Friday, October 16

- 8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, October 2
8:00 AM THRIVE FOR LIFE HEALTH & WELLNESS SUNRISE HIKE - FRIDAY See Friday, October 2
8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, October 2
9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, October 2
9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, October 2
9:30 AM BURR OAK SP, OHIO - DAY II MORNING - MODERATE HIKE Meet in the parking lot of the Jenkins dam. It is about 15 minutes and 7.9 miles from the Lodge. Pack your bags and check out from the Lodge/cabins. Exit Lodge Rd and turn right on SR 78. Continue for 4.1 miles. Turn right onto SR 13 north and continue for 3.1 miles. Turn right onto Jenkins drive and in 1/3 of a mile you will be in the parking lot. Toilets available. Hike will be from Jenkins Dam to Burr Oak Marina. After the hike have a safe drive back to Indy. (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Richard Stroup (765-891-2672)
9:30 AM BURR OAK SP, OHIO - DAY II MORNING - EASIER HIKE See Day II Moderate hike above for driving directions to today's easier hike and checkout instructions. The hike will be 5 miles at a slower pace, with the possibility of a shorter option, from Jenkins Dam to Burr Oak Marina. After the hike have a safe drive back to Indy. (M,NS,2.5) Leader: Mervyn Cohen (765-891-2672)
6:00 PM OVER, AROUND AND THROUGH PURDUE AND IU See Friday, October 2

Saturday, October 17

- 8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, October 3
8:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING See Saturday, October 3

- 9:30 AM GNAW BONE CAMP OKTOBERFEST – EASY HIKE Come join us for our annual Oktoberfest at Gnow Bone Camp in Brown County when the fall woods should be beautiful. There will be three hike options, which will all start around 10:00 a.m. Marthene Kohlmeier is the trip organizer and will lead a 3-mile easy hike with just a few hills; Karen LeClerc will lead a slower 1.5-2 mile hike on mostly flat terrain, and Rick Wortman will lead a more 5-6 mile faster pace hike on hilly terrain. Allow 1 1/2 hours travel time. Go south on I-65 to Columbus exit (SR 46). Go west about 14 miles to SR 135 and turn left (south) towards Story. Follow SR 135 south about 2 miles to the entrance to Gnow Bone Camp on your left. Since it was a budgeted expense, the per person day camp usage fee will be covered by the Club as will the coffee and donuts before the hikes. Bring a chair, picnic lunch and beverage to enjoy after the hike. (Map #20) (F/M,NS,2.5) Leader: Marthene Kohlmeier (317-850-1291)
- 9:30 AM GNAW BONE CAMP OKTOBERFEST – SLOW AND EASY HIKE Same start time, directions, fee and lunch invite as Marthen's Easy hike listed above, but Karen LeClerc will lead a 1.5-2 mile slower hike over mostly flat terrain. (Map #20)(F,NS,1.5-2) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)
- 9:30 AM GNAW BONE CAMP OKTOBERFEST – LONGER AND FASTER HIKE Same start time, directions, fee and lunch invite as Marthene's Slow and Easy hike listed above, but Rick Wortman will lead a 5-6 mile hike at a faster pace, over hilly terrain through the beautiful Gnow Bone woods. (Map #20)(M,NS,3) Leader: Rick Wortman (317-701-1329)
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, October 3

Sunday, October 18

- 9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, October 4
- 9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, October 4

Monday, October 19

- 8:00 AM THRIVE FOR LIFE HEALTH & WELLNESS SUNRISE HIKE - MONDAY See Monday, October 5
- 8:30 AM FALL CREEK WOODS NATURAL AREA See Monday, October 5
- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, October 12
- 9:00 AM BOOK CLUB HIKE - VIRGIL PARK Before the hike, read *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi. This is a story about the power of creative generosity. The discussion will be before the hike at Virgil Park, 9145 E County Rd 300 N, Brownsburg. There are restrooms and a shelter at the park. After the discussion there will be a 5-mile hike with shorter options available on the nearby B & O Trail. You may hike and join the discussion even if you haven't read the book. (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Marti Burton (317-306-9878)
- 9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, October 5
- 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. From I-465 N take Keystone Ave north to 116th St and turn east, go 2.4 miles to River Rd. Turn north on 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, November 16. (Map #64)(F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)
- 5:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, October 5
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, October 5

Tuesday, October 20

- 8:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL See Thursday, October 1
- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, October 6
- 9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Tuesday, October 6
- 9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, October 6
- 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 and includes only a few modest hills and the fall color should make it look incredible. 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 turn around. Restrooms are available near the Fire Tower. After the hike join us for lunch in Martinsville. (Map #28)(F,PS,2-2.5) Leader: Marthene Kohlmeyer (317-849-5051)

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

6:00 PM UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS & ROSEDALE HILLS See Tuesday, October 6

Wednesday, October 21

8:00 AM THRIVE FOR LIFE HEALTH & WELLNESS SUNRISE HIKE - WEDNESDAY See Wednesday, October 7

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, October 7

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, October 7

9:30 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, October 7

10:00 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, October 7

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, October 7

Thursday, October 22

8:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL See Thursday, October 1

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, October 1

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, October 1

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, October 1

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, October 1

9:30 AM GET BACK INTO HIKING See Thursday, October 1

4:30 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, October 1

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, October 1

Friday, October 23

8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, October 2

8:00 AM THRIVE FOR LIFE HEALTH & WELLNESS SUNRISE HIKE - FRIDAY See Friday, October 2

8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, October 2

8:30 AM HIKE IN THE WOODS - FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON See Friday, October 9

9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, October 2

9:00 AM RIDE THE RED LINE/HIKE THE MONON We will ride the Red Line from Broad Ripple toward downtown Indy, getting off at the Fall Creek Bridge on Meridian St. (\$ for bus). We will hike 6 miles back on the Fall Creek and Monon Trails. Park at the Methodist Church (no fee) at 6185 N. Guilford Ave, 1½ blocks south of Broad Ripple Avenue, and we will walk to the bus stop. Toward the end of the hike, join us for lunch at the Half Liter Haus on the Monon. (Map #65)(F,PS,2.5) Leader: Konnie Schlechte (317-417-5112 cell)

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, October 2

6:00 PM OVER, AROUND AND THROUGH PURDUE AND IU See Friday, October 2

Saturday, October 24

8:00 AM PURDUE BOILERMAKER HALF MARATHON AND 5K Preregistration is required. See www.purduehalf.com for details on how to preregister. There is an entry fee. The half-marathon in

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West Lafayette starts at 8:00 a.m. and the 5K starts at 8:40 a.m. Allow time before the start to pick up your race bib. Text or email leader with mileage. (**Challenging**,F,PS) Leader: Swati Gunale (317-847-0684, swatigunale@yahoo.com)

8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, October 3

8:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING See Saturday, October 3

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, October 3

10:00 AM DEPAUW NATURE PARK AND FERN CLIFF NATURE PRESERVE Join us for a 5-mile hike at Depauw Nature Park with an optional 1.5-mile extension at nearby Fern Cliff Nature Preserve. Fern Cliff, a National Natural Landmark with sandstone cliffs and forested hills, is about an 8 mile, fifteen-minute drive from Depauw park. Its abandoned sandstone quarry was the source of the greenish glass that made the first Coca-Cola bottles. Meet in the parking lot at Depauw NP located at 1400 W County Road 125 S., Greencastle. From I-465 W take I-70 W to the Greencastle/Cloverdale exit. Turn right and follow US 231 for about 7 miles into Greencastle. Take a left onto Washington St., travel just past courthouse and turn left onto Jackson St and drive one block. Turn right onto Walnut St. Continue for 1/2 mile to park entrance on your left. Bathroom available at Depauw Park. (Map #71) (M,HS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Terry Roesch (317-910-2943 cell)

Sunday, October 25

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, October 4

9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, October 4

Monday, October 26

8:00 AM THRIVE FOR LIFE HEALTH & WELLNESS SUNRISE HIKE - MONDAY See Monday, October 5

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, October 12

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, October 5

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 November 23. (Map #57)(F,HS/PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

5:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, October 5

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, October 5

Tuesday, October 27

8:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL See Thursday, October 1

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, October 6

9:00 AM PENDLETON FALLS From I-465 N, go north on I-69 about 18 miles to the Pendleton exit. Turn right after leaving I-69 and travel through Pendleton to the 2nd stoplight. Turn right and park behind the bank building in the main part of town. This will be a slow and easy hike around historic Pendleton for 2-4 miles, including Pendleton Falls Park. After the hike join us at a local restaurant in Pendleton. (Map #59)(F,PS/NS,2-2.5) Leader: Elaine Wright (317-753-5516)

9:30 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See Tuesday, October 13

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, October 6

9:30 AM MY CHILDHOOD EXPLOITS: MAROTT PARK, SHERWOOD VILLAGE, WILLIAMS CREEK, AND WHITE RIVER. This is a 3-4 mile hike. Meet at 7347 North College Avenue in the Marott Woods Nature Preserve parking lot. Hiking boots and poles recommended. No restrooms are available. (M,HS/PS,2). Hike leader: Phil Coons (317-402-8810).

1:30 PM TUESDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Tuesday, October 6

6:00 PM UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS & ROSEDALE HILLS See Tuesday, October 6

Wednesday, October 28

- 8:00 AM THRIVE FOR LIFE HEALTH & WELLNESS SUNRISE HIKE - WEDNESDAY See Wednesday, October 7
- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, October 7
- 9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, October 7
- 9:30 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, October 7
- 10:00 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, October 7
- 1:30 PM DISCOVER DANVILLE Danville, founded in 1824, is the county seat of Hendricks County. Join us for a 5-mile walk-a-bout beginning at Ellis Park, and around the quaint town of Danville. Meet at first parking lot across from restrooms at Ellis Park, 600 E Main St, Danville. From I-465 W exit on US 36 (Rockville Rd) and travel about 15 miles into the town of Danville. Turn right on Leedy Dr. (M, PS, 3) Leader: Terry Roesch (317-910-2943)
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, October 7

Thursday, October 29

- 8:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL See Thursday, October 1
- 9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, October 1
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, October 1
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, October 1
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, October 1
- 9:30 AM GET BACK INTO HIKING See Thursday, October 1
- 4:30 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, October 1
- 6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, October 1

Friday, October 30

- 8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, October 2
- 8:00 AM THRIVE FOR LIFE HEALTH & WELLNESS SUNRISE HIKE - FRIDAY See Friday, October 2
- 8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, October 2
- 9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, October 2
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, October 2
- 6:00 PM OVER, AROUND AND THROUGH PURDUE AND IU See Friday, October 2

Saturday, October 31 *Halloween*

- 8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, October 3
- 8:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING See Saturday, October 3
- 8:30 AM MC CORMICK'S CREEK STATE PARK To avoid Indiana University football game traffic, take I-70 West from Indy toward Terre Haute. Take Exit 41 toward Cloverdale on US 231 South. Follow all the way to Spencer and make a left on SR 46 East toward Ellettsville and Bloomington. Go about 2 miles to park entrance (fee) on the left. We will do a relatively rugged 3-4 miles on the now fully opened trails 8 and 5 after a major tornado. Come see a truly stunning look at nature's destruction. We will trek to Wolf Cave with the walk now nearly barren of trees following the EF-3 event that wiped out most of the nature preserve. Meet at Pine Bluff Shelter by the playground where vault toilets are available at the trailhead. (Map #24)(H,NS,3) Leader: Ari Shifron (812-272-6926)
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, October 3

Sunday, November 1 *All Saints Day & Daylight Savings Time Ends*

- 9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, October 4
- 9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, October 4

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 November 15 and 29. (Map #81)(F,PS)
Leader: Kae Ramey (317-701-5805 cell)

Monday, November 2

8:00 AM THRIVE FOR LIFE HEALTH & WELLNESS SUNRISE HIKE - MONDAY See Monday, October 5
8:30 AM FALL CREEK WOODS NATURAL AREA See Monday, October 5
9:00 AM MORNING CONSTITUTIONAL See Monday, October 5
9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, October 5
9:30 AM TOWPATH, BUTLER UNIVERSITY AND ROCKY RIPPLE See Monday, October 5
5:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, October 5
6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, October 5

Tuesday, November 3 *Election Day (please vote)*

8:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL See Thursday, October 1
9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, October 6
9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Tuesday, October 6
9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, October 6
2:00 PM DOWNTOWN FISHERS ON THE NICKEL PLATE TRAIL See Tuesday, October 6
4:30 PM UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS & ROSEDALE HILLS See Tuesday, October 6

Wednesday, November 4

8:00 AM THRIVE FOR LIFE HEALTH & WELLNESS SUNRISE HIKE - WEDNESDAY See Wednesday, October 7
8:00 AM THRIVE FOR LIFE HEALTH & WELLNESS SUNRISE HIKE - MONDAY See Monday, October 5
9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, October 7
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6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, October 1

Friday, November 6

8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, October 2
8:00 AM THRIVE FOR LIFE HEALTH & WELLNESS SUNRISE HIKE - FRIDAY See Friday, October 2
8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, October 2
8:30 AM HIKE IN THE WOODS - FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON See Friday, October 9

9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, October 2

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, October 2

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

Saturday, November 7

8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, October 3

8:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING See Saturday, October 3

9:30 AM OVERNIGHT BACKPACK TRIP - EXPLORE THE HOOSIER NATIONAL FOREST - DAY I This rugged Backpacking trip, like the one on Oct 10-11, is recommended for experienced backpackers. This rugged 18-21 mile trip will be mostly off trail, this time starting at the north end of Nebo Ridge. We'll hike Nebo for about 2 miles and then turn off to follow a more direct southern route towards the Mitchel-Tidd-Parr Hollows to set up camp overnight. Then a return trip heading north towards Oak Ridge and the orienteering area, before turning west back to the parking area. Each day will cover between 9-11 miles, but it will feel like a lot more being off trail. Pace will be very slow as well, 45 to-50-minute miles. Off trail bushwhacking is often through thick briars for short stretches, lots of creek crossings that can be knee deep, steep hills and the occasional backtracking when there's no good way over, around, under or through. This is a full-on backpacking overnight trip, so carry what you need, including provisions and water, for an overnight. A small footprint tent is best or, better still, a hammock can make just about everywhere a good site. We will be staying in a large valley, so temps often get colder than the expected low by several degrees so plan accordingly. Please also wear orange, this is the last weekend before shotgun season opens but other seasons will be ongoing.

Directions from Indy: Take I-65 south to exit 68 Nashville. Turn right and follow SR 46 west for about 12 miles to SR 135 S on your left. Follow 135 S to Story IN. Go straight at Story onto Elkinsville Rd, following it once it turns to gravel for another mile or so. Slowly cross the bridge (you'll know which one) and the trailhead will be ahead a few hundred yards on your left. If interested in joining this trip or if you have any questions, please RSVP. (**Challenging**,M,NS,1-2) Leader: Scott Beam (hoosierhappytrails@yahoo.com, 317-601-1033)

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, October 3

Sunday, November 8

8:00 AM OVERNIGHT BACKPACK TRIP - EXPLORE THE HOOSIER NATIONAL FOREST - DAY II This is a continuation of yesterday's overnight. We will hike mostly off trail for 8-10 miles with lots of impediments, so the pace will be slow. If interested, please RSVP. (**Challenging**,M,NS,1-2) Leader: Scott Beam (hoosierhappytrails@yahoo.com, 317-601-1033)

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, October 4

9:00 AM BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK From I-465 S, go south on I-65 about 40 miles to Columbus, Exit 68 which is SR 46. Go west on SR 46 for roughly 15 miles to park entrance (fee) on your left just before Nashville. We will do a relatively rugged 3-4 miles on a combination of trails 7, 4 and 5 along Ogle Lake and Rally Campground. Those who want to have lunch together after can pick the restaurant at the park lodge or head to Nashville. Meet at the Ogle Lake parking lot which has vault toilets for restrooms. (Map #27)(H,NS,3) Leader: Ari Shifron (812-272-6926)

9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, October 4

2:00 PM SUNDAY AFTERNOONS ON PLAINFIELD TRAILS This is a 5-6-mile moderate hike on paved trails. From the White Lick Creek Trailhead, we'll walk to Hummel Park, across two historic bridges including the new 1905 bridge and trails on west side of Hummel. From I-465 West / US 40 exit travel about 8 miles going through Plainfield, past Center St and turn right into the White Lick Creek Trailhead parking area. This is across from the Oasis Diner. Restrooms available. Repeats Nov 15. (F,PS,3) Leader: Terry Roesch (317-910-2943 cell)

Monday, November 9

- 8:00 AM THRIVE FOR LIFE HEALTH & WELLNESS SUNRISE HIKE - MONDAY See Monday, October 5
8:30 AM FALL CREEK WOODS NATURAL AREA See Monday, October 5
9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, October 12
9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, October 5
9:30 AM CROWN HILL CEMETERY See Monday, October 12
5:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, October 5
6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, October 5

Tuesday, November 10

- 8:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL See Thursday, October 1
9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, October 6
9:30 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See Tuesday, October 13
9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, October 6
1:00 PM FLOWING WELL PARK AND NEIGHBORHOODS This hike will start at the Flowing Well Park 5100 East 116th St. Carmel 46033. We will walk in this small park and hopefully taste the flowing well water. Then explore some of the nearby neighborhoods for a 3 to-4-mile hike. (F,PS/NS,2.5)
Leader: June Sergi (317-372-3018)
1:30 PM TUESDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Tuesday, October 6
4:30 PM UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS & ROSEDALE HILLS See Tuesday, October 6
5:30 PM THE LEVEE AT MORSE RESERVOIR See Tuesday, October 13

Wednesday, November 11***Veterans Day***

- 8:00 AM THRIVE FOR LIFE HEALTH & WELLNESS SUNRISE HIKE - WEDNESDAY See Wednesday, October 7
9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, October 7
9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, October 7
9:30 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, October 7
10:00 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, October 7
4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, October 7

Thursday, November 12

- 8:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL See Thursday, October 1
9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, October 1
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, October 1
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, October 1
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, October 1
9:30 AM GET BACK INTO HIKING See Thursday, October 1
4:30 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, October 1
6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, October 1

Friday, November 13

- 8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, October 2
8:00 AM THRIVE FOR LIFE HEALTH & WELLNESS SUNRISE HIKE - FRIDAY See Friday, October 2
8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, October 2
9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, October 2
9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, October 2

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

Saturday, November 14

8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, October 3

8:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING See Saturday, October 3

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, October 3

10:00 AM 3RD ANNUAL ZIONSVILLE TO WHITESTOWN HIKE This will be a 12-mile hike. We will start at Zionsville Town Hall and walk to Whitestown. We will have lunch in Whitestown at the LA Café and then walk back to Zionsville. 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. (Map #34) (F,PS,3) Leader: Janet Cohen (317-508-8523 or 317-417-2628)

Sunday, November 15

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, October 4

9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, October 4

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

2:00 PM SUNDAY AFTERNOONS ON PLAINFIELD TRAILS See Sunday, November 8

Monday, November 16

8:00 AM THRIVE FOR LIFE HEALTH & WELLNESS SUNRISE HIKE - MONDAY See Monday, October 5

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, October 12

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, October 5

9:00 AM ECHO HOLLOW NATURE PARK See Monday, October 5

9:30 AM PRATHER PARK IN CARMEL See Monday, October 19

5:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, October 5

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, October 5

Tuesday, November 17

8:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL See Thursday, October 1

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, October 6

9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Tuesday, October 6

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, October 6

1:30 PM TUESDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Tuesday, October 6

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

4:30 PM UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS & ROSEDALE HILLS See Tuesday, October 6

Wednesday, November 18

8:00 AM THRIVE FOR LIFE HEALTH & WELLNESS SUNRISE HIKE - WEDNESDAY See Wednesday, October 7

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, October 7

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, October 7

9:30 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, October 7

10:00 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, October 7

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, October 7

Thursday, November 19

8:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL See Thursday, October 1

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, October 1

- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, October 1
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, October 1
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, October 1
9:30 AM GET BACK INTO HIKING See Thursday, October 1
4:30 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, October 1
6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, October 1

Friday, November 20

- 8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, October 2
8:00 AM THRIVE FOR LIFE HEALTH & WELLNESS SUNRISE HIKE - FRIDAY See Friday, October 2
8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, October 2
8:30 AM HIKE IN THE WOODS - FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON See Friday, October 9
9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, October 2
9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, October 2
6:00 PM BUTLER, CANAL TOWPATH AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See Friday, November 6

Saturday, November 21

- 8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, October 3
8:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING See Saturday, October 3
10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, October 3

Sunday, November 22

- 9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, October 4
9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, October 4

Monday, November 23

- 8:00 AM THRIVE FOR LIFE HEALTH & WELLNESS SUNRISE HIKE - MONDAY See Monday, October 5
9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, October 12
9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, October 5
9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE PARK AND BEYOND See Monday, October 26
1:00 PM BOOK CLUB HIKE - LEONARD PARK & ICE CREAM Meet at Leonard Park, 5400 W. 15th St in Speedway, near Shelter 2. We will discuss the book *Eat Your Ice Cream: Six Simple Rules for A Long and Healthy Life* by Ezekiel Emanuel. The audio version from the library is especially recommended. Our hike will be on the B&O trail, 5 miles with a shorter and slower option. Afterwards, we will take the good doctor's advice and enjoy ice cream at Fundae's Ice Cream at 1515 N Main St in Speedway. Bring a folding chair. You may attend the hike even if you have not read the book. (F,PS,3) Leader: Wilma Bailey (317-772-5950)
5:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, October 5
6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, October 5

Tuesday, November 24

- 8:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL See Thursday, October 1
9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, October 6
9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, October 6
4:30 PM UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS & ROSEDALE HILLS See Tuesday, October 6

Wednesday, November 25

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- 8:00 AM THRIVE FOR LIFE HEALTH & WELLNESS SUNRISE HIKE - WEDNESDAY See Wednesday, October 7
- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, October 7
- 9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, October 7
- 9:30 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, October 7
- 10:00 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, October 7
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, October 7

Thursday, November 26 Thanksgiving

- 8:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL See Thursday, October 1
- 9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, October 1
- 9:00 AM WHEELER MISSION DRUMSTICK DASH Join us Thanksgiving morning in Broad Ripple as we 'Move our feet so others can eat!' This 4.3 (4 miles) 'full gobbler', or 2.6 (3 miles) 'mini gobbler' run/walk supports the Wheeler Mission's efforts to help those experiencing homelessness. The course routes take you through Broad Ripple for a fun, festive, friends/family filled walk for a worthy cause. This event requires preregistration, at www.drumstickdash.org to register, pay, and choose packet pickup information. Please see the FAQ section on the website for parking and shuttle bus options (also for road closure map). Contact the leader by phone or email to claim your IHC mileage credit. (F,PS) Leader: Cindy Schmidt (317-753-4890, cinfrey59@sbcglobal.net)
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK ON THANKSGIVING - FIVE MILE This is the first of four very popular hikes in Eagle Creek Park every Thursday morning. Depending on how many show up on Thanksgiving morning we may choose to consolidate several of the shorter hike options. 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 about 1/2 mile and turn left on Walnut Point Rd. Shortly after you turn, turn left into 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. We will not be going to lunch today after the hikes to Golden Corral. (Map #80)(M,NS,3) Leader: Rick Wortman (317-701-1329)
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, October 1
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, October 1
- 9:30 AM GET BACK INTO HIKING See Thursday, October 1

Friday, November 27

- 8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, October 2
- 8:00 AM THRIVE FOR LIFE HEALTH & WELLNESS SUNRISE HIKE - FRIDAY See Friday, October 2
- 8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, October 2
- 9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, October 2
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, October 2
- 6:00 PM BUTLER, CANAL TOWPATH AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See Friday, November 6

Saturday, November 28

- 8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, October 3
- 8:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING See Saturday, October 3
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, October 3

Sunday, November 29

- 9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, October 4
- 9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, October 4
- 1:30 PM SUNDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Sunday, November 1

Monday, November 30

- 8:00 AM THRIVE FOR LIFE HEALTH & WELLNESS SUNRISE HIKE - MONDAY See Monday, October 5

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, October 12
9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, October 5
5:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, October 5
6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, October 5

FUTURE EVENTS:

WINTER BANQUET - January 9, 2027 Once again our Winter Banquet will be held on a Saturday January 9. at - St Therese - Little Flower Catholic School, 4720 E. 13th St., Indianapolis. IN 36201. This year the event will start at 1:00 p.m. an hour earlier than last year. We will announce winners of the 2026 Achievement Awards and recognize new 25-year members. As always, we anticipate a big crowd. Look for an invite which will be included with your annual dues notice in early October.

GULF SHORES, ALABAMA - February 13 - 19, 2027 Saturday is considered a travel day. Travel time is approximately 12 hours. GPS is the best option to find your way there since not everyone will be staying at the same location. There will be no block of rooms reserved. Everyone will be responsible for making their own lodging accommodations. I can make recommendations for places to stay. A total of 10 hikes will be offered during the week. The first hike will be after the Meet and Greet session on Sunday afternoon. There will be a morning and afternoon hike Mon-Thurs with only one hike on Friday for those that may still be in town. More details will be sent out as the date gets closer. Karen LeClerc kmleclerc58@gmail.com or 920-883-9477.

WINTER WEEKEND - SPRING MILL STATE PARK - March 12-14, 2027 Mark your calendar and make your reservations now for the IHC annual Winter Weekend, which returns to the recently renovated Spring Mill State Park Inn in 2027. There will be morning and afternoon hikes on Saturday, March 13, and a morning hike on Sunday, March 14. Call Central Reservations 1-877-LODGES-1 or the Spring Mill Inn directly 812-849-4508 and use block code 0312IH to receive the "Spring into Savings" discounted rate of 25% off any available room when booking both Friday and Saturday nights. The block code will not work if you book online. Contact John Schlechte 317-294-2021 or jschlechte@fastmail.com with questions.

TWO 7 NIGHT HIKING TRIPS TO ENGLAND - April 2027

April 2-9, 2027 to the Lake District. This trip is organized by Ramble Walking Holidays. This trip promises a 7-night adventure at a relaxed pace visiting beautiful gardens, castles, and mansions including the Delamain Historic mansion which is part of a UNESCO site. Most of the days we will be walking 5.5 miles or less, and only one day will we walk 7 easy miles. Ensuite rooms as well as rooms with adjacent shared baths are available at the Hassness Country House where we will be staying. Group size is limited to 12. The cost for accommodations is between £1539 - £1839 (British pounds) which includes all meals except one. There is a 10% discount if there are more than 8 participants. Flights and travel to/from Hassness is extra.

April 12 - 19, 2027 to the Cotswolds District. The Cotswolds is famous for its fairy-tale villages, rolling hills, and distinct honey-colored stone architecture that represent rural English charm at its finest. It is located about 2 hours west of London. Many famous people live there. We have been invited by a member of the Cotswolds tourism bureau to be the first group to trial a new Cotswolds Camino. This will also be a 7-day trip; average daily hiking mileage will range from 10-14 miles. It will be different from both the existing Cotswolds Way and The Camino de Santiago across Spain. Although there are now some luggage transfer services in the Cotswolds, there may be days when participants will need to carry their own backpack. Cost of accommodations is estimated to be \$1,400 (American dollars), not including meals, luggage transport, and flights. Group size is limited to 12.

Both trips are available on a first come first serve basis. If you are interested in either trip please email Terie Schaeffer and IHC member who will be coordinating both trips at sterie420@gmail.com. The tour operators are looking for commitments soon, especially for the first trip, so if interested please contact me right away. Expressing interest is not the same as making a commitment. Please be sure to indicate which trip you are interested in. Feel free to email questions for more details.

30TH ANNUAL SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK TRIP - April 13-15, 2027 (Tue-Thurs) Mark your calendar now for the 30th annual club trip to Smoky Mountains National Park. It's not too early to book your room reservations in Gatlinburg, TN. Most club members stay at Riverhouse at the Park (865-436-2070). Another good choice is Bearskin Lodge on the River (865-430-4330). We will repeat the Monday evening poolside social

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hour at Riverhouse and hope to have a group dinner to celebrate the 30th anniversary. There will be a range of morning and afternoon hikes - easy, moderate and challenging. Hike leaders will include Tim Braun, John Lyghtel, and John and Konnie Schlechte. Contact: John Schlechte 317-294-2021 cell or jschlechte@fastmail.com with questions or for more information.

CELEBRATING THE HIKING CLUB'S 70th BIRTHDAY NEXT YEAR - SEVEN FOR SEVENTY, 2027

To celebrate our birthday and throughout 2027 we will hike seven hikes at Indiana locations that the Club has never hiked before. Hikes will be scheduled throughout the year during fair weather months. So far, the committee has identified the 7 locations that the Club will hike, and we have found leaders for each hike. Look for a preview of the seven hikes in the December schedule. If you would like more information, please contact Mervyn Cohen at mecohen@iu.edu or 317-417-2628.

PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW AND REINSTATED ® MEMBERS:

Marty Thompson	Indianapolis, IN	Marcia Miller	Poland, IN
Justin Stack	Poland, IN	Junior Salas	Brownsburg, IN
Liz Salas	Brownsburg, IN	Vivienne Sales	Carmel, IN
Ron Wolfe	Indianapolis, IN	Linda Wolfe	Indianapolis, IN
Kasia Hanna	Brownsburg, IN	Pamela Johnson	Whitestown, IN
Catherine Vieceli	Westfield, IN	Bob Vieceli	Westfield, IN
Rita Brosius	Greenwood, IN	Annette Wesemann ®	Franklin, IN
Mona McConnell	Brownsburg, IN	Bianca Embry	Brownsburg, IN
Harpreet Singh	Fishers, IN	Lynn Kyle	Greenwood, IN

RECENT MILEAGE AWARDS:

Allan Roberts	57,500	Judith Maas	5,000	Jeff Small	1,000
Rick Kinnaman	42,500	John Wagner	4,500	Debra Barnes	300
Cherie Voegel	37,500	Patrick Eaton	4,000	Brenda Lupton	300
Rick Braun	22,000	Marian Fahy	4,000	Sylvia Miller	300
Kae Ramey	21,500	Delaram Moghaddam	4,000	Cheri Bray	300
Dewey Conces	19,000	Betty Johnson	3,500	Mary Myers	200
Cheryl Conces	19,000	Jim Goulding	3,500	Adrienne Takacs	200
Phil Smith	16,000	Patty Hechinger	3,000	Xiaoling Xuei	200
Jo Anne Starzyk	15,500	Ken Coad	2,500	Tom Ayer	200
Mike Lindstedt	9,500	Therese Cokain	2,500	Jan Pajakowski	100
Christine Nitz	9,000	Laura Otten	2,000	Yvonne Moss	100
Theresa Ray	8,000	Kelley Hale	1,500	Tari A. Radloff	100
Mary Barbara Miller	7,500	Pam Marusic	1,500		

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

Diana Sullivan It is with great sadness that we have learned of the death of fellow hiker Diana Sullivan, 73, after a short illness. Diana was only a member of our club for several years. However, she was a strong hiker and amassed 1,157 miles mostly on longer brisk trail hikes. She will be missed by all who knew her. Diana's obituary can be viewed at www.ghhermann.com.

Also, wish all the best to the following hiking club member:

Rob Dickinson just returned from Atlanta, GA where he had an ablation of the Prostate procedure performed intended to eradicate cancer. He is back hiking again, although slower than previously. When you see Rob, wish him well.

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

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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 yearly dues, which are very modest. 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.