



The Indianapolis Hiking Club

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Happiness - A Step at a Time



SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 2013 AND JANUARY 2014

(PLEASE --- NO PETS ON HIKES)

Celebrating 57 Years of Sponsoring Hikes and Outings

HIKE RATING SYSTEM - Shown in parentheses at the end of each hike

	<u>TERRAIN</u>		<u>SURFACE</u>		<u>SPEED</u>
H (Hilly)	Continuously	NS (Natural)	Primarily Soft		Walking Speed in MPH,
M (Mixed)	Hilly & Flat	HS (Hard)	Packed Dirt or Gravel		not including breaks
F (Flat)	Few Hills	PS (Paved)	Concrete or Blacktop		(e.g., 3.0 is 20 min/mile)

Guests are welcome on all hikes. Hikers should arrive at the meeting location at least 10 minutes early, which will enable the leader to complete sign-ups and start the hike on time. Interested in leading a hike? Contact Pathfinders: Jean Ballinger (696-2120) jeanballinger77@gmail.com for weekend hikes or Ed Wright (219-5536) ewright@indyhike.org for weekdays.

If you see a map reference at the end of a hike description in the following format (Map #42), you may access a Google map pointing to the hike meeting location at www.indyhike.org/locations.shtml. You may also access the maps from the hike schedule page on the website.

WINTER HIKING: Hike leaders are responsible for safety first. In adverse weather the leader may reroute, shorten or cancel a hike. If the weather is inclement, very cold or the roads are icy call the leader to confirm a hike. Whenever possible out of town leaders should make cancellation decisions by 6 PM of the preceding day. If you must cancel a hike, please send an email to the members who participate in Yahoo! Groups and request that the cancellation be posted on our website and Facebook page.

ANNUAL DUES REMINDER: To date, 445 members out of a year-end membership of 619 have paid their annual dues. If you have not yet paid, please do so now and save us the cost and effort of sending out reminders. Please return the dues notice with your payment. If you misplaced the notice you may print one from the "forms" page on the Club website at www.indyhike.org/forms. Annual dues are \$20 for individuals and \$30 for a family. Your check should be made payable to the Indianapolis Hiking Club and mailed to our Treasurer Kathy Whalen at 726 W 43rd St, Indianapolis, IN 46208. If you have any questions contact Kathy at 317-409-3265 or kawhalen00@hotmail.com.

TRAIL BLAZER: The 2013 Trail Blazer, which recaps everyone's annual and lifetime mileage, is available. If you receive the schedule by mail the report will be sent to you. If you access the schedule from the website, the Trail Blazer may be viewed on the "Mileage" page at www.indyhike.org/mileage.

CONGRATULATIONS: Kathy Lyghtel, winner of an annual State Park pass and Mary Ann Layman, winner of an annual pass to Eagle Creek Park. Both are winners of the door prizes at the General Assembly in September.

WINTER WEEKEND AT McCORMICK'S CREEK STATE PARK: Instructions for booking your room at the McCormick's Creek Inn for our annual winter get away on March 14-16, 2014 are included in Upcoming Events at the end of this schedule. Please note that you must book by January 31 to receive the Club's special rate.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER: It's a pleasure to be part of an organization with more than 600 members and 2,000 hikes per year. The variety of offerings suits my varying moods. Short slow hikes from the Senior Center with Marthene Kohlmeyer and ones led by Marsha Hutchins are perfect the day after a strenuous hike in southern Indiana with Narcisso Povinelli or Jeff Edmondson. Capable and creative Pathfinders, Ed Wright and Jean Ballinger, add a variety of routes and restaurants to our hikes.

Out of state offerings are outstanding again this year. The chance to walk parts of Hadrian's Wall, Shenandoah National Park and tour Harper's Ferry and Antietam with a friendly group and expert narrative are all events to anticipate.

Thank you to the sixty members and guests who participated in the Soup contest on November 2nd. All thirteen homemade soups were excellent and so were the many desserts. Congratulations to Cherie Seeman, June Sergi and Debi Cox who received the most votes for the best soup. Look for the winning recipes on the Club website and Facebook page.

For the first time since 1975 there will be a designated dog hike. Susan Roberts will lead the trial walk on Sunday, December 8th.

Remember to sign up for the Club Christmas Party on December 1st. Although the registration deadline is past, call Sue Bullock and she may be able to get you in.

I look forward to a great year.

John Gaebler

HIKE SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 1

Club Christmas Party

- 7:30 AM MONON TRAIL AT 96TH STREET OPTIONS Self-guided* walk along the Monon Trail (1-18 miles). Meet at 96th St at the Monon trail. From north Meridian, go east on 96th St. just past the Monon trail and turn left into the parking lot. Repeats each Sunday in December and January. Leader: Jim or Elizabeth Robinson (450-1015-cell or 587-0066-home)
- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP From I-465 N, exit on Michigan Road heading south, turn left at first light (92nd. St.) and go ¼ mile to Pyramids. Meet in the parking lot for the Pyramids. This will be a 4-5 mile walk on paved roads followed by an optional 45-minute non-denominational and contemporary religious service inside Beef & Boards. Walking clothes are fine and there will be coffee, bagels, donuts, etc. Hope you stay for the inspirational service at the Garden. Bring the kids. Repeats each Sunday in December and January. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Rena Elsner (873-6526)
- 9:30 AM BOTH SIDES NOW: BIG FOUR BRIDGE, INDIANA SIDE Follow directions to Louisville from the November 30 hike (see last schedule). The old black eyesore over the Ohio River is to finally be open for pedestrians this weekend. Day hikers allow 2 hours from Indianapolis. Morning highlights include the RiverStage, Big Four Plaza and the Falls of the Ohio State Park Fossil Beds. If Indiana pedestrian ramp is not open, we can hike over the 31 Bridge. Highlights afternoon are Steam Boat Museum and JeffBoat works ship builders. From I-65 S take Exit 0 (Market), then 3 immediate lefts around Sheraton Complex to get back on Market opposite direction (east) to Spring. Park at free lot NE corner of Market and Spring. From I-65 N take exit 0, right on Court, then few blocks to right on Spring. Could be detours from bridge construction. Can bring picnic lunch or eat at restaurants nearby. Multiple options of 4 to 10 miles. Can be very windy! (F,PS3) Leaders: Jane Hilaire and Daymon Evans (370-4894 cell or heehawhiker@aol.com)
- 10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE Meet in the free parking lot ½ block south of Broad Ripple Ave on Carrollton Ave for a self-guided* 6 or 10-mile hike. Repeats each Sunday in December and January. (F,PS) leaders: Cherie Voegel (848-7674), Tish Brafford (531-6700), Allan Roberts (549-6909) and Kathy Whalen (409-3265)
- 2:00 PM CHRISTMAS PARTY Nativity Catholic School, 7225 Southeastern Ave is once again the venue for the annual Hiking Club Christmas Party for members and their invited guests. Although the deadline for reservations has past call Sue Bullock and maybe she can get you in. Excalibur Catering will serve a traditional Christmas dinner. BYOB if you so desire. After dinner and dessert we will be announcing the winners of the 2013 Achievement Awards and our new 25-year members. Please bring a donation of non-perishable food that will be given to St. Vincent DePaul, a local food pantry that serves 3,300 families each week. From I-465 E, exit at Southeastern Ave exit (49), go west about 0.5 miles to first left turn toward Marion County fairgrounds sign. Make a second left

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immediately at stop sign (Southeastern Ave) and go 1.5 miles to church on your right side. Enter on Meadows Dr into school parking lot. If you have any questions, call Sue Bullock (550-9032)

Monday, December 2

- 9:00 AM LAKE CLEARWATER RELOCATED Since the Lake Clearwater HOA requested that we no longer use their private walking paths, we are relocating this popular Monday hike to Broad Ripple where there are numerous hiking options. Meet in free parking lot that is ½ block south of Broad Ripple Ave on Carrollton Ave for a 6-mile hike. Expect a different route each time. Repeats on December 16 and January 6 and 20. (Map #16) (F,PS,3-3.25) Leaders: John Gaebler (575-8490) and Mary Ladd (430-3711)
- 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 6-mile road hike. Repeats on January 6. (Map #40) (M,PS,3.5) Leader: Kate Curtiss (247-0283)
- 10:00 AM SHORTER, SLOWER & LATER AT EAGLE CREEK PARK Meet in Eagle Creek Park (fee) at lot just inside 56th St entrance just west of the Colts facility for a road walk of 4-5 miles. Repeats December 16 and 30 and January 6 and 20. (Map #40) (M,PS,2.5-3) Leaders: Marsha Hutchins (251-9078 or cell 439-1468) or Macie Stephens (273-1726)
- 10:00 AM BUTLER-TARKINGTON STROLL This will be a 5-6 mile hike through Butler-Tarkington neighborhoods. Meet at the Unitarian Church parking lot at 615 W. 43rd St. From West 38th St, go north on Clarendon Rd, which is on the east side of Crown Hill Cemetery. When you reach 43rd St turn right and go ½ block. Church is on south side of street. (F,PS/NS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (329-2779 home, 652-2779 cell)
- 6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE Meet in free parking lot that is ½ block south of Broad Ripple Ave on Carrollton Ave for a hike of 5-6 miles. Repeats each Monday in December and January. (Map #16) (F,PS/NS,3-3.5) Leader: Kathy Oguss (523-8995)
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS Meet at Mama Bears parking lot at the northwest corner of Fall Creek Rd and Brooks School Rd for a 6-8 mile hike through neighborhoods. Repeats on December 9 & 16 and January 6, 13, 20 & 27. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Rick Braun (679-2972)
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL Sign in at the food court between the hours of 6-7:30 PM for a self-guided* hike of up to 6 miles with shorter options. Repeats each Monday in December and January. (F,PS) Leader: Glee Crowder (859-8159)

Tuesday, December 3

- 7:30 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL This is a self-guided* hike on the Monon Trail with options of 1-18 miles. From N. Meridian St (US 31) go east on 106th St 1.5 miles to Westfield Blvd. Turn left (north) on Westfield and go about 0.7 miles. Park entrance (look for sign) will be on your left just past 111th Street. Meet on the Monon Trail under the walkway between the two buildings near the skateboard park. Hike repeats every Tuesday in December and January. (F,PS) Leaders: Jim Robinson (cell 450-1015, home 587-0066) and various other leaders.
- 1:30 PM COXHALL GARDENS AND THE VILLAGE OF WEST CLAY Come join us for a 5-6 mile walk in beautiful Coxhall Gardens and The Village of West Clay in Carmel. Go North on Meridian St. (US 31) and turn left (west) on 116th St. Go about 2 miles then turn right (north) on Towne Rd to the entrance of Coxhall Gardens. We will meet in the parking lot that is mid-way in the park. (F,PS/NS,3) Leaders: Don Hayes (582-1096) and June Sergi (372-3018)
- 4:30 PM THE 4:30 QUICKIE Meet in the parking lot at the northwest corner of 86th St and Ditch Rd between the Istanbul Cafe and American Mattress. This is a 1-hour hike traversing Daubenspeck Park (if dry) and the North Willow Farm neighborhood. Repeats each Tuesday in December and January. (M,PS,3.5) Leaders: Brad and Susan Tollefson (490-9878, 258-6690)
- 6:00 PM SOUTHPORT Meet behind (north side) Walgreens at the NE corner of Southport Rd and Madison Ave for a 5-mile guided hike. The route may vary each week. Repeats each Tuesday in December, except Christmas Eve. (F,PS,3) Leader: Ricki Jo (782-8147)

Wednesday, December 4

- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS This 7-8 mile brisk all trail hike is a great way to stay in shape. Meet in Eagle Creek Park (fee) at lot just inside the 56th St entrance. Hike repeats each Wednesday in

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- December and January, except Christmas Day. Join us for coffee after the hike. (Map #40) (M,NS,3-3.5) Leaders: Jeff Edmondson (733-0143 or 450-2526 cell) and Chuck Turner (777-2594)
- 9:30 AM SHORT & EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL Join us for a 3-4 mile walk on the Cultural Trail and other locations in downtown Indy. Take I-65 to Michigan St exit. Then go west a short distance to the Meals on Wheels (formerly Indianapolis Senior Center) at 708 E. Michigan St. Alternatively, take Meridian St to North St and turn east. Go past College one short block to Spring St and turn right. Park behind the building beside the fence. Repeats each Wednesday in December and January, except Christmas and New Year's Day. (Map #25) (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Macie Stephens (273-1726 or cell 371-1713)
- 1:00 PM POGUE'S RUN BASIN ART AND NATURE PARK We will meet at the park which is on N Dequincy St. From I-70 east, take the Emerson exit and go south to 21st St. Turn right (west) and go to the 3rd St on your right, which is Dequincy. Turn right (north) and go to the end of the street. Dequincy ends at the park entrance. No restroom here, but a break during the hike. This will be a 6-7 mile hike. (F,PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (329-2779 or 652-2779 cell)
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE This will be a 6-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. Repeats each Wednesday in December and January, except Christmas and New Year's Day. (Map #34) (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Rena Elsner (873-6526)
- 6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE Meet in the northeast corner of the Marsh at Lockerbie parking lot at 320 N. New Jersey for a 5 or 7-mile self guided* hike in downtown Indy. Repeats each Wednesday in December and January, except Christmas and New Year's Day. A special holiday guided option will also be offered on December 11 and 18. (Map #26) (F,PS) Leader: John Lyghtel (578-9756 or 626-9117 cell)
- 6:00 PM BAXTER YMCA TO SOUTHPORT ROAD Meet in parking lot for Baxter YMCA on Shelby St at Stop 11 Rd (south entrance). This is right off US 31 on Indy's south side. This is a neighborhood hike of 5 miles. Repeats each Wednesday in December except Christmas Day. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: David Kincaid (787-6593, 224-6541 cell)

Thursday, December 5

- 9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK TRAIL Meet at Windridge Center at 5435 N. Emerson Way to the left of the pond for a 6-mile self-guided* hike north on the Fall Creek Trail, with an optional two additional miles in Skiles Test Park which includes one big hill. Repeats each Thursday in December and January. (F,PS) Leader: Charlie Brunette (815-5953, 518-4555 cell)
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK Meet at the Earth Discovery Center parking lot in Eagle Creek Park (fee), which is located off of west 56th St just west of the Colts facility. Join us for a moderately paced 5-mile woods hike or a 4-mile slower hike. These hikes are popular with new members and guests and usually draw a big crowd. Hikes repeat every Thursday in December and January. (Map #17) (M,NS,3) Leaders: Ed Wright (219-5536), Bob Kriz (882-7083) and various other leaders.
- 10:00 AM CARMEL NEIGHBORHOODS Enjoy a moderate speed 6-mile hike around Illinois & Meridian Sts. From I-465 N go north on Meridian St (US 31) and turn left on Carmel Dr. Meet in the Meridian Park Shoppes lot near Bellacino's restaurant (12590 N Meridian). We will end up at the IU Hospital on 116th St for lunch then return. Repeats on Tuesday, January 7. (F,PS, 3-3.5) Leader: Rena Elsner (873-6526) and Janet Cohen (873-6586)
- 1:00 PM GREENWOOD AFTERNOONS This will be a 5-mile hike. Meet at Greenwood Airport, 799 E. County Line Rd. Turn at airport sign on south side of County Line Rd, west of Emerson; follow roadway south, then curving to left. Repeats each Thursday in December and January. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Ricki Jo (782-8147)
- 3:45 PM GET FIT ON THE FITNESS TRAIL From I-465 E go east on US 52 to Rushville. Turn left on Spencer St (right after you go by the VP) and take it to the stop sign and turn right. Continue until you pass the football field on the left and turn left on Lions Path. Meet in the lot across from Rushville High School. It is okay to use the restrooms. This will be a 10-mile walk with a 6-mile option on the fitness trail, in the park and around the schools. Hike repeats each Thursday in December and January. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Julie Litten (407-4652)

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- 6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE From I-465 E go east on 56th St and turn left on Lee Rd. Meet in the back parking lot of the YMCA on Lee Rd for 6-8 mile hike. Repeats December 12 & 19 and January 9,16, 23 & 30. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Rick Braun (679-2972)
- 6:00 PM "9 TO 5" HIKE Meet at Central Nine (C-9) Career Center, 1999 US 31, S Greenwood for as many self-guided* 1-mile laps, up to 5, that you want to do on C-9's fitness trail. C-9 is on the east side of US 31 about a mile south of Smith Valley Rd. It is just north of the 84 Lumber Yard. Park in back near the pond. Bring a flashlight. Hike repeats each Thursday in December and January. (F,PS) Leaders: Jane Hilaire and Daymon Evans (319-2805)

Friday, December 6

- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE This will be a 6-mile hike with a shorter option, through quaint neighborhoods, the Zionsville Rail Trail and possibly Starkey Park. From I-465 N take Michigan Rd north to 116th St. Turn left (west) and go to downtown Zionsville and turn right on 1st St (one block past Main) and then left on Oak St. Take Oak St to the Zionsville Town Hall parking lot at 1100 W Oak St across from McDonalds. Join us for coffee after the hike. Repeats each Friday in December and January. (Map #34) (M,PS,3.5) Leader: Rena Elsner (873-6526)
- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK Meet at food court near Dick's on the north side of Castleton Square between the hours of 8-10 AM for a self-guided* hike of up to 12 miles with shorter options. Repeats each Friday in December and January. (F,PS) Leaders: Rick Kinnaman (407-9746) and Dick Bacon (585-8742)
- 8:30 AM PLAINFIELD TRAILS Meet at the southwest corner of the Plainfield Recreation and Aquatic Center parking lot at 651 Vestal Rd. From I-465 W take Washington St (US 40) west 8.4 miles through Plainfield. Turn right at the first stoplight west of town onto Vestal Rd. Go .5 miles to the parking lot that is on the right. Hike is 6 or 10 miles. Hike repeats on January 3 and 31. (F,PS,3.5-4) Leader: Lucy Neal (517-315-9200 cell; 765-653-1502)
- 9:00 AM FIRST FRIDAY/COFFEE AT EAGLE CREEK PARK Join us for a 6 or 8 mile road or trail hike depending on the weather, with coffee afterward at Starbucks at 56th & Lafayette Rd. Meet in Eagle Creek Park (fee) at lot just inside 56th St entrance which is just west of the Colts facility. Repeats on the first Friday in January. (Map #40) (M,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Donna Chastain (347-0107)
- 9:30 AM LETS EXPLORE Meet in free parking lot that is ½ block south of Broad Ripple Ave on Carrollton Ave for a hike of 5-7 miles in and around Broad Ripple. Repeats on December 20 and January 10 and 24. (Map #16) (F,PS,3-3.25) Leader: John Gaebler (575-8490)
- 12:00 PM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL From I-70 in downtown Indy go south on I-65. Note, if the I-65/I-70 construction is still in progress allow extra time, in which case you will need to select another route through downtown Indy. Exit on Raymond St (exit 109) and go right (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. This is a 5-6 mile hike in various neighborhoods surrounding Garfield Park. Repeats each Friday in December and January. (F,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Glee Crowder (859-8159)
- 6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI Meet in downtown Shapiro's Deli lot, 808 S. Meridian St, for a 6-mile hike. Please park in the rear of the lot away from the restaurant entrance. Repeats every Friday in December and January. (Map #41) (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Jim Griffin (294-1121)

Saturday, December 7

Remember Pearl Harbor

- 8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL Sign in at the food court for this self guided* hike. Take as many one-mile laps as you want between the hours of 8-10 AM. Repeats each Saturday in December and January. (F,PS) Leader: Glee Crowder (859-8159)
- 8:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL From I-70 in downtown Indy go south on I-65 and exit on Raymond St (exit 109) and go right (west) on Raymond St about 1/2 mile to Pleasant Run Pkwy N. Dr. Turn left (south) go to next light stop light. Turn left onto Pagoda Dr and turn left again and meet in the swimming pool parking lot. This will be a 5-mile hike and we will stay on the Pleasant Run Trail. Repeats each Saturday in December and January (PS,F,3.25-3.5) Leader: Mary Ann Beuke (514-9182 cell)
- 9:00 AM LOW GAP "TO THE GRAVEL ROAD AND BACK" Allow 1 1/4 hours travel time from I-465 S. Take SR 37 south to about 4 miles south of Martinsville. Turn left at the sign for Morgan Monroe State Forest and go about 4 miles to the forest entrance. Meet at the Forest Office parking lot for a 17-

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mile hike to the gravel fire road and back. Bring water and snacks/lunch. (M,NS,3) Leader Mick Parker (430-5523)

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN Meet in the free parking lot ½ block south of Broad Ripple Ave on Carrollton Ave for a self-guided* 6 or 10-mile hike. Repeats December 14, January 11, 18 and 25. (F,PS) Leader: Rick Braun (679-2972)

2:00 PM CHRISTMAS AT THE MILL Allow 2½ hours from I-465 E (130 miles). Take I-70 east to Rt. 72 (Exit 54) in Ohio. Go south (right) on Rt. 72 to Clifton. Turn right at the mill on Water St. Go to curve at end of street and park in Clifton Gorge State Nature Preserve parking lot. This is a 5-mile woods hike along Little Miami River. Listen to rushing water in western Ohio's most scenic state park. Meet at 12:30 PM for lunch at the mill before the hike. For menu and information see www.cliftonmill.com. The Christmas lights display (over 3.5 million lights) comes on at 6:00 PM (\$10.00/adult). (M,HS,2.5-3) Leader: David Kincaid (787-6593 or 224-6541 cell)

Sunday, December 8

7:30 AM MONON TRAIL AT 96TH STREET OPTIONS See December 1.

9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See December 1.

10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See December 1.

3:00 PM CANINE & FRIENDS WOOF HIKE Join us for the Club's first sanctioned dog hike since 1975. You can expect more in 2014 if this hike goes well. Meet at the northwest corner of the Mary & John Geisse Soccer Complex, 5425 Reed Rd (corner of 56th St and Reed Rd), across the street from the entrance to Eagle Creek Park. All hikers are welcome; you do not need a dog to participate. Please be prepared to provide the date of the dog's rabies vaccination. All dogs must be on a 6' or less non-retractable leash at all times - no exceptions. We will hike 3-4 miles initially based on the ability of the dogs. Owners please be prepared to and responsible for picking up after your pet (poop patrol). Please note that the hike leader shall have the authority to ask any participant to leave the hike if the dog becomes aggressive toward other dogs or people. (F,PS, Dog Pace-depending on how many poop and sniffing stops occur). Leader: Susan Roberts (439-1724)

Monday, December 9

9:00 AM SILVER BELLS Hike will be 6 miles through downtown to view the holiday decorations. Take I-65 to Michigan St exit. Then go west a short distance to the Meals on Wheels building (formerly Indianapolis Senior Center) at 708 E. Michigan St. Alternatively, take Meridian St to North St and turn east. Go past College one short block to Spring St and turn right. Park behind the building beside the fence. (Map #25) (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Tish Brafford (251-8907, 531-6700 cell)

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 road hike. We will walk together for the first 3 miles to the restroom stop, then faster hikers may go on at their own pace. Repeats on the remaining Mondays in December and January, except January 6. (Map #40) (M,PS,3.5) Leader: Janet Cohen (873-6586)

10:00 AM SHORT & SLOW AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY From the 700 block of West 38th St, go north on Clarendon Rd to the cemetery entrance. Park at the north end of the first parking lot for a walk of 4-5 miles with shorter options. Walk repeats on December 23 and January 13 and 27. (Map #42) (M,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Marsha Hutchins (251-9078, cell 439-1468) or Macie Stephens (273-1726)

6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See December 2.

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See December 2.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 2.

Tuesday, December 10

7:30 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See December 3.

9:00 AM FORT HARRISON TRAIL HIKE Join us for an 8-mile all trail hike at Ft. Harrison SP, with 5 and 7 mile options. From I-465 E take 56th St east. Turn left (north) on Post Rd and proceed to park entrance on your left. Enter park (fee) and follow signs for the Delaware Lake parking lot. (Map #18) (M,NS,3) Leader: Ed Wright (219-5536)

9:30 AM IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME IN THE CITY We will view holiday decorations in downtown Indy on this 5 to 6-mile hike. Meet in front of the Eiteljorg Museum, located at 500 W. Washington St. Parking is

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free at the museum garage if you join us for lunch after the hike at the Eiteljorg Sky City Cafe.
(Map #33) (F,PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (329-2779 home, 652-2779 cell)

4:30 PM THE 4:30 QUICKIE See December 3.

6:00 PM SOUTHPORT See December 3.

Wednesday, December 11

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See December 4.

9:30 AM SHORT & EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See December 4.

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See December 4.

6:00 PM DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY SEASON HIKE See December 4. In addition to the usual 5 or 7-mile self guided* option, tonight and on December 18 John will lead a moderate pace (3-3.5 MPH) guided hike through downtown to view the holiday decorations with an optional dinner stop after the hike.

6:00 PM BAXTER YMCA TO SOUTHPORT ROAD see December 4.

Thursday, December 12

9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK TRAIL See December 5.

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK See December 5.

1:00 PM GREENWOOD AFTERNOONS See December 5.

3:45 PM GET FIT ON THE FITNESS TRAIL See December 5.

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See December 5.

6:00 PM "9 TO 5" HIKE See December 5.

Friday, December 13

8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See December 6.

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 6.

10:00 AM PLAINFIELD, WHITE LICK CREEK TRAIL This will be a 6-mile hike on paved surfaces which go through Friendship Gardens to Hummel Park and back to the Recreation Center. Please note new parking location. From I-465 W, exit on Washington St and head west about 8.3 miles going through Plainfield. Turn right at the first stop light west of town onto Vestal Rd. Travel to the roundabout and park in the north lot across from the Recreation Center. Join us for lunch at the Bread Basket after the hike. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Terry Roesch (cell 317-910-2943)

12:00 PM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See December 6.

6:00 PM ILLINOIS STREET OPTIONS You choose: A 3-mile group hike in the nearby neighborhoods, and/or a self-guided* walk along Illinois St and Oak Ridge (1-8 miles). Go north on Meridian St (US 31) and turn left on Carmel Dr. Meet in the Meridian Park Shoppe's lot near Bellacino's restaurant (12590 N. Meridian). Join us in Bellacino's for a bite after the hike. Repeats on January 31. (F,PS,3.5-4) Leaders: Jim or Elizabeth Robinson (cell 450-1015, home 587-0066)

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

Saturday, December 14

8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 7.

8:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See December 7.

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See December 7.

10:00 AM NEW EAGLE CREEK TRAIL This 10-11 mile hike will walk on the western portion of the new Eagle Creek Trail that has been on the drawing board for several years. We'll start by taking the downtown canal to a spur of the Cultural Trail and then head over to the western terminus of the new trail, which is adjacent to White River Gardens. There will be restroom stops at 3 and 9 miles. Meet in front of the Meals on Wheels building (former Indianapolis Senior Center) at 708 E. Michigan St. Take I-65 to loop that exits for Michigan St. Alternatively, take Meridian St. to North St. and turn east. Go past College Ave. one block to Spring St. and turn right. Please park in the back of the building by the fence (Map #25) (F,PS,3.25-3.5) Leader: Mike Khalil (635-2028)

1:30 PM HIKE & VISIT THE LILLY HOUSE We will meet at Crown Hill Cemetery and walk to the IMA, to visit the Lilly House which will be decorated for Christmas (no fee). Then we will walk on the towpath and the 100-acre park for 5-6 miles. From the 700 block of West 38th St, go north on Clarendon Rd to the cemetery entrance. Park just inside the gate. (Map #42) (F,PS/HS/NS,3-3.5) Leaders: June Sergi (372-3018), Cherie Voege (848-7674) and Kathy Whalen (409-3265)

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- 2:00 PM BAXTER YMCA AND PERRY PARK Meet in parking lot for Baxter YMCA on Shelby St at Stop 11 Rd (south entrance). This is right off US 31 on Indy's south side. This is a neighborhood hike of 5 miles. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: David Kincaid (787-6593, 224-6541-cell)
- 4:00 PM METAMORA AND WHITEWATER CANAL Allow one-hour travel time from I-465 SE. Take I-74 southeast to exit 119, and go east on SR 244 through Milroy to US 52. Turn right on US 52 toward Metamora. Go about 8 miles and just before the railroad crossing turn right, which will take you to the mill. There is plenty of parking & restrooms close by. Meet at the mill for a 6-mile walk along the canal and back. Afterwards join us for dinner at a local restaurant. Stay after dinner to visit the shops that will be decorated for Christmas. (M,HS,3) Leader: Julie Litten (407-4652-cell)

Sunday, December 15

- 7:30 AM MONON TRAIL AT 96TH STREET OPTIONS See December 1.
- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See December 1.
- 10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See December 1.
- 11:00 AM SODALIS NATURE PARK HIKE Join us for a 5-6 mile walk through Sodalis Nature Park located at 7700 S. CR 975 E south of Plainfield. From I-465 S, exit on IN 67 (Kentucky Ave) and travel south toward Camby for a little more than 5 miles. Turn right onto E CR 800 S and travel slightly more than a mile. Take second right onto S CR 975 E traveling 0.3 miles to park entrance on left. Meet in the parking lot in front of the lake. Join us for lunch at Squealers Barbecue after the hike. (F,NS,3) Leader: Terry Roesch (910-2943-cell)

Monday, December 16

- 9:00 AM LAKE CLEARWATER RELOCATED See December 2.
- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See December 9.
- 10:00 AM SHORTER, SLOWER & LATER AT EAGLE CREEK PARK See December 2.
- 6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See December 2.
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See December 2.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 2.

Tuesday, December 17

- 7:30 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See December 3.
- 9:00 AM INDY'S BEST KEPT SECRET This is a 7-mile trail hike in Town Run Trail Park a fun mountain biking trail along the White River. From I-465 N go north on Allisonville Rd. Turn left (west) on 96th St and go about .3 miles. Just after you cross the bridge over the White River, take a left into the park (look for mostly hidden park sign). If you reach Hazel Dell Pkwy you have gone too far. If the park gate is closed, it means the trail has flooded, in which case the hike will be moved to Starbucks at Hazel Dell Pkwy and Main St (131st St) in Carmel. (M,NS,3-3.5) Leader: Ed Wright (219-5536)
- 4:30 PM THE 4:30 QUICKIE See December 3.
- 6:00 PM SOUTHPORT See December 3.

Wednesday, December 18

- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See December 4.
- 9:30 AM SHORT & EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See December 4.
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See December 4.
- 6:00 PM DOWNTOWN HOLIDAY SEASON HIKE See December 4. In addition to the usual 5 or 7-mile self guided* option, tonight John will lead a moderate pace (3-3.5 MPH) guided hike through downtown to view the holiday decorations with an optional dinner stop after the hike.
- 6:00 PM BAXTER YMCA TO SOUTHPORT ROAD see December 4.

Thursday, December 19

- 9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK TRAIL See December 5.
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK See December 5.
- 1:00 PM GREENWOOD AFTERNOONS See December 5.
- 3:45 PM GET FIT ON THE FITNESS TRAIL See December 5.

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6:00 PM GANACHE TRUFFLE CHRISTMAS HIKE Join us for an evening hike of 5 miles through the town of Zionsville which will be lit up and decorated for Christmas. From I-465 N go north on Michigan Rd (US 421) and left on 116th St to Zionsville; note Lions Club Park on your right just before you enter the village. Meet at the main parking lot of Lions Club Park (115 S Elm St) located on Oak St (formerly SR 334), just east of the intersection of Elm St and Oak St and on the southern border of the park. Bring flashlights/torches. Join us for dinner afterwards at Friendly Tavern. (M,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Jeff Edmondson (733-0143)

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See December 5.

6:00 PM "9 TO 5" HIKE See December 5.

Friday, December 20

8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See December 6.

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 6.

9:30 AM LETS EXPLORE See December 6.

12:00 PM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See December 6.

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

Saturday, December 21

8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 7.

8:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See December 7.

9:30 AM CHRISTMAS VOLKSMARCH Meet in the lobby of the downtown Hyatt Regency (One South Capitol Ave between Washington & Maryland Sts) for a 6 or 12 mile self-guided hike. Each hiker must have a walk card (free) to be stamped at the checkpoints and turned in at the starting desk when the hike is completed. We may participate in the Volksmarch at no charge, however donations are appreciated. (F,PS) Leader: Marti Applegate (784-3721 or 289-1756-cell)

6:00 PM CHRISTMAS IN ZIONSVILLE Come see this storybook town lit up for the holidays. Meet in lot south of Friendly Tavern on Main St in Zionsville for a 6-mile hike. Bring flashlights. Plan to go to the Friendly Tavern after the hike. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Michele Kestle (251-7157)

Sunday, December 22

First Day of Winter

7:30 AM MONON TRAIL AT 96TH STREET OPTIONS See December 1.

9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See December 1.

10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See December 1.

4:00 PM CHRISTMAS LIGHTS IN GREENWOOD Meet at Greenwood Public Library (closed), 310 S Meridian in Greenwood. We will walk the streets of Greenwood. Highlight will be Lindsey Farms. Join us for dinner at Oaken Barrel after the hike. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Mary Williams (422-9384 or 919-8574-cell)

Monday, December 23

9:00 AM FALL CREEK TRAIL Meet at Windridge Center at 5435 N Emerson Way for an 8-mile hike with shorter options. Use the lot to the right of the pond. The 8-mile option includes a mile loop through the State Fair grounds. Repeats on January 27. (Map #45) (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Tish Brafford (251-8907, 531-6700 cell)

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See December 9.

10:00 AM SHORT & SLOW AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY See December 9.

6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See December 2.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 2.

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve

7:30 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See December 3.

9:00 AM A CHRISTMAS EVE TRADITION Join us for this fun annual event on the day before Christmas. Hike will be 5 miles at a moderate pace through downtown Indy, which should be buzzing with Christmas spirit. Wear your Santa hat, reindeer antlers, jingle bells and bring your grandkids. The leaders will treat everyone to hot chocolate (or your beverage of choice) on the Circle. Take I-65 to Michigan St exit. Then go west a short distance to the Meals on Wheels (formerly Indianapolis Senior Center) at 708 E. Michigan St. Alternatively, take Meridian St to North St and turn east. Go

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past College one short block to Spring St and turn right. Park behind the building beside the fence.
(Map #25) (F,PS,3) Leaders: Ed and Linda Wright (219-5536)

4:30 PM THE 4:30 QUICKIE See December 3.

Wednesday, December 25 *Merry Christmas*

9:30 AM MORNING IN MAROTT Meet at the Marott Park parking lot on College Ave across from Park Tudor between 71st and 75th St for a 5-6 mile hike. If the trails are icy we will move the hike to mostly paved surfaces. Hike repeats on January 1. (M,NS/PS,3.5) Leaders: Brad Tollefson (490-9878) and Susan Tollefson (317-258-6690)

1:30 PM SOUTHERN DUNES Meet at Southport Landings commercial strip, 2310 W. Southport Rd (west of US 37 on north side of the street) for a 6-mile hike (no bathrooms). (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Ricki Jo (782-8147)

Thursday, December 26

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL - FT MYERS, FL If you find yourself in southwest Florida over the holidays please join us for a 12-mile hike, with 6 and 9 mile options, on the paved John Yarbrough Linear Park Trail in Ft. Myers. Meet at the trail less than one block west of Metro Pkwy on the north side of Daniels Pkwy. Park in the grass on the east side of the trail. Call if you need more precise directions. Hike repeats on January 1. (F,PS,3.5) Leaders: Marge and Rick Braun (317-679-2972 cell)

9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK TRAIL See December 5.

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK See December 5.

1:00 PM GREENWOOD AFTERNOONS See December 5.

3:45 PM GET FIT ON THE FITNESS TRAIL See December 5.

6:00 PM "9 TO 5" HIKE See December 5.

Friday, December 27

8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See December 6.

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 6.

12:00 PM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See December 6.

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

Saturday, December 28

8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 7.

8:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See December 7.

9:30 AM TC STEELE HISTORIC SITE TO TECUMSEH TRAIL Weather permitting, we will hike 6-8 miles from the TC Steele historic site to the Tecumseh Trail and back. The hike is on unimproved roads and trails, passing through the Old Belmont Girl Scout Camp and Yellowwood State Forest. Bring lunch or snack and water. Boots, poles and layered clothing are recommended. Optional free tour of the TC Steele studio after the hike. Take I-65 south to the Columbus exit and SR 46 west toward Nashville. After the SR 46/SR 135 stoplight in Nashville continue on SR 46 west towards Bloomington, driving 7.7 miles to the Belmont-TC Steele Rd. Turn left (south) and go 1.7 miles to the large parking lot on the south end of the historic site. Hike repeats on January 18. (M,NS,2-2.8) Leader: Betty Wagoner (812-323-3869 or 812-272-5921-cell)

3:00 PM HAZEL DELL OPTIONS IN CARMEL You choose: a 3-5 mile group hike (F,PS,3.25-3.75) in the nearby neighborhoods and/or a self-guided* walk along Hazel Dell (1--8 miles). Hike starts at Main St and Hazel Dell Pkwy in Carmel. Meet in the Carmel Burgers parking lot at the northwest corner of Hazel Dell and 131st St (Main St). Join us for a bite at Carmel Burgers after the hike. Hike repeats on January 11. Leaders: Jim or Elizabeth Robinson (450-1015-cell or 587-0066-home)

Sunday, December 29

7:30 AM MONON TRAIL AT 96TH STREET OPTIONS See December 1.

9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See December 1.

10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See December 1.

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Monday, December 30

- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See December 9.
- 10:00 AM SHORTER, SLOWER & LATER AT EAGLE CREEK PARK See December 2.
- 6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See December 2.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 2.

Tuesday, December 31 *New Year's Eve*

- 7:30 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See December 3.
- 4:30 PM THE 4:30 QUICKIE See December 3.
- 6:00 PM SOUTHPORT See December 3.

Wednesday, January 1 *Happy New Year*

- 9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL - FT MYERS, FL See December 26.
- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See December 4.
- 9:30 AM MORNING IN MAROTT See December 25.

Thursday, January 2

- 8:30 AM DEPAUW NATURE PARK & DEPAUW UNIVERSITY Allow one-hour from I-465 W. Take I-70 west to the Cloverdale/Greencastle (US 231) exit. Turn right (north) and follow US 231 for about 7 miles into Greencastle. At the courthouse in downtown Greencastle turn left on Jackson St (west side of the courthouse) and drive one block and turn right on Walnut St. Continue 1/2 mile to park entrance on the left side. Follow the driveway about one mile to the main parking lot for a 6 or 10-mile scenic hike around the park and university. Hike repeats on January 30. (M,HS/PS,3.5) Leader: Lucy Neal (517-315-9200 cell; 765-653-1502)
- 9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK TRAIL See December 5.
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK See December 5.
- 1:00 PM GREENWOOD AFTERNOONS See December 5.
- 3:45 PM GET FIT ON THE FITNESS TRAIL See December 5.
- 6:00 PM "9 TO 5" HIKE See December 5.

Friday, January 3

- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See December 6.
- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 6.
- 8:30 AM PLAINFIELD TRAILS See December 6.
- 9:00 AM FIRST FRIDAY/COFFEE AT EAGLE CREEK PARK See December 6.
- 12:00 PM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See December 6.
- 6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See December 6.

Saturday, January 4

- 8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 7.
- 8:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See December 7.
- 2:00 PM HILL VALLEY EAST Meet in parking lot for Baxter YMCA on Shelby St at Stop 11 Rd (south entrance). This is right off US 31 on Indy's south side. This is a neighborhood hike of 6-miles, with a 5-mile option. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: David Kincaid (787-6593 or 224-6541 cell)

Sunday, January 5

- 7:30 AM MONON TRAIL AT 96TH STREET OPTIONS See December 1.
- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See December 1.
- 10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See December 1.
- 3:00 PM PLAINFIELD TRAILS Join us for a 6-mile hike on paved trails which go through Friendship Gardens to Hummel Park and back. Meet in the parking lot at the southwest corner of the Plainfield Recreation Center. From I-465 W, exit on Washington St and travel west about 8.3 miles going through Plainfield. Turn right at the first stop light west of town onto Vestal Rd. The entrance to the Recreation Center is about 1/2 mile on the right. Join us for supper after the hike. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Terry Roesch (910-2943-cell)

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Monday, January 6

- 9:00 AM LAKE CLEARWATER RELOCATED See December 2.
 9:00 AM MORNING CONSTITUTIONAL See December 2.
 9:30 AM FASHION MALL Join us for this new mall hike at the Fashion Mall at Keystone At The Crossing. This is a self-guided* hike of 1 mile loops between the hours of 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM. We will meet in the Food Court located on the west side of the mall next to Urban Outfitters. Try to arrive by 9:30 AM on the first day; since we will do one lap as a group to learn the route then you may walk at your own pace. From I-465 N exit at Keystone Ave going south. Take the first exit off Keystone at 86th St and go left (east) and proceed to the mall entrance. Park in front of the Food Court and meet inside. Hike repeats each Monday in January. (F,PS) Leaders: Cherie Voege (848-7674) or June Sergi (372-3018)
 10:00 AM SHORTER, SLOWER & LATER AT EAGLE CREEK PARK See December 2.
 6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See December 2.
 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See December 2.
 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 2.

Tuesday, January 7

- 7:30 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See December 3.
 10:00 AM BRADFORD WOODS As we have every year since 1988, we will once again be privileged to hike these beautiful and often snowy woods. From I-465 SW take SR 67 southwest about 8 miles past Gray's Cafeteria in Mooresville. Watch for the sign for Bradford Woods. Turn right into the entrance and follow signs up a one-way hill to the office parking lot. Hike will be 5-6 miles with shorter slower options. Bradford Woods will assess each hiker a modest fee of \$1.50. The hike will start from the parking lot. We may use the restrooms, but not the dining hall. Hike repeats on the remaining Tuesdays in January. Join the group for lunch after the hike at either Poe's or Grays. (M,NS,2.5) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (346-1802, 306-5306 cell or malayman@earthlink.net)
 10:00 AM CARMEL NEIGHBORHOODS See December 5.
 4:30 PM THE 4:30 QUICKIE See December 3.
 6:00 PM GREENWOOD NIGHTS From I-465 S take I-65 south to exit 99 - Greenwood. Turn right (west) on Main St. Meet in the parking lot located at the corner of Madison Ave and Main St for a 5-mile guided hike. Repeats each Tuesday in January. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: David Kincaid (787-6593)

Wednesday, January 8

- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See December 4.
 9:30 AM EITELJORG, FOUNTAIN SQUARE AND A LITTLE RESEARCH This new 6 to 7-mile hike will start from in front of the Eiteljorg Museum in downtown Indy, located at 500 W. Washington St. Parking is free at the museum garage if you join us for lunch after the hike at the Eiteljorg Sky City Cafe. We will make our way to Fountain Square and then on the way back we will engage in a little research. (Map #33) (F,PS/NS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (329-2779 home, 652-2779 cell)
 9:30 AM SHORT & EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See December 4.
 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See December 4.
 6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See December 4.
 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL Sign in at the food court between the hours of 6-7:30 PM for a self-guided* hike of up to 6 miles with shorter options. Repeats on the remaining Wednesdays in January. (F,PS) Leader: Glee Crowder (859-8159)

Thursday, January 9

- 9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK TRAIL See December 5.
 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK See December 5.
 1:00 PM GREENWOOD AFTERNOONS See December 5.
 3:45 PM GET FIT ON THE FITNESS TRAIL See December 5.
 6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See December 5.
 6:00 PM "9 TO 5" HIKE See December 5.

Friday, January 10

- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See December 6.

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- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 6.
- 9:30 AM LETS EXPLORE See December 6.
- 12:00 PM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See December 6.
- 6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See December 6.

Saturday, January 11

- 8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 7.
- 8:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See December 7.
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See December 7.
- 3:00 PM HAZEL DELL OPTIONS IN CARMEL See December 28.

Sunday, January 12

- 7:30 AM MONON TRAIL AT 96TH STREET OPTIONS See December 1.
- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See December 1.
- 10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See December 1.
- 1:00 PM GREENFIELD Hike will be 5-6 miles in historic Greenfield. Take I-70 east to the Greenfield exit. Turn right (S) on SR 9 and go ½ mile to the stoplight. Turn left (E) and go 0.7 mile to North Apple St. Turn right (S) and continue 1.9 miles to Riley Park. Meet in the parking lot next to the pool. Sorry no restrooms so stop before you arrive. (F,PS/NS,3-3.5) Leader: Julie Litten (407-4652-cell)

Monday, January 13

- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See December 9.
- 9:30 AM FASHION MALL See January 6.
- 10:00 AM GREENWOOD Meet in the NW corner of the Marsh parking lot at 2904 S. SR 135 in Greenwood (2 miles south of Smith Valley Rd) for a 5-6 mile hike. We will stop briefly at Gardens at Olive Branch Cemetery to view a beam from the lobby of the World Trade Center south tower, soil from Shanksville, PA, and an eternal flame. Join us for lunch afterwards at Louie's Pub. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Mary Williams (422-9384 or 422-9384-cell)
- 10:00 AM SHORT & SLOW AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY See December 9.
- 6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See December 2.
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See December 2.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 2.

Tuesday, January 14

- 7:30 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See December 3.
- 10:00 AM BRADFORD WOODS See January 7.
- 4:30 PM THE 4:30 QUICKIE See December 3.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD NIGHTS See January 7.

Wednesday, January 15

- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See December 4.
- 9:30 AM SHORT & EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See December 4.
- 1:30 PM CLERMONT NORTHSIDE We will explore Miller Park and the northern part of Clermont on this 5-6 mile hike. Meet at Clermont Lion's Club Park. From I-465 W exit at 38th St and go west. At the end of 38th St the road turns south and becomes Dandy Trail. Stay on Dandy Trail until you reach SR 136 (Crawfordsville Rd). Turn right and go to the first stop light which is Tansel Rd. Turn left and go .3 mi to the park on your left. (Map #44) (F,NS/PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (329-2779, 652-2779 cell)
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See December 4.
- 6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See December 4.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See January 8.

Thursday, January 16

- 9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK TRAIL See December 5.
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK See December 5.
- 1:00 PM GREENWOOD AFTERNOONS See December 5.
- 3:45 PM GET FIT ON THE FITNESS TRAIL See December 5.

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6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See December 5.

6:00 PM "9 TO 5" HIKE See December 5.

Friday, January 17

8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See December 6.

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 6.

12:00 PM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See December 6.

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

Saturday, January 18

8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 7.

8:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See December 7.

9:30 AM TC STEELE HISTORIC SITE TO TECUMSEH TRAIL See December 28.

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See December 7.

Sunday, January 19

7:30 AM MONON TRAIL AT 96TH STREET OPTIONS See December 1.

9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See December 1.

9:30 AM SUNDAY IN BLOOMINGTON: HIKE, LUNCH AND IU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL GAME From I-465 S take SR 37 south to Tapp Rd in Bloomington, IN. Turn left and go 2 1/4 miles on Tapp Rd-Country Club Rd past the golf course on the right. Continue across Rogers St to just before the next traffic light (Walnut St). Turn left into the shopping plaza and park behind Old National Bank. This will be a 6-mile hike on the Bloomington Trail. Following the hike, join us for lunch at a local restaurant. Stay for the IU Women's Basketball game (\$5) starting at 2:00 PM. Directions to the restaurant and game will be provided at the hike. (F,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader Edeltraud Evans (812-876-4024 or 812-322-3972-cell)

10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See December 1.

Monday, January 20

Martin Luther King Day

9:00 AM LAKE CLEARWATER RELOCATED See December 2.

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See December 9.

9:30 AM BOBBY KENNEDY AND MARTIN LUTHER KING MEMORIAL Join us on Martin Luther King Day for a 5 to 6-mile hike to the inspirational memorial to two famous fallen leaders and through Indy's old north side. Take I-65 to Michigan St exit. Then go west a short distance to the Meals on Wheels (formerly Indianapolis Senior Center) at 708 E. Michigan St. Alternatively, take Meridian St to North St and turn east. Go past College one short block to Spring St and turn right. Park behind the building beside the fence. (Map #25) (F,PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (329-2779, 652-2779 cell)

9:30 AM FASHION MALL See January 6.

10:00 AM SHORTER, SLOWER & LATER AT EAGLE CREEK PARK See December 2.

6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See December 2.

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See December 2.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 2.

Tuesday, January 21

7:30 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See December 3.

10:00 AM BRADFORD WOODS See January 7.

4:30 PM THE 4:30 QUICKIE See December 3.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD NIGHTS See January 7.

Wednesday, January 22

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See December 4.

9:30 AM SHORT & EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See December 4.

1:30 PM CLERMONT - PINECREST Meet at Clermont Lion's Club Park. From I-465 W exit at 38th St and go west. At the end of 38th St the road turns south and becomes Dandy Trail. Stay on Dandy Trail until you reach 136 (Crawfordsville Rd). Turn right and go to the first stop light which is Tansel Rd.

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Turn left and go .3 mi to the park on your left for a 5-6 mile hike (Map #44) (F,NS/PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (329-2779 or 652-2779 cell)

- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See December 4.
- 6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See December 4.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See January 8.

Thursday, January 23

- 9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK TRAIL See December 5.
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK See December 5.
- 1:00 PM GREENWOOD AFTERNOONS See December 5.
- 3:45 PM GET FIT ON THE FITNESS TRAIL See December 5.
- 6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See December 5.
- 6:00 PM "9 TO 5" HIKE See December 5.

Friday, January 24

- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See December 6.
- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 6.
- 9:30 AM LETS EXPLORE See December 6.
- 12:00 PM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See December 6.
- 6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See December 6.

Saturday, January 25

- 8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 7.
- 8:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See December 7.
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See December 7.
- 2:00 PM BAXTER YMCA TO SOUTHPORT RD Meet in parking lot for Baxter YMCA on Shelby St at Stop 11 Rd (south entrance). This is right off US 31 on Indy's south side. This is a neighborhood hike of 5 miles. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: David Kincaid (787-6593, 224-6541-cell)

Sunday, January 26

- 7:30 AM MONON TRAIL AT 96TH STREET OPTIONS See December 1.
- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See December 1.
- 10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See December 1.
- 2:00 PM INFORMATION MEETING FOR THE SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK AND WASHINGTON DC TRIP JUNE 21-28 2014 See the write-up for these two trips in Upcoming Events at the end of this schedule. Planning meeting will be held in the Lora Hussey room of the Zionsville library located at 250 N Fifth Street, Zionsville. Conducted by Ron Mutzl (769-3220) and Jeff Edmondson (733-0143).

Monday, January 27

- 9:00 AM FALL CREEK TRAIL See December 23.
- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See December 9.
- 9:30 AM FASHION MALL See January 6.
- 10:00 AM SHORT & SLOW AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY See December 9.
- 6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See December 2.
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See December 2.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 2.

Tuesday, January 28

- 7:30 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See December 3.
- 10:00 AM BRADFORD WOODS See January 7.
- 4:30 PM THE 4:30 QUICKIE See December 3.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD NIGHTS See January 7.

Wednesday, January 29

- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See December 4.
- 9:30 AM SHORT & EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See December 4.

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- 1:00 PM RIVERSIDE PARK AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS This will be a 6-mile hike. From Meridian St go west on 16th St to 1502 W. 16th St. Park at the soccer field on 16th across from old Bush Stadium. We will have one restroom stop in the middle of the hike. (F,PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (329-2779 or 652-2779 cell)
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See December 4.
- 6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See December 4.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See January 8.

Thursday, January 30

- 8:30 AM DEPAUW NATURE PARK & DEPAUW UNIVERSITY See December 5.
- 9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK TRAIL See December 5.
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK See December 5.
- 1:00 PM GREENWOOD AFTERNOONS See December 5.
- 3:45 PM GET FIT ON THE FITNESS TRAIL See December 5.
- 6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See December 5.
- 6:00 PM "9 TO 5" HIKE See December 5.

Friday, January 31

- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See December 6.
- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 6.
- 8:30 AM PLAINFIELD TRAILS See December 6.
- 12:00 PM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See December 6.
- 6:00 PM ILLINOIS STREET OPTIONS See December 13.
- 6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See December 6.

PLAN FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS: Contact a Pathfinder if you would like to preview a future event.

WINTER WEEKEND AT McCORMICK'S CREEK STATE PARK – March 14-16 Don't miss out on the Club's traditional winter get away at a state park with great trails. To make your reservations at the Canyon Inn call the Indiana State Park Inn call center at 1-877-563-4371, use our group code of 0314HC. Room rates per night including taxes are as follows: Single (one double bed) \$78.39; Double-Double (two double beds) \$100.79; Queen (one queen bed) \$89.59; Queen-Queen (two queen beds) \$111.99. Our block of rooms will be released January 31, 2014. Your deposit will be refunded if cancellation is received 4 days before date of arrival. Jean Ballinger will assist Mary Ann Layman by leading faster/longer hikes. Contact Mary Ann for more information at 346-1802 or 306-5306 cell or malayman@earthlink.net.

17th ANNUAL SMOKY MOUNTAINS LONG WEEKEND – April 24-26 Mark your calendar for the annual Club trip to Smoky Mountains National Park. Since Easter is on April 20, the Smoky's trip will occur a week later than usual. It's not too early to make your room reservations in Gatlinburg, TN. Some suggestions are Riverhouse at the Park (865-436-2070) and Carr's Cottages & Motel (865-436-4836). Contact Jean Ballinger at 696-2120 if you have any questions.

SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK AND WASHINGTON DC – June 21-28 Enjoy three days of hiking in Virginia's Shenandoah NP led by Ron Mutzl, followed by three days of hiking in Washington DC led by Jeff Edmondson. You can do either one or both of these trips. A pre-trip planning meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26 at 2:00 PM in the Lora Hussey room of the Zionsville Public Library located at 250 N 5th St in Zionsville.

SHENANDOAH NP: Plan to arrive on Saturday June 21. One hike on Sunday thru Tuesday (starting at 9:00 AM) comprised of a long and short option, which will be conducted simultaneously. The long hike will be an extension of the short hike by using the Appalachian Trail to add an additional 2-5 miles per hike. The IHC has reserved 35 traditional rooms (2 queen or 1 king) at the Skyland Lodge.

Please note a minor change to the rates from the prior newsletter.

Cost of room for Saturday, June 21 is \$144 + 10% tax/night

Cost of room for Sunday thru Tuesday (June 22,23, 24) is \$122.60 + 10% tax/night

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Reserve your room by calling (877) 247-9261. Give them our group booking code **5A10UT** or ask for rooms blocked for Indianapolis Hiking Club. Camping is available at Big Meadows Campground for \$20/night, with a 50% discount if you have a Golden Age pass. No hookups available. Call (877) 444-6777 or online at www.recreation.gov to make a reservation. Campground reservations can only be made six months in advance.

WASHINGTON DC: For the Washington, DC portion of the trip we will hike on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 26, 27 and 28. Unfortunately, there has been a change of plans regarding the hotel. The hotel we had planned to use - L'Enfant Plaza - has been sold. If you previously made a reservation at the L'Enfant Plaza Hotel you will need to make a new reservation (starting 6/25 through 6/28) since they could not transfer your credit card numbers. The new hotel is the Washington Marriott Wardman Park, located at 2660 Woodley Rd NW, Washington, DC 20008 on the Metro Red Line and very near the National Zoo. The rate is still \$119 per night plus taxes. Reservations can be made by calling 1(800) 228-9290 or (202) 328-2000 on or before Monday, May 26, 2014. Identify yourself as part of the Indianapolis Hiking Club. All reservations must be guaranteed with a major credit card.

Wednesday, June 25 is the travel day between the Shenandoah NP and Washington and we will offer some activity options for the day about midway between near Manassas, VA. These options include a short hike on Bull Run Mountain, a vineyard stop and a quiet lunch. More details later on the hikes in Washington (we may again hike to Mt. Vernon and return via boat on the Potomac) and the Wednesday activities.

It is definitely not too soon to make your reservations for both locations. If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact either Ron Mutzl (769-3220 or email at mutzlr@aol.com) or Jeff Edmondson (733-0143, cell 450-2526 or email at jeffret@indyrr.com) who are leading these trips.

HARPERS FERRY AND ANTIETAM NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD – September 12-13 On Friday we will hike the beautiful countryside overlooking the Potomac and Shenandoah rivers and walk the historic streets of Harpers Ferry WV. On Saturday we will retrace the bloodiest day in American history (23,000 casualties in 12 hours) at Antietam a Civil War battlefield in Maryland. Thursday and Sunday will be travel days. Hotel suggestions and other details will be provided in future schedules. Ed Wright (ewright@indyhike.org or 219-5536) will be coordinating this trip.

FALL WEEKEND AT TURKEY RUN SP – October 31-November 2 This will be in lieu of the Club's traditional Labor Day weekend outing. To make your reservations at the Turkey Run Inn call the Indiana State Pak Inn call center at 1-877-563-4371, use our group code of 1031IH. Room rates with tax are: Cabin Sleeping Room \$77.28; 2 Double Beds or 1 Queen Bed is \$91.84; 2 Queen beds is \$103.04. Our block of rooms will be released September 30, 2014. Your deposit will be refunded if cancellation is received 4 days before date of arrival. Jean Ballinger will assist Mary Ann Layman by leading faster/longer hikes. For more information contact Mary Ann at 346-1802 or 306-5306 cell or malayman@earthlink.net.

PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS VOTED IN AT RECENT BOARD MEETINGS:

Madonna Brothers	Greenwood, IN	Peggy Christensen	Westfield, IN
Mark & Dot Collier	Versailles, IN	Toni Pickard	Indianapolis, IN
Karen Weiss	Morgantown, IN	Kathy Abrams	Indianapolis, IN
Phil Coons	Indianapolis, IN	Steve & Karen Dennison	Westfield, IN
Soheila Mansour	Carmel, IN	Jill Martin	Indianapolis, IN
Joe Mejaski	Osgood, IN	Theresa Ray	Quincy, IN
Kristina Schubert	Indianapolis, IN		

THE FOLLOWING FORMER MEMBERS WERE REINSTATED:

Marian Corya	Indianapolis, IN	Ursula Scriven	Portland, OR
Linda Sherman	Carmel, IN	Thomas Sherrier	Carmel, IN
Linda Walker (was Wood)	Indianapolis, IN		

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THE MILEAGE OFFICER IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE FOLLOWING MILEAGE AWARDS: Please note that Allan Roberts is only the 2nd member ever to pass 30,000 miles, with Glee and Jill close behind. The other member who reached 30,000 was Tom Patterson. Tom walked 42,590 miles before he passed away in 2007.

Allan Roberts	30,500	Linda Zappia	4,500	Shannon Bennett	300
Glee Crowder	29,500	Don Hayes	4,000	Joy Bowden	300
Jill McFall	29,000	Macie Stephens	4,000	Diane Clayton	300
Jerry Heidenblut	19,500	Sylvia Davis	2,500	Kathie Hartwell	300
Michele Kestle	19,500	Ann Uliana	2,500	Barb Strite	300
Charlie Brunette	18,000	Priscilla Dick	2,000	Doug Wickham	300
David Kincaid	16,500	Betsy Friedenberg	2,000	Carol Albershardt	200
Ed Wright	16,000	Anne Heighway	2,000	Susan Alden	200
Lucy Neal	11,500	Carolyn Mitzel	2,000	Charlotte Gluschenko	200
Mary Ann Layman	11,000	Katy Smith	2,000	Nancy Revak	200
Julie Litten	10,000	Kathy Whalen	1,500	John Triplett	200
Pat Lawler	9,500	Marty Johnson	1,000	Rob Akerhielm	100
Martin Dadel	9,000	Marilyn Bradley	500	Deb Barnes	100
Lee Duckworth	6,500	Steve Johnson	500	Emely Jordan	100
Barb Shoufler	6,500	Uschi Nicola	500	Yvonne Oomkes	100
Marge Braun	6,000	Mervyn Cohen	400	Tishina Subrahmanyam	100
Sue Bullock	5,500	Larry Sievers	400		

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

Ann Uliana whose 100-year-old mother passed away on October 10.

Mary Coltrain whose sister passed away in October.

Charlie Burch whose daughter succumbed to cancer on November 9.

Also, we wish a speedy recovery to Marty Johnson who recently suffered a knee injury.

HIKING CLUB INFORMATION: For more information about our Club please visit our website at www.indyhike.org or contact our Membership Officer Mary Williams, 695 Old Plank Road, Franklin, IN 46131 (422-9384 or marylynn2@yahoo.com). To become a member you must be 18 years old and have hiked with us at least twice as a guest. A Membership Application may be printed from the "forms" page on the website or ask Mary to send you one. You do not have to be invited to hike with us and there is no fee, simply show up for any hike 10 minutes before the scheduled start time, but please no pets.

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