



# The Indianapolis Hiking Club

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## SCHEDULE FOR APRIL AND MAY 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](mailto:jeanballinger77@gmail.com) for weekend hikes or Ed Wright (219-5536) [ewright@indyhike.org](mailto:ewright@indyhike.org) for weekdays.

A map reference at the end of a hike description in the following format (Map #42) means that you may access a Google map pointing to the hike meeting location at [www.indyhike.org/locations.shtml](http://www.indyhike.org/locations.shtml). You may also view the maps from the hike schedule page on the website.

**LET'S SAY THANK YOU:** Every month a number of downtown Indy hikes start from the *Meals on Wheels* office, where they allow us to park for free. We all know how difficult it is to find parking for hikes in downtown Indy. *Meals on Wheels* needs help restocking their food pantry, which has become depleted during this difficult winter. In addition to distributing meals, they also distribute foodstuffs to local homebound seniors. When you attend a hike originating from *Meals on Wheels*, please consider dropping off a donation of non-perishable foodstuffs at their office. Low sodium individual portion packets are preferred, such as canned soup, vegetables and cereal. They also accept cash donations; just note "food pantry" on your check. Thank you to Tish Brafford for suggesting this. It was Tish, a long time *Meals on Wheels* volunteer, who obtained permission for us to park for free.

**BOOK CLUB HIKE:** On May 9, Katy Smith will be leading a book club hike. She recommends you read *A Thousand-Mile Walk to the Gulf* by John Muir beforehand. The book is widely available digitally for the Kindle and the Nook, in paperback from Amazon and Barnes & Noble, and online at [www.archive.org](http://www.archive.org) and the Sierra Club website. Also check your public library.

**INTERESTED IN BACKPACKING AND CAMPING?** On Friday, April 18 Mick Parker has scheduled a 15-mile backpacking hike in Morgan Monroe State Forest, followed by overnight camping in the woods and continuation hikes on Saturday morning. On Friday, May 2 Mick has scheduled an 11-mile trail hike in Brown County State Park. Those interested can camp that night in the park and do a nearby hike on Saturday morning. Day hikers are also welcome on all the hikes. Check out both write-ups in this schedule.

**CLUB ARCHIVES:** We will be depositing our Club archives with the Indiana State Historical Society library. If you have any Club records, photos, newspaper articles or other interesting items to add to our collection, please contact Mary Ann Layman our Club Historian (346-1802, cell 306-5306 or [malayman@earthlink.net](mailto:malayman@earthlink.net)). This will give our records a permanent home where they will be cataloged, preserved and made available to anyone interested in our history.

**MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND AT GNAW BONE CAMP:** Come and be a part of the Club's 44th traditional Memorial Day weekend at Gnow Bone Camp on May 24-26. Please consider what a wonderful experience it would be to spend quality time with your grandkids and their friends in this beautiful setting allowing them to build memories like the ones we did many years ago. If you receive the hiking schedule in the mail, a reservation supplement is included with the schedule. If you view the schedule from the website you may print a copy of the reservation form at [www.indyhike.org/forms](http://www.indyhike.org/forms). Cutoff for reserving a cabin is May 10 or you may

choose to book at a nearby hotel or come down for the day. See the write-up in the schedule and the reservation form for details.

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER:** *On a misty, moisty morning when cloudy was the weather, along came an old man all clothed in leather.....these days it would be Goretex as we get ready for the rain and mud of April. I guess I'm going to have to learn to manage a book on a hike, as well, since we have a book discussion hike scheduled. Judging from the number of hikes on this schedule there is a lot of pent-up desire to get out walking.*

During the past two years we have added many new members and it has been a while since we reminded you that Club rules do not permit recording more miles on a hike-sheet than you actually plan to walk on the hike. That includes miles you might walk on your own time before a hike officially starts or miles you choose to walk after the hike is over. It appears that some people are not aware of or have forgotten this rule, especially on mall hikes and longer self-guided hikes. To ask for credit for miles you did not actually walk on a hike is unfair.

It was nice to hear the second Dog Hike was a success. Even a "loaner" dog was available for Cherie Voegel to use.

I look forward to seeing you on the trail, especially the new out of state adventures planned, such as the Texas adventure with Jean Ballinger in 2015.

President IHC,  
John Gaebler

## HIKE SCHEDULE

### Tuesday, April 1

### *April Fools Day*

- 8:30 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL This is a 1-12 mile self-guided\* hike on the Monon Trail. From the intersection of 116th St and Westfield Blvd/Rangeline Rd in Carmel go south to Central Park Drive (first intersection on right). Turn right (west) on Central Park Drive and go to the parking lot at the end. Meet on the Monon Trail under the walkway between the two buildings near the skateboard park. Hike repeats every Tuesday in April and May. (Map #51) (F,PS) Leader: Jo Anne Starzyk (844-2658)
- 9:30 AM HOLLIDAY PARK Join us for a 6-mile hike in Holliday Park and nearby neighborhoods. Enter at the north entrance to the park (no fee) located off of Spring Mill Rd just south of 64<sup>th</sup> St. Meet at NW end of the Nature Center. Repeats on April 22. (Map #47) (M,NS/PS,3-3.5) Leader: Chuck Turner (777-2594)
- 10:00 AM SLOWER & LATER AT EAGLE CREEK PARK Meet in Eagle Creek park (fee) just west of the Colts facility at lot just inside 56th St entrance for a 4-5 mile hike. Repeats on April 22 and May 20 and 27. (Map #40) (M,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Macie Stephens (273-1726, 371-1713 cell)
- 1:00 PM WILDFLOWER HIKE AT McCORMICK'S CREEK STATE PARK This is the first of five Tuesday wildflower hikes. We will return to McCormick's Creek again at the end of the month and you will see a major difference in the flowers from this hike. From I-465 SW, take SR 67 southwest to Spencer. Turn left (east) on SR 46 and proceed to park entrance (fee). Meet at the Nature Center. This will be a 4-5 mile hike at a moderate pace with time to enjoy the many wildflowers in the park. Join us for lunch before the hike at 11:30 AM at Chambers in Spencer. To get to Chambers, turn right (west) on to SR 46 and go to Main St. Turn left on Main St and go several blocks to Market. Turn right onto West Market St. Chambers will be on your left just before the next intersection - S. Montgomery St. (M,NS/PS,2.5) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (346-1802 or cell 306-5306)
- 6:00 PM UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS & ROSEDALE HILLS From I-65, go south on Keystone Ave about ½ 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 April. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Ricki Jo (782-8147)

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**Wednesday, April 2**

- 7:00 AM SHORT AND SWEET AT POTTERS BRIDGE We will walk 2-3 miles along the White River from Potter's Bridge in Noblesville. From I-69 go north on SR 37 to 191st St and turn left. Go west on 191st St to the second stop sign (10th St/Allisonville Rd). Turn right (north) and go about 1/4 mile. The parking lot for Potter's Bridge will be on your left at the intersection of Allisonville Rd and Covered Bridge Way. Repeats every Wednesday in April and May. Look for my two other short and sweet 7:00 a.m. offerings on Mondays and Thursdays. (Map #15) (F,PS,3.3-3.8) Leader: Jim Robinson (450-1015-cell or 587-0066-home)
- 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 April and May. Join us at Starbuck's after the hike. (Map #40) (M,NS,3-3.5) Leaders: Jeff Edmondson (733-0143 or 450-2526 cell) and Chuck Turner (777-2594)
- 9:15 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD This will be an 8-mile hike with a 5-mile option in parks and neighborhoods in Greenwood. Take US 31 south to Main St in Greenwood. Go west on Main to the bottom of the hill and park in Westside Park next to baseball diamonds. Hike repeats every Wednesday in April and May (PS,3.5-4) Leaders: Mary Ann Beuke (514-9182) and Mary Lang (509-8251)
- 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. Please see note about "Saying Thank You" at the beginning of the schedule. Repeats each Wednesday April and May. (Map #25) (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Joy Bowden (881-9956)
- 1:30 PM EAGLE CREST ON WEST SIDE OF EAGLE CREEK PARK (no fee) From I-465 W, exit at 71st St and head west to Lafayette Rd. Alternatively, if coming from I-65, exit at 71st St and go east to Lafayette Rd. Go north on Lafayette Rd 1 mile to Traders Lane. Turn left and go .3 miles to Wilson Rd. Turn right on Wilson and go .7 miles to Fishback Rd. Turn left on Fishback Rd and go .2 miles. Turn left into Eagle Crest area (7201 Fishback Rd). Park near the building. Hike will be 5-6 miles in the woods on unimproved trails. We should see plenty of wildflowers. Hike repeats on Friday April 25. (M,NS,3) Leaders: Ron & Claudia Clark (769-6566 or cell 626-1553)
- 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 1<sup>st</sup> St in downtown Zionsville. Go right on 1<sup>st</sup> St then left (west) on Oak St to the town hall. Repeats each Wednesday in April and May. (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 April and May. (Map #26) (F,PS) Leader: John Lyghtel (578-9756 or 626-9117 cell)
- 6:00 PM WOODFIELD FOR FIVE Join us for a moderate pace 5-mile hike on Indy's south side. From US 31 S go west on Smith Valley Rd or go east .9 miles from SR 135 (Meridian) to Yorktown Rd. (Barrington East/West subdivision). Go south one mile to Dreyer Rd (Woodfield subdivision) on right. Go all the way back around traffic circle to parking for pool and basketball court. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: David Kincaid (787-6593, 224-6541 cell)

**Thursday, April 3**

- 7:00 AM SHORT AND SWEET ON THE MONON Join us for a short 2-3 mile walk on the Monon. From the intersection of 116th St and Westfield Blvd/Rangeline Rd in Carmel go south to Central Park Drive (first intersection on right). Turn right (west) on Central Park Drive and go to the parking lot at the end. Meet on the Monon Trail under the walkway between the two buildings near the skateboard park. Hike repeats every Thursday in April and May. (Map #51) (F,PS,3-3.8) Leader: Jim Robinson (450-1015 cell or 587-0066 home)
- 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

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- 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 April 17, May 8 & 22. (M,HS/PS,3.5) Leader: Lucy Neal (517-315-9200 cell; 765-653-1502)
- 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 hike north on the Fall Creek Trail, with an optional two additional self-guided miles in Skiles Test Park. Repeats each Thursday in April. Elaine Wright will be returning to lead this hike in May. (F,PS, 3-3.5) Leaders: Tish Brafford (251-8907, 531-6700 cell) and Charlotte Lyle (842-2360)
- 9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK Meet at the Earth Discovery Center parking lot in Eagle Creek Park (fee), which is located off of 56th St just west of the Colts facility. Now there are three options to choose from: a moderately paced 5-mile hike over, around, up and down through the woods (M,NS,3); or a 4-mile slower hike mostly on groomed trails (F,NS,2.5); or a 3-mile slow and easy hike on the roads and fitness trail (F,PS/HS,2.5). These hikes are popular with new members and guests and usually draw a crowd. Hikes repeat every Thursday in April and May. (Map #17) Leaders: Ed Wright (219-5536), Bob Kriz (882-7083), Marsha Hutchins (251-9078) and various other leaders.
- 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 April and May. (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 April and May. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Julie Litten (407-4652)
- 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 each Thursday in April and May. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Rick Braun (679-2972)

#### Friday, April 4

- 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 April and May. (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 April and May. (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 April 18, May 9 & 23. (Map #50) (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. Donna will lead a similar hike at 8 a.m. every Friday in May. (Map #40) (M,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Donna Chastain (347-0107)
- 9:30 AM BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK This is a hike that Narcisso usually leads, but he is unable to lead this month. From I-465 S take I-65 south to Columbus exit and SR 46 west to Brown County SP (fee). Or take SR 135 south to Nashville and turn left (east) on SR 46 to the park entrance. After entering the park follow signs to the campground. Turn right when you see the sign for the campground registration. On your immediate right and just before you go through the campground

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- gate is the parking lot for the Rally Campground and Ogle Hollow Nature Preserve. Meet there for an 11-mile hike on trails, which will include the trail 9 extension we usually skip. Bring lunch or a snack and plenty of water. (M,NS,2.5) Leader: Jeff Edmondson (733-0143, cell 450-2526)
- 9:30 AM 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 April and May. (Map #52) (F,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Glee Crowder (859-8159)
- 10:00 AM HIKE AND A FLICK Join us on 5-6 mile hike on the Greenway Trail in Franklin followed by lunch and a movie (To Sir With Love) at the historic Artcraft. In between the hike and the movie we will eat lunch at Aunt Judy's. Then we will walk back to our cars. From I-465 S take I-65 south to Franklin exit. Turn right and go to second stop light, which is Eastview Dr, turn right and go to 4-way stop. Turn left and meet at Needham Elementary School, 1399 Upper Shelbyville Rd. Turn immediately left into parking lot and go to the back of the lot. This is the start of the Greenway Trail. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Mary Williams (422-9384 or 919-8574 cell)
- 6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUJUI 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 April. (Map #41) (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Jim Griffin (294-1121)

**Saturday, April 5**

- 7:30 AM RISE AND SHINE Meet in Broad Ripple at the free parking lot 1/2 block south of Broad Ripple Ave on Carrollton Ave for an 8 mile guided hike. Hike will be done in time for those that wish to do the Ten at Ten. Repeats each Saturday in April and May. (Map #16) (F,P/NS,3.5-4) Leader: Rick Braun (679-2972)
- 8:00 AM FRANKLIN TRAIL, COLLEGE AND ROSES Follow US 31 south through Franklin past the intersection of SR 44 & 31. Go over Young's Creek and turn left at the Indiana Masonic sign. Go 0.8 miles to the Beeson Recreation Ctr. (396 Branigin Blvd.) on left. Park on west side of building. Hike is 12 miles with shorter options. Repeats each Saturday in April and May. (F,PS,3.5-4) Leader: Glee Crowder (859-8159)
- 9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL Enjoy a 6-12 mile hike on the paved Pennsy Trail. From I-465 E take I-70 east to Greenfield exit. Turn right on SR 9 and then left on New Rd (light by Starbucks). At roundabout, go right (south) on Apple St. After you cross US 40, look for the Pennsy trailhead parking lot on the right. This is a new trailhead with restrooms. Repeats every Saturday in April. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Julie Litten (407-4652)
- 9:30 AM NEBO RIDGE TRAIL This will be a 17-mile all trail hike out and back on the Nebo Ridge Trail. We will stop to eat at a little past the halfway mark so bring a lunch. Allow 1.5 hours travel time from I-465 S. Take I-65 south to SR 46 at Columbus. Go west on SR 46 to SR 135 and turn south (left). Go 9.0 miles to the community of Story. At the Story Inn turn off SR 135 and turn south (west) onto the unmarked gravel road (this road shows as Elkinsville Rd even though it is unmarked). Travel 2.7 miles. At a creek-bridge take the left fork and go 0.3 miles to the Nebo Ridge Trailhead on your left. (H,NS,2-2.5) Leader: Chuck Turner (777-2594)
- 9:30 AM CARDINAL GREENWAY From I-465 E take I-70 east for approximately 60 miles to Richmond, IN, Exit 149 B US 35. Take US 35 north about 3 miles to trailhead on right. There are signs along US 35 indicating where to turn for trailheads. Park at the second trailhead "Webster Rd./ US 35 Trailhead". We will hike to the Williamsburg Trailhead and back (8 miles) on asphalt bike trail. Portable restrooms are available at the trailheads. Shorter and longer self-guided\*options (up to 32 miles) are available. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: David Kincaid (787-6593 or 224-6541 cell)
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN Meet in the free parking lot 1/2 block south of Broad Ripple Ave on Carrollton Ave for a self-guided\* 6 or 10-mile hike. Repeats each Saturday in April and May. (F,PS) Leader: Donna Maurer (328-1974 or 413-5709-cell)
- 10:00 AM SLOW & EASY: FALL CREEK TRAIL NEAR SHADELAND Go to the stoplight at Fall Creek Road and Shadeland Ave. This is between 56th and 65th St. Go west on Fall Creek Rd, passing under the interstate bridge. Turn right into the parking lot for Skiles Test Nature Park. Walk will be 4-5

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miles (shorter options) and repeat on April 26 and May 10. (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Marsha Hutchins (251-9078 or 439-1468-cell)

### Sunday, April 6

- 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 April and May. 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 April and May. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Rena Elsner (873-6526)
- 9:00 AM KNOBSTONE TRAIL, DEAM LAKE NORTH This is an 8-10 mile out and back hike at the southern end of the KT starting at the temporary Deam Lake Trailhead. We will check out the work to clean up damage from the 2012 spring tornadoes that closed 9 miles of the KT. Allow 2 hrs travel time from I-465 S. Go south on I-65 88 miles to Exit 16. Exit I-65 and turn right onto Blue Lick Rd toward Blue Lick and proceed ¾ mile to McClelland Rd on your left. Turn left onto McClelland Rd and proceed 1.2 miles to Crone Rd. Turn right onto Crone Rd and continue 1.7 miles to Cummins Rd. Turn right onto Cummins Rd and continue 1.4 miles to a T-intersection. At the intersection, turn right onto Flower Gap Rd and proceed on Flower Gap Rd to the Deam Lake Temporary KT Trailhead; staying on Flower Gap bearing right through a Y-intersection with Wilson Switch Rd which goes to the left. (H,NS, 2-2.5) Leader: Jeff Edmondson (733-0143 or 450-2526-cell)
- 9:30 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 April and May. (F,PS) Leaders: Cherie Voege (848-7674), Tish Brafford (531-6700) and Kathy Whalen (409-3265)
- 1:00 PM SUNDAY STROLL AT SAHM PARK From I-465 N, go north on Allisonville Rd to 91st St. Turn right (east) and go 0.8 mile to park entrance. Meet in the parking area near the Aquatic Center. This is a 5-6 mile walk in and outside the park to Culvers and back. Repeats on April 27 and May 4. (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Dick Underwood (506-0924)
- 3:00 PM BARGERSVILLE Meet at CVS parking lot, 5029 N SR 135, Bargersville, for a 6 mi. hike on a new walking trail. Take SR 37 south 9 miles, turn left on Stones Crossing and go 4 mi to SR 135. Turn right (south) and go 2 mi. to CVS on right. Plan to eat at a Mexican restaurant afterwards. (F,PS,3) Leader: Mary Williams (422-9384 or 919-8574-cell)

### Monday, April 7

- 7:00 AM SHORT AND SWEET IN BROAD RIPPLE Meet in free parking lot that is ½ block south of Broad Ripple Ave on Carrollton Ave for a short modest speed hike of 2-3 miles. Repeats every Monday in April and May. Also look for my other short and sweet offerings at 7:00 a.m. every Wednesday and Thursday. (Map #16) (F,PS,3.3-3.8) Leader: Jim Robinson (450-1015-cell or 587-0066-home)
- 9:00 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE This is the former Lake Clearwater hike we moved to Broad Ripple in December. 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 April 21 and May 5 and 19. (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 May 5. (Map #40) (M,PS,3.5) Leader: Kate Curtiss (247-0283)
- 9:00 AM YMCA NEIGHBORHOODS Meet in parking lot at the south entrance of Baxter YMCA on Shelby St at Stop 11 Rd. This is right off US 31 on Indy's south side. It will be a neighborhood hike of 5 miles. Hike repeats every Monday in April and May. (F,PS,3.5-4). Leaders: Mary Ann Beuke (514-9182) and Mary Lang (509-8251)
- 10:00 AM SHORT & SLOW: HARRISON TRACE AT FORT HARRISON STATE PARK Park entrance (fee) is located at 59<sup>th</sup> and Post Rd. Meet at Delaware Lake lot for a walk of 4 miles with a shorter option. Walk repeats April 21 and May 5 and 19. (Map# 18) (M,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Marsha Hutchins (251-9078 or cell 439-1468)

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- 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 on April 21, 28 and May 12, 19, 26. (Map #16) (F,PS/NS,3-3.5) Leader: Jean Ballinger (696-2120)
- 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 each Monday in April and May. (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 April and May. (F,PS) Leader: Glee Crowder (859-8159)

**Tuesday, April 8**

- 8:30 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See April 1.
- 10:00 AM VANDALIA TRAIL WEST/PLAINFIELD Enjoy a 5-6 mile walk along the Vandalia Rail Trail and on paths in nearby neighborhood. Meet at the north parking lot of the Plainfield Recreation and Aquatic Center parking lot located at 651 Vestal Rd. From I-465 west, exit on Washington St and travel west 8.4 miles through Plainfield. Turn right at the first stop light west of town onto Vestal Road. Travel to the roundabout and park in the north lot across from the Recreation Center. (Map #50) (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Terry Roesch (910-2943 cell)
- 1:00 PM WILDFLOWER HIKE AT HOLLIDAY PARK One of the best places to view wildflowers in the metro area is Holliday Park. Meet at the Nature Center parking lot, 6340 Spring Mill Rd, for a 4-5 mile hike. (Map #47) (M,NS/PS,2.5) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (346-1802 or 306-5306 cell)
- 6:00 PM UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS & ROSEDALE HILLS See April 1

**Wednesday, April 9**

- 7:00 AM SHORT AND SWEET AT POTTERS BRIDGE See April 2.
- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See April 2.
- 9:15 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See April 2.
- 9:30 AM SHORT & EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See April 2.
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See April 2.
- 6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See April 2.
- 6:00 PM WOODFIELD FOR FIVE See April 2.

**Thursday, April 10**

- 7:00 AM SHORT AND SWEET ON THE MONON See April 3.
- 9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK TRAIL See April 3.
- 9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See April 3.
- 1:00 PM GREENWOOD AFTERNOONS See April 3.
- 3:45 PM GET FIT ON THE FITNESS TRAIL April 3.
- 6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE April 3.

**Friday, April 11**

- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See April 4.
- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 4.
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See April 4.
- 1:00 PM EXPLORING BROAD RIPPLE We will meet at the Arts Center located at 820 E. 67 St. From the intersection of College Ave and 67th St turn east on 67th and go two blocks. Please meet in the back of the parking lot. We will explore the grounds of the Art Center then several of the side streets in Broad Ripple for 5 - 6 miles. (F,NS/PS,3) Leader: June Sergi (372-3018)
- 6:00 PM ILLINOIS STREET Join us for a 3-mile hike in the nearby neighborhoods along Illinois St and Oak Ridge. 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 April 25 and May 9 and 23. (F,PS,3.3-3.8) Leaders: Jim or Elizabeth Robinson (cell 450-1015, home 587-0066)
- 6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See April 4.

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**Saturday, April 12**

- 7:30 AM RISE AND SHINE See April 5.
- 7:30 AM CARMEL HALF MARATHON If you are registered to participate in this event, you can obtain Club mileage by calling or emailing the leader who will verify your completion through the website race results. Start and finish lines are located just north of the Palladium at the intersection of 3rd Ave and City Center Dr (starting East on City Center Dr) in Carmel. For information about this self-guided\* hike, go to [www.carmelmarathon.com](http://www.carmelmarathon.com). (F/PS) Leader: Tish Brafford ([tish34@comcast.net](mailto:tish34@comcast.net) or 251-8907)
- 8:00 AM FRANKLIN TRAIL, COLLEGE AND ROSES See April 5.
- 8:00 AM SUSAN G. KOMEN - RACE FOR THE CURE If you are one of the 40,000 people planning to participate in this year's 5K run/walk fund raiser for breast cancer research (registration required), you can get credit for 3 self-guided\* miles by calling or emailing the leader. (F,PS) Leader: Donna Chastain (347-0107 or [dmchastain@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dmchastain@sbcglobal.net))
- 9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See April 5.
- 9:30 AM BROWN COUNTY – WEST LOOKOUT Take SR 135 south thru Nashville or I-65 South to SR 46 west to Brown County State Park (fee). Meet at West Lookout Tower parking lot, which is about one mile beyond the west entrance, for an 8-mile hike. Plan to eat at the Corn Crib Lounge afterwards. (M,NS,3) Leader: Jean Ballinger (696-2120-cell)
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See April 5.
- 10:00 AM STATUES, MONUMENTS, AND MEMORIALS This 8-10 mile downtown hike will pass many statues, monuments, and memorials. Brief stops will be made at some of them to identify the items we are passing. There will be several restroom stops during the hike. 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 lot at the north end of the building away from the entrance (Map # 25) (F,PS,3.25-3.5) Leader: Mike Khalil (635-2028)

**Sunday, April 13**

- 7:30 AM MONON TRAIL AT 96TH STREET OPTIONS See April 6.
- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See April 6.
- 9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE See April 6.
- 3:00 PM CANINE & FRIENDS WOOF HIKE Meet at the northwest corner of the Mary & John Geisse Soccer Complex, 5425 Reed Rd (corner of 56th St and Reed Rd). 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, April 14**

- 7:00 AM SHORT AND SWEET IN BROAD RIPPLE See April 7.
- 9:00 AM LET'S EXPLORE DOWNTOWN INDY Hike will be 6 miles through downtown Indianapolis. 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. See note at beginning of this schedule about thanking Meals on Wheels for allowing us to park for free by bringing a donation for their food bank. (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 April and May, except May 5. (Map #40) (M,PS,3.5) Leader: Janet Cohen (873-6586)
- 9:00 AM YMCA NEIGHBORHOODS See April 7.

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- 10:00 AM SHORT, SLOW & EASY: CROWN HILL CEMETERY From the 700 block of West 38<sup>th</sup> 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 miles with shorter options. Walk repeats May 12 and 26. (Map #42) (F,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Marsha Hutchins (251-9078 or cell 439-1468)
- 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 on May 5. (Map #16) (F,PS/NS,3-3.5) Leader: Kathy Oguss (523-8995)
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See April 7.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See April 7.

**Tuesday, April 15*****Passover Begins***

- 8:30 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See April 1.
- 9:00 AM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE From I-465 E go east on 56th St to Post Rd. Turn left (north) and go one block to Otis Ave. Turn right and meet at parking lot in front of veterinarian's office (9160 Otis Ave) facing the road. This is a 6-7 mile hike (no fee) with shorter options. Hike repeats on May 13. (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Dick Underwood (506-0924)
- 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY IN PLAINFIELD: PARK TO PARK Meet at the southwest corner of the Plainfield Recreation and Aquatic Center parking lot at 651 Vestal Rd. From I-465 west take Washington St (US 40) west 8.4 miles through Plainfield. Turn right at 1st stoplight west of town on Vestal Rd go .5 mile to parking lot on the right. Hike is 6 miles to Hummel Park and back, but at a slower pace than most of the other hikes which follow this route. Hike repeats on May 13. (Map #50) (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Macie Stephens (273-1726, 371-1713 cell)
- 10:00 AM AVON WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY PARK Enjoy a 5-mile trek in Avon Washington Township Park on trails and some paved surfaces. The park is located at 115 S CR 575 E in Avon. From I-465 W, take Exit 13B onto US 36 (Rockville Rd) and travel west about 7.5 miles. Once you pass 3 softball diamonds on the left, the next turn is S CR 575 E. Turn left and drive to the T and turn left onto Broyles Rd. Park entrance is a short distance on your left. Park in the lot by the basketball court. Join us for lunch at "Savor Thyme Cafe" in Brownsburg after the hike. (M,PS/NS, 2.5-3) Leader: Terry Roesch (910-2943 cell)
- 1:00 PM WILDFLOWER HIKE AT MOUNDS STATE PARK Allow 1¼ hours travel time from I-465 N. Take I-69 north to exit 26 (Anderson). Go north on SR 9 to SR 232. Turn right and follow signs to the park (fee). Meet at the Pavilion parking lot for a 4-5 mile moderate speed hike with shorter options. Join us for lunch before the hike at 11:30 AM at the MCL in Mounds Mall shopping center. To get to the Mounds Mall, take the same exit 26 off I-69 but instead of turning at SR 232, continue north and down the hill. Mounds Mall is at bottom of the hill on your left. Turn into the mall parking lot and park at the top of hill on the right side (north end) of the mall. MCL is located near that entrance. (Map #19) (M,NS/PS, 2.5) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (346-1802 or 306-5306 cell)
- 6:00 PM UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS & ROSEDALE HILLS See April 1

**Wednesday, April 16**

- 7:00 AM SHORT AND SWEET AT POTTERS BRIDGE See April 2.
- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See April 2.
- 9:15 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See April 2.
- 9:30 AM SHORT & EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See April 2.
- 10:00 AM EITELJORG, FOUNTAIN SQUARE AND A LITTLE RESEARCH This 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)
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See April 2.
- 6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See April 2.
- 6:00 PM WOODFIELD FOR FIVE See April 2.

**Thursday, April 17**

- 7:00 AM SHORT AND SWEET ON THE MONON See April 3.
- 8:30 AM DEPAUW NATURE PARK & DEPAUW UNIVERSITY See April 3.

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- 9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK TRAIL See April 3.  
9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See April 3.  
1:00 PM GREENWOOD AFTERNOONS See April 3.  
3:45 PM GET FIT ON THE FITNESS TRAIL April 3.  
6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE April 3.

**Friday, April 18** *Good Friday*

- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See April 4.  
8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 4.  
8:30 AM PLAINFIELD TRAILS See April 4.  
9:00 AM LOW GAP AND A HALF This will be a 15 mile hike with a 10 mile option in Morgan Monroe St Forest intended for both day hikers and overnight backpackers. 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 and proceed into the forest for about 4.7 miles. Meet at the Forest Headquarters parking lot. We will hike the Low Gap Trail (loop) and then proceed again on the Low Gap Trail to the backcountry campsites just beyond Low Gap Rd. Day hikers can stop after the 10-mile loop. This hike will be at a moderate speed as some hikers will be carrying full backpacks. Contact the leader if you are interested in backpacking and camping overnight. Please note two continuation hikes on Saturday. (H,NS,2-2.5) Leader: Mick Parker (430-5523 cell)  
9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See April 4.  
6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See April 4.

**Saturday, April 19**

- 7:30 AM RISE AND SHINE See April 5.  
8:00 AM FRANKLIN TRAIL, COLLEGE AND ROSES See April 5.  
7:30 AM THREE LAKES AND A HALF This will be a 15 mile hike for the backpackers. The plan is to continue the prior days hike leaving the backcountry camp at 7:30 AM and arriving at the Forest Service Headquarters to meet the day hikers. We will then do the 10 miles Three Lakes Trail (H,NS,2-2.5) Leader: Mick Parker (430-5523 cell)  
9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See April 5.  
9:30 AM TURKEY RUN STATE PARK - PART I Take I-74 west to Exit 52. Go south through Jamestown and then follow SR 234 west and SR 47 southwest to the park (fee). Meet at the east end of the Turkey Run Inn parking lot for a hike of 5-6 miles. Lunch at the Inn if you are staying for the afternoon hike or come down early for the afternoon hike and join us for lunch. (Map #46) (M,NS,3) Leader: Jean Ballinger (696-2120)  
10:00 AM MORGAN MONROE STATE FOREST – THREE LAKES TRAIL This is the 10 mile option for day hikers to join the backpackers. Allow 1 1/4 hours travel time from I-465 S & SR 37. 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. Proceed into the forest about 4.5 miles and meet at the Forest Headquarters parking lot. Bring snacks & water for a 10-mile hike. (H,NS,2-2.5) Leader: Mick Parker (430-5523 cell)  
10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See April 5.  
1:00 PM TURKEY RUN STATE PARK – PART II Follow directions above for a 5-6 mile hike. (Map #46) (M,NS,3) Leader: Jean Ballinger (696-2120)  
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)

**Sunday, April 20** *Easter*

- 7:30 AM MONON TRAIL AT 96TH STREET OPTIONS See April 6.  
9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See April 6.  
9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE See April 6.  
3:30 PM MUSEUM OF ART, BUTLER AND HOLCOMB GARDENS Meet near Door #1 at the front of Hinkle Fieldhouse, which is located on 49th St, west of Boulevard Place for a 5-6 mile hike. (Map #32) (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Jean Ballinger (696-2120)

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**Monday, April 21**

- 7:00 AM SHORT AND SWEET IN BROAD RIPPLE See April 7.  
9:00 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See April 7.  
9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See April 14.  
9:00 AM YMCA NEIGHBORHOODS See April 7.  
10:00 AM SHORT & SLOW: HARRISON TRACE AT FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See April 7.  
6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See April 7.  
6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See April 7.  
6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See April 7.

**Tuesday, April 22**

- 8:30 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See April 1.  
9:30 AM WHITE LICK CREEK TRAIL/ PLAINFIELD Join us for a 6-mile hike on a paved trail, which starts at the Plainfield Recreation Center and goes through Friendship Gardens to Hummel Park and back to the Recreation Ctr. From I-465 West, 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. Travel to the roundabout and park in the north lot across from the Plainfield Recreation Center. (Map #50) (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Terry Roesch (910-2943 cell)  
9:30 AM HOLLIDAY PARK See April 1.  
10:00 AM SLOWER & LATER AT EAGLE CREEK PARK See April 1.  
1:00 PM WILDFLOWER HIKE ON THE WEST SIDE OF EAGLE CREEK This will be a modest paced 4-5 mile hike on the more rustic west side of Eagle Creek Reservoir with time to see the wildflowers. Take 56th St west past the main entrance to Eagle Creek Park and continue across the causeway. Take the first right (north) after the causeway into the fisherman's parking lot beside the large iron sculpture of a bear (no fee). (M,NS,2.5) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (346-1802 or 306-5306 cell)  
6:00 PM UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS & ROSEDALE HILLS See April 1

**Wednesday, April 23**

- 7:00 AM SHORT AND SWEET AT POTTERS BRIDGE See April 2.  
9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See April 2.  
9:15 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See April 2.  
9:30 AM SHORT & EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See April 2.  
10:00 AM THE NEW AND IMPROVED "DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE" This 6-7 mile hike will take us on the newly opened trail that follows the White River south of Washington St. Meet in front of the Eiteljorg Museum, 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. (Map #33) (F,PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (329-2779 home, 652-2779 cell)  
4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See April 2.  
6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See April 2.  
6:00 PM WOODFIELD FOR FIVE See April 2.

**Thursday, April 24**

- 7:00 AM SHORT AND SWEET ON THE MONON See April 3.  
9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK TRAIL See April 3.  
9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See April 3.  
1:00 PM GREENWOOD AFTERNOONS See April 3.  
3:45 PM GET FIT ON THE FITNESS TRAIL April 3.  
6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE April 3.

**Thursday, April 24 - Saturday, April 26**

16th ANNUAL SMOKY MOUNTAINS LONG WEEKEND Allow 7 hours to travel 400 miles. Go southeast on I-74 to I-275. Go south on I-275 around Cincinnati to I-75 south. Go south on I-75 to Knoxville, TN. Go east on I-640 to I-40. Continue east on I-40 to Exit 407 (Highway 66 – Sevierville exit). Go south on Highway 66, which becomes US 441, to Gatlinburg. Arrange your own accommodations. See the Upcoming Events section in the last schedule for hotel recommendations or call Jean Ballinger. Wednesday and Sunday will be travel days. There will be two hike options on

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Thursday and three on Friday and Saturday. Jean Ballinger and Jeff Edmondson will share leading challenging all day hikes that will include some major hills. Jim Shoufler will lead moderate morning and afternoon 5-6 mile hikes that will include some hills. All morning hikes will begin at the Sugarland Visitor Center in the national park and will start at 8:00 AM local (Gatlinburg) time. Most hikes will require a car shuttle to the trailhead. Check with the leader in the morning for the location of the afternoon hike, as it may not start from the Visitor Center. Bring water and snacks on all hikes and lunch on the long hikes. Leaders: Jean Ballinger (696-2120), Jeff Edmondson (733-0143 or 450-2526-cell) and Jim Shoufler (697-0744).

**Friday, April 25**

- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See April 4.
- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 4.
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See April 4.
- 1:30 PM EAGLE CREST ON WEST SIDE OF EAGLE CREEK PARK See April 2.
- 6:00 PM ILLINOIS STREET See April 11.
- 6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See April 4.

**Saturday, April 26**

- 7:30 AM RISE AND SHINE See April 5.
- 8:00 AM FRANKLIN TRAIL, COLLEGE AND ROSES See April 5.
- 9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See April 5.
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See April 5.
- 10:00 AM FORT HARRISON & SKILES TEST NATURE PARK From I-465 E go east on 56th St. Turn left (north) on Post Rd and turn left into Fort Harrison SP (fee). Meet at Cherry Tree parking area for a 7-8-mile hike with shorter options. Hike repeats on May 31. (Map #18) (M,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Dick Underwood (506-0924)
- 10:00 AM SLOW & EASY: FALL CREEK TRAIL NEAR SHADELAND See April 5.
- 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 May 17. Leaders: Jim or Elizabeth Robinson (450-1015-cell or 587-0066-home)
- 8:00 PM NIGHT HIKE MORGAN MONROE LOW GAP TRAIL A follow up adventure into the dark back woods of Morgan Monroe State Forest. On this hike we will try to walk in a quiet manner to appreciate the night sounds and sights of our great Hoosier Forest. 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 4.5 miles to the forest headquarters. Meet at the Forest Headquarters parking lot. Bring water & snacks for this 11-mile hike. A good headlamp is strongly suggested with a minimum of a quality flashlight and back up batteries. The hike will be slow due to the dark so do not expect to be off of the trail before 11:30 PM. (H,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Chuck Turner (777-2594)

**Sunday, April 27**

- 7:30 AM MONON TRAIL AT 96TH STREET OPTIONS See April 6.
- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See April 6.
- 9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE See April 6.
- 1:00 PM WILDFLOWER HIKE AT HOLLIDAY PARK For all you weekenders who can't attend Mary Ann Layman's informative wildflower hikes on Tuesdays, this is a repeat of one she led on April 8. Holliday Park is one of the best places to view wildflowers in the metro area. Meet at the Nature Center parking lot, 6340 Spring Mill Rd, for a 4 mile slow and easy hike focusing on the flowers. (Map #47) (M,NS/PS,2.5) Leader: Ed Wright (219-5536)
- 1:00 PM SUNDAY STROLL AT SAHM PARK See April 6.

**Monday, April 28**

- 7:00 AM SHORT AND SWEET IN BROAD RIPPLE See April 7.

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- 9:00 AM FALL CREEK TRAIL Meet at Windridge Center at 5435 N Emerson Way for an 6-8-mile hike with shorter options. Use the lot to the right of the pond. Due to major road construction we will need to take a different route than we have in the past. (Map #45) (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Tish Brafford (251-8907, 531-6700 cell)
- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See April 14.
- 9:00 AM YMCA NEIGHBORHOODS See April 7.
- 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY 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 4-5 miles with shorter options. (Map #42) (M,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Macie Stephens (273-1726, 371-1713 cell)
- 1:00 PM BROWNSBURG PARK TO PARK TO PARK This 6 to 7-mile hike will begin at Arbuckle Park in Brownsburg and include Lincoln Park and WM Brothers Park. Take I-74 west from west leg of I-465. Take the Brownsburg exit (SR 267) and go south 1 mile to Lucas St. Lucas is right next to the railroad tracks. Turn right and park in the first parking lot for Arbuckle Park, which is on your right. (F,NS/PS, 3) Leader: Pat Lawler (329-2779 home, 652-2779 cell)
- 6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See April 7.
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See April 7.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See April 7.

**Tuesday, April 29**

- 8:30 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See April 1.
- 9:00 AM FORT HARRISON & SKILES TEST NATURE PARK From I-465 E go east on 56th St. Turn left (north) on Post Rd and turn left into Fort Harrison SP (fee). Meet at Cherry Tree parking area for a 7-8-mile hike with shorter options. Hike repeats on May 6. (Map #18) (M,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Dick Underwood (506-0924)
- 9:30 AM RIVER ROAD PARK We will hike the trails in River Road Park in Carmel down to the White River and explore paved walking trails in nearby neighborhoods for 6 miles. From I-465 N take Keystone Ave north to 116th St and turn east, go 2.4 miles to River Rd. Turn north onto River Rd and go 1.2 miles to River Road Park. Note you will pass River Heritage Park. Park in the south lot. There are restrooms at the park. Please join us for lunch after the hike. (F,PS/NS,3) Leaders: June Sergi (372-3018) and Cherie Voegel (848-7674)
- 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 116<sup>th</sup> St for lunch then return. Repeats on Tuesday, May 6. (F,PS, 3-3.5) Leader: Rena Elsner (873-6526) and Janet Cohen (873-6586)
- 1:00 PM WILDFLOWER HIKE AT McCORMICK'S CREEK STATE PARK From I-465 SW, take SR 67 southwest to Spencer. Turn left (east) on SR 46 and proceed to park entrance (fee). Meet at the Nature Center. This will be a 4-5 mile hike at a moderate pace with time to enjoy the many wildflowers, usually the greatest variety we see anywhere. Before the hike join us for lunch at 11:30 AM at Chambers in Spencer. To get to Chambers, turn right (west) on to SR 46 and go to the stoplight for Main St. Turn left on Main St and go several blocks to Market, turn right onto West Market St. Chambers will be on your left just before the next intersection - S. Montgomery St. (M,NS/PS,2.5) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (346-1802 or cell 306-5306)
- 6:00 PM UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS & ROSEDALE HILLS See April 1

**Wednesday, April 30**

- 7:00 AM SHORT AND SWEET AT POTTERS BRIDGE See April 2.
- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See April 2.
- 9:15 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See April 2.
- 9:30 AM SHORT & EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See April 2.
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See April 2.
- 6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See April 2.
- 6:00 PM WOODFIELD FOR FIVE See April 2.

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**Thursday, May 1**

- 7:00 AM SHORT AND SWEET ON THE MONON See April 3.
- 9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK ON THE BOULEVARD TRAIL Meet at Windridge Center at 5435 N. Emerson Way to the left of the pond for a 6-mile hike north on the Fall Creek Trail, with an optional additional two miles through Skiles Test Park. The first half we will walk together; the second half will be self-guided\* at your own pace. Repeats each Thursday in May. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Elaine Wright (753-5516)
- 9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See April 3.
- 1:00 PM GREENWOOD AFTERNOONS See April 3.
- 3:45 PM GET FIT ON THE FITNESS TRAIL April 3.
- 6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE April 3.

**Friday, May 2**

- 8:00 AM TGIF IS BACK! Join us for a 6, 8 or 10-mile road or trail hike. Who knows? Meet in Eagle Creek Park (fee) at lot just inside 56th St entrance that is just west of the Colts facility. Hike repeats every Friday in May. (Map #40) (M,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Donna Chastain (347-0107, 489-2245 cell)
- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See April 4.
- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 4.
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See April 4.
- 10:00 AM BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK – SCOONER TRACE TRAIL This is a 12 mile loop hike which includes the challenging Scooner Trace expert bike trail. From I-465 S take I-65 south to Columbus exit and SR 46 west to Brown County SP (fee). Or take SR 135 south to Nashville and turn left (east) on SR 46 to the park entrance. After entering the park follow signs to the campground. Turn right when you see the sign for the campground registration. On your immediate right and just before you go through the campground gate is the parking lot for the Rally Campground and Ogle Hollow Nature Preserve. For those interested in camping overnight plan to stay at the Rally Campground and do the Saturday May 3 hike led by Jeff Edmondson. (H,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Mick Parker (430-5523 cell)
- 10:00 AM STATUES OF CARMEL We will hike to the Veterans Memorial then see how many statues we can locate in the Arts District. We will also walk in some of the older areas of Carmel for 5-6 miles. From North Keystone Ave, turn onto 116th St heading west. Go to Range Line Rd and turn right (north) and go 0.5 miles to Gradle St. Turn left and park around the fountain or City Hall. (F,NS,PS,3) Leader: June Sergi (372-3018)
- 6:00 PM BUTLER CAMPUS AND IMA This is a 5-mile hike through the Butler campus, the IMA grounds (if open), 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 evening in May. (Map #32) (M,PS/NS,3.5) Leader: Jim Griffin (294-1121)

**Saturday, May 3**

- 7:00 AM 500 FESTIVAL MINI-MARATHON AND 5K This famous 13-mile and 3-mile self guided\* hike starts and ends downtown. If you are one of the 35,000 people registered for this event, you can obtain club credit by calling or emailing the leader, who will verify your completion through the 500 Festival web site race results. (F,PS) Leader: Jackie Quarto (319-4144-cell; [jquarto@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jquarto@sbcglobal.net))
- 7:30 AM RISE AND SHINE See April 5.
- 8:00 AM FRANKLIN TRAIL, COLLEGE AND ROSES See April 5.
- 9:30 AM BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK From I-465 S take I-65 south to Columbus exit and SR 46 west to Brown County SP (fee). Or take SR 135 south to Nashville and turn left (east) on SR 46 to the park entrance. After entering the park follow signs to the campground. Turn right when you see the sign for the campground registration. On your immediate right and just before you go through the campground gate is the parking lot for the Rally Campground and Ogle Hollow Nature Preserve. Meet there for a 10-11 mile hike on trails. Bring snacks and water. Join us at the Corn Crib Lounge in Nashville after the hike. (M,NS,2.5) Leader: Jeff Edmondson (733-0143 or 450-2526-cell)
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See April 5.
- 10:00 AM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE From I-465 E go east on 56th St to Post Rd. Turn left (north) and go one block to Otis Ave. Turn right and meet at parking lot in front of veterinarian's office

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(9160 Otis Ave) facing the road. This is a 6-7 mile hike (no fee) with shorter options. (F,PS,2.5-3)  
Leader: Dick Underwood (506-0924)

**Sunday, May 4**

- 7:30 AM MONON TRAIL AT 96TH STREET OPTIONS See April 6.  
9:00 AM WALK THE WILD SIDE This will be an 8 mile hike on the more rustic and rugged west side of Eagle Creek Park. Follow 56th St west past the entrance to Eagle Creek Park and across the causeway over the reservoir. Take first right after causeway into the parking lot beside the large iron sculpture of a bear (no fee). Bring water. (M,NS,2.5) Leader: Ed Wright (219-5536)  
9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See April 6.  
9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE See April 6.  
1:00 PM SUNDAY STROLL AT SAHM PARK See April 6.  
1:30 PM ICE CREAM HIKE IN CARMEL Join us for a 5-6 mile hike where we'll stop midway for an ice cream cone. 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 St. Meet near the Information Desk of the Monon Center (west building). (Map #51) (F,PS 3) Leaders: June Sergi (372-3018) and Cherie Voege (848-7674)

**Monday, May 5*****Cinco de Mayo***

- 7:00 AM SHORT AND SWEET IN BROAD RIPPLE See April 7.  
9:00 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See April 7.  
9:00 AM MORNING CONSTITUTIONAL See April 7.  
9:00 AM YMCA NEIGHBORHOODS See April 7.  
10:00 AM SHORT & SLOW: HARRISON TRACE AT FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See April 7.  
6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See April 14.  
6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See April 7.  
6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See April 7.

**Tuesday, May 6**

- 8:30 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See April 1.  
9:00 AM GEIST ON FALL CREEK Meet in the parking lot of Mama Bears at the northwest corner of Brooks School Rd and Fall Creek Pkwy. This will be a 6 mile moderate pace hike with a 2 mile self-guided\* addition. Repeats on Tuesday, May 20. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Elaine Wright (753-5516)  
9:00 AM FORT HARRISON & SKILES TEST NATURE PARK See April 29.  
9:30 AM BLOOMINGTON RAIL TO TRAIL From I-465 SW take SR 37 south to Tapp Rd in Bloomington. 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 the Old National Bank. This will be a 6-mile hike with a 4-mile option After the hike plan on having lunch at a local restaurant. Hike repeats on May 20. (F,NS,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812 876-4024 or cell 812 322-3972)  
10:00 AM CARMEL NEIGHBORHOODS See April 29.  
6:00 PM HOMECOMING IN UNIVERSITY PARK From I-465 S take I-65 south to exit 99 - Main St in Greenwood. Go east about one mile and turn right into a subdivision called *Homecoming in University Park*. Go half way around the round about and continue to the University Park sign. Turn right and park at the first parking lot. This hike is 5 miles with shorter options on sidewalks and blacktop footpaths through wooded areas. Hike repeats each Tuesday in May. (F,PS,3) Leader: David Kincaid (787-6593, 224-6541 cell)

**Wednesday, May 7**

- 7:00 AM SHORT AND SWEET AT POTTERS BRIDGE See April 2.  
9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See April 2.  
9:15 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See April 2.  
9:30 AM SHORT & EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See April 2.  
1:00 PM CHAPEL GLEN NEIGHBORHOOD Meet in the lower parking lot on the south side of Chapel Glen Elementary School; 701 Landsdowne Rd for a 5-6 mile hike in and around the adjoining neighborhood. From I-465 W take 10th St west approximately 3.2 miles to Landsdowne Rd (not far

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past Country Club Rd). Turn south on Landsdowne and go several blocks to Chapel Glen School on your left. (F,PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (329-2779 or 652-2779 cell)

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See April 2.

6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See April 2.

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. If the weather is nice we may walk outside. Repeats each Wednesday in May. (F,PS) Leader: Glee Crowder (859-8159)

#### Thursday, May 8

7:00 AM SHORT AND SWEET ON THE MONON See April 3.

8:30 AM DEPAUW NATURE PARK & DEPAUW UNIVERSITY See April 3.

9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK TRAIL See May 1.

9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See April 3.

1:00 PM GREENWOOD AFTERNOONS See April 3.

3:45 PM GET FIT ON THE FITNESS TRAIL April 3.

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE April 3.

#### Friday, May 9

8:00 AM TGIF IS BACK! See May 2.

8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See April 4.

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 4.

8:30 AM PLAINFIELD TRAILS See April 4.

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

10:00 AM BOOK CLUB HIKE We recommend that you read *A Thousand-Mile Walk to the Gulf* by John Muir before attending this hike. See write-up at the front of this schedule for more about the book. Meet in the free parking lot that is ½ block south of Broad Ripple Ave on Carrollton Ave for a 6-mile hike on the Monon Trail. We'll stop at the Monon Food Company on the way back for the book discussion. (Map #16) (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Katy Smith (966-8702)

6:00 PM ILLINOIS STREET See April 11.

6:00 PM BUTLER CAMPUS AND IMA See May 2.

#### Saturday, May 10

7:30 AM RISE AND SHINE See April 5.

8:00 AM CUMBERLAND Meet on the south side of US 40 in Cumberland at the police station next to Meijer on the east side of Indy. We will walk to the Pennsy Trail for 6 to 10 miles. This area is being developed with educational stations. Restrooms are available at police station. Hike repeats on May 24. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Julie Litten (407-4652 cell)

8:00 AM FRANKLIN TRAIL, COLLEGE AND ROSES See April 5.

9:00 AM NEBO RIDGE TRAIL This will be a 17-mile all trail hike out and back on the Nebo Ridge Trail. Allow 1.5 hours travel time from I-465 S. Take I-65 south to SR 46 at Columbus. Go west on SR 46 to SR 135 and turn south (left). Go 9.0 miles to the community of Story. At the Story Inn, go straight off SR 135 onto the unmarked paved Elkinsville Rd, which eventually becomes a gravel road. Travel about 2.7 miles; at a creek-bridge take the left fork and go 0.3 miles to the Nebo Ridge Trailhead on your left. (H,NS,2-2.5) Leader: Mick Parker (430-5523 cell)

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See April 5.

10:00 AM BLANTON WOODS NATURE PARK / DANVILLE Join us for a 5-6 m. trek through Ellis Park and in and around Blanton Woods, including Tomahawk Hill. From I-465W exit on US 36 (Rockville Rd) and travel about 14.5 mi. to Ellis Park, 600 E. Main St. which is also US 36. Turn right, go thru the front gate and park in the lot across from the swimming pool. Join us for lunch at the Mayberry Café afterwards. (M,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Terry Roesch (910-2943)

10:00 AM SLOW & EASY: FALL CREEK TRAIL NEAR SHADELAND See April 5.

#### Sunday, May 11

#### *Mother's Day*

7:30 AM MONON TRAIL AT 96TH STREET OPTIONS See April 6.

9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See April 6.

9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE See April 6.

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**Monday, May 12**

- 7:00 AM SHORT AND SWEET IN BROAD RIPPLE See April 7.
- 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)
- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See April 14.
- 9:00 AM YMCA NEIGHBORHOODS See April 7.
- 10:00 AM SHORT, SLOW & EASY: CROWN HILL CEMETERY See April 14.
- 6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See April 7.
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See April 7.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See April 7.

**Tuesday, May 13**

- 8:30 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See April 1.
- 9:00 AM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE See April 15.
- 9:30 AM FOUNDERS PARK AND NEIGHBORHOODS We will hike through this small park and explore nearby Carmel neighborhoods for 5-6 miles. Join us for lunch after the hike at Carmel Burgers. From 116th St and Keystone Ave go east on 116th 2 miles to Hazel Dell Parkway. Turn north and go .1 miles to Founders Park. (F,PS/NS,3-3.5) Leaders: Cherie Voege (848-7674) and June Sergi (372-3018)
- 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY IN PLAINFIELD: PARK TO PARK See April 15.
- 1:30 PM GRIFFY LAKE/WOODS BLOOMINGTON From I-465 SW take SR 37 south to College Ave/N Walnut St exit. At second traffic light turn left onto SR 46. Stay on SR 46 until the second traffic light, turn left onto Matlock Rd. Follow Matlock Rd to N. Headley Rd; turn left and continue on Headley Rd to the lake. Meet across the causeway at the boathouse parking lot on the right. This will be a 6-mile hike. Plan on having ice cream at Bruster's after the hike. Hike repeats on May 27. (H,NS,2-2.5) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812 876-4024 or cell 812 322-3972)
- 6:00 PM HOMECOMING IN UNIVERSITY PARK See May 6.

**Wednesday, May 14**

- 7:00 AM SHORT AND SWEET AT POTTERS BRIDGE See April 2.
- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See April 2.
- 9:15 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See April 2.
- 9:30 AM SHORT & EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See April 2.
- 10:00 AM WHITE RIVER, THE CANAL AND TWO EITELJORG EXHIBITS Meet in front of the Eiteljorg Museum 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 or if you tour the exhibits. Following a 6 mile hike along the canal and White River and lunch, there will be an optional tour of two special Eiteljorg exhibits (\$10 adults, \$8 seniors). The first is ANSEL ADAMS PHOTOGRAPHY and the second is contemporary art of Native American George Morrison. (Map #33) (F,PS,3-3.5) Leaders: Ron and Claudia Clark (769-6566, cell 626-1553).
- 10:00 AM DRIVE YOUR CHEVY TO THE LEVEE AND TAKE A HIKE GOING WEST Take the Speedway exit off of I-465 W and take Crawfordsville Rd east to the Marsh store parking lot, which is just east of I-465. Park in the east end of the lot. On this 6-mile hike, we will walk along Eagle Creek and around a lake. We will have a good time. (F,NS/PS, 3) Leader: Pat Lawler (329-2779 or 652-2779 cell)
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See April 2.
- 6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See April 2.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See May 7.

**Thursday, May 15**

- 7:00 AM SHORT AND SWEET ON THE MONON See April 3.
- 9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK TRAIL See May 1.
- 9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See April 3.
- 1:00 PM GREENWOOD AFTERNOONS See April 3.
- 3:45 PM GET FIT ON THE FITNESS TRAIL April 3.

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6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE April 3.

### Friday, May 16

8:00 AM TGIF IS BACK! See May 2.

8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See April 4.

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 4.

9:30 AM BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK This is a hike that Narcisso usually leads, but he is unable to lead this month so I am leading in his place. From I-465 S take I-65 south to Columbus exit and SR 46 west to Brown County SP (fee). Or take SR 135 south to Nashville and turn left (east) on SR 46 to the park entrance. After entering the park follow signs to the campground. Turn right when you see the sign for the campground registration. On your immediate right and just before you go through the campground gate is the parking lot for the Rally Campground and Ogle Hollow Nature Preserve. Meet there for an 11-mile hike on trails, which will include the trail 9 extension we usually skip. Bring lunch or a snack and plenty of water. (M,NS,2.5) Leader: Ed Wright (219-5536)

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

6:00 PM BUTLER CAMPUS AND IMA See May 2.

### Saturday, May 17

#### *Armed Forces Day*

7:30 AM RISE AND SHINE See April 5.

8:00 AM FRANKLIN TRAIL, COLLEGE AND ROSES See April 5.

9:00 AM WABASH & ERIE CANAL AT DELPHI Allow 65 minutes from I-465 NW. Take I-65 north past Lafayette to SR 25 (exit 175). Turn right and take Old SR 25 toward Delphi. Meet at Trailhead Park on west side of SR 25 before Delphi. Hike is 7-8 miles (3 and 5 mile options) of which about 3-4 miles are paved. Bring water. (F,HS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Dick Underwood (506-0924)

9:30 AM MARY GRAY BIRD SANCTUARY Allow 1 1/2 hours travel time from I-465 E. Take SR 52 to Rushville, go east on SR 44 about 11 miles (watch for large grain bins) to CR 525W. Turn right and go to the "T". Turn left and go to the first road on the right (Bird Sanctuary Rd). Turn right and go a few miles to where the road makes a sharp turn to the left; the entrance to Mary Gray is on the right. Watch closely for the entrance. Meet in parking area on your right across from the "Red Barn". Hike will be 8-9 miles with shorter options. Bring snacks/lunch for a break during the hike and plan to stay after the hike for a bonfire and hot dog roast at the leader's camp site. If you wish, bring something to share to the hot dog roast. (M,NS2.5-3) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (346-1802 or 306-5306 cell).

9:30 AM MORGAN MONROE STATE FOREST – THREE LAKES TRAIL Allow 1 1/4 hours travel time from I-465 S & SR 37. 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 Headquarters parking lot. Bring snacks & water for a 10-mile hike. (H,NS,3) Leader: Chuck Turner (777-2594)

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See April 5.

1:30 PM PROPHETSTOWN STATE PARK This is a 5-mile hike with shorter options and is in addition to the morning hike at Delphi. Return to I-65 and go north to the next exit (exit 178, SR 43). Turn west and go 1/2 mile to Burnett Rd; turn south to 9th St and go west on 9th St for 1 mile to Swisher Rd. Turn east and enter park (fee). Meet at Blazing Star Shelter in Prairie View picnic area. (M,NS,2.5) Leader: Dick Underwood (506-0924)

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)

3:00 PM HAZEL DELL OPTIONS IN CARMEL See April 26.

### Sunday, May 18

7:30 AM MONON TRAIL AT 96TH STREET OPTIONS See April 6.

9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See April 6.

9:30 AM SPRING MILL STATE PARK I Allow 1 3/4 hours travel time from I-465 S. Take SR 37 south through Bloomington and Bedford to Mitchell. Turn left on SR 60 and go a few miles to the park entrance (fee). Meet in the Inn parking lot for a 5-6 mile hike. Join us for lunch at the Inn. (Map #29) (M,NS,3) Leader: Jean Ballinger (696-2120).

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- 9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE See April 6.  
1:00 PM SPRING MILL STATE PARK II Follow directions above for a 5-6 mile hike. Come early and join us for lunch at the Inn. (M,NS,3) Leader: Jean Ballinger (696-2120)  
1:00 PM NORTH CARMEL LOOP Meet in the northwest parking lot in front of Whole Foods on the north side of Clay Terrace outdoor mall for a 6-7 mile loop hike on the Hagen-Burke and Monon Trails and through downtown Carmel. From I-465 N take US 31 (Meridian) north 5 miles to Clay Terrace Blvd. Turn left and drive through the mall to the last parking lot on the left before you get to 146th St. (Map #14) (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Ed Wright (219-5536)

**Monday, May 19**

- 7:00 AM SHORT AND SWEET IN BROAD RIPPLE See April 7.  
9:00 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See April 7.  
9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See April 14.  
9:00 AM YMCA NEIGHBORHOODS See April 7.  
10:00 AM SHORT & SLOW: HARRISON TRACE AT FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See April 7.  
6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See April 7.  
6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See April 7.  
6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See April 7.

**Tuesday, May 20**

- 8:30 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See April 1.  
9:00 AM GEIST ON FALL CREEK See May 6.  
9:30 AM SHADYSIDE LAKE IN ANDERSON This is a 6-mile hike that Hal Rynerson used to lead. Allow 1 hour and 5 minutes from the intersection of I-465 N and I-69. Take I-69 north to exit 26 (Anderson). Go north on SR 9 approximately 6 miles to Cross St and turn left. Go 0.2 mile to Alexander Pike and turn left. Go .9 miles to Shadyside Lake Activity Center and park. Restrooms may be an issue, so suggest you use before you arrive. (F,PS,3) Leader: Dick Underwood (506-0924)  
9:30 AM BLOOMINGTON RAIL TO TRAIL See May 6.  
10:00 AM SLOWER & LATER AT EAGLE CREEK PARK See April 1.  
6:00 PM  HOMECOMING IN UNIVERSITY PARK See May 6.

**Wednesday, May 21**

- 7:00 AM SHORT AND SWEET AT POTTERS BRIDGE See April 2.  
9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See April 2.  
9:15 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See April 2.  
9:30 AM SHORT & EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See April 2.  
10:00 AM DRIVE YOUR CHEVY TO THE LEVEE AND TAKE A HIKE Take the Speedway exit off of I-465 W and take Crawfordsville Rd back east to the Marsh store parking lot, which is just east of I-465. Park in the east end of the lot. On this 6-mile hike we will hike along the levee to Thatcher Park. We usually see herons in the creek. (F,NS/PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (329-2779 or 652-2779 cell)  
4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See April 2.  
6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See April 2.  
6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See May 7.

**Thursday, May 22**

- 7:00 AM SHORT AND SWEET ON THE MONON See April 3.  
8:30 AM DEPAUW NATURE PARK & DEPAUW UNIVERSITY See April 3.  
9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK TRAIL See May 1.  
9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See April 3.  
1:00 PM GREENWOOD AFTERNOONS See April 3.  
3:45 PM GET FIT ON THE FITNESS TRAIL April 3.  
6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE April 3.

**Friday, May 23**

- 8:00 AM TGIF IS BACK! See May 2.  
8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See April 4.

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- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 4.  
8:30 AM PLAINFIELD TRAILS See April 4.  
9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See April 4.  
10:00 AM HIKE AROUND LAKE IN YELLOWWOOD FOREST Join us for a 5 or 7-mile easy to moderate pace hike around Yellowwood Lake (5 miles) followed by an optional 2 hilly miles in the woods. Allow 1¼ hours from I-465 S. Take I-65 south to Columbus exit and proceed west toward Nashville on SR 46. At the light in Nashville, turn left and proceed on SR 46 towards Bloomington. Go about 5 miles and look for the Yellowwood State Forest sign and Knight's store. Turn right on Yellowwood Forest Rd drive past the Visitor Center (Forest Office) and go about one mile to the Jackson Creek Trail Loop and park in that lot. Wear boots and bring some snacks and water. Join us for lunch after the hike at a local restaurant. (F/M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Marthene Kohlmeyer (850-1291)  
6:00 PM ILLINOIS STREET See April 11.  
6:00 PM BUTLER CAMPUS AND IMA See May 2.

**Saturday, May 24 – Monday, May 26**

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND AT GNAW BONE CAMP This event is for members and their invited guests. A reservation supplement was included with this schedule or if you do not receive the schedule via mail, the reservation form is available on the website at [www.indyhike.org/forms](http://www.indyhike.org/forms). Please consult it for details. Deadline for reservations for the entire weekend is May 10. Day hikers are welcome to come down for any hikes. Allow 1½ hours travel time from I-465 and I-65 on the south side. Take I-65 south to Columbus exit SR 46. Turn right on SR 46 and proceed west about 14 miles to SR 135 (sign for Story and Horseman's camp) on you left. Proceed south on SR 135 about 2 miles to Gnow Bone Camp on the left down a long lane. Hikes are scheduled for Saturday at 2:00 PM, Sunday at 9:00 AM and Monday at 9:00 AM.

Meals are included with those that are staying in the camp cabins. For Day Hikers a day fee of \$3.00 is requested. If you choose to have meals at the camp meals will be \$7.00 each. For more information, please contact Karleen Huneck at 765-480-1570, [karleenhuneck@yahoo.com](mailto:karleenhuneck@yahoo.com) or Beth Maschino at 317-701-7544, [memaschino@mac.com](mailto:memaschino@mac.com) or Barbie McNeely at 317-392-2018, [beweb@live.com](mailto:beweb@live.com)

**Saturday, May 24**

- 7:00 AM TECUMSEH TRAIL MARATHON HIKE Allow 1 1/4 hours travel time from I-465 S & SR 37. 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. Go about 4.5 miles and meet in the Forest Headquarters parking lot for a 26 mile hike on the route that the Tecumseh Trail Marathon takes, ending at the Forrest Office at Yellow Wood Lake. We will need to car shuttle back to Morgan Monroe. (H,NS,2-2.5) Leader: Mick Parker (430-5523 cell)  
7:30 AM RISE AND SHINE See April 5.  
8:00 AM CUMBERLAND See May 10.  
8:00 AM FRANKLIN TRAIL, COLLEGE AND ROSES See April 5.  
10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See April 5.  
2:00 PM GNAW BONE CAMP See description of Gnow Bone weekend above.

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

- 7:30 AM MONON TRAIL AT 96TH STREET OPTIONS See April 6.  
9:00 AM GNAW BONE CAMP See description of Gnow Bone weekend above.  
9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See April 6.  
9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE See April 6.

**Monday, May 26****Memorial Day**

- 7:00 AM SHORT AND SWEET IN BROAD RIPPLE See April 7.  
9:00 AM GNAW BONE CAMP See description of Gnow Bone weekend above.  
9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See April 14.  
9:00 AM YMCA NEIGHBORHOODS See April 7.  
10:00 AM SHORT, SLOW & EASY: CROWN HILL CEMETERY See April 14.

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- 6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See April 7.  
6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See April 7.  
6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See April 7.

**Tuesday, May 27**

- 8:30 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See April 1.  
10:00 AM SLOWER & LATER AT EAGLE CREEK PARK See April 1.  
1:30 PM GRIFFY LAKE/WOODS BLOOMINGTON See May 13.  
6:00 PM HOME COMING IN UNIVERSITY PARK See May 6.

**Wednesday, May 28**

- 7:00 AM SHORT AND SWEET AT POTTERS BRIDGE See April 2.  
9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See April 2.  
9:15 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See April 2.  
9:30 AM SHORT & EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See April 2.  
10:00 AM VISIT SPEEDWAY AT 500 RACE TIME From I-465 W exit on Crawfordsville Rd and head east toward the track. Turn right (south) on N. Lynhurst and right on 15<sup>th</sup> St. We will park at Leonard Park which is on 15th St. Park in the parking lot behind the fire house. On this 6-mile hike we will visit the 500 Track and Speedway neighborhoods. (F,NS/PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (329-2779 or 652-2779 cell)  
4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See April 2.  
6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See April 2.  
6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See May 7.

**Thursday, May 29**

- 7:00 AM SHORT AND SWEET ON THE MONON See April 3.  
9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK TRAIL See May 1.  
9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See April 3.  
1:00 PM GREENWOOD AFTERNOONS See April 3.  
3:45 PM GET FIT ON THE FITNESS TRAIL April 3.  
6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE April 3.

**Friday, May 30**

- 8:00 AM TGIF IS BACK! See May 2.  
8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See April 4.  
8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 4.  
9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See April 4.  
6:00 PM BUTLER CAMPUS AND IMA See May 2.

**Saturday, May 31**

- 7:30 AM RISE AND SHINE See April 5.  
8:00 AM FRANKLIN TRAIL, COLLEGE AND ROSES See April 5.  
9:30 AM TC STEELE HISTORIC SITE TO TECUMSEH TRAIL & BEYOND We will hike 6-8 miles from the TC Steele historic site to the Tecumseh Trail and Mossup Ridge and back. The hike is on trails and unimproved roads in the TC Steele Historic site, the Old Belmont Girl Scout Camp and Yellowwood State Forest. Bring lunch or snack and water. Boots & poles are recommended. After the hike consider an optional tour of TC Steele studio for a fee. 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 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. (M,NS,2-2.8) Leader: Betty Wagoner (812-323-3869 or 812-272-5921-cell)  
9:30 AM MIAMI WHITEWATER FOREST, OHIO Allow 2 hours (85 miles) from I-465 and I-74 SE. Take I-74 toward Cincinnati. Take exit 3 in Ohio. Turn left on Dry Fork Rd and go to the first street, West Rd, and turn right. Turn left into park (fee \$2). Take park road all the way to the lake. Follow signs to "Golf Course / Bike Trail." Park on left side of parking lot where sign says "Frisbee Golf". Hike is 8-

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mile loop on asphalt multiuse trail. There will be three water fountain stops and a bathroom at the halfway mark. (F,PS,3) Leader: David Kincaid (787-6593 or 224-6541 cell).

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See April 5.

10:00 AM FORT HARRISON & SKILES TEST NATURE PARK See April 26.

#### PREVIEW OF FUTURE HIKES AND EVENTS:

**SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK AND WASHINGTON DC – June 21-28** Enjoy three days of hiking in Virginia's Shenandoah National Park 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. Driving directions will be provided in the June schedule.

**SHENANDOAH NP:** Plan to arrive on Saturday June 21. Six and 12-mile hikes are planned each day from Sunday, June 22 thru Tuesday, June 24. The IHC has reserved 35 rooms (2 queen or 1 king) at the Skyland Resort. If you have not done so, you need to make your room reservations soon, since hotel rooms in the area are hard to find. Please note a minor change to the rates from the Feb/Mar newsletter. The correct rate for Saturday and Sunday is \$144 + tax/night. The rate for Monday and Tuesday is \$122.60 + tax/night. Reserve your room by calling (877) 247-9261. Give them our group booking code **5A10UT** for the 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](http://www.recreation.gov) to make a reservation. If you have any questions about the Shenandoah trip, please contact Ron Mutzl at 317-769-3220 or by email at [mutzlr@aol.com](mailto:mutzlr@aol.com). Leave your email address and Ron will send you an information sheet on the area and the planned hikes.

Wednesday, June 25 is the travel day between the Shenandoah NP and Washington. We are offering some activities for the day about midway near Manassas, VA. These options include a 5-6 mile hike on Bull Run Mountain (no big climbs), a vineyard stop, and the Manassas battlefields.

**WASHINGTON DC:** For the Washington, DC portion of the trip we will hike Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 26, 27 and 28. The hotel for this part of the trip is the Washington Marriott Wardman Park, located at 2660 Woodley Rd NW, Washington, DC 20008 which is on the Metro Red Line and very near the National Zoo. The rate is \$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. Identify yourself as part of the Indianapolis Hiking Club. All reservations must be guaranteed with a major credit card. Contact Jeff if you like more information about Wednesday and the three hikes in Washington; he will send you details plus a list of contact info for the sights in Washington. There will be plenty of time for sightseeing even with a hike each day.

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

**ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC – Saturday, July 26** This is always a fun event, usually drawing more than 100 members and guests. Great hike options before the feast, then great food. Hikes will start at 10:00 a.m. and the picnic at 12:00 noon. As we have in the past, the Club reserved Shelter A in Eagle Creek Park. Look for complete details in the June/July schedule.

**HARPERS FERRY AND ANTIETAM NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD – September 12-13** Thursday, September 11 and Sunday, September 14 are considered travel days. On Friday we will hike the beautiful countryside and civil war battlefields overlooking the Potomac and Shenandoah rivers and walk the historic streets of Harpers Ferry WV. On Saturday we will walk the Antietam battlefield, retracing the bloodiest day in American history (23,000 casualties in 12 hours). We will be there on the weekend closest to the anniversary of the battle, which was September 17, 1862. Many re-enactors and demonstrations should be present to enhance your visit. Hotel suggestions for the nights of September 11-13 and other details will be provided in the June/July schedule. Ed Wright ([ewright@indyhike.org](mailto:ewright@indyhike.org) or 317-371-2485) is leading 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

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\$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](mailto:malayman@earthlink.net).

**A WEEK OF HIKING AND CULTURE IN RIO GRAND VALLEY IN TEXAS - February or March 2015** Hike at three Texas state parks (Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley, Resaca de la Palma and Estero Llano Grande), two national wildlife refuges (Laguna Atascosa and Santa Ana), the beach of South Padre Island and the Palo Alto Battlefield National Historical Park, and visit two world birding centers (Quinta Mazatlan and South Padre Island). Culture includes a sunset dolphin watch boat cruise in the bay, cruise on the Rio Grande River, shrimp boat tour and shrimp boil, see shows of Branson artists who spend winters in the Rio Grande Valley, and visit the border town of Nuevo Progreso, Mexico. Fly to and stay in McAllen. You will need a passport to visit Mexico. Details will be in future schedules. Leader: Jean Ballinger (696-2120)

**PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:**

Angie Dooley Chaney	Carmel, IN	Barb West	Indianapolis, IN
Margaret (Maggie) Helms	Urbana, IL	Frank Linder	Indianapolis, IN

**RECENT MILEAGE AWARDS:**

Glee Crowder	30,500	Macie Stephens	4,500	Donna Schuster	300
Charlie Brunette	19,000	Lynn Thurston	4,500	Peggy Christensen	200
Jim Griffin	14,500	John Gaebler	3,500	Deb Barnes	200
Tish Brafford	14,500	Stacey Roesch	3,000	Annette Wesemann	200
Emily Hudson-Burch	6,500	Karen Zimmerman	1,500	Emely Jordan	200
Linda Zappia	5,000	Pat Babineau	1,500	Barb Clisham	100

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

Ricki Jo, whose mother passed away on February 15.  
Tom Fritch who passed away at the age of 84 in late February.

Also, we wish all the best to:

- John O'Drain, who has been relocated to a long-term care facility in Naples FL.
- Nell Larrison, who continues to defy the clock. She turned 99 on March 7.
- Susan Sievers, who fell on a sidewalk (not on a hike) in early March and broke her wrist and both bones in her right forearm. Full recovery may take nine months, but hopefully Susan won't have to wait that long to hike.
- Jim Robinson, who continues to struggle with Plantar Fasciitis, which prevents him from walking long distances. It hasn't deterred Jim from scheduling three 2-3 mile hikes each week.

**NOTE OF APPRECIATION:**

Dear Hiking Club Members, I would like to thank everyone who sent me birthday cards and greetings on my 99<sup>th</sup> birthday. I especially appreciate the thoughtful remembrances of Bill who passed away in January 2011.

*Nell Larrison*

**WANT MORE INFORMATION?** For more information about our Club please visit our website at [www.indyhike.org](http://www.indyhike.org) or contact our Membership Officer Mary Williams, 695 Old Plank Road, Franklin, IN 46131 (422-9384 or [marylynn2@yahoo.com](mailto: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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