



The Indianapolis Hiking Club

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Happiness - A Step at a Time



SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH 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 like we have this January 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 p.m. 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.

CLUB ROSTER: As we do every year in late January, all members will receive a Club roster in the mail. The roster lists all members' addresses and phone numbers, unless a member specifically requests that their information not be published. For privacy reasons we do not put the roster on the website or Facebook. Please confirm that your information in the roster is accurate. If not, please advise Karen Zimmerman at 317-691-8228 or kzimm729@gmail.com so we can correct the directory.

PLEASE USE NEW SIGN-UP SHEET: As most members are already aware, Jane Hilaire, our long term Mileage Officer, is seriously ill with pancreatic cancer. Jane has turned over her mileage duties to Karen Zimmerman who will be transitioning her publication duties to June Sergi and Beth Maschino. Thank you ladies for stepping up so quickly and filling the void. There is a new hike sign-up sheet on the website (www.indyhike.org/forms), reflecting Karen's email and mailing address. Hike leaders should use the new form and destroy any old hike sheets with Jane's address. If you receive sign-up sheets in the mail you will receive the new form with this schedule.

WINTER WEEKEND RESERVATIONS: The Club's annual winter getaway will be at McCormick's Creek State Park on Friday through Saturday, March 14-16. See the write-up in this schedule for details. If you have not made your room reservations at the Inn you need to do so now, since the Club's special rate expires on January 31. See Upcoming Events in the December/January schedule for how to book your room.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER: Ice, flooded parking lots and wind-chills of 20 below zero have combined to test our resolve. Despite winter's roadblocks, Club members have continued festive activities: Hike and Visit the Lilly House; Ganache Truffle Christmas Hike; Christmas Lights in Greenwood; and A Christmas Eve Tradition, were a few of the special hikes in December. Although many hikes were canceled, several leaders (e.g, Charlie Brunette) relocated their hikes to malls during the sub zero days of January. (I get cabin fever, too, Charlie.) Thank you Macie Stephens for leading popular slow and easy hikes through the winter. Thanks also to Phil Coons who continues to be a regular contributor to the website photo gallery despite the winter weather.

I appreciate Karen Zimmerman for stepping in to fill Jane Hilaire's difficult mileage job during her illness. And I would like to recognize June Sergi and Beth Maschino who are taking over Karen's publications duties, including all Club mailings.

Our first pet hike in early December wasn't really a fair trial, since it had one big dog, one little dog, and cold lousy weather, and, oh yes, five hikers. Hopefully, we will have better weather and attendance on Sunday, March 9 when Susan Roberts will be leading another pet hike.

I'm already dreaming of spring, Smoky Mountains National Park, and June in Shenandoah National Park.

President,
John Gaebler

HIKE SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 1

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 February. (F,PS) Leader: Glee Crowder (859-8159)

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 each Saturday in February and March. (F,PS) Leader: Rick Braun (679-2972)

Sunday, February 2

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 February and March. 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 Rd 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 February and March. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Rena Elsner (873-6526)

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 February and March. (F,PS) Leaders: Cherie Voege (848-7674), Tish Brafford (531-6700) and Kathy Whalen (409-3265)

3:00 PM SUPER BOWL HIKE Join us for this fun annual event. From I-465 S take I-65 south to Franklin (exit 90). Go west (right) on SR 44 (it takes a couple of turns) until you see the courthouse. Alternatively, take US 31 south to SR 44. Turn left onto SR 44 and go until you see the courthouse. Meet on south side of courthouse for 6-mile hike. Please join us after the hike for a pitch in at Mary William's house. Directions will be provided at the hike or call Mary. Please bring a side dish or dessert and drink of your choice. All else will be provided. Even though the Colts didn't make it, the game and food should still be fun. (F,PS,3) Leader: Mary Williams (422-9384 or 919-8574-cell)

Monday, February 3

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. This will be a neighborhood hike of 5 miles. Hike repeats every Monday and Wednesday in February and March. (F,PS,3.5-4). Leaders: Mary Ann Beuke (514-9182) and Mary Lang (509-8251)

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 February 17 and March 3 and 17. (Map #16) (F,PS,3-3.25) Leaders: John Gaebler (575-8490) and Mary Ladd (430-3711)

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- 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 March 3. (Map #40) (M,PS,3.5) Leader: Kate Curtiss (247-0283)
- 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. 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 February. (F,PS) Leaders: Cherie Voegel (848-7674) or June Sergi (372-3018)
- 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 on February 17 and March 3 and 17. (Map #40) (M,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Macie Stephens (273-1726)
- 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 February and March 3, 10 and 31. (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 each Monday in February and March. (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 and Wednesday in February and March. (F,PS) Leader: Glee Crowder (859-8159)

Tuesday, February 4

- 7:30 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL This is a 1-25 mile self-guided* hike on the Monon Trail. 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 Str. Meet on the Monon Trail under the walkway between the two buildings near the skateboard park. Hike repeats every Tuesday in February and March. (F,PS) Leader: Charlie Brunette (815-5953, 518-4555 cell)
- 1:30 PM INDIANAPOLIS ART CENTER Come join us for a winter 5-6 mile hike through the grounds of the Art Center in north Broad Ripple where we will look for the more than 25 sculptures. We will then complete the hike on the Monon Trail and nearby neighborhoods. The Arts Center is located at 820 E 67th St. From the intersection of College and 67th turn east and go 2 blocks. Meet in the back parking lot. (F,NS/PS 3) Leader: 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 February. (M,PS,3.5) Leaders: Brad and Susan Tollefson (490-9878, 258-6690)
- 6:00 PM SHEEK ROAD Hike is 5 miles along Sheek and Worthsville Rds and through several Greenwood neighborhoods. Bring flashlights and wear reflective clothing. From I-465 S take I-65 south to Greenwood exit. Go west on Main St and south on Sheek Rd (first light - Johnathan Byrds). Meet at Clark Pleasant Intermediate School at the intersection of Sheek Rd and Worthsville Rd. Alternately, you can go east from US 31 on Worthsville Rd to the school. Hike repeats every Tuesday in February and March. (F,PS,3) Leader: David Kincaid (787-6593)

Wednesday, February 5

- 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 February and March. 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)
- 9:00 AM YMCA NEIGHBORHOODS See February 3.
- 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

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- right. Park behind the building beside the fence. Repeats each Wednesday in February and March. (Map #25) (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Joy Bowden (881-9956)
- 1:00 PM CLERMONT - STEERS AND A RACETRACK This will be a 6-mile hike to explore western Clermont. We will walk on a rail-trail, see some longhorn steers and O'Reilly Raceway Park. 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,PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (329-2779, 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 February and March. (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 February and March. (Map #26) (F,PS) Leader: John Lyghtel (578-9756 or 626-9117 cell)
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See February 3.

Thursday, February 6

- 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 February and March. (F,PS) Leader: Charlie Brunette (815-5953, 518-4555 cell)
- 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. Choose either a moderately paced 5-mile hike over, around, up and down through the woods or a 4-mile slower hike mostly on groomed trails. These hikes are popular with new members and guests and usually draw a big crowd. Hikes repeat every Thursday in February and March. (Map #17) (M,NS,3) Leaders: Ron Clark (769-6566, cell 626-1553), Bob Kriz (882-7083) 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 February and March. (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 February and March. (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 February and March. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Rick Braun (679-2972)

Friday, February 7

- 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 February and March. (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 February and March. (F,PS) Leaders: Rick Kinnaman (407-9746) and Dick Bacon (585-8742)
- 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

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- Creek Park (fee) at lot just inside 56th St entrance which is just west of the Colts facility. Repeats on the first Friday in March. (Map #40) (M,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Donna Chastain (347-0107)
- 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 February and shifts to 9:30 AM in March (F,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Glee Crowder (859-8159)
- 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 February and March. (Map #32) (M,PS/NS,3.5) Leader: Jim Griffin (294-1121)

Saturday, February 8

- 8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See February 1.
- 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 on February 15 and 22. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Julie Litten (407-4652)
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See February 1.

Sunday, February 9

- 7:30 AM MONON TRAIL AT 96TH STREET OPTIONS See February 2.
- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See February 2.
- 10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See February 2.

Monday, February 10

- 9:00 AM YMCA NEIGHBORHOODS See February 3.
- 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 February and March, except March 3. (Map #40) (M,PS,3.5) Leader: Janet Cohen (873-6586)
- 9:30 AM FASHION MALL See February 3.
- 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 February 24 and March 10. (Map #42) (M,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Macie Stephens (273-1726)
- 6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See February 3.
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See February 3.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See February 3.

Tuesday, February 11

- 7:30 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See February 4.
- 9:30 AM WHITE RIVER FROM POTTER'S BRIDGE IN NOBLESVILLE We will walk 5-6 miles along the White River from Potter's Bridge and visit Forest Park and part of 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. (Map #15) (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Bob Hackenberg (652-4194)
- 10:00 AM VANDALIA TRAIL WEST/PLAINFIELD Enjoy a 5-6 mile walk on the west section of the Vandalia Trail and connecting neighborhoods. 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

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Road. Travel to the roundabout and park in the north lot across from the Recreation Center. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Terry Roesch (910-2943-cell)

4:30 PM THE 4:30 QUICKIE See February 4.

6:00 PM SHEEK ROAD See February 4.

Wednesday, February 12

Lincoln's Birthday

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See February 5.

9:00 AM YMCA NEIGHBORHOODS See February 3.

9:30 AM SHORT & EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See February 5.

1:00 PM AVON'S WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY PARK From I-465 W go west on Rockville Rd (SR 36) 8.5 miles. Watch for sign on the right side of the road indicating the entrance to the park. Turn left (south) into the park and meet in the lot at the back of the park. On this 5-6 mile hike we will see two ponds, a fountain and a haunted bridge. (M,NS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (329-2779 or 652-2779 cell)

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See February 5.

6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See February 5.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See February 3.

Thursday, February 13

9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK TRAIL See February 6.

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK See February 6.

1:00 PM GREENWOOD AFTERNOONS See February 6.

3:45 PM GET FIT ON THE FITNESS TRAIL See February 6.

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See February 6.

Friday, February 14

Valentine's Day

8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See February 7.

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See February 7.

12:00 PM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See February 7.

1:00 PM LAND BETWEEN THE BRIDGES This 3-mile hike begins at Craig Park parking lot on Smith Valley Rd near US 31 in Greenwood. From Main St in Greenwood, go south on Emerson, which becomes Smith Valley Rd. Park in lot on the right after you go under bridge. Hike repeats on March 21. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: David Kincaid (787-6593, 224-6541 cell)

6:00 PM BUTLER CAMPUS AND IMA See February 7.

Saturday, February 15

8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See February 1.

8:30 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: Jeff Edmondson (733-0143 or 450-2526-cell)

9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See February 8.

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See February 1.

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)

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 March 22. Leaders: Jim or Elizabeth Robinson (450-1015-cell or 587-0066-home)

Sunday, February 16

7:30 AM MONON TRAIL AT 96TH STREET OPTIONS See February 2.

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- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See February 2.
10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See February 2.
1:30 PM NORTH CARMEL Meet in the northwest parking lot in front of Whole Foods on the north side of Clay Terrace outdoor mall for a 6-mile hike on the Monon Trail and adjacent neighborhoods. 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. Hike repeats on March 9 and 23. (Map #14) (F,PS,3-3.25) Leader: John Gaebler (575-8490)

Monday, February 17 *President's Day*

- 9:00 AM YMCA NEIGHBORHOODS See February 3.
9:00 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See February 3.
9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See February 10.
9:30 AM HAPPY BIRTHDAY GEORGE AND ABE Join us for a 5-6 mile hike in downtown Indy to visit various spots in the city where these two presidents have been honored. Meet in front of the Eiteljorg Museum, located at 500 W. Washington St. Parking is free in 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 or 652-2779 cell)
9:30 AM FASHION MALL See February 3.
10:00 AM SHORTER, SLOWER & LATER AT EAGLE CREEK PARK See February 3.
10:30 AM BROWN COUNTY HIKE AND LUNCH From I-465 S take I-65 south to Columbus exit and then SR 46 west to Brown County SP (fee). Alternately you can take SR 135 south from Indy thru Nashville and SR 46 east to the park entrance. Follow signs to the Abe Martin Lodge where a 6-mile hike, with shorter options, will start. Afterward, all are invited to return to Donna and Lynn's cabin in the park for hot soup, bread, etc. by the fire. Directions will be provided at the hike. Please bring your own bowl, plate, silverware and beverage. All else will be provided. No pets please. Note there is a hike in the park tomorrow too. (Map #27) (M,NS,2.5-3) Hike Leader: Mary Ann Layman (346-1802 or 306-5306 cell), Lunch Contacts: Donna Chastain (347-0107) or Lynn Thurston (844-9686)
6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See February 3.
6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See February 3.
6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See February 3.

Tuesday, February 18

- 7:30 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See February 4.
10:00 AM BROWN COUNTY HIKE AND SNACK Follow directions to Brown County SP listed on February 17. Meet at the Nature Center for a 6-mile hike with a 4-mile option. Hike will include the Discovery Trail, a road hike to the Fire Lookout and a fairly rugged 2.2 miles woodland loop. We will stop and enjoy bird and wildlife along the way. Hot chocolate and homemade cookies will be served upon our arrival back at the Nature Center. (M,NS/PS,2.5) Leader: Janet Cohen (873-6586)
4:30 PM THE 4:30 QUICKIE See February 4.
6:00 PM SHEEK ROAD See February 4.

Wednesday, February 19

- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See February 5.
9:00 AM YMCA NEIGHBORHOODS See February 3.
9:30 AM SHORT & EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See February 5.
1:00 PM HERE WE GO ON THE B&O On this 6-7 mile hike we will explore the grounds of IU Health West Hospital, get acquainted with "Ronald Reagan Highway", traverse part of the B&O trail, see a small lake, and a nice neighborhood. Meet at IU Health West Hospital, located at the intersection of W 10th St and Ronald Reagan Hwy. From I-465 W take 10th St west 1 mile past Raceway Rd. Turn into the hospital entrance and park where you wish. Meet in front of the main hospital entrance. (F,PS/NS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (329-2779, 652-2779 cell)
4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See February 5.
6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See February 5.
6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See February 3.

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Thursday, February 20

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

Friday, February 21

- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See February 7.
8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See February 7.
12:00 PM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See February 7.
1:00 PM WOODFIELD Join us for a moderate pace 3-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. Hike repeats on March 14. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: David Kincaid (787-6593, 224-6541 cell)
6:00 PM BUTLER CAMPUS AND IMA See February 7.

Saturday, February 22***Washington's Birthday***

- 8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See February 1.
9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See February 8.
10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See February 1.

Sunday, February 23

- 7:30 AM MONON TRAIL AT 96TH STREET OPTIONS See February 2.
9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See February 2.
10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See February 2.

Monday, February 24

- 9:00 AM YMCA NEIGHBORHOODS See February 3.
9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See February 10.
9:30 AM FASHION MALL See February 3.
10:00 AM SHORT & SLOW AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY See February 10.
6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See February 3.
6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See February 3.
6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See February 3.

Tuesday, February 25

- 7:30 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See February 4.
10:00 AM VANDALIA TRAIL EAST/PLAINFIELD Enjoy a 5-6 mile walk through Plainfield on the east section of the Vandalia Trail. 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. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Terry Roesch (910-2943-cell)
1:00 PM PARK, HIKE AND RIDE 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. We will *hike* up to IU Health Methodist Hospital where we will board the People Mover and *ride* to IU Medical Center with a fabulous aerial view of a Starbucks and Panda Express. The remainder of the 5 to 6-mile hike will be spent making our way back through downtown Indy. (Map #25) (F,PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (329-2779 H, 652-2779 C)
4:30 PM THE 4:30 QUICKIE See February 4.
6:00 PM SHEEK ROAD See February 4.

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Wednesday, February 26

- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See February 5.
9:00 AM YMCA NEIGHBORHOODS See February 3.
9:30 AM SHORT & EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See February 5.
4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See February 5.
6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See February 5.
6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See February 3.

Thursday, February 27

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

Friday, February 28

- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See February 7.
8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See February 7.
12:00 PM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See February 7.
6:00 PM BUTLER CAMPUS AND IMA See February 7.

Saturday, March 1

- 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 Center at 396 Branigin Blvd on left. Park on west side of building. Hike is 12 miles with shorter options. Repeats each Saturday in March. (F,PS,3.5-4) Leader: Glee Crowder (859-8159)
- 9:00 AM KNOBSTONE: SPURGEON HOLLOW TO OXLEY This is a 12-mile out and back with shorter options. Allow 2 hours travel time from I-465 S. Go 57 miles south on I-65 to exit 50 and take SR 50 west to Brownstown. Take SR 135 south for Salem. Cross the Muscatatuck River at about 8.5 miles and then go another 4.0 miles. Turn left (east) onto Rooster Hill Rd. Proceed (right at first fork) 1.6 miles and turn right onto Winslow Rd. Go 0.6 miles and turn right (south) onto Delaney Creek Rd. Go 0.3 miles to Spurgeon Hollow Trailhead entrance road on your left. Go another 0.3 miles to parking area on your left. (H,NS,2) Leader: Jeff Edmondson (733-0143 or 450-2526-cell)
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See February 1.
- 10:00 AM MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL HIKE Allow 1 1/2 hours travel time to Rockville. Meet at the Tourist Information Center, 401 E. Ohio St (US 36) in Rockville for a 5-6 mile walk around scenic Rockville. Join us after the hike for pancakes and pure local maple syrup. If interested, pick up maps and visit the nearby maple syrup camps. From I-465 W take US 36 - Rockville Rd west 51 miles to Rockville. (F,PS,NS,3-3.5) Leaders: Mary Williams (919-8574) and June Sergi (372-3018)

Sunday, March 2

- 7:30 AM MONON TRAIL AT 96TH STREET OPTIONS See February 2.
9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See February 2.
10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See February 2.

Monday, March 3

- 9:00 AM YMCA NEIGHBORHOODS See February 3.
9:00 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See February 3.
9:00 AM MORNING CONSTITUTIONAL See March 3.
9:30 AM CENTRAL PARK IN CARMEL Join us for a 5-6 mile hike on the Monon Trail. If weather is inclement, we'll walk on the track inside the Monon Center. 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). Hike repeats every Monday in March. (F,PS 3) Leaders: June Sergi (372-3018 and Cherie Voege (848-7674)

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10:00 AM SHORTER, SLOWER & LATER AT EAGLE CREEK PARK See February 3.

6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See February 3.

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See February 3.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See February 3.

Tuesday, March 4

7:30 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See February 4.

9:30 AM MORGAN-MONROE STATE FOREST The Club has been hiking these beautiful woods every Tuesday in March for more than 20 years. Allow about 1 hour and 15 minutes travel time from I-465 SW. Take SR 37 south 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. Turn left and go about 5 miles to the Fire Tower parking lot, which is beyond the turnoff for the Fire HQ. We will do a different 5-6 mile hike each week, with a shorter slower option. Join us after the hike at Poe's or Gray's. Repeats each Tuesday in March, except March 25. On March 25 we will meet at a different location and perform trail maintenance (optional). See March 25 write-up for specifics. (Map #28) (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (346-1802 or 306-5306 cell)

6:00 PM SHEEK ROAD See February 4.

Wednesday, March 5

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See February 5.

9:00 AM YMCA NEIGHBORHOODS See February 3.

9:30 AM SHORT & EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See February 5.

1:00 PM AVON AND OVER THE BRIDGE From I-465 W go west on Rockville Rd (US 36) about 2.5 miles. Meet in northwest corner of the Meijer parking lot located at the southwest corner of Raceway and Rockville Rd. On this 6-mile hike we will visit some neighborhoods in Avon and walk across the Ronald Reagan Bridge. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Pat Lawler (329-2779 or 652-2779 cell)

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See February 5.

6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See February 5.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See February 3.

Thursday, March 6

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 March 20. (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 February 6.

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK See February 6.

1:00 PM GREENWOOD AFTERNOONS See February 6.

3:45 PM GET FIT ON THE FITNESS TRAIL See February 6.

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See February 6.

Friday, March 7

8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See February 7.

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See February 7.

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 March 21. (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 See February 7.

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

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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: Narcisso Povinelli (784-9384 or 874-6212-cell)

- 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 March. (F,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Glee Crowder (859-8159)
- 6:00 PM BUTLER CAMPUS AND IMA See February 7.

Saturday, March 8

- 8:00 AM FRANKLIN TRAIL, COLLEGE AND ROSES See March 1.
- 8:00 AM KNOBSTONE TRAIL: ELK CREEK LAKE TO SPURGEON HOLLOW This 12 mile hike involves a car shuttle from the Spurgeon Hollow Trailhead to Elk Creek Lake where the hike will begin. Allow two hours travel time from I-465 S. Go 57 miles south on I-65 to Exit 50 and take US 50 west to Brownstown. Take SR 135 south for Salem. Cross the Muscatatuck River at about 8.5 miles and then go another 4.0 miles. Turn left (east) onto Rooster Hill Rd. Proceed (right at first fork) for 1.6 miles and turn right onto Winslow Rd. Go 0.6 miles and turn right (south) onto Delaney Creek Rd. Go 0.3 miles to Spurgeon Hollow Trailhead road entrance on your left. Turn left and go 0.3 miles to the Trailhead parking lot. (H,NS,2) Leader: Jeff Edmondson (733-0143 or 450-2526 cell)
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See February 1.
- 10:00 AM WHITEWATER STATE PARK This will be a 6-9 mile hike depending on weather and trail conditions. Allow about 2 hours from I-465 E. Take US 52 southeast to Rushville, then take SR 44 east to Liberty. Turn right (south) at the courthouse and follow SR 101 to park entrance (fee?). Follow park road towards the cabin area. After crossing over the dam, meet in the second parking lot on the right. Bathrooms will be available here. After the hike, plan to eat at a Mexican restaurant in Rushville. (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (346-1802 home or 306-5306 cell).
- 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, March 9

Daylight Savings Time Begins (set your clocks ahead one hour)

- 7:30 AM MONON TRAIL AT 96TH STREET OPTIONS See February 2.
- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See February 2.
- 10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See February 2.
- 1:30 PM NORTH CARMEL See February 16.
- 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 hikers. (F,PS, Dog Pace-depending on how many poop and sniffing stops occur). Leader: Susan Roberts (439-1724)

Monday, March 10

- 9:00 AM YMCA NEIGHBORHOODS See February 3.
- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See February 10.
- 9:30 AM CENTRAL PARK IN CARMEL See March 3.
- 10:00 AM SHORT & SLOW AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY See February 10.
- 6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See February 3.
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See February 3.

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6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See February 3.

Tuesday, March 11

7:30 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See February 4.

9:30 AM MORGAN-MONROE STATE FOREST See March 4.

1:30 PM EXPLORE PIKE TOWNSHIP This is a new 5-6 mile hike to visit Park 100, Normandy Farms and other hidden gems in Pike Township. Meet in the parking lot at 71st St and Intech Blvd. From I-465 W exit on 71st St heading west. Take first left (south) onto Intech Blvd and the next left and park east of BMO Harris bank in lot with empty building. Repeats on Tuesday March 25. (F,PS,3) Leader: Jackie King (658 4375)

6:00 PM SHEEK ROAD See February 4.

Wednesday, March 12

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See February 5.

9:00 AM YMCA NEIGHBORHOODS See February 3.

9:30 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)

9:30 AM SHORT & EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See February 5.

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See February 5.

6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See February 5.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See February 3.

Thursday, March 13

9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK TRAIL See February 6.

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK See February 6.

1:00 PM GREENWOOD AFTERNOONS See February 6.

3:45 PM GET FIT ON THE FITNESS TRAIL See February 6.

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See February 6.

Friday, March 14

8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See February 7.

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See February 7.

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See March 7.

1:00 PM WOODFIELD See February 21.

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 March 28. (F,PS,3.5-4) Leaders: Jim or Elizabeth Robinson (cell 450-1015, home 587-0066)

6:00 PM BUTLER CAMPUS AND IMA See February 7.

Friday, March 14 – Sunday, March 16

WINTER WEEKEND AT McCORMICK'S CREEK STATE PARK This is a fun mid-winter Club tradition for members and their guests. You should have already booked your rooms at the Canyon Inn for Friday and Saturday night. If not, see the December/January schedule for details about room reservations or call the leader. Act very quickly, since the cutoff for the Club's special rate is January 31. Five to six mile hikes are planned for Saturday at 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM and Sunday at 9:00 AM. Hikes will be led by Mary Ann Layman and Jean Ballinger and will begin at the Inn. Shorter options will be available. Day hikers are welcome to come down and hike and have lunch with the overnights. Allow 1 1/2 hour travel time from I-465 SW. From I-465 SW take SR 67 southwest to Spencer and SR 46 east to the park (fee). (Map #24) (M,NS,2.5-3) Contact Mary Ann Layman (346-1802 or 306-5306 cell) or malyaman@earthlink.net for additional information.

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Saturday, March 15

8:00 AM FRANKLIN TRAIL, COLLEGE AND ROSES See March 1.

9:00 AM McCORMICK'S CREEK STATE PARK Follow directions in Winter Weekend write-up. Meet at Inn for a hike of 6-7 miles with shorter options. (Map #24) (M,NS,2.5) Leaders: Mary Ann Layman (346-1802 or 306-5306-cell) and Jean Ballinger (696-2120)

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See February 1.

2:00 PM McCORMICK'S CREEK STATE PARK Follow directions in Winter Weekend write-up. Meet at Inn for a hike of 5-6 miles with shorter options. Come down early and have lunch at the Inn with the other hikers. (Map #24) (M,NS,2.5) Leaders: Mary Ann Layman (346-1802 or 306-5306 cell) and Jean Ballinger (696-2120)

Sunday, March 16

7:30 AM MONON TRAIL AT 96TH STREET OPTIONS See February 2.

9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See February 2.

9:00 AM McCORMICK'S CREEK STATE PARK Follow directions in Winter Weekend write-up. Meet at Inn for a hike of 5-6 miles with shorter options. (Map #24) (M,NS,2.5) Leaders: Mary Ann Layman (346-1802 or 306-5306 cell) and Jean Ballinger (696-2120)

10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See February 2.

Monday, March 17***Saint Patrick's Day***

9:00 AM YMCA NEIGHBORHOODS See February 3.

9:00 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See February 3.

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See February 10.

9:30 AM IRISH HILL This 6-mile hike will take us to the area where the early Irish immigrants settled. We will stop at Claddagh Irish Pub for lunch on our way back or you can continue back to the cars self-guided. Meet in downtown Shapiro's Deli lot, 808 S. Meridian St. Please park in the rear of the lot away from the restaurant entrance. (Map #41) (F,PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (329-2779 home, 652-2779 cell)

9:30 AM CENTRAL PARK IN CARMEL See March 3.

10:00 AM SHORTER, SLOWER & LATER AT EAGLE CREEK PARK See February 3.

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 March 24. (Map #16) (F,PS/NS,3-3.5) Leader: Jean Ballinger (696-2120 cell)

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See February 3.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See February 3.

Tuesday, March 18

7:30 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See February 4.

9:30 AM MORGAN-MONROE STATE FOREST See March 4.

6:00 PM SHEEK ROAD See February 4.

Wednesday, March 19

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See February 5.

9:00 AM YMCA NEIGHBORHOODS See February 3.

9:30 AM SHORT & EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See February 5.

1:00 PM GOODBY WINTER For this 6-mile hike we will depart from Meals on Wheels, visit the near east side and return to Spring. 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) Leader: Pat Lawler (329-2779 or 652-2779 cell)

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See February 5.

6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See February 5.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See February 3.

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Thursday, March 20**Spring Begins (finally)**

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

Friday, March 21

- 8:30 AM PLAINFIELD TRAILS See March 7.
8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See February 7.
8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See February 7.
9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See March 7.
1:00 PM LAND BETWEEN THE BRIDGES See February 14.
6:00 PM BUTLER CAMPUS AND IMA See February 7.

Saturday, March 22

- 8:00 AM FRANKLIN TRAIL, COLLEGE AND ROSES See March 1.
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: Narcisso Povinelli (784-9384 or 874-6212 cell)
10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See February 1.
3:00 PM HAZEL DELL OPTIONS IN CARMEL See February 15.
3:00 PM SODALIS NATURE PARK Join us for a 5-6 mile walk through Sodalís Nature Park located at 7700 S. CR 975 E south of Plainfield. From I-465 SW, exit on IN 67 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 supper at Squealers Barbecue in Mooresville after the hike. (F,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Terry Roesch: (910-2943 cell)

Sunday, March 23

- 7:30 AM MONON TRAIL AT 96TH STREET OPTIONS See February 2.
9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See February 2.
9:30 AM DEAM WILDERNESS – SYCAMORE LOOP TRAIL Go south on SR 37 and east on SR 46 through Bloomington. Turn right on SR 446, cross Monroe Reservoir causeway and go 4.3 miles further. Just after Maumee Boy Scout sign, turn left on Tower Rd into the Deam Wilderness and go 6.1 miles further to the fire tower. Park at the fire tower for an 8-9 mile hike. Bring snacks & water. We can go to The Scenic View Restaurant afterwards. (M,NS/HS,2.5-3) Leader: Jean Ballinger (696-2120)
10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See February 2.
1:30 PM NORTH CARMEL See February 16.

Monday, March 24

- 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. (Map #45) (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Tish Brafford (251-8907, 531-6700 cell)
9:00 AM YMCA NEIGHBORHOODS See February 3.
9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See February 10.
9:30 AM CENTRAL PARK IN CARMEL See March 3.
10:00 AM SHORT, SLOW & EASY: 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

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4-5 miles with shorter options. Walk repeats on Tuesday March 31. (Map #40) (F,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Marsha Hutchins (251-9078 or cell 439-1468)

- 6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See March 17.
6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See February 3.
6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See February 3.

Tuesday, March 25

- 7:30 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See February 4.
9:00 AM 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 or 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)
9:30 AM MORGAN-MONROE STATE FOREST- TRAIL MAINTENANCE See March 4. Today we will meet at Bryant Creek Shelter not the fire tower. After entering the state forest, immediately turn right at Bryant Creek Shelter sign and follow lane to shelter parking lot. On today's hike you will have an opportunity to participate in trail maintenance on a 2-mile section of the Three Lakes Trail that our club has adopted. Trail maintenance will be done on the return portion of the hike and is strictly voluntary. This will include removal of limbs, brush, trash and trimming brier and other invasive plants and limited trail conditioning. Recommended tools include clippers, loppers, rake, hoe, shovel and other cutting tools. Bring gloves, snacks and water. Credit hours toward the Trail Maintenance Award will be given to each participant. If you have questions about the trail maintenance contact Jim Rench at 379-1893.
1:30 PM EXPLORE PIKE TOWNSHIP See March 11.
6:00 PM SHEEK ROAD See February 4.

Wednesday, March 26

- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See February 5.
9:00 AM YMCA NEIGHBORHOODS See February 3.
9:30 AM SHORT & EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See February 5.
4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See February 5.
6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See February 5.
6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See February 3.

Thursday, March 27

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

Friday, March 28

- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See February 7.
8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See February 7.
9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See March 7.
10:00 AM MUSEUM OF ART, BUTLER AND HOLCOMB GARDENS Meet near door #1 at the front of Hinkle Field House on 49th St just west of Boulevard Place for a 5-6 mile hike. (Map #32) (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Jean Ballinger (696-2120)
6:00 PM BUTLER CAMPUS AND IMA See February 7.
6:00 PM ILLINOIS STREET OPTIONS See March 14.

Saturday, March 29

- 8:00 AM FRANKLIN TRAIL, COLLEGE AND ROSES See March 1.
8:00 AM KNOBSTONE TRAIL - ELK CREEK LAKE TO NEW CHAPEL This 15-mile hike will involve a car shuttle. Meet at the New Chapel trailhead at 8:00 AM for a car shuttle to the starting point at the Elk Creek trailhead. Allow 2 hours travel time from I-465 South. Go south on I-65 84 miles from the

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Southport Road exit to the Henryville Exit (Exit 19). Turn right on SR 160 west and proceed 5.5 miles thru New Liberty to S. Liberty Knob Rd (CR 500S). Turn right (north) onto S. Liberty Knob Rd and go 0.3 to 0.4 mile to the New Chapel trailhead on your right. This hike includes several challenging climbs. (H,NS,2) Leader: Jeff Edmondson (733-0143 or 450-2526-cell)

10:00 AM NEW EAGLE CREEK TRAIL This 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 formal 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 on the side of the building by the fence. (Map # 25) (F,PS,3.25-3.5) Leader: Mike Khalil (635-2028)

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See February 1.

1:30 PM WHITEWATER GORGE Take I-70 east for approximately 60 miles to Richmond, IN Exit 149A. Go south to 1st traffic light (very short distance) and turn left onto Industries Rd. Trail (Cardinal Greenway Trail) crosses road at bottom of dip in road. Continue to next intersection (Union Pike). Turn right. When trail crosses road again, turn left into parking area. No bathroom facilities on trail. This is a 6-mile hike on natural trails, sometimes rugged, with white cliffs, a swinging bridge and 5 miles back on asphalt walkway (11 miles total). Bring water. Sometimes we stop for sandwiches at Little Sheba's Restaurant. (F,NS/PS,2-3.5) Leader: David Kincaid (787-6593 or 224-6541 cell)

1:30 PM SHORT & SLOW: HARRISON TRACE AT FORT HARRISON STATE PARK Park entrance (fee) is located at 59th and Post Rd. Meet at Delaware Lake lot for a walk of 4-5 miles (shorter option). (M,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Marsha Hutchins (251-9078 or 439-1468-cell)

2:00 PM MCCLOUD NATURE HIKE AND PERILLO'S Join us for a 5-6 mile hike at McCloud Nature Park located at 8518 N. Hughes Rd in North Salem (Hendricks County). Meet at the Nature Center parking lot. From I-465 W, merge onto I-74 at Exit 16B. Travel about 21 miles to SR 75, Exit 52. Turn left onto SR 75 and travel about 6.5 miles through North Salem. Turn right when SR 75 crosses W CR 500 N. You are now on Hughes Rd. Continue about a mile to the park. An alternate route would be from I-465 W, taking US 36 (Rockville Rd) about 23 miles to 900 E or S. Putnam County Rd. Turn right and travel about 4.4 miles to Hughes Rd. Turn right onto Hughes Rd. Travel on to the park, which is a short distance on the left. Afterwards, join us for authentic Italian food at Perillo's Pizzeria & Italian Kitchen. Note: cash only, no credit cards. (M, NS, 2.5-3) Leader: Terry Roesch (910-2943 cell)

Sunday, March 30

7:30 AM MONON TRAIL AT 96TH STREET OPTIONS See February 2.

9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See February 2.

10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See February 2.

1:00 PM 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. We usually don't do this trail on weekends but there shouldn't be many bikes this time of year, although the trail may be muddy. 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)

Monday, March 31

9:00 AM YMCA NEIGHBORHOODS See February 3.

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See February 10.

9:30 AM CENTRAL PARK IN CARMEL See March 3.

10:00 AM SHORT, SLOW & EASY: CROWN HILL CEMETERY See March 24.

6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See February 3.

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

WILDFLOWER HIKES – Tuesdays in April Once again Mary Ann Layman will lead 4-5 mile wildflower hikes each Tuesday in April. The hikes will start in the early afternoon to give the flowers a chance to open up. Each week will be at a different location selected for its diversity of wildflowers and you will see different species as the month progresses. These hikes, several of which will include lunch suggestions before the hike, are very popular and informative. Indiana's woods are uniquely beautiful when the spring wildflowers are in bloom, which regrettably lasts only a few weeks.

17th ANNUAL SMOKY MOUNTAINS LONG WEEKEND – April 24-26 Our annual Club trip to beautiful Smoky Mountains National Park is one week later than usual, since Easter is on April 20. It's time to make your room reservations in Gatlinburg, TN. Some suggestions are Riverhouse at the Park a longtime IHC favorite (865-436-2070, www.riverhousemotels.com), Bearskin Lodge across the street from the Riverhouse (865-430-4330, www.thebearskinlodge.com) and Carr's Cottages & Motel (865-436-4836, www.carrscottages.com). Hikes are planned on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Wednesday and Sunday are travel days. Jean Ballinger and Ron Mutzl will lead challenging all day hikes and Jim Shoufler will lead moderate morning and afternoon hikes. Contact Jean Ballinger at 317-696-2120 or jeanballinger77@gmail.com if you have any questions.

C&O CANAL ONE DAY HIKE – April 26 Several of our long distance hikers are considering doing a 62 mile hike, which would tie the Club's single day distance record. Join them for the mid-Atlantic's oldest long-distance day hike - 100K (62.14 miles) from Washington DC to Harpers Ferry, WV, tentatively scheduled for April 26. There is also a 50K option. The hike is an annual event sponsored by the DC Sierra Club. You register online at www.onedayhike.org. Registration is scheduled to open at 4 pm EST on Saturday, February 1 and will only be open long enough for the hike to fill. Registration is limited to the first 350 participants. In 2013, the field filled in just 28 minutes, so it is important that all of the IHC participants coordinate their efforts, including registration, hotels and shuttle transportation to the starting point. If you think you might want to participate in either the 50K or 100K, please contact Rita Bymaster, who is coordinating the Club's participation this year, at ritabymastetr@aol.com or by cell phone at 317-509-1711.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND AT GNAW BONE CAMP – May 24-26 Our Club has been celebrating Memorial Day weekend at Gnow Bone Camp since the early 70's. In the past many members brought their children and grandchildren to stay in the rustic cabins to enjoy the freedom and adventure of playing in the great outdoors. In recent years, however, overnight attendance has dwindled and more members are just driving down for the day hikes. Please consider what a wonderful experience it would be to spend quality time overnight with your kids or grandkids and their friends in this beautiful setting allowing them to build memories like the ones we did 50 years ago. If you think you may have interest in staying overnight or if you would be open to us convincing you to give it a try, please contact either Karleen Huneck (765-480-1570) or Beth Maschino (701-7544). A reservation form for overnight and food reservations will be provided with the April/May schedule.

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. Plan to attend a planning meeting on Sunday, January 26 at 2:00 p.m. in the Lora Hussey room of the Zionsville Public Library, 250 N 5th St, 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

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.

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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.

ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC – July 26 We will be in Shelter A again in Eagle Creek Park. Look for details in future schedules.

HARPERS FERRY AND ANTIETAM NATIONAL BATTLEFIELD – September 12-13 This will be a great weekend for anyone who enjoys history, especially Civil War history. 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. Leader: Ed Wright (ewright@indyhike.org or 317-371-2485) 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:

Chris Branham	Indianapolis, IN	Peggy Crank	Greenwood, IN
Kay Meier	Greenwood, IN	Margaret Smith	Indianapolis, IN
Angie Vorndran	Pittsboro, IN		

THE FOLLOWING FORMER MEMBERS WERE REINSTATED:

John Crank	Greenwood, IN
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THE MILEAGE OFFICER IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE FOLLOWING MILEAGE AWARDS:

Allan Roberts	31,000	Marthene Kohlmeyer	6,500	Harold Crooks	400
Glee Crowder	30,000	Janet Cohen	6,000	Joy Bowden	400
Rick Kinnaman	24,500	Kae Ramey	6,000	Judy Robinson	400
Mary Lester	23,000	Linda Wright	5,000	Ruth Baker	400
Cherie Voege	20,000	Russ Pogue	4,500	Sandra Kleber	400
Ricki Jo Hoffmann	19,000	Donna Ozbun	3,000	Thea Cozad	400
Charlie Brunette	18,500	Chuck Turner	2,500	John Triplett	300
Donna Chastain	12,500	Jim Rench	2,500	Cathy Harms	200
Mary Lang	10,500	Mike Seeman	1,500	Ken Sebree	200
Jean Ballinger	10,000	Bill Halik	1,000	Linda Crawford	200
June Pogue	10,000	Jo Anne Starzyk	1,000	Sue Cannavo	200
Jeff Edmondson	9,000	Mary Johnson	1,000	Mike Schultz	100

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Phil Short	9,000	Doug Wickham	500	Peggy Christensen	100
Bob Layman	8,500	Stacy Gray	500	Polly Lybrook	100
Rick Braun	8,000	Tish Roberts	500	Toni Pickard	100
Jim Shoufler	7,500	Barb Strite	400		
Dick Underwood	6,500	Dave Cozad	400		

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

Rose Dearing whose granddaughter Chelsea passed away unexpectedly on November 27.

Dave Cozad, whose brother Wesley passed away on December 5.

Bill Ramey, who died of a heart attack on December 30. Many of you know Bill's wife Kae a long-time member.

Also, we wish all the best to Jane Hilaire, the Club's Mileage Officer, who is seriously ill with pancreatic cancer. We are also thinking of Jane's husband, Daymon Evans, a long-time member and friend of many in the Club.

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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