



The Indianapolis Hiking Club

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SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2015

(PLEASE --- NO PETS ON HIKES)

Celebrating 58 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.

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

WINTER HIKING: Hike leaders are responsible for safety first. In adverse weather the leader may reroute, shorten or cancel a hike. If the weather is inclement, very cold or the roads are icy call the leader to confirm a hike. Also, check the website "news" to see if the hike has been cancelled. Whenever possible, leaders of out of town hikes should make cancellation decisions by 6 p.m. of the preceding day. If you cancel a hike, please send an email to Yahoo! Groups or ask Ed Wright (ewright@indyhike.org) to send one for you and request Ed to post the cancellation on our website and Facebook page.

NEW WEBSITE FEATURES: In conjunction with this schedule a new enhancement is now available on the Club website. On the Home page you will notice three new links appearing above "Recent Club News" for *Today's Hikes*, *Tomorrow's Hikes* and *Calendar*. Click on the new links. If you select *Today's Hikes* you will see a list of all the hikes for today. Same goes for tomorrow. When you select *Calendar* the current month calendar will be shown. Click on any day on the calendar and that day's hikes will be displayed almost instantaneously. Even if a hike is a repeat date (i.e., appears in the full schedule as See March 21) you will see the complete description. If there is a map reference in the hike description, click on it to see a Google map pointing to the hike meeting location. If you simply want to confirm the start time or directions to a hike, now you just need access the Home page and click on the date. This should be especially valuable from a cell phone or other handheld device. No longer will you have to retrieve the entire schedule (which takes time) and scroll down to the date you want. A simple click should do it.

Bob Hackenberg has put in a lot of hours to develop the new features; thank him the next time you see him. If you encounter a glitch, please understand that this still a work in progress and we will continue to make improvements. Let us know if you encounter any problems or have suggestions for additional features you would like to see. Please provide feedback to either Bob Hackenberg (rgh3@datasink.com) or Ed Wright (ewright@indyhike.org).

WINTER WEEKEND RESERVATIONS: The Club's annual winter getaway will be at Spring Mill State Park on March 20-22. There is still time to book a room at the inn by calling the Spring Mill at 1-877-563-4371. Our group code is 32015I. Our block of rooms will be released on February 20. See write-up in this schedule for more details and contact information.

BOOK CLUB HIKES: Hike and book discussions are scheduled on February 13 led by Katy Smith and on March 8 led by Linda Whitt. Check the descriptions for book information and hike specifics. You might want to get a head start on the book planned for April - *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghes - which is a bit longer than the books we have done in the past.

FLORIDA HIKES: For those who will be on the west coast of Florida in February, check out hikes planned on February 11, 13 and 26.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER: Hello again Club members, Well we have had our share of cold weather and we are surviving. Good for those of you who braved the weather or were able to relocate your hike on the more bitter days. After battling cabin fever, it sure feels good to get out of doors. A word of caution to those who have not heard, several members had their cars broken into while they were hiking on the morning of the Christmas party. Do be cautious and hide your valuables while hiking. Even better, leave them home or carry them with you.

Nell Larrison, our beloved matriarch, will be 100 years old on March 7. What a delight it would be for her to receive birthday cards from members of the IHC. If you would like to send Nell a card, her address is 6429 Friendship Circle, Indianapolis, IN 46268. But please maintain the secrecy of the birthday hike on March 15! .

I have a "green" suggestion. When preparing to set out on a hike, take along a hankie or two instead of tissues. Easy enough to wash and reuse. Also, it eliminates those tissues we frequently see dropped along the trail.

Watch for a phenomena called "Sun Dogs". They look somewhat like rainbows only they are semi-vertical and can be seen to the left and right of the sun when it is low in the sky in early morning or late afternoon. They are not often seen (I've seen them four times in my life), but when you do see them it is quite a thrill. I spotted them recently on my way to a hike. Awesome! You can check them out on the internet.

"If winter comes, can spring be far behind?" I don't know who said it, but keep it in mind. Looking forward, we have a lot of exciting hikes in this schedule and in future months. Bundle up and get out on the trail. See you soon.

Pat Lawler
President IHC

HIKE SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 1

- 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 the Beef and Boards Dinner Theatre on the left. Meet in the parking lot in front of Beef and Boards. This will be a 5-mile walk with a 4-mile option on paved roads. Hikers may choose to stay for a 45-minute non-denominational contemporary religious service at the Garden at Beef & Boards. Repeats each Sunday in February and March. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Marty Burton (306-9878)
- 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. (Map #16) (F,PS) Leader: Kathy Whalen (409-3265)
- 3:00 PM SUPER BOWL HIKE 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. Bring your drink of choice. Directions will be provided at the hike or call Mary. Bring a side dish or dessert. (F,PS,3) Leader: Mary Williams (422-9384 or 919-8574-cell)

Monday, February 2 *Groundhog Day*

- 9:00 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE Meet in free parking lot that is ½ block south of Broad Ripple Ave on Carrollton Ave for a 6-mile hike. Repeats on February 16 and March 2 and 16. (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 March 2. (Map #40) (M,PS,3.5) Leader: Kate Curtiss (247-0283)
- 9:30 AM FASHION MALL Join us 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 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. We will meet in the Food Court

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located on the west side of the mall next to Napolese restaurant. Try to arrive by 9:30 a.m. since we will do one lap as a group to learn the route then you may walk at your own pace. From I-465 N exit at Keystone Ave going south. Take the first exit off Keystone at 86th St and go left (east) and proceed to the mall entrance. Park in front of the Food Court and meet inside. Hike repeats each Monday in February. (F,PS) Leaders: Cherie Voegel (848-7674) or June Sergi (372-3018)

- 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. Meet at the north end of the first parking lot for a 4-mile hike with a 5-mile option. Walk repeats on February 16 and March 2, 16 and 30. (Map #42) (M,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leaders: Macie Stephens (273-1726) and others of the S&E team
- 1:00 PM SEARCHING FOR MR. GROUNDHOG It has been rumored that Mr. Groundhog will be in Clermont for Groundhog Day. On this 6-mile hike we will be on the lookout for him. Meet at the Clermont Lion's Cub Park and we will travel a circuitous route. 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 miles to the park on your left. (Map #44) (F,PS/NS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (329-2779, 652-2779 cell)
- 6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE Meet in free parking lot that is ½ block south of Broad Ripple Ave on Carrollton Ave for a hike of 5-6 miles. Repeats every Monday in February and March. (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 p.m. 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 3

- 9:00 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 Dr (first intersection on right). Turn right (west) on Central Park Dr 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 February and March except February 24. (Map #51) (F,PS) Leader: Jo Anne Starzyk (844-2658)
- 9:30 AM FORT HARRISON TRAILS From I-465 E exit at 56th St and go east to Post Rd. Turn left on Post and proceed to the park entrance (fee). Meet at the sledding hill parking lot where there is an open bathroom. We will do 5-10 miles depending on where you want to finish as we will be doing various loops. Some extra kudos will be given for trips up the sledding hill. Majority will be soft trails. Repeats on February 17, March 3 and 17. (Map #18) (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader Chuck Turner (777-2594)
- 10:00 AM OWEN-PUTNAM STATE FOREST FOR CASS Allow 1 1/2 hours travel from I-465 SW and SR 67. Take SR 67 south to Spencer and SR 46 west 5 miles to Fish Creek Rd. Watch for signs. Travel 4.4 miles on Fish Creek Rd to Horsemen's Camp/Day Use Parking sign on left, then 0.2 miles to parking area on right for 6 mile hike through some of the most beautiful hills of south central Indiana and view a 50-ft sandstone bluff. Hike repeats on February 10 and 24. (H,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Nanette Tate (812 254-8456 cell)

Wednesday, February 4

- 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 a.m. for a self-guided hike of up to 12 miles with shorter options. Repeats each Wednesday in February and March. (F,PS) Leader: Dick Bacon (585-8742)
- 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 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)

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- 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL Join us for a 4-mile walk in downtown Indy. Expect a different route each week. Take I-65 to Michigan St exit. Then go west a short distance to Meals on Wheels 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. Please park on the right side of the building beside the fence. Repeats each Wednesday February and March. (Map #25) (F,PS,2.5-3) Leaders: David Kincaid (787-6593 and 864-9574 cell) and the S&E team
- 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) Leaders: Cathy Harms (872-1201), June Sergi (844-7883) or Janet Cohen (873-6586)
- 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 2.

Thursday, February 5

- 8:30 AM DEPAUW NATURE PARK & DEPAUW UNIVERSITY This is a 6 or 10-mile scenic hike around the nature park and DePauw University campus. 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. Hike repeats on March 19. (M,HS/PS,3.5) Leader: Lucy Neal (517-315-9200 cell; 765-653-1502)
- 9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK ON THE BOULEVARD TRAIL Meet at the new Walmart located at 5550 Fall Creek Pkwy N Dr, at the corner of 56th St and Fall Creek Pkwy. Main entrance is the first right off of Fall Creek Pkwy. Park in the rear of the west lot behind the Starbucks. This will be 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 at your own pace. Hike repeats each Thursday in February and March. (Map #45) (F,PS,3-3.5) Leaders: Tish Brafford (251-8907, 531-6700 cell), Charlotte Lyle (457-4638) or Jo Anne Starzyk (844-2658)
- 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 (M,NS,3) or a 4-mile slower hike mostly on groomed trails. These hikes are popular with new members and guests and usually draw a crowd. Hikes repeat every Thursday in February and March. (Map #17) Leaders: Ron Clark (769-6566 or 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) Leaders: Ricki Jo (782-8147) and Mary Lang (509-8251 cell)
- 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 HS. 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 6

- 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 a.m. for a self-guided hike of up to 12 miles with shorter options.

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- Repeats each Friday in February and March. (F,PS) Leaders: Rick Kinnaman (407-9746) and Dick Bacon (585-8742)
- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE Join us for 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,3.5-4) Leader: Susan Sievers (344-2635, 513-5239 cell)
- 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 20. (Map #50) (F,PS,3.5-4) Leader: Lucy Neal (517-315-9200 cell; 765-653-1502)
- 9:00 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 February and March. (Map #40) (M,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Donna Chastain (347-0107, 489-2245 cell)
- 6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI Meet in downtown Shapiro's Deli lot, 808 S. Meridian St, for a 6-mile hike. Please park in the rear of the lot away from the restaurant entrance. Repeats every Friday in February. (Map #41) (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Jim Griffin (294-1121)

Saturday, February 7

- 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)
- 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 February 21, 28, March 7 and 14. (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. Bring snacks/lunch and plenty of water. 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 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,3-3.5) Leader: Chuck Turner (777-2594 cell)
- 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. Hike repeats each Saturday in February and March. (Map #16) (F,PS) Leader: Donna Maurer (328-1974 or 413-5709 cell)
- 10:00 AM CASCADES GOLF COURSE This will be a 6-7 mile hike on Cascades Golf Course, 3550 N Kinser Pike, Bloomington. From I-465 S take SR 37 south to Kinser Pike. Turn left (east) onto Kinser Pike, go to the T at the stop sign, turn left and look for the entrance to the golf course on the left. Park at the first parking area to your left across from the golf course parking lot. Plan on having lunch at a local restaurant after the hike. (F,PS,3) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972)

Sunday, February 8

- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See February 1.
- 10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See February 1.

Monday, February 9

- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS Meet in Eagle Creek Park (fee) at lot just inside 56th St entrance for a 6 or 8-mile 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. Hike repeats on the remaining Mondays in February and March except March 2. (Map #40) (M,PS,3.5) Leader: Janet Cohen (873-6586)

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- 9:30 AM FASHION MALL See February 2.
6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See February 2.
6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See February 2.
6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See February 2.

Tuesday, February 10

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See February 3.
9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY FROM BROAD RIPPLE Meet in the free parking lot on Carrollton Ave ½ block south of Broad Ripple Ave for a 4-mile hike with shorter options. Look for a different route each time. Repeats on February 24 and March 10, 24 and 31. (Map #16) (F,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leaders: Macie Stephens (273-1726) and others of the S&E team
10:00 AM OWEN-PUTNAM STATE FOREST FOR CASS See February 3.
1:00 PM BUTLER-TARKINGTON STROLL This will be a 5-6 mile hike through Butler-Tarkington neighborhoods. Meet in the Unitarian Church parking lot at 615 W. 43rd St. From West 38th St, go north on Clarendon Rd, which is on the east side of Crown Hill Cemetery. When you reach 43rd St turn right and go ½ block. Church is on south side of street. (F,PS/NS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (329-2779 home, 652-2779 cell)

Wednesday, February 11

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See February 4.
9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See February 4.
9:30 AM ROBINSON PRESERVE, BRADENTON, FL Join us for fun 4-mile hike with a shorter option in this wildlife preserve along the Manatee River and the Gulf of Mexico. From I-75 in Bradenton, take exit 220 and go west 10 miles on Route 64 to 75th St. Turn north on 75th St W and go 1.4 miles to 17th Ave NW. Proceed 1.5 miles west to the preserve entrance and meet in the parking lot. Join us for lunch on Anna Maria Island after the hike. (F,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Lavagnino (813-645-0624)
9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See February 4.
4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See February 4.
6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See February 4.
6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See February 2.

Thursday, February 12 *Lincoln's Birthday*

- 9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK ON THE BOULEVARD TRAIL See February 5.
9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See February 5.
1:00 PM GREENWOOD AFTERNOONS See February 5.
3:45 PM GET FIT ON THE FITNESS TRAIL See February 5.
6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See February 5.

Friday, February 13

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See February 6.
8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See February 6.
9:00 AM TGIF IS BACK! See February 6.
10:00 AM PEASE RIVER BRIDGE, PUNTA GORDA, FL This will be a 5-mile hike across the bridge on US 41 over the Peace River in Punta Gorda. From I-75, take exit 164 (highway 17). Turn left (street is one-way west) and go about one mile to US 41. Turn right onto US 41 for about 1/2 block (don't cross the bridge) and turn right into the parking lot. Park on the south side of the lot behind the Oyster House restaurant. If you are traveling south on US 41 from the north, cross over the Peace River to the 2nd automatic signal, Olympic St (highway 17) which is one-way east. Go a couple blocks to US 41 north and follow above directions to the Oyster House lot. If you are traveling north on US 41 from south of Punta Gorda, follow above directions directly to parking lot. Following the hike we will have lunch at the Oyster House. They have a varied menu, not just oysters. Food is excellent!! There is a restroom at the Oyster House for use prior to hike. We will also have a restroom/snack brake on the return portion of the hike. (F,NS,2-5-3) Leader: Nancy Larmore (317-345-4061 cell)
1:00 PM BOOK CLUB HIKE Read *Wild* by Cheryl Strayed before attending this 6-mile hike on the Monon Trail. Meet near the Information Desk of the Monon Center (west building) 1235 Central Park E

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Dr. 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. Bring snacks and water. Join us on the hike even if you did not read the book. We'll have the book discussion after the hike. (Map #51) (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Katy Smith (966-8702)

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

Saturday, February 14 *Valentine's Day*

8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See February 7.

9:30 AM BROWNING MOUNTAIN This will be a 10-11 mile hike including trails, old roads, and a little bushwhacking. The destination will be the famous Browning Mountain with its Hoosier Stonehedge. Bring some snacks and some hot chocolate. 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 south (west) off SR 135 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)

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See February 7.

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, 864-9574 cell)

Sunday, February 15

9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See February 1.

9:30 AM HIKE AND CROCHET ON INDY'S NW SIDE Join me for a 5-mile hike along the paved Eagle Creek Trail from the Starbucks at Intech Park at I-465 and W 71st St. We will have coffee after at Starbucks, so bring your crochet or knit projects to work on. Supplies will be provided if you would like to learn. From I-465 W exit at 71st St and go west. At the first stoplight turn left into Intech Park and then take the first left to the Starbucks. We will meet in Starbucks parking lot. Hike repeats on Mach 15. (M,PS/NS,3-3.25) Leader: Joan Griffiths (297-7312)

10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See February 1.

Monday, February 16 *Presidents Day*

9:00 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See February 2.

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See February 9.

9:30 AM FASHION MALL See February 2

9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY See February 2.

10:00 AM PRESIDENTS DAY 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)

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'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 412-5190 cell) and Donna Chastain (347-0107).

6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See February 2.

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See February 2.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See February 2.

Tuesday, February 17

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

9:30 AM FORT HARRISON TRAILS See February 3.

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10:00 AM BROWN COUNTY HIKE AND SNACK Follow directions to Brown County SP listed on February 16. 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)

Wednesday, February 18

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See February 4.

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

9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See February 4.

1:00 PM GOODBY WINTER - HELLO SPRING 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 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 to the right of 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 4.

6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See February 4.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See February 2.

Thursday, February 19

9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK ON THE BOULEVARD TRAIL See February 5.

9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See February 5.

1:00 PM GREENWOOD AFTERNOONS See February 5.

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

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

Friday, February 20

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See February 6.

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

9:00 AM TGIF IS BACK! See February 6.

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

Saturday, February 21

8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See February 7.

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See February 7.

9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See February 7.

9:30 AM MORGAN MONROE STATE FOREST - LOW GAP TRAIL This is an 11-mile loop hike and we will be hiking at a brisk pace so please make sure you are physically ready for this hike. Bring snack/lunch and plenty of water. If weather permits and the group is interested we can extend this hike to make it a 17 or 18-mile hike, or you can stop after the 11 mile loop. 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. (H,NS,3-3.5) Leader: Mick Parker (430-5523-cell)

10:00 AM CASCADES PARK AND TRAILS 3550 N Kinser Pike, Bloomington. This will be a 6-mile hike on trails. From I-465 S take SR 37 south to Kinser Pike. Turn left (east) onto Kinser Pike, go to the T at the stop sign, turn left and look for the entrance to the golf course on the left. Park at the first parking area to your left across from the golf course parking lot. Plan on having lunch at a local restaurant after the hike. (M,NS/PS,3) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972)

Multi Day Trip: Sunday, February 22 – Friday, February 27

RIO GRANDE VALLEY IN TEXAS A week of hikes has been planned, along with other activities which require advance reservations. Meeting places and times are different each day, so be sure to contact the leader to get the detailed schedule. Due to Jean's ankle injury, hikes will be led by Ricki

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Jo Hoffmann, Mary Ann Layman and Jill McFall. Jean will participate in all non-hiking activities.
Leader: Jean Ballinger (696-2120 cell)

Sunday: Meet at Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge for a 7-8 mile hike. Afternoon hike is at Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Site.

Monday: All activities are on South Padre Island. Meet at Beach Access #7 for a 5 mile hike, followed by lunch at PadreRita Grill. Afternoon hike at South Padre Island Birding & Nature Center, followed by Sunset Dolphin Watch cruise.

Tuesday: Meet at Estero Llano Grande State Park for a 5-6 mile hike, followed by lunch in Progreso, Mexico (BRING PASSPORT).

Wednesday: Meet at Resaca de la Palma State Park for a 7-8 mile hike followed by a Shrimp Boil and Tour.

Thursday: Meet at Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge for an 8 mile hike followed by lunch at Fat Daddy's BBQ.

Friday: Meet at Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley State Park for a 5-6 mile hike, followed by lunch at Riverside Club & cruise on the Rio Grande River. Late afternoon hike at Quinta Mazatlan.

Sunday, February 22

9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See February 1.

10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See February 1.

Monday, February 23

9:00 AM FALL CREEK TRAIL Meet at the new Walmart located at 5550 Fall Creek Pkwy N Dr, at the corner of 56th St and Fall Creek Pkwy. Main entrance is the first right off of Fall Creek Pkwy. Park in the rear of the west lot behind the Starbucks. This is an 8-mile hike with a 5-mile option. The 8-mile option includes a mile loop through the State Fair grounds. Hike repeats on March 23. (Map #45) (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Tish Brafford (251-8907, 531-6700 cell)

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See February 9.

9:30 AM FASHION MALL See February 2

6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See February 2.

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See February 2.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See February 2.

Tuesday, February 24

9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY FROM BROAD RIPPLE See February 10.

10:00 AM DOWNTOWN AND A ROOM WITH A VIEW This 6-mile hike will take us along the White River and in and around the IU Hospital area where we will seek out the "Room With the View". We will meet at 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. Come along and enjoy. (Map #33) (F,PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (329-2779 or 652-2779 cell)

10:00 AM OWEN-PUTNAM STATE FOREST FOR CASS See February 3.

Wednesday, February 25

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See February 4.

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

9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See February 4.

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See February 4.

6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See February 4.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See February 2.

Thursday, February 26

9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK ON THE BOULEVARD TRAIL See February 5.

9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See February 5.

10:00 AM CHARLOTTE HARBOR ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER, PUNTA GORDA, FL This will be a 5-mile hike on scenic trails. The first hour will be a slow guided walk with a CHEC volunteer who will point out various plants, birds and their nesting areas. After a bathroom break we will hike on various

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trails where we will see mangroves and perhaps an alligator or two. The Center is at 10941 Burnt Store Rd, Punta Gorda, FL. From I-75, take exit 161 (Jones Loop Rd) and go west. After about 2 miles you will come to US 41 (Home Depot on northwest corner). Cross over US 41 (Jones Loop Rd becomes Burnt Store Rd) and continue going west about 1 mile. The sign for CHEC will be on your right. Drive through entrance gate towards the gift shop and park there. If you are traveling north or south on US 41 watch for the Home Depot and turn west on Burnt Store Rd and follow above directions. Burnt Store Rd is about 5 miles south of downtown Punta Gorda. Good idea to bring sun block and mosquito repellent especially if it has rained recently. Hiking boots probably would be good as some of the trails may be muddy after a rain. (F,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Nancy Larmore (317-345-4061 cell)

- 1:00 PM GREENWOOD AFTERNOONS See February 5.
- 3:45 PM GET FIT ON THE FITNESS TRAIL See February 5.
- 6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See February 5.

Friday, February 27

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See February 6.
- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See February 6.
- 9:00 AM TGIF IS BACK! See February 6.
- 6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See February 6.

Saturday, February 28

- 8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See February 7.
- 9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See February 7.
- 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 Office 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 February 7.
- 1:00 PM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK From I-465 E go east on 56th St. Turn left on Post Rd and turn left into Fort Harrison SP (fee). Meet at Delaware Lake parking area for a 5-6 mile hike with shorter options. We will be hiking the Lawrence Creek Bike Trail and some paved paths as well. Depending on weather and trail conditions, we may re-route to all paved surface. (Map #18) (M NS/PS 2.5-3) Leader: Cheryl Smolecki (696-8922)

Sunday, March 1

- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See February 1.
- 10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See February 1.

Monday, March 2

- 9:00 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See February 2.
- 9:00 AM YMCA NEIGHBORHOODS Meet in parking lot at the south entrance of Baxter YMCA on Shelby St and Stop 11. This is right off US 31 on Indy's south side. It will be a neighborhood walk of 5 miles. Repeats every Monday in March. (F, PS, 3.5-4) Leader: Mary Lang (509-8251)
- 9:00 AM MORNING CONSTITUTIONAL See February 2.
- 9:30 AM CENTRAL PARK IN CARMEL Join us for a 5-6 mile hike on the Monon Trail. If the 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)
- 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY See February 2.
- 6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See February 2.
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See February 2.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See February 2.

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Tuesday, March 3

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

9:30 AM FORT HARRISON TRAILS See February 3.

10:00 AM HERE WE GO ON THE B&O On this 6- mile hike we will go west from Clermont on the B&O Rail Trail. 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/NS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (329-2779, 652-2779 cell)

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. Hike repeats every Tuesday in March. (F,PS,3) Leader: David Kincaid (787-6593 and 864-9574 cell)

Wednesday, March 4

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See February 4.

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

9:15 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD This will be an 8-mile walk with a 5-mile option in parks and neighborhoods in Greenwood. Take US 31 south to Main St. in Greenwood. Go west on Main St to the bottom of the hill and park at Westside Park on the right. Walk repeats every Wednesday in March. (PS,3.5-4) Leader: Mary Lang (509-8251)

9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See February 4.

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See February 4.

6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See February 4.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See February 2.

Thursday, March 5

9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK ON THE BOULEVARD TRAIL See February 5.

9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See February 5.

1:00 PM GREENWOOD AFTERNOONS See February 5.

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

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

Friday, March 6

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See February 6.

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

9:00 AM TGIF IS BACK! See February 6.

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL From I-70 in downtown Indy go south on I-65. 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 This is a 6-mile hike through the Butler campus, the IMA grounds, 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 March. (Map #32) (M,PS/NS,3.5) Leader: Jim Griffin (294-1121)

Saturday, March 7

Nell Larrison is 100 years old today. (See March 15 for surprise party)

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 (396 Branigin Blvd) on left. Park on west side of building. Hike is 11 miles with shorter options. Hike repeats each Saturday in March. (F,PS,3.5-4) Leader: Glee Crowder (859-8159)

9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See February 7.

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- 9:30 AM STARVE HOLLOW Allow 1 3/4 hours travel from I-465 S. Take I-65 south to US 50 west at Seymour, then west through Brownstown to SR 135 south. Go south to Vallonia and follow signs to Starve Hollow. Watch for park entrance (fee). Turn right immediately after gatehouse and then left at the beach. Park in the beach parking lot near the picnic shelter for a 13-15 mile moderate to rugged hike. Bring lunch and water. (H,NS,3) Leader: Mick Parker (430-5523-cell)
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See February 7.
- 10:00 AM NATIONAL MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL IN NASHVILLE From I-465 S take I-65 south to Columbus exit and SR 46 west to Nashville. Or take SR 135 south to Nashville. At the Subway in Nashville on SR 135 (284 S. Van Buren), turn west on Pat Reilly St and go to free parking lot just west of the Subway for a 5-6 mile walk around scenic Nashville. Join us for pancakes and local maple syrup. Did you know that geographically, Indiana holds the southern and westernmost position in the United State' Maple Sugar Belt? That means as winter gives way to spring the sap flows first in Indiana's maple stands. (F,PS,3.5) Leaders: Mary Williams (919-8574) and June Sergi (372-3018)
- 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 (787-6593 or 864-9574 cell)

Sunday, March 8 *Daylight Savings Time Begins*

- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See February 1.
- 10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See February 1.
- 1:00 PM SPRING FORWARD If you don't forget to change your clock, meet me at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Indianapolis parking lot (in front of the building) at 615 W. 43rd St for a 6 mile hike. (F,PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (329-2779 or 652-2779-cell)
- 1:30 PM BOOK CLUB HIKE Read *Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline before attending this 6 mile hike with shorter options on the Pennsy Trail. Meet at the Meijer Store, 11351 E. Washington St. From I-465 E exit at E. Washington St, go east 4.5 miles to the Meijer Store on the south side of the street. Park at the east end of the parking lot. Bring water and snacks or purchase a snack at the Meijer café where we will hold the book discussion after the hike. Join us on the hike even if you have not read the book. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Linda Whitt (891-0955 or 501-5038 cell)

Monday, March 9

- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See February 9.
- 9:00 AM YMCA NEIGHBORHOODS See March 2.
- 9:30 AM CENTRAL PARK IN CARMEL See March 2.
- 6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See February 2.
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See February 2.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See February 2.

Tuesday, March 10

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See February 3.
- 9:30 AM MORGAN-MONROE STATE FOREST The Club has been hiking these beautiful woods every Tuesday in March for 25 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 the remaining Tuesdays in March. (Map #28) (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Mary Ann (346-1802 or 412-5190 cell)
- 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY FROM BROAD RIPPLE See February 10.
- 6:00 PM SHEEK ROAD See March 3.

Wednesday, March 11

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See February 4.
- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See February 4.
- 9:15 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See March 4.
- 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See February 4.

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- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See February 4.
6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See February 4.
6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See February 2.

Thursday, March 12

- 9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK ON THE BOULEVARD TRAIL See February 5.
9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See February 5.
1:00 PM GREENWOOD AFTERNOONS See February 5.
3:45 PM GET FIT ON THE FITNESS TRAIL See February 5.
6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See February 5.

Friday, March 13

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See February 6.
8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See February 6.
9:00 AM TGIF IS BACK! See February 6.
9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See March 6.
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 Friday March 27. (F,PS,3) Leader: Jackie King (658 4375)
6:00 PM BUTLER CAMPUS AND IMA See March 6.

Saturday, March 14

- 8:00 AM FRANKLIN TRAIL, COLLEGE AND ROSES See March 7.
10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See February 7.
9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See February 7.
9:30 AM BLOOMINGTON TRAILS This will be a 6-mile hike through Bloomington neighborhoods, the Jackson Creek Trail and Olcott Park. From I-465 S take SR 37 south to SR 46 East exit. Stay on SR46 East to College Mall Rd (College Mall will be on your left). Turn left into Jackson Creek Shopping Center (look for Kroger), then turn right and park in the Hobby Lobby parking lot at 1275 S College Mall Rd. Join us after the hike for lunch at a local restaurant. (F,PS,3) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972)
9:30 AM BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK - SCHOONER TRACE TRAIL ON STEROIDS This is an approximate 17 mile loop hike with approximately 3,000 feet of cumulative elevation gain. We will hike the Schooner Trace Trail twice, once each direction. For those who want a shorter option you can hike just the normal Schooner Trace Loop which is 10 miles. We will be hiking at a brisk pace so please make sure you are physically prepared for this hike. Bring lunch, snacks and plenty of water. 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. (H,NS,3-3.5) Leader: Mick Parker (430-5523-cell)
10:00 AM WABASH COLLEGE IN CRAWFORDSVILLE We will hike 3 miles as we tour the Wabash College campus (see <http://www.wabash.edu/map/>). Allow 1 hour travel time from I-465 W. Go west on I-74 to exit 34. Then go south on US 231 about 2 miles to Lafayette Rd. at the bottom of the hill. Turn right onto Lafayette Rd and go about 1/4 mile. Just after crossing Sugar Creek you will pass the Creekside Lodge on your right, where we will have lunch at noon. Continue south on Lafayette Rd about 1 mile to US 136. Make a hard right on US 136, go 1/2 block and turn left on S. Grant St. Go 3 blocks and turn right onto W. Wabash Ave. Go 1 1/2 blocks, turn right, and park behind Trippet Hall. Meet in front of Trippet Hall. Afterwards, plan to have lunch at the Creekside Lodge and stay for the afternoon hike. (F,PS/HS,2) Leader: Philip Coons (291-1336 or 402-8810 cell)
1:30 PM SUGAR CREEK TRAIL IN CRAWFORDSVILLE. This will be a 5-mile hike on Sugar Creek Trail. Meet at the Rock River Trailhead (2722 River Ridge Rd) From the Creekside Lodge, follow above

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directions to Wabash College and continue west on Wabash Ave. Wabash Ave will become Country Club Rd. When Country Club Rd turns left, continue straight on Rock River Ridge Rd (gravel) to the trailhead on your right. The trailhead is about 2 miles west of Wabash College. The route is well marked and the trailhead has a bathroom facility. (F,PS/HS,2.5-3) Leader: Philip Coons (291-1336 or 402-8810 cell)

Sunday, March 15

9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See February 1.

9:30 AM HIKE AND CROCHET ON INDY'S NW SIDE See February 15.

9:00 AM **SURPRISE 100TH BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR NELL LARRISON** We will meet at the MCL Restaurant at Speedway Shopping Center 6000 Crawfordsville Rd. On this 5 mile hike we will go on the levee, B & O Trail, and nearby neighborhood ending up at MCL about 10:30-10:45 AM. I have reserved a room for us to have lunch with Nell at the MCL. Even if you don't hike please join us to help celebrate this grand lady's 100th birthday. (F,PS/NS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (329-2779 or 652-2779-cell,)

10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See February 1.

Monday, March 16

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9:30 AM CENTRAL PARK IN CARMEL See March 2.

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6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See February 2.

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See February 2.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See February 2.

Tuesday, March 17 *Saint Patrick's Day*

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

9:30 AM FORT HARRISON TRAILS February 3.

10:00 AM IRISH HILL We will celebrate Saint Patrick's Day with a 6 mile hike as we visit some of the more prominent places in Indy's Irish history. 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 MORGAN-MONROE STATE FOREST See March 10.

6:00 PM SHEEK ROAD See March 3.

Wednesday, March 18

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See February 4.

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

9:15 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See March 4.

9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See February 4.

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See February 4.

6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See February 4.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See February 2.

Thursday, March 19

8:30 AM DEPAUW NATURE PARK & DEPAUW UNIVERSITY See February 5.

9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK ON THE BOULEVARD TRAIL See February 5.

9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See February 5.

1:00 PM GREENWOOD AFTERNOONS See February 5.

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

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

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

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

Multi-Day Trip: Friday, March 20 – Sunday, March 22

WINTER WEEKEND AT SPRING MILL 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. The cutoff for the Club's special rate is February 20. Five to six mile hikes are planned for Saturday at 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM and Sunday at 9:00 AM. We hope to have two levels of hikes. All hikes will begin at the Inn. Shorter options will be available. Day hikers are welcome to come down and hike with the overnights. Allow 1¾ 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). (M,NS,2.5-3) Contact Mary Ann Layman (346-1802 or 412-5190 cell) for additional information.

Saturday, March 21

- 8:00 AM FRANKLIN TRAIL, COLLEGE AND ROSES See March 7.
9:00 AM SPRING MILL STATE PARK Follow directions in Winter Weekend write-up. Meet at Inn for a hike of 6-7 miles with shorter options. Plan to stay for lunch and the afternoon hike. (M,NS,2.5) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (346-1802 or 412-5190-cell)
9:30 AM KNOBSTONE: SPURGEON HOLLOW TO OXLEY This is a 12-mile out and back. We will stop for lunch and please bring plenty of water. 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 left. Go another 0.3 miles to parking area on left. (H,NS,3) Leader: Mick Parker (430- 5523 cell)
10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See February 7.
2:00 PM SPRING MILL 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 join the overnights for lunch at the Inn around noon. (M,NS,2.5) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (346-1802 or 412-5190 cell)

Sunday, March 22

- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See February 1.
9:00 AM SPRING MILL STATE PARK Follow directions in Winter Weekend write-up. Meet at Inn for a hike of 5-6 miles with shorter options. (M,NS,2.5) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (346-1802 or 412-5190 cell)
9:30 AM KNOBSTONE TRAIL, DEAM LAKE NORTH This will be a 12-14 mile out and back hike at the southern end of the KT starting at the temporary Deam Lake Trailhead. This is a fairly rugged trail and we will hike out as far as the group wants then return but we will be planning on pushing ourselves so please make sure you are ready for a strenuous hike! We will stop for lunch so bring plenty of water for a 6-8 hour hike. Allow 2 hrs travel time from I-465 S. Go 88 miles south on I-65 to Exit 16. Exit I-65 and turn right onto Blue Lick Rd toward Blue Lick and proceed ¾ mile to McClelland Rd on 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,3) Leader: Mick Parker (430-5523-cell)
10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See February 1.

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1:30 PM SLOW AND EASY AT FORT HARRISON STATE PARK Park entrance (fee) is located at 59th and Post Rd. Meet at far end of Delaware Lake lot for a 5 mile walk (shorter options). (Map #18) (M,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Marsha Hutchins (251-9078 or 439-1468-cell)

Monday, March 23

9:00 AM FALL CREEK TRAIL See February 23.

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See February 9.

9:00 AM YMCA NEIGHBORHOODS See March 2.

9:30 AM CENTRAL PARK IN CARMEL See March 2.

10:00 AM SEE THE SIGHTS OF HAUGHVILLE Join us for a 5-6 mile hike through Haughville, which played an important part in Indy's history. Meet in Haughville Library parking lot, located at 2121 W Michigan St. From downtown Indy take W Michigan St west through the IUPUI campus and over the White River. Continue west on W Michigan St just past N. Belmont St. Library is on the southwest corner of N Belmont St and W Michigan St. (F,PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (329-2779 or 652-2779 cell)

6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See February 2.

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See February 2.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See February 2.

Tuesday, March 24

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

9:30 AM MORGAN-MONROE STATE FOREST See March 10.

9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY FROM BROAD RIPPLE See February 10.

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 east to the parking lot at 6121 Crawfordsville Rd where Marsh Grocery used to be located. This 7-mile hike is on the Eagle Creek Levee and the B & O trail. (F,NS/PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (329-2779 or 652-2779 cell)

6:00 PM SHEEK ROAD See March 3.

Wednesday, March 25

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See February 4.

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

9:15 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See March 4.

9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See February 4.

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See February 4.

6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See February 4.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See February 2.

Thursday, March 26

9:00 AM LAKE KESSLER AND FALL CREEK ON THE BOULEVARD TRAIL See February 5.

9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See February 5.

1:00 PM GREENWOOD AFTERNOONS See February 5.

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

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

Friday, March 27

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See February 6.

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

9:00 AM TGIF IS BACK! See February 6.

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See March 6.

1:30 PM EXPLORE PIKE TOWNSHIP See March 13.

6:00 PM BUTLER CAMPUS AND IMA See March 6.

Saturday, March 28

8:00 AM FRANKLIN TRAIL, COLLEGE AND ROSES See March 7.

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- 9:30 AM GRIFFY LAKE, BLOOMINGTON Take SR 37 South to College Ave N/ Walnut St exit. At second light (SR 46), turn left onto East SR 46. Continue on SR 46 to the second light and turn left onto Matlock Rd. Follow Matlock Rd to Headley Rd, turn left and continue on Headley Rd to the lake. Meet across the causeway at the boat house parking lot on the right. This will be a 5-6 mile hike (H,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-876-4024 or 812-322-3972-cell)
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See February 7.
- 10:30 AM SHAKAMAK STATE PARK Allow 1 3/4 hours from I 465 W. Take I 70 W to SR 59. Go south on SR 59; turn west on SR 48 through Jasonville to the park (fee). Meet in the Tulip Shelter parking lot. This will be an 8-9 mile hike with shorter options. We will return to the cars after 4 miles for a brief lunch/snack break and then continue with rest of hike. (M,NS,2.5) Leaders: Cheryl Smolecki (696-8922) and Maggie Helms (217-607-0834)
- 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 and 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 864-9574 cell)

Sunday, March 29***Palm Sunday***

- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See February 1.
- 10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See February 1.
- 10:00 AM WHITEWATER MEMORIAL STATE PARK Allow about 2 hours from I-465 S. Take US 52 southeast to Rushville, then take SR44 east to Liberty, IN. Turn right (south) at the courthouse and follow SR 101 to park entrance (fee). Follow the park road taking the left branch towards the dam. Cross the dam and park at the second parking lot on the right. Bathrooms are available here. Hike will be 6-9 miles depending on weather and trail conditions. (M,NS,2.-2.5) Leaders: Mary Ann and Bob Layman (346-1802 or 412-5190 cell)
- 3:00 PM CANINE & FRIENDS WOOOF HIKE Meet at Fort Harrison State Park. 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. 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. (Map #18) (F,PS, Dog Pace-depending on how many poop and sniffing stops occur). Leader: Mary Williams (422-9384 or 919-8574 cell)

Monday, March 30

- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See February 9.
- 9:00 AM YMCA NEIGHBORHOODS See March 2.
- 9:30 AM CENTRAL PARK IN CARMEL See March 2.
- 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY See February 2.
- 6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See February 2.
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See February 2.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See February 2.

Tuesday, March 31

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See February 3.
- 9:30 AM MORGAN-MONROE STATE FOREST See March 10.
- 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY FROM BROAD RIPPLE See February 10.
- 6:00 PM SHEEK ROAD See March 3.

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PREVIEW OF FUTURE HIKES AND EVENTS:

WILDFLOWER HIKES – Tuesdays in April As she does every year, 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.

18th ANNUAL SMOKY MOUNTAINS LONG WEEKEND – April 16-18 Mark your calendar for the annual Club trip to Smoky Mountains National Park. It's time to make your room reservations in Gatlinburg, TN. Some suggestions are Riverhouse at the Park (865-436-2070), Bearskin Lodge on the River (across the street from Riverhouse) (865-430-4330) and Carr's Cottages & Motel (865-436-4836). As in past years there will be longer all day hikes co-led by Mick Parker, Jeff Edmondson and Ron Mutzl and moderate morning and afternoon hikes led by Jim Shoufler and (hopefully) Jean Ballinger. Contact Jean Ballinger at 696-2120 or jeanballinger77@gmail.com if you have any questions.

CARMEL MARATHON AND HALF MARATHON – April 18 A number of our members enter this race each year and rave about the route. Choose either a full or half marathon. If you are interested you can register online at www.carmelmarathon.com.

C&O CANAL ONE DAY HIKE – April 25 Once again our long distance hikers will attempt to tie the Club single day distance record. Although it requires a lot of conditioning, please consider joining them for the mid-Atlantic region's oldest long-distance day hike - 100K (62.14 miles with shorter options) from Washington DC to Harpers Ferry, WV. The hike is an annual event sponsored by the DC Sierra Club. Check www.onedayhike.org for details on registration, lodging, etc. Registration opens February 1, 2015 at 5 p.m. EST and fills very quickly (last year's race filled within ½ hour). Registration must be handled individually; there is no option for a "group registration". Rita Bymaster will be coordinating our participation again this year. Contact her at ritabymaster@aol.com or by phone at 317-509-1711.

500 FESTIVAL MINI-MARATHON – May 2 Be one of the 35,000 participants in the country's largest half marathon, usually well attended by Club members. Train for the mini on our hikes and get in shape for the summer. Register at www.500festival.com. This very popular 13.2-mile race usually sells out, but check the website and you still may be able to get in. Look for more details in the April/May schedule.

GEIST HALF MARATHON & 5K – May 16 Consider joining John Triplett at this fun annual event in Fishers and earn Club miles. You must register in advance at www.eventbrite.com/e/geist-half-marathon-5k-registration-14132110523. Look for specifics in the May schedule. Contact John at john-triplett@sdcglobal.net or 409-3302.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND AT GNAW BONE CAMP – May 23-25 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.

CLUB PICNIC – July 25

ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK, ESTES PARK, CO – September 7-11 Narcisso Povinelli is planning a return visit to his favorite national park, similar to the Club trips he led in 2006 and 2012. Hikes are planned for Monday 9/7 through Friday 9/11, with an optional hike on Saturday 9/12 for those staying over until Sunday. Most hikes will be moderate distance (5-7 miles) with modest altitude gain (usually under 1,000 feet). Shorter and more challenging options will be available on most days, making the trip suitable for just about everyone. All hikes will offer beautiful mountain vistas, flowing streams, pristine lakes and golden aspens. You are guaranteed to see many elk this time of year. Since most hikes will ascend over 8,000 feet, give yourself at least 24 hours (preferably longer) to adjust to the altitude before you start to hike. So plan to arrive on Saturday or Sunday. You will want to attend an information meeting on Sunday evening September 6 at a place to be announced. You will need to make your own flight (to Denver), hotel and car reservations. There are many accommodations in Estes Park to choose from - elegant to modest. Here are a few suggestions. Valhalla

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Resort (where Narcisso and most other Club members plan to stay) offers nicely appointed vacation homes with living room, equipped kitchen, fireplace, cable TV, deck, BBQ and 1-3 bedrooms. Linens and towels are included. Each unit is different and so are the rates. Since this is a popular time of the year call soon. Check www.ValhallaResort.com or call 1-800-522-3284. Mention you are with the Hiking Club and ask for a senior discount if you are over 62. Also, check out www.estesparkresort.com or www.estes-park.com for many more accommodations and information about the area. For more information contact Narcisso Povinelli at 784-9384 or 874-6212 cell or narcisso.povinelli@sbcglobal.net.

PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

Josh Bobb	Indianapolis, IN	Arlene Buchholz	Brownsburg, IN
Steven Lawson	Indianapolis, IN	Kay Tawney	Indianapolis, IN
Steve Tilden	Indianapolis, IN		

WELCOME BACK THE FOLLOWING REINSTATED MEMBERS:

Ron Selby	Zionsville, IN
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RECENT MILEAGE AWARDS:

Glee Crowder	32,500	Linda Wright	5,500	Marty Johnson	1,500
Jill McFall	30,500	Don Hayes	5,000	Phil Smith	1,500
Cherie Voegel	21,500	Mary Ann Beuke	4,500	Marilyn Bradley	1,000
David Kincaid	18,500	John Gaebler	4,500	Ella Spreckelmeyer	1,000
Tish Brafford	15,500	Bob Hackenberg	4,000	Theresa Ray	500
Donna Chastain	13,000	Jim Rench	3,000	Phil Coons	400
Lucy Neal	12,500	Chuck Turner	3,000	Polly Lybrook	400
Mary Lang	11,500	Linda Whitt	3,000	Julie Hollowell	400
Rick Braun	9,000	Bob Kriz	3,000	Sue Brutkiewicz	300
Janet Cohen	7,000	Beth Maschino	2,000	James Kendall	200
Kae Ramey	6,500	Marty Burton	1,500	Tena MacDonald	100

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

Long time member Len Behling passed away in late November at his winter home in Georgia. Carole Canull, who's 92 year old mother, Mary Teagardin, died on December 18.

Please note that Nell Larrison turns 100 on March 7. Let her know you care by sending her a birthday card.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION:

My heartfelt thanks to all for your kind wishes, cards and e-mails following my recent foot surgery. Words cannot express my sincerest gratitude for you and your support while recovering. They really kicked my get well spirit into high gear. Hopefully I will be back 100% by the time you see this! *Cherie Seeman*

WANT MORE 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 unless the hike is designated as a "pet" hike.

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