



# The Indianapolis Hiking Club

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## SCHEDULE FOR APRIL AND MAY 2017

(Please – no pets except on designated pet hikes)

### Celebrating 60 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 (317-696-2120) [jeanballinger77@gmail.com](mailto:jeanballinger77@gmail.com) for weekend hikes or Ed Wright (317-219-5536) [ewright@indyhike.org](mailto:ewright@indyhike.org) for weekdays.

**INDIANA STATE RECREATION AREA (SRA) HIKES:** As a follow up to 2016 Bicentennial State Park hikes, this year we plan to hike at eight State Recreation Areas (SRA's) that are managed by the DNR but are not official state parks. Following is a list of the eight SRA's along with hike leaders and dates when you can expect a hike. Three hikes are in this schedule.

<u>SRA</u>	<u>Hike Leader</u>	<u>Hike date</u>
Hardy Lake	John Schlechte	April 15
Salamonie Lake	Joe Keller	May 6
Patoka Lake	Nanette Tate	May 27
Cecil Harden Lake (Raccoon SRA)	Terry Roesch	June 24
Cagles Mill Lake (Leiber SRA)	Mary Ann Layman	August
Monroe Lake	Jean Ballinger	September
Brookville Lake	Rick Kinnaman	September
Missisinewa Lake	Edeltraud Evans	October

There are more Indiana SRA's than the eight listed above and you are welcome to schedule any of them or lead another hike at one of the SRA's listed above.

**BOOK CLUB, PET AND WILDFLOWER HIKES:** Jackie King has scheduled a Book Club hike on Saturday, April 8 and Edeltraud Evans will be leading one on Friday, May 5. Mary Williams will lead pet hikes on May 1 and May 26. Mary Ann Layman will be leading very informative wildflower hikes every Tuesday in April at 1:00 PM.

**BICENTENNIAL TEE SHIRTS:** We still have a few Bicentennial Tee shirts available for sale in several sizes. If interested in purchasing one (\$15 each) please contact Ed Wright at [ewright@indyhike.org](mailto:ewright@indyhike.org) or 317-219-5536.

**PRESIDENTS CORNER:** Over the past couple of months the Indianapolis Hiking Club has been featured on a public TV program, selected for an upcoming article in Outdoor Indiana, a Department of Natural Resources magazine, and promoted by club members at the Indianapolis Boat, Sport, and Travel Show. If that wasn't enough action, members have been active in efforts to save the old-growth forest at Crown Hill Cemetery. In addition, a new online process for recording hike mileage has been implemented. Specifically:

1. IHC on TV - Phil Coons, Director of Electronic Media, worked with the producers of the Indiana Weekend show on WIPB, Muncie's PBS TV station, to include a report on the Indianapolis Hiking Club in episode 24 entitled "Winter Fitness." The station twice sent videographers to the Thursday Eagle Creek hike last December to capture "B roll" footage of the hike. The episode, which featured interviews with club members

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Marthene Kohlmeyer, Bob Kriz, Phil Coons, and Ed Wright, aired at the end of January but was still available as of this writing at: <http://www.wipb.org/indiana-weekend/>.

2. IHC in Outdoor Indiana – Harold Crooks, Director at Large, recently contacted the publishers of the Department of Natural Resources bimonthly magazine *Outdoor Indiana*. He suggested an article on the Indianapolis Hiking Club for one of their upcoming issues. They “loved” the idea and sent a photographer, again to the Thursday Eagle Creek hike. The photographer completed Ed Wright’s entire hike. Mike Khalil, Director of Publicity, worked with the magazine to provide background and current hiking club information. The article is scheduled for publication next fall.

3. Indianapolis Boat, Sport, and Travel Show – This show is billed as the largest sport show in the country. The Indianapolis Hiking Club has been an exhibitor for several years and this past February show was no exception. Mike Khalil, Director of Publicity, recruited club members to staff the IHC booth and set up the display. Members who donated their time to work at the booth were: Denise Arie, John Bacone, Tish Brafford, Mike Khalil, Jackie King, Judy Robinson, Cherie Seeman, Mike Seeman, Katy Smith, Phil Smith, John Triplett, Kathy Whalen, and Linda Whitt. Thousands of people walked past the IHC booth and many stopped to talk. Maybe you will meet a new hiker who learned about the Club at this show.

4. Crown Hill Cemetery Old-growth Forest – On March 13th the Veterans Administration issued a stop-work order on the destruction of the old-growth forest at Crown Hill Cemetery. For months the trees in this part of the cemetery have been slated for removal to build a columbaria for veterans. Chuck Turner, Director of Conservation, has worked with the Indiana Forest Alliance and other organizations to save the only pre-settlement forest in Indianapolis. This is a “temporary” stop-work order. But the National Cemetery Association has stated that it will “re-open dialogue” with the community. The project to provide veterans with an appropriate memorial is not in question, but the location is. In a political environment where it seems no one listens to or respects the opinions of others, it’s encouraging that a solution may be found that both honors veterans and preserves this forest.

5. Mileage Recording - This last item is a technical one. Some members have chosen to not have their hike mileage recorded in the mileage database. In the past, this was done with one written statement at dues renewal time that covered all hikes within the hiking year. Because of the new online process for recording hike mileage, universal opt-out is no longer possible. If you don’t want your mileage recorded, you need to indicate this at each hike. Sign in on the hike attendance sheet as usual and write a zero next to your name. No mileage will be recorded for that hike.

See you on the trail,  
Phil Smith  
IHC President

## HIKE SCHEDULE:

### Saturday, April 1

### *April Fool’s Day*

- 8:30 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 Saturday in April and May. Note time change in May. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Glee Crowder (317-859-8159)
- 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 each Saturday in April and May except May 6. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Julie Litten (317-407-4652)
- 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 April and May. (F,PS) Leader: Donna Maurer (317-413-5709 cell)

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10:00 AM NASHVILLE HIKE Walk the streets of Nashville for 5-6 miles. From I 465S go south on I-65 to Columbus exit, take SR46 W to Nashville. Turn right on Main St and then west (left) onto Washington St to the free public parking lot at the end of the street. We will see lots of side streets and small shops off of the beaten path. Join us for lunch at a local restaurant after the hike. (M,PS,3) Leaders: June Sergi (317-372-3018) and Mary Williams (317-919-8574)

### Sunday, April 2

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 April and May. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Marti Burton (317-306-9878)

9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE Meet in the free parking lot ½ block south of Broad Ripple Ave on Carrollton Ave for a guided 6 mile hike with option for up to 4 additional (self-guided) miles. Repeats each Sunday in April and May. (Map #16) (F,PS,3-3.25) Leader: Kathy Whalen (317-409-3265)

### Monday, April 3

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 with a 5 mile option. Repeats on April 17 and May 1 and 15. (Map #16) (M,NS/PS,3-3.25) Leader: John Gaebler (317-575-8490)

9:00 AM MORNING CONSTITUTIONAL Meet in Eagle Creek Park (fee) at lot just inside 56th St entrance just west of the Colts facility for a 6-mile road hike. Repeats on May 1. (Map #40) (M,PS,3.5) Leader: Kate Curtiss (317-247-0283)

9:30 AM JUST GET'ER DONE IN BROWN COUNTY 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 which should be ablaze with spring wildflowers. Bring snacks and water. Hike repeats on April 10 and 17. (M,NS,2.5) Leader: Jeff Edmondson (317-733-0143 or 317-450-2526 cell)

9:30 AM SLOW & EASY AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY From the 700 block of West 38th St, go north on Clarendon Rd to the cemetery entrance. Meet at north end of first parking lot. Options of 3, 4 and 5 miles. Repeats on April 17 and May 1, 15, and 29. (Map #42) (M,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Marsha Hutchins (317-251-9078, 317-439-1468 cell)

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS Meet at Mama Bears Coffee Shop parking lot at the northwest corner of Fall Creek Rd and Brooks School Rd for a 6-8 mile hike through neighborhoods. Hike repeats each Monday in April and May. Leader: (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Rick Braun (317-679-2972)

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. If the weather is nice we will probably walk outside. Hike repeats every Monday in April and May. (F,PS) Leader: Glee Crowder (317-859-8159)

### Tuesday, April 4

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL This is a 1-12 mile self-guided hike (most people do 6 miles) 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 April and May. (Map #51) (F,PS) Leader: Jo Anne Starzyk (317-771-0914)

9:30 AM MERIDIAN WOODS AND TRAILS Join us for a south side 5-6 mile hike in Meridian Woods and nearby neighborhoods on mostly paved trails. On Indy's south side, go south on SR 135 and turn right onto West Banta Rd. Go about ½ mile and turn left off into Woodside Community Church, 329 West Banta, which is just past Lockwood Lane. Meet in the parking lot. Seek a restroom before you

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- arrive since there are none on the hike. Repeats every Tuesday in April and May. (F,PS,3) Leader: Glee Crowder (317-859-8159)
- 10:00 AM B & O TRAIL AND SPEEDWAY This is the first of four B&O hikes on each Tuesday in April. On this 6 mile hike we will traverse portions of the B & O rail-trail that are in the town of Speedway. We will also see some of the surrounding neighborhoods. From the west leg of 465, take 10th St exit going east. Go to the second stoplight and turn left onto Lynhurst Dr, (5300 west) and go north to 15th St. Turn left onto 15th. Leonard Park is at 5400 W. 15th St. The park is in the first block west of Lynhurst Dr. The parking lot is on the south side of the street behind the police station. (F,NS/PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-329-2779 home, 317-652-2779 cell)
- 1:00 PM WILDFLOWER HIKE AT MOUNDS STATE PARK This is the first of four wildflower hikes every Tuesday in April. The afternoon start times allow the flowers to open up. Allow 1¼ hours travel time from I-465 N. Take I-69 north to exit 26 (Anderson). Go north on SR 9 to SR 232. Turn right and follow signs to the park (fee). Meet at the Pavilion parking lot for a 4-5 mile moderate speed hike with shorter options. (Map #19) (M,NS/PS, 2.5) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (346-1802 or cell 412-5190)
- 6:00 PM UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS & ROSEDALE HILLS From I-65, go south on Keystone Ave about ½ mile to small shopping center on right (west) at 4040 S. Keystone. Meet at the south end of the parking lot for a 5-mile hike. Hike repeats each Tuesday in April. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: David Kincaid (317-787-6593 and 317-864-9574 cell)

### Wednesday, April 5

- 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 April and May. (F,PS) Leader: Dick Bacon (317-585-8742)
- 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 April and May. Join us at Starbuck's after the hike. (Map #40) (M,NS,3-3.5) Leaders: Jeff Edmondson (317-733-0143 or 317-450-2526 cell) or Chuck Turner (317-777-2594)
- 9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE If country roads are calling your name, this is the hike for you. Join me for a 5, 6 or 10 mile hike and enjoy the countryside by hiking down a beautiful winding road. Park at my house at 688 N 900 W, Arlington, IN 46104. From I-465 SE exit on Brookville Rd (US 52) heading east for approximately 25 miles to CR900W and turn right. Go past 2 crossroads on 900W. My house is the 2nd house on the left past the 2nd crossroad. My address is on the mailbox. Repeats every Wednesday in April and May. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Julie Litten (317-407-4652)
- 9:15 AM SOUTHPORT PARK Meet at 6901 Derbyshire Rd behind the Southport Police Station for an 8-mile hike. Repeats each Wednesday in April and May. (F,NS/PS,3) Leader: Glee Crowder (317-859-8159)
- 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL Join us for a 4-5 mile walk in downtown Indy and surrounding neighborhoods. Expect a different route each week. Meet at Shapiro's Deli at 808 S. Meridian St (at McCarty St). Please park on the southwest portion of the lot away from the building. Repeats each Wednesday April and May. (Map #41) (F,PS,2.5-3) Leaders: Harold Crooks (317-730-4850)
- 12:45 PM TRAIL MAINTENANCE HIKE – EAGLE CREEK PARK Our Club has adopted a 2 mile section of a trail at Eagle Creek to do clean-up, trimming and other work that the park would approve for us to do. We are getting financial credit towards use of the park facilities for our volunteer work. We get a great deal of use and enjoyment from use of the park and this is an opportunity to give back a little. Please meet at the Ornithology Center. Gloves, long sleeves, bug repellent and sun screen are all good ideas. Some light trimmers, hedge cutters could be helpful. You will receive 2 hours of maintenance credit, 2 miles mileage credit, and get snacks after the work. Thanks in advance for your participation. Hike repeats on May 3. (M,NS,slow) Leader: Chuck Turner (317-777-2594)
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE This will be a 5-mile hike through quaint neighborhoods, the Zionsville Rail Trail and possibly Starkey Park. Meet in Zionsville Town Hall parking lot at 1100 W Oak St across from McDonalds. From I-465 N take Michigan Rd north and turn left (west) on 116th St and go to 1<sup>st</sup>

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St in downtown Zionsville. Go right on 1<sup>st</sup> St then left (west) on Oak St to the town hall. Hike repeats each Wednesday in April and May. (Map #34) (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Janet Cohen (317-873-6586) and various others.

6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE This will be a 5 or 7 mile self guided hike in downtown Indy. Meet at the northeast corner of the Marsh at Lockerbie parking lot at 320 N, however we cannot guarantee that this lot will be available in which case you would need to park on the street. Hike repeats every Wednesday in April and May. (Map #26) (F,PS) Leader: John Lyghtel (317-578-9756, 317-626-9117 cell)

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. If the weather is nice we will probably walk outside. Hike repeats every Wednesday in April and May. (F,PS) Leader: Glee Crowder (317-859-8159)

#### Thursday, April 6

9:00 AM FOLLOW FALL CREEK NORTH Meet at the 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 self guided hike on the Fall Creek Trail. Hike repeats every Thursday in April and from a different starting location beginning in May. (Map #45) (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Tish Brafford (317-251-8907, 317-531-6700 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 from three hike options: a moderately paced 5-mile hike over, around, up and down through the woods (M,NS,2.5-3); a 4-mile slower hike mostly on groomed trails (M,NS,2.5); or a 3-mile easier road hike (M,PS/HS/NS,2.5). These hikes are popular with new members and guests and usually draw a crowd. Hikes repeat every Thursday in April and May. (Map #17) Leaders: Ed Wright (317-219-5536), Bob Kriz (317-882-7063), Marsha Hutchins (317-251-9078) and various others.

4:00 PM IMA HIKE The Indianapolis Museum of Art has free admission on the first Thursday of each month from 4-9 PM. We will take advantage of it on this day for a hike through the gardens, on the towpath and possibly in the 100 acre park. You can tour the museum after the hike. We will meet in the parking lot on the grounds near 38th St. The museum is located at 4000 Michigan Rd, Indianapolis 46208. (M,NS/PS,3-3.5) Leaders: Mary Williams (317-919-8574) and June Sergi (317-372-3018)

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. Hike repeats each Thursday in April and May. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Rick Braun (317-679-2972)

#### Friday, April 7

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. Hike repeats each Friday in April and May. (F,PS) Leaders: Rick Kinnaman (317-407-9746) and Dick Bacon (317-585-8742)

8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE Susan will lead a brisk 6-mile road hike. Janet will lead a slower 4-5 mile option. Expect a different route each week through scenic Zionsville. 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. Hike repeats every Friday in April and May. (Map #34) (M,PS,4 or 3) Leaders: Susan Sievers (317-344-2635, 317-513-5239 cell) and Janet Cohen (317-873-6586)

9:00 AM TGIF! Join us for a 6 or 8 mile road or trail hike. Meet in Eagle Creek Park (fee) at lot just inside 56th St entrance that is just west of the Colts facility. Hike repeats on all Fridays in April and May. (Map #40) (M,PS/NS,3-3.5) Leader: Phil Smith (317-443-3955)

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

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Park. Hike repeats every Friday in April and May. (Map #52) (F,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Glee Crowder (317-859-8159)

10:00 AM EITELJORG MUSEUM Meet in front of the Eiteljorg Museum at 500 W Washington St. Parking is free at the museum garage if you join us for lunch after the hike at the Eiteljorg Sky City Cafe or if you tour the exhibit. Following a 6 mile hike along the canal and White River and lunch join us for an optional tour of an exhibit *Dogs, Faithful and True* celebrating the enduring presence of dogs as companions, workers & heroes in Native American cultures and the West (\$11 adults, \$9 seniors). (Map #33) (F,PS,3-3.5) Leaders: Ron and Claudia Clark (317-769-6566, 317-626-1553 cell)

10:00 AM GREENWOOD Go south on I-65 to the Greenwood exit and go west to US 31. Meet in the northwest corner of the Rural King parking lot at 860 US 31 S. This is a 5-6 mile hike on a paved trail and city streets. After the hike join us for lunch at *To The Nines* at Central Nine Vocational School of Culinary Arts. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leaders: Mary Williams (317-737-1259, 317-919-8574 cell) and Reba McFarland (317-908-9035)

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. Hike repeats every Friday in April. (Map #41) (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Jim Griffin (317-294-1121)

### Saturday, April 8

7:30 AM NO FRILLS HALF MARATHON No shirts, no medals, no water stations and no fees. This 13.1 mile half marathon will be self guided. Restrooms will be available 2½ miles from the start at WalMart and at the turn around point in Fort Harrison. We will meet in the parking lot at Binford & Fall Creek Pkwy. Directions to the parking lot: Go south on Keystone to 46th St. Turn east to Allisonville Rd. Turn right/south and go to the next stop light. At that stop light go straight, crossing Binford, and the parking lot will be on the right, next to the White River. We will walk the Fall Creek Greenway trail north to the Shaffer Restrooms in Ft. Harrison SP (across from the sledding hill) and back. If you plan to attend, please give Tish a call since we would like to know the names of all walkers. Be sure to leave nothing visible in your car. Leaders: Tish Brafford (317-251-8907, 317-531-6700 cell) or Linda Zappia (317-797-1802).

8:30 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See April 1.

9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See April 1.

9:00 AM THREE LAKES TRAIL MAINTENANCE AND PICNIC Our Club has adopted a 2 1/2 mile section of the Three Lakes Trail in Morgan Monroe State Forest. Join us to perform routine trail maintenance, such as brush and limb removal and trash pickup. If you are not up to trail maintenance join us anyway just for the hike. Hike will be 7 miles (3 1/2 miles out and back). We will perform trail maintenance on the return leg on our section of the trail. Attendees will receive 2 1/2 hours credit towards trail maintenance. Allow about 1 hour and 20 minutes travel time from I-465 SW. Take SR 37 south to the last stoplight in Martinsville (Starbuck's and McDonalds are on your right). Proceed exactly four miles on SR 37 to Old IN 37 turnoff and turn left. The left crossover is a little beyond a white church on the hillside on the right. Because of I-69 highway construction, this will be the only way to get to Morgan Monroe SF when traveling south. It is almost 3 miles from the turnoff to the forest entrance. The old entry off SR 37 at Pine Rd can only be reached if traveling north but not south. When you reach the forest entrance look immediately to your right for the Bryant Creek Lake Shelter parking lot which is where we will meet. Please bring clippers, weed rackets, gloves, snacks and water. Join us for a picnic at Oliver Winery after hike. (Map #28) (M,NS,2.5) Leader: Chuck Turner (317-777-2594)

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See April 1.

10:30 AM BOOK CLUB HIKE - LOBLOLLY MARSH Read Gene Stratton Porter's book *Girl of the Limberlost*. Meet at the parking lot of Loblolly Marsh for a 4 mi hike; then travel to the Limberlost State Historic site in Geneva, IN where we will meet in the conference room for the book discussion and lunch (pack lunch or snacks) at noon. At 1:00 PM tour the Stratton Porter house on site (fee \$5). Afterwards, an optional 2 mi hike at Rainbow Bend Park on the Wabash. Allow 2 hours from I-465N. Take I 69 north to exit 264, Marion. Travel east on IN 18 for 27.5 miles. Look for the Loblolly brown sign; turn left/north on Jay County Rd 250W for 0.7 to the small parking lot on the left. Car pool if you can. Pack a lunch for the discussion time; there are no places in Geneva to purchase lunch or

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snacks. Please stop at the rest area at exit 250 or at exit 264 for restrooms before going to the marsh site. No facilities at the marsh. (F,NS,2.5-2.75) Leader: Jackie King (317 658 4375)

**Sunday, April 9** *Palm Sunday*

9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See April 2.

9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See April 2.

1:00 PM DEVONSHIRES Join us on a 6-mile road hike through attractive and somewhat hilly neighborhoods. The spring bulbs should be blooming. Meet behind the Starbucks in the Avalon Crossing shopping center on the east side of Binford Blvd just south of 71st St. (M,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Ed Wright (317-219-5536)

**Monday, April 10**

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, then faster hikers may go on at their own pace. Hike repeats on the remaining Mondays in April and May except May 1. (Map #40) (M,PS,3.5) Leader: Janet Cohen (317-873-6586)

9:30 AM MOUNDS STATE PARK Join us at this nearby scenic state park in early spring when lots of wildflowers will be in bloom. Allow 1¼ hours travel time from I-465 N. Take I-69 north to exit 26 (Anderson). Go north on SR 9 to SR 232. Turn right and follow signs to the park (fee). Meet at the Visitor Center parking lot for a 5-6 mile hike with shorter options. (Map #19) (M,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Jim Shoufler (317-697-0744)

9:30 AM SLOW & EASY BROAD RIPPLE PARK & BEYOND Meet at the Family Center lot in Broad Ripple Park, 1550 Broad Ripple Ave. Options of 3, 4, and 5 miles. Repeats April 24 and May 8 and 22. (F,HS/PS/NS, 2.5-3) Leader: Marsha Hutchins (317-251-9078; cell 317-439-1468)

9:30 AM JUST GET'ER DONE IN BROWN COUNTY See April 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 the remaining Mondays in April and May, except May 29. (Map #16) (F,PS/NS,3-3.5) Leader: Jean Ballinger (317-696-2120)

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See April 3.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See April 3.

**Tuesday, April 11**

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See April 4.

9:30 AM MERIDIAN WOODS AND TRAILS See April 4.

10:00 AM B & O, NEXT LEG This 6 mile hike takes us on the continuation of the B&O trail. We meet at Clermont Park. From the west leg of I-465 take exit 16A and head west toward Clermont and Crawfordsville. At the 5th stoplight turn left onto Tansel Rd. Go .3 miles and the park will be on your left. (F,NS/PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-329-2779 or 317-652-2779 cell)

1:00 PM WILDFLOWER HIKE AT HOLLIDAY PARK Because of the diversity of terrain and numerous water sources, Holliday Park is arguably the best place to view wildflowers in the metro area. Meet at the Nature Center parking lot, 6340 Spring Mill Rd, for a 4-5 mile hike. (Map #47) (M,NS/PS,2.5) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (317-346-1802 or cell 317-412-5190)

6:00 PM UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS & ROSEDALE HILLS See April 4.

**Wednesday, April 12**

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 5.

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

9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See April 5.

9:15 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See April 5.

9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See April 5.

10:00 AM HOLLIDAY PARK One of Indianapolis' oldest parks, Holliday Park was created in 1916 through the donation of John and Evaline Holliday's country estate to the City of Indianapolis. The park is well known, not only for its trails, but also for its "ruins", which were beautifully revitalized in 2016. Meet at the Nature Center (6363 Spring Mill Road) for a 5-mile hike within and outside the park. Hike

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repeats on Wednesday, April 26 and Tuesday, May 9 & 23. (Map #47) (M,NS/HS/PS,2.5) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)

- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See April 5.  
6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See April 5.  
6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See April 5.

#### Thursday, April 13

- 9:00 AM FOLLOW FALL CREEK NORTH See April 6.  
9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See April 6.  
4:30 PM AFTERNOON AT AVON TOWN HALL PARK Join us for a 4-5 mile walk along paved walking trails, a nature trail and maybe sidewalks in a nearby subdivision. The park is located at 6570 E. US Hwy 36. From I-465 west, exit on US 36 (Rockville Rd) and travel about 8 miles turning right into the park. Meet at the parking lot up by the playground. (M,PS/NS,3-3.5) Leader: Terry Roesch (317-910-2943 cell)  
6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See April 6.

#### Friday, April 14

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 7.  
8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See April 7.  
9:00 AM BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK Hike will be 20+ miles on several trails which will include the Scooner Trace Trail, the Hesitation Trail and the Aynes Loop. We will stop for lunch and various snacks but plan on this hike taking all day so bring plenty of water. This hike will be on some fairly steep and rocky trails and we will be on bike trails so be prepared to share the trail. From I-465 S take I-65 south to Columbus exit and SR 46 west to Brown County SP (fee). Or take SR 135 south to Nashville and turn left (east) on SR 46 to the park entrance. After entering the park follow signs to the Rally 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) Leader: Mick Parker (317-430-5523)  
9:00 AM TGIF! See April 7.  
9:30 AM KARST PARK GREENWAY TRAIL, BLOOMINGTON From I-465 S take SR 37 south to Bloomington and exit right at the 2nd St/Bloomfield/SR 45 exit. Turn right on SR 45 and go about a mile. Angle right onto Airport Rd (Karst Park sign) for about 500 feet, then right onto Endwright Rd and go about quarter mile to Karst Park entrance on the left - 2450 S Endwright Rd. Drive to the stop sign in the park then turn left continue to the parking lot by the playground. This will be an 8 mile hike on the Karst Greenway Trail. Plan on having lunch at a local restaurant. (F,PS,3) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972)  
9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See April 7.  
6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See April 7.

#### Saturday, April 15

- 8:30 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See April 1.  
9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See April 1.  
10:00 AM INDIANA SRA HIKE - HARDY LAKE This is a gem of a park. It is the only state reservoir not created for flood control, meaning that the lake level stays stable year-round. This positively affects the shoreline appearance, and fishing and wildlife living there. It is also the only DNR property with a raptor rehabilitation center. Meet at the Picnic Shelter parking lot (3rd right after entering park) for a 5-mile hike on wooded, gently sloped trails. Restrooms should be open. Park is about 85 miles or 1½ hours from the I-65/I-70 split in downtown Indy. Recommend I-65 south to Exit 34A, then about 6 miles east on IN-256, then 2.9 miles north on N County Rd 350 E (a/k/a Hardy Lake Rd) straight into the park (fee). Signage up to this point is sparse. GPS mapping address: 5620 N County Rd 350 E (or 5620 North Hardy Lake Rd), Scottsburg IN 47170. Do not allow GPS to route you to the park office at 4171 E Harrod Rd. (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)  
10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See April 1.

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**Sunday, April 16** *Easter*

- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See April 2.  
9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See April 2.

**Monday, April 17**

- 9:00 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See April 3.  
9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See April 10.  
9:30 AM JUST GET'ER DONE IN BROWN COUNTY See April 3.  
9:30 AM SLOW & EASY AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY See April 3.  
6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See April 10.  
6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See April 3.  
6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See April 3.

**Tuesday, April 18**

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See April 4.  
9:30 AM MERIDIAN WOODS AND TRAILS See April 4.  
10:00 AM B & O TRAIL CONTINUED From west leg of I-465 go 3.5 miles west to IU West Hospital at the corner of 10th and Ronald Reagan. Meet at the front entrance of the hospital (facing 10th St.). We will be hiking on the B&O trail for part of the hike, and seeing local surroundings. (F,PS/NS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-329-2779 home, 317-652-2779 cell)  
1:00 PM WILDFLOWER HIKE AT MCCORMICK'S CREEK STATE PARK We usually see more varieties of wildflowers at this state park than any other location. From I-465 SW, take SR 67 southwest to Spencer. Turn left (east) on SR 46 and proceed to park entrance (fee). Meet at the Nature Center. This will be a 4-5 mile hike at a moderate pace with time to enjoy the many wildflowers in the park. Join us for lunch before the hike at 11:30 AM at Chambers in Spencer. To get to Chambers, turn right (west) on to SR 46 and go to Main St. Turn left on Main St and go several blocks to Market. Turn right onto West Market St. Chambers will be on your left just before the next intersection - S. Montgomery St. (M,NS/PS,2.5) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (317-346-1802 or cell 317-412-5190)  
6:00 PM UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS & ROSEDALE HILLS See April 4.

**Wednesday, April 19**

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 5.  
9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See April 5.  
9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See April 5.  
9:15 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See April 5.  
9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See April 5.  
4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See April 5.  
6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See April 5.  
6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See April 5.

**Thursday, April 20**

- 9:00 AM FOLLOW FALL CREEK NORTH See April 6.  
9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See April 6.  
6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See April 6.

**Multi Day Trip: Thursday, April 20 – Saturday, April 22**

20th ANNUAL SMOKY MOUNTAINS LONG WEEKEND Allow 7 hours to travel 400 miles. Go southeast on I-74 to I-275. Go south on I-275 around Cincinnati to I-75 south. Go south on I-75 to Knoxville, TN. Go east on I-640 to I-40. Continue east on I-40 to Exit 407 (Highway 66 – Sevierville exit). Go south on Highway 66, which becomes US 441, to Gatlinburg. Arrange your own accommodations. See the Upcoming Events section in the last schedule for hotel recommendations or call Jean Ballinger. Wednesday and Sunday will be travel days. There will be two hike options on Thursday and three on Friday and Saturday. Jeff Edmondson will lead challenging all day hikes including a new route (for Jeff) up Mt. Laconte. Jim Shoufler and Jean Ballinger will lead moderate

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morning and afternoon 5-6 mile hikes that will include some hills. All morning hikes will begin at the Sugarland Visitor Center in the national park and will start at 8:00 AM local (Gatlinburg) time. Most hikes will require a car shuttle to the trailhead. Check with the leader in the morning for the location of the afternoon hike, as it may not start from the Visitor Center. Bring water and snacks on all hikes and lunch on the long hikes. Leaders: Jeff Edmondson (317-733-0143 or 317-450-2526 cell), Jim Shoufler (317-697-0744) and Jean Ballinger (317-696-2120)

**Friday, April 21**

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 7.
- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See April 7.
- 9:00 AM TGIF! See April 7.
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See April 7.
- 6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See April 7.

**Saturday, April 22** *Earth Day*

- 8:30 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See April 1.
- 9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See April 1.
- 9:30 AM CLEAR CREEK TRAIL BLOOMINGTON Take SR 37 South to Tapp Rd (This is the only traffic light on SR37 in Bloomington). Turn left onto Tapp Rd and go about ½ mile, trailhead is on the right at the bottom of the hill. This will be a 5-mile hike. (F,PS,3) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-876-4024 cell or 812-322-3972)
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See April 1.

**Sunday, April 23**

- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See April 2.
- 9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See April 2.

**Monday, April 24**

- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See April 10.
- 9:30 AM SLOW & EASY BROAD RIPPLE PARK & BEYOND See April 10.
- 10:00 AM MILWAUKEE TRAIL, BEDFORD, IN Allow 1 3/4 hours from I-465 S. Take SR 37 south and in Bedford turn left onto US 50 East. Go to the 4th stop light (1.2 miles) and turn right on Brian Lane Way to 19th St. Turn right (west) and follow one way signs around the National Guard Armory for access to diagonal parking. Located in the heart of limestone country, this 10-mile hike on Indiana's newest rail trail includes limestone bluffs, tree canopies, scenic waterways and beautiful spring scenery. Shorter options available. (M,NS, 2.5-3) Leader: Nanette Tate (812-254-8456 cell)
- 6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See April 10.
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See April 3.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See April 3.

**Tuesday, April 25**

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See April 4.
- 9:30 AM MERIDIAN WOODS AND TRAILS See April 4.
- 10:00 AM WELL WHAT DO YOU KNOW, MORE B&O Trailhead is between Crawfordsville Rd and W 30th on SR 267. From I-465 W take 10th St exit west all the way to SR 267. Turn north (right) and go until you arrive at Midwest Remediation (6987 Donnely), which is on the left hand corner of SR 267 and Donnely. Midwest Remediation has given us permission to park there. No bathroom break at the start of 6 mile hike, but we will stop midway. (F,PS/NS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-329-2779, 317-652-2779 cell)
- 1:00 PM WILDFLOWER HIKE ON THE WEST SIDE OF EAGLE CREEK This will be a modest paced 4-5 mile hike on the more rustic west side of Eagle Creek Reservoir with time to see the wildflowers. Take 56th St west past the main entrance to Eagle Creek Park and continue across the causeway. Take the first right after the causeway into the fisherman's parking lot beside the large iron sculpture of a bear (no fee). (M,NS,2.5) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (317-346-1802 or cell 317-412-5190)

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6:00 PM UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS & ROSEDALE HILLS See April 4.

### Wednesday, April 26

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 5.

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

9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See April 5.

9:15 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See April 5.

9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See April 5.

10:00 AM HOLLIDAY PARK See April 12.

1:30 PM EAGLE CREST ON WEST SIDE OF EAGLE CREEK PARK From I-465 W exit at 71st St and head west to Lafayette Rd. Alternatively, if coming from I-65, exit at 71st St and go east to Lafayette Rd. Go north on Lafayette Rd one mile to Traders Lane. Turn left and go .3 miles to Wilson Rd. Turn right on Wilson and go .7 miles to Fishback Rd. Turn left on Fishback Rd and go .2 miles. Turn left into Eagle Crest area -7201 Fishback Rd (no fee). Park near the building. Hike will be 5-6 miles in the woods on unimproved trails. Hike repeats on Wednesday May 17. (M,NS,3) Leader: Ron Clark (317-769-6566, 317-677-3219 cell)

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See April 5.

6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See April 5.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See April 5.

### Thursday, April 27

9:00 AM FOLLOW FALL CREEK NORTH See April 6.

9:30 AM WHITE LICK CREEK Join us for a 6 mile fitness walk on paved trails, which starts at the Plainfield Recreation Center and goes through Friendship Gardens to Hummel Park and back. This hike has a 2-mile self-guided option. From I-465 W exit on Washington St and travel west about 8.3 miles going through Plainfield. Turn right at the first stop light west of town onto Vestal Rd. Travel to the roundabout and park in the north lot on the left. (Map #50) (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Terry Roesch (317-910-2943 cell)

9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See April 6.

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

### Friday, April 28

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 7.

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

9:00 AM TGIF! See April 7.

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

6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See April 7.

### Saturday, April 29

3:00 AM C&O CANAL ONE DAY HIKE Starts in Washington DC and continues along C&O towpath to the finish at Harpers Ferry, WV. And yes, the start time is 3:00 AM. Registration is currently closed for the 100K and 50K but will reopen on April 14 to fill any cancellations, so check [www.onedayhike.org](http://www.onedayhike.org) or call the leader if interested. (F,NS) Leader: Theresa Ray (317-627-1205, [tmrquincy@Yahoo.com](mailto:tmrquincy@Yahoo.com))

7:30 AM SUSAN G. KOMEN - RACE FOR THE CURE If you are one of the 40,000 people planning to participate in this year's 5K run/walk fund raiser for breast cancer research (registration required), you can get credit for 3 self-guided miles by calling or emailing the leader. The Pink Parade is at 7:30 AM, and the non-competitive race at Military Park is at 9:10 AM. (F,PS) Leader: Donna Chastain (317-347-0107 or [dmchastain@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dmchastain@sbcglobal.net))

8:30 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See April 1.

9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See April 1.

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See April 1.

10:00 AM KARLEEN HUNECK'S FAVORITE THINGS – CALLI NATURE PRESERVE Two of Karleen's favorite things are hiking in the bluebells and Mexican food. We will do both on this hike. Parking is very limited at the nature preserve, so we will meet at Top Notch Restaurant, 1007 Buckeye St,

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North Vernon, and carpool one mile to the hike. Allow 1 ½ hr travel time from I-465 S. Go south on I-65 approx 57 miles to Exit 50A in Seymour. Follow US 50 east about 13 miles to North Vernon. When US 50 veers right at light in North Vernon, continue following US 50/Buckeye St for 3 blocks to Top Notch Restaurant on the right. Hike will be 5 miles. Afterwards, plan to have lunch. (H,NS,3) Leaders: Jean Ballinger (317-696-2120) and Barbie McNeely (317-392-2018)

### Sunday, April 30

9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See April 2.

9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See April 2.

1:00 PM BLANTON WOODS NATURE PARK / ELLIS PARK Enjoy signs of spring on our hike through Blanton Woods and Ellis Park in Danville on this 5-6 mile hike on paved and nature trails. We will test our abilities at Tomahawk Hill and maybe find the white trillium in bloom. From I-465 W exit on US 36 (Rockville Rd) and travel about 15 mi. into the town of Danville. Turn right on Wayne St and left on Clinton and park in the public parking lot across from the Danville Government Center located at 49 N Wayne. Boots and poles suggested. Restrooms available. (M,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Terry Roesch (317-910-2943-cell)

1:30 PM SUNDAY STROLL AT FORT HARRISON STATE PARK From I-465 E take 56th St east to Post Rd and turn left. Park entrance (fee) is located at 59th and Post Rd. Meet at the Delaware Lake Parking Lot for a 4 mile stroll through the woods and open areas. We will stay together through the woods; after that you may self-guide at a faster pace. (M,NS/PS,2.5) Leader: Wilma Bailey (317-293-0051)

### Monday, May 1

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

9:00 AM MORNING CONSTITUTIONAL See April 3.

9:30 AM SLOW & EASY AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY See April 3.

10:00 AM PET HIKE EXPLORING GREENWOOD CEMETERIES This will be a 4 mile pet hike that will include exploring cemeteries on SR 135. Meet at The Hearth at Stones Crossing Retirement Center, 2339 S SR 136, which is 1.6 miles south of Smith Valley Rd on SR 135. All hikers are welcome; you do not need a dog to join us. Please be prepared to provide the date of your dog's last rabies vaccination. All dogs must be on a 6' or less non-retractable leash at all times - no exceptions. Owners be prepared to pick up after your pet (poop patrol). Please note that the hike leader has the authority to ask any participant to leave the hike if their dog becomes aggressive toward other dogs or people. (F,PS,Dog Speed) Leader: Mary Williams (317-737-1259, 317-919-8574 cell)

6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See April 10.

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See April 3.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See April 3.

### Tuesday, May 2

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See April 4.

9:30 AM MERIDIAN WOODS AND TRAILS See April 4.

10:00 AM DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE This hike takes us along White River south of Washington St. We will meet at the Eiteljorg Museum - 500 W. Washington St in downtown Indy. Parking is free at the underground Eiteljorg parking lot if you join us for lunch at the Eiteljorg after the hike. (Map #33) (F,PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (329-2779 or 652-2779 cell)

10:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE IRVINGTON PENNSY TRAIL Join us for a 4-5 mile hike on the paved Irvington Pennsy Trail. Take I-70 to the Emerson Ave exit. Go south to East Washington St, turn left and go east to Audubon Rd - turn right on Audubon at the Irvington Library. Go two blocks south on Audubon to Bonna Ave. You will see the Mug Restaurant and Tyner Pond Farms on your right. Turn right on Bonna. Park on the north side of Bonna next to the trail. The hike will start a little further east at Ritter Ave; we will walk east to the end of the trail at South Shortridge Rd and back. This trail is somewhat remote as you go further east - and a high point of the trail is that it crosses over I-465 East. There are no restrooms along the trail. Suggest you use the Irvington

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Library restrooms on the way to the hike. Please join us after the hike for lunch at The Mug Restaurant – great food. Hike repeats every Tuesday in May. (F, PS,3.0) Leader: Melinda Jones (317-352-9738 home or 317-850-2500 cell)

6:00 PM SCHOOL TO SCHOOL AND PERRY WOODS Meet at Southport Middle School at 5715 S Keystone Ave. Park your car by the basketball court on the south side for a 5-mile hike. Repeats each Tuesday in May. (F,NS/PS,3) Leader: Glee Crowder (317-859-8159)

### Wednesday, May 3

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 5.  
9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See April 5.  
9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See April 5.  
9:15 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See April 5.  
9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See April 5.  
12:45 PM TRAIL MAINTENANCE HIKE – EAGLE CREEK PARK See April 5.  
4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See April 5.  
6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See April 5.  
6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See April 5.

### Thursday, May 4

9:00 AM SKILES TEST At least for May, this hike is in lieu of the Fall Creek North hike. Meet at Skiles Test Nature Park on Fall Creek Pkwy just south of Shadeland Ave. Expect a different route each week, including south on the Fall Creek Trail, walk in Skiles Test park, and hike to Fort Harrison SP. There is no restroom at the start of the hike, but there likely will be one during the hike. Hike repeats every Thursday in May. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leaders: Elaine Wright (317-753-5516) and Tish Brafford (317-251-8907, 317-531-6700 cell)  
9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See April 6.  
6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See April 6.

### Friday, May 5

#### *Cinco de Mayo*

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 7.  
8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See April 7.  
9:00 AM TGIF! See April 7.  
9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See April 7.  
10:00 AM BOOK CLUB HIKE – DEPEAW NATURE PARK Allow one hour travel time from Indy's west side. From I-465 W take I-70 west to the Greencastle/Cloverdale (US 231) exit. Turn right (north) and follow US 231 for about 7-miles into Greencastle. At the courthouse in Greencastle turn left onto Jackson St (west side of courthouse) and drive one block, turn right onto Walnut St. Continue to park entrance on the left. Follow the drive way for about one mile to the main parking lot. This will be a 5-mile scenic hike around the park. Bring a picnic lunch. We will discuss the book *The Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford during lunch. (M,NS,3) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972)  
6:00 PM BUTLER CAMPUS AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS This is a 5-mile hike through the Butler campus, the Canal Towpath and nearby neighborhoods. Meet near Door #1 at the front of Hinkle Fieldhouse, which is located on 49th St, west of Boulevard Place. Hike repeats every Friday in May. (Map #32) (M,PS/NS,3.5) Leader: Jim Griffin (317-294-1121)

### Saturday, May 6

7:00 AM 500 FESTIVAL MINI-MARATHON AND 5K This famous 13 mile and 3 mile self guided hike starts and ends downtown. If you are one of the 30,000+ people registered for this event, you can obtain club credit by calling or emailing the leader, who will verify your completion through the 500 Festival web site race results. (F,PS) Leader: Phil Smith (317-443-3955, [smith30333@comcast.net](mailto:smith30333@comcast.net))  
8:00 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See April 1. Note time change.  
10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See April 1.

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10:00 AM **INDIANA SRA HIKE – SALAMONIE LAKE** From I-465 go north on I-69 to exit 278 (SR 5). Go 1.6 miles north and turn west on SR 124. Go 11.3 miles to SR 105. Go 1 mile north on SR 105. Turn left. Go 0.2 miles. Turn right into property. Follow signs to Interpretive Center. Park at Bloodroot Trailhead lot. Entrance fee or state park pass needed for 6-7 mile hike on Bloodroot and Kin-Ti-On-Ki trails. Bring trail lunch, water, poles, etc. (M,NS,2-2.5) Leader: Joe and Cecilia Keller (317-379-6608)

### **Sunday, May 7**

9:00 AM **WALK AND WORSHIP** See April 2.

9:00 AM **BROAD RIPPLE** See April 2.

1:30 PM **ICE CREAM HIKE IN CARMEL** Join us for a 5-6 mile hike where we'll stop midway for an ice cream cone. From N. Meridian St (US 31) go east on 106th St 1.5 miles to Westfield Blvd. Turn left (north) on Westfield and go about 0.7 miles. The Monon Center Park entrance (look for sign) will be on your left just past 111th St. Meet near the Information Desk of the Monon Center (west building). (Map #51) (F,PS 3) Leaders: Cherie Voegel (317-848-7674) and June Sergi (317-372-3018)

### **Monday, May 8**

9:00 AM **CLEAR THE COBWEBS** See April 10.

9:30 AM **SHADYSIDE LAKE IN ANDERSON** Enjoy a walk around a very pretty lake and near-by trails in Anderson when the spring flowers are in full bloom. Allow 1 1/4 hours from the intersection of I-465 N and I-69. Take I-69 north to exit 26 in Anderson. Go north on SR 9 about 6 miles to Cross St and turn left. Go 0.2 mile to Alexander Pike and turn left. Go .9 miles to Shadyside Lake Activity Center and park. (F,PS,3) Leader: Jim Shoufler (317-697-0744)

9:30 AM **SLOW & EASY BROAD RIPPLE PARK & BEYOND** See April 10.

6:00 PM **BROAD RIPPLE** See April 10.

6:00 PM **EXPLORE FISHERS** See April 3.

6:00 PM **GREENWOOD PARK MALL** See April 3.

### **Tuesday, May 9**

9:00 AM **GEIST ON FALL CREEK** Meet in the parking lot of Mama Bears Café at the northwest corner of Brooks School Rd and Fall Creek Pkwy in Fishers. This will be a 6-mile moderate pace hike through scenic neighborhoods. (F,NS/PS,3-3.5) Leader: Elaine Wright (317-753-5516)

9:00 AM **CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL** See April 4.

9:30 AM **MERIDIAN WOODS AND TRAILS** See April 4.

10:00 AM **HOLLIDAY PARK** See April 12.

10:30 AM **SLOW AND EASY ON THE IRVINGTON PENNSY TRAIL** See May 2.

6:00 PM **SCHOOL TO SCHOOL AND PERRY WOODS** See May 2.

### **Wednesday, May 10**

8:00 AM **CASTLETON MALL WALK** See April 5.

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

9:00 AM **AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE** See April 5.

9:15 AM **SOUTHPORT PARK** See April 5.

9:30 AM **SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL** See April 5.

4:30 PM **EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE** See April 5.

6:00 PM **DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE** See April 5.

6:00 PM **GREENWOOD PARK MALL** See April 5.

### **Thursday, May 11**

9:00 AM **SKILES TEST** See May 4.

9:30 AM **EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK** See April 6.

6:00 PM **FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE** See April 6.

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**Friday, May 12**

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 7.  
8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See April 7.  
9:00 AM TGIF! See April 7.  
9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See April 7.  
6:00 PM BUTLER CAMPUS AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See May 5.

**Saturday, May 13**

- 8:00 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See April 1.  
9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See April 1.  
9:30 AM GRIFFY LAKE-BLOOMINGTON Take SR 37 South to the College Ave N/Walnut St exit (allow extra time for road work). At second light (which is SR46) turn left on SR46, continue to the second light, 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. This will be a 5-mile hike (H,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-876-4024-cell or 812-322-3972)  
10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See April 1.

**Sunday, May 14** *Mother's Day*

- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See April 2.  
9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See April 2.  
2:00 PM NATURE HIKE AT MCCORMICK'S CREEK STATE PARK Allow 1½ hours from I-465 S. Take SR 67 southwest to Spencer and SR 46 east to the park (fee). Meet at the Wolf Cave Parking lot for a 4-5 mi hike. We will be taking it slow and stopping from time to time, focusing on geological features such as sinkholes and caves in the park. We may have a few shallow stream crossings if it rains prior to our hike day, so you may want to bring hiking poles and wear shoes that you do not mind getting wet. There is no restroom at the trailhead. Bring water and maybe insect repellent. (M,NS,2-2.5) Leader: Wilma Bailey (317-293-0051)

**Monday, May 15**

- 9:00 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See April 3.  
9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See April 10.  
9:30 AM SLOW & EASY AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY See April 3.  
6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See April 10.  
6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See April 3.  
6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See April 3.

**Tuesday, May 16**

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See April 4.  
9:30 AM MERIDIAN WOODS AND TRAILS See April 4.  
10:00 AM UP BY THE RIVERSIDE AND A ROOM WITH A VIEW This 6 mile hike will take us along White River north of Washington St, and in and around the IU Hospital area where we will seek out the "Room With a View". We will meet at the Eiteljorg Museum in downtown Indy - 500 W. Washington St. After the hike join us for lunch at the Eiteljorg. Parking is free at the museum underground lot if you eat there. (Map #33) (F,PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (329-2779 or 652-2779 cell)  
10:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE IRVINGTON PENNSY TRAIL See May 2.  
6:00 PM SCHOOL TO SCHOOL AND PERRY WOODS See May 2.

**Wednesday, May 17**

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 5.  
9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See April 5.  
9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See April 5.  
9:15 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See April 5.  
9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See April 5.  
1:30 PM EAGLE CREST ON WEST SIDE OF EAGLE CREEK PARK See April 26.

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- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See April 5.  
6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See April 5.  
6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See April 5.

**Thursday, May 18**

- 9:00 AM SKILES TEST See May 4.  
9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See April 6.  
6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See April 6.

**Friday, May 19**

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 7.  
8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See April 7.  
9:00 AM TGIF! See April 7.  
9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See April 7.  
6:00 PM BUTLER CAMPUS AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See May 5.

**Saturday, May 20*****Armed Forces Day***

- 8:00 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See April 1.  
9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See April 1.  
9:00 AM DEAM WILDERNESS – BLACKWELL CAMPGROUND Meet at Blackwell Campground for 17 mile woods hike. Allow 1 3/4 hr from I-465 SW. 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 1/2 mile to campground parking on left. (H,NS,3-3.5) Leader: Chuck Turner (317-777-2594)  
9:00 AM WABASH & ERIE CANAL AT DELPHI Allow 65 minutes from I-465 NW. Take I-65 north past Lafayette to SR 25 (exit 175). Take new SR 25 about 11 miles to old SR 25. Meet at Trailhead Park 1 mile before Delphi. Hike is 6-7 miles with shorter options. After the hike we will drive to Prophetstown SP where we will have lunch before the afternoon hike. (F,HS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Jim Shoufler (317-697-0744)  
9:30 AM SPRING GROVE CEMETERY, CINCINNATI, OHIO Join us for a 4-5 mile hike in a National Historic Landmark containing 733 acres, 44 miles of roads, 15 lakes, and 1,000 labeled trees (4521 Spring Grove Ave/Use your GPS). Meet in the Customer Parking Lot adjacent to the Historic Administration Building. If parking lot is full, you may park on the roads being careful to keep off the grass. Restrooms are across the road in the Customer Service Center. Take I-74 97 miles from I-465 SW. In Ohio take Exit 18 Beckman St. toward US-27 S/Elmore St. Turn left on Elmore. Turn right on Colerain. Turn left on Spring Grove Ave. Go about 1.2 miles and Spring Grove Cemetery is on the left. Enter main gate and turn immediately right to get to the parking lot. Parking may also be available across the street in the Salway Playground parking lot. In a pinch you can also park in the Mill Creek Trail parking lot 1/4 mile west of the cemetery. Signup for the hike will be beside the Historic Administration Building. (M,PS,2-2.5) Leader: Phil Coons (317-402-8810 cell)  
10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See April 1.  
1:30 PM PROPHETSTOWN STATE PARK This is a 5-mile trail hike with shorter options. If you attended the Delphi hike, return to I-65 and go north to the next exit (exit 178, SR 43). Turn west and go 1/2 mile to Burnett Rd; turn south to 9th St and go west on 9th St for 1 mile to Swisher Rd. Turn east and enter park (fee). Meet at Blazing Star Shelter in Prairie View picnic area. Come early and join the Delphi hikers for a picnic lunch (F,NS,2.5) Leader: Jim Shoufler (317-697-0744)

**Sunday, May 21**

- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See April 2.  
9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See April 2.  
10:00 AM DEAM WILDERNESS – SYCAMORE LOOP TRAIL Meet at the fire tower for a 7 mile hike. Allow 1 3/4 hr from I-465S. 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

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sign, turn left on Tower Rd into the Deam Wilderness and go 6.1 miles further to the fire tower.  
(H,NS,3-3.5) Leader: Chuck Turner (317-777-2594)

**Monday, May 22**

- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See April 10.
- 9:30 AM SLOW & EASY BROAD RIPPLE PARK & BEYOND See April 10.
- 6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See April 10.
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See April 3.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See April 3.

**Tuesday, May 23**

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See April 4.
- 9:30 AM MERIDIAN WOODS AND TRAILS See April 4.
- 10:00 AM PARK, HIKE, AND RIDE Come along with me for a nice 6 mile hike and a ride on the People Mover. Meet at The Eiteljorg Museum in downtown Indy at 500 W. Washington St. Parking is free at the museum underground lot if you join us for lunch after the hike at the Eiteljorg. (Map #33) (F,PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-652-2779 cell, 317-329-2779)
- 10:00 AM HOLLIDAY PARK See April 12.
- 10:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE IRVINGTON PENNSY TRAIL See May 2.
- 6:00 PM SCHOOL TO SCHOOL AND PERRY WOODS See May 2.

**Wednesday, May 24**

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 5.
- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See April 5.
- 9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See April 5.
- 9:15 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See April 5.
- 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See April 5.
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See April 5.
- 6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See April 5.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See April 5.

**Thursday, May 25**

- 9:00 AM SKILES TEST See May 4.
- 9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See April 6.
- 6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See April 6.

**Friday, May 26**

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 7.
- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See April 7.
- 9:00 AM TGIF! See April 7.
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See April 7.
- 1:00 PM BARGERSVILLE PET HIKE Let's meet for a 4 mile hike at the CVS located on the northwest corner of SR 135 and Whiteland Rd. From I-465 SW take SR 37 south 9 miles. Turn left on Stones Crossing Rd and go to SR 135. Turn right (south) and go 2 miles to CVS on the right. Meet at CVS parking lot, 5029 N SR 135, Bargersville. All hikers are welcome; you do not need a dog to join us. Please be prepared to provide the date of your dog's last rabies vaccination. All dogs must be on a 6' or less non-retractable leash at all times - no exceptions. Owners be prepared to pick up after your pet (poop patrol). Please note that the hike leader has the authority to ask any participant to leave the hike if their dog becomes aggressive toward other dogs or people. (F,PS,Dog Speed) Leader: Mary Williams (317-736-1259, 317-919-8574 cell)
- 6:00 PM BUTLER CAMPUS AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See May 5.

**Saturday, May 27**

- 8:00 AM WESTSIDE PARK, GREENWOOD See April 1.

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9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See April 1.

10:00 AM INDIANA SRA HIKE - PATOKA LAKE (NEWTON-STEWART SRA) Allow 2½ hours travel from I-465S. Take SR 37 south to SR 64 west at English (10 miles) to 145 north (3 miles) to 164 west (1 mile) to Wickcliffe. Turn north and follow signs to Visitor's Center parking lot for 6.5 mile hike. Shorter options are available. The scenic uplands include rock shelters, stone outcroppings, pine plantations and fine vistas of the lake. (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Nanette Tate (812-254-8456 cell)

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See April 1.

### **Sunday, May 28** *Indy 500*

9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See April 2.

9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See April 2.

10:00 AM GNAW BONE CAMP Allow 1½ hours travel time from I-465 and I-65 on the south side. Take I-65 south to Columbus exit SR 46. Turn right on SR 46 and proceed west about 14 miles to SR 135 (sign for Story and Horseman's camp) on your left. Proceed south on SR 135 about 2 miles to Gnow Bone Camp on your left down a long lane. Hike will be 5-7 miles. Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy after the hike. There is a day fee of \$3.00. (Map #20) (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (317-346-1802 or 317-412-5190-cell)

### **Monday, May 29** *Memorial Day*

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See April 10.

9:30 AM WEST LAFAYETTE TRAILS Come explore portions of the Celery Bog, Cattail, and Greenway Trails for 4-5 miles. Meet at the Lilly Nature Center (1620 Lindberg Rd, West Lafayette, IN 47906). Restrooms are in the nature center, but may not be open since it's Monday. Allow 90 minutes from I-65/I-465 NW side of Indy. Take I-65 north about 50 miles. Take the SR 25 exit, Exit 175, and follow SR 25/Schuyler Ave toward Lafayette. Turn slight right onto Sagamore Pkwy and go 3 miles. Turn left onto Yeager Rd. At the roundabout turn onto Northwestern Ave and go south. Turn right onto Lindberg Rd and go 0.7 miles. Celery Bog is on the right after you cross the causeway. Park in the Nature Center lot. USE YOUR GPS. (F,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Phil Coons (317-402-8810 cell)

9:30 AM SLOW & EASY AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY See April 3.

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See April 3.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See April 3.

### **Tuesday, May 30**

9:00 AM PENDLETON FALLS From I-465 N, go north on I-69 about 18 miles to the Pendleton exit. Turn right after leaving I-69 and travel through Pendleton to the 2nd stoplight. Turn right and park behind the bank building in the main part of town. We will hike around historic Pendleton for 6 miles, including Pendleton Falls Park. After the hike plan on eating at one of Pendleton's local restaurants. (F,PS,NS) Leader: Elaine Wright (317-753-5516)

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See April 4.

9:30 AM MERIDIAN WOODS AND TRAILS See April 4.

10:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE IRVINGTON PENNSY TRAIL See May 2.

6:00 PM SCHOOL TO SCHOOL AND PERRY WOODS See May 2.

### **Wednesday, May 31**

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See April 5.

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

9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See April 5.

9:15 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See April 5.

9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See April 5.

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See April 5.

6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See April 5.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See April 5.

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**PREVIEW OF FUTURE HIKES AND EVENTS:**

**GETTYSBURG, PA – June 15-18** This is a repeat of a popular trip we led in 2005 and 2010. Most people see America's most famous Civil War battlefield from their car. We will retrace the battle on foot as it was actually fought between July 1-3, 1863. Thursday, June 15 and Sunday, June 18 are considered travel days. Friday morning's hike will retrace the battle's first day concluding with lunch in the Gettysburg town square. That afternoon we will visit 2nd day battlefields including Culp's Hill, Indiana Memorial, Cemetery Hill and the national cemetery where Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg address. Saturday's hike will retrace major fighting on the battle's 2nd and 3rd days, including Seminary Ridge, Devil's Den, Little Round Top (we will have lunch here), the Wheatfield, the Peach Orchard, Cemetery Ridge and the Angle. We will finish by retracing Pickett's infamous charge to the High Water Mark of the Confederacy. Hiking speed will be about 3 mph with time to hear commentary by the leader and read many of the 1,300 monuments erected by survivors of the battle. All hikes will include shorter options. Although we will hike only two days, there is so much to do in the area you may want to spend an extra day on the front or back end. A block of 24 rooms has been reserved at the Quality Inn Gettysburg Battlefield, 380 Steinwehr Ave, Gettysburg, PA, which is where we stayed on the prior two trips and where the morning hikes will start. Make your own reservation (check-in Thu 6/15 and check-out on Sun 6/18) by calling the hotel directly at 717-334-1103. Ask for the Indianapolis Hiking Club group rate of \$107 sgl, \$112 dbl, \$117 tpl and \$122 quad, plus taxes. Indicate you are with the Indianapolis Hiking Club group rate and identify how many people will be staying in the room. Rate includes hot breakfast, pool and bar/lounge. The special rate expires on May 15 at which time the hotel is likely to be full, so book soon. Many restaurants are within a 3-block walk. Many more hotels and camping facilities are listed on [www.destinationgettysburg.com](http://www.destinationgettysburg.com). You may also request a free travel guide which will be mailed to you. Driving directions will be provided in the June schedule. For additional information contact Ed Wright at 317-219-5536 or [ewright@indyhike.org](mailto:ewright@indyhike.org).

**CLUB PICNIC – July 29** Our annual picnic will be at noon in Eagle Creek Park in Shelter A, preceded by a slow and easy and a moderate hike at 10:00 AM. Once again we will be collecting school supplies for some of our underserved public schools.

**STARVED ROCK STATE PARK, IL – September 2-4** Join us at this lovely state park in Illinois for three days of hiking over Labor Day weekend. We last visited this park in September 2008. The park is one of Illinois most visited attractions and includes more than 2,700 acres with 18 major canyons and 13 miles of hiking trails. The park is best known for its fascinating rock formations.

The Starved Rock Lodge has a full service restaurant, café, swimming pool, whirlpool and sauna. Learn more about the park and lodge at [www.starvedrocklodge.com](http://www.starvedrocklodge.com). Be sure to view the video under the History section. We have reserved 10 hotel rooms, 10 lodge king rooms and 5 lodge double rooms so if you need a particular room type, make your reservations early. All rooms are non-smoking and require a two night stay - Saturday 9/2 and Sunday 9/3. Reservations can be made by calling 1-800-868-7625. Tell them you are making reservations in the IHC block of rooms. Make sure you request the senior discount if you are over 60, which is 10% off Saturday and 20% off Sunday's rates. Reservations must be guaranteed by a credit card for first night's lodging and there is a 72 hour cancellation policy. Following are the prices, not including taxes, which are actually lower than we paid in 2008. Hotel Wing (newer) w/2 Queen Beds is \$135 for single/double occupancy; \$145 for triple occupancy and \$155 for 4 people on Saturday and \$110, \$120 and \$130 respectively for Sunday night. Lodge Wing King Bed is \$125 Saturday night and \$100 for Sunday night. Lodge Wing w/ 2 full beds is \$125 for single/double occupancy, \$135 triple and \$145 quad on Saturday and \$100, \$110, & \$120 respectively for Sunday night. Our block of rooms will be released August 1.

Hikes are planned for Saturday at 2:30 PM CDT (3:30 PM Indy time); Sunday 9:30 AM and Monday 9:00 AM. We could also do a Sunday afternoon hike at nearby Matthiessen SP if there is interest. Check out is 11:00 CDT so Monday's hike will be the shortest hike. Mary Ann Layman is coordinating this event. Contact her at [malayman@earthlink.net](mailto:malayman@earthlink.net) or 317-346-1802 home or 317-412-5190 cell for further information.

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS – Friday, September 15**

**CHRISTMAS PARTY – December 3** Sunday afternoon, same place as last few years.

**PHILADELPHIA, PA – Spring 2018** We are beginning to make plans for a 3-4 day hiking trip to Philadelphia. There will be the option of attending the Philadelphia Flower Show which is the oldest and largest indoor flower

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show. Look for more details in upcoming schedules. Leaders: Stephen Tarr (317-733-1622) and Susan Sievers (317-344-2635)

**PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:**

Lisa Hunter	Indianapolis, IN	Nancy Goldfarb	Indianapolis, IN
Jim Goulding	Noblesville, IN		

**WELCOME BACK THE FOLLOWING REINSTATED MEMBERS:**

Rebecca Lynch	Indianapolis, IN
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**RECENT MILEAGE AWARDS:**

Glee Crowder	39,000	Priscilla Dick	3,500	Debbie Grew	400
Allan Roberts	36,500	Susan Sievers	2,500	Jerry Ritchie	400
Jill McFall	33,000	Maribeth Fischer	2,000	Kathi Brewster	300
Janet Cohen	8,500	Sue Brutkiewicz	1,500	Carolyn Daly	300
Barb Shoufler	8,500	Bill Halik	1,500	Tammy Mathew	200
Curtis Hinds	7,500	Sandra Kleber	1,500	Kay Meier	200
Mike Khalil	7,000	John Triplett	1,500	Helen Morlock	200
Narcisso Povinelli	6,500	Vicki Baker	1,000	Mark Copher	100
Mike Seeman	5,500	Debbie Grew	500	Cara Vetor	100
Jo Anne Starzyk	4,500	Steve Kirchhoff	500		
Dick Bacon	3,500	John Bacone	400		

**MEMBER NEWS:** We extend our sympathy to the family and many friends of long term member Karleen Huneck who has entered hospice after a long battle with cancer. (See hike in her honor on April 29.)

We wish all the best to:

Claudia Clark who is still recovering from a rib injury she suffered in a fall in late December.

**NOTE OF APPRECIATION:** I want to thank all my brothers and sisters in the hiking club for all the cards and visits. I've missed all of you so much and the memories of these hikes have helped me cope with the pain and devastation of losing your companionship. I hope you all enjoy the bluebells and Mexican food for me. Happy trails! *Karleen Huneck*

**WANT MORE INFORMATION?** For more information about our Club, including history, past hike schedules, how to join, contacts, etc. please visit our website at [www.indyhike.org](http://www.indyhike.org) or contact our Membership Officer Barb Strite, 234 N Raceway Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46234 (317-271-7263, [brstrite@att.net](mailto:brstrite@att.net)). 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 Barb 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 (we start on time), but please no pets unless the hike is designated as a "pet" hike.

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