



The Indianapolis Hiking Club

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Happiness - A Step at a Time



SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 2017 AND JANUARY 2018

(Please – no pets except on designated pet hikes)

Celebrating 61 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 for weekend hikes or Ed Wright (317-284-1357) ewright@indyhike.org for weekdays. Note, a reference at the end of a hike description in the following format (Map #24), indicates that you can access a Google map pointing to the hike meeting location at www.indyhike.org/locations.shtml.

WINTER HIKING: As we enter the winter season it is important to remember that 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 PM 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 the Club’s website and Facebook page.

ITEMS OF NOTE IN THIS SCHEDULE: Awards Banquet is on Sunday, December 3. Book Club Hikes: Linda Whitt will lead a book club hike on Friday, December 15 and Jackie King will lead one on Friday, January 19. Holiday Season Themed Hikes: Christmas Volksmarch on Saturday, December 9; Christmas Lights and Cookies on Sunday, December 10; Meridian-Kessler Christmas Lights on Monday, December 11; Downtown Indy Holiday Cheer on Wednesday, December 20; Zionsville Village Lights on Thursday, December 21; Annual Christmas Eve hike on Sunday, December 24; and Walk Out the New Year on Sunday, December 31. Pet Hike: Mary Williams is leading a pet hike on December 5. Florida Hikes: Rick Braun has scheduled three hikes in the Ft. Meyers area of Florida on January 1, 3 and 5. See write-ups on the appropriate days for specifics.

ANNUAL DUES REMINDER: To date, 425 members out of a year-end membership of 571 have paid their annual dues. If you have not paid, please do so now and save us the cost and effort of sending out reminders. If you do not renew by January 1, you will be dropped from the membership and will no longer accumulate mileage. Please return the dues notice you received in late September with your payment. If you misplaced the notice you may print one from the Club website at www.indyhike.org/forms. Annual dues are \$20 for individuals and \$30 for a family. Your check should be made payable to the Indianapolis Hiking Club and mailed to our Treasurer Kathy Whalen at 726 W 43rd St, Indianapolis, IN 46208. If you have any questions contact Kathy at 317-409-3265 or kawhalen00@hotmail.com.

DON'T MISS THE AWARDS BANQUET: As usual, we expect a good turnout at this year’s Awards Banquet and holiday season party on Sunday, December 3. Details are on the reservation form that was mailed to everyone with your annual dues notice. Besides great food, camaraderie and some seasonal frivolity, we will recognize winners of the 2017 Achievement Awards and our new 25-year members. As we do every year, please bring canned and prepackaged foodstuffs and unwrapped toys. Food will be donated to a local food bank and the toys will be delivered to fire houses where they will be distributed to needy families. Deadline for reservations is November 28. If you misplaced the invitation you may print one at www.indyhike.org/forms. If

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you miss the deadline, Pat Lawler our new Social Committee Chairperson will probably be able to fit you in. Contact her at 317-329-2779 or by email at patricialawler2@me.com.

HIKE CANCELLATIONS: Although hikes are not cancelled often, it does happen, especially during the winter. We recently had a situation where - due to an injury - a hike leader cancelled a state park hike about 10 days before it was scheduled. The cancellation was announced via a Yahoo Groups email and was posted on the news and calendar sections of the website. Regrettably, three people showed up for the hike after driving almost 100 miles. Luckily they still hiked. Quite a few of our members are not enrolled in Yahoo Groups and thus never receive cancellation notices. We suggest you check the website Yahoo Groups page for how to enroll for this free service. Before you drive to a hike we suggest that you access the Club website and check the home page "news" to see if it has been cancelled. If you do not have access to the internet (and a few of our members don't), we urge you to call the leader the day before to confirm a hike.

PRESIDENTS CORNER: I am pleased to start my year as president of the Indianapolis Hiking Club. There is an able board to plan events, schedule hikes and all that entails. Please remember to renew your membership if you have not already done so. Additionally, plan to attend the banquet on December 3 at Nativity Catholic Church School (same location as previous years). It will, as always, be time to connect and reconnect with members we have not seen and to take a little time to honor those who achieved awards this year. The same caterer is providing the food; we can look forward to a good time of fellowship with our hiking buddies.

Please contact me if you have ideas and plans that will or might be helpful for the good of our club.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the banquet and on the trail.

Jackie King
IHC President

HIKE SCHEDULE:

Friday, December 1

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK Meet at food court near Dick's on the north side of Castleton Square between the hours of 8-10 AM for a self-guided hike of up to 12 miles with shorter options. Hike repeats each Friday in December and January. (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 December and January. (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 December and January. (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 Park. Hike repeats every Friday in December and January. (Map #52) (F,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Glee Crowder (317-859-8159)
- 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 (317-736-1259, 317-919-8574 cell) and Reba McFarland (317-908-9035)
- 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 December. (Map #32) (M,PS/NS,3.5) Leader: Jim Griffin (317-294-1121)

Saturday, December 2

- 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. Hike repeats each Saturday in December and January. (F,PS) 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 December and January. (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. Hike repeats each Saturday in December and January. (F,PS) Leaders: Mike Khalil (317-635-2028) and Rick Braun (317-679-2972)
- 10:00 AM BIG WALNUT NATURE PRESERVE – TALL TIMBERS UNIT This will be a 2 mile hike with another 2 mile unescorted option. From I-465 W take US 36 West to Bainbridge. From the traffic light (only one) in the middle of Bainbridge, turn right (north) onto N Washington St. Follow this road as it curves right (CR 800 N), then left (CR 250 E) to North Putnam High School. At the first gravel road north of the high school (CR 950 N) turn right (east). Proceed just over 1.0 mile on this gravel road to a parking lot. (M,NS,2-2.5) Leader: Phil Coons (317-402-8810 cell)
- 2:00 PM BAXTER YMCA & PERRY PARK Meet at 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. Hike repeats on January 27. (F,PS,3) Leader: David Kincaid (317-787-6593, 317-864-9574 cell)

Sunday, December 3 *Annual Awards Banquet*

- 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 3 or 4 mile self-guided 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 December and January. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Marti Burton (317-306-9878)
- 9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE Note this hike starts one hour early today only, so we can finish in time to get to the Awards Banquet. Meet in the free parking lot 1/2 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. (Map #16) (F,PS) Leader: Kathy Whalen (317-409-3265)
- 2:00 PM ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET Nativity Catholic School, 7225 Southeastern Ave is once again the venue for the annual Hiking Club Annual Awards Banquet. All members and their invited guests are encouraged to attend this fun holiday season event; more than 110 people have already signed up. A traditional holiday dinner will be served by Excalibur Catering. Because it is catered, reservations are required (see write-up on page one); deadline for reservations is November 28 although Pat Lawler may be able to squeeze you in if you miss this date. BYOB if you so desire. At the party we will recognize winners of the 2017 Achievement Awards and announce our new 25-year members. There will be some impressive door prizes and surprise giveaways. As we have in past years, please bring canned and packaged food donations for a local food pantry to feed hungry Indianapolis families. Also, please bring unwrapped toys which will be distributed to needy families by local fire departments. From I-465 E, exit at Southeastern Ave exit (49), go west approx. 0.5 mi. to first left turn toward Marion County fairgrounds sign. Make a second left immediately at stop sign (Southeastern Ave) and go approx. 1.5 miles to church on your right side. Enter on Meadows Drive into school parking lot. If you have any questions, call Pat Lawler (317-652-2779)

Monday, December 4

- 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. (Map #40) (M,PS,3.5) Leader: Kate Curtiss (317-247-0283)

- 9:15 AM SOUTHPORT PARK Meet at 6901 Derbyshire Rd behind the Southport Police Station for an 8-mile hike. Repeats each Monday in December and January, except Christmas and New Year's Day. (F,NS/PS,3) Leader: Glee Crowder (317-859-8159)
- 9:30 AM BEAT THE WINTER BLAHS Meet at the Connection Point Christian Church Sport and Fitness Center located at 1800 N Green St in Brownsburg. Take I-74 to Exit 66 (SR 267) and turn Left on Green St (SR 267). Go about 1 mile north and turn left into the parking lot. Enter through the Sports and Fitness entrance on the south end of the complex. Sign-in between the hours of 9:30 and 10:30 for self-guided fitness walking of up to 6 miles with shorter options. Walking will be completed inside the gym with one lap equaling 1/10 mile and walking may continue after the 10:30 sign-in time. Members under age 65 will be charged a \$2 fee unless they are gym members. Age 65+ is free. Hike repeats every Monday in December and January, except Christmas and New Year's Day. (F,PS) Leader: Marti Burton (317-306-9878)
- 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. Hike has options of 3, 4 and 5 miles. Hike repeats every Monday in December and January, except Christmas and New Year's Day. (Map #42) (M,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leaders: Marsha Hutchins (317-251-9078) and David Kincaid (317-787-6593, 317-864-9574 cell)
- 4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL Note new time for this hike. Sign in at the food court between the hours of 4-5:30 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 December and January, except Christmas and New Years Day. (F,PS) Leader: Glee Crowder (317-859-8159)
- 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 December and January, except Christmas and New Years Day. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Rick Braun (317-679-2972)

Tuesday, December 5

- 9:00 AM FORT HARRISON TRAILS The woods at Fort Harrison are beautiful in the fall. From I-465 E go east on 56th St and turn left on Post Rd then turn left into the park (fee). Meet at the Cherry Tree parking lot for a 6 mile hike mostly on natural surface. Hike repeats on December 19 and at 1:00 PM on January 9 & 23. (Map #18) (M,NS,2-2.5) Leader: Mary Ladd (317-430-3711)
- 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 or the lobby of the East Monon Building. Hike repeats every Tuesday in December and January. (Map #51) (F,PS) Leader: Jo Anne Starzyk (317-771-0914)
- 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 a View*. Meet at The Eiteljorg Museum at 500 W. Washington St. Parking is free at the museum if you join us for lunch at the museum café after the hike. (Map #33)(F,PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-652-2779 cell, 317-329-2779)
- 10:00 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE/HOLLIDAY PARK Meet in free parking lot that is ½ block south of Broad Ripple Ave on Carrollton Ave for a 5-mile hike. Although on Tuesday instead of Monday, this will stand-in for John Gaebler's regular Broad Ripple hike while he takes off the months of Dec/Jan. Hike repeats December 19, January 2 & 16. (M,NS/HS/PS,2.75) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)
- 2:00 PM PET HIKE IN URBAN FOREST Meet in the parking lot of Johnson County Law Enforcement, 1 Caisson Dr, Franklin. First stop light south of US 31 and Jefferson St, turn left at 4 way stop. Parking lot is on the north side. Restrooms are available. Hike will be about 4 miles. 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 SOUTHPORT Meet behind (north side) Walgreens at the NE corner of Southport Rd and Madison Ave for a 5-mile guided hike. Hike repeats each Tuesday in December. The route may vary each week. (F,PS,3) Leader: David Kincaid (317-787-6593, 317-864-9574 cell)

Wednesday, December 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 AM for a self-guided hike of up to 12 miles with shorter options. Repeats each Wednesday in December and January. (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 December and January. After today's (December 6) hike, everyone is invited to Phil & Katy Smith's house for soup and dessert. They will provide directions to their home at the hike. On subsequent dates please 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 December and January. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Julie Litten (317-407-4652)

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 December and January. (Map #41) (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Harold Crooks (317-730-4850)

4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL Sign in at the food court between the hours of 6-7:30 PM for a self-guided hike of up to 6 miles with shorter options. If the weather is nice we will probably walk outside. Hike repeats every Wednesday in December and January. (F,PS) Leader: Glee Crowder (317-859-8159)

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 1st St in downtown Zionsville. Go right on 1st St then left (west) on Oak St to the town hall. Hike repeats each Wednesday in December and January. (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 former Marsh at Lockerbie parking lot at 320 N New Jersey, 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 December and January, except December 27. Look for a special holiday guided option on December 20. (Map #26) (F,PS) Leader: John Lyghtel (317-578-9756, 317-626-9117 cell)

Thursday, December 7 *Pearl Harbor Day*

9:00 AM FALL CREEK TRAIL 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 hike north on the Fall Creek Trail to Skiles Test Park. The first half of the hike we will walk as a group; the return portion will be at your own pace. Hike repeats every Thursday in December and January. Note, if the weather is bad call the leader since the hike may be moved to Castleton Mall. (Map #45) (F,PS,3-3.5) Leaders: Tish Brafford (317-251-8907, 317-531-6700 cell) or Jo Anne Starzyk (317-771-0914)

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 hikes: 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 hike (M,PS/HS/NS,2.5). These hikes are popular with new members and guests and usually draw a big

crowd. Hikes repeat every Thursday in December and January. (Map #17) Leaders: Ed Wright (317-284-1397), Bob Kriz (317-882-7063), Marsha Hutchins (317-251-9078) and various others.

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 December and January. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Rick Braun (317-679-2972)

Friday, December 8

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 1.

8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See December 1.

9:00 AM TGIF! See December 1.

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See December 1.

10:00 AM B&O TRAIL WALK, BROWNSBURG SECTION Join us for a 5 mile walk on the newest paved section of the B&O Rail Trail. Meet in the B&O Trail parking lot on the east side of SR 267 (across from Frazee Gardens). From I-465 W, exit on US 36, (Rockville Rd) and travel west about 8 miles to Avon Ave (also SR 267). Turn right and travel about 3.5 miles to the trail parking lot. An approximate address is 3480 N SR 267, Brownsburg. Hike repeats on Frida, January 5. Sorry, no bathrooms. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Terry Roesch (317-910-2943 cell)

6:00 PM BUTLER CAMPUS AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See December 1.

Saturday, December 9

8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 2.

9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See December 2.

9:30 AM CHRISMAS VOLKSMARCH Join us for this fun annual holiday season 6 or 12 mile self guided hike in downtown Indy; this year at a new location (not the downtown Hyatt). Walking directions will be provided to each participant. Walk as a group or on your own at your own pace. Each hiker must have a walk card (free) to be stamped at the checkpoints and turned in at the starting desk when the hike is completed. The Volksmarch is sponsored by Indy "G" Walkers. We may participate at no charge, however donations are appreciated. It takes a few minutes to check in and the leader will lead a group at about 10:00 AM. This year's Volksmarch starts at the Chase Indy Near Eastside Legacy Center at 727 N. Oriental Ave, Indianapolis IN, 46204. Parking is free. If coming from the east, take I-70 downtown to exit # 83A (Michigan, Ohio, Fletcher). Exit onto Michigan St. Turn right (west) on Michigan and go one block to College Ave. Turn right (north) on College and go to 10th St. Turn right (east) on 10th after the 3rd stoplight, turn right (south) on Oriental Ave. Go south on Oriental to the stop sign and turn left into Legacy Center drive, and follow to parking lot in front of building. If coming from the north, take I-65 downtown to exit #83A and follow same directions as from the east. If coming from the west, take I-70 downtown to exit #111 (Washington St). Turn left (west) on Washington St and proceed to College Ave. Turn right (north) on College and continue to 10th St. Then right on 10th St and same as above. If coming from the south, take I-65 to downtown exit # 111 (Washington St), and follow same directions. (F,PS) Leader: Ed Wright (317-284-1357)

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See December 2.

Sunday, December 10

9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See December 3.

10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE Meet in the free parking lot 1/2 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. Hike repeats all remaining Sundays in December and January except December 24. (Map #16) (F,PS) Leader: Kathy Whalen (317-409-3265)

2:00 PM LATE FALL WALK IN THE WOODS AT FORT HARRISON STATE PARK From I-465 E go east on 56th St and turn left on Post Rd then turn left into the park (fee). Meet at the Delaware Lake Parking Lot for a 2 mile hike through the woods with a 3 or 5 mile option. The additional 1 or 3 miles will be self-guided so that hikers may walk at their own pace. (M,NS/PS,2.5) Leader: Wilma Bailey (317-293-0051)

3:00 PM CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND COOKIES IN FRANKLIN Follow US 31 south through Franklin past the intersection of SR 44 & US 31. Go over Young's Creek and turn left at the next stoplight by the cemetery. Go 0.8 miles to the Beeson Recreation Center (396 Branigin Blvd) on the left to park.

Hike is 6-7 miles with a midway stop at the Layman's home for coffee, hot chocolate, tea, and cookies. (F,PS,3) Leaders: Mary Williams (317-919-8574) and Mary Ann Layman (317-346-1802)

Monday, December 11

- 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 December and January, except Christmas and New Year's Day. (Map #40) (M,PS,3.5) Leader: Janet Cohen (317-873-6586)
- 9:15 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See December 4.
- 9:30 AM BEAT THE WINTER BLAHS See December 4.
- 9:30 AM SLOW & EASY AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY See December 4.
- 4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 4.
- 5:30 PM BROAD RIPPLE/MERIDIAN-KESSLER CHRISTMAS LIGHTS Hike will be about 5 miles and will include several magnificent lights displays. Meet at the home of John & Konnie Schlechte, 5875 N New Jersey St (4th house south of Kessler Blvd). Park in the driveway or on the street. While most streets will be lit, we suggest a flashlight and/or reflective clothing. Join us afterwards for holiday cheer and refreshments. (F,PS,2.5) Leaders: John & Konnie Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell or jschlechte@ameritech.net). RSVP appreciated.
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See December 4.

Tuesday, December 12

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See December 5.
- 10:00 AM INSIDE/OUTSIDE DOWNTOWN On this 6 mile hike we will attempt to stay warm by hiking in doors while we see the Christmas decorations in downtown Indy. Meet at The Eiteljorg Museum at 500 W. Washington St. Parking is free at the museum if you join us for lunch at the museum café after the hike. (Map #33) (F,PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-652-2779 cell, 317-329-2779)
- 6:00 PM SOUTHPORT See December 5.

Wednesday, December 13

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

Thursday, December 14

- 9:00 AM FALL CREEK TRAIL See December 7.
- 9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See December 7.
- 6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See December 7.

Friday, December 15

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 1.
- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See December 1.
- 9:00 AM TGIF! See December 1.
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See December 1.
- 1:00 PM BOOK CLUB HIKE-MONON CENTER Before the hike read *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks. Meet at the Monon Center west building (1235 Central Park E. Dr) in Carmel for a 6 mile self-guided hike with shorter options. From I-465 N take Keystone Ave north to 116th St. Go west on 116th St to Rangeline Rd and turn left (south). Go about 1/3 mile south and turn right (west) on Central Park Dr and drive to the parking lot at the end. You do not need to read the book to join the hike and discussion. The book discussion will be indoors after the hike. (Map #51)(F,PS) Leader: Linda Whitt (317-891-0955, 317-501-5038 cell)
- 6:00 PM BUTLER CAMPUS AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See December 1.

Saturday, December 16

- 8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 2.
- 9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See December 2.
- 9:30 AM BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK - LODGE LOOPS AND MORE From I-465 S take I-65 south to Columbus exit and then SR46 west to Brown County SP (fee). Follow signs to the Abe Martin Lodge. We will complete all three lodge loops for a total of about 6-miles. After each trail loop we will return to the lodge, so numerous shorter options are available. We will break after doing all the lodge loops for trail lunch. Lodge should be open if you wish to pack a picnic lunch and eat indoors at the public lounge area. We will not be stopping long enough to eat at the Inn, if you want to do part 2 of the hike. After our break we will move the cars over to the Nature Center and do the Fire Tower trail, which is fairly rugged and about 3 miles long. (Map #27)(H,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Cheryl Smolecki (317-696-8922 cell)
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See December 2.

Sunday, December 17

- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See December 10.
- 10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See December 10.
- 2:00 PM HIKE IN TWO AVON PARKS A newly paved walking trail now connects both of Avon's parks. Join us for a 5-6 mile hike in Avon Town Hall Park and Avon Washington Township Park on paved and natural trails. Scenic sights are a lake, several ponds and White Lick Creek, the 1876 Whipple Iron Truss Bridge and the 1906 "haunted" Avon Bridge. Meet at the Avon Town Hall "upper" parking lot by the playground. This park is located at 570 E. US 36. From I-465 W, exit on US 36 (Rockville Rd) and travel west about 8 miles, turning right into the park. Bathrooms available. Join us for supper in Avon after the hike. (M,PS/NS 2.5-3) Leader: Terry Roesch (317-910-2943 cell)

Monday, December 18

- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See December 11.
- 9:15 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See December 4.
- 9:30 AM BEAT THE WINTER BLAHS See December 4.
- 9:30 AM SLOW & EASY AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY See December 4.
- 4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 4.
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See December 4.

Tuesday, December 19

- 9:00 AM LAKE CLEARWATER Meet in the northeast corner of the Super Wal-Mart parking lot to the left of the Garden Center at the intersection of 74th St and Keystone Ave. On this six mile hike we will walk around two lakes. The first half of the hike we will do as a group. After an optional restroom break the second half will be at your own pace. (Map #43) (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Ed Wright (317-284-1357)
- 9:00 AM FORT HARRISON TRAILS See December 5.
- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See December 5.
- 10:00 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE/HOLLIDAY PARK See December 5.
- 6:00 PM SOUTHPORT See December 5.

Wednesday, December 20

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 6.
- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See December 6.
- 9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See December 6.
- 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See December 6.
- 4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 6.
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See December 6.
- 6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See December 6. In addition to the usual 5 or 7-mile self guided option, tonight John will lead a moderate pace guided hike through downtown to view the holiday decorations with an optional dinner stop after the hike.

Thursday, December 21 *First Day of Winter*

- 9:00 AM FALL CREEK TRAIL See December 7.
- 9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See December 7.
- 6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See December 7.
- 6:00 PM ZIONSVILLE – VILLAGE LIGHTS, CHOCOLATE TRUFFLES AND FOOD We will meet in Zionsville in the Lions Club parking lot. From I-465 N take Michigan Rd north to 116th St and turn left. Go west on 116th St to Zionsville. Just before Elm St turn right into the large parking lot. This is about 100 yards before the traffic light that you will see ahead of you. We will walk about 4-5 miles through the streets of the village looking at holiday lights. Shortly after the hike starts, we will treat everyone to truffles at Ganache. After the hike you are invited to join other hikers to eat at one of the restaurants along Main St, including the Friendly Tavern, Cobblestone, Salty Cowboy and Greeks Pizza. (F,PS,2.5-3) Leaders: Mervyn Cohen and Phil Smith

Friday, December 22

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 1.
- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See December 1.
- 9:00 AM TGIF! See December 1.
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See December 1.
- 6:00 PM BUTLER CAMPUS AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See December 1.

Saturday, December 23

- 8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 2.
- 9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See December 2.
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See December 2.

Sunday, December 24 *Christmas Eve*

- 9:00 AM A CHRISTMAS EVE TRADITION Join us for this fun annual event on the day before Christmas. Hike will be 5 miles at a moderate pace through downtown Indy. Wear your Santa hat, reindeer antlers, jingle bells and bring your grandkids. The leaders will treat everyone to hot chocolate or your beverage of choice on the Circle. 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. (Map #25) (F,PS,3) Leaders: Ed and Linda Wright (317-284-1357)
- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See December 3.

Monday, December 25 *Merry Christmas*

- 1:30 PM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK (ONLY IF THERE'S NO SNOW OR ICE) Weather permitting, meet at Reddick Shelter lot in the park for a slow walk. Park entrance (fee) is located at 59th and Post Rd. After the gatehouse, continue straight at the intersections. The first shelter, which is across from the sledding hill, is the Reddick Shelter. Options of 3, 4 and 5 miles. (Map #18)(M,PS/NS,2.5) Leader: Marsha Hutchins (317-251-9078)

Tuesday, December 26

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See December 5.
- 6:00 PM SOUTHPORT See December 5.

Wednesday, December 27

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

Thursday, December 28

- 9:00 AM FALL CREEK TRAIL See December 7.
- 9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See December 7.

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See December 7.

Friday, December 29

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 1.
- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See December 1.
- 9:00 AM TGIF! See December 1.
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See December 1.
- 6:00 PM BUTLER CAMPUS AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See December 1.

Saturday, December 30

- 8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 2.
- 9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See December 2.
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See December 2.
- 10:00 AM MCCORMICK'S CREEK STATE PARK From I-465 SW, take SR 67 (Kentucky Ave) to Spencer. Turn left (east) on SR 46 and proceed to park entrance (fee). Meet at the Nature Center for a 5-6 mile hike on trails. Plan on having lunch at a restaurant in Spencer after the hike. (Map #24)(M,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972-cell)
- 2:00 PM BAXTER YMCA TO SOUTHPORT RD Meet in SE corner of the 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 (317-787-6593 or 317-864-9574 cell)

Sunday, December 31 *New Year's Eve*

- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See December 3.
- 10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See December 10.
- 7:00 PM WALK OUT THE OLD YEAR Meet at Shapiro's Deli at 808 S. Meridian St (at McCarty St) for a 6 mile hike to ring out 2017 and ring in 2018. Please park on the southwest portion of the lot away from the building. Join us for dinner afterwards. You will be home before midnight. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leaders: Mary Williams (317-736-1259, 317-919-8574 cell), Harold Crooks and Suzanne McNeely (317-730-4850)

Monday, January 1 *Happy New Year*

- 9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL - FORT MEYERS, FL If you find yourself in southwest Florida over the holidays please join us for a 12-mile, with a 6 and 9 mile option, on the paved John Yarbrough Linear Park Trail in Fort Myers. Meet at the trail less than one block west of Metro Pkwy on the north side of Daniels Pkwy. Park in the grass on the east side of the trail. Call if you need more precise directions. Hike repeats on Friday, January 5. (F,PS,3.5) Leaders: Marge and Rick Braun (317-679-2972)
- 1:30 PM EAGLE CREEK PARK (ONLY IF THERE'S NO SNOW OR ICE) Weather permitting, meet for a slow hike at the Marina parking lot in Eagle Creek Park (fee), which is located off of 56th St just west of the Colts facility. There will be options of 3, 4 and 5 miles. (Map #27)(M,NS/HS/PS,2.5) Leader: Marsha Hutchins (317-251-9078)

Tuesday, January 2

- 9:00 AM NONIE WERBE KRAUSS NATURE PRESERVE Come enjoy this 77 acre nature preserve in west Fishers, just east of the Carmel border. Even if we have had some snow the preserve's groomed trails should make for easy walking. On this 5-6 mile loop hike we will also hike in Founders Park and nearby neighborhoods. Meet at Founders Park in Carmel. From I-465 N take Keystone Ave north to 116th St and turn right (east) and go to Hazel Dell Pkwy. After you go through the new circle, drive north on Hazel Dell for a short distance to the entrance to Founders park on your right (F,PS,NS,3-3.5) Leader: Ed Wright (317-284-1357)
- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See December 5.
- 10:00 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE/HOLLIDAY PARK See December 5.
- 4:00 PM GREENWOOD NIGHTS Note, because it gets dark early, we are going to start this hike earlier. From I-465 S take I-65 south to exit 99 - Greenwood. Turn right (west) on Main St. Meet in the parking lot located at the corner of Madison Ave and Main St for a 5-mile guided hike.

Repeats each Tuesday in January. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: David Kincaid (317-787-6593, 317-864-9574 cell)

Wednesday, January 3

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 6.
- 9:00 AM SANIBEL ISLAND, FLORIDA Meet at the home of Judi Lewis, 991 Whelk Drive, Sanibel, FL 33957. If you need directions please call the leader. This will be a 10 mile loop hike through some of Sanibel's mostly paved nature trails. Join us for lunch after the hike. Hopefully, we will spot some of Sanibel's beautiful wildlife. (F,PS,3.5) Leaders: Judi Lewis (317-605-6987 and Rick Braun (317-679-2972)
- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See December 6.
- 9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See December 6.
- 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See December 6.
- 4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 6.
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See December 6.
- 6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See December 6.

Thursday, January 4

- 9:00 AM FALL CREEK TRAIL See December 7.
- 9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See December 7.
- 6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See December 7.

Friday, January 5

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 1.
- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See December 1.
- 9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL - FORT MEYERS, FL See January 1.
- 9:00 AM TGIF! See December 1.
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See December 1.
- 10:00 AM B&O TRAIL WALK, BROWNSBURG SECTION See December 8.
- 6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPTI 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 January. (Map #41) (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Jim Griffin (317-294-1121)

Saturday, January 6

- 8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 2.
- 9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See December 2.
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See December 2.
- 10:00 AM SATURDAY IN BLOOMINGTON: GRIFFY LAKE HIKE, LUNCH AND IU WOMENS BASKETBALL From I-465 S, take SR 37 to College Ave N/Walnut St Exit. Turn left onto SR 46 at the second light. Stay on SR 46 until 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 for a 5-6 mile hike on trails. Note: restroom at the boat house will be closed. After the hike we will have lunch at Smokin' Jacks and then proceed to the IU campus to watch the game (fee). Game time is 2:00 PM. Directions to the restaurant and campus will be given at the hike. (H,NS,2.5) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972-cell)

Sunday, January 7

- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See December 3.
- 10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See December 10.
- 2:00 PM A WINTER WALK IN THE WOODS – FORT HARRISON STATE PARK From I-465 E go east on 56th St and turn left on Post Rd then turn left into the park (fee). Meet in the Delaware Lake parking lot for a 2 mile hike with a 3 or 5 mile option. The additional 1 or 3 miles will be self-guided so that hikers may walk at their own pace. You might want to consider purchasing a pass which is good for entrance into any Indiana state park for the entire year. Cost is \$50, or \$25 for persons 65+. (M,NS/PS,2.5) Leader: Wilma Bailey (317-293-0051)

Monday, January 8

- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See December 11.
- 9:15 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See December 4.
- 9:30 AM FASHION MALL Join us at the Fashion Mall at Keystone At The Crossing. This is a self-guided hike of one mile loops between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. We will meet in the Food Court located on the west side of the mall next to Urban Outfitters. Try to arrive by 9:30 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 on the remaining Mondays in January. (F,PS) Leaders: Cherie Voege (317-848-7674) and June Sergi (317-372-3018)
- 9:30 AM BEAT THE WINTER BLAHS See December 4.
- 9:30 AM SLOW & EASY AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY See December 4.
- 4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 4.
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See December 4.

Tuesday, January 9

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See December 5.
- 9:30 AM HIKING THE HOOD AND HOT CHOCOLATE Join us on a 5-mile hike on the Eagle Creek Trail and nearby neighborhoods. Near the end of the hike enjoy hot chocolate, tea, or coffee in one of the nearby homes. Take 56th St west to just past the Colts complex, turn left into the Mary and John Geisse Soccer Complex parking lot (across the street from Eagle Creek Park) and park in the northwest section adjacent to Reed Rd near the Community Garden. (F,PS,2-2.5) Leader: Phil Coons (317-402-8810 cell)
- 10:00 AM BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK In lieu of hiking in Bradford Woods this January (they wanted too much money), we have moved our traditional Tuesday hikes to other locations. This will be a 5 mile hike on the Limekiln mountain bike trail. From I-465 S take I-65 south to Columbus exit and SR 46 west to Brown County SP (fee). Or take SR 135 south to Nashville and the park. Note, SR 135 may still have a detour due to a bridge being replaced. Meet at the Ogle Hollow Nature Preserve parking lot which is located on your right just before the campground registration. The Nature Center restrooms will be open and there is an outhouse near the meeting area. Hike repeats on January 23. (Map #27)(M,NS,2.5) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (317-346-1802 home, 317-412-5190 cell)
- 1:00 PM FORT HARRISON TRAILS See December 5.
- 4:00 PM GREENWOOD NIGHTS See January 2.

Wednesday, January 10

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

Thursday, January 11

- 9:00 AM FALL CREEK TRAIL See December 7.
- 9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See December 7.
- 6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See December 7.

Friday, January 12

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 1.
- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See December 1.
- 9:00 AM TGIF! See December 1.
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See December 1.
- 6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See January 5.

Saturday, January 13

- 8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 2.
- 9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See December 2.
- 9:00 AM BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK From I-465 S take I-65 south to Columbus exit and SR 46 west to Brown County SP (fee). Or take SR 135 south to Nashville and SR 46 east to the park, but be aware that SR 135 may still have a detour due to a bridge being replaced. 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. Meet there for a 13-14 mile brisk hike on trails 4, 5 and 9 with extension then taking trail 8 to Walnut then back to Rally. Please bring lunch, snacks and plenty of water. (H,NS,3) Leader: Mick Parker (317-430-5523)
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See December 2.

Sunday, January 14

- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See December 3.
- 10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See December 10.
- 2:00 PM WINTER WALK ON THE VANDALIA TRAIL, COATESVILLE TO AMO Come explore this developing multi-use trail in Hendricks County. This paved section of the Vandalia Trail has undergone major upgrades in 2017. Meet at the Coatesville Trailhead for a 6-mile walk. Allow about 50 minutes travel time from I-465 W, exit on Washington St. (US 40) and travel west about 23 miles. Turn right onto SR 75 and travel about 5 mi. Turn left at the "Welcome to Coatesville" sign and continue on S. Milton traveling into town. Turn right near the town's flagpole on Railroad Street and park in the pedestrian parking lot. Bathrooms available. (F, PS, 3-3.5) Leader: Terry Roesch (Cell 317- 910-2943)

Monday, January 15 *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*

- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See December 11.
- 9:15 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See December 4.
- 9:30 AM FASHION MALL See January 8.
- 9:30 AM BEAT THE WINTER BLAHS See December 4.
- 9:30 AM SLOW & EASY AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY See December 4.
- 10:00AM RFK/MLK MEMORIAL HIKE On this 6 mile holiday hike, we will park at Shapiro's at 808 S. Meridian St. We will visit the RFK/JFK Memorial Park. (Map #41) (F,PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-652-2779 cell, 317-329-2779)
- 4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 4.
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See December 4.

Tuesday, January 16

- 9:00 AM YE OLD GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH Park along east side of Pennsylvania St just north of 40th St in front of the former Greek Orthodox Church (now a center for the Indianapolis Opera at 4011 N Pennsylvania) for a 7-mile hike with a 5-mile option. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Michele Kestle (317-251-7157)
- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See December 5.
- 10:00 AM SODALIS NATURE PARK This will be a 5 mile hike through a conservation area established to protect the endangered Indiana bat. The park is located at 7700 S CR 975 E. Directions: From I-465 SW take SR 67 (Kentucky Ave) and travel south a little more than 5 miles to CR 800S (Friendswood). There is a stoplight at this intersection. Turn right and go a little more than a mile to S. CR 975E. There is a white fence on this corner (the road sign is missing). Turn right and go 0.3 miles to park entrance on left. Meet in parking lot. A port-a-pot is available. (F,NS,2.5) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (317-346-1802 home, 317-412-5190 cell)
- 10:00 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE/HOLLIDAY PARK See December 5.
- 4:00 PM GREENWOOD NIGHTS See January 2.

Wednesday, January 17

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 6.
- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See December 6.

- 9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See December 6.
- 9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See December 6.
- 4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 6.
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See December 6.
- 6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See December 6.

Thursday, January 18

- 9:00 AM FALL CREEK TRAIL See December 7.
- 9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See December 7.
- 6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See December 7.

Friday, January 19

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 1.
- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See December 1.
- 9:00 AM TGIF! See December 1.
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See December 1.
- 10:00 AM BOOK CLUB HIKE – 100 ACRE WOODS Today we will review *A Trick of the Light* by Louise Penny. It is about the murder of an art critic. Meet at 100 Acres Woods at the IMA/Newfields. From the Indianapolis Museum of Art entrance on 38th St west of Michigan R, go west on 38th St. Immediately exit at White River Pkwy East Drive on your right. Follow road as it winds around art installation and turn left into parking lot. If coming east on 38th St, you will have to enter the main IMA grounds at light in order to get turned around before you can go west on 38th to access White River Pkwy. Hike will be 5 miles with shorter options. You do not need to read the book to hike with us. After the hike we will drive to the main IMA site and have lunch/snacks/discussion in the cafe, no admission or parking charge for café. (F,NS,3) Leader: Jackie King (317-658-4375)
- 6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See January 5.

Saturday, January 20

- 8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 2.
- 9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See December 2.
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See December 2.
- 10:00 AM LOWER CASCADE PARK AND TRAILS, BLOOMINGTON From I-465 S, take SR 37 south to College Ave N / Walnut St exit. At first light turn right onto Old SR 37. Continue 1 mile to park entrance on your right. This will be a 6-mile hike on trails. Note: restroom will be closed. Plan on having lunch at a local restaurant after the hike. (F,NS,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972)

Sunday, January 21

- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See December 3.
- 10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See December 10.

Monday, January 22

- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See December 11.
- 9:15 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See December 4.
- 9:30 AM FASHION MALL See January 8.
- 9:30 AM BEAT THE WINTER BLAHS See December 4.
- 9:30 AM SLOW & EASY AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY See December 4.
- 4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 4.
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See December 4.

Tuesday, January 23 *IHC was founded 61 years ago today*

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See December 5.
- 10:00AM PARK, HIKE, AND RIDE This is a 6 mile hike through downtown Indy which includes taking a ride on the elevated people mover. See beautiful aerial views of Crispus Attucks High School, Taco Bell, and the canal. Meet at The Eiteljorg Museum at 500 W. Washington St. Parking is free at the

museum if you join us for lunch at the museum café after the hike. (Map #33)(F,PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-652-2779 cell, 317-329-2779)

- 10:00 AM BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK See January 9
- 1:00 PM FORT HARRISON TRAILS See December 5.
- 4:00 PM GREENWOOD NIGHTS See January 2.

Wednesday, January 24

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

Thursday, January 25

- 9:00 AM FALL CREEK TRAIL See December 7.
- 9:30 AM EASY (AND NOT SO EASY) AT EAGLE CREEK See December 7.
- 6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See December 7.

Friday, January 26

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 1.
- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See December 1.
- 9:00 AM TGIF! See December 1.
- 9:00 AM MORGAN MONROE – LOW GAP TRAIL From Indy take SR 37 south to Martinsville. South of Martinsville things can get a bit tricky due to construction on I-69 (SR 37). At press time it is not clear the best way to get to MMSF from I-69 (SR 37). Thus we will leave it to each hiker to determine the best way to get to MMSF entrance (call the leader if you would like to discuss). From the entrance take the forest road about 4.5 miles to the lot across from the Forest Office. This will be a 10-11 mile brisk hike. Please bring snacks/lunch and plenty of water. (Map #28)(H,NS,3) Leader: Mick Parker (317-430-5523)
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See December 1.
- 6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See January 5.

Saturday, January 27

- 8:00 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 2.
- 9:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See December 2.
- 9:30 AM 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. 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 other trails in the park, including some paved surfaces. (Map #18) (M,NS/PS 2.5-3) Leader: Cheryl Smolecki (317-696-8922)
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See December 2.
- 2:00 PM BAXTER YMCA & PERRY PARK See December 2.

Sunday, January 28

- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See December 3.
- 10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE See December 10.

Monday, January 29

- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See December 11.
- 9:15 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See December 4.
- 9:30 AM FASHION MALL See January 8.
- 9:30 AM BEAT THE WINTER BLAHS See December 4.
- 9:30 AM SLOW & EASY AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY See December 4.
- 4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 4.

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS See December 4.

Tuesday, January 30

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See December 5.

10:00 AM MCCORMICK'S CREEK STATE PARK From I-465 SW take SR 67 southwest to Spencer. Turn left (east) on SR 46 and proceed to park entrance (fee). This will be a 5-6 mile hike starting at the Nature Center. The Nature Center restrooms will not be open, but there is an outhouse near the meeting area or stop at the Inn before coming to the hike. (Map#24)(M,NS/PS,2.5) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (317-346-1802 home, 317-412-5190 cell)

4:00 PM GREENWOOD NIGHTS See January 2.

Wednesday, January 31

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See December 6.

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See December 6.

9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See December 6.

9:30 AM SLOW AND EASY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See December 6.

4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See December 6.

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See December 6.

6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See December 6.

PREVIEW OF FUTURE HIKES AND EVENTS:

HISTORIC PHILADELPHIA AND FLOWER SHOW - March 7-9, 2018 This trip is being planned in conjunction with the Philadelphia Flower Show which runs March 3-11, 2018. Join us for three days of hiking. Thursday and Friday hikes will start from the recommended hotel and will include various downtown and historic Philadelphia sites. Saturday's hike will be at Valley Forge National Historical Park. A block of twenty rooms has been reserved at the Residence Inn Marriott Center City, One East Penn Square, Philadelphia 19107, which is located 3/10 mile from Suburban Station (www.septa.org). All rooms are studio suites: 1 queen bed + 1 sofa bed, kitchenette. Breakfast is included. The rate is \$169 p/day plus tax. To make your reservations at the group rate call 1-800-331-3131 or 1-888-236-2427 and reference the Indianapolis Hiking Club special rate. Deadline for making reservations is February 14. Valet parking fee at the hotel is \$53.90 p/day. Other parking options: ABM Parking (parking lot is behind hotel) - \$36 p/day, located at 1301 Market St, Philadelphia 19107.

You should plan a visit the 2018 Philadelphia Flower Show at a date and time of your own choosing. Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door. If you are interested in attending a group dinner on March 8 at the famous City Tavern (www.citytavern.com) please let the leaders know by March 1. Also, please advise us if you will require transportation from Residence Inn to Valley Forge. If you plan to drive to Philadelphia, suggested directions will be provided in the February/March schedule. Leaders: Susan Sievers (317-513-5239) and Stephen Tarr (317-733-1622)

WINTER WEEKEND AT SPRING MILL STATE PARK - March 16-18, 2018 We will be returning to Spring Mill State Park for our 2018 late winter weekend. To make your room reservations call the DNR central reservations number at 877-563-4371. Our group code for Spring Mill Inn is 31618 I. Rates are: double-double \$101.91 w/tax; 2 queen beds \$123.19 w/tax; king room \$123.19 w/tax. Our block of rooms will be released February 16, 2018. Hikes are planned for Saturday AM & PM and Sunday AM. For questions or further information, please contact Mary Ann Layman at 317-346-1802 or e-mail at malayman@earthlink.net.

21st ANNUAL SMOKY MOUNTAINS LONG WEEKEND - April 12-14, 2018 Mark your calendar for the annual Club trip to Smoky Mountains National Park. It's not too early 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). Jim Shoufler and John Schlecte will lead AM and PM moderate hikes and Jeff Edmondson will lead more challenging all day hikes. Contact Jim Shoufler at 317-697-0744 if you have any questions.

YORKSHIRE DALES NATIONAL PARK IN NORTH ENGLAND - September 2018 The Yorkshire Dales National Park is a large 841 square miles park. We are planning a hiking trip for mid-September 2018. The Dales are famous for their wonderful scenery and hiking. Deep valleys, known as dales, with roads meandering between drystone walls and a patchwork of hay meadows and field barns. Up above is heather

moorland and distinctive hills .With spectacular limestone valleys, picture postcard villages and historic castles, it's a place that stirs the emotions and stimulates the senses of everyone that visits.The duration will be 7 nights with 6 days of hiking. Each day we will hike in both the morning and afternoon and plan to cover about 10 – 14 miles. We will need to limit the number of participants on this trip due to about 16 -20 people. Thus it will not be an official Hiking Club trip (i.e. no mileage credit). If you think you might be interested in this trip please email Mervyn and Janet Cohen at mecohen@iu.edu. In March we will send you a package with a detailed description of the trip including dates, accommodation, hikes, transportation, costs and an application form. Places will be filled as completed application forms and deposits are received.

PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

Therese Chatelaine	Indianapolis, IN	Carol Garman	Indianapolis, IN
Eva Madji	Zionsville, IN	Peggy Nicolai	Westfield, IN
Greg Ray	Martinsville, IN	Janet Acevedo	Indianapolis, IN
Haanan Alruhaim	Indianapolis, IN	Renee Bartz	Carmel, IN
Randy Fox	Pittsboro, IN	Susan Fox	Pittsboro, IN
Georgia Novak	Indianapolis, IN		

WELCOME BACK THE FOLLOWING REINSTATED MEMBER:

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RECENT MILEAGE AWARDS:

Glee Crowder	41,000	Penny Edmondson	5,000	Polly Lybrook	1,000
Allan Roberts	37,500	Cheryl Smolecki	4,500	Chris Jones	1,000
Mary Lester	25,000	Judy Torrence	4,000	Anita Dansker	500
David Kincaid	23,500	Ann Uliana	4,000	Russ Himes	500
Tish Brafford	19,000	Tom Roesch	4,000	Carolyn Daly	500
Mary Lang	14,500	Claudia Clark	3,500	Konnie Schlechte	400
Lucy Neal	13,000	Mary K Johnson	3,000	Ron Elkins	300
Rick Braun	12,000	Beth Maschino	2,500	Geertje Trudy Hill	200
Carol Radke	9,500	Marilyn Bradley	2,500	Jim Goulding	200
Janet Cohen	9,000	Mick Parker	2,500	Sandy Turner	100
Curtis Hinds	9,000	Jackie King	2,000	Melinda Jones	100
John Lyghtel	8,000	Sally Sandman	2,000	Marilyn Bohman	100
Kathy Whalen	6,000	Christine Nitz	1,000		
Katy Smith	5,500	Steve Johnson	1,000		

MEMBER NEWS: We wish all the best to the following members:

Penny Edmondson had foot surgery on November 14. She is recuperating at home.

Betty Shookman who is nursing a broken ankle. At 93 she thought it better to stand on a chair rather than a ladder.

Elaine Wright who had her hip replaced on November 6. It went fine and she is recovering at home.

NOTES OF APPRECIATION: We would like to thank the entire Hiking Club and especially the 90 people who joined us at Eagle Creek Park on October 26 for making us feel so special to be active 90 year old hikers. What a special club and wonderful friends. Thanks from all of us: *Joanne Applegate, Anna Gehring, Mary Lester and Betty Shookman.*

I would like to thank all my hiking club friends who took the time to send me cards and condolences after the recent death of my father. Your kind words did so much to ease the loss of that special man in my life. *Betsy Friedenberg*

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 or contact our Membership Officer Barb Strite, 234 N Raceway Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46234 (317-271-7263, 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.