



The Indianapolis Hiking Club

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Happiness - A Step at a Time



SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY and MARCH 2023

(Please – no pets except on designated pet hikes)

Celebrating 66 Years of Sponsoring Hikes and Outings

HIKE RATING LEGEND – Shown in parentheses at the end of each hike

CHALLENGING HIKE	TERRAIN		SURFACE		SPEED
	H (Hilly)	Continuously	NS	Natural, mainly soft	Hiking speed in MPH
* (asterisk)	M (Mixed)	Hilly & Flat	HS	Packed dirt or gravel	not including breaks
	F (Flat)	Few Hills	PS	Concrete or black top	(e.g., 3.0 is 20 min/mi)

Guests are welcome on all hikes - no fee. 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 (317-445-5646) ewright@indyhike.org for weekdays. 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 are in the winter season it is important to remember that hike leaders are responsible for safety first. In adverse weather the leader may reroute, shorten, cancel or move a hike to a mall. If the weather is inclement, very cold or the roads are icy contact the leader to confirm a hike. Also, check the website homepage "news" to see if a hike has been cancelled or moved. Whenever possible, leaders of out of town hikes should make cancellation decisions by 6 p.m. of the preceding day. If you decide to cancel a hike, please go to the Website Mileage page and cancel your hike using the Enter Mileage link. Also, please inform the rest of us by sending a Google Groups broadcast email or ask Ed Wright (ewright@indyhike.org) to send one for you.

CLUB ROSTER AND TRAIL BLAZER: All members will be receiving an annual Club roster by mail, listing every member's home address and phone number, unless you requested that your name be excluded from the roster. To protect your privacy the roster is not available on the website. To reduce substantial printing and mailing costs, last year the Board decided not to mail the Trail Blazer to members who still receive the mailed schedule. The Trail Blazer has a new look this year thanks to Mervyn Cohen, our Club Historian and John McShea, our Mileage officer. It recaps last year's events and every active member's yearly and lifetime mileage and is available on the Club website "Mileage" page at www.indyhike.org/mileage.shtml. All Trail Blazers dating back to the very first produced in 1968 are available on the website.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS: The names of the 43 2022 Achievement Award winners and 12 new 25 year members along with related photos have been posted on the website Achievement Awards page.

ITEMS OF NOTE IN THIS SCHEDULE: In addition to our usual full complement of recurring weekday and weekend hikes the following hiked deserve special consideration. Book Club hikes are on the schedule on Tuesday, February 21 led by Marti Burton and Friday, March 10 led by Barb West. An adventure hike at Hocking Hills, OH to hike frozen waterfalls (assuming it is cold enough) has been scheduled on Saturday, February 4 by Tom Seeman. A Superbowl! Hike and pitch-in is on the schedule on Sunday, February 12 led by Mary Williams. Challenging hikes (designated by * on the hike legend) have been scheduled by Susan Sievers in the Deem Wilderness on Saturday, February 18 and on the Knobstone Trail on Saturday, March 18. Our Annual Winter Weekend will be held at Brown County SP on Saturday and Sunday, March 4-5. For the first time our Club will be participating in the St. Patricks Day Parade on Friday, March 17. On Saturday, March 25 Terry Roesch has scheduled a 7 mile hike on the Pate Hollow trail at Paynetown SRA. Finally there are many

weekday options for winter snowbirds on the schedule in Ft Meyers, FL, Gulf Shores, AL and New Orleans, LA. Please review the write-ups in this schedule on the appropriate dates for complete details.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER: Hello fellow hikers, I hope you are anticipating 2023 as much as I am.

The schedule is starting to look like days of old (or so I've heard). With overnight and out of state hikes in February, March, April and September and the many choices locally, there's something for everyone. Take advantage of the unseasonably mild temperatures.

See you on the trail.

Rick Wortman

President, Indianapolis Hiking Club

HIKE SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, February 1

- 9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL From US 31 in Carmel go east on W Main St past Guilford Rd to Meadow Lane. Turn left and go north to Meadowlark park. We will meet by the bathrooms. If the parking lot is full, park outside the park on the streets. We will walk as a group and take turns leading this 5 mile hike on paved trails and neighborhoods in northern Carmel. Hike repeats every Wednesday in February and March. (Map #58)(F,PS,3) Leader: Edwin Wright (317-445-5646)
- 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. Hike repeats every Wednesday in February and March. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Julie Litten (317-407-4652)
- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS This 7-8 mile brisk all trail hike is a great way to stay in shape. Meet in Eagle Creek Park (fee) at lot just inside the 56th St entrance. Hike repeats each Wednesday in February and March. Join us at a nearby Starbucks after the hike. (Map #40)(M,NS,3-3.5) Leader: Jim Goulding (317-695-8744)
- 9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY 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. Hike repeats each Wednesday in February and March. (Map #41) (F,PS,2.5-3) Leaders: Harold Crooks (317-730-4850) and Susanne McNeely (317-384-2909)
- 9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK Join me for a 4-5 mile self-guided walk starting at Pike Library, 6525 Zionsville Rd. We will walk through Robin Run Village and continue on to Northwestway Park then back to the library. Shorter and longer options are available. Meet behind the library in the rear lot. Hike repeats each Wednesday in February and March. (F,PS) Leader: Joan Griffiths (317-297-7312)
- 4:00 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 February and March, when the hike will start at 4:30 p.m. (Map #34) (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Janet Cohen (317-873-6586)
- 4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON Meet to sign-up at the food court at 4:00 pm; otherwise look for the leader during the hike (she will have the signup sheet with her). Self guided hike of up to 6 miles with shorter options between the hours of 4-6 pm. If the weather is nice we may walk outside. Hike repeats every Wednesday in February and March. (F,PS) Leader: Glee Crowder (317-859-8159)

Thursday, February 2

Groundhog Day

- 9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE Meet at the Walmart located at 5550 Fall Creek Pkwy N Dr at the corner of 56th St and Fall Creek Pkwy. To find the main entrance to WalMart, turn south off

56th St onto Fall Creek Pkwy and then turn right into the parking lot. Park in the rear of the Walmart lot behind Starbucks. This is usually a 6-mile self guided hike north on the Fall Creek Trail to Skiles Test Park and back, however, from time to time the leaders may change the route. Hike repeats every Thursday in February and March. (Map #45)(F,PS,3-3.5) Leaders: Tish Brafford (317-251-8907, 317-531-6700 cell) or Jo Anne Starzyk (317-771-0914)

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL If you find yourself in southwest Florida this winter 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 every Tuesday and Thursday in February and March. (F,PS,3.5) Rick Braun (317-679-2972)

9:00 AM BON SECOUR NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE, GULF SHORES, AL This is a 5 miles out/back hike on the Centennial Trail. Explore the transition from maritime forest to dune swales discovering different species of plants and wildlife along the way. This trail connects Jeff Friend Trail and Pine Beach Trail. Park in the Jeff Friend Trail parking lot. There is no specific address simply Google for directions. Ground may be very wet in some areas. No restrooms available. Please RSVP if you are coming. Repeats on February 16.(F,NS,2-2.5) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE This is the first of three very popular hikes in Eagle Creek Park every Thursday morning. All three hikes 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. This will be a moderate to brisk paced 5-mile hike over, around, up and down through the woods. Hike repeats every Thursday in February and March. After the hike join us for lunch (we have been doing it for over 30 years) at Golden Corral on 38th St. We have lots of fun. (Map #17)(M,NS,3) Leader: Rick Wortman (317-701-1329)

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE Same directions and repeat dates as Easy at Eagle Creek - Five Mile. This is a 4 mile modest paced hike mostly on groomed trails with some hills. Same lunch invite as the 5 mile hike. (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Harold Crooks (317-730-4850)

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE Same directions and repeat dates Easy at Eagle Creek - Five Mile. This is a 3-4 mile hike at a modest pace, mostly groomed flat trails and paved roads. Same lunch invite as the 5 mile hike. (M,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

4:00 PM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE While Rick Braun is in Florida, Allan Roberts will continue to lead his Monday and Thursday evening hikes, but both will be at Fort Harrison at 4 p.m. 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. Brisk hike repeats every Monday and Thursday in February and March. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Allan Roberts (317-549-6909)

Friday, February 3

8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL Join me for a self-guided hike of 1-20 miles on the Monon Trail every Friday morning in February and March. Meet at the Monon trail-head parking lot on 96 St. Restrooms are available. (F,PS) Leader: Rick Kinnaman (317-407-9746)

8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE This will be moderate pace 5-6 mile hike through scenic Zionsville; expect a different route each week. We stop for a coffee break(\$) midway through the hike. 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. Hike repeats every Friday in February and March. (Map #34) (M,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Janet Cohen (317-508-8523 or 317-417-2628)

9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK Join us for a 6-mile hike with a 8-mile option. This will be a trail hike unless conditions prompt a switch to the roads. Meet in Eagle Creek Park (fee) at the Swimming Area (beach) parking lot. Use the 56th St entrance that is just west of the Colts facility. Hike repeats on all Fridays in February and March. (M,PS/NS,3-3.5) Leader: Phil Smith (317-443-3955)

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL Since I-70 and I-65 are both closed in downtown Indy due to construction, you are going to have to find your own way to get to Garfield Park. In any event from exit 109 on I-65 (Raymond St) go 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 in Garfield Park. This is a 5-6 mile hike in various neighborhoods surrounding

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

10:00 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. Hike repeats all Fridays in February and March (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Julie Litten (317-407-4652)

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 February. (Map #41) (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Jim Griffin (317-294-1121)

Saturday, February 4

9:00 AM GREENWOOD MALL - SATURDAY Sign in at the food court by 9:00 AM; thereafter look for the leader during the hike (she will have the sign-up sheet with her). Hike between the hours of 9-11 AM for a self-guided hike of up to 8 miles with shorter options. If the weather is nice we will probably walk outside. Hike repeats every Saturday in February and March. (F,PS) Leader: Glee Crowder (317-859-8159)

10:00 AM HOCKING HILLS STATE PARK, LOGAN, OH Hocking Hills in February, you must think I am crazy? Well the whole idea is to hike when the waterfalls are frozen. I understand that they can be pretty spectacular. Allow 4 hours of travel time from I-465 East. Take I-70 E to Columbus, OH; then take Exit 105A and follow US 33 E toward Logan, OH where you will turn right onto SR 664 S and travel about 10 miles to Old Man's Cave parking lot. Hike will meet at Old Man's Cave Visitor Center and cover 4-6 miles in the morning and another 2-3 miles at other Hocking Hills sites in the afternoon. Weather and trail conditions will dictate the exact routes. Because of frozen waterfalls and trails, hiking poles are recommended and YAKTRAX or MICROSPIKES are strongly recommended. Hikers may wish to arrive the day prior and take advantage of multiple lodging options in Logan, OH. Bring lunch and snacks. RSVP to hike leader if possible. (*M,HS,2-2.5) Leader: Tom Seeman (317-362-8960)

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN Meet at Broad Ripple Methodist Church, 6185 Guilford Ave for a self-guided 6 or 10 mile hike. Repeats every Saturday in February and March. (Map #65)(F,NS) Leader: Rick Kinnaman (317-407-9746)

1:30 PM BLOOMINGTON CLEAR CREEK TRAIL From I-465 S take Exit 4 and follow SR37 S/I-69 to Tapp Rd Exit 116. At the round-about take Tapp Rd to the left (east). After crossing the bridge look for Clear Creek Park sign to your right. This will be a 5-mile hike on the flat, paved trail. Portalet toilets are available. After the hike plan on eating at a restaurant in Bloomington. (F,PS,2.5) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972 cell)

Sunday, February 5

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK Meet at the College Park Elementary School, 2811 Barnard St. From W 86th St, turn north on Colby Blvd and travel .4 miles to Barnard St and turn right, going 0.3 miles to the school. This will be a 6 mile hike with shorter options through the College Park area neighborhood. Repeats each Sunday in February and March. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Marti Burton (317-306-9878)

10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING Meet in front of 6220 Carrollton Avenue for a guided 6-mile hike with option for up to 4 additional (self-guided) miles. Parking lot is no longer free so please park on the street south of Broad Ripple Ave using the 6100 & 6200 blocks of Carrollton Ave. Use 6220 Carrollton Ave for GPS address. Repeats each Sunday in February and March. (Map #16) (F,PS,3-3.25) Leader: Kathy Whalen (317-409-3265)

1:30 PM SUNDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O From I-465 W take exit 16A to Crawfordsville Rd west thru Clermont to Hornaday Rd in Brownsburg, turn left and go about 5-6 miles to Cardinal Park parking lot just north of 3300 Hornaday Rd, west side of road. This will be 6-9 miles out and back self guided hike. Restrooms are available. Repeats March 5 and 19. (F,PS) Leader: Kae Ramey (317-701-5805 cell)

Monday, February 6

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 brisk 6-mile road hike. Repeats on Monday, March 6. (Map #40) (M,PS,3.5) Leader: Kate Curtiss (317-247-0283)

- 9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK Meet at 6901 Derbyshire Rd behind the former Southport Police Station for an 5-mile hike. Hike repeats each Monday in February and March. (F,NS/PS,3) Leader: Glee Crowder (317-859-8159)
- 9:30 AM TOWPATH, BUTLER UNIVERSITY AND ROCKY RIPPLE Join us for a walk the canal tow path, Butler University campus and the quaint town of Rocky Ripple. From Meridian St, turn west on 56th St and drive two blocks; park on either side of Kenwood, but not in the parking lots. Restroom available at Starbucks on 56 St. Walk will have 3, 4 and 5 mile options. Hike repeats on Monday, March 6. (F,PS/HS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Rick Wortman (317-701-1329) or Ed Wright (317-445-5646)
- 4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE Meet at the Broad Ripple Methodist Church at 6135 Guliford Ave for a hike of 5-6 miles. Hike repeats every Monday in February and March. (Map #65) (F,PS/NS,3-3.5) Leaders Mary Bruss (317-308-0182)
- 4:00 PM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE See Thursday, February 2
- 4:00 PM GREENWOOD MALL - MONDAY AFTERNOON Meet to sign-up at the food court at 4:00 pm; otherwise look for the leader during the hike (she will have the signup sheet with her). Self guided hike of up to 6 miles with shorter options between the hours of 5-7 pm. If the weather is nice we may walk outside. Hike repeats every Monday in February and March. (F,PS) Leader: Glee Crowder (317-859-8159)

Tuesday, February 7

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL This is a 1-12 mile self-guided hike (most people do 5-8 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 in the north end of the parking lot close to the Monon trail. Hike repeats every Tuesday in February and March. (Map #51) (F,PS) Leader: Jo Anne Starzyk (317-771-0914)
- 9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL See Thursday, February 2
- 9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK Enjoy a moderate 5-mile hike through the woods along White River and/or Cottonwood Lakes in addition to Mann Hill, the 2nd highest elevation in Marion County. Meet at Southwestway Park; the address is 8400 Mann Rd, 46221. Coming from I-465 SW, exit onto SR 67 (Kentucky Ave) heading southwest toward Mooresville and go just over a half mile. Turn left on High School Rd and go 0.2 miles turn left onto W. Thompson Rd and go about 2.3 miles to Mann Rd. Turn right onto Mann Rd and go 2.5 miles to the park. Enter the park on the east side of the road just after the ball diamonds. Meet in the upper parking lot at the end of the drive. (Coming from the east or south can be problematic because of I-69 construction, Debbie can offer alternative options using Southport Rd). Please note that there are no restrooms/port-a-lets at Southwestway Park. Hike repeats every Tuesday in February and March, except March 7. (Map #61)(M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Debbie Bucholz (317-361-9210)
- 9:30 AM EAGLES NEST - GULF SHORES, AL Slow, easy 3 mile hike on paved surfaces and a wooden boardwalk in Gulf State Park. Bring binoculars/scope. We will stop and view the eagle's nest. Park in the first small parking lot (Lakeview Trailhead) on the right as you come in from 59 (Gulf Shores Pkwy) on Refuge Rd. Using the park map the lot is located near the West Cabin Connector. No restrooms available. Please RSVP if you are coming. Repeats on February 21. (F,PS,2-2.5) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)
- 9:30 AM B&O TRAIL OVER EAGLE CREEK AND UNDER I-456 They have finally completed another section of the B&O Rail Trail west of Speedway so come along and *Cross over the Bridge* with me. For this 6 mile hike we will meet at Leonard Park in Speedway, which is located at 5400 W 15th St. From I-465 W take 10th St west to Lynhurst Dr. Turn right (N) and go to 15th St. Turn left and park behind the building on the south side of 15th St. Hike repeats every Tuesday in February. (F,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-329-2779, 317-652-2779 cell)
- 1:00 PM FASHION MALL In case you are tired of hiking in the early morning in the cold outdoors, here is a warm and fuzzy alternative. Join us at the Fashion Mall at Keystone at the Crossing. This is a self-guided hike of 1.2 mile loops. We will meet in the Food Court located on the west side of the mall. Try to arrive by 1:00 p.m. since we will do one lap as a group to learn the route then you may walk at your own pace for as many laps as you wish; most hikers do 4-5 miles, but you can do as many as 8. 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. Hike repeats on all Tuesday afternoons in February. (F,PS) Leader: June Sergi (317-372-3018)

4:30 PM GREENWOOD NIGHTS 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 February and March. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: David Kincaid (317-787-6593)

Wednesday, February 8

9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, February 1

9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See Wednesday, February 1

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, February 1

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, February 1

9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, February 1

10:00 AM NEW ORLEANS CITY PARKS First part of hike will be a leisurely stroll through The Sydney and Walda Beshoff Sculpture Garden (free admission) on the grounds of New Orleans Museum of Art (NOMA). After the sculpture garden, anyone interested will walk the South Loop City Park Trail (about 4 miles). Afterwards, we can stop at the City Park location of the iconic Cafe' DuMonde for beignets! Walk will have a 2 or 6 mile option. Meet on the front steps of New Orleans Museum of Art (NOMA). Restrooms available in NOMA and the sculpture garden. NOMA address: 1 Collins Diboll Circle, parking free on streets around museum. Hike repeats on February 15 & 22 (F,HS/PS/NS,2.5-3) Leaders: Gabrielle Bovenzi and Ron Elkins (317-409-3080)

4:00 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, February 1

4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON See Wednesday, February 1

Thursday, February 9

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, February 2

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL See Thursday, February 2

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, February 2

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, February 2

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, February 2

9:30 AM GRAHAM CREEK NATURE PRESERVE - FOLEY, AL Slow & easy 4 mile hike thru a beautiful nature preserve/pine forest. Lots of carnivorous plants and wildlife to be seen. Park at the Nature Center where restrooms are available. The trail may be muddy in areas. There are numerous ways to get to the preserve depending on where you are staying in the area. The address is 2030 Wolf Bay Dr, Foley, AL 36535. RSVP if planning to come. Repeats on February 23. (F, NS/HS/PS,2-2.5) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)

4:00 PM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE See Thursday, February 2

Friday, February 10

8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, February 3

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9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, February 3

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, February 3

9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY ON FRIDAY This is the same 4-5 mile self-guided walk starting at Pike Library, 6525 Zionsville Rd that I lead each Wednesday. We will walk through Robin Run Village and continue on to Northwestway Park then back to the library. Shorter and longer options are available. Meet behind the library in the rear lot. Hike repeats on Friday, March 10. (F,PS) Leader: Joan Griffiths (317-297-7312)

10:00 AM NEW ORLEANS AUDUBON PARK AND UPTOWN NEW ORLEANS This walk will start with a loop around Audubon Park and views of the oak trees with Spanish moss and magnificent homes. Then we'll continue our walk (3-4 miles) through the Uptown neighborhood of New Orleans, including the Tulane and Loyola New Orleans campuses. It'll be carnival season, so the homes (and some of the people) will be decorated for Mardi Gras. Restroom stop possibilities in local restaurants along our route. Meet at Gumbel Fountain in Audubon Park (across street from Tulane Univ, 6823 St. Charles Ave.) Free parking along St. Charles Blvd. and neighborhood streets. Walk options: 2 or 5-6 miles. Hike repeats on Friday, February 17. (M,NS/HS/PS,2.5-3) Leaders: Gabrielle Bovenzi and Ron Elkins (317-409-3080)

10:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See Friday, February 3

6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See Friday, February 3

Saturday, February 11

9:00 AM GREENWOOD MALL - SATURDAY See Saturday, February 4

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, February 4

2:00 PM BAXTER YMCA AND 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 5 miles. Hike repeats on Saturday, March 11. (F,PS,3) Leader: David Kincaid (317-787-6593)

Sunday, February 12

Lincoln's Birthday and Super Bowl

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, February 5

10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, February 5

1:30 PM FORT HARRISON TRAILS AROUND DELAWARE LAKE From I-465 go east on 56th St and turn left on Post Rd then turn left into the park (fee). Meet at the Walnut Creek Trailhead for a 5-6 mile hike on the combined Harrison Trace, Fall Creek and Camp Creek trails. (M,NS/PS,3-3.5) Leader: Barb Fagan (317-370-9951)

3:00 PM SUPER BOWL HIKE AND PITCH-IN Meet at the Otterbein Franklin Clubhouse, 565 Robin Rd, Franklin. From I-465 S, take US 31 south and turn right on Jefferson St in Franklin. Go 0.5 mi and turn right at 1st light (Methodist Dr). Follow one-way street approximately 0.5 mi to Robin Rd, turn right to the clubhouse. Hike is 5-6 miles. Bring your pitch-in and drink of choice for a Super Bowl party after the hike. (F,PS,3) Leader: Mary Williams (317-919-8574 cell or 317-7361259)

Monday, February 13

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 brisk 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 every Monday in February and March, except March 6. (Map #40)(M,PS,3.5) Leader: Janet Cohen (317-508-8523 or 317-417-2628)

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, February 6

9:30 AM CROWN HILL CEMETERY Enjoy a scenic walk in America's fourth largest private cemetery established in 1863 and final resting place to many famous Hoosiers and home to more than 100 tree species. From the 700 block of West 38th St, go north on Clarendon Rd to the cemetery entrance. Crown Hill has asked us to no longer use the main parking lot; it is reserved for funerals. Just after you enter the cemetery proper, please park behind the mausoleum (large limestone building) on both sides of the street not blocking any drive ways or dumpsters. Hike includes options of 3, 4 and 5 miles. Hike repeats on March 13. (Map #42)(M,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, February 6

4:00 PM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE See Thursday, February 2

4:00 PM GREENWOOD MALL - MONDAY AFTERNOON See Monday, February 6

Tuesday, February 14

St. Valentine's Day

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, February 7

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL See Thursday, February 2

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, February 7

9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK Enjoy a 5-mile hike on forested trails. From I-465 NE 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. Hike repeats February 28 and March 14 & 28. (Map #18) (M,NS,2.5) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)

9:30 AM B&O TRAIL OVER EAGLE CREEK AND UNDER I-456 See Tuesday, February 7

1:00 PM FASHION MALL See Tuesday, February 7

1:30 PM TUESDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O From I-465 W take exit 16A to Crawfordsville Rd west thru Clermont to Hornaday Rd in Brownsburg, turn left and go about 5-6 miles to Cardinal Park parking lot just north of 3300 Hornaday Rd, west side of road. This will be 6-9 miles out and back self-guided hike. Restrooms are available. Hike repeats on February 28 & March 14 & 28. (F,PS) Leader Kae Ramey (317-701-5805 cell)

- 2:00 PM DOWNTOWN FISHERS ON THE NICKEL PLATE TRAIL Join us for a 5 mile hike on the Nickel Plate Trail in Fishers and other nearby trails. From I-465 N, take I-69 north to 116 St and go west for about 1/2 mile to Municipal Dr. Find a parking spot on the street, before the circle and Government Center or close by in a free parking garage. Meet in the Central Green, a small park dividing Municipal Dr. Hike repeats on February 28 and March 14 & 28. (F,PS,3) Leader: John Lyghtel (317-626-9117)
- 4:30 PM GREENWOOD NIGHTS See Tuesday, February 7

Wednesday, February 15

- 9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, February 1
- 9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See Wednesday, February 1
- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, February 1
- 9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, February 1
- 9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, February 1
- 10:00 AM NEW ORLEANS CITY PARKS See Wednesday, February 8
- 4:00 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, February 1
- 4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON See Wednesday, February 1

Thursday, February 16

- 9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, February 2
- 9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL See Thursday, February 2
- 9:00 AM BON SECOUR NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE, GULF SHORES, AL See Thursday, February 2
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, February 2
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, February 2
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, February 2
- 4:00 PM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE See Thursday, February 2

Friday, February 17

- 8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, February 3
- 8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, February 3
- 9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, February 3
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, February 3
- 10:00 AM NEW ORLEANS AUDUBON PARK AND UPTOWN NEW ORLEANS See Friday, February 10
- 10:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See Friday, February 3
- 6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUUI See Friday, February 3

Saturday, February 18

- 9:00 AM DEAM WILDERNESS – SYCAMORE LOOP AND AXOM LOOP On this 11 mile somewhat challenging hike, we will combine two scenic loops in Deam Wilderness for a brisk hike. We will meet at the Hickory Ridge Fire Tower parking lot. Please bring hiking poles, lunch and plenty of water. From I-465 S take I-65 South to Columbus and exit SR 46 West to Nashville towards Bloomington. At the intersection of SR 46/446 turn south on SR 446 towards Lake Monroe and continue for 15 miles and turn left on Hunter's Creek Road. Continue on S. Hunter's Creek Rd for 4.2 miles. Turn right on Tower Ridge Road and proceed 0.4 miles and the fire tower will be on your left. (*M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Susan Sievers (317-513-5239) **Cell service unreliable.
- 9:00 AM GREENWOOD MALL - SATURDAY See Saturday, February 4
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, February 4
- 1:30 PM PATE HOLLOW AT PAYNETOWN SRA Allow 1 1/2 hours travel time. From I-465 S take Exit 4 and follow I-69/37S to Exit 120 and go east on SR 46 to SR 446. Turn right onto SR 446 and go south for about 6 miles. Look for Paynetown SRA to your right. Park behind the building. This will be a 5-mile hike on an all- natural loop trail. After the hike plan on eating at one of the local restaurant. (M,NS,2) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972 cell)

Sunday, February 19

- 9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, February 5
- 10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, February 5

Monday, February 20 **Presidents' Day**

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, February 13

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, February 6

9:30 AM RIVER ROAD PARK IN CARMEL We will hike the paved trails in River Road Park in Carmel along the White River and explore trails in nearby neighborhoods for options of 3, 4 or 5 miles. From I-465 N take Keystone Ave north to 116th St and turn east, go 2.4 miles to River Rd. Turn north onto River Rd and go 1.2 miles to River Rd Park. Note you will pass River Heritage Park. Park in the north lot by the restrooms. Hike repeats on March 20. (Map #64)(F,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, February 6

4:00 PM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE See Thursday, February 2

4:00 PM GREENWOOD MALL - MONDAY AFTERNOON See Monday, February 6

Tuesday, February 21 **Fat Tuesday and Mardi Gras**

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, February 7

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL See Thursday, February 2

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, February 7

9:30 AM EAGLES NEST - GULF SHORES, AL See Tuesday, February 7

9:30 AM B&O TRAIL OVER EAGLE CREEK AND UNDER I-456 See Tuesday, February 7

1:00 PM BOOK CLUB HIKE – PIKE LIBRARY This month's book selection is *Mad Honey* by Jodi Picoult and Jennifer Finney Boylan. Meet at the Pike Library, 6525 Zionsville Rd. Discussion will be followed by a 5 mile hike to Northwestway Park and back to the library. You may attend the hike even if you have not read the book. (F,PS,3) Leader: Marti Burton (317-306-9878)

1:00 PM FASHION MALL See Tuesday, February 7

4:30 PM GREENWOOD NIGHTS See Tuesday, February 7

Wednesday, February 22 **Ash Wednesday**

9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, February 1

9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See Wednesday, February 1

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, February 1

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, February 1

9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, February 1

10:00 AM NEW ORLEANS CITY PARKS See Wednesday, February 8

4:00 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, February 1

4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON See Wednesday, February 1

Thursday, February 23

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, February 2

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL See Thursday, February 2

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, February 2

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, February 2

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, February 2

9:30 AM GRAHAM CREEK NATURE PRESERVE - FOLEY, AL See Thursday, February 9

4:00 PM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE See Thursday, February 2

Friday, February 24

8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, February 3

8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, February 3

9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, February 3

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, February 3

10:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See Friday, February 3

6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See Friday, February 3

Saturday, February 25

9:00 AM GREENWOOD MALL - SATURDAY See Saturday, February 4

The following hike was added on February 22 and is only available on the website not on the printed schedule.

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK LONGER VERSION Enjoy a moderate 6-8-mile hike through the woods along White River and/or Cottonwood Lakes in addition to Mann Hill, the 2nd highest elevation in Marion County. This is a bit longer than the hike I lead on Tuesdays. Meet at Southwestway Park; the address is 8400 Mann Rd, 46221. Coming from I-465 SW, exit onto SR 67 (Kentucky Ave) heading southwest toward Mooresville and go just over a half mile. Turn left on High School Rd and go 0.2 miles turn left onto W. Thompson Rd and go about 2.3 miles to Mann Rd. Turn right onto Mann Rd and go 2.5 miles to the park. Enter the park on the east side of the road just after the ball diamonds. Meet in the upper parking lot at the end of the drive. (Coming from the east or south can be problematic because of I-69 construction, Debbie can offer alternative options using Southport Rd). Please note that there are no restrooms/port-a-lets at Southwestway Park. Hike repeats every Tuesday in February and March, except March 7. ([Map #61](#))(M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Debbie Bucholz (317-361-9210)

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, February 4

The following hike was added on February 22 and is only available on the website not on the printed schedule.

1:00 PM BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK From I-465 S take I-65 south to the Columbus, IN exit and take SR 46 west toward Nashville. After about 12 miles you will pass through the small town on Gnaw Bone and then shortly after you will see the entrance to Brown County SP on your left; follow signs for the Nature Center. Usually the bathrooms at the Nature Center are open on the weekends. This will be a slow and easy 6 mile hike with 3 miles on campground road and 3 miles on old trail 9. Plan on joining us to eat after the hike somewhere in Nashville. ([Map #27](#))(M,NS/PS,2) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (317-346-1802, 317-412-5190 cell)

Sunday, February 26

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, February 5

10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, February 5

The following hike was added on February 22 and is only available on the website not on the printed schedule.

12:00 PM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD This will be a 12 to 14-mile guided hike or you can turn around (self-guided) at your desired mileage. This park is very easy to find, it's just North of Hummel park. We'll meet in the parking lot at Friendship Gardens, in Plainfield, IN 46168 right by the fountain and bridge. Bring your bottle of water and a small snack to eat while you walk. If you will be joining me please RSVP and let me know. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Theresa Ray (317-627-1205)

1:30 PM FORT HARRISON LAWRENCE CREEK TRAILS From I-465 go east on 56th St and turn left on Post Rd then turn left into the park (fee). Meet at the Cherry Creek Shelter for a 5-6 mile hike on the Lawrence Creek trail. (M,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Barb Fagan (317-370-9951)

Monday, February 27

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, February 13

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, February 6

9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE PARK AND BEYOND Park in Broad Ripple Park, 1550 Broad Ripple Ave in the large parking lot behind the dog park to the right of the swimming pool. Hike options of 3, 4 and 5 miles. Hike repeats on March 27. ([Map #57](#))(F,HS/PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, February 6

4:00 PM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE See Thursday, February 2

4:00 PM GREENWOOD MALL - MONDAY AFTERNOON See Monday, February 6

Tuesday, February 28

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, February 7

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL See Thursday, February 2

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, February 7

9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Tuesday, February 14

9:30 AM B&O TRAIL OVER EAGLE CREEK AND UNDER I-456 See Tuesday, February 7

1:00 PM FASHION MALL See Tuesday, February 7

1:30 PM TUESDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Tuesday, February 14

2:00 PM DOWNTOWN FISHERS ON THE NICKEL PLATE TRAIL See Tuesday, February 14

4:30 PM GREENWOOD NIGHTS See Tuesday, February 7

Wednesday, March 1

- 9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, February 1
9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See Wednesday, February 1
9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, February 1
9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, February 1
9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, February 1
4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON See Wednesday, February 1
4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, February 1

Thursday, March 2

- 9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, February 2
9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL See Thursday, February 2
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, February 2
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, February 2
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, February 2
4:00 PM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE See Thursday, February 2

Friday, March 3

- 8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, February 3
8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, February 3
9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, February 3
9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, February 3
10:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See Friday, February 3
6:00 PM BUTLER, TOWPATH AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS This is a 6-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 March. (Map #32) (M,PS/NS,3.5) Leader: Jim Griffin (317-294-1121)

Multi Day Trip: Friday, March 3 – Sunday, March 5

WINTER WEEKEND AT BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK This is a new location for our traditional winter weekend. Hopefully you have already made your reservation at Abe Martin Lodge for Friday and Saturday nights. If you haven't, make sure to make your reservation before February 3, which is when our block of rooms will be released. To make your reservations, call 1-877-563-4371, choose option # 1, choose option # 1 again, give reservationist the Group Code: 0303IH. The above instructions are from the group sales contract with Abe Martin Lodge. Base rate for most of the rooms (Historic Double Queens and Patio Kings) is \$134.99. If you call after February 3 you may still get a room but the rate may be higher. Four to six mile hikes are planned for Saturday at 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. There will be several levels of hikes, some with shorter options. Hikes will be starting at different trailheads so check the actual hike list for your meeting place. Day hikers are welcome to come and join us. If coming for the Saturday afternoon hike, meet the morning hikers for lunch at Abe Martin Lodge.

Most people know how to get to Brown County SP, but in case you need directions from I-465 S take I-65 south to the Columbus exit #68. Head west on SR 46 toward Nashville about 15 miles and after the small town of Gnaw Bone you will pass a turn off for SR 135. Continue a short way on SR 46 and you will see an entrance for Brown County SP on your left. Enter the park (fee) and follow signs for the Abe Martin Lodge (Map #27).

Saturday, March 4

- 9:00 AM GREENWOOD MALL - SATURDAY See Saturday, February 4
9:30 AM BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK - SATURDAY MORNING EASY HIKE Meet at the Nature Center for a 6 mile hike through the campground and the old Trail 9 loop. This hike is at a slower pace. (M,NS,2-2.5) Leaders: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477) and Mary Ann Layman (317-412-5190)
9:30 AM BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK - SATURDAY MORNING MODERATE HIKE Meet at Ogle Lake Parking Lot for a 6 mile hike with more hills and at a slightly quicker pace. (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021)

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, February 4

2:00 PM BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK - SATURDAY AFTERNOON EASY HIKE Meet at the Log Cabin across from the Fire Tower/Park Office for an in and out 4-5 mile hike on the Lime Kiln biking trail. This hike is at a slower pace. (M,NS,2-2.5) Leaders: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477) and Mary Ann Layman (317-412-5190)

2:00 PM BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK - SATURDAY AFTERNOON MODERATE HIKE Meet at the Ogle Hollow Trailhead for a 6 mile hike with more hills and at a slightly quicker pace. (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021)

Sunday, March 5

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, February 5

9:00 AM BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK - SUNDAY MORNING EASY HIKE This hike will begin at the Abe Martin Lodge and will be 4 miles at a slower pace. (M,NS,2-2.5) Leaders: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477) and Mary Ann Layman (317-412-5190)

9:00 AM BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK - SUNDAY MORNING MODERATE HIKE This hike will begin at the Abe Martin Lodge and will be 5 miles at a slightly quicker pace. (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021)

10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, February 5

Monday, March 6

9:00 AM MORNING CONSTITUTIONAL See Monday, February 6

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, February 6

9:30 AM TOWPATH, BUTLER UNIVERSITY AND ROCKY RIPPLE See Monday, February 6

4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, February 6

4:00 PM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE See Thursday, February 2

4:00 PM GREENWOOD MALL - MONDAY AFTERNOON See Monday, February 6

Tuesday, March 7

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, February 7

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL See Thursday, February 2

9:30 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE Park at the Broad Ripple Methodist Church (fee only applies in the evening), 6185 N Guilford Ave. Hike may include parts of Holliday Park, Marott Park, Monon Trail, Arden neighborhood, Rocky Ripple or Broad Ripple Park. Hike repeats on March 21. (Map #65) (M,NS/HS/PS,2.5) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)

9:30 AM LET'S GO TO ANOTHER PART OF THE B&O For this 6 mile hike we will meet at Clermont Lions Club Park. From I-465 W take exit 16A onto Crawfordsville Rd heading west. Go to the 5th stoplight which is Tansel Rd. Turn left and go 1/3 of a mile to the park entrance which will be on your left. Hike repeats every Tuesday in March. (Map #44)(F,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-329-2779, 317-652-2779 cell)

1:00 PM FOUNDERS PARK AND NEIGHBORHOODS We will hike through the small Carmel Park and explore nearby neighborhoods for 4-5 miles. The address is 11675 Hazel Dell Pkwy, Carmel. From 116th St. and Keystone Avenue go east on 116th for 2 miles to Hazel Dell Pkwy. Turn north and go .1 mile to Founders Park entrance. (F,PS/NS,3) Leader: June Sergi (317-372-3018)

4:30 PM GREENWOOD NIGHTS See Tuesday, February 7

Wednesday, March 8

9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, February 1

9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See Wednesday, February 1

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, February 1

9:00 AM SODALIS NATURE PARK Join us for a slow, easy, meandering hike of 3-4 miles with additional self-guided miles available. Route will be slightly different each week. The trails are mostly flat but occasionally will be muddy. From I-70 take SR 267S to E CR 750 S and turn left. At S CR 975 E turn right. The nature park will be on the right in approximately 1/2 mile. As you enter the parking lot, park on the left side. Port-a-let's are available. Hike repeats on Wednesday March 15 & 22. (F,NS,2-2.5) Leader Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)

- 9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, February 1
9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, February 1
4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON See Wednesday, February 1
4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, February 1

Thursday, March 9

- 9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, February 2
9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL See Thursday, February 2
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, February 2
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, February 2
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, February 2
4:00 PM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE See Thursday, February 2

Friday, March 10

- 8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, February 3
8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, February 3
9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, February 3
9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, February 3
9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY ON FRIDAY See Friday, February 10
10:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See Friday, February 3
1:00 PM BOOK CLUB HIKE - NORA LIBRARY This month's selection is *The Second Life of Mirielle West* by Amanda Skanandore. Meet at the community room of the Nora Library, 8625 Guildford, Ave, Indy, 46240. Discussion will be followed by a self-guided Monon Trail hike up to 6 miles. Feel free to join book conversation even if you have not read the book. (F,NS/PS) Leader: Barb West (317-979-6045)
6:00 PM BUTLER, TOWPATH AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See Friday, March 3

Saturday, March 11

- 9:00 AM GREENWOOD MALL - SATURDAY See Saturday, February 4
10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, February 4
10:00 AM BLOOMINGTON GRIFFY LAKE From I-465 S take SR37/I-69 S to Exit 120 (SR 46 east). Stay on SR 46 E. At the 4th traffic light turn left onto Matlock Rd to Hadley Rd to Griffy Lake. Meet across the causeway parking lot. This will be a 5-mile hike on scenic woods trail (M, NS, 2-2.5) Restroom are available. After the hike plan on having lunch at a local restaurant. (M,NS,2-2.5) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972 cell)
2:00 PM BAXTER YMCA AND PERRY PARK See Saturday, February 11

Sunday, March 12 *Day Light Saving Time Begins*

- 9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, February 5
10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, February 5
1:30 PM SUNDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Sunday, February 5

Monday, March 13

- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, February 13
9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, February 6
9:30 AM CROWN HILL CEMETERY See Monday, February 13
4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, February 6
4:00 PM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE See Thursday, February 2
4:00 PM GREENWOOD MALL - MONDAY AFTERNOON See Monday, February 6

Tuesday, March 14

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, February 7
9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL See Thursday, February 2
9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, February 7
9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Tuesday, February 14
9:30 AM LET'S GO ON ANOTHER PART OF THE B&O See Tuesday, March 7
1:30 PM TUESDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Tuesday, February 14

2:00 PM DOWNTOWN FISHERS ON THE NICKEL PLATE TRAIL See Tuesday, February 14

4:30 PM GREENWOOD NIGHTS See Tuesday, February 7

Wednesday, March 15

9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, February 1

9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See Wednesday, February 1

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, February 1

The Sodalis Nature Park previously scheduled to start at 9:00 a.m. on this date and March 22 will now start at 1:00 p.m.

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, February 1

9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, February 1

1:00 AM SODALIS NATURE PARK See Wednesday, March 8

4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON See Wednesday, February 1

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, February 1

Thursday, March 16

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, February 2

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL See Thursday, February 2

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, February 2

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, February 2

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, February 2

4:00 PM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE See Thursday, February 2

Friday, March 17

Saint Patrick's Day

8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, February 3

8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, February 3

9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, February 3

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, February 3

10:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See Friday, February 3

10:30 AM **SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE** We love a parade! For the first time our Club has been invited to be in the Indianapolis St. Patrick's Day Parade. The parade begins at 11:30 a.m., but our group needs to be in place at 10:30 a.m. It is rain or shine. We will not be informed of our exact meeting location until one week before the event. The approximate location is near Ft. Wayne Ave and Pennsylvania . A good parking spot is the Central Library garage (fee). Keep in mind that some parts of Pennsylvania might be closed off for the parade route. From that point you will walk south on Pennsylvania, left on North/Ft. Wayne. The parade route is 1 1/2 miles (south on Pennsylvania to Ohio, turn right on Ohio, and then right on Meridian Street). We will stop near Michigan at the Veteran's Memorial Park for a group photo. Lunch on your own, if you want to meet up somewhere. The downtown area will be very busy. Please wear hiking gear with the club t-shirt visible (might need to layer if cold weather), green club shirt, if you have it, or another club shirt is OK too. Feel free to add some St. Patrick's Day festive wear as well and bring your hiking pole as a prop. Our club will be introduced by announcers as we pass by the announcers' booth. Would appreciate a RSVP by March 10 to help us know approximate numbers. Also, if you wish to donate \$5 to the Club to help offset the participation fee that would be appreciated as well. We love a Parade! (<https://www.indystpats.com/events/st-patricks-day-parade>) (PS,F,2.5) Marla Zinkan (317-403-5621)

6:00 PM BUTLER, TOWPATH AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See Friday, March 3

Saturday, March 18

9:00 AM GREENWOOD MALL - SATURDAY See Saturday, February 4

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, February 4

10:00 AM KNOBSTONE TRAIL: PIXLEY KNOB ROAD TRAILHEAD This is a 16 mile hike that starts at the Pixley Knob Rd trail head (TH). From the TH, we will hike north to mile marker 12 (out and back/5 miles) and then hike south to mile marker 4 (out and back/11 miles). Endurance is a must as the trail is RUGGED/CHALLENGING. With the start time at 10 a.m., we will not be stopping to take a lunch break. Suggestion: eat a big breakfast and bring plenty of food items that can be put in your pockets that will be easy to reach as you hike. Pixley Knob TH has a very small gravel parking area so I need

people to RSVP as we may need to shuttle some cars to New Chapel trailhead (3.5 miles away).
DIRECTIONS: From I-465 S, take I-65 to Exit 19 (State Rd 160 West). Go 5 miles and turn left on Pixley Knob Road. Go 2.5 miles and the trailhead is on the right. No restrooms. Bring hiking poles, high energy snacks and water. (*H,NS,2-3) Leader Susan Sievers (317-513-5239)

Sunday, March 19

- 9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, February 5
- 10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, February 5
- 1:30 PM SUNDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Sunday, February 5

Monday, March 20 *First Day of Spring*

- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, February 13
- 9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, February 6
- 9:30 AM RIVER ROAD PARK IN CARMEL See Monday, February 20
- 4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, February 6
- 4:00 PM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE See Thursday, February 2
- 4:00 PM GREENWOOD MALL - MONDAY AFTERNOON See Monday, February 6

Tuesday, March 21

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, February 7
- 9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL See Thursday, February 2
- 9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, February 7
- 9:30 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See Tuesday, March 7
- 9:30 AM LET'S GO ON ANOTHER PART OF THE B&O See Tuesday, March 7
- 4:30 PM GREENWOOD NIGHTS See Tuesday, February 7

Wednesday, March 22

- 9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, February 1
- 9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See Wednesday, February 1
- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, February 1
- 9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, February 1
- 9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, February 1
- 1:00 PM SODALIS NATURE PARK See Wednesday, March 8
- 4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON See Wednesday, February 1
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, February 1

Thursday, March 23

- 9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, February 2
- 9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL See Thursday, February 2
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, February 2
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, February 2
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, February 2
- 4:00 PM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE See Thursday, February 2

Friday, March 24

- 8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, February 3
- 8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, February 3
- 9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, February 3
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, February 3
- 10:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See Friday, February 3
- 6:00 PM BUTLER, TOWPATH AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See Friday, March 3

Saturday, March 25

- 9:00 AM GREENWOOD MALL - SATURDAY See Saturday, February 4
- 10:00 AM PATE HOLLOW TRAIL, PAYNETOWN SRA Meet in the parking lot behind the park activity building located at 4850 South SR446, Bloomington. This will be about a 7-mile wooded and somewhat hilly

loop hike with glimpses of Lake Monroe through the trees. This trail is in the Hoosier National Forest and is generally considered a moderately challenging hike. Allow 1 1/2 hours from I465 S. Take SR 37/ I-69 south to Bloomington. Take Exit 120, go east on SR 46 to SR 446. Turn right (south) on SR 446 and go for about 6 miles. Look for the Paynetown SRA entrance to your right. Join us for lunch at the Scenic View Restaurant after the hike. (Map #63) (M,NS,2.5) Leader: Terry Roesch (317-910-2943 cell)

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, February 4

10:00 AM FLATWOOD PARK MONROE COUNTY From I-465 S take SR 67 S to Spencer. Turn left onto SR 46 and go east for about 6.5 miles to Flatwoods Rd. Turn right onto Flatwoods Rd and go for about one mile to the park entrance on your left. This will be a 5-mile (F,NS,PS 2.5) on park trails. Trails could be wet after a heavy rain. After the hike plan on having lunch at one of the local restaurants. Note: Do not take the first Flatwoods Rd at the intersection with the flashing yellow caution light. (F,NS/PS,2.5) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972 cell)

Sunday, March 26

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, February 5

10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, February 5

1:00 PM LAKE CLEARWATER Meet in the northeast corner of the Super Walmart parking lot to the left of the Garden Center at the intersection of 74th St and Keystone Ave. On this 6 mile hike, with a 3 mile option, we will walk around two lakes and through scenic neighborhoods. If we are lucky we will find early spring flowers in bloom. 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) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

Monday, March 27

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, February 13

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, February 6

9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE PARK AND BEYOND See Monday, February 27

4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, February 6

4:00 PM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE See Thursday, February 2

4:00 PM GREENWOOD MALL - MONDAY AFTERNOON See Monday, February 6

Tuesday, March 28

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, February 7

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL See Thursday, February 2

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, February 7

9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Tuesday, February 14

9:30 AM LET'S GO ON ANOTHER PART OF THE B&O See Tuesday, March 7

1:30 PM TUESDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Tuesday, February 14

2:00 PM DOWNTOWN FISHERS ON THE NICKEL PLATE TRAIL See Tuesday, February 14

4:30 PM GREENWOOD NIGHTS See Tuesday, February 7

Wednesday, March 29

9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, February 1

9:00 AM AMPHITHEATER ROAD HIKE See Wednesday, February 1

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, February 1

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, February 1

9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, February 1

4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON See Wednesday, February 1

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, February 1

Thursday, March 30

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, February 2

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL See Thursday, February 2

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, February 2

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, February 2

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, February 2

4:00 PM FORT HARRISON AND LAWRENCE See Thursday, February 2

Friday, March 31

8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON track See Friday, February 3

8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, February 3

9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, February 3

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, February 3

10:00 AM PENNSY TRAIL See Friday, February 3

6:00 PM BUTLER, TOWPATH AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See Friday, March 3

The following hike was added on February 22 and is only available on the website not on the printed schedule.

10:00 PM TWENTYFOUR HOUR HIKE ON THE CARDINAL GREENWAY Yup, you read it right, I will be leading a 24 hour April Fools hike along the entire 53 mile Cardinal Greenway on April 1st (fitting date) The plan for the April Fool's Day hike is to meet at the Whitewater Gorge Trail parking area south of Richmond at 10:00 pm Friday night (March 31st), then shuttle as a group northwest to the Gaston Trailhead, which is about an hour and a half drive. We then commence hiking at midnight, keeping about a 2.25 mph overall pace and try to finish the entire thing in 24 hours. Some may want to meet at midnight at the Gaston Trailhead on Broad St and do a much more sensible out and back. The meeting location is at 544 Test Rd in Richmond, Indiana, located on the west bank of the East Fork White River. From Indianapolis take I-70 east to Centerville Rd and turn right (south), turn left (east) onto Gates Rd, then a right(south) onto Round Barn Rd and finally another left(east) onto Test Rd. The parking area will be on your left (north). Both locations are on Google Maps. If you plan to come, please RSVP the leader. (**Challenging**F,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Scott Beam (317-601-1033,the08duck@yahoo.com)

FUTURE EVENTS:

WILDFLOWER HIKES EVERY TUESDAY IN APRIL As she has done in past years, Mary Ann Layman will be leading spring wildflower hikes every Tuesday in April. All the hikes will be 4-5 miles at a slow and easy pace with ongoing commentary about the flowers. To give the flowers time to open up, all hikes will begin at 1:00 p.m. Each week will be in a different location known for its diversity of wildflowers. Indiana spring wildflowers are a not to be missed once a year experience that lasts only a few weeks

26TH ANNUAL SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK – April 18-20 Mark your calendar for the Annual Club Trip to Smoky Mountains National Park. We are again scheduling the hikes mid-week (Tue-Thu). You should already have your room reservations in Gatlinburg TN, if not please make them soon, otherwise you may not find space. Most members stay at Riverhouse at the Park (865-436-2070). Bearskin Lodge on the River (865-430-4330) is another good choice. We will start with a Monday evening pool-side social hour at Riverhouse (BYOB). There will be a full range of moderate morning and afternoon hikes, and more challenging full-day hikes. This year's hike leaders will include Tim Braun, John Lyghtel, Chuck Turner, John and Connie Schlechte. Any questions please contact: John Schlechte 317-294-2021 cell or jschlechte@fastmail.com.

C&O CANAL ONE DAY HIKE – Saturday, April 22 Although it requires a lot of conditioning, please consider joining Theresa Ray for the mid-Atlantic region's oldest long-distance day hike - 100K (62.14 miles with shorter options) from Washington DC to Harpers Ferry, WV. Theresa has completed 100 K four times, so she can be a great resource if you are considering it. The hike is an annual event sponsored by the DC Sierra Club. Check www.onedayhike.org for details on registration, lodging, etc. Theresa Ray will be coordinating our club's participation again this year. If you think you might be interested contact Theresa at tmrquincy@yahoo.com or 317-627-1205.

NO FRILLS HALF MARATHON – Saturday, April 22 The 5th Annual No Frills Half Marathon (no frills, no tee shirts, no bands, no drinks, no police escort, but also no cost) will be held on Saturday, April 22. See April schedule for details. Contact Mary Bruss if you want to know more at mbruss727@gmail.com or 317-308-0182

ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC – Saturday, July 29 Once again, our annual picnic will be at noon in Eagle Creek Park Shelter A at 12 noon, preceded by three hike choices at 10:00 a.m. Entry to the park will be free this day for Hiking Club members and guests.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY – Thursday, September 7

MICHIGAN'S UPPER PENINSULA - September 24-27 Our third trip to northern Michigan will take place in September 2023 and will include hikes in Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore and the Hiawatha National Forest near Munising, Michigan. Travel and arrival date will be Sunday September 24. There will be a meeting

that evening at the hotel for all hikers to review the week's events. Hotel check out can be Wednesday morning of the 27th. Hikes will take place on Monday, Tuesday and on Wednesday morning. The host hotel will be the same as the two prior trips: North Star Hotel Pictured Rocks, E9681 East M-28, Wetmore, MI 49895, phone number: 906-387-2466. In the mean time, if you have any questions regarding the trip, you can contact Bill Halik at yooper1954@gmail.com.

ANNUAL WINTER BANQUET – Sunday, December 3 Sunday afternoon at same location as the last few years. 2023 Achievement Award winners and new 25 year members will be honored.

GULF SHORES, ALABAMA - January 2024 I'm looking to see if there is interest in a trip to the Gulf coast next winter. There are 28 miles of paved/natural surface trails in Gulf State Park alone as well as nature preserves within an hour's drive. I will begin more in-depth planning if I find there is enough interest. Please contact Karen LeClerc to let me know if you are interested: kmlclerc58@gmail.com or 920-883-9477

PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

Linda Karwisch	Indianapolis, IN	Robin Koehl	Indianapolis, IN
Ron Layden	Brownsburg, IN	Stephen Morris	Clayton, IN
Jeff Small	Bargersville, IN	Sue Small	Bargersville, IN
Jenna Small	Bargersville, IN	Steve Knoop	New Palestine, IN
Jamie Loveland	Anderson, IN	Gail Marcopulos	Indianapolis, IN
Pam Marusic	Pendleton, IN	Michelle Niemann	Indianapolis, IN

RECENT MILEAGE AWARDS:

Glee Crowder	54,500	Jerry Green	7,000	Jacki Caviston	1,000
Allan Roberts	47,500	Mary K Johnson	6,000	Mike Lindstedt	1,000
Tish Brafford	25,500	Richard Voege	6,000	Ben Thompson	200
Rick Braun	17,500	Carole Gartner	3,500	Delaram Moghaddam	200
Mary Williams	13,500	Carolyn Daly	3,500	Jane Chambers	200
Pat Lawler	13,500	Tom Seeman	3,000	Karen Graves	100
Mike Khalil	13,000	Deborah Bucholz	1,500	Karen LeClerc	100
Jo Anne Starzyk	11,500	Linda Crawford	1,500	Marcus Price	100
Phil Smith	11,500	Betty Johnson	1,000	Nancy Garland	100
Cheryl Conces	8,500	Curt Hawhee	1,000	Patrick Eaton	100
Dewey Conces	8,500				

MEMBER NEWS: We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of the following members: Allan Roberts father passed away in December. He lived in Pensacola, Florida.

Former Club President Jackie King's husband Art recently passed away. Jackie is still a Club member living in North Carolina.

Pat Lawler's stepson Scott (55) passed away on Tuesday, January 17.

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 Marti Burton, 8812 River Ridge Dr, Brownsburg, IN 46112 (317-306-9878, mjburton51@hotmail.com). To become a member you must be 18 years old and have hiked with us at least twice as a guest. That's it. A Membership Application may be printed from the "forms" page on the website or ask Marti 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".