



The Indianapolis Hiking Club

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Happiness - A Step at a Time

SCHEDULE FOR APRIL AND MAY 2024

(Please – no pets except on designated pet hikes)



Celebrating 67 Years of Sponsoring Hikes and Outings

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

CHALLENGING HIKE	TERRAIN		SURFACE	SPEED
Challenging or blank	H (Hilly)	Continuously	NS Natural, mainly soft	Hiking speed in MPH
	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. Note, any additions or changes to the hike schedule after it has been *finalized* (e.g., new hike or hike cancellation) will be announced to all members via a Broadcast email and a website Home page news entry; details will be available only on the Club website *calendar function* and not in the printed schedule or the .pdf schedule on the website Hike Schedule page.

ITEMS OF NOTE IN THIS SCHEDULE: You have a choice of 350 hikes in this schedule. In addition to our 27th Annual Smoky Mountains extended stay trip beginning on April 16 and the usual complement of weekday and weekend recurring hikes; the following hikes deserve a closer look. Book Club hikes are planned for April 16 hosted by Katy Smith and May 10 led by Susan Sievers. Again, this year Mary Ann Layman will be leading popular Wildflower hikes every Tuesday in April. A once in a lifetime Solar Eclipse hike is planned for April 8 at Crown Hill Cemetery led by Ed Wright; pray for sun. There are more than a dozen weekend woods hikes on this schedule, including Morgan Monroe SF on Saturday, April 6; Sycamore Nature Preserve on Saturday April 27; DePauw Nature Park on Saturday, May 5; Hike Around Yellowwood Lake on Saturday, May 11; Big Walnut Nature Park and Turkey Run SP on Saturday, May 18. Also, several **Challenging** hikes are available, including No-Frills Half Marathon led by Mary Bruss on Saturday, April 13, the famous Mini-Marathon on May 4 and two hikes led by Scott Beam, including a 39-mile Three Loops Hike in Morgan Monroe SF on May 4 that starts at midnight (you read that right). Finally, you still have an opportunity to be a volunteer in the 500 Festival Parade on Saturday, May 25. Please review the write-ups in this schedule on the applicable dates for complete details.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

Last year the Club walked in two parades – the annual St. Patrick's Day parade downtown and the Indy 500 Festival parade. The positive response led to repeating both again this year. Whatever the event or reason, walking is good for our health.

As in the past, the Club will return for the 27th time to the Great Smoky Mountains for three days of hiking. It'll be a little more strenuous than the parades, but the views and overall experience are well worth it. Come join us April 16th - 18th.

Debbie Bucholz
President
Indianapolis Hiking Club

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HIKE SCHEDULE:**Monday, April 1*****April Fool's Day***

- 9:00 AM AMMORNING 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, May 6. (Map #40) (M,PS,3.5) Leader: Cathrine Curtiss (317-209-9816)
- 9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK Meet at 6901 Derbyshire Rd behind the former Southport Police Station for a 5-mile hike. Hike repeats each Monday in April and May. (F,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: David Kincaid (317-787-6593)
- 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 Ave, 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, May 6. (F,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)
- 4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE Meet at the Broad Ripple Methodist Church at 6135 Guilford Ave for a hike of 5-6 miles. Hike repeats every Monday April and May, when the start time changes to 5:00 p.m. (Map #65) (F,PS/NS,3-3.5) Leader: Mary Bruss (317-308-0182)
- 4:00 PM GREENWOOD MALL - MONDAY AFTERNOON Sign-up at the Greenwood Mall food court at 4:00 p.m.; 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 p.m. If the weather is nice, we may walk outside. Hike repeats every Monday in April and May. (F,PS) Leader: Glee Crowder (317-859-8159)
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING Meet in Geist Coffee parking lot at the northwest corner of Fall Creek Rd and Brooks School Rd for a 6-8 mile hike through scenic neighborhoods. Hike repeats each Monday evening in April and May. (Map #25)(F,PS,3.5) Leader: Rick Braun (317-679-2972)

Tuesday, April 2

- 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 and/or nearby neighborhoods. 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. Meet in the north end of the parking lot close to the Monon trail. Hike repeats every Tuesday in April and May. (Map #51) (F,PS) Leader: Jo Anne Starzyk (317-771-0914)
- 9:00 AM BUTLER-TARKINGTON STROLL This will be a 5-6 mile hike through pretty Butler-Tarkington neighborhoods. Meet at the Unitarian Church parking lot at 615 W 43rd St. From west 38th St go north on Clarendon Rd, which is on the east side of Crown Hill Cemetery. When you reach 43rd St turn right and go 1/2 block. The church is on the south side of the street. (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-329-2779, 317-652-2779)
- 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 other directions can be problematic because of I-69 construction. Debbie can offer advice closer to each hike.) Port-a-let is available. Hike repeats every Tuesday in April and May. (Map #61) (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Debbie Bucholz (317-361-9210)
- 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. This 5-mile hike may include parts of Holliday Park, Marott Park, Monon Trail, Arden neighborhood, Rocky Ripple or Broad Ripple Park. Hike repeats April 16 & 30 and May 14 & 28. (Map #65) (M,NS/HS/PS,2.5) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)

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- 1:00 PM WILDFLOWER HIKE AT MOUNDS STATE PARK This is the first wildflower hike that will occur every Tuesday in April and selected other days. Each hike will be at a different location known for its diversity of wildflowers. All hikes will start at 1:00 p.m. to give the flowers a chance to open and be at a slow and easy pace so you can enjoy commentary. Our first hike will be at Mounds S.P., known for a large variety of wildflower species known to bloom in early April. From I-465 N, take I-69 north to Anderson, IN. Take exit 126 and go north (left) to SR 232. Turn right at SR 232 and follow the signs to Mounds State Park and meet in the Pavilion parking lot. This hike will only be 2-3 miles with plenty of commentary about the flowers. If you wish, enjoy a picnic lunch with other hikers at the park before the hike begins. (Map #19) (M,NS,1.5-2) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (317-346-1802-home or 317-412-5190 cell)
- 1:30 PM TUESDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O From I-465 W take exit 16A to Crawfordsville Rd west through 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 6-10 miles out and back self-guided hike. Restrooms are available. Hike repeats on April 16 & 30 and May 14. (F,PS) Leader Kae Ramey (317-701-5805 cell)
- 4:30 PM POTTERS BRIDGE ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON Join me for a 3-mile hike on a pretty paved trail in the woods along the White River from Potters Bridge and back. From I-69 go north on SR 37 to 191st St and turn left. Go west on 191st St to the second stop sign (10th St/Allisonville Rd). Turn right (north) and go about 1/4 mile. The parking lot for Potter's Bridge is on your left. Hike repeats on all Tuesdays in April and May. (Map #15) (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Martha Rivera June (317-750-6895)
- 6:00 PM BEECH GROVE Meet at southeast corner of Emerson and Churchman in Beech Grove in the Churchman Hill Plaza behind the BP station for a 5-mile hike. Hike repeats each Tuesday in April and May. (F,PS,3-3,5) Leader: David Kincaid (317-787-6593)

Wednesday, April 3

- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS This 7-9 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, just west of the Colts training facility. Hike repeats each Wednesday in April and May. Join us at a nearby Starbucks after the hike. (Map #40)(M,NS,3-3.5) Leader: Jim Goulding (317-695-8744)
- 9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL Please note the start time reverts to 9:00 a.m. from the winter months. Each week we will walk on different paved trails and neighborhoods in scenic areas of Carmel often with different leaders. 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 bathroom. Hike repeats every Wednesday in April and May. (Map #58)(F,PS,3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)
- 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 to Northwestway Park then back to the library. Shorter and longer options are available. Please note the new parking location. Park in the southeast corner of the Robin Run Village parking lot, by the pond, off of W. 62nd St. Hike repeats each Wednesday in April and May. (F,PS) Leader: Joan Griffitts (317-297-7312)
- 9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL Join us for a 5-mile hike 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 April and May. (Map #41) (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Harold Crooks (317-730-4850)
- 4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON Sign-up at the Greenwood Mall food court at 4:00 p.m.; 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 p.m. If the weather is nice, we may walk outside. Hike repeats every Wednesday in April and May. (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

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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 April and May. (Map #34) (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Janet Cohen (317-508-8523 or 317-417-2628)

Thursday, April 4

- 9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE This is a 6-mile self-guided hike usually north on the Fall Creek Trail to Skiles Test Park and back, however, from time to time the leaders may change the route. 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. Hike repeats every Thursday in April and May. (Map #45)(F,PS,3-3.5) Leaders: Tish Brafford (317-531-6700 cell) or JoAnne Starzyk (317-771-0914)
- 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 hikes meet at the Earth Discovery Center parking lot in Eagle Creek Park (fee), which is located off 56th St just west of the Colts facility. This will be a moderate to brisk paced 5-mile trail hike over, around, up and down through the woods. Hike repeats every Thursday in April and May. After the hike join us for lunch (we have been doing it for over 30 years) at Golden Corral on 38th St. We often have 20 or more hikers join us and 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 moderate paced hike mostly on groomed trails with some hills. Same lunch invite as 5 mile hike. Leader: Russ Himes (317-892-4553)
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE Same directions and repeat dates Easy at Eagle Creek - Five Mile. This is a 3-mile hike at an even slower pace, mostly on paved roads. Same lunch invite as the 5 mile hike. (F,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)
- 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 brisk hike. Hike repeats every Thursday in April and May. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Rick Braun (317-679-2972)

Friday, April 5

- 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 April and May, in May the start time changes to 7:30 a.m. Meet at the Monon trail-head parking lot on 96 St in Nora. Restrooms are available. (F,PS) Leader: Rick Kinnaman (317-407-9746)
- 8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE This will be a moderate pace 5-6 mile hike through scenic Zionsville; expect a different route each week. We break for coffee(\$) midway through the hike. We meet at the Zionsville Town Hall at 1100 W Oak St across from McDonalds. From I-465 N take Michigan Rd north to 116th St and turn left (west) and go to downtown Zionsville. 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. Hike repeats every Friday in April and May. (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 an 8-mile option. This will be a brisk trail hike unless conditions prompt a switch to the roads. This hike will be in Eagle Creek Park (fee). Use the 56th St entrance that is just west of the Colts facility and take the first left after entering the park. Meet in at the Swimming Area (beach) parking lot. Hike repeats on all Fridays in April and May. (Map #66)(M,PS/NS,3-3.5) Leader: Phil Smith (317-443-3955)
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL Enjoy a 5-6 mile hike in scenic Garfield Park and various surrounding neighborhoods. From exit 109 on I-65 in downtown Indy (Raymond St exit) 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. Hike repeats every Friday in April and May. (Map #52)(F,NS/PS,3-3.5) Leader: David Kincaid (317-

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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 April and May. (Map #32) (M,PS/NS,3.5) Leader: Jim Griffin (317-294-1121)

Saturday, April 6

8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD This will be a 10-15 mile 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. (Google: Friendship Gardens, Plainfield, IN 46168) Hike repeats each Saturday in April and May. (Map #55)(F,PS,3.5) Leader: Therese Cokain (317-796-9183)

9:30 AM MORGAN MONROE STATE FOREST From I-465 S take SR37 S/I-65 S past Martinsville to Exit 134 and follow the signs to Morgan Monroe State Forest., 6220 Forest Rd. Martinsville, IN 46151. From the forest entrance go for 5 miles to the fire tower on your left. This will be a 5-mile hike on forest trails. Restrooms are available. After the hike plan on having lunch at a restaurant in Martinsville. (Map #28)(M,NS,2.5) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972 cell)

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 April and May. (Map #65)(F,NS) Leader: Rick Kinnaman (317-407-9746)

Sunday, April 7

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 0.4 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 April and May. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Marti Burton (317-306-9878)

9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING Meet in front of 6220 Carrollton Avenue for a guided 6-mile hike with the option for up to 4 additional (self-guided) miles. The parking lot in the 6200 block of Carrollton 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 April and May. (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 through 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 6-10 miles out and back self-guided hike. Restrooms are available. Hike repeats on April 28 and May 5 & 26. (F,PS) Leader: Kae Ramey (317-701-5805 cell)

Monday, April 8

Solar Eclipse

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, April 1

1:15 PM ECLIPSE HIKE AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY This hike replaces the usual Crown Hill Cemetery hike that I lead at 9:30 a.m. on the 2nd Monday of every month, with a once in a lifetime opportunity (assuming the sun is shining) to see a full eclipse of the sun from the top of Crown Hill, the highest point in Indy. A partial eclipse will begin about 1:50 p.m. and will be total for several minutes shortly after 3:00 p.m. I will have eclipse ready glasses to distribute to the anticipated number of attendees, but you can assist by bringing your own glasses. Since it will get very dark (even if the sky is cloudy), please bring flashlights. Expect traffic to be heavy because Crown Hill is expected to be crowded due to the eclipse, so allow enough time to arrive by 1:15 p.m. From the 700 block of West 38th St, go north on Clarendon Rd to the cemetery entrance. Crown Hill has asked us not to use the main parking lot just inside the entrance. Drive through the parking lot and just after you enter the cemetery proper, turn right and park behind the large limestone mausoleum on both sides of the street not blocking any driveways or dumpsters. Hike includes options of 3, 4 and 5 miles. No matter which option you choose the eclipse should be visible from any vantage point, weather permitting. Hike repeats on Monday, May 13 at the usual time 9:30 a.m. (Map #42)(M,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed

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4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, April 1

4:00 PM GREENWOOD MALL - MONDAY AFTERNOON See Monday, April 1

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, April 1

Tuesday, April 9

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, April 2

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, April 2

9:30 AM EASTSIDE NEIGHBORHOODS FROM IRVINGTON Join us for a 5-mile hike around the city's historical east side neighborhoods, including Irvington. We will walk in a different area each time. From East Washington St turn south on Audubon Rd by the Irvington Library - restrooms in library. Turn right at the second 4-way stop sign on to Bonna Ave and park on the north side of Bonna next to the Pennsy Trail. Hike repeats on Tuesday 23 and May 7 & 21. (F,PS,3) Leader: Annie Falvey (614-596-2020)

9:30 AM CLAM BAYOU NATURE PARK, GULFPORT, FL Join us for a 3-4 mile hike in Gulfport, FL. From I-275 exit 50 54th Ave travel west as far as 58th St N turn left (south) and drive as far as Shore Blvd; there will be a sign for the Casino. Turn left and drive as far as the public car park adjacent to the volleyball court, which sits alongside the casino building. Afterwards plan on eating at one of the many restaurants that Gulfport has to offer. (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Elaine Wright (317-753-5516)

9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK Enjoy a 5-mile hike on forested trails. The wildflowers should make for a pretty walk. 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 on April 23 and May 7 & 21. (Map #18) (M,NS,2.5) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)

1:00 PM WILDFLOWER HIKE AT HOLLIDAY PARK Let us see what wildflowers are blooming at Holliday Park, located at 6340 Spring Mill Rd. Holliday Park has the largest variety of spring wildflowers of any location in Indianapolis. Meet at the Nature Center for a hike of 2-3 miles. (Map #47) (M,NS,1.5-2) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (317-346-1802 home, 317-412-5190 cell)

4:30 PM POTTERS BRIDGE ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON See Tuesday, April 2

6:00 PM BEECH GROVE See Tuesday, April 2

Wednesday, April 10

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, April 3

9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, April 3

9:00 AM AVON'S WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY PARK On this 5-6 mile hike we will see two ponds, a fountain and a haunted bridge. From I-465 W go west on Rockville Rd (SR 36) 8.2 miles. Watch for the sign on the right side of the road indicating the entrance to the park. Turn left (south) into the park and meet in the lot at the back of the park. (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-329-2779, 317-652-2779 cell)

9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, April 3

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4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON See Wednesday, April 3

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6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, April 4

Friday, April 12

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9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, April 5
9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, April 5
1:30 PM OUTSIDE AT THE FASHION MALL We will meet in the food court located on the west side of the Fashion mall for a self-guided 3-5 mile walk. We will walk outside around the lake. After finishing outside, you will be able to walk inside on your own to reach 5 miles. From I-465 north exit at Keystone Ave going south take the first exit off Keystone at 86th St and go left and proceed to the mall entrance. (F,PS) Leader: June Sergi (317-372-3018)
6:00 PM BUTLER, TOWPATH AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See Friday, April 5

Saturday, April 13

- 8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, April 6
9:00 AM NO FRILLS HALF MARATHON No shirt, no medals, no water stations, and NO FEES. This 13.1-mile half marathon is self-guided. Restrooms will be located 2 1/2 miles from the start location at Walmart and at the turnaround in Fort Harrison. We will meet in the parking lot at Binford and Fall Creek. Go south on Keystone to 46th St. Turn east to Allisonville Rd. Turn right/south and go to the next stoplight. At that stoplight go straight, crossing Binford and the parking lot will be on the right. We will walk the Fall Creek Greenway Trail north to the Shaffer restrooms across from the sledding hill in Fort Harrison and back. Any questions please call Mary. Be sure to leave nothing visible in your car. Make sure to bring water and snacks. (**Challenging**,F,PS/NS) Leader: Mary Bruss (317-308-0182)
9:30 AM HIKE WITH A SKIER Please welcome the Indianapolis Ski Club as they join us for a 5-6 mile hike with shorter options available. Meet at the Ornithology Center at Eagle Creek Park. Enter from the North Gate off 71st Street. Afterwards, you may want to bring your bike and join some of their members as they ride through the park. Another post hike option is lunch at Puerto Vallarta Mexican Restaurant & Cantina located at 5510 Lafayette Rd. (M,NS,2.5) Leader: Debbie Bucholz (317-361-9210)
10:00 AM MEET US AT THE BEAR - WEST SIDE OF EAGLE CREEK PARK Take 56th St west past the main entrance to Eagle Creek Park and continue across the causeway. Take the first right into the parking lot which has the large iron sculpture of a bear. This will be a 6-mile hike. Credit card fee or Eagle Creek pass is required to enter this parking lot, but the gate may not be working. (Map #30) (M,NS,3) Leader: Phil Smith (317-443-3955)
10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, April 6

Sunday, April 14

- 9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, April 7
9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, April 7

Monday, April 15***Tax Day***

- 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. Hike repeats every Monday in April and May, except April 1 & April 8 (due to parking restrictions due to the eclipse) and May 6. (Map #40)(M,PS,3.5) Leader: Mary Barbara Miller (317-220-9593)
9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, April 1
9:30 AM PRATHER PARK IN CARMEL We will hike the paved trails in Prather Park (formally 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 Prather Park. Note you will pass River Heritage Park. Meet in the north lot by the restrooms. Hike repeats on May 20. (Map #64)(F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)
4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, April 1
4:00 PM GREENWOOD MALL - MONDAY AFTERNOON See Monday, April 1

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6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, April 1

MULTIDAY TRIP: TUESDAY, APRIL 16 – THURSDAY, APRIL 18

27th ANNUAL SMOKY MOUNTAINS GETAWAY

April 15 is considered a travel day, with a gathering at our hotel in Gatlinburg at 5 p.m. Allow 7 hours to travel 400 miles. Go southeast on I-74 to I-275. Go south on I-275 around Cincinnati to I-75 south. Go south on I-75 to Knoxville, TN. Go east on I-640 to I-40. Continue east on I-40 to Exit 407 (Highway 66 – Sevierville exit). Go south on Highway 66, which becomes US 441, to Gatlinburg. Hikes will be led by John Schlechte, Konnie Schlechte, Tim Braun, John Lyghtel, and Jim Goulding. Bring plenty of water, snacks, and lunch each day, as you may not return to Gatlinburg between hikes. Full details about the hikes will be distributed at Monday's 5:00 social hour at Riverhouse and 8:00 Tuesday morning at the Sugarland Visitors Center in Smoky Mountains NP (please do not miss this meeting). After the first day, some hikes may meet earlier than 8:00 a.m. Great Smoky Mountains National Park has instituted a parking fee of \$5 per day or \$15 per week. Passes can be purchased at the Park Visitor Centers and other locations, or on-line at www.recreation.gov/activitypass/AP2510/order. If purchased on-line, you will need to print a paper copy. Other information is available at <https://www.nps.gov/grsm/planyourvisit/fees.htm>.

Back by popular demand, we have reserved the historic Appalachian Clubhouse in the Elkmont Campground Wednesday evening for a catered southern dinner served again by Small Town BBQ. The cost will be \$25. Please RSVP to Konnie Schlechte (kmschlechte@gmail.com) no later than April 13.

Please join us at the pool area of Riverhouse at the Park at 5:00 PM Monday April 15 for a casual social hour (BYOB). For questions regarding the trip Contact John Schlechte (317-294-2021 text/cell or jschlechte@fastmail.com). Notes on the Smoky Mountains hiking schedule listed below:

- With the exception of Tuesday a.m. start times are subject to change and will be provided at Tuesday's meeting.
- Details regarding trails, mileage, and hike leaders will be provided on Tuesday.
- As always, trail parking is limited: please double up in cars.
- Shorter options will be offered on some hikes.

Tuesday, April 16

- 8:00 AM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – (MODERATE AM HIKE) – DAY 1 Prior to this 5-mile hike there will be a meeting at the Sugarland Visitor Center where a 3-day schedule of all hikes including the hike leaders, meeting times and meeting locations will be provided. If you missed last night's meeting at the Riverhouse at the Park it is essential that you make this meeting, if you are unable to attend, please call the organizer. Trip Organizer: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)
- 8:00 AM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – (LONG HIKE) – DAY 1 This hike will be 10+ miles. Meet at the Sugarland Visitor Center. A 3-day schedule of all hikes including leader will be provided at this time.
- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, April 2
- 9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, April 2
- 9:30 AM EAST SIDE NEIGHBORHOODS FROM BROOKSIDE PARK We will explore east side neighborhoods surrounding Brookside Park which is located at 3500 Brookside Pkwy S Dr. From I-70 W exit at Emerson Ave and head south to 16th St where you will turn right. Continue to Sherman where 16th St becomes Brookside Pkwy S Dr. The park is at the corner of Sherman and Brookside. From I-70 E, take the exit onto Rural and turn right. Head south to Brookside Pkwy S Dr and turn left. From the south, take I-65 N to Washington St and turn right. Continue east on Washington to Rural then turn left. Travel north until you reach Brookside Pkwy S Dr where you will turn right. The park entrance is about a 1/2 mile on the left. We will meet in the parking lot across from the playground. Hikes will be April 16 & 30 and May 14 & 28. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Annie Falvey (614-596-2020)

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9:30 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See Tuesday, April 2

1:00 PM WILDFLOWER HIKE ON WEST SIDE OF EAGLE CREEK PARK Join us for a 2-3 mile slow and easy hike to view spring wildflowers on the scenic west side of Eagle Creek Park. Take 56th street west pass the main entrance to Eagle Creek Park and continue across the causeway and take the first right into the Bear parking lot-Eagle Creek pass or a \$5.00 charge via cc required. Those that do not wish to park there can stay on 56th St and park in the Eagle Creek Golf Course parking lot and take the paved trail to the Bear parking lot. (Map #30) (M,NS 1.5-2) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (317-346-1802 home or 317-412-5190 cell)

1:00 PM BOOK CLUB HIKE - STARBUCKS & FITNESS TRAIL Before the hike read *The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave. From I-465 W take the 71st St exit and head west a short way. Meet at the Intech Park Starbucks (71st St and Intech Blvd) for the discussion. Since we will be walking to Eagle Creek Park, if you have a park pass, please bring it - 6 hikers can enter on 1 pass. This hike will be on paved & packed surfaces with options between 1 and 5 miles. You do not need to read the book to join the hike and discussion. (F,PS,3) Leader: Katy Smith (317-966-8702)

1:00 PM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – (MODERATE PM HIKE) – DAY 1 This hike will be 5 miles. Meet at the Sugarland Visitor Center at 8:00 a.m. A 3-day schedule of all hikes including leaders will be provided at this time.

1:00 PM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – (EASY PM HIKE) – DAY 1 This will be like the *I Hike for Ice Cream* hikes I lead back in Indy. Hike will be an easy 2 miles. Meet at the Riverhouse at the Park parking lot. (F,NS/PS,2) Leader: Konnie Schlechte (kmschlechte@gmail.com)

1:30 PM TUESDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Tuesday, April 2

4:30 PM POTTERS BRIDGE ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON See Tuesday, April 2

6:00 PM BEECH GROVE See Tuesday, April 2

Wednesday, April 17

8:00 AM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – (MODERATE AM) – DAY 2 About 5 miles, Location will be announced at Tuesday morning's initial meeting.

8:00 AM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – (MODERATE AM) – DAY 2 About 8 miles, Location will be announced at Tuesday morning's initial meeting.

8:00 AM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – (LONG HIKE) – DAY 2 About 10+. Location will be announced at Tuesday morning's initial meeting.

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, April 3

9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, April 3

9:00 AM BROOKSIDE PARK This 6-mile hike will pass through Brookside and Spades Parks and nearby neighborhoods. From downtown Indy go east on 10 St to Rural St (2800 east). Turn left (north) and go to Brookside Parkway S Dr. Turn right (east) and continue until you reach Brookside Park (3500 east) on your left. Meet in the parking lot. Hike repeats at 1:00 p.m. on May 15. (F,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-329-2779, 317-652-2779 cell)

9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, April 3

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, April 3

1:00 PM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – (MODERATE PM) – DAY 2 About 5 miles, Location will be announced at Tuesday morning's initial meeting.

4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON See Wednesday, April 3

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, April 3

6:00 PM SMOKY MOUNTAINS - APPALACHIAN CLUBHOUSE DINNER The cost will be \$25 per person. Please RSVP to Konnie Schlechte (kmschlechte@gmail.com) no later than April 13 if you are interested in attending this dinner.

Thursday, April 18

8:00 AM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – (MODERATE AM HIKE) – DAY 3 About 5-6 miles, Location will be announced at Tuesday morning's initial meeting.

8:00 AM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – (LONG HIKE) – DAY 3 About 10+ miles. Location will be announced at

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Tuesday morning's initial meeting.

8:00 AM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – (MODERATE AM HIKE) – DAY 3 About 5 miles, Location will be announced at Tuesday morning's initial meeting.

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, April 4

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, April 4

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, April 4

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, April 4

1:00 PM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – (MODERATE PM HIKE) – DAY 3 About 5 miles. Location will be announced at Tuesday morning's initial meeting.

2:30 PM HIKE IN STRAWTOWN KOTEEWI PARK AND EAT AT BONGES TAVERN - SIX MILE Meet at the car park in the Strawtown Koteewi Park. (www.discoverwhiteriver.com/parks-riverfronts/parks/strawtown-koteewi/). The Park is in northern Hamilton County, just north of Noblesville and east of Cicero. From I-465 take I-69 north to exit 205 and take SR 37 north. Continue through Noblesville for 11.9 miles. At the traffic circle, take the 3rd exit onto Lafayette St/Strawtown Ave. After 0.5 miles enter the park on your right. The car park is at the Taylor Center of Natural History, which displays exciting archaeological discoveries that have been uncovered at Strawtown Koteewi Park. There are bathrooms in the center. We will meet at 2:30 p.m. and hike for 6.0 miles. The trails are flat, with good views of the White River. After the hike, you can join the group to eat at 5:30 p.m. at the historic Bonges Tavern in Perkinsville. This is about a 10-minute drive from our hike location. A map will be given out at the hike. Prior reservations are required, but there may be some cancellations available. If interested in the dinner, please contact Mervyn at mecohen@iu.edu and you will be put on the waitlist. (F,HS,3) Leader: Mervyn Cohen (317 417-2628)

2:30 PM HIKE IN STRAWTOWN KOTEEWI PARK AND EAT AT BONGES TAVERN - FOUR MILE Same directions and information as the Strawtown Koteewi 6-mile hike listed above. However, the hike will only be 4 miles at a slower pace. The trails are flat, with good views of the White River. (F,HS,2.5) Leader: Dave Drzewiecki (317-627-7894)

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, April 4

Friday, April 19

8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, April 5

8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, April 5

9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, April 5

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, April 5

6:00 PM BUTLER, TOWPATH AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See Friday, April 5

Saturday, April 20

6:00 AM ADENA TRACE LOOP We'll meet before sunrise at the Bonwell Hill Boat Ramp parking area, crossing the dam and usually catching a great sunrise before we get started. This trail is fairly easy for the distance, with just over 3000 feet of elevation gain in 26 miles. For those who might want to enjoy a shorter and more sensible hike, feel free to start with us and enjoy the western side of the trail, take in the sunrise, enjoy the flowers blooming along the Wolf Creek section and return whenever you want on an out and back style hike. This hike will start before sunrise, so a headlamp would be wise for the first 15 minutes of the hike. From I-465 E, take I-74 east to St Leon (IN 1) north and stay on IN 1 as it merges with US52 all the way into Brookville. From there, merge to the right on IN 101 once through Brookville, and about halfway up the large hill turn right onto Bonwell Hill Rd. Continue straight until you reach the large parking area with restrooms, Meet in the very back after you circle around the second restroom. It's called Bonwell Trailhead on Google Maps. (**Challenging**,H,NS,3) Leader: Scott Beam (317-601-1033)

8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, April 6

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, April 6

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Sunday, April 21

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, April 7

9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, April 7

11:30 AM MCCLOUD NATURE PARK /PERILLO'S Join me for a moderate 5-6 mi. hike on natural trails through McCloud Nature Park located at 8518 Hughes Rd, North Salem. This is a 232-acre park with woods, glacial ravines, prairie, restored 100+ yr. old truss bridge over Big Walnut Creek and observable live honeybee hives. Meet at the Nature Center parking lot. From I-465 W merge onto I-74 at Exit 16B. Travel about 21 miles to SR 75, Exit 52. Turn left onto SR 75 and travel about 6.5 miles through North Salem. Turn right at the intersection of SR 75 and W CR 500 N. You are now on Hughes Rd. Continue 1.5 mi. to the park. Coming from the south side, a route would be from I-465 W, take US 36 (Rockville Rd) about 21 miles to SR75. Turn right and travel about 6 miles to Hughes Rd. Turn left onto Hughes Rd and travel 1.5 miles to the park. Join us at Perillo's Pizzeria after the hike. Note: CASH only, no credit cards. (Map #62) (M,NS,2.5) Leader: Terry Roesch (317-910-2943 cell)

Monday, April 22 *Passover & Earth Day*

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, April 15

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, April 1

9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE PARK AND BEYOND Join us for a hike in and around Broad Ripple, we go a different way each time. 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. We will start with a restroom break at the Community Center. Hike repeats on Monday, May 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, April 1

4:00 PM GREENWOOD MALL - MONDAY AFTERNOON See Monday, April 1

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, April 1

Tuesday, April 23

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, April 2

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, April 2

9:30 AM EASTSIDE NEIGHBORHOODS FROM IRVINGTON See Tuesday, April 9

9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Tuesday, April 9

1:00 PM WILDFLOWER HIKE AT MOUNDS STATE PARK II We will return to Mounds State Park to see some of the later blooming wildflowers. Follow the information and directions of the April 2nd hike. (M,NS,1.5-2) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (317-346-1802 home or 317-412-5190 cell)

4:30 PM POTTERS BRIDGE ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON See Tuesday, April 2

6:00 PM BEECH GROVE See Tuesday, April 2

Wednesday, April 24

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, April 3

9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, April 3

9:00 AM IU HOSPITAL WEST On the 6-7 mile hike we will get acquainted with Ronald Reagan Pkwy, traverse part of the B&O rail trail, see a small lake and a nice neighborhood. Meet in the southwest corner of the IU Health West parking lot, located at the intersection of W 10 St and Ronald Reagan Pkwy. From I-465 W take 10 St exit west about one mile past Raceway Rd. (F,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Pat Lawler(317-329-2779, 317-652-2779 cell)

9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, April 3

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, April 3

4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON See Wednesday, April 3

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, April 3

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Thursday, April 25

- 9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, April 4
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, April 4
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, April 4
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, April 4
6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, April 4

Friday, April 26***Arbor Day***

- 8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, April 5
8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, April 5
9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, April 5
9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, April 5
9:30 AM MONON TRAIL SOUTH FROM CENTRAL PARK Join us for a self-guided hike of 3, 4 or 5 miles starting from the Monon Center in Carmel heading south and returning on the same trail. From the intersection of 116th and Westfield Blvd in Carmel go south to Central Park Dr; this is the first intersection on the right. Turn right which is west and go to the parking lot at the end. Meet in the north end of the lot close to the Monon Trail. (Map #51)(F,PS) Leader: June Sergi (317-372-3018)
9:30 AM PROPHETSTOWN STATE PARK Located where the Tippecanoe River meets the Wabash near the town of Battle Ground, northeast of Lafayette, Native American people hunted and lived along the two rivers for thousands of years. Partly wooded and partly prairie. Allow 1-1/4 hours from I-465 and I-65 NW. (The DNR advises caution if using a GPS for this park, as it may direct you to use SR-225, which is incorrect.) Take I-65 north to Exit 178, IN-43 West Lafayette/Brookston. Turn left on IN-43 S/N River Road. Turn left on Burnetts Road. Turn right on N 9th St. Turn left on Swisher Rd and drive 2-1/2 miles to the gatehouse at 5545 Swisher Rd., West Lafayette (fee). Meet at Blazing Star Shelter in Prairie View picnic area for a 5-mile hike. Join us for lunch afterwards at the classic Triple XXX Family Restaurant, a very short drive away in West Lafayette. (M,NS,2.5) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)
6:00 PM BUTLER, TOWPATH AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See Friday, April 5

Saturday, April 27

- 8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, April 6
9:30 AM PORTER WEST PRESERVE MONROE COUNTY A Sycamore Nature Preserve. Parking is limited; we will carpool to the preserve. Meet at the Big Lots parking lot, 3620 W 3rd St, Bloomington. From I-465 S take SR37 S/ I-69 S to Exit 118 (SR 48, west 3rd St, Bloomington). There are restrooms at Fresh Thyme. Directions to the Preserve will be provided before the hike. After the hike plan on having lunch in Bloomington. (M,NS,2.5) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972 cell)
10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, April 6

Sunday, April 28

- 9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, April 7
9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, April 7
1:00 PM DEVONSHIRES Join us on a 6-mile road hike though attractive and somewhat hilly neighborhoods which should be ablaze with spring color. Meet behind the Starbucks in the Avalon Crossing shopping center on the east side of Binford Blvd just south of 71st St. (M,PS,3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)
1:30 PM SUNDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Sunday, April 7

Monday, April 29

- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, April 15
9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, April 1
1:00 PM WILDFLOWER HIKE - FALL CREEK WOODS NATURAL AREA Join us for a 3-4 mile hike on

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natural trails in Fishers newest nature park along Fall Creek, when the spring wildflowers should still be in bloom. The address of the new park is 18399 Southeastern Pkwy, Fishers 46040. Visit www.fallcreektwp.com/fall-creek-woods/ for more information on the park including a trail map. Take I-69 north to 116 St in Fishers and travel east to Olio Rd (about 3.5 miles). Turn right on Olio Rd and drive only about 1/4 mile to 113th St and turn left. If you find yourself on the bridge over Geist Reservoir you have gone too far on Olio. Travel east on 113th St through a roundabout and continue to the intersection of 113th St and Southeastern Pkwy. Continue a short distance on Southeastern Pkwy (continuation of 113th St) and just after you turn the corner right towards Fortville you will see the entrance to Fall Creek Woods Natural Area. Meet in the parking area. (M,NS,2-2.5) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

- 1:30 PM WEST SIDE OF EAGLE CREEK ON MONDAY The "Bear Side" of Eagle Creek has wide graded trails with sturdy benches, pedestrian bridges and scenic overlooks into the reservoir and forest. In April, we are sure to spot some wildflowers! Join me for a 6-mile out and back hike with a shorter option (walk back to parking lot with friend or self-guided). Take 56th St west past the main entrance to Eagle Creek Park and over the reservoir and turn right into the west side of Eagle Creek (fee or pass). Address is 7840 W 56th St. We will meet in the parking lot with the large bear sculpture. (Map #30) (M,NS,2.5) Leader: Terry Roesch (317-910-2943 cell)
- 4:00 PM GREENWOOD MALL - MONDAY AFTERNOON See Monday, April 1
- 5:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, April 1
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, April 1

Tuesday, April 30

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, April 2
- 9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, April 2
- 9:30 AM EAST SIDE NEIGHBORHOODS FROM BROOKSIDE PARK See Tuesday, April 16
- 9:30 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See Tuesday, April 2
- 1:00 PM WILDFLOWER HIKE AT MC CORMICK'S CREEK STATE PARK. We usually see more varieties and a greater volume of spring wildflowers at this state park than at any other location. From I-465 SW, take SR 67 (Kentucky Ave) southwest to Spencer. Turn left on SR 46 and proceed to the park entrance (fee). We will meet at the Nature Center for a 2-3 mile hike. Those that want to come early to eat lunch can meet the other hikers at 11:30 a.m. at the Crossroad 46 Diner located in Spencer on SR 46 (661 W. Morgan St). (Map #24)(M,NS,1.5-2) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (317-346-1802 home or 317-412-5190 cell).
- 1:30 PM TUESDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Tuesday, April 2
- 4:30 PM POTTERS BRIDGE ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON See Tuesday, April 2
- 6:00 PM BEECH GROVE See Tuesday, April 2

Wednesday, May 1

- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, April 3
- 9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, April 3
- 9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, April 3
- 9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, April 3
- 10:00 AM DISCOVER MOORESVILLE From I-465 SW take SR 67 (Kentucky Ave) southwest to Mooresville. At the intersection of SR 67 and Main St, park in the back of Gray Brothers Restaurant parking lot for a 6-7 mile hike. Plan to stay for lunch. (M,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-329-2779, 317-652-2779 cell)
- 4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON See Wednesday, April 3
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, April 3

Thursday, May 2

- 9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, April 4
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, April 4

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- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, April 4
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, April 4
6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, April 4

Friday, May 3

- 7:30 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, April 5
8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, April 5
9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, April 5
9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, April 5
11:00 AM TURKEYFOOT NATURE PARK Come join us as we explore Turkeyfoot trails for 4-5 miles in Zionsville and nearby neighborhoods. The address is 4795 Turkeyfoot Rd, Zionsville 46077. The trail runs along Eagle Creek. Join us for ice cream afterwards at The Scoop. (M,PS,2.5) leader June Sergi (317-372-3018)
6:00 PM BUTLER, TOWPATH AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See Friday, April 5

Saturday, May 4

- 12:00 AM THREE LOOPS AT MORGAN MONROE STATE FOREST Come out and hike as many loops and miles as you can (total of 39 miles if you do all three loops) or want to. We'll meet up at 12:00 a.m. Saturday morning and head off about 12:15 a.m. towards the Three Lakes Loop. This loop is 11 miles. Bring a headlamp and a backup light, as this hike will take place all before sunrise. Then back to the cars for about an hour break before we head out on loop number two at 6:00 a.m., the Low Gap trail. This loop is also 11 miles. After another 5 hours we'll be back at our cars for another long rest, before we start the real challenge at 12 noon. The most rugged of the loops is last, as the trail isn't built yet. It's in the process but just began late last year. We'll hike up to the southern end of the Gateway Trail at Gose Creek Rd and hike what's a lot of old access roads for now, with a lot of steep hills and valleys connecting them all the way to the northern border south of Martinsville. We'll then head back using mostly either old access roads, Hatfield Ridge and Rosenbaum Rd. Or another scenic route off trail if we have anything left and there's enough light. This loop will be about 17 miles and very rugged at times. We'll meet in the parking area across the Morgan-Monroe State Forest HQ, so come out for whichever loops you want. From I-465 S, take I-69/SR 37 south to exit 134 Liberty Church Rd, turn left off the exit and then a quick right onto Hacker Creek Rd. In 4 miles take a left onto Main Forest Rd at the Morgan-Monroe State Forest sign. In 4 miles you'll reach the parking area across from the Forest HQ. (Map #28)(Challenging,H,NS,3) Leader: Scott Beam (317-601-1033)
7:00 AM 500 FESTIVAL MINI-MARATHON AND 5K This famous 13-mile and 3-mile self-guided hike starts and ends in downtown Indy. You will need to pre-register for this event at www.indymini.com which includes race details. You can obtain Club mileage credit by calling or emailing the leader, who will verify your completion through the 500 Festival web site race results. (Challenging,F,PS) Leader: Julie Litten (317-407-4652, littenjulie@gmail.com)
8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, April 6
10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, April 6

Sunday, May 5

- 9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, April 7
9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, April 7
1:00 PM DEPAUW NATURE PARK, GREENCASTLE Join us for a 5-6 mile hike at this 520-acre nature park located at 1400 W County Rd 125 S, Greencastle, IN 46135. Features at this park are woodland trails, Big Walnut Creek and a stone quarry. From I-465 W, exit on US 40 and travel to SR 231. Turn right and travel to Washington St in Greencastle. Turn left. Travel to just past courthouse and turn left again at Jackson St. Turn right onto W. Walnut St going west about 0.6 miles. The driveway to the nature park is on the left. Follow the driveway about 0.5 mile to the main parking lot where we will meet. (M,NS,2.5) Leader: Terry Roesch (317-910-2943 cell)

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1:30 PM SUNDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Sunday, April 7

Monday, May 6

9:00 AM MORNING CONSTITUTIONAL See Monday, April 1

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, April 1

9:30 AM TOWPATH, BUTLER UNIVERSITY AND ROCKY RIPPLE See Monday, April 1

4:00 PM GREENWOOD MALL - MONDAY AFTERNOON See Monday, April 1

5:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, April 1

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, April 1

Tuesday, May 7

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, April 2

9:00 AM CLERMONT NORTH SIDE We will explore Miller Park and the north side of Clermont on this 6-7 mile hike. Meet at Clermont Lion's Club Park. From I-465 W exit at 38th St and go west. At the end of 38th St the road turns south and becomes Dandy Trail. Stay on Dandy Trail until you reach SR 136 (Crawfordsville Rd). Turn right and go to the first stop light which is Tansel Rd. Turn left and go .3 miles to Lion's Club Park on your left. (Map #44) (F,H/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-329-2779, 317-652-2779 cell)

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, April 2

9:30 AM EASTSIDE NEIGHBORHOODS FROM IRVINGTON See Tuesday, April 9

9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Tuesday, April 9

4:30 PM POTTERS BRIDGE ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON See Tuesday, April 2

6:00 PM BEECH GROVE See Tuesday, April 2

Wednesday, May 8

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, April 3

9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, April 3

9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, April 3

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, April 3

4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON See Wednesday, April 3

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, April 3

Thursday, May 9

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, April 4

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, April 4

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, April 4

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, April 4

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, April 4

Friday, May 10

7:30 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, April 5

8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, April 5

9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, April 5

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, April 5

10:00 AM BOOK CLUB HIKE – EAGLE CREEK PARK This month's selection is David Grann's latest book *The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder*. A couple of years ago we discussed his book *Killers of the Flower Moon*. From 56th St, just west of the Colts facility, enter the Eagle Creek Park (fee). Once in the park take the first left to the beach. Meet at the swimming area (beach) parking lot. A 2-3 mile hike will be followed by the book discussion. For a longer hike, participate in the TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK which starts at 9:00 a.m. at the same location. For those choosing to join us for the discussion only (11:15 a.m.), we will be at the shelter to the right of the concession building. Bring your lunch to enjoy while we discuss the book. (Map #66)(M,PS/NS,2-2.5) Discussion leader:

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Susan Sievers (317-513-5239)

6:00 PM BUTLER, TOWPATH AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See Friday, April 5

Saturday, May 11

8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, April 6

9:30 AM HIKE AROUND YELLOWWOOD LAKE From I-465 S take I-65 S to Exit 68 (SR 46 E Nashville) and continue west on SR 46. At the traffic light in Nashville turn left and go for about 5 miles, look for Yellowwood Forest sign at Knights Corner. Turn right and follow Yellowwood Rd to the forest Park Office parking lot. (772 Yellowwood Lake Rd Nashville). This will be a 5-mile hike around the lake on a moderate scenic natural trail (hiking poles are recommended). Restrooms are available in the parking lot. After the hike join us for lunch at a restaurant in Nashville. (M,NS,2) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972 cell)

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, April 6

Sunday, May 12 *Mother's Day*

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, April 7

9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, April 7

2:00 PM AROUND LAKE MAXINHALL This is a 6-mile hike around Lake Maxinhall and through pretty neighborhoods. Spring flowers should be at their peak. From I-465 N take Allisonville Rd south. Just before you get to 62nd St there is a Big Lots store on the east side of Allisonville Rd. Meet in the Big Lots parking lot. (F,PS,3) Leader: Michele Kestle (317-251-7157)

Monday, May 13

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, April 15

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, April 1

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 not use the main parking lot just inside the entrance; it is reserved for funerals. Drive through the parking lot and just after you enter the cemetery proper, turn right and park behind the large limestone mausoleum on both sides of the street without blocking any driveways or dumpsters. Hike includes options of 3, 4 and 5 miles. Hike repeats on Monday, May 13. (Map #42)(M,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

4:00 PM GREENWOOD MALL - MONDAY AFTERNOON See Monday, April 1

5:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, April 1

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, April 1

Tuesday, May 14

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, April 2

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, April 2

9:30 AM EAST SIDE NEIGHBORHOODS FROM BROOKSIDE PARK See Tuesday, April 16

9:30 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See Tuesday, April 2

10:00 AM SLOW AND EASY IN MORGAN MONROE STATE FOREST Join us for a 5-mile hike with shorter options on the paved trail in Morgan Monroe State Forest that parallels Forest Rd. This hike is in the woods, on soft pavement and includes only a few modest hills. From I-465 S travel south on SR 37 to Martinsville where it turns into I-69. Go south on I-69 a short way to the Liberty Church exit (look for Morgan Monroe SF sign). Take Liberty Church exit and turn left and go to the first crossroad (Old SR 37), turn right and follow Old SR 37, staying right at the Hacker Creek Rd curve. It is 4.0 miles from where you turn on to Old SR 37 to the forest entrance. When you reach the forest entrance drive 4.5 miles on Forest Rd to the campground where the fire tower is. We will walk back toward the forest entrance on the paved trail for 2.5 miles and turn around. Restrooms are available near the Fire Tower. After the hike join us for lunch in Martinsville. (Map #28)(F,PS,2.5) Leader: Marthene

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Kohlmeyer (317-850-1291))

1:30 PM TUESDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Tuesday, April 2

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. Meet in the northeast corner of the Hamilton East Public Library Fishers parking lot, 5 E Municipal Drive (Lantern Rd at Municipal Dr). Hike repeats on May 28. (F,PS,3) Leader: John Lyghtel (317-626-9117)

4:30 PM POTTERS BRIDGE ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON See Tuesday, April 2

6:00 PM BEECH GROVE See Tuesday, April 2

Wednesday, May 15

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, April 3

9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, April 3

9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, April 3

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, April 3

1:00 PM BROOKSIDE PARK See Wednesday, April 17

4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON See Wednesday, April 3

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, April 3

Thursday, May 16

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, April 4

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, April 4

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, April 4

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, April 4

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, April 4

Friday, May 17

7:30 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, April 5

8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, April 5

9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, April 5

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, April 5

6:00 PM BUTLER, TOWPATH AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See Friday, April 5

Saturday, May 18

Armed Forces Day

8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, April 6

10:00 AM NATURE HIKE AT BIG WALNUT NP, PUTNAM COUNTY Join me for a nature hike through two trails in peaceful remote Big Walnut Nature Preserve, 9498 N CR425 E, Bainbridge 46105. We'll also check out the 1901 Bakers Camp Covered Bridge. Tail Timbers Trail winds through an amazing part of the preserve. This area was designated a national natural landmark in 1968. An easy-moderate loop trail (about 3 miles) with 40+ stairs that traverse a steep ravine (bench and platform halfway up). Awesome views of ravines, old trees (including the largest hemlock tree in Indiana) and Big Walnut Creek. Several small stream crossings, waterproof boots and poles suggested. Abundant spring wildflowers, lots of nature! A lot of effort has gone into preserving this Hoosier treasure. We'll also hike the shorter Doyle trail, a moderate loop hike with views of Big Walnut Creek through the trees, the western portion of loop easy. About an hour drive from I-465 W, exit on Rockville Rd (SR 36) and travel into Bainbridge (about 20 minutes from Danville). Turn right on S. Washington St and travel north (turns into CR 200E.) Right on CR 950N traveling to the parking lot on your right. (M,NS,2.5) Leader: Terry Roesch (317-910-2943 cell)

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, April 6

10:00 AM TURKEY RUN STATE PARK Hike in our second oldest state park which offers some of Indiana's most ruggedly beautiful hiking trails. Allow about 1 1/2 hours travel time from I-465 W. Go west on I-74 to Exit 52. Turn left on SR 75 south through Jamestown. Then go west on SR 234 about 16 miles

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to SR 47. Turn left on SR 47 and travel about 13 miles to the park entrance on the right (\$). Meet in the Turkey Run Inn lobby for a 5-6 mile hike. Join us afterwards for lunch in the Inn. (Map #46) (H,NS,2) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)

Sunday, May 19

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, April 7

9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, April 7

9:30 AM POTTERS BRIDGE IN NOBLESVILLE We will walk 6 miles (with shorter options) along the White River from Potter's Bridge, a historic covered bridge, and visit Forest Park and the historic square in downtown Noblesville. Spring flowers should make for a pretty walk. From I-69 go north on SR 37 to 191st St and turn left. Go west on 191st St to the second stop sign (10th St/Allisonville Rd). Turn right (north) and go about 1/4 mile. The parking lot for Potter's Bridge is on your left. (Map #15) (F,PS,3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445- 5646)

Monday, May 20

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, April 15

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, April 1

9:30 AM PRATHER PARK IN CARMEL See Monday, April 15

4:00 PM GREENWOOD MALL - MONDAY AFTERNOON See Monday, April 1

5:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, April 1

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, April 1

Tuesday, May 21

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, April 2

9:00 AM PENDLETON FALLS From I-465 N, go north on I-69 about 18 miles to the Pendleton exit. Turn right after leaving I-69 and travel through Pendleton to the 2nd stoplight. Turn right and park behind the bank building in the main part of town. We will hike around historic Pendleton for 4-5 miles with a 3-mile option, including Pendleton Falls Park. After the hike join us at one of Pendleton's local restaurants. (Map #59)(F,PS/NS,3) Leader: Elaine Wright (317-753-5516)

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, April 2

9:30 AM EASTSIDE NEIGHBORHOODS FROM IRVINGTON See Tuesday, April 9

9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Tuesday, April 9

4:30 PM POTTERS BRIDGE ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON See Tuesday, April 2

6:00 PM BEECH GROVE See Tuesday, April 2

Wednesday, May 22

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, April 3

9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, April 3

9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, April 3

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, April 3

4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON See Wednesday, April 3

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, April 3

Thursday, May 23

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, April 4

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, April 4

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, April 4

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, April 4

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, April 4

Friday, May 24

7:30 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, April 5

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- 8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, April 5
9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, April 5
9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, April 5
10:00 AM LET'S CHECK OUT SPEEDWAY JUST BEFORE THE BIG RACE Meet at Leonard Park 5400 W 15th St in Speedway. This park is in the first block west of Lynhurst Dr (5300 west) and behind the fire station. (F,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-329-2779, 317-652-2779 cell)
6:00 PM BUTLER, TOWPATH AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See Friday, April 5

Saturday, May 25

- 8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, April 6
9:30 AM 500 FESTIVAL PARADE Join in on the fun of marching in the 500 Festival parade in downtown Indianapolis. This will be a 1.5-mile parade route (credit for a 2 mile hike). You must register in advance at 500festival.com/volunteer/ to select your role (balloon handler, band escort, flag carrier, equine, specialty unit escort). If you sign up before 5:00 PM on April 10, you'll also receive an invitation to Volunteer Appreciation Day at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on May 18. The festival will inform you of your meeting site and time. You can sign in with the hike leader after the parade at the pizza party or by sending me an email (debbiebucholz@hotmail.com). Be sure to RSVP if you're coming so I can look for you. (F,PS,2) Leader: Debbie Bucholz (317-361-9210)
9:30 AM PATE HOLLOW AT PAYNETOWN SRA From I-465 S take Exit 4 and follow I-69/i-69 S to Exit 120, go east to SR 446. Turn right onto SR446 and go south for about 6 miles. Look for the Paynetown SRA to your right (4850 HWY 446 Bloomington). Park behind the building parking lot. This will be a 5-mile hike on a scenic all-natural loop trail. After the hike plan on having lunch at a restaurant in Bloomington. (M,NS,2) Leader: Edeltaud Evans (812-322-3972)
10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, April 6

Sunday, May 26**Indy 500 Race**

- 9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, April 7
9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, April 7
1:00 PM ROYAL PINES This is a scenic 6-mile neighborhood hike including interesting Royal Pines which features hundreds of pine trees. Spring flowers should still be nice too. 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. (Map #43) (F,PS,3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)
1:30 PM SUNDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Sunday, April 7

Monday, May 27**Memorial Day**

- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, April 15
9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, April 1
9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE PARK AND BEYOND See Monday, April 22
4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, April 1
4:00 PM GREENWOOD MALL - MONDAY AFTERNOON See Monday, April 1
6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, April 1

Tuesday, May 28

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, April 2
9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, April 2
9:30 AM EAST SIDE NEIGHBORHOODS FROM BROOKSIDE PARK See Tuesday, April 16
9:30 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See Tuesday, April 2
2:00 PM DOWNTOWN FISHERS ON THE NICKEL PLATE TRAIL See Tuesday, May 14
4:30 PM POTTERS BRIDGE ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON See Tuesday, April 2
6:00 PM BEECH GROVE See Tuesday, April 2

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Wednesday, May 29

- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, April 3
9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, April 3
9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, April 3
9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, April 3
4:00 PM GREENWOOD PARK MALL - WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON See Wednesday, April 3
4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, April 3

Thursday, May 30

- 9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, April 4
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, April 4
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, April 4
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, April 4
6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, April 4

Friday, May 31

- 7:30 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, April 5
8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, April 5
9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, April 5
9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, April 5
6:00 PM BUTLER, TOWPATH AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See Friday, April 5

FUTURE EVENTS:

INDIANAPOLIS INDIANS BASEBALL GAME - June 9 Join your fellow IHC members and invited guests at an Indians baseball game at Victory Field in downtown Indy. Details will be available in the next schedule.

ANNUAL PICNIC – July 27 Plan to attend our annual Club picnic at Shelter A Eagle Creek Park for all members and their invited guests. As in the past, entry to the park will be free that day and there will be multiple hike options before the picnic. Look for details in the June & July schedule.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY – Thursday, September 5

OHIO MULTI DAY HIKING TRIP – October 13–19 Plan to join us during mid-October for the following back to back hiking trips to Ohio:

Hocking Hills State Park: This is Ohio's most popular state park with 25 miles of hiking trails, rock formations, waterfalls and recess caves. It is especially beautiful in the fall. There are seven main scenic attractions in Hocking Hills State Park, and we will try to work in all except Cantwell Cliffs and add a hike at Boch Hollow NP. Several of the attractions will have little mileage, 1-4 miles. These hikes will be slower to moderate paced to appreciate the beauty of the park and take pictures. Morning and afternoon hikes planned each day with an additional leader for a smaller group size. Sections of trails include climbing over rocks, tight areas, roots so sturdy footwear and poles suggested. Bring snacks, a trail lunch and water to hikes. Park lodging suggestions are: Hocking Hills Lodge – a rustic new lodge with beautiful views of the park – filling up fast; and Hocking Hills Cabins – there are 40 modern two bedrooms (sleeps 4-5) – popular with club members in the past. Both lodge and cabins are booked online at www.hockinghillsparklodge.com/lodging or 800-282-7275. Additional lodging suggestions in nearby Logan and near the state park will be provided in future schedules as will driving directions from Indy. If you have any questions, please contact trip leader Terry Roesch at 317-910-2943 cell or troesch1@indy.rr.com.

Cuyahoga Valley National Park: Following the Hocking Hills trip we will explore a new location (for many of us) by driving north approximately 3 hours to Cuyahoga Valley NP located between Akron and Cleveland, Ohio. Trails are like those at Eagle Creek, Mounds and McCormick's Creek SP. We will see waterfalls too. October 16 and 19 are considered travel days. On Thursday the 17th will have 5-mile morning and afternoon hikes from the Boston Mills Visitor Center (6947 Riverview Rd, Peninsula, OH 44264). Friday the 18th will have 5-mile morning and 3-mile afternoon hikes not far from the Boston Mills Visitor Center. Possible downtown Cleveland hike on Saturday the 19th in the morning. Driving directions from Indy and Hocking Hills

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will be in future schedules as will hotel recommendations. If you have any questions about this trip, please contact the leader John Lyghtel at jrlyghtel@aol.com or 317-626-9117.

ANNUAL WINTER BANQUET – tentatively Saturday, January 11 Our traditional awards dinner on a new date and at new location this year. Look for details in future schedules.

GULF SHORES AL – February 2-7, 2025 Back by popular demand. More details in future schedules. This year everyone will be booking their own accommodation (i.e., no block of rooms). This will allow members to have a more personalized trip. Questions contact Karen LeClerc at kmleclerc58@gmail.com or 920-883-9477?

PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

Ellie Trahin	Carmel, IN	Roger Trahin	Carmel, IN
Dawn Zumbrun	Indianapolis, IN	Susan Hunt	Indianapolis, IN
Jan Adams	Fishers, IN	Russell Jeffrey	Indianapolis, IN
Shannon Snyder	Indianapolis, IN	Maggie Klare	Greenfield, IN
Tina Wilson	Plainfield, IN	Adam Fulper	Indianapolis, IN
Xiao Feng	Indianapolis, IN		

RECENT MILEAGE AWARDS:

Allan Roberts	50,500	Judith Maas	4,500	Gene Wisner	400
Rick Kinnaman	38,000	Mary Barbara Miller	4,500	Barbara Fisher	300
Cherie Voegel	34,500	Ron Elkins	4,500	Penny Eisenhut	300
Tish Brafford	27,000	Sandra Nichols	4,500	Anna Hastings	200
Rick Braun	19,000	Tammy Mathew	4,500	Brenda Kirch	200
Kae Ramey	18,000	Carolyn Daly	4,000	Martha Rivera-June	200
Mike Khalil	14,000	Mike Lindstedt	3,500	Rosie Hughes	200
Marge Braun	13,000	Randy Fischer	1,500	Steve Knoop	200
Katy Smith	12,500	Marian Fahy	1,000	Caroline Flis	100
Cheryl Conces	11,500	Tena MacDonald	1,000	DeVonne Anderson	100
Dewey Conces	11,500	John Gervais	500	Julie Moll	100
Kate Curtiss	10,500	Stephen Morris	500	Kathleen Fox	100
John Lyghtel	9,500	Cindy Schmidt	400	Kelley Hale	100
June Sergi	8,500	David Colville	400	Suzie Glaze	100
Theresa Ray	5,000	Diana Sullivan	400	Teresa Cowser	100

MEMBER NEWS: We wish the best to the following member:

After leading a weeklong Club trip to Gulf Shores, AL, Karen LeClerc will have a knee replacement at the end of March. She hopes to be leading again by June.

WANT MORE INFORMATION? For more information about our Club, including history, past hike schedules, how to join, photos, 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 need to be invited to hike with us as a guest and there is no fee. Simply show up for any hike 10 minutes before the scheduled start time (we start on time), but please no pets unless the hike is designated as a "pet" hike.

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