

# THE TRAIL BLAZER

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## 1969 HIKING YEAR IN REVUE

The Indianapolis Hiking Club completed 13 years of hiking activities in 1969. Our club year ending October 1, 1969, was a year of growth and new ideas. The Club ended up with a total membership of 178 as of Oct 1, 1969.

During the year we had 5 overnights, 1 bus trip, 1 family picnic, the annual Christmas party, 4 club socials, plus the regular Sunday hikes. A supplement attached gives a list of all of our hikes and overnights, and a second supplement gives a list of all the members and the number of hikes and miles hiked for each.

As you can tell from the list of hikes we had quite a varied selection of trails and places to explore in keeping with the purpose of organizing our club as expressed in our constitution - "to encourage a love of nature; the dissemination of knowledge of the attractions of the outdoors; the promotion of outdoor recreation in the form of hikes and outings; and the sponsoring of other activities incidental to the foregoing". The interest and enthusiasm of our members has played a large part in the success of our club, and indicates the support of the purposes for which the club was founded.

Our first overnight of the club year was at McCormick's Creek State Park on Oct 19th, 1968. The fall weather was perfect and the coloring superb. Several groups camped, and the rest stayed in the housekeeping cabins. In the evening the group gathered in a circle around a large fire, where the pumpkin faces were displayed and it was decided who had done the best job with his pumpkin.

On February 11, 1969 the club had its second overnight. About 50 members and guests gathered for a week-end at Spring Mill State Park. Although the weather was a little on the damp side, the big fire in the lobby helped everybody to warm up after one of the hikes. The social affair in the evening centered in the lobby, and later we had refreshments in a small room off the main dining room - where Lou Bos and Alice Davis took charge of the singing.

April 12, 1969 the club had an overnight at Hueston Woods Lodge near Oxford, Ohio. This is one of the truly fine resorts of the Midwest and about 60 members and guests took advantage of this week-end - some in lodge room, some in cabins, and some camping. In the evening we played games in the lobby by the big fireplace;

We had a joint meet with the Louisville Hiking Club on May 24, 1969 at the Flat Rock YMCA camp at St. Paul, Ind. About 100 people were in attendance at this event, and as always it is a pleasure to meet with the Louisville Hiking Club. George and Marie, of the Louisville Club, called for the square dancing as a part of the evening's activities.

Pennyrile Forest State Park, near Dawson Springs, Kentucky was the scene of our Labor Day Week-end. About 55 made the trip, and although the weather was a little hot, the swimming pool at the lodge, and the beach on the beautiful lake helped to cool off after a hike.

Our club is now in its 14th year. During the past year we have received quite an impetus from our new members who have joined in recent months. They have helped to vitalize the club with a spirit of enthusiasm and change.

The club needs the help of all members in planning hikes, overnights, and other affairs. All members, particularly the newer ones, are invited and urged to contribute to our program for the year. Please contact our pathfinder (or any of the officers or directors) with your ideas and suggestions. We would like to hike in new areas and perhaps visit some of the interesting scenic places or historic sites of our state. Perhaps some of you will be able to obtain permission to hike over private land. Please don't hesitate to come forward with ideas for the good of the club.

Our overnights and also the bus trips have proved to be outstanding successes. Following are write-ups of 3 of our trips during the year.

SPRINGMILL OVERNIGHT - February 22, 1969 by Margaret Southworth

On Feb 22, 1969, 49 people from the Indianapolis Hiking Club made the annual mid-winter overnight trip. This year our destination was Spring Mill State Park. Most of us arrived around noon and after checking in the lodge, which we had mostly to ourselves, we went on the afternoon hike led by Bob and Mike Davis. From the rear of the inn we went down to the road and along that road to the area leading into the village. We made a short tour of the deserted village and then continued our hike along Mill Creek. The creek was really rushing along and made a beautiful sight. Further along is the place where the creek comes out from a cave in the side of a rather large hill. This was the end of the trail, so we retraced our way back down. However, some of the more rugged hikers played mountain goat up a rocky elevation and continued on a different trail. Although it was a bit muddy and the sky was gray it was an invigorating hike.

After a rest and evening meal, we gathered in the lobby before a lovely fire and played games under the able leadership of Grace Breimeir and Geneva Ryan. When this session of fun was over we were treated to another enjoyment - refreshments. Although Carl Williams was unable to join us this weekend, he amply supplied us with such delectable snacks which were served by his lovely wife, Marie. During the course of this event, it became apparent that singing was called for. One of our guests, Lou Bos, volunteered to lead this endeavor. Accompanied by Alice Davis on the piano, he did a marvelous job. This completed a wonderful day and we all retired for the night on a happy note.

On Sunday morning some joined Bill Larrison for a hike, while others relaxed in the inn or took their own short hikes. The weather for the weekend was rather dreary, but the pleasure of good companionship with our friends and the freedom from the hustle and bustle of the city made this midwinter weekend very worthwhile, and as each one made his or her way home, many pleasant thoughts accompanied them.

JOINT OVERNIGHT MEET WITH LOUISVILLE HIKING CLUB by Margaret Southworth

On May 24, 1969, 97 members and guests of the Indianapolis and Louisville Hiking Clubs met for their annual joint overnight. This year with Louisville as the Host Club we again journeyed to the Flat Rock YMCA Camp at St. Paul, Indiana. This is the weekend during which we renew old friendships, in our own club and in the Louisville Club. The weather was very beautiful this year. Around 1 P.M. folks began arriving and the fun of finding your bed for the night was in full swing.

Since the camp is primarily a boys' summer camp and the cabins must sleep several persons, we found ourselves practicing "Quaker" ways, the men and boys on one side of the road, the women and girls on the other side.

After checking in and renewing some old friendships, we took to the trails for a wonderful 5 mile hike through the woods of the Flat Rock Camp. The trees and wild flowers along the way were so lovely. We hiked along the edge of Flat Rock River for a while and then again into the woods. Along the way we took a short circle trail to see three huge and beautiful beech trees. Also on the trail we passed a delightful fresh water spring, which refreshed several of the thirsty hikers. After this most enjoyable hike we were free for a while before dinner. This time was used for boating, playing ball, swinging or just plain relaxing.

Since the camp is run the same as it is during the summer, we found ourselves doing the clean-up chores just like the boys do. There might have been a few gripes, but laughter and good natured helpfulness was most prevalent, and in a very short time everything was in order. After dinner, we went back outside to have some fun. The Louisville Social chairman, Ruth Young, had some games planned, including a relay race, scavenger hunt for things in nature, and a contest for bursting balloons. Some took part in these activities, while others were spectators, but whichever we did it was loads of fun and laughter was abundant. After dark some went walking because they said it was so nice to be able to walk after dark and not be afraid.

Since our Host Club are avid square dancers we of Indianapolis were given the privilege of joining them. Again we had the active participants and the spectators, but it was enjoyment for all. After the final Virginia Reel, we were treated to the fine baking of the lovely and talented Louisville ladies. The day had been busy and most were rather tired so we all went to our cabins to sleep close to nature.

Sunday dawn was beautiful and several arose early to make every minute count. Some went on a "bird hike" to observe our feathered friends and others just walked around to observe the peacefulness of the early morn. Those who were still asleep were awakened by the music for reveille and soon the trek to the mess hall for breakfast was begun. After breakfast we were offered the chance to attend a short church service in the lovely outdoor chapel overlooking Flat Rock River. We who attended this service led by James Boyer felt very close to God in this beautiful natural setting.

About 9:30 A.M. we decided that hikers must hike, so we took to the trail. Some of the trail was a repeat of Saturday, but after a while we went into a heavy wooded area along the river which led to a bridge and a dam. The river along which we hiked was rather high and in places very swift. We encountered a few fisherman but do not know if they were having any luck. From the river we hiked to an abandoned stone quarry which was rather interesting. The rest of the hike was along the road back to the camp, to complete another 5 miles. As before, we had some free time before returning to the mess hall for lunch. When the meal was over we found that the time to close our weekend was fast approaching and fond but reluctant farewells were said. It had been an almost perfect outing and all expressed the hope and desire of meeting again real soon.

BUS TRIP TO ALLERTON PARK by Sylvia Retherford

On September 20, 1969 at 8:00 A.M. 37 members of the Indianapolis Hiking Club boarded a chartered bus for a trip to Allerton Park, Illinois. The morning was clear and cool; spirits were high. At 10:30 A.M. we arrived at the park which is about twenty miles southwest of Urbana, Illinois. Each member received a brochure and map and we set out for 4 mile inspection tour of the formal gardens before lunch.

The park consists of 1500 acres of formal gardens and 3500 acres in forest and farms. This had been the home of Robert Allerton and in 1946 he gave this property to the University of Illinois. The donor stipulated that it should be used as a wildlife preserve, forest preserve, and as an example of landscape gardening and as a public park. The farm land is operated to maintain the park without any additional tax money.

In 1961, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers proposed a dam on the Sangamon River which would inundate a large portion of the park. Local conservation groups and the nationally known Sierra Club publicised the plan and fought to save the park. An alternate plan was proposed which would have a lower dam and lower pool level, hence would not flood park area.

The statuary in the park has been accumulated from all over the world by Mr. Allerton. Some examples are fine copies of masterpieces and some are originals. The three times life size Sun Singer faces the rising sun directly east along a mall of stately trees and represents perhaps the most spectacular example. The avenue of bright blue glazed ceramic Fu Dogs, each on its own pedestal, aroused much comment as we started out between them on our afternoon hike.

The six mile afternoon trail took us along the banks of the Sangamon River which winds through the rich black bottomland. Some of the sycamores and tulip poplars looked to be five feet in diameter. This forest has existed for 20,000 years, since the last of the glaciers in the area, and represents one of the last virgin stands of timber in Illinois.

The hikers arrived back to the bus late and tired. The bus ride was quiet as many people watched the late afternoon sun across the countryside and others napped. At 6:00 P.M. we arrived at the Redwood Inn, in Crawfordsville, to enjoy a variety of foods it took to satisfy our appetites. The sun was red and low on the horizon as we left for Indianapolis, and there was some spirited singing in the rear of the bus, much conversation, and some napping was noted. Back to the State House at 8:30 P.M. Everybody agreed we would have to go back again sometime.

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The above write-ups give some idea of the good times you have when going with a group from the Indianapolis Hiking Club. Tell your officers of places where you would like to have an overnight or perhaps take a bus trip. Help them to plan the things the members would like to do.

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List of hikes and overnights for the year ending  
October 1, 1969

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>MILES</u>	<u>LEADER</u>	<u>Mem- bers</u>	<u>Guests</u>	<u>Child ren</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Oct 6	Morgan County	4	Margret Veale	18	2	4	24
Oct 13	Brown County	4	Renie Stevens	37	7	5	49
Oct 19	McCormick's Creek	Overnight		No record			
Oct 27	Eagle Creek	3	Ray DeFalque	32	11	2	45
Nov 3	Flags of the Nations	13	Peg Franzen	20	7	5	32
Nov 10	Ellenberger Park	3	Liz Cramer Walls	24	7	2	33
Nov 17	Turkey Run State Park	4	Bill Larrison	19	3	7	29
Nov 24	Mounds State Park	3	Frank Burnett	38	9	0	47
Dec 1	Brookside Park	4	Lee Ramborger	3	0	0	3
Dec 8	Gose Creek Trail	6	Ken Retherford	29	1	4	34
Dec 15	Washington Park and Zoo	2	Bill Larrison	11	0	1	12
Dec 22	Eagle Creek Dam	4	John O'Drain	5	0	0	5
Dec 29	Morristown Road Hike	3	Edna Stinson	17	0	0	17
Jan 5	South Eastway Park	3	Janice Wright	19	1	1	21
Jan 12	Speedway Trail	2	Grace Breimeir	22	3	1	26
Jan 19	Towpath	7	Liz Cramer Walls	25	5	6	36
Jan 26	Geist Reservoir	3	Bill Flora	28	3	3	34
Feb 2	Mary Gray Bird Sanctuary	4	Dorothy DeArmond	20	0	1	21
Feb 9	Herron Art Museum to Monument Circle	3	James Dean	16	1	1	18
Feb 16	Butler University to Oldfields	4	K. Misiura	23	5	10	38
Feb 22	Spring Mill Overnight	Overnight		34	4	11	49
Mar 2	Laughery Creek Trail	12	John Williams	18	3	15	36
Mar 9	Boy Scout Camp Bradford	5	Joe Breimeir	26	0	14	40
Mar 16	Southgrove Golf Course	3	Ed Lavagnino	33	8	19	60
Mar 23	Forrest Park to Morse Reservoir	6	Vic Knarr	31	4	19	54
Mar 30	Gose Creek	5	Bill Larrison	17	9	6	32
Apr 6	Fall Creek - Easter Hike	3	Bill Larrison	4	0	0	4
Apr 12	Hueston Woods	Overnight		37	5	20	62
Apr 20	Yellowwood Lake	7	Ken Retherford	37	5	4	46
Apr 27	Redbud Valley	5	Margret Veale	34	9	7	50
May 4	Brown County State Park	7	Ken Retherford	31	3	4	38
May 11	Jackson State Forest	7	Bill Larrison	16	10	4	30
May 18	Morgan Monroe to Bear Lake	16	Peg Franzen	10	2	0	12
May 24	Flatrock YMCA Camp	Overnight		29	5	11	45
Jun 1	Zionsville Area	6	Lou Bos	26	5	1	32
Jun 8	Turkey Run State Park	5	Kate Wicker	35	11	8	54
Jun 15	McCormick's Creek State Park	6	Janice Wright	15	1	0	16
Jun 22	Raccoon Lake	3	Juanita Lauth	12	1	1	14
Jun 29	Pine Hills Natural Area	6	Ed Lavagnino	17	3	1	21
Jul 6	Oldfields	1	Geneva Ryan	20	7	3	30
Jul 13	Tulip Tree Trace	8	Lee Ramborger	14	1	3	18
Jul 20	Holiday Lake - Crawfordsville	5	Vic Knarr	11	2	0	13
Jul 27	Clifty Falls State Park	7	Ken Retherford	18	1	2	21
Aug 3	Tow Path	6	Walter Handy	13	4	3	20
Aug 10	North Eastway Park	4	Dora Buehler	17	5	4	26
Aug 17	Versailles State Park	5	Bill Larrison	21	4	6	31
Aug 24	Gnaw Bone Camp	5	John Williams	34	1	8	43
Aug 30	Pennyrile State Park (Labor Day)	Overnight		38	4	7	49
Sep 7	The Chanktanungi Trail	4	Bill Flora	21	4	3	28
Sep 14	Shades State Park	4	Kate Wicker	31	4	1	36
Sep 20	Bus Trip To Allerton Park	10	Sylvia Retherford	29	3	4	36
Sep 28	Hoosier National Forest	14	Ken Retherford	21	6	4	31



## THE INDIANAPOLIS HIKING CLUB

Membership Attendance Record for  
the year ending October 1, 1969

NAME	No. of Over- nights	No. of Hikes	Miles Hiked	NAME	No. of Over- nights	No. of Hikes	Miles Hiked
Helen Ashby	0	3	18	Robert Gwynn	0	0	0
Ethel Auberry	4	5	25	Lewis Hall	0	3	17
Paul Beam, Jr.	0	1	2	Walter Handy	3	4	30
Lea Boyd	0	1	6	Martha Handy	3	0	0
Ilse Birk	0	1	5	Else Hauss	2	6	27
James Boyer	3	9	44	Herta Hauss	2	5	23
Naomi Boyer	3	9	44	Mildred Heavrin	0	0	0
John Brand	0	0	0	Waltraud Hoffmann	0	3	12
Grace Breimeir	2	18	82	Donald Huizinga	0	1	8
Joe Breimeir	1	6	20	Suzanne Huizinga	0	1	8
Dora Brown	1	1	7	Mary Hunt	1	1	5
Erwin Brown	0	0	0	Charles Hynes	0	0	0
Gene Brown	0	0	0	Mrs. Charles Hynes	0	0	0
Alois Buehler	1	26	136	Jerry Johnson	0	1	4
Dora Buehler	1	26	136	William Johnson	1	8	49
Ruth Burch	1	1	7	Victor Knarr	3	15	64
Frank Burnett	1	3	13	Voldemars Kugrens	0	0	0
Jean Burns	1	21	124	Dorothy Larrison	3	2	10
Anna Dell Bussell	0	0	0	Bill Larrison	4	30	171
Cheryl Clair	0	3	19	Nell Larrison	4	18	92
Carl Cornell	0	0	0	Juanita Lauth	2	21	129
Lisbeth Cramer	1	10	43	Ed Lavagnino	0	13	61
Margaret Cromer	0	5	40	Peggy Lavagnino	0	0	0
Lucile Cunningham	0	0	0	Joe Leamon	0	3	13
Robert Davis	3	10	53	Lois Leamon	0	3	13
Alice Davis	3	7	42	Herb Leyendecker	0	2	7
James Dean	0	13	51	Betty Leyendecker	0	2	7
Dorothy DeArmond	0	1	4	Roseanne Mader	0	0	0
Dr. Ray J. DeFalque	0	8	40	Tom Mahorney	0	0	0
Diantha DeGraw	0	2	11	Delores Mahorney	0	0	0
May Duckett	3	25	120	Hugh McCracken	0	0	0
Frances Ellison	2	1	4	Ada McCracken	0	0	0
Jeanette Ellison	1	0	0	Edith Miller	1	0	0
Mrs. Lula Ellison	1	0	0	Graeme Miller	0	16	103
Dr. Hugh Enyart	1	0	0	K.E. Misiura	0	4	19
Martha Enyart	1	0	0	Ep Mowrer	3	7	30
Julie Ferris	2	14	90	Margaret Neff	1	3	12
Joan Finney	0	0	0	Alberta Neill	0	2	13
John Finney	0	0	0	John O'Drain	3	28	172
Darrow Fisher	0	0	0	Lloyd Oliphant	1	2	10
Lee Fisher	0	0	0	Margie Oliphant	1	1	5
Bill Flora	2	22	103	Nancy Ortega	0	1	3
Doris Flora	2	20	85	Max Ortega	0	1	3
Jane Ford	1	8	43	Mary Alice Oval	0	0	0
Peg Franzen	0	22	134	Ruth Overpeck	2	9	59
Christina Geredy	1	8	35	Harold Quinlan	0	0	0
Melvina Godfrey	0	1	5	Leland Ramborger	2	29	191
Betty Goldsberry	0	2	13	Betty Raymer	0	1	4
Sally Green	1	1	3	Ken Retherford	1	19	119

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Membership attendance record for the year ending October 1, 1969 (Page 2)

NAME	No. of Over- nights	No. of Hikes	Miles Hiked	NAME	No. of Over- nights	No. of Hikes	Miles Hiked
Sylvia Retherford	1	27	163	Kathryn Townsend	Dec 2	0	0
Martha Rogers	0	15	56	Mary Beam	Jan 0	0	0
Geneva Ryan	3	5	23	Bill Green	Jan 0	2	10
Marilyn Schaefer	0	0	0	Phyllis Cassetty	Jan 3	6	26
Peter Schaefer	0	0	0	Odie Cassetty	Jan 3	6	26
Dorothy Scheller	0	3	16	Joan Mountain	Jan 1	1	7
Irma Scotten	0	0	0	Stephen Howard	Feb 0	0	0
Helen Seay	0	0	0	Alda Howard	Feb 0	0	0
Harry Smyth	1	0	0	Anna-Lisa Beeth	Feb 2	9	53
Margaret Southworth	4	19	95	Charles Starr	Feb 0	1	5
Harold Stern	0	5	21	Lucille Starr	Feb 0	1	5
Ruth Stern	0	6	25	Lou Bos	Mar 0	1	6
Renie Stevens	0	4	24	Evelyn Bos	Mar 0	1	6
Rosie Lee Stevenson	0	0	0	Hugh Boyd	Mar 0	1	6
Edna Stinson	2	16	69	Tom Hill	Apr 3	10	61
Noni Stratmann	0	0	0	Viola Hill	Apr 3	8	45
Molly Strauss	0	0	0	Jordan Liebman	Apr 0	3	17
Edgar Stresino	0	0	0	Joan Liebman	Apr 0	4	24
Elizabeth Taylor	0	2	8	Helen Banks	Apr 0	0	0
Dolores Teipen	0	9	42	Gunnar Beeth	Apr 1	5	28
Margret Veale	1	5	20	Charles Murphy	May 0	1	10
Mary Vehslage	0	0	0	Judy Murphy	May 0	1	10
Dave Weeden	0	1	4	Kay Koch	May 0	3	17
Marie Wetzel	0	0	0	Gerhard Busch	May 1	11	66
Kate Wicker	2	16	87	Warren Engelhardt	May 0	2	21
Joe Wilhelm	1	33	156	Jack Gainey	Jun 1	13	78
Amy Wilkinson	0	3	11	Ruth Drach	Jun 1	2	11
Carl Williams	2	2	7	Mary Frances Milam	Jun 1	6	40
Marie Williams	3	2	7	Belle Downs	Jun 0	1	5
John Williams	2	28	166	Roland Culver	Aug 0	3	23
Mickie Williams	2	19	145	Jewel Culver	Aug 0	2	9
Gerald Wingrove	0	6	23	James Talley	Aug 0	1	4
Muriel Wingrove	0	6	23	Lorene Moreland	Aug 0	0	0
Janice Wright	1	12	64	John Ward	Sep 0	1	4
Martha Wright	0	2	6				
Lois Zimmerman	0	0	0				
Maurice Zuckermann	0	0	0				

Listed below are the members who were voted in the club after Oct 1, 1968, with the month of admittance after their name.

Heydon Franzen	Oct	0	1	5
Shirley Evans	Oct	0	0	0
Emmett Evans	Oct	0	0	0
Sally Lyons	Dec	1	0	0
Kitty Lake	Dec	3	1	2
Gannard Brizendine	Dec	1	12	80
Lma Jean Brizendine	Dec	2	10	68
Kathryn Parnell	Dec	0	3	12
George Reynolds	Dec	0	2	8

INDIANAPOLIS HIKING CLUB  
Financial Report  
October 1, 1968 to October 1, 1969

Balance in Membership Fund 10/1/68		\$ 330.15	
Income:	Dues Collected	\$ 216.00	
	Badges Sold	42.00	
	Overnites, Bus Trip	<u>1,247.85</u>	<u>1,505.85</u>
	Total		\$1,836.00

Disbursements:

Bulletins, Stamps, Publicity -		\$ 194.72	
Badges		39.48	
Telephone		4.80	
Miscellaneous		36.83	
Refunds		75.60	
Overnites, Bus Trip		1,253.30	
Patches		<u>77.00</u>	<u>\$1,681.73</u>

Balance in Membership Fund 10/1/69	\$154.27
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Balance in Trip Fee Fund 10/1/68		\$ 211.14	
Income:	Trip Fees Collected	\$ 106.59	<u>106.59</u>
	Total		\$ 317.73

Disbursements:

Refreshments, Entertainment, etc.		\$ 184.65	<u>\$ 184.65</u>
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Balance in Trip Fee Fund 10/1/69	<u>\$133.08</u>
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Total in combined funds	\$287.35
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On deposit - Shakamak State Park	<u>135.00</u>
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Grand Total	<u>\$422.35</u>
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Bank Deposit - Indiana National Bank	\$287.35
Deposit at Shakamak State Park	<u>135.00</u>

\$422.35

Submitted by Treasurer, October 1, 1969

Betty M. Raymer Betty M. Raymer

Audit Date Oct 5, 1969

Signed Nick Knorr

Signed Joe Brincir