



The Indianapolis Hiking Club

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Happiness - A Step at a Time

SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 2024 AND JANUARY 2025

(Please – no pets except on designated pet hikes)



Celebrating 68 Years of Sponsoring Hikes and Outings

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

CHALLENGING HIKE	TERRAIN		SURFACE		SPEED
	H (Hilly)	Continuously	NS	Natural, mainly soft	Hiking speed in MPH
Challenging	M (Mixed)	Hilly & Flat	HS	Packed dirt or gravel	not including breaks
or blank	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, because it is a Club tradition to 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. Any additions or changes to the hike schedule after it has been finalized (e.g., new hike added, hike cancellation or revised start time) 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 schedule saved on the website Hike Schedule page.

WINTER HIKING: As we enter the winter season it is important to remember that hike leaders are responsible for safety first. In adverse weather the leader may reroute, shorten, cancel or move a hike indoors. If the weather is inclement, very cold or the roads are icy, contact the leader to confirm a hike. Also, check the website homepage “news” to see if a hike has been cancelled or moved. Whenever possible, leaders of out-of-town hikes should make cancellation decisions by 6:00 p.m. on the preceding day. If you decide to cancel a hike, please go to the Website Mileage page and cancel your hike using the Enter Mileage link. Also, please inform your fellow hikers by sending out a Broadcast email (see instructions on website home page).

ANNUAL DUES REMINDER: As of November 17, 455 active members have renewed their membership for 2025. If you still have not paid your annual dues, please do so now. If you do not renew by January 1, you will be dropped as an active member and will no longer accumulate mileage. Please return the dues notice you received in late September with your payment. If you misplaced the notice, you may print one from the website at www.indyhike.org/forms. Annual dues are \$25 for individuals and \$40 for a family. Also, if you wish to receive the hike schedule by mail, please include an additional \$10 mailed schedule surcharge. Your check should be made payable to the Indianapolis Hiking Club and mailed to our Treasurer Marian Fahy at 5735 N. Meridian St, Indianapolis, IN 46208. If you have any questions, contact Marian at 916-606-6840 or Fahy8952@gmail.com.

WINTER BANQUET: As of November 17, we have received 95 reservations for this year’s Winter Banquet on Saturday, January 11 at 2:00 p.m. The last date for reserving space has been extended to Friday, December 13. Don’t miss out on a great opportunity to socialize with your hiking club buddies and get reacquainted with members you don’t often hike with. Please don’t wait until the last minute as it impacts our ability to provide an accurate number to the caterer. If you misplaced the reservation notice you may print one from the website at www.indyhike.org/forms. See the write-up on January 11 for directions to the new venue for this year’s banquet. If you would like to assist Board members setup for the banquet, please come about 1:00 p.m. We will enjoy a full social hour (BYOB if you wish) before a dinner prepared by the same caterer we used last year - CR Heroes. After the meal we will recognize winners of the 2024 Achievement Awards and seven new 25-year members. As we have done in past years, please bring canned and pre-packaged food donations to

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make needy Indianapolis families' winter season a bit brighter. If you have any questions about the Banquet, please don't hesitate to contact Annie Falvey our Social Committee Chairperson at indygypsygirl@gmail.com or 614-596-2020.

WE ARE NOW ON INSTAGRAM: In addition to our own website, Facebook page and Meetup site, thanks to our new Publicity Chairperson, Delaram Moghaddam, we now have our own Instagram page. Instagram is a popular photo and video sharing social network owned by Meta Platforms, which also owns Facebook. It is free and very popular with younger people. Consistent with our club's efforts to share our story and increase our membership, Instagram is yet another tool to reach a wider audience. By posting visual stories, like photos and videos, it gives a genuine and current glimpse into our club. Featuring real-time daily updates and posts (courtesy of Delaram) such as a daily schedule of hikes as well as inspirational quotes keeps the content fresh and engaging, encouraging visitors to stay longer and interact more. With many of our regular hike locations, such as Eagle Creek Park, having their own Instagram page and followers, more people will know about our new Instagram page. Creating an Instagram account is easy and free, simply Google "Instagram" for instructions on how to create an account using either an iPhone or Android or an existing Facebook account.

ITEMS OF NOTE IN THIS SCHEDULE: During December and January you have a choice of 327 hikes, not bad for the winter. This includes the usual array of weekday and weekend recurring hikes. The following non-recurring hikes deserve a second look. Only one Book Club hike during the colder winter months on Tuesday, January 14 led by Kathy Whalen. Quite a few holiday theme hikes appear in December leading up to Christmas: including Christkindlemarkt in Carmel on Wednesday, December 4 led by June Sergi; Jingle Bell Run/Walk on Saturday, December 7 led by Laura Otten; Christmas in the Village of West Clay on Tuesday, December 10, also led by June Sergi; Franklin Christmas Lights and Cookies, Too on Sunday afternoon December 15 led by Mary Ann Layman and Mary Williams, and Inside/Outside at Christmas Time in Downtown Indy on Monday, December 16 led by Pat Lawler. The holiday's wrap-up with our annual Christmas Eve Tradition hike in downtown Indy led by Ed and Linda Wright and Cheers to the New Year on Tuesday, December 31 led by Terry Roesch. There are numerous woods hikes in IN State Parks and other venues and several Trail Maintenance opportunities in this schedule. Let's not fail to mention that Susan Sievers has scheduled **Challenging** hikes to complete the entire 62-mile Knobstone Trail beginning on January 3 & 4 and continuing in February. Please review the write-ups in this schedule on the applicable dates for complete details.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER: It's been great for me to get back to hiking. Thanks to all who asked about me as I recovered from my foot surgeries. Our club is not only a hiking club but a group of wonderful people who like to socialize, eat, and care about each other.

As the winter months approach, avoid SAD (seasonal affective disorder, which is a type of depression) by getting out, hiking, exposing yourself to daylight, and taking advantage of all the friends you can make in the Club. You'll feel great!

Debbie Bucholz
President, Indianapolis Hiking Club

HIKE SCHEDULE:

Sunday, December 1

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 neighborhood. The hike may be self-guided after the first 3 miles. Repeats each Sunday in December and January. (Map #70)(F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Marti Burton (317-306-9878)

10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING Meet in front of 6220 Carrollton Ave for a guided 6-mile

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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 December and January. (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 December 8, 29, January 5 and 19. (F,PS) Leader: Kae Ramey (317-701-5805 cell)

Monday, December 2

9:00 AM MORNING CONSTITUTIONAL Meet in Eagle Creek Park (fee) at lot just inside 56th St entrance just west of the Colts facility for a brisk 6-mile road hike. Repeats on Monday, January 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 an 5-mile hike. Hike repeats each Monday in December and January. (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 hike on 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 or nearby streets, but not in the parking lots. Restroom available at Starbucks on 56 St. Hike has options of 3, 4 and 5 miles. Hike repeats on Monday, January 6. (F,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

9:30 AM CLERMONT AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS We will visit Clermont Park and nearby neighborhoods on this 5-6 mile hike; each repeat will be a different route. Meet in Clermont Lions' Club Park. From I-465 W exit 16A onto Crawfordsville Rd heading west. Go to the 5th stoplight which is Tansel Rd. Turn left and go 1/3 mile. The park is on your left. Hike repeats on December 23 & 30. (Map #44)(M,NS/PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-329-2779, 317-652-2779 cell)

1:00 PM EAGLE'S CREST - EAGLE CREEK PARK WEST SIDE Meet on the west side of Eagle Creek Park at Eagle's Crest (7201 Fishback Rd), at the far end of the soccer fields beside the road. This will be a 6-mile hike with shorter options; 4 miles on natural trails and 2 miles on a paved surface. Gates are in place at the entrance (Eagle Creek pass or cc), although not currently working, they may be when the hikes take place. Port-a-lets may be available. Hike repeats on the following Mondays, December 16 and January 6 & 20. (M,NS/PS,3) Leader: Marti Burton (317-306-9878)

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 on December and January. (Map #65) (F,PS/NS,3-3.5) Leader: Mary Bruss (317-308-0182)

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 brisk hike through scenic neighborhoods. Hike repeats each Monday evening in December and with a new leader in January. (Map #25)(F,PS,3.5) Leader: Rick Braun (317-679-2972)

Tuesday, December 3

8:00 AM BLUE TRAIL, TRAIL MAINTENANCE AT EAGLE CREEK PARK EAST Today's meeting location is the parking lot on your right just after you enter the park at the 71st St gate (fee required). Hike is about 4-5 miles and you will earn 2 hours credit toward the Club's Trail Maintenance award. Bring boots, hiking poles and gloves. (M,NS,1.5-2) Leader: Phil Coons (317-402-8810 cell)

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 December and January, except Christmas

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Eve. (Map #51) (F,PS) Leader: Jo Anne Starzyk (317-771-0914)

- 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 7500 Mann Rd, 46221. 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. Because of construction, if you need help with directions, don't hesitate to contact the leader. Hike repeats every Tuesday in December and January, except on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. (Map #61) (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Debbie Bucholz (317-361-9210)
- 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 December 17 and January 7 & 21. (F,PS) Leader Kae Ramey (317-701-5805 cell)
- 6:00 PM SOUTHPORT ROAD Meet behind (north side) Dollar Tree at the NE corner of Southport Rd and Madison Ave for a 5-mile guided hike. During December the Christmas lights are something to behold. Hike repeats on Tuesday December 10 & 17 and January 7 & 14. The route may vary each week. (F,PS,3) Leader: David Kincaid (317-787-6593)

Wednesday, December 4

- 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 December and January, except Christmas Day. Join us at a nearby Starbucks after the hike. (Map #40)(M,NS,3-3.5) Leader: Jim Goulding (317-695-8744)
- 9:30 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL Note, effective in December through March the start time of this hike will be at 9:30 a.m. Each week we will walk on different paved trails and neighborhoods in scenic areas of Carmel. From US 31 in Carmel go east on W Main St past Guilford Rd to Meadow Lane. Turn left and go north to Meadowlark Park. We will meet by the restroom. Hike repeats every Wednesday in December and January, except on Christmas and New Year's Day. (Map 58)(F,PS,3) Leader: Edwin Wright (317-445-5646)
- 9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL Join us for a 5-mile hike in downtown Indy, including the Cultural Trail. Expect a different route each week. Meet at Shapiro's Deli at 808 S. Meridian St (at McCarty St). Please park in the southwest portion of the lot away from the building. Hike repeats each Wednesday in December and January, except Christmas Day. (Map #41) (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Harold Crooks (317-730-4850)
- 9:30 AM ROBIN RUN AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK Join me for a 4-5 mile self-guided walk starting at Robin Run Village, 5354 W 62nd St and continue on to Northwestway Park then back to Robin Run Village. Shorter and longer options are available. Park in the southeast corner of Robin Run Village parking lot by the pond, off W 62nd St. Hike repeats each Wednesday in December and January, including Christmas Day. (F,PS) Leader: Joan Griffiths (317-297-7312 text preferred)
- 3:00 PM CHRISTKINDLEMARKT IN CARMEL Come join us for this fun hike in and around Carmel during the holiday season, finishing up with a visit to Carmel's world famous Christkindlemarkt. We will meet in the parking lot around the fountain in Carmel in front of the town hall. The address is 3 Civic Square, Carmel 46032. This will be a 4 - 5 mile guided hike taking in some of the holiday sites and decorations in Carmel. The hike will end at Cristkindlmarkt where you will be able to enjoy a light show (starts at 4:30 PM), view ice skaters and stroll through the market at your leisure and enjoy delicious German food and beverage offerings from over 60 huts, shop for unique gifts, and enjoy holiday music. When you are ready to depart, it is only a short walk on the Monon Trail back to your car. (F,PS.2.5-3) Leader: June Sergi (317-372-3018) (F,PS,2.5-3)
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE This will be a 5-mile hike through quaint neighborhoods, the Zionsville Rail Trail and possibly Starkey Park. Meet in Zionsville Town Hall parking lot at 1100 W Oak St across from McDonalds. From I-465 N take Michigan Rd north and turn left (west) on 116th St and go to 1st

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St in downtown Zionsville. Go right on 1st St then left (west) on Oak St to the town hall. Hike repeats each Wednesday in December and January, except Christmas Day. (Map #34) (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Janet Cohen (317-508-8523 or 317-417-2628)

Thursday, December 5

- 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 December and January. (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 December and January. 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. (M,NS,2.5-3) 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 3-4 mile hike at a modest pace on mostly groomed flat trails and paved roads. Same lunch invite as the 5 mile hike. (M,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - REHAB/GET BACK INTO HIKING HIKE While the regular leader in vacationing in Gulf Shores, AL, we have new temporary leaders for this hike. Same directions and repeat dates as Easy at Eagle Creek - Five Miles. This will be a slow and easy hike of 1-2 miles on roads or easy trails for folks rehabilitating from an injury/illness or new to hiking. (F,PS/NS,2-2.5) Leader(s): Wilma Bailey (317-293-0051) or Linda Crawford (317-569-8710)
- 2:00 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON This will be a 4-5 mile moderate speed hike through Noblesville's trails and neighborhoods. Meet at Forest Park by the carousel parking area. Directions: From I-69 north take SR 37 north to SR 38 and turn left, pass downtown Noblesville then turn right on SR 19 to Forest Park for about a mile. Entrance to the park is on the left after passing under the railroad tracks. (F,SP,2.5-3) Leader: Martha Rivera June (317-750-6895)
- 6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE Join us for a brisk 6-8 mile hike in and around scenic old Fort Harrison and surrounding neighborhoods. From I-465 E go east on 56th St to Lawrence and turn left on Lee Rd. Meet in the back parking lot of the YMCA on Lee Rd. Hike repeats every Thursday in December and with a new leader in January. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Rick Braun (317-679-2972)

Friday, December 6

- 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 December and January. 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 stop for a coffee break(\$) midway through the hike. Meet at the Zionsville Town Hall. 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 at 1100 W Oak St across from McDonalds. Hike repeats every Friday in December and January. (Map #34) (M,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Janet Cohen (317-508-8523 or 317-417-2628)

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- 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 December and January. (Map #66)(M,PS/NS,3-3.5) Leader: Phil Smith (317-443-3955)
- 9:00 AM FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON STATE PARK HIKE Enjoy a 5-6 mile moderate to brisk walk in the woods on the trails. Expect hills and stairs. From I-465 NE go east on 56th St and turn left (north) on Post Rd then turn left into the park. After entering the Fort gate (fee) follow signs to the Sycamore Shelter across from the sledding hill. Hike repeats on December 20 and January 3, 17 & 31. (Map #18)(M,NS,2.5-3) Leaders: Bev Hoopinger (317-695-1419) or Pam Marusic (216-469-1494)
- 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 December and January. (Map #52)(F,NS/PS,3-3.5) Leader: David Kincaid (317-787-6593)
- 6:00 PM OVER, AROUND AND THROUGH PURDUE AND IU Meet in downtown Shapiro's Deli lot, 808 S. Meridian St, for a 6-mile hike. Please park in the rear of the lot away from the restaurant entrance. Hike repeats every Friday in December and January. (Map #41) (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Jim Griffin (317-294-1121)

Saturday, December 7***Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day***

- 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 December and January. (Map #55)(F,PS,3.5) Leader: Therese Cokain (317-796-9183)
- 8:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING Meet at the Broad Ripple Methodist Church, 6185 Guilford Ave for a 6-mile brisk self-guided hike with a 2-mile option. The hike will be completed in time for those that wish to do the Ten at Ten. Hike repeats each Saturday in December and January. Note that there are no restrooms on the hike routes. (Map #65) (F,P/NS,3.5-4) Leader: Marian Fahy (916-606-6840)
- 8:30 AM JINGLE BELL RUN/WALK If you are registered to participate in this event, you can obtain Club mileage by contacting the leader. Get decked out in your festive holiday wear and start the season off right at the Jingle Bell Run (or walk). The 10K event starts at 8:30 am and the 5K event starts at 9:15, both at the NCAA Hall of Champions in Downtown Indianapolis. Preregistration and payment are required at Tuxedo Brothers Event Management (www.tuxbro.com) – and include a finishers medal, shirt and water bottle. Parking is always tricky so arrive early. This event sponsored by the Arthritis Foundation raises money to support those with arthritis and their caregivers. Be there with bells on! (F,PS) Leader: Laura Otten (317-378-9945 or lbotten@hotmail.com)
- 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 December and January. (Map #65)(F,NS) Leader: Rick Kinnaman (317-407-9746)
- 10:00 AM MC CORMICKS CREEK SP From I-465 S take SR 67 S (Kentucky Ave) to SR 46 in Spencer. Turn left and proceed to the park entrance (fee) on your left. Meet at the Nature Center for a 5 mile hike on scenic natural park trails. After the hike plan to have lunch at the Crossroads 46 Diner in Spencer. (Map #24)(M,NS,2) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972 cell)

Sunday, December 8

- 9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, December 1
- 10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, December 1

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

Monday, December 9

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 on the remaining Mondays in December and January, except January 6. (Map #40)(M,PS,3.5) Leader: Mary Barbara Miller (317-220-9593)

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, December 2

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 not to 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 not blocking any driveways or dumpsters. Hike includes options of 3, 4 and 5 miles. Hike repeats on Monday, January 13. (Map #42)(M,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, December 2

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, December 2

Tuesday, December 10

8:00 AM GREEN NORTH TRAIL, TRAIL MAINTENANCE AT EAGLE CREEK PARK EAST Today's meeting location is the parking lot on your right just after you enter the park at the 71st St. gate (fee required). Hike is about 4-5 miles and you will earn 2 hours credit toward the Club's Trail Maintenance award. Bring boots, hiking poles and gloves. (M, NS, 1.5-2) Leader: Phil Coons (317-402-8810 cell)

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, December 3

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, December 3

9:30 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE Park at the Methodist church (no fee) at 6185 N. Guilford Ave, 1½ blocks south of Broad Ripple Ave. 5-6 mile moderate speed hike may include parts of Holliday Park, Marott Park, Monon Trail, Arden neighborhood, or Rocky Ripple. Hike repeats January 7 & 21. (M,NS/HS/PS,2.25) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)

2:00 PM DOWNTOWN FISHERS ON THE NICKEL PLATE TRAIL Join us for a 5-mile hike on the Nickel Plate Trail in Fishers and other nearby trails. From I-465 N, take I-69 north to 116 St and go west for about 1/2 mile to Municipal Dr. 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 January 7 and 21. (F,PS,3) Leader: John Lyghtel (317-626-9117)

5:30 PM CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE OF WEST CLAY Come join us for a 4 to 5-mile hike in the village of West Clay in Carmel, IN. We will enjoy the Christmas lights and other spectacular decorations in the Village. Please bring flashlights. We will meet in the parking lot next to the West Clay clubhouse at 12514 Meeting House Rd. Carmel (F,PS,2.5) Leaders: June Sergi (317-372-3018) and Anne Heighway (317-509-4880)

6:00 PM SOUTHPORT ROAD See Tuesday, December 3

Wednesday, December 11

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, December 4

9:30 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, December 4

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, December 4

9:30 AM ROBIN RUN AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, December 4

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, December 4

Thursday, December 12

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9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - REHAB/GET BACK INTO HIKING HIKE See Thursday, December 5
2:00 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, December 5
6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, December 5

Friday, December 13

- 8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, December 6
8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, December 6
9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, December 6
9:00 AM FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON STATE PARK HIKE See Friday, December 6
9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, December 6
6:00 PM OVER, AROUND AND THROUGH PURDUE AND IU See Friday, December 6

Saturday, December 14

- 8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, December 7
8:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING See Saturday, December 7
9:30 AM MORGAN MONROE STATE FOREST TRAIL MAINTENANCE HIKE Come out and get a few hiking miles and some volunteer hours for the IHC as we continue work on the new trail in Morgan-Monroe SF. We meet at 9:30 AM at the parking area at the end of Hatfield Ridge Rd, sign in and go over the basics. We wrap up usually at or before 3:30. Tools will be provided, but please bring any gloves, loppers or hand pruners you might have or any specialty items you need. We take a break around noon, so bring some snacks or food if you like. Also note, that the Hatfield Ridge Gate will be locked at this time of year, so we have to close the gate behind us. So, leaving early isn't possible, unless you park by the gate and hike back three miles from where we'll be working. I'll arrive well before 9:00 a.m. and park in front of the gate to let everyone in and will be locking the gate at 9:30 a.m. From I-465 S, take I-69 south to exit 138 (Artesian/Ohio St) and make a left at the light. Continue under I-69 for about 3/4 mile to the stop sign at the school. Turn right onto Mahalasville Rd and continue for 2 miles to Low Gap Rd. Turn right and follow Low Gap for one mile, and then straight onto Catholic Cemetery. Once it turns to gravel, continue up the hill for about 1/2 mile to the large black gate on the right with the Hatfield Ridge sign. Take this small gravel road for about 2 miles to the large parking area at the end. Please arrive a little early if this is your first time to sign the documents. This volunteer effort will repeat on the 2nd Saturday of every month. (H,NS) Leader: Scott Beam (317-601-1033 or 317-474-0168)
10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, December 7
10:00 AM RAILS TO TRAILS SOUTH BLOOMINGTON From I-465 S take SR37 S/I-69 S to exit 116 Tapp Rd. At the roundabout go left (east) on to Tapp Rd / Country Club Rd to just before the Walnut St. traffic light. Turn into the shopping plaza and park behind the Old National Bank. This will be a 5-mile hike on the flat all natural trails. After the hike join us for lunch at a local restaurant. Hike repeats January 18. (F,NS,2.5) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972 cell)

Sunday, December 15

- 9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, December 1
10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, December 1
2:00 PM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK ON SUNDAY 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 7500 Mann Rd, 46221. 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

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drive. Because of construction, if you need help with directions, don't hesitate to contact the leader. Repeats on January 12. (Map #61) (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Debbie Bucholz (317-361-9210)

3:00 PM FRANKLIN'S CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AND COOKIES, TOO Meet in the parking lot of the Franklin Park & Recreation Center, 396 Branigin Blvd in Franklin. Hike is 6-7 miles with a midway stop at Bob & Mary Ann Layman's home to enjoy refreshments of cookies, coffee, tea, and hot chocolate. We will continue the hike through downtown Franklin and Compass Park campus to enjoy viewing the Christmas decorations. Be sure to bring FLASHLIGHT as it will be dark when we walk back through town and there are dark places with uneven sidewalks and curbs. (F,PS,2-2.5) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (317-346-1802 or 317-412-5190-cell) and Mary Williams (317-919-8574)

Monday, December 16

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, December 9

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, December 2

9:30 AM PRATHER PARK IN CARMEL We will hike the paved trails in Prather 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 January 20. (Map #64)(F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

10:00 AM INSIDE, OUTSIDE AT CHRISTMAS TIME For this 5-mile hike we will attempt to stay warm by stopping in the buildings downtown to enjoy their Christmas decorations. Meet at The Eiteljorg Museum at 500 W. Washington St. Parking is free at the museum if you join us for lunch in the Eiteljorg after the hike. (Map #33) (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-652-2779 cell, 317-329-2779)

1:00 PM EAGLE'S CREST - EAGLE CREEK PARK WEST SIDE See Monday, December 2

1:30 PM WHITE LICK CREEK GREENWAY This is a 5-mile hike on the scenic White Lick Creek trail that runs through Avon Washington Township Park. We'll pass by two historic bridges, the oldest Whipple truss bridge in Indiana (1875) and the 'Haunted' concrete arch bridge (1907). Meet in the small parking lot on the north side of CR 100 S. An approximate address is 6121 E CR 100 S. From I-465 W, exit on US 36 (Rockville Rd) and travel west past Avon Town Hall to CR 625 E. Turn left and travel to the next intersection. Take a right onto CR 100 S and turn right (before crossing bridge) at the almost hidden entrance to a small gravel parking lot. Bathrooms available. Repeats Monday, January 13. (F,PS,3) Leader: Terry Roesch (317-910-2943 cell)

4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, December 2

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, December 2

Tuesday, December 17

8:00 AM RED NORTH TRAIL, TRAIL MAINTENANCE AT EAGLE CREEK PARK EAST Today's meeting location is the parking lot on your right just after you enter the park at the 71st St gate (fee required). Hike will be about 4-5 miles and you will earn 2 hours credit toward the Trail Maintenance award. Bring boots, hiking poles and gloves. (M,NS,1.5-2) Leader: Phil Coons (317-402-8810 cell)

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, December 3

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, December 3

9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK Enjoy a 5-6 mile moderate speed on forested trails. From I-465 NE go east on 56th St and turn left (north) on Post Rd then turn left into the park (\$). Meet at the Cherry Tree parking lot (first right turn after passing gate, then first left). Hike repeats December 31 and January 14 & 28. (Map #18) (M,NS,2.25) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)

1:30 PM TUESDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Tuesday, December 3

6:00 PM SOUTHPORT ROAD See Tuesday, December 3

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Wednesday, December 18

- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, December 4
9:30 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, December 4
9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, December 4
9:30 AM ROBIN RUN AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, December 4
4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, December 4

Thursday, December 19

- 9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, December 5
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, December 5
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, December 5
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, December 5
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - REHAB/GET BACK INTO HIKING HIKE See Thursday, December 5
2:00 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, December 5
6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, December 5

Friday, December 20

- 8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, December 6
8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, December 6
9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, December 6
9:00 AM FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON STATE PARK HIKE See Friday, December 6
9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, December 6
6:00 PM OVER, AROUND AND THROUGH PURDUE AND IU See Friday, December 6

Saturday, December 21***Winter Begins***

- 8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, December 7
8:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING See Saturday, December 7
10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, December 7

Sunday, December 22

- 9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, December 1
10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, December 1

Monday, December 23

- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, December 9
9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, December 2
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, January 27. (Map #57)(F,HS/PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)
9:30 AM CLERMONT AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See Monday, December 2
4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, December 2
6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, December 2

Tuesday, December 24***Christmas Eve***

- 10:00 AM A CHRISTMAS EVE TRADITION Join us for this fun annual event on the day before Christmas. Hike will be 5 miles at a moderate pace through downtown Indy. There is also a shorter 3-mile

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option. Wear your Santa hat, reindeer antlers, jingle bells and bring your grandkids. The leaders will treat everyone, including the 3 milers, to hot chocolate or your drink of choice at South Bend Chocolate Cafe on Monument Circle. Meet at Shapiro's Deli at 808 S. Meridian St (at McCarty St). Please park in the southwest portion of the lot away from the building. (Map #25) (F,PS,2.5-3) Leaders: Ed and Linda Wright (317-445-5646)

Wednesday, December 25***Christmas Day/ First Day of Hanukkah***

9:30 AM ROBIN RUN AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, December 4

Thursday, December 26***Kwanzaa Begins***

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, December 5

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, December 5

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, December 5

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, December 5

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - REHAB/GET BACK INTO HIKING HIKE See Thursday, December 5

2:00 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, December 5

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, December 5

Friday, December 27

8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, December 6

8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, December 6

9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, December 6

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, December 6

6:00 PM OVER, AROUND AND THROUGH PURDUE AND IU See Friday, December 6

Saturday, December 28

8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, December 7

8:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING See Saturday, December 7

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, December 7

Sunday, December 29

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, December 1

10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, December 1

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

Monday, December 30

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, December 9

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, December 2

9:30 AM ROYAL PINES This is a scenic 6-mile neighborhood hike including interesting Royal Pines which features hundreds of pine trees. There is a shorter option on 3 or 4 miles. Meet in the northeast corner of the Super Walmart parking lot to the left of the Garden Center at the intersection of 74th St and Keystone Ave. (Map #43) (F,PS,3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

9:30 AM CLERMONT AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See Monday, December 2

4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, December 2

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, December 2

Tuesday, December 31***New Year's Eve***

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, December 3

9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Tuesday, December 17

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2:00 PM CHEERS TO THE NEW YEAR HIKE Celebrate New Year's Eve with a 5-6 mile walk in two connecting parks, Avon Town Hall Park and Avon Washington Township Park. Surfaces will be mostly paved. Meet at the Avon Library, 498 North Avon Ave (also known as SR 267). From I-465 W, exit on US 36 (Rockville Rd) and travel west a little less than 8 miles, turning right onto Avon Ave/SR 267. The library is on your left, less than a half mile from the intersection. Bathrooms available at both parks. (F,PS,3) Leader: Terry Roesch (317-910-2943 cell)

Wednesday, January 1***New Year's Day***

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, December 4

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, December 4

9:30 AM ROBIN RUN AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, December 4

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, December 4

Thursday, January 2

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, December 5

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL If you find yourself in southwest Florida this winter, please join us for a brisk 12-mile, with a 6 and 9-mile option, on the paved John Yarbrough Linear Park Trail in Fort Myers. Meet at the trail less than one block west of Metro Pkwy on the north side of Daniels Pkwy. Park in the grass on the east side of the trail. Call if you need more precise directions. Hike repeats every Tuesday and Thursday in January. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Rick Braun (317-679-2972)

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, December 5

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, December 5

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, December 5

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - REHAB/GET BACK INTO HIKING HIKE See Thursday, December 5

2:00 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, December 5

5:30 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE II While Rick Braun is enjoying Florida, his Thursday evening hike will continue with a new leader and start time of 5:30 p.m. Join us for a brisk 6-8 mile hike in and around scenic old Fort Harrison and surrounding neighborhoods. From I-465 E go east on 56th St to Lawrence and turn left on Lee Rd. Meet in the back parking lot of the YMCA on Lee Rd. Hike repeats every Thursday in January. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Cris Jones (317-332-4534)

Friday, January 3

8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, December 6

8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, December 6

9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, December 6

9:00 AM FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON STATE PARK HIKE See Friday, December 6

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, December 6

HIKE THE KNOBSTONE TRAIL IN TWO PARTS Join us in hiking the entire 62-mile Knobstone Trail (KT) over five days. Part 1 will be January 3 & 4 and Part 2 will be February 21, 22 & 23. To encourage those who have never hiked the KT because of the difficulty, the average mileage for each day will be 8-11 miles. Keep in mind that the Knobstone is one of the most challenging trails in Indiana. Hiking is on a natural trail with very steep inclines (up and down), eroded hills and multiple creek crossings. Hills are typically 400 feet of elevation gain and often very steep. We will be coordinating a carpool and/or hired shuttle service (fee) so letting me know if you plan to hike either or both parts is a must. Leader: Susan Sievers (317-513-5239 or susansievers11@gmail.com)

10:00 AM KNOBSTONE TRAIL PART I - DEAM LAKE TO SPURGEON HOLLOW We will meet at the Spurgeon Hollow Trail Head (TH) on the Knobstone Trail (KT). See directions from Indy below. A shuttle service (fee and reservations required) will drive us to where the KT crosses 56 (new 56, not

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old 56) and we'll hike 9.5 miles back to our cars parked at Spurgeon Hollow. Along with hiking poles, hiking boots or sturdy trail shoes, pack high energy snacks/lunch and plenty of water. Due to the shorter hours of daylight in January, I recommend bringing a headlamp; in case of a 'misadventure', you'll be glad you brought it. Directions from Indy to Spurgeon Hollow TH: Allow 1 1.3 hours from Indy's south side. From I-465 S go south on I-65 to exit 55 (Jonesville/Seymour). Take SR 11 south (right) for about 5 miles and turn right (west) onto US 50. Continue on US 50 through Brownstown for about 10 miles and turn left onto SR 135 south. Wind your way along SR 135 for about 13 miles, where you'll turn left (east) onto E Rooster Hill Rd. Take the immediate right at the fork and continue for 2.5 miles. Take a right (south) at the stop sign, this will put you on Delaney Park Rd. Follow this for just under .5 mile and turn left at the Spurgeon Hollow/Knobstone sign. Parking will be one mile down the gravel road and on the left beside Spurgeon Hollow Lake. Cell service is limited in the area. (**Challenging**,H,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Susan Sievers 317-513-5239 (susansievers11@gmail.com) For hikers planning to hike both Friday and Saturday, I recommend staying Friday night in Salem: Cobblestone Hotel & Suites, 1015 E Hackberry St., Salem IN 47167 (812-883-4224).

6:00 PM OVER, AROUND AND THROUGH PURDUE AND IU See Friday, December 6

Saturday, January 4

8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, December 7

8:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING See Saturday, December 7

9:00 AM KNOBSTONE TRAIL HIKE PART I - LEOTA TRAILHEAD Meet at the Leota Trailhead on the KT (see directions below). From there we will take a shuttle (fee) to where we will start the hike. The shuttle will drive us to new 56 (not old 56) where the KT crosses the highway. From there we will hike 10.75 miles back to the Leota TH where our cars await us. Bring plenty of water, snacks/lunch, trekking poles, hiking boots or sturdy trail shoes. Directions from Indy: From I-465 S take I-65 south to exit 29. Then go west on SR 56 about 4 miles, then south on Zion Rd for about 1 mile. Turn right and go another mile on Stagecoach Rd, then right on W. Leota Rd, a little over a mile up the hill and the Leota Trailhead is on the right off E. Saylor Rd. Reminder: To reserve a seat on the shuttle, please RSVP that you plan to hike. Cell service is limited in area. (**Challenging**,H,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Susan Sievers 317-513-5239, susansievers11@gmail.com)

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, December 7

10:00 AM GRIFFY LAKE NATURE PRESERVE BLOOMINGTON From I-465 S take I-69/ SR 37 S to Exit 120 (SR 46 E). Stay on SR 46 to the 4th traffic light. Turn left onto Matlock/ Hadley Rd to Griffy Lake. 3595 N Headley Rd Bloomington, IN. After crossing the causeway turn right into the parking lot. This will be a 5-mile hike on scenic natural trails. After the hike plan on having lunch at a local restaurant. (M,NS,2) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812) 322-3972 cell)

Sunday, January 5

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, December 1

10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, December 1

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

1:30 PM BUTLER TARKINGTON We will meet at the Unitarian Universalist Church at 615 W. 43rd St. On this hike we will walk in the Butler Tarkington area. The hike will repeat every Sunday in January. We will hike different routes each week. A restroom is available before and after the hike. (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Pat Lawler (317-329-2779 home, 317-652-2779 cell)

Monday, January 6

9:00 AM MORNING CONSTITUTIONAL See Monday, December 2

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, December 2

9:30 AM TOWPATH, BUTLER UNIVERSITY AND ROCKY RIPPLE See Monday, December 2

1:00 PM EAGLE'S CREST - EAGLE CREEK PARK WEST SIDE See Monday, December 2

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4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, December 2

5:30 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING II While Rick Braun is enjoying Florida, his Monday night hike in Fishers will continue, but at an earlier time of 5:30 p.m. Meet in Geist Coffee parking lot at the northwest corner of Fall Creek Rd and Brooks School Rd for a 6-8 mile brisk hike through scenic neighborhoods. Hike repeats each Monday evening in January. (Map #25)(F,PS,3.5) Leader(s): Kelley Hale (973-985-3916) or Jan Adams (317-507-4033)

Tuesday, January 7

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, December 3

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

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, December 3

9:30 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See Tuesday, December 10

1:30 PM TUESDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Tuesday, December 3

2:00 PM DOWNTOWN FISHERS ON THE NICKEL PLATE TRAIL See Tuesday, December 10

6:00 PM SOUTHPORT ROAD See Tuesday, December 3

Wednesday, January 8

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, December 4

9:30 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, December 4

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, December 4

9:30 AM ROBIN RUN AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, December 4

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, December 4

Thursday, January 9

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, December 5

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

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, December 5

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, December 5

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, December 5

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - REHAB/GET BACK INTO HIKING HIKE See Thursday, December 5

5:30 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE II See Thursday, January 2

Friday, January 10

8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, December 6

8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, December 6

9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, December 6

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, December 6

1:30 PM FASHION MALL IN JANUARY If you are tired of hiking in the early morning cold outdoors here is an alternative. Join us at the Fashion Mall at Keystone at the Crossing. This is a self-guided hike of 1.2-mile loops. We will meet in the Food Court located on the west side of the mall. You may walk at your own pace or with the group for 1-6 miles. From I-465 exit at Keystone going south. Take the first exit off Keystone at 86th St and go east to the mall entrance by the Food Court. (F,PS) Leader June Sergi (317-372-3018)

6:00 PM OVER, AROUND AND THROUGH PURDUE AND IU See Friday, December 6

Saturday, January 11

Winter Banquet

8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, December 7

8:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING See Saturday, December 7

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9:30 AM MORGAN MONROE STATE FOREST TRAIL MAINTENANCE HIKE See Saturday, December 14

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, December 7

2:00 PM WINTER BANQUET For the first time in many years, our Club's annual Winter Banquet will be held on a Saturday in January at a new location - St Therese - Little Flower Catholic School, 4720 E. 13th St., Indianapolis. IN 36201. For details, please see the reservation form that was mailed to everyone (see Forms on the Club website). If you would like to help set up, plan to arrive early at 1:00 p.m. DIRECTIONS: From I-70, take the Emerson exit and go south just past 16th St to Nowland Ave. Turn right and go five blocks to N Bosart Ave and turn left where you will see the St Theresa – Little Flower Parish school parking lot (1401 N Bosart Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46201). Please enter through Door 6. As we traditionally have done every year, please bring canned and packaged food donations to feed needy Indianapolis families. If you have any questions, contact Annie Falvey, Social Committee Chairperson (614-596-2020 or indygypsygirl@gmail.com)

Sunday, January 12

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, December 1

10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, December 1

1:30 PM BUTLER TARKINGTON See Sunday, January 5

2:00 PM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK ON SUNDAY See Sunday, December 15

Monday, January 13

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, December 9

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, December 2

9:30 AM CROWN HILL CEMETERY See Monday, December 9

1:30 PM WHITE LICK CREEK GREENWAY See Monday, December 16

4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, December 2

5:30 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING II See Monday, January 6

Tuesday, January 14

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, December 3

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

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, December 3

9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Tuesday, December 17

1:30 PM BOOK CLUB HIKE - COLLEGE AVE LIBRARY This month's selection is *If She Wakes* by Michael Koryta. There are many copies of this book available through the Indianapolis Marion County Public Library. Meet at the College Ave Library; 4180 College Ave. Park in parking lot on the east side of the 4100 block of College Ave, accessible from 42nd St. Discussion will be followed by a Monon Trail hike of up to 6 miles, with shorter options. Feel free to join the discussion and hike even if you have not read the book. (F,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Kathy Whalen (317-409-3265)

6:00 PM SOUTHPORT ROAD See Tuesday, December 3

Wednesday, January 15

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, December 4

9:30 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, December 4

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, December 4

9:30 AM ROBIN RUN AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, December 4

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, December 4

Thursday, January 16

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, December 5

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- 9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL See Thursday, January 2
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, December 5
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, December 5
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, December 5
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - REHAB/GET BACK INTO HIKING HIKE See Thursday, December 5
5:30 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE II See Thursday, January 2

Friday, January 17

- 8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, December 6
8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, December 6
9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, December 6
9:00 AM FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON STATE PARK HIKE See Friday, December 6
9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, December 6
6:00 PM OVER, AROUND AND THROUGH PURDUE AND IU See Friday, December 6

Saturday, January 18

- 8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, December 7
8:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING See Saturday, December 7
10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, December 7
10:00 AM RAILS TO TRAILS SOUTH BLOOMINGTON See Saturday, December 14

Sunday, January 19

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

Monday, January 20***Martin Luther King Day***

- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, December 9
9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, December 2
9:30 AM PRATHER PARK IN CARMEL See Monday, December 16
1:00 PM EAGLE'S CREST - EAGLE CREEK PARK WEST SIDE See Monday, December 2
4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, December 2
5:30 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING II See Monday, January 6

Tuesday, January 21

- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, December 3
9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL See Thursday, January 2
9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, December 3
9:30 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See Tuesday, December 10
1:30 PM TUESDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Tuesday, December 3
2:00 PM DOWNTOWN FISHERS ON THE NICKEL PLATE TRAIL See Tuesday, December 10

Wednesday, January 22

- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, December 4
9:30 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, December 4
9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, December 4

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9:30 AM ROBIN RUN AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, December 4

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, December 4

Thursday, January 23

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, December 5

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

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, December 5

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, December 5

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, December 5

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - REHAB/GET BACK INTO HIKING HIKE See Thursday, December 5

2:00 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, December 5

5:30 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE II See Thursday, January 2

Friday, January 24

8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, December 6

8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, December 6

9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, December 6

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, December 6

6:00 PM OVER, AROUND AND THROUGH PURDUE AND IU See Friday, December 6

Saturday, January 25

8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, December 7

8:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING See Saturday, December 7

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, December 7

10:00 AM TURKEY RUN STATE PARK January is a great time to 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 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,2.25) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)

Sunday, January 26

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, December 1

10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, December 1

1:30 PM BUTLER TARKINGTON See Sunday, January 5

Monday, January 27

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, December 9

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, December 2

9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE PARK AND BEYOND See Monday, December 23

4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, December 2

5:30 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING II See Monday, January 6

Tuesday, January 28

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, December 3

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

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, December 3

9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Tuesday, December 17

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Wednesday, January 29

- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, December 4
9:30 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, December 4
9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, December 4
9:30 AM ROBIN RUN AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, December 4
4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, December 4

Thursday, January 30

- 9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, December 5
9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL See Thursday, January 2
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, December 5
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, December 5
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, December 5
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - REHAB/GET BACK INTO HIKING HIKE See Thursday, December 5
2:00 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, December 5
5:30 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE II See Thursday, January 2

Friday, January 31

- 8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, December 6
8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, December 6
9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, December 6
9:00 AM FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON STATE PARK HIKE See Friday, December 6
9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, December 6
6:00 PM OVER, AROUND AND THROUGH PURDUE AND IU See Friday, December 6

FUTURE EVENTS:

GULF SHORES ALABAMA – February 2-7, 2025: 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. See the October/November schedule for hotel suggestions. The hike plan is for no more than 3-4 easy miles per guided hike and/or no more than 8 miles each day. The hikes will be on all types of surfaces: sand, dirt, gravel and pavement. There will be lots of opportunities to go off on self-guided excursions alone or with other members of the group. Two group meals (lunch and dinner) have been booked at popular Gulf Shores and Orange Beach restaurants. Please let me know when you make your reservation and where you are staying. I want to make an email distribution list of those attending so as not to bombard the entire club with details as we get closer to the trip. Do not hesitate to email/call me with any questions - Karen LeClerc kmleclerc58@gmail.com or 920-883-9477.

HIKE THE ENTIRE KNOBSTONE TRAIL PART II – February 21-23 This is the continuation of Susan Sievers plan to hike the entire challenging 62-mile Knobstone Trail in five days. The first part of this hike is on January 3 & 4 (in this schedule). Let the leader know if you are planning to attend. Leader: Susan Sievers 317-513-5239 or email susansievers11@gmail.com

ANNUAL WINTER WEEKEND - SPRING MILL STATE PARK – March 2025 S Because of major renovations, Spring Mill Inn is still not ready to accept reservations for 2025. We expect they will in early December and then Mary Ann Layman will send out a Broadcast email with the weekend dates, room rates and specifics how to book. Look for her email.

28TH ANNUAL SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK – April 22-24, 2025 (Tue-Thu) Mark your calendar for the Annual Club Trip to Smoky Mountains National Park. I recommend you book your room reservations in Gatlinburg, TN soon. Most members stay at Riverhouse at the Park (865-436-2070). The Bearskin Lodge on the River (865-430- 4330) is another good choice. It is very near the Riverhouse. We will repeat the Monday

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evening pool-side social hour at Riverhouse. There will be a good range of morning, afternoon and full-day hikes. We're scouting out a few new hikes. The hike leaders will include Tim Braun, John Lyghtel, Konnie and John Schlechte. Contact: John Schlechte 317-294-2021 cell or jschlechte@fastmail.com. See future schedules for more details.

C&O CANAL ONE DAY HIKE – May 3, 2025 Although it requires a lot of conditioning, please consider joining Theresa Ray for the mid-Atlantic region's oldest long-distance day hike - 100K (62.14 miles with shorter options) from Washington DC to Harpers Ferry, WV. Look for training hikes during the first quarter of 2025. The hike is an annual event sponsored by the DC Sierra Club. And if you complete the hike, you will tie the Club's single day long-distance record. Check www.onedayhike.org for details on registration, lodging, etc. Registration opens on February 7 and fills very quickly. Registration must be handled individually since there is no option for a "group registration". Theresa Ray will be coordinating IHC participation again this year. Contact her at tmrquincy@yahoo.com or by phone at 317-627-1205. Let her know if you are considering this event.

HIKE IN THREE DIFFERENT STATES –Wednesday May 7- Friday May 9, 2025 Join us for a fun three day trip that will include hikes in Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois. On Wednesday afternoon we will hike in the Audubon SP in Henderson Kentucky. It is just across the river from Evansville. On Thursday we will hike in Indiana's Harmonie SP and on Friday morning in Beall Woods SP in Illinois. We have rooms held at New Harmony Inn for Wednesday and Thursday nights. The rate is \$115.00 + tax. To make a reservation phone 812-682-4431 telling them that you are a member of the Indianapolis Hiking Club. Any questions? Don't hesitate to contact trip organizer Mervyn Cohen by email at mecohen@iu.edu or by phone at 317 417-2628.

PRESIDENTIAL RANGE, WHITE MOUNTAINS, NEW HAMPSHIRE - mid-July, 2025 Enjoy the most spectacular hiking in eastern North America on a proposed 5-6 day trip, the first and last day will be considered travel days. The total hiking miles for the four hiking days will be about 20 miles, but don't be lulled into thinking that the hiking will be anything but strenuous. At times we will be lucky to do one mile an hour.

Here is the tentative plan:

Day 1: Fly from Indy, meet at AMC Highlands Center Lodge, Crawford Notch, Bretton Woods, NH for pre-trip rendezvous, bunk or your private room, buffet supper, showers and buffet breakfast.

Day 2: Hike the Crawford Path -- oldest continuous-use recreational footpath in North America -- to Mizpah Hut, about 4 rugged, steep miles including side trips to a waterfall and mountain views. Huts in the Whites provide family-style supper, bunk and breakfast.

Day 3: Continue hiking the often-arduous Crawford Path along the Presidential Range, above the tree line and over awesome alpine scenery, 5 miles to Lakes of the Clouds Hut.

Day 4: Climb Mount Washington, highest peak in the northeast, then hike to Madison Springs Hut, total 7 miles for the day.

Day 5: From Madison Springs Hut, descend via the Airline Trail 4 miles to the Appalachia Trailhead, catch the shuttle bus to either AMC Highlands Center Lodge or to Joe Dodge Lodge. Final hiking day, head home or stay another night in a lodge.

As of now the dates and itinerary are still tentative and flexible. We should make reservations by early April 2025. Accordingly, I will schedule an information meeting in March to consider group desires and schedules. Your individual trip cost, excluding your travel to/from the Whites, should be about \$800.00. If you think you might be interested, I recommend joining the Appalachian Mountain Club to get discounts at lodges, huts and shuttle bus. There is a limit of 8 IHC hikers on this trip. Prospective participants will be screened for fitness and mountain hiking experience. A waitlist will be developed if more than 8 hikers commit to this spectacularly strenuous trek. In the meantime, don't hesitate to contact me if you think you might be interested or have any questions or suggestions: James Kendall, trip organizer, at phone 812-968-9487 or by email 4hickory1950@gmail.com.

PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

Maureen Hoyer	Zionsville, IN	Mark Hoyer	Zionsville, IN
Kristine Knecht	Indianapolis, IN	Mark Hoopgarner	Indianapolis, IN
Greg Topp	Zionsville, IN	Barb Bates	Carmel, IN

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Mark Chambers	Zionsville, IN	Tom Ladd	Indianapolis, IN
Nohemy Vasquez	Noblesville, IN	Mary Bennett	Indianapolis, IN
Philip Kerrigan	Noblesville, IN	Valerie Cortelyou	Carmel, IN
Malgozata Witkowska	Whitestown, IN	Ruth Nevins	Brownsburg, IN
Tony Horan	New Palestine, IN	Joann Farris	

RECENT MILEAGE AWARDS:

Allan Roberts	52,500	Delaram Moghaddam	2,000	Amanda Smith	300
Rick Kinnaman*	39,500	Marian Fahy	2,000	Jim LeClerc	300
Tish Brafford*	28,000	Annie Falvey	1,500	Steve Knoop	300
Jim Griffin	18,000	Becky Stevens	1,000	Wayne Osborne	300
Martin Dadel	15,500	Ben Thompson	1,000	James Kendall	300
Marge Braun	13,500	Cindy Schmidt	1,000	Scot Marsella	200
Cheryl Conces	13,500	Gene Wisner	500	Debbie Beck	200
Dewey Conces	13,500	Karen LeClerc	500	Evan Hoffar	200
Jo Anne Starzyk*	13,500	Pam Marusic	500	Matt Braun	200
Mike Seeman*	13,000	Janie Westermeier	500	James Kendall	200
Bob Layman	11,500	Jan Adams	500	Dawn Zumbrun	200
Daymon Evans	11,000	John Wagner	500	Laurell Kinnaman	200
Christine Nitz	7,000	Janet Labbe	400	Dale McCuiston	200
Lynn Thurston	6,500	Joan Pea	400	Brad Smith	100
Sandra Nichols	5,000	Jeff Small	400	Carman Kercher	100
Debbie Bucholz	3,000	Rosie Hughes	400	Carol Dunkin	100
Luanne Aurelius	2,500	Kathleen Fox	400	Kelly Royal	100
Sandy Duncan	2,000	John Wagner	400	Laura Otten	100
Steve Kirchhoff	2,000	Scott Beam	300	Dale McCuiston	100

MEMBER NEWS: Our condolences to the families and friends of the following individuals:

Long term member, **Ed Lavagnino**, 94 years old passed away on October 4. He was a research chemist at Lilly and his name appeared on 14 chemical patents. Ed was an IHC member for 55 years (2nd longest tenured member), served on the Board in his early years, led several hikes in Florida and hiked 3,435 miles.

Tish Brafford's brother, Bob Kirby, passed away in Mobile, AL in mid-October. He was 89.

Former member **Robert "Bob" Pedigo**, passed away on October 22, two days after his 101st birthday. Bob was a Club member from 1979 until 2013 and hiked almost 9,000 miles. Bob was a nose gunner/chief armorer during WWII in a B-24 Liberator bomber called "Silent Yokum" and flew 30 air combat missions over France and Germany. On June 6, 2024, France's President Macron, with accolades from President Biden, presented Bob with the French Legion of Honor, France's highest military award during the 80th Anniversary of D-Day Ceremony, televised worldwide. Those of us who hiked with Bob should consider ourselves privileged to have known him.

We wish the best to the following member:

David Kincade had his gall bladder removed in early October and missed several weeks of hiking. Now he is back stronger than ever.

NOTES OF APPRECIATION:

Thank you to my thoughtful friends in IHC, for their cards, text messages, kind words of comfort and prayers this past month. My brother, Deacon Bob Kirby of Mobile, died at the age of 89, while celebrating Benediction in the church he served for 22 years. May we all be as fortunate to lead such active lives until the Lord calls us. *Tish Brafford*

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I would like to thank all my wonderful hiking friends for their cards, kindness and support following my recent surgery. *Kae Ramey*

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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