



The Indianapolis Hiking Club

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Happiness - A Step at a Time

SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 2025 & JANUARY 2026

(Please – no pets except on designated pet hikes)



Celebrating 69 Years of Sponsoring Hikes and Outings

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

<u>CHALLENGING HIKE</u>	<u>TERRAIN</u>	<u>SURFACE</u>	<u>SPEED</u>
	H (Hilly)	Continuously	NS Natural, mainly soft
	M (Mixed)	Hilly & Flat	HS Packed dirt or gravel
Challenging or blank	F (Flat)	Few Hills	PS Concrete or black top
			Hiking speed in MPH not including breaks (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 .pdf 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.

REMINDER: If you haven't already paid your annual dues, please pay before the end of the year, otherwise you will be suspended from leading hikes and accumulating mileage. Annual dues are unchanged from last year and 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. Also, please remember that the last day for reserving space for the Winter Banquet is December 20. Both your dues and Winter Banquet reservations may be paid for by either personal check or Zelle electronic payment. If you misplaced the Annual Dues Notice or Winter Banquet Reservations forms both are available on the website “Forms” page. Any questions should be directed to Marian Fahy our Club Treasurer at 916-606-6840 or fahy8952@gmail.com.

ITEMS OF NOTE IN THIS SCHEDULE: You have your choice of 330 hikes for December and January, impressive for the winter months. Regrettably, the extended stay trip to Gulf Shore AL in early February had to be cancelled due to prescribed burns in the state park where most of the hikes were planned. Besides the usual large number of recurring options, the following one-time hikes deserve your consideration. Only one Book Club hike this winter on January 26 led by Katy Smith. As is typical for the holiday season, we have a number of themed hike choices: including Christkindlmarkt on Wednesday, December 3 led by June Sergi; Reindeer Romp 6K and 8K in Brown County SP led by Swati Gunale on Saturday, December 6; Christmas in the Village of West Clay on Tuesday evening, December 9 led by June Sergi and Anne Heighway; Zionsville Village Lights and Dinner led by Mervyn Cohen on Monday evening December 22; and our annual Christmas Eve Tradition hike led by Ed Wright on Christmas eve. We also have two Christmas Day hikes. There are many woods hike options (too many to list here), including three State Park and State Forest hikes on Sunday, December 14 & 21 and Saturday, January 17. For you winter snowbirds there are number of hikes in the St. Petersburg and Ft. Myers f you see a reference at the end of a hike description in the following format (Map #24), access a Google map pointing to the hike meeting location at www.indyhike.org/locations.shtml .

areas of Florida to choose from on Tuesday's and Thursdays. Check the write-ups on the appropriate day for details.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER: Hello Hiking Friends.

Many of us find winter hiking to be exhilarating. Our Hoosier winters tend to be less harsh than those of our northern neighbors. Yet we still have our fair share of snow, ice and bitter cold. New members might find it helpful to read the Hiker Guidelines as it contains some bits on winter hiking plus health and safety. To access, go to our website homepage, click on Website Index, then click on Hiker Guidelines. It's also fun to chat with other members as we hike along, for tips on what winter gear works well for them. And it's a good habit to check the Hike Schedule page or email for last minute cancellations before venturing out. Please note that a few hikes rarely cancel even when others do or are moved indoors.

In closing, I'll borrow a line from Hill Street Blues, "Hey...let's be careful out there."

Cathy Fischer
President, Indianapolis Hiking Club

HIKE SCHEDULE:

Monday, December 1

- 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 5. (Map #40) (M,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Catherine Curtiss (317-209-9816)
- 9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK Meet at 6901 Derbyshire Rd behind the former Southport Police Station for a 5-mile hike. Hike repeats each Monday in December and January. (F,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Curt Hawhee (317-529-3482)
- 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 5. (Map #79)(F,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)
- 4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE Meet at the Broad Ripple Methodist Church at 6135 Guilford Ave for a hike of 5-6 miles. Hike repeats every Monday in 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, except December 29 when a new leader will continue this hike starting at 5:00 p.m. while Rick spends the winter in Florida. (Map #25)(F,PS,3.5) Leader: Rick Braun (317-679-2972)

Tuesday, December 2

- 8:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL - TUESDAY This is a self-guided hike in Zionsville of 1-10 miles north on the Big Four Trail. Meet at the Zionsville Rd Trailhead located at 10230 Zionsville Rd. Restrooms available. The hike repeats every Tuesday in December and January. (M,PS) Hike Leader: Dewey Conces (317-371-0068)
- 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 at the north end of the parking lot

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close to the Monon trail. Hike repeats every Tuesday in December and January. (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. Hike repeats every Tuesday in December and January. On occasion there may be a substitute leader as Debbie recovers from foot surgery. (Map #61) (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Debbie Bucholz (317-361-9210)
- 9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK Enjoy a somewhat protected 5-mile winter hike in Fort Harrison's pristine woods. 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). Sometimes we meet at nearby Panera for lunch afterwards. Hike repeats December 16 & 30 and January 13 & 27. (Map #18)(M,NS,2.5) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)
- 9:30 AM GULFPORT BAY AND OSGOOD PARK - GULFPORT, FLORIDA This is one of a series of slow and easy Tuesday morning hikes in the Clearwater/St. Petersburg area of FL led by long term member Elaine Wright who is living in Pinellas, FL during the winter. She hikes with quite a few members of her community in Florida, and visitors from the IHC are always welcome. All hikes will be about 3 miles long at a slow and easy pace. Hikers usually go to a local restaurant after every hike. Please contact Elaine for precise driving directions from wherever you are staying. (F,PS,2.5) Leader: Elaine Wright (317-753-5516)
- 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 December 16 and January 6 & 20. (F,PS,3) Leader: John Lyghtel (317-626-9117)
- 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 every Tuesday in December and January. The route may vary each week. (F,PS,3) Leader: David Kincaid (317-787-6593)

Wednesday, December 3

- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS This 7-9 mile brisk all trail hike is a great way to stay in shape. Meet in Eagle Creek Park (fee) at lot just inside the 56th St entrance, just west of the Colts training facility. Hike repeats each Wednesday in December and January, except Christmas Eve, December 24. Quite a few hikers 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 This will be a 4-5 mile hike with a 3-mile option at a modest pace. 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 Christmas Eve, December 24. (Map #58)(F,PS,3) Leader: Ed 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 December 24, Christmas Eve. (Map #41) (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Harold Crooks (317-730-4850)
- 10:00 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK Join me for a 4-5 mile self-guided walk starting at Pike Library, 6525 Zionsville Rd. We will walk through Robin Run Village and continue to Northwestway Park then back to the library. Shorter and longer options are available. Park in the lot

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behind the library along the fence. Hike repeats each Wednesday in December and January, except December 24, Christmas Eve. (Map #73)(F,PS) Leader: Joan Griffiths (317-297-7312)

3:00 PM CHRISTKINDLMARKT I hope you can join us for this fun hike in and around Carmel during the holiday season, finishing up at the world famous Christkindlmarkt. We will meet in the parking lot around the fountain in Carmel near 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 finish at the market where you will be able to see ice skaters and stroll through the market at your leisure. Enjoy delicious German food and beverages, music, and shop at over 60 huts. When you are ready to leave, it is only a short distance back to your cars. (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: June Sergi (317-372-3018)

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE This will be a 5-mile hike through quaint neighborhoods, the Zionsville Rail Trail and possibly Starkey Park. Meet in Zionsville Town Hall parking lot at 1100 W Oak St across from McDonalds. From I-465 N take Michigan Rd north and turn left (west) on 116th St and go to 1st St in downtown Zionsville. Go right on 1st St then left (west) on Oak St to the town hall. Hike repeats each Wednesday in December and January, except December 24, Christmas Eve. (Map #34) (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Janet Cohen (317-508-8523 or 317-417-2628)

Thursday, December 4

8:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL - THURSDAY This is a self-guided hike in Zionsville 1-10 miles north on the Big Four Trail. Meet at the Zionsville Rd Trailhead located at 10230 Zionsville Rd. Restrooms available. The hike repeats every Thursday in December and January, except Christmas Day, December 25. (M,PS) Hike Leader: Cindy Schmidt (317-753-4890)

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, including Christmas and New Years Day. (Map #45)(F,PS) 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 four very popular hikes in Eagle Creek Park every Thursday morning. This will be a moderate to brisk paced 5-mile trail hike over, around, up and down through the woods. All hikes will meet in Eagle Creek Park (fee), which is located off of 56th St just west of the Colts facility. Once in Eagle Creek Park drive on Eagle Creek Pkwy to the middle of the park and turn on Walnut Point Rd, which is just prior to the turn on Delong Rd, which take you to the Earth Discovery Center. Park in the new parking lot on Walnut Point Rd. 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 15 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-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 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. Same lunch invite and repeat dates as 5-mile hike. (F,PS/NS,2-2.5) Leader: Wilma Bailey (317-293-0051)

3:30 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON Note the earlier start time for this weekly hike. This will be a 4-6 mile moderate speed hike through Noblesville's trails and neighborhoods. Meet at Forest Park by the Office parking lot. Hike repeats every Thursday in December and January, except December

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25, Christmas Day and January 1, New Years Day. Directions: From I-69 north take SR 37 north to SR 38 and turn left, past 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,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Martha Rivera June (317-750-6895)

4:00 PM NORTH CARMEL NEIGHBORHOODS AND GREEK FOOD Please join me for an evening of hiking and delicious Greek food at the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 3500 W. 106th St., Carmel, IN. The hike will begin at the cathedral's SW parking lot along 106th St. at 4 pm where we will begin a 5-mile guided hike along pathways and into neighborhoods at 106th and Shelborne Rd. Once the hike is completed (about 5:30 p.m.), we'll enjoy Gyro Night (served until 7 pm) at the cathedral. (F,PS,3) Leader: Richard Stroup (765-891-267)

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, except Christmas Day. On January 1, New Years Day, the hike will continue at 5 p.m. with a new leader. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Rick Braun (317-679-2972)

Friday, December 5

8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL Join me for a self-guided hike of 1-20 miles on the Monon Trail every Friday morning in December and January. Meet at the Monon trail-head parking lot on 96 St in Nora. Restrooms are available. (Map #77)(F,PS) Leader: Rick Kinnaman (317-407-9746)

8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE This will be moderate pace 5-6 mile hike through scenic Zionsville; expect a different route each week. We stop for a coffee break (\$) midway through the hike. 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)

8:30 AM EAGLE CREEK PARK WEST - BEAR OVERLOOK This will be a brisk paced 10-11 mile wooded trail hike. Expect stairs and hills. Bring easily accessed snacks and water. The parking location will be Eagle Creek Park West at the Bear Overlook (fee), just off 56th street after you cross the causeway. Restroom may be available, but don't count on it. Hike Repeats on December 19 & 26 and January 2, 16 & 30. (Map #30)(H,NS,3) Leader Cindy Schmidt (317-753-4890)

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,NS,3-3.5) Leader: Phil Smith (317-443-3955)

9:00 AM HIKE IN THE WOODS - FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON 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 on main road to the Sycamore Shelter across from the sledding hill. Hike repeats on Friday, December 5 & 19 and January 2, 16 & 30. (Map #18)(M,NS,2.5-3) Leaders: Bev Hoopingarner (317-695-1419) or Pam Marusic (216-469-1494)

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL Enjoy a 4-5 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)

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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 6

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)

8:00 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)

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)

1:00 PM BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK - REINDEER ROMP 5K AND 8K Registration and start of this self-guided walk is at the Brown County State Park Nature Center. Allow time to pick up your number/bib. Park entry fee and race registration required. Registration link: <https://runsignup.com/Race/IN/Nashville/YMCAREindeerRomp>. Call or text the leader to report your mileage. (Map #27) (M,PS) Leader: Swati Gunale (317-847-0684, swatigunale@yahoo.com)

Sunday, December 7

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK Meet at the College Park Elementary School, 2811 Barnard St. From W 86th St, turn north on Colby Blvd and travel 0.4 miles to Barnard St and turn right, going 0.3 miles to the school. This will be a 6-mile hike with shorter options through the College Park 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)

9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING Meet in front of 6220 Carrollton Ave for a guided 6-mile hike with the option for up to 4 additional (self-guided) miles. The parking lot in the 6200 block of Carrollton is no longer free, so please park on the street south of Broad Ripple Ave using the 6100 & 6200 blocks of Carrollton Ave. Use 6220 Carrollton Ave for GPS address. Repeats each Sunday in December and January. (Map #16) (F,PS,3-3.25) Leader: John Triplett 317-409-3302)

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 21, January 4 and 18. (F,PS) Leader: Kae Ramey (317-701-5805 cell)

Monday, December 8

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 remaining Mondays in December and January, except January 5. (Map #40)(M,PS,3.5) Leader: Mary Barbara Miller (317-220-9593)

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, December 1

9:30 AM CROWN HILL CEMETERY Enjoy a scenic walk in America's fourth largest private cemetery established in 1863 and final resting place for 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. Please do not park in 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

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park behind the large limestone mausoleum on both sides of the street. Hike includes options of 3, 4 and 5 miles. Hike repeats on Monday, January 12. (Map #42)(M,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

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

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

Tuesday, December 9

8:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL - TUESDAY See Tuesday, December 2

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

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, December 2

9:30 AM WAR VETS MEMORIAL PARK, ST PETERSBURG This hike is one of a series of slow and easy Tuesday morning hikes in the Clearwater/St. Petersburg area of FL led by long term member Elaine Wright who is living in Pinellas, FL during the winter. She hikes with quite a few members of her community in Florida, and visitors from the IHC are always welcome. All hikes will be about 3 miles long at a slow and easy pace. Hikers usually go to a local restaurant after every hike. Please contact Elaine for precise driving directions from wherever you are staying. (F,PS,2.5) Leader: Elaine Wright (317-753-5516)

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, Indiana. 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 Meetinghouse 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 2

Wednesday, December 10

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

9:30 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, December 3

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

10:00 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, December 3

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, December 3

Thursday, December 11

8:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL - THURSDAY See Thursday, December 4

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

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

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

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

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3:30 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, December 4

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

Friday, December 12

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

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

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8:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING See Saturday, December 6

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

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

Sunday, December 14***Hanukkah***

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, December 7

9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, December 7

9:30 AM MC CORMICK'S CREEK STATE PARK From I-465 S take SR 67 S (Kentucky Ave) to SR 46 to Spencer. Turn left and proceed on SR 46 to the park entrance. (250 McCormick's Creek Rd, Spencer) Meet at the Nature Center parking lot. This will be a 4-5 mile hike on the tornado-ravaged trail 5 through Wolf Cave Nature Preserve. See what destruction nature can do as a result of severe weather phenomena. (Map #24)(M,NS,3) Leader: Ari Shifron (812-272-6926)

Monday, December 15

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, December 8

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, December 1

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. Fall foliage should be colorful. 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 Monday, January 19. (Map #64)(F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

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

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

Tuesday, December 16

8:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL - TUESDAY See Tuesday, December 2

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

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, December 2

9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Tuesday, December 2

9:30 AM PHILLIPE PARK - SAFETY HARBOR, FL This hike is one of a series of slow and easy Tuesday morning hikes in the Clearwater/St. Petersburg area of FL led by long term member Elaine Wright who is living in Pinellas, FL during the winter. She hikes with quite a few members of her community in Florida, and visitors from the IHC are always welcome. All hikes will be about 3 miles long at a slow and easy pace. Hikers usually go to a local restaurant after every hike. Please contact Elaine for precise driving directions from wherever you are staying. No hike next two weeks before Christmas and New Years. (F,PS,2.5) Leader: Elaine Wright (317-753-5516)

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 30 and January 13 & 27.(F,PS) Leader: Kae Ramey (317-701-5805 cell)

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

6:00 PM SOUTHPORT ROAD See Tuesday, December 2

Wednesday, December 17

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

9:30 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, December 3

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

10:00 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, December 3

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, December 3

Thursday, December 18

8:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL - THURSDAY See Thursday, December 4

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

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

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

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

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - REHAB/GET BACK INTO HIKING HIKE See Thursday, December 4

3:30 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, December 4

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

Friday, December 19

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

8:30 AM EAGLE CREEK PARK WEST - BEAR OVERLOOK See Friday, December 5

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

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

9:00 AM HIKE IN THE WOODS - FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON See Friday, December 5

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

6:00 PM OVER, AROUND AND THROUGH PURDUE AND IU See Friday, December 5

Saturday, December 20

8:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING See Saturday, December 6

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

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

Sunday, December 21

First Day of Winter

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, December 7

9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, December 7

9:30 AM MORGAN MONROE STATE FOREST ROCK SHELTER TRAIL From I-465 S take I-69 south to Liberty Church Rd just south of Martinsville. Turn left and go over I-69 and then an immediate right onto Hacker Creek/Old State Rd 37 S. Follow this about four miles and turn left into Morgan Monroe State Forest. Go about three miles to the parking lot for the Rock Shelter Trail and we will meet there. This will be a 3-4 mile hike through the Seedy Hollow Nature Preserve and by the eponymous feature the trail is named for. (M,NS,3) Leader: Ari Shifron (812-272-6926)

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

Monday, December 22

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, December 8

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, December 1

9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE PARK AND BEYOND Join us for a hike in and around Broad Ripple, we go a different way each time. Park in Broad Ripple Park, 1550 Broad Ripple Ave in the large parking lot behind the dog park. Hike options of 3, 4 and 5 miles. We will start with a restroom break at the Community Center. Hike repeats on January 26. (Map #57)(F,HS/PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

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

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5:30 PM ZIONSVILLE VILLAGE LIGHTS AND DINNER Join us for a walk of 4-5 miles through the streets of Zionsville Village looking at holiday lights. We will meet in Zionsville in the parking lot, just south of the Friendly Tavern. From 86th St take Zionsville Rd north. At the traffic light as you enter the Village, the road changes its name to Main St. The parking lot is on your left, on the corner of Main St and Hawthorne St. After the hike you are invited to join other hikers to eat at Rush on Main. It is at 112 South Main St. (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Mervyn Cohen (317-417-2628)

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

Tuesday, December 23

8:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL - TUESDAY See Tuesday, December 2

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

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, December 2

6:00 PM SOUTHPORT ROAD See Tuesday, December 2

Wednesday, 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 option. Wear your Santa hat, reindeer antlers, jingle bells and bring your grandkids. The leaders will treat everyone to hot chocolate or drink of your 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)

Thursday, December 25

Christmas Day

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

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - CHRISTMAS DAY Not sure how many of the four hikes scheduled in Eagle Creek every Thursday morning will take place on Christmas Day, but definitely there will be the 5-miler. Pace will be slower than usual so all hikers can participate. Hike(s) that do take place will accommodate everyone who shows up, with shorter options as necessary. There will be no lunch today at the Golden Corral. All hikes will meet in Eagle Creek Park (fee), which is located off of 56th St just west of the Colts facility. Once in Eagle Creek Park drive on Eagle Creek Pkwy to the middle of the park and turn on Walnut Point Rd, which is just prior to the turn on Delong Rd which takes you to the Earth Discovery Center. Park in the new parking lot on Walnut Point Rd. (Map #17)(M,NS,3) Leader: Rick Wortman (317-701-1329)

Friday, December 26

Kwanzaa Begins

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

8:30 AM EAGLE CREEK PARK WEST - BEAR OVERLOOK See Friday, December 5

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

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

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

6:00 PM OVER, AROUND AND THROUGH PURDUE AND IU See Friday, December 5

Saturday, December 27

8:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING See Saturday, December 6

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

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

Sunday, December 28

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, December 7

9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, December 7

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Monday, December 29

- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, December 8
9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, December 1
4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, December 1
5:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, December 1

Tuesday, December 30

- 8:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL - TUESDAY See Tuesday, December 2
9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, December 2
9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, December 2
9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Tuesday, December 2
1:30 PM TUESDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Tuesday, December 16
6:00 PM SOUTHPORT ROAD See Tuesday, December 2

Wednesday, December 31 *New Year's Eve*

- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, December 3
9:30 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, December 3
9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, December 3
10:00 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, December 3
4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, December 3

Thursday, January 1 *New Year's Day*

- 8:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL - THURSDAY See Thursday, December 4
9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, December 4
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, December 4
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, December 4
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, December 4
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - REHAB/GET BACK INTO HIKING HIKE See Thursday, December 4
5:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, December 4

Friday, January 2

- 8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, December 5
8:30 AM EAGLE CREEK PARK WEST - BEAR OVERLOOK See Friday, December 5
8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, December 5
9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, December 5
9:00 AM HIKE IN THE WOODS - FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON See Friday, December 5
9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, December 5
6:00 PM OVER, AROUND AND THROUGH PURDUE AND IU See Friday, December 5

Saturday, January 3

- 8:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING See Saturday, December 6
8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, December 6
10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, December 6

Sunday, January 4

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

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

Monday, January 5

9:00 AM MORNING CONSTITUTIONAL See Monday, December 1

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, December 8

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, December 1

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

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

5:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, December 1

Tuesday, January 6

Epiphany

8:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL - TUESDAY See Tuesday, December 2

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

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MYERS, 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 SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, December 2

9:30 AM ENJOY BROAD RIPPLE Park at the Methodist church (no fee) at 6185 N. Guilford Ave, 1½ blocks south of Broad Ripple Ave. This will be a 5-mile hike of Broad Ripple and environs, including: Holliday Park, Marott Park, Monon Trail, Arden neighborhood, or Rocky Ripple. Many times, we enjoy lunch afterwards at one of Broad Ripple's restaurants. Hike repeats January 20. (Map #65)(M,NS/HS/PS,2.5) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)

9:30 AM ST. PETERSBURG DOWNTOWN BAY WALK This hike is one of a series of slow and easy Tuesday morning hikes in the Clearwater/St. Petersburg area of FL led by long term member Elaine Wright who is living in Pinellas, FL during the winter. She hikes with quite a few members of her community in Florida, and visitors from the IHC are always welcome. All hikes will be about 3 miles long at a slow and easy pace. Hikers usually go to a local restaurant after every hike. Please contact Elaine for precise driving directions from wherever you are staying. (F,PS,2.5) Leader: Elaine Wright (317-753-5516)

1:30 PM FASHION MALL AND BEYOND If you are tired of hiking in the early morning and cold outdoors, here is an alternative. Join us at the Fashion Mall at Keystone at The Crossing. We will meet in the food court, and depending upon the weather, possibly walk outside and around the lake for 4 miles. If the weather doesn't cooperate, we will do a self-guided indoor hike of 1.2-mile loops. You may walk at your own pace for as many laps as you wish up to 6 miles. From I- 465 N exit at Keystone Ave going south. Take the first exit off Keystone at 86th St and turn left and proceed to the mall entrance. Park either outside by the food court or in the covered garage. (F,PS,) Leader June Sergi (317-372-3018)

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

6:00 PM SOUTHPORT ROAD See Tuesday, December 2

Wednesday, January 7

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

9:30 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, December 3

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

10:00 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, December 3

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, December 3

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Thursday, January 8

- 8:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL - THURSDAY See Thursday, December 4
9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, December 4
9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MYERS, FL See Tuesday, January 6
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, December 4
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, December 4
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, December 4
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - REHAB/GET BACK INTO HIKING HIKE See Thursday, December 4
3:30 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, December 4
5:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, December 4

Friday, January 9

- 8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, December 5
8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, December 5
9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, December 5
9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, December 5
6:00 PM OVER, AROUND AND THROUGH PURDUE AND IU See Friday, December 5

Saturday, January 10

- 8:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING See Saturday, December 6
8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, December 6
10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, December 6
2:00 PM WINTER BANQUET Once again, our Club's Winter Banquet will be held on Saturday afternoon in the cafeteria of St. Therese - Little Flower Parish School located at 1401 N Bosart Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46201. For details, please review the reservation form that was mailed to all members (or see forms on the Club website). Last date to reserve space is December 20. If you would like to help set up, plan to arrive at 1:00 p.m. DIRECTIONS: From I-70, take the Emerson exit and head South, just past 16th St to Nowland Ave. Turn right and go five blocks to N Bosart Ave. The parking lot will be to your left. Please enter through Door 6. As we have done every year, we will be collecting canned and packaged food donations to feed needy Indianapolis families. If you have questions, you may contact our Social Committee Chairperson, Annie Falvey, at 614-596-2020 or indygypsygirl@gmail.com.

Sunday, January 11

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

Monday, January 12

- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, December 8
9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, December 1
9:30 AM CROWN HILL CEMETERY See Monday, December 8
4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, December 1
5:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, December 1

Tuesday, January 13

- 8:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL - TUESDAY See Tuesday, December 2
9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, December 2
9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MYERS, FL See Tuesday, January 6
9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, December 2

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9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Tuesday, December 2

9:30 AM WEEDON NATURE PARK - ST. PETERBURG, FL This hike is one of a series of slow and easy Tuesday morning hikes in the Clearwater/St. Petersburg area of FL led by long term member Elaine Wright who is living in Pinellas, FL during the winter. She hikes with quite a few members of her community in Florida, and visitors from the IHC are always welcome. All hikes will be about 3 miles long at a slow and easy pace. Hikers usually go to a local restaurant after every hike. Please contact Elaine for precise driving directions from wherever you are staying. (F,PS,2.5) Leader: Elaine Wright (317-753-5516)

1:30 PM TUESDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Tuesday, December 16

6:00 PM SOUTHPORT ROAD See Tuesday, December 2

Wednesday, January 14

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

9:30 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, December 3

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

10:00 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, December 3

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, December 3

Thursday, January 15

8:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL - THURSDAY See Thursday, December 4

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

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MYERS, FL See Tuesday, January 6

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

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

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

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - REHAB/GET BACK INTO HIKING HIKE See Thursday, December 4

3:30 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, December 4

5:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, December 4

Friday, January 16

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

8:30 AM EAGLE CREEK PARK WEST - BEAR OVERLOOK See Friday, December 5

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

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

9:00 AM HIKE IN THE WOODS - FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON See Friday, December 5

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

6:00 PM OVER, AROUND AND THROUGH PURDUE AND IU See Friday, December 5

Saturday, January 17

8:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING See Saturday, December 6

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

9:30 AM PROPHETSTOWN STATE PARK This is one of my favorite hikes because I can imagine what Indiana prairies felt and looked like in the wintertime in pioneer Indiana. Located where the Tippecanoe and Wabash Rivers join near the town of Battle Ground, northeast of Lafayette, Native American people hunted and lived along the two rivers for thousands of years. Partly wooded and partly prairie, this hike can be cold and windy. We will likely see a nesting Bald Eagle in its usual spot near the rivers. Allow 1 1/4 hours from I-465 and I-65 NW. Take I-65 north to Exit 178, IN-43 West Lafayette/Brookston. Your GPS should get you there. Otherwise, turn left on IN-43 S/N River Road.

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Turn left on Burnetts Rd. Turn right on N 9th St. Turn left on Swisher Rd and drive 2 1/2 miles to the gatehouse at 5545 Swisher Rd., West Lafayette (fee). Meet at Blazing Star Shelter in Prairie View picnic area (restrooms available in winter) for a 5-mile hike. Join us for a great lunch afterwards at the classic Triple XXX Family Restaurant near Purdue, a very short drive away in West Lafayette. (M,NS,2.5) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)

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

Sunday, January 18

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, December 7

9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, December 7

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

Monday, January 19

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, December 8

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, December 1

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

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

5:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, December 1

Tuesday, January 20

8:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL - TUESDAY See Tuesday, December 2

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

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MYERS, FL See Tuesday, January 6

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, December 2

9:30 AM ENJOY BROAD RIPPLE See Tuesday, January 6

9:30 AM HAMMOCK PARK - DUNEDIN, FL This hike is one of a series of slow and easy Tuesday morning hikes in the Clearwater/St. Petersburg area of FL led by long term member Elaine Wright who is living in Pinellas, FL during the winter. She hikes with quite a few members of her community in Florida, and visitors from the IHC are always welcome. All hikes will be about 3 miles long at a slow and easy pace. Hikers usually go to a local restaurant after every hike. Please contact Elaine for precise driving directions from wherever you are staying. (F,PS,2.5) Leader: Elaine Wright (317-753-5516)

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

6:00 PM SOUTHPORT ROAD See Tuesday, December 2

Wednesday, January 21

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

9:30 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, December 3

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

10:00 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, December 3

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, December 3

Thursday, January 22

8:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL - THURSDAY See Thursday, December 4

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

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MYERS, FL See Tuesday, January 6

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

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

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

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9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - REHAB/GET BACK INTO HIKING HIKE See Thursday, December 4

3:30 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, December 4

5:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, December 4

Friday, January 23 *Today is the 69th birthday of the IHC*

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

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

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

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

6:00 PM OVER, AROUND AND THROUGH PURDUE AND IU See Friday, December 5

Saturday, January 24

8:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING See Saturday, December 6

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

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

Sunday, January 25

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, December 7

9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, December 7

Monday, January 26

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, December 8

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, December 1

9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE PARK AND BEYOND See Monday, December 22

10:00 AM BOOK CLUB HIKE - PIKE LIBRARY Before the hike, read *The Body in the Library* by Agatha Christie. This mystery was one of Christie's early Miss Marple books. The hike, on neighborhood sidewalks and paths, will be 5 miles with shorter options available. Discussion will be before the hike at Pike branch library, 6525 Zionsville Rd, Indy. Note: Pike library isn't open until 10 a.m., so wait until it opens if you arrive early. You may hike and join the discussion even if you haven't read the book. (F,PS,3) Leader: Katy Smith (317-966-8702)

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

5:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, December 1

Tuesday, January 27

8:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL - TUESDAY See Tuesday, December 2

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

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MYERS, FL See Tuesday, January 6

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, December 2

9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Tuesday, December 2

9:30 AM BOYD NATURE PRESERVE - ST. PETERSBURG, FL This hike is one of a series of slow and easy Tuesday morning hikes in the Clearwater/St. Petersburg area of FL led by long term member Elaine Wright who is living in Pinellas, FL during the winter. She hikes with quite a few members of her community in Florida, and visitors from the IHC are always welcome. All hikes will be about 3 miles long at a slow and easy pace. Hikers usually go to a local restaurant after every hike. Please contact Elaine for precise driving directions from wherever you are staying. (F,PS,2.5) Leader: Elaine Wright (317-753-5516)

1:30 PM TUESDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Tuesday, December 16

6:00 PM SOUTHPORT ROAD See Tuesday, December 2

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Wednesday, January 28

- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, December 3
9:30 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, December 3
9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, December 3
10:00 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, December 3
4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, December 3

Thursday, January 29

- 8:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL - THURSDAY See Thursday, December 4
9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, December 4
9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MYERS, FL See Tuesday, January 6
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, December 4
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, December 4
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, December 4
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - REHAB/GET BACK INTO HIKING HIKE See Thursday, December 4
3:30 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, December 4
5:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, December 4

Friday, January 30

- 8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, December 5
8:30 AM EAGLE CREEK PARK WEST - BEAR OVERLOOK See Friday, December 5
8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, December 5
9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, December 5
9:00 AM HIKE IN THE WOODS - FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON See Friday, December 5
9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, December 5
6:00 PM OVER, AROUND AND THROUGH PURDUE AND IU See Friday, December 5

Saturday, January 31

- 8:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING See Saturday, December 6
8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, December 6
10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, December 6

FUTURE EVENTS:

GULF SHORES, AL – February 8-13 Unfortunately, Karen LeClerc has cancelled this weeklong trip due to prescribed burns during most of February in Gulf State Park where many of our planned hikes were to take place. Related smoke from the burns is simply awful. So sorry for the late notice and make sure to cancel any reservations you had for this trip. Any questions can be directed to the trip organizer Karen LeClerc at 920-883-9477 or kmleclerc58@gmail.com.

WINTER WEEKEND AT BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK: March 6-8 Mark your calendar for the Indianapolis Hiking Club's 2026 Winter Weekend at Brown County State Park. (We are returning to Brown County State Park, as the trails at McCormick's Creek are not yet fully restored.) Hikes will be on Saturday and Sunday, March 7 and 8, with a block of rooms reserved for Friday, March 6, and Saturday, March 7. It's not too early to call 812-988-4418 to reserve your room. Regular and deluxe rooms both come with 2 queen beds. Don't forget to mention the Indianapolis Hiking Club room block. Day hikers are also encouraged to attend the hikes.

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Mary Ann Layman has been transferring Winter Weekend responsibility over the past couple of years, and we all owe her a debt of gratitude for her wonderful leadership. We will continue to offer easy and moderate hikes led by Tim Braun, Konnie and John Schlechte. Any questions, please contact John Schlechte at 317-294-2021 or jschlechte@fastmail.com. More details in the next newsletter.

29TH ANNUAL SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK – April 14 -16 (Tue-Thu). Mark your calendar for the Annual Club Trip to Smoky Mountains National Park. If you haven't already booked your room reservations in Gatlinburg, TN, do so now. Most members stay at Riverhouse at the Park (865-436-2070). Bearskin Lodge on the River (865-430- 4330) is another good choice. This year we will repeat the Monday evening pool-side social hour at Riverhouse. There will be a range of traditional and new morning and afternoon moderate hikes, and more challenging full-day 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.

FRANCONIA RIDGE WHITE MOUNTAINS, NH – July 26-31 This Franconia loop requires two nights backpack camping and two nights in huts. We will clamber up the boulder-strewn Kinsmans, considered a most difficult climb on all the Appalachian Trail, as well as going up the arduous ascent from Franconia Notch to Franconia Ridge. Estimated elevation gain is nearly 10,000' in about 26 miles for the four-day trek. A limited roster of intrepid hikers will be included on this White Mountains excursion. Four IHC hikers have already indicated a desire to go on this trip, which is all the leader feels comfortable taking. However, if you would like to be considered as an alternate, please contact hike leader James Kendall by email at 4hickory1950@gmail.com or by phone at 812-968-9487.

KATAHDIN AND BAXTER STATE PARK, MAINE – September 10-13 Katahdin is generally considered the very toughest mountain climb on all the Appalachian Trail. This **CHALLENGING** hike ascends 4000' in five miles, then descends steeply for another five miles. You must be fit and proficient in boulder scrambling. We will also hike a 12-mile loop within Baxter, either the day before or day after "The Greatest Mountain" (Penobscot translation for Katahdin), weather permitting. Please hike with me on at least three IHC scheduled hikes before May 31 to talk as we walk and thereby determine your readiness for Katahdin. Questions? Contact trip leader James Kendall at 4hickory1950@gmail.com or 812-968-9487.

PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

Tari A. Rudolf	Carmel, IN	Rebecca (Becky) Brian	Westfield, IN
Bruce Brian	Westfield, IN	Tom Ayer	Indianapolis, IN
Steve Baker	Mooresville, IN	Sloan Haywood,	Plainfield, IN
Skyler Haywood	Plainfield, IN	Daniel Haywood	Plainfield, IN
Doreen Koning	Avon, IN	Bill Fairfield	Crawfordsville, IN
Duane Pierson	Indianapolis, IN	Vicki Knoop	New Palestine, IN
Joan Tillett	Franklin, IN	Kathy Williams	Indianapolis, IN
Mark Miller	Indianapolis, IN	Xiaoling Xuei	Carmel, IN
Javad Momayez	Carmel, IN	Patricia Vassallo	Indianapolis, IN
Nathaniel Hastings	Indianapolis, IN	Michael Aspy	Carmel, IN
Kimberly Marshall	Pendleton, IN		

RECENT MILEAGE AWARDS: A significant number of members being recognized this month.

Allan Roberts	55,500	Konnie Schlechte	3,000	Amada Smith	400
David Kincaid	35,000	Phil Coons	3,000	Scott Beam	400
Tish Brafford	29,000	Randy Fischer	2,500	Nathan Canfield	300
Michelle Kestle	28,500	John Wagner	2,000	Coral Carpenter	300
Rick Braun	21,000	Therese Cokain	2,000	Shannon Snyder	300
Jim Griffin	18,500	Michelle Bowen	2,000	Marian Bandy	300
Dewey Conces	16,500	Georgia Novak	1,500	Roger Rudolf	200
Cheryl Conces	16,500	Richard Stroup	1,000	Winde Hamrick	200
Martin Dadel	16,000	Janie Westermeier	1,000	Barb Bates	200

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Phil Smith	15,000	Pam Marusic	1,000	Teresa Cowser	200
Mary Bruss	15,000	Barbara Fagan	1,000	Carman Kercher	200
Kate Curtiss	12,000	Gabrielle Bovenzi	1,000	Terie Schaeffer	100
Mervyn Cohen	9,000	Ken Coad	500	Julie Ayer	100
Rick Wortman	8,500	Don McGowan	500	Michael Taylor	100
Mike Lindstedt	7,500	Dawn Zumbrun	500	John Phillips	100
Theresa Ray	7,000	Janet Stoffel	500	Steven Hise	100
Mary Barbara Miller	6,500	Janet Labbe	500		
Betsy Friedendberg	6,500	James Kendall	400		
Lorraine Smith	4,500	Alexander Granato	400		
Marian Fahy	3,000	Jim LeClerc	400		

MEMBER NEWS: Our condolences to the family and friends of the following Club members:

Larry Hough 83, former member who lived in Sarasota FL passed away peacefully on September 19. There was a funeral service in Anderson, IN. His wife Kathy (Miller) Hough, is still an active member in the IHC although she now lives in Florida.

Kathy Widland our hiking member and friend, died on Friday September 26 after her multi-year battle with cancer. May she rest in peace.

Shirley Overton, a long-time hiking club member, passed away on October 31. She was 90 years old. Shirley's husband JC, who was also a member for many years, passed away over 10 years ago.

We wish all the best to the following members who are currently recuperating:

Edeltraud Evans unfortunately broke her ankle on her recent October 4 Cataract Falls hike, luckily it was at the end of the hike. She is recovering and won't be hiking or leading for a while.

Debbie Bucholz is recovering from foot surgery (the other foot) she had on November 7.

NOTES OF APPRECIATION:

I wish to thank our friends in The Indianapolis Hiking Club for their cards and other expressions of sympathy that I received during Tom's illness and passing. Your support during this difficult time meant a lot to me. *Terry Roesch*

I wish to thank all my IHC friends for the many get-well cards and emails after my recent accident that resulted in a fractured ankle. I appreciate that you are thinking of me. *Edeltraud Evans*

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 Terry Roesch, 1698 Ginseng Trail, Avon, IN 46123, troesch1@indy.rr.com, 317-910-2943. To become a member, you must be at least 18 years old and pay the applicable dues. That's it. A Membership Application may be printed from the "forms" page on the website or ask Terry 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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