



# The Indianapolis Hiking Club

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## Happiness - A Step at a Time SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH 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
Challenging or blank	H (Hilly)	Continuously	NS Natural, mainly soft	Hiking speed in MPH
	M (Mixed)	Hilly & Flat	HS Packed dirt or gravel	not including breaks
	F (Flat)	Few Hills	PS Concrete or black top	(e.g., 3.0 is 20 min/mi)

Guests are welcome on all hikes - no fee. Hikers should arrive at the meeting location at least 10 minutes early, 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](mailto:jeanballinger77@gmail.com) for weekend hikes or Ed Wright (317-445-5646) [ewright@indyhike.org](mailto: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:** Since we are in the winter season it is important to remember that hike leaders are responsible for safety first. In adverse weather the leader may reroute, shorten, cancel or move a hike 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).

**RESERVATIONS FOR WINTER WEEKEND AT SPRING MILL STATE PARK:** Mary Ann Layman was finally able to finalize the dates and room rates for the Indianapolis Hiking Club's Winter Weekend at the newly renovated Spring Mill Inn. The rooms are roomy and beautiful. John and Konnie Schlechte will be leading longer hikes, and Mary Ann will be leading shorter, slower hikes. We have a block of rooms reserved for the nights of Friday, February 28 and Saturday, March 1. See the write-up on February 28 for details about how to book, room rates and planned hikes. Any questions please contact Mary Ann Layman at 317-346-1802.

**CLUB ROSTER AND TRAIL BLAZER:** All members will be receiving a current Club roster by mail, listing every member's home address, phone number and email address, unless you requested that your name be excluded from the roster. To protect your privacy the roster is not available on the website and converting your personal copy to electronic media is not permitted by Club rules. Thanks to our Club Historian, Mervyn Cohen, and our Mileage Officer, John McShea, the 2025 Trail Blazer is now available on the website along with all previous Trail Blazers dating back to 1968. The current Trail Blazer lists all members 2024 and lifetime mileage as well as recapping last year's major events

**WINTER BANQUET RECAP:** The Club had a very successful Winter Banquet on Saturday, January 11. Over 130 members and guests attended. We've heard a lot of positive comments about the new venue and the caterer. Thanks to our Social Committee chairperson Annie Falvey for organizing this event. At the banquet we recognized 43 2024 Achievement Award winners, recognized 10 members who have hiked Around the World (several more than once) and 6 new 25-year members. You can see who won what award and who are

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the Club's new 25 year members on the Achievement Award page on our website. Glee Crowder received special recognition for being the Club's all-time most hike leader, having led an incredible 3,923 hikes in a little over 23 years. We also offered new hats for sale, similar to the ones the Achievement Award winners received, for \$20 each. We still have a few hats remaining, which will be offered for sale on hikes and multi day trips. All in all, the banquet was a wonderful celebration.

**ITEMS OF NOTE IN THIS SCHEDULE:** Check out a last-minute addition to the February schedule, Hocking Hills SP in Ohio, to hike Frozen Waterfalls on Friday and Saturday, February 7-8. There are three extended stay trips in this schedule, all of which you should have already made plans for. There are 324 hike choices in this schedule, including most of the regular recurring weekday and weekend options and the following hikes that deserve a closer look. Book Club hikes are scheduled on Tuesday, February 18 by Laura Otten and on Saturday, March 15 by Phil Coons. On Sunday, February 9 Edeltraud Evans will be hiking the Clearcreek Trail in Bloomington, IN followed by an IU Women's Basketball game. On Saturday, February 15 Ari Shifron will be leading at Indiana's first state park McCormick's Creek. For the third year in a row, Marla Zinkan will be leading our Club in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in downtown Indy on Friday, March 14. Terry Roesch has scheduled a hike at the popular Laura Hare Nature Preserve on Saturday, March 29. There are also several Trail Maintenance opportunities in this schedule on Saturday, February 8 and all Tuesdays in March. If you find yourself in Florida during the next two months, check out the schedule for some Florida hike options too.

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER:** Reflecting back to January, I received a lot of compliments on this year's Winter Banquet. With a new date and a new location, one never knows how it will turn out. I've been told by one long-time member that it was the best banquet yet. The laughter at round tables showed how that change was also a plus. So many more face-to-face conversations. Many thanks to our Social Director Annie Falvey for all her hard work, not to mention all the volunteers who worked the check in and merchandise tables, and those who helped with setup and clean-up. Any comments or suggestions for next year are welcome. (Yes, we'll have coffee.)

Debbie Bucholz  
President, Indianapolis Hiking Club

## HIKE SCHEDULE:

### Saturday, February 1

MULTIDAY TRIP: GULF SHORES, AL - SATURDAY FEBRUARY 1 – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7 You should already made your reservations for this trip at either the Lodge at Gulf State Park (20115 State Park Rd, Gulf Shores, AL) or at some other nearby location (see Dec/Jan Hike Schedule for recommendations). Saturday, February 1 is considered a travel day. Travel time from Indy is approximately 12 hours. From I-465 S, head south on I-65 south all the way to Alabama. GPS will be your best bet to find your way there since many attendees are not staying at the Lodge and you may encounter diversions along the way. A total of 11 hikes will be offered during the week. The first hike will occur after the Meet and Greet session which will occur on Sunday, February 2 at 2:00 p.m., which everyone should attempt to make. Please contact me if you are unable to make the Meet and Greet session. There will be morning and afternoon hikes beginning on Monday, February 3 and wrapping up on Friday afternoon February 7 (see following dates for hike descriptions). As was the case last year, all hikes are optional, allowing you plenty of free time to take in nearby sights. Although we have reservations for one lunch (Mon-Oyster House) and one dinner planned (Wed-Lulu's), most meals will be on your own. You will always have time to enjoy a picnic lunch or go out for lunch before the afternoon hikes start. The Learning Center at the park offers wonderful, educational lectures from 10:30-

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11:30 a.m. each morning. Hikes will be planned around this time for those that may want to attend. Registration is required. I will send out the list of lectures for the week as soon as the list is posted. They fill up fast! The Woodside Restaurant is a great place to eat lunch and they usually have a lunch special listed at the Learning Center. It's within walking distance from the Learning Center. Unless noted for each hike parking is limited to approximately 20 cars at all the trailheads. Questions? Karen LeClerc 920-883-9477 or [Kmleclerc58@gmail.com](mailto:Kmleclerc58@gmail.com). I will be sending another email after the first of the year with more details to everyone planning to attend.

- 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 February and March. (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 February and March. (Map #65)(F,NS) Leader: Rick Kinnaman (317-407-9746)
- 1:00 PM BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK - WHISTLE PIG SHADOW CHASER 5K AND 8K Join us for a fun 8K or 5K self-guided road hike in Brown County SP. From I-465 S take I-65 south to Columbus, IN exit. Then take SR 46 west about 15 miles to the park entrance. Registration and start is at the Recreation Building at park campground entrance. Allow time to pick up your number/bib. Park entry fee and race registration (fee) is required. Registration link: <https://runsignup.com/Race/IN/Nashville/WhistlePigShadowChaser8k5k>. Discounted rate if you opt not to get a shirt but last year's shirts were cute! Call/Text the leader to report your mileage. (Map #27)(M,PS) Leader: Swati Gunale (317-847-0684, [swatigunale@yahoo.com](mailto:swatigunale@yahoo.com))

### **Sunday, February 2                      Groundhog Day**

- 9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK Meet at the College Park Elementary School, 2811 Barnard St. From W 86th St, turn north on Colby Blvd and travel 0.4 miles to Barnard St and turn right, going 0.3 miles to the school. This will be a 6-mile hike with shorter options through the College Park area neighborhood. The hike may be self-guided after the first 3 miles. Repeats each Sunday in February and March. (Map #70)(F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Marti Burton (317-306-9878)
- 10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING Meet at 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 February and March. (Map #16) (F,PS,3-3.25) Leader: Kathy Whalen (317-409-3265)
- 1:00 PM GROUNDHOG 5 OR 7-MILER – HOSTED BY INDY RUNNERS Location: Zionsville High School, 1001 Mulberry Street, Zionsville, IN 46077. Allow time to pick up your bib/number. Self-Guided. Call/Text the leader to report your mileage. Please note that there is a 14-minute minimum pace for the 7-mile option. Free but donations requested for area food shelters. Registration is required:  
<https://runsignup.com/Race/IN/Zionsville/Groundhog7miler5milerhostedbyIndyRunners>. (F,PS) Leader: Swati Gunale (317-847-0684, [swatigunale@yahoo.com](mailto:swatigunale@yahoo.com))
- 1:30 PM SUNDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O From I-465 W take exit 16A to Crawfordsville Rd

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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 February 16, March 16 and 23. (F,PS) Leader: Kae Ramey (317-701-5805 cell)

2:00 PM GULF SHORES, AL - DAY 1 PM - MEET & GREET SESSION AND OPTIONAL HIKE If you are planning to attend any of this week's hikes, please join us at this Meet and Greet Session. I will answer any questions you have about the hikes, meeting locations & times, etc. and have maps of the trails in Gulf State Park to help you navigate the week. Maps are also available online ([www.mygulfstatepark.com](http://www.mygulfstatepark.com)) and at the Lodge. Meet in Lake Shelby Picnic Area in Gulf State Park which is right across the walkway bridge from the Lodge. After the Q&A session there will be an optional 3-mile hike out/back on the Lake Crossing and Saw Grass trails. Plenty of parking. Restrooms are available. (F,PS,2-2.5) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)

4:00 PM BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK From I-465 S take I-65 south to Columbus about 40 miles to exit 68, SR 46. Go west on SR 46 for about 15 miles to the park entrance on the left (fee). Once inside the park, meet at the Ogle Lake parking lot which has vault toilets for restrooms that are open year-round. Bundle up for the cold as we will do a relatively rugged 3-4 miles on a combination of trails 7,4 and 5 along Ogle Lake and Rally Campground. On the way out, take in a truly breathtaking sunset at one of the many vistas in the park. (Map #27)(H,NS,3) Leader: Ari Shifron (812-272-6926)

### Monday, February 3

8:30 AM GULF SHORES, AL - DAY 2 AM - LET'S FIND LEFTY Slow and easy 4-mile hike in Gulf State Park. Bring binoculars/scope. We will walk the paved trail to see if Lefty the alligator is out along the bank, as she often is. We may see other alligators, eagles, osprey, bobcats and other wildlife. Restrooms are available. Meet at the Hugh S. Branyon Backcountry Trail lot (use the park map) on 182. The sign also says Rosemary Dunes Trail. 24037 Peridido Beach Blvd, Orange Beach. It is next to the Indigo Hotel. (F,PS,2-2.5) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)

9:00 AM MORNING CONSTITUTIONAL Meet in Eagle Creek Park (fee) at lot just inside 56th St entrance just west of the Colts facility for a brisk 6-mile road hike. Repeats on Monday, March 3. (Map #40) (M,PS,3.5) Leader: Cathrine Curtiss (317-209-9816)

The following hike was added after the Feb/Mar hike schedule was finalized. There is a new leader while David Kincaid is away in Texas. Details will only appear on the website calendar function and pdf schedule saved on the Hike Schedule page. It will not appear in the printed schedule.

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 February and March. (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, March 3. (F,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

3:00 PM GULF SHORES, AL - DAY 2 PM - EAGLES NEST Slow, easy 3-mile hike on mostly, paved surfaces and a wooden boardwalk in Gulf State Park. Bring binoculars/scope. We will stop and view the eagle's nest. The eaglets should be popping their heads out of the nest, and

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we may catch the parents flying in with food. Park at the Learning Campus - 20249A State Park Rd, Gulf Shores, AL. No restrooms available (F,PS,NS,2-2.5) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)

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

5:30 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING 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 February and March. (Map #25)(F,PS,3.5) Leader(s): Kelley Hale (973-985-3916) or Jan Adams (317-507-4033)

## Tuesday, February 4

8:30 AM GULF SHORES, AL - DAY 3 AM - GULF OAK RIDGE TRAIL Slow, easy 4-5 mile out/back hike on paved and natural surfaces. We will walk among the mossy oaks at the top of the island's highest bluff, a whooping 34 ft above sea level. This trail is one of the 9 ecosystems in Gulf State Park and my personal favorite! We may see a gator or two along the banks, a variety of birds as well as large turtles. Park at the GULF OAK RIDGE TRAIL parking lot. There is no address - the park map is easy to navigate. Restrooms available. (F,PS,NS,2-2.5) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)

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

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL 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 February and March. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Rick Braun (317-679-2972)

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 February and March. (Map #61) (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Debbie Bucholz (317-361-9210)

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 February 18 and March 4 & 18. (M,NS/HS/PS,2.25) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)

3:00 PM GULF SHORES, AL - DAY 3 PM - HIDDEN LAKE/TWIN BRIDGES Slow, easy 3 miles through a rare ecosystem. Red and gray foxes as well as bobcats have been spotted in this

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area. Park at the Orange Beach Sportsplex 4385 William Silvers Pkwy. Go all the way to the back of the lot. You will spot the large trail head sign over the trail. This will be about a 15-minute drive from the Lodge. Plenty of parking for all. Restrooms are usually available. (F,PS/NS,2-2.5) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)

### Wednesday, February 5

- 8:30 AM GULF SHORES, AL - DAY 4 AM - GOPHER TORTOISE TRAIL Slow, easy 3 miles going through another of the ecosystems. We will walk to a board walk to see if we can spot George the gator. We may also see him or a gopher tortoise in the small narrow waterway next to the trail. No restrooms are available. (F,PS,2-2.5) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)
- 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 February and March. Join us at a nearby Starbucks after the hike. (Map #40)(M,NS,3-3.5) Leader: Jim Goulding (317-695-8744)
- 9:30 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL 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 February and March. (Map #58)(F,PS,3) Leader: Edwin Wright (317-445-5646)
- Note the meeting location for this hike has been changed back to the Pike Library for February and March. The printed schedule will not reflect the change of meeting location.
- 9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK Join me for a 4-5 mile self-guided walk starting at Pike Library, 6525 Zionsville Rd. We will walk through Robin Run Village and continue on to Northwestway Park then back to the library. Shorter and longer options are available. Park in the lot behind the library along the fence. Hike repeats each Wednesday in February and March (F,PS) Leader: Joan Griffiths (317-297-7312)
- 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 on the southwest portion of the lot away from the building. Hike repeats each Wednesday in February and March. (Map #41) (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Harold Crooks (317-730-4850)
- 2:00 PM GULF SHORES, AL - DAY 4 PM - BON SECOUR NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE Slow 4 miles through pine-oak woodlands. We may see and hear a variety of songbirds. We will try to make our way to the sandy beaches along the Gulf that are a part of the refuge. Paths are sand, gravel and natural surfaces. This is about a 25-minute easy drive from the Lodge. The address for parking will be provided later. Restrooms may be available. (F,NS/HS,2-2.5) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)
- 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 February and March. (Map #34) (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Janet Cohen (317-508-8523 or 317-417-2628)

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**Thursday, February 6**

- 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 February and March. (Map #45)(F,PS,3-3.5) Leaders: Tish Brafford (317-531-6700 cell) or JoAnne Starzyk (317-771-0914)
- 9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL See Tuesday, February 4
- 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 of 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 February and March. After the hike join us for lunch (we have been doing it for over 30 years) at Golden Corral on 38th St. We 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 GULF SHORES, AL - DAY 5 AM - TARKILN BAYOU PRESERVE STATE PARK Hike will be about 6 miles in the 4,200 acre preserve. We will meander on the Wet Prairie Trail through prairie, cypress and Titi forests until we get to the bayou. A portion of the mostly flat hike will take place on the Tarkiln Bayou Trail. There is a \$3 fee per vehicle for this hike. Carpooling is recommended since the parking lot has limited spaces. The park is about 45 minutes from the Lodge. The address is 2401 Bauer Rd, Pensacola, FL. After the hike, those interested can meet for lunch at a local restaurant. (M,NS/HS,2-2.5) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)
- 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.Day. 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). On March 13 Karen LeClerc will return as the leader of this hike.
- 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. Hike repeats every Thursday in February and March. 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,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Martha Rivera June (317-750-6895)

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- 3:00 PM GULF SHORES, AL - DAY 5 PM - COYOTE CROSSING TRAIL Start time is approximate, we will advise during lunch. This will be a slow, meandering 2-mile hike to Eagle Loop hopefully for an eagle sighting. Park at the lot across from the Woodside restaurant - 20249 State Park Rd. Restrooms available. (F,PS,NS 2-2.5) Leader; Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)
- 5:30 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE 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 February and March. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Cris Jones (317-332-4534)

### Friday, February 7

- 8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL Join me for a self-guided hike of 1-20 miles on the Monon Trail every Friday morning in February and March. Meet at the Monon trail-head parking lot on 96 St 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 will 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 February and March. (Map #34) (M,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Janet Cohen (317-508-8523 or 317-417-2628)
- 8:30 AM GULF SHORES, AL - DAY 6 AM - RATTLE SNAKE RIDGE If you're still in town here is a slow, meandering 3-mile hike on a paved trail. Parking will be at the Orange Beach Municipal Complex 4099 Orange Beach Blvd, Orange Beach, AL. Restrooms available. (F,PS, 2-2.5) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)
- 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 Fridays in February and March. (Map #66)(M,PS/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 the main road to the Sycamore Shelter across from the sledding hill. Hike repeats on February 21 and March 7 & 21. (Map #18)(M,NS,2.5-3) Leaders: Bev Hoopgarner (317-695-1419) or Pam Marusic (216-469-1494)
- 1:00 PM HOCKING HILLS STATE PARK, OH - FROZEN WATERFALL HIKE - DAY 1 Sorry for the late notice, but we were not sure the weather would cooperate this year allowing us to repeat a hike that was first led in February 2023 and repeated again last year, but the weather did not cooperate as it had in 2023. Well, the weather has taken a turn for the better (i.e., increased cold and lots of snow), which is bad for most but great for us who are crazy enough to repeat this hike again this year. If you want to know how it went in 2023 please contact the leader.

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Allow 4+ hours of travel time from I-465 east, which if you plan to arrive in time for this afternoon's hike, which starts at 1:00 p.m. then you need to leave Indy by 8:00 a.m. Take I-70 east to Columbus, OH; then take Exit 105A and follow US 33 east toward Logan, OH where you will turn right onto SR 664 south and travel about 10 miles to Old Man's Cave parking lot. Hike will meet at Old Man's Cave Visitor Center both days and cover 5-6 miles on Friday afternoon. Weather and trail conditions will dictate the exact routes and the length of hikes. Because of frozen waterfalls and trails, hiking poles are recommended and YAKTRAX or MICROSPIKES are considered MANDATORY. Hikers that arrive on Friday and hike on both days can take advantage of the multiple lodging options in Logan, OH or at the State Park Lodge and Cabins. If interested in doing one or both days, please RSVP to the leader. (**Challenging**,M,HS,2-2.5) Leader: Tom Seeman (317-362-8960, tpseeman@sbcglobal.net)

2:00 PM GULF SHORES, AL - DAY 6 PM - GRAHAM CREEK NATURE PRESERVE If you are staying in town for the weekend, here is a slow, easy 4-mile hike to finish up the week in bottom land and mixed forest areas. We will also be walking down Pitcher Plant Lane. This is about 25 minutes from the Lodge with plenty of parking and restrooms available. Address is 23030 Wolf Bay Dr, Foley, AL – park at the interpretive center lot. For anyone that may be interested we will go to an early dinner at Lambert's Cafe 2981 S. McKenzie St, Foley, AL (F,NS/HS,2-2.5) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)

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

### **Saturday, February 8**

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 all remaining Saturdays in February and March. 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 See Saturday, February 1

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 Mahalassville 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

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little early if this is your first time signing 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, February 1

10:00 AM HOCKING HILLS STATE PARK, OH - FROZEN WATERFALL HIKE - DAY 2 See write-up on Friday, February 7 for for driving directions and lodging suggestions. On Saturday morning meet at Old Man's Cave Visitors Center for a 7-8 mile hike at that location and multiple other Hocking Hills sites. Bring lunch and snacks for the Saturday hikes. (**Challenging**,M,NS/HS,2-2.5) Please RSVP to the leader. Leader: Tom Seeman (317-362-8960, [tpseeman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tpseeman@sbcglobal.net))

### **Sunday, February 9**                      *Superbowl Sunday*

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, February 2

10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, February 2

1:00 PM CLEARCREEK TRAIL BLOOMINGTON AND IU WOMEN BASKETBALL GAME From I-465 S take I-69/SR37 S to Tapp Rd Exit 116. At the roundabout go left (east) to Tapp Rd. After crossing the bridge look for the Clearcreek sign on your right. This will be a 5-mile hike on the flat paved trail. A portalet toilet is available. After the hike, please join the leader at the IU campus for an IU Women /Minnesota basketball game starting at 4:00 p.m. (F,PS,2.5) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972 cell)

1:30 PM DISCOVER DANVILLE Join us for a 5-mile walk-a-bout around Danville, County seat of Hendricks County. We'll start at Ellis Park, venture into Blanton Woods (natural trails) and/or Gary Eakin Park, and around the quaint town of Danville. Meet at the first parking lot across from restrooms at Ellis Park, 600 E Main St, Danville. From I-465 W exit on US 36 (Rockville Rd) and travel about 15 miles into the town of Danville. Turn right into the park and right again on Leedy Dr. Repeats February 23. (F,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Terry Roesch (317-910-2943 cell)

### **Monday, February 10**

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 February and March, except March 3. (Map #40)(M,PS,3.5) Leader: Mary Barbara Miller (317-220-9593)

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, February 3

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, March 10. (Map #42)(M,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

9:30 AM ECHO HOLLOW NATURE PARK This is a easy 4 mile hike on natural surface trails and a new boardwalk. The trails may be muddy. The address is 7700 S CR 975 E Plainfield, IN. Restrooms available. Hike repeats on Monday, March 24. (M,NS/HS,3) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)

4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, February 3

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5:30 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, February 3

### **Tuesday, February 11**

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, February 4

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL See Tuesday, February 4

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, February 4

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 February 25 and March 11 & 25. (Map #18) (M,NS,2.25) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)

1:30 PM TUESDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O From I-465 W take exit 16A to Crawfordsville Rd west through Clermont to Hornaday Rd in Brownsburg, turn left and go about 5-6 miles to Cardinal Park parking lot just north of 3300 Hornaday Rd, west side of road. This will be 6-10 miles out and back self-guided hike. Restrooms are available. Hike repeats on February 25 and March 11 & 25. (F,PS) Leader Kae Ramey (317-701-5805 cell)

### **Wednesday, February 12**

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, February 5

9:30 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, February 5

9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, February 5

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, February 5

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, February 5

### **Thursday, February 13**

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, February 6

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL See Tuesday, February 4

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, February 6

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, February 6

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, February 6

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - REHAB/GET BACK INTO HIKING HIKE See Thursday, February 6

2:00 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, February 6

5:30 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, February 6

### **Friday, February 14      *Valentine's Day***

8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, February 7

8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, February 7

9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, February 7

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

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park next to the swimming pool in Garfield Park. Hike repeats every Friday in February and March, except February 7, until the regular leader David Kincaid returns from Texas. (Map #52)(F,NS/PS,3-3.5) Leader: Mary Ann Beuke (317-782-4055)

6:00 PM OVER, AROUND AND THROUGH PURDUE AND IU See Friday, February 7

### **Saturday, February 15**

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

8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, February 1

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, February 1

4:00 PM MC CORMICK'S CREEK STATE PARK From I-465 S, take I-69 south to Bloomington about 45 miles to exit 120B, SR 46. Go west on SR 46 for about 10 miles to the park entrance on the right (fee). Once inside the park, meet at Pine Bluff Shelter by the playground where vault toilets are available at the trailhead. Bundle up as we will do a relatively rugged 3-4 miles on Trail 8 and 5 that are now reopened after a major tornado. Come see a truly stunning look at nature's destruction. We will trek to Wolf Cave with the walk now nearly barren of trees following the EF-3 event that wiped out most of the nature preserve. (Map #24)(H,NS,3) Leader: Ari Shifron (812-272-6926)

### **Sunday, February 16**

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, February 2

10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, February 2

1:30 PM SUNDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Sunday, February 2

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 drive. Hike repeats on March 30. (Map #61) (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Debbie Bucholz (317-361-9210)

### **Monday, February 17**

#### ***President's Day***

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, February 10

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, February 3

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 March 17. (Map #64)(F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, February 3

5:30 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, February 3

### **Tuesday, February 18**

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, February 4

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL See Tuesday, February 4

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, February 4

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9:30 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See Tuesday, February 4

1:30 PM BOOK CLUB HIKE - NEW GLENDALE LIBRARY BRANCH (3660 E 62nd Street) Before the hike please read *Fire Weather* by John Vaillant. This book was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize and National Book award, and on many best books of the year lists for 2023. It is about an enormous wildfire that destroyed part of a town and took more than a year to be fully extinguished. Plenty of copies are available at the Public Library. Discussion, which you can join whether or not you've read the book, will be followed by an up to 6-mile hike through the surrounding neighborhoods, shorter distances are possible, simply let me know how many miles you wish to do, and I will plan your route. Please meet in the New Glendale Library parking lot (3660 E 62nd St), park in the rear if possible. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Laura Otten (317-378-9945)

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 March 4 & 18. (F,PS,3) Leader: John Lyghtel (317-626-9117)

### Wednesday, February 19

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, February 5

9:30 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, February 5

9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, February 5

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, February 5

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, February 5

### Thursday, February 20

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, February 6

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL See Tuesday, February 4

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, February 6

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, February 6

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, February 6

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - REHAB/GET BACK INTO HIKING HIKE See Thursday, February 6

2:00 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, February 6

5:30 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, February 6

### Friday, February 21

HIKE THE KNOBSTONE TRAIL IN TWO PARTS - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21 - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23 Join us in hiking the Knobstone Trail (KT) starting at Spurgeon Hollow to Deam Lake Trailhead. This will complete 46 miles on the original KT. WE WILL HIKE PART 2 ON February 21, 22 & 23 for a total of 26 miles. Part 1 was completed January 3 & 4 for a total of 20 miles. 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 difficult trails in Indiana. Hiking is on dirt trail with very steep inclines, eroded hills and multiple creek crossings. Hills are around 400 feet of elevation gain. We will be coordinating a carpool(s) so letting me know if you plan to hike is a must.

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Hiking supplies for all hikes: Hiking poles, hiking boots or sturdy trail shoes, pack high energy snacks/lunch and plenty of water. Due to the shorter winter hours, I recommend bringing a headlamp. Cell service is unreliable so download directions to the trailhead before getting there. If you didn't attend Part 1 and are interested in doing some or all of Part 2 please contact the leader Susan Sievers for details about overnight hotel stays and carpooling. Lodging for Friday and Saturday nights, Cobblestone Hotel & Suites, 1015 E. Hackberry St, Salem IN 47167 (812-883-4224).

8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, February 7

8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, February 7

9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, February 7

9:00 AM HIKE IN THE WOODS - FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON See Friday, February 7

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, February 14

10:00 AM KNOBSTONE TRAIL PART II – NEW CHAPEL TRAILHEAD We will meet at New Chapel Trailhead (7997 S. Liberty Knob Rd, Scottsburg, IN) and shuttle north to Leota Trailhead. We will then hike 8 miles from Leota TH to New Chapel TH. Directions to New Chapel trail head: From I-465 S, take I-65 to Exit 19 (SR 160 West). At 5.7 miles turn right on Liberty Knob Rd. Go .4 miles and the entrance is off Liberty Knob Rd. Gravel parking area/no restrooms. (**Challenging**,H,NS,2-3) Leader: Susan Sievers (317-513-5239)

6:00 PM OVER, AROUND AND THROUGH PURDUE AND IU See Friday, February 7

### **Saturday, February 22**

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

8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, February 1

9:00 AM KNOBSTONE TRAIL HIKE PART II – PIXLEY KNOB ROAD TRAILHEAD Meet at Pixley Knob Road TH and we will car shuttle to New Chapel TH. We'll hike 7.5-8 miles southbound to Pixley Knob TH to our cars. Directions to Pixley Knob TH: From I-465 S, take I-65 to Exit 19 (SR160 W). Go 5 miles and turn left on Pixley Knob Road. Go 2.5 miles and the trailhead is on the right. No restrooms. (**Challenging**,H,NS,2-3) Leader: Susan Sievers (317-513-5239)

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, February 1

1:00 PM GRIFFY LAKE NATURE PRESERVE From I-465 S take I-69/SR37 S to Exit 120 (SR46E). Stay on SR 46 to the 4th traffic light. Turn left onto Matlock /Hadley Rd to Griffy Lake, 3595 N Hadley Rd Bloomington. After crossing the causeway turn right into the parking lot. This will be a 5-mile hike on a scenic all natural trail. (M,NS,2) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972 cell)

### **Sunday, February 23**

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, February 2

9:00 AM KNOBSTONE TRAIL HIKE PART II – DEAM LAKE TRAILHEAD (Wilson Switch Rd, Borden IN 47106) Meet at Deam Lake TH and we will shuttle to Pixley Knob Rd TH. Today we hike 10 miles southbound from Pixley Knob to Deam Lake TH. Directions: I-65 S to exit 16, turn right and then a quick left onto Crone Rd. In 3 miles turn right onto Cummins Rd. Proceed 1.3 miles and turn right onto Flower Gap Rd, go 0.2 miles turning left on Wilson Switch Rd. Go 1.9 miles turning right on Deam Lake Rd. Go 1.4 miles and in 50 ft. you arrive at the TH. (**Challenging**,H,NS,2-3) Leader: Susan Sievers (317-513-5239)

10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, February 2

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1:30 PM DISCOVER DANVILLE See Sunday, February 9

### Monday, February 24

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, February 10

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, February 3

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, March 24. (Map #57)(F,HS/PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

9:30 AM ECHO HOLLOW NATURE PARK See Monday, February 10

4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, February 3

5:30 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, February 3

### Tuesday, February 25

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, February 4

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL See Tuesday, February 4

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, February 4

9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Tuesday, February 11

1:30 PM TUESDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Tuesday, February 11

### Wednesday, February 26

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, February 5

9:30 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, February 5

9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, February 5

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, February 5

1:00 PM COXHALL GARDENS We will walk around the paved trails in Coxhall Gardens then on into the village of West Clay. Maybe even stop for some ice cream along the way. The address is 11677 Towne Rd, Carmel IN 46032. (PS2.5-3) June Sergi (317-372-3018)

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, February 5

### Thursday, February 27

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, February 6

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL See Tuesday, February 4

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, February 6

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, February 6

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, February 6

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - REHAB/GET BACK INTO HIKING HIKE See Thursday, February 6

2:00 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, February 6

5:30 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, February 6

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SPRING MILL SP WINTER WEEKEND - FEBRUARY 28 TO MARCH 2 This is a fun mid-winter Club tradition for members and their guests. Come see the newly renovated Spring Mill Inn. You should have already booked your rooms at the Spring Mill Inn for Friday and Saturday nights. If not, call 877-563-4371 and give them our group code of 0228IH. Act quickly since the cutoff for the Club's block of rooms is January 28th. Four to six mile hikes are planned for Saturday at 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 a.m. There will be two levels of hikes and shorter options available. All hikes will begin at the Inn. Day hikers are welcome to come and hike. Allow 1 3/4 hours travel time from I-465 S. Take I-69 south through Bloomington, but be sure to follow SR 37 (not I-69) south of Bloomington to Mitchell, IN. Turn left on SR 60 and go a few miles to the park entrance (fee), then follow signs for the Inn. (Map #24) Contact Mary Ann Layman for additional information at 317-346-1802 or [malayman@earthlink.net](mailto:malayman@earthlink.net).

8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, February 7

8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, February 7

9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, February 7

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, February 14

6:00 PM OVER, AROUND AND THROUGH PURDUE AND IU See Friday, February 7

### **Saturday, March 1**

#### ***Ramadan***

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

8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, February 1

9:30 AM SPRING MILL STATE PARK - DAY 1 AM LONG HIKE Meet at the Spring Mill Inn. This will be the longer and faster hike (M,NS,2-2.5) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)

9:30 AM SPRING MILL STATE PARK - DAY 1 AM SHORT HIKE Meet at the Spring Mill Inn. This will be a slower and shorter hike. (M,NS,2) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (317-412-5190 cell)

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, February 1

2:00 PM SPRING MILL STATE PARK - DAY 1 PM LONG HIKE Meet at the Spring Mill Inn. This will be a longer and faster hike (M,NS,2-2.5) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)

2:00 PM SPRING MILL STATE PARK - DAY 1 PM SHORT HIKE Meet at the Spring Mill Inn for this shorter and slower hike (M,NS,2) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (317-412-5190 cell)

### **Sunday, March 2**

9:00 AM SPRING MILL STATE PARK - DAY 2 AM MODERATE HIKE Meet at the Spring Mill Inn for the Sunday morning hike of 4-5 miles. (M,NS,2-2.5) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell) and Mary Ann Layman (317-412-5190 cell).

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, February 2

9:00 AM SPRING MILL STATE PARK - DAY 2 AM SHORTER HIKE Meet at the Spring Mill Inn on Sunday morning for a shorter and slower hike of about 4 miles. (M,NS,2) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (317-412-5190 cell)

10:00 AM PROPHETSTOWN STATE PARK From I-465 N, take I-65 north to Lafayette about 50 miles to exit 178, SR 43. Turn left at the bottom of the ramp and then make your first left on Burnetts Rd after the interstate. When this short road ends, turn right on 9th St and take the first left on Swisher Rd which will lead into the park (fee). Meet at the basketball courts at the very back of the park. Restrooms are potentially not available at this trailhead. Stop at the Bluestream Lot in the park which has vault toilets on the way to our meeting spot if

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needed. Bundle up for a moderate hike as we hike along the Wabash and Tippecanoe rivers on Trail 3 which is between 3 and 4 miles and has a boardwalk, scenic viewpoints and wildlife lookout spot. (M,NS,3) Leader: Ari Shifron (812-272-6926)

10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, February 2

### **Monday, March 3**

9:00 AM MORNING CONSTITUTIONAL See Monday, February 3

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, February 3

9:30 AM TOWPATH, BUTLER UNIVERSITY AND ROCKY RIPPLE See Monday, February 3

4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, February 3

5:30 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, February 3

### **Tuesday, March 4**

7:15 AM TRAIL MAINTENANCE AND TRASH BUSTING AT EAGLE CREEK PARK WESTSIDE  
Today's parking location will be at the Bear Overlook, just off 56th St after you proceed over the Eagle Creek causeway. If you are unsure how to get to the parking location check the following map - <http://indyhike.org/docs/EagleCreek-Westside-Trails.pdf> or contact the leader. 2-3 miles. Bring boots, hiking poles, and gloves. (M,NS,1.5-2) Leader: Philip Coons (317-402-8810 cell)

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, February 4

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL See Tuesday, February 4

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, February 4

9:30 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See Tuesday, February 4

2:00 PM DOWNTOWN FISHERS ON THE NICKEL PLATE TRAIL See Tuesday, February 18

### **Wednesday, March 5**

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, February 5

9:30 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, February 5

9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, February 5

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, February 5

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, February 5

### **Thursday, March 6**

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, February 6

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL See Tuesday, February 4

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, February 6

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, February 6

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, February 6

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - REHAB/GET BACK INTO HIKING HIKE See Thursday, February 6

2:00 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, February 6

5:30 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, February 6

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**Friday, March 7**

8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, February 7

8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, February 7

9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, February 7

9:00 AM HIKE IN THE WOODS - FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON See Friday, February 7

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, February 14

6:00 PM BUTLER, CANAL TOWPATH AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS This is a 6-mile hike through the Butler campus, the Canal Towpath and nearby neighborhoods. Meet near Door #1 at the front of Hinkle Fieldhouse, which is located on 49th St, west of Boulevard Place. Hike repeats every Friday in March. (Map #32) (M,PS/NS,3.5) Leader: Jim Griffin (317-294-1121)

**Saturday, March 8**

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

8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, February 1

9:30 AM MORGAN MONROE STATE FOREST TRAIL MAINTENANCE HIKE See Saturday, February 8

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, February 1

10:00 AM MORGAN MONROE STATE FOREST From I-465 S take I-69/SR37S to Exit 134 and follow the signs to Morgan Monroe State Forest 6220 Forest Rd Martinsville, IN. Go past the Forest Office and park at the fire tower parking lot. This will be a 5-mile hike on the mostly natural forest trail. Restrooms are available. After the hike plan on having lunch at a restaurant in Martinsville. (M,NS/PS,2) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972 cell)

**Sunday, March 9** *Daylight Savings Time Begins*

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, February 2

10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, February 2

**Monday, March 10**

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, February 10

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, February 3

9:30 AM CROWN HILL CEMETERY See Monday, February 10

4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, February 3

5:30 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, February 3

**Tuesday, March 11**

8:00 AM TRAIL MAINTENANCE AND TRASH BUSTING AT STARLING NATURE PRESERVE Today's parking location is the Starling Nature Preserve parking lot, just off Wilson Rd. (fee required). If you are unsure how to get to the parking location check the following map - <http://indyhike.org/docs/EagleCreek-Westside-Trails.pdf> or contact the leader. 4-5 miles. Bring boots, hiking poles, and gloves. (M,NS,1.5-2) Leader: Philip Coons (317-402-8810 cell)

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, February 4

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL See Tuesday, February 4

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9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, February 4

9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Tuesday, February 11

1:00 PM WEST PARK Maybe we will see some signs of spring as we walk the paths of West Park and beyond. We will see some of the isolated areas of this park and maybe even attempt the big hill! The address is 277 W 116<sup>th</sup> St, Carmel 46032. (M,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: June Sergi (317-372-3018)

1:30 PM TUESDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Tuesday, February 11

### **Wednesday, March 12**

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, February 5

9:30 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, February 5

9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, February 5

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, February 5

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, February 5

### **Thursday, March 13**

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, February 6

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL See Tuesday, February 4

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, February 6

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, February 6

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, February 6

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - REHAB/GET BACK INTO HIKING HIKE See Thursday, February 6

2:00 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, February 6

5:30 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, February 6

### **Friday, March 14**

8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, February 7

8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, February 7

9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, February 7

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, February 14

10:30 AM SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE For the third year in a row our Club has been invited to be in the Indianapolis St. Patrick's Day Parade ([www.indystpats.com/events/st-patricks-day-parade](http://www.indystpats.com/events/st-patricks-day-parade)), which will be held this year on Friday three days before St. Patrick's Day. The parade begins at 11:30 a.m., but our group needs to be in place at 10:30 a.m., rain or shine. We will not be informed of our exact meeting location until one week before the event, but similar to the last two years the approximate location is near Ft. Wayne Ave and Pennsylvania. A number of club members will meet at Shapiro's Restaurant at 9:45 a.m. (see Google map reference) and walk up to where the parade begins. Many others parked at a location closer to our meeting spot, including the Central Library garage (fee). Keep in mind that some parts of Pennsylvania might be closed off for the parade route. The parade route is 1 1/2 miles (south on Pennsylvania to Ohio, turn right on Ohio, and then right on Meridian St). We will stop near Michigan at the Veteran's Memorial Park for a group photo.

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Please wear hiking gear with the club logo wear or hat visible (might need to layer if cold weather), green club shirt, if you have it, or another club shirt or jacket is okay too. Feel free to add some festive St. Patrick's Day garb as well and bring your hiking pole as a prop. Our club will be introduced as we pass by the announcers' booth. I would appreciate a RSVP by March 10 to let us know approximate numbers. Those that just do the parade will receive two miles. Members who parked at Shapiro's will receive four miles. (Map #41)(PS,F,2.5) Leader: Marla Zinkan (317-403-5621)

6:00 PM BUTLER, CANAL TOWPATH AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See Friday, March 7

### **Saturday, March 15**

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

8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, February 1

10:00 AM BOOK CLUB HIKE - EAGLE CREEK PARK This month's selection is *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teaching of Plants* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. Today's parking location is the parking lot just after you enter the park at the 71st St gate (fee). Hike is 4 miles with 2-mile option. Feel free to join in the discussion and hike even if you have not read the book. We will hike first and then convene at about noon at the home of Phil Coons after the hike to discuss the book. I will pass out the address at the hike and also send it to indyhike@googlegroups.com. Bring your lunch. Please pick out your favorite chapter to discuss. Bring boots and hiking poles. (M,NS,1.5-2) Leader: Phil Coons (317-402-8810 cell).

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, February 1

1:30 PM DEPAUW NATURE PARK, GREENCASTLE Join us for a 5-mile moderate dirt and gravel trail hike at this 520-acre nature park located at 1400 W County Road 125 S, Greencastle, IN 46135. Features at this park are woodland trails, a lake, Big Walnut Creek and a retired limestone quarry. From I-465 W, exit on US40 and travel to SR231. Turn right and travel to Washington St in Greencastle. Turn left. Travel to just past courthouse and turn left again at Jackson St. Turn right onto W. Walnut St going west about 0.6 miles. The driveway to the nature park is on the left. Follow the driveway for about 0.5 mile to the main parking lot where we will meet. (M,NS,2.5) Leader: Terry Roesch (317-910-2943 cell)

### **Sunday, March 16**

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, February 2

10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, February 2

1:30 PM SUNDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Sunday, February 2

### **Monday, March 17**

#### ***Saint Patrick's Day***

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, February 10

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, February 3

9:30 AM PRATHER PARK IN CARMEL See Monday, February 17

4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, February 3

5:30 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, February 3

### **Tuesday, March 18**

7:45 AM TRAIL MAINTENANCE AND TRASH BUSTING AT EAGLE CREST Today's parking location will be Eagle's Crest parking lot just inside entrance near ADA Trail, just off Fishback Rd. (fee required). If you are unsure how to get to the parking location check the

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following map - <http://indyhike.org/docs/EagleCreek-Westside-Trails.pdf> or contact the leader. 5 miles. Bring boots, hiking poles, and gloves. (M,NS,1.5-2) Leader: Philip Coons (317-402-8810 cell)

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, February 4

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL See Tuesday, February 4

9:00 AM HOLLIDAY PARK, BLICKMAN EDUCATIONAL TRAIL, MAROTT NATURE PRESERVE AND BEYOND Come explore and enjoy these woody trails before the vegetation gets too thick on this 6-mile hike. There is one somewhat steep hill on the route. Trails may be muddy. We will start in Holliday Park at 6363 Spring Mill Rd. Enter the park off Spring Mill Rd just south of 64th St. Turn left to the Nature Center parking lot. Restrooms available in the Nature Center. (Map #47)(M,NS/HS,3-3.5) Leader: Laura Otten (317-378-9945)

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, February 4

9:30 AM LET'S EXPLORE BROAD RIPPLE See Tuesday, February 4

2:00 PM DOWNTOWN FISHERS ON THE NICKEL PLATE TRAIL See Tuesday, February 18

### Wednesday, March 19

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, February 5

9:30 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, February 5

9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, February 5

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, February 5

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, February 5

### Thursday, March 20

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, February 6

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL See Tuesday, February 4

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, February 6

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, February 6

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, February 6

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - REHAB/GET BACK INTO HIKING HIKE See Thursday, February 6

2:00 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, February 6

5:30 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, February 6

### Friday, March 21

8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, February 7

8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, February 7

9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, February 7

9:00 AM HIKE IN THE WOODS - FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON See Friday, February 7

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, February 14

6:00 PM BUTLER, CANAL TOWPATH AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See Friday, March 7

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**Saturday, March 22**

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

8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, February 1

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, February 1

10:00 AM LIME KILN TRAIL BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK From I-465 S take I-65 S to SR 46 west to Exit 68 to Brown County State Park (fee), 1801 SR-46, Nashville IN. Once in the park follow the signs to the Rally Campground. Turn right into the large parking lot. Restrooms are available. This will be a 5-mile hike on the Lime Kiln mountain bike trail. After the hike join us for lunch at a restaurant in Nashville. (Map # 27)(M,N,2) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972 cell)

**Sunday, March 23**

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, February 2

10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, February 2

1:30 PM SUNDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Sunday, February 2

**Monday, March 24**

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, February 10

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, February 3

9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE PARK AND BEYOND See Monday, February 24

4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, February 3

5:30 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, February 3

**Tuesday, March 25**

7:45 AM TRAIL MAINTENANCE AND TRASH BUSTING AT EAGLE CREEK PARK WESTSIDE II  
Today's parking location will be at the Bear Overlook, just off 56th St just after you cross the causeway over Eagle Creek. If you are unsure how to get to the parking location check the following map - <http://indyhike.org/docs/EagleCreek-Westside-Trails.pdf> or contact the leader. 6-7 miles. Bring boots, hiking poles, and gloves. (M,NS,1.5-2) Leader: Philip Coons (317-402-8810 cell)

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, February 4

9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL See Tuesday, February 4

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, February 4

9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Tuesday, February 11

1:30 PM TUESDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Tuesday, February 11

**Wednesday, March 26**

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, February 5

9:30 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, February 5

9:30 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, February 5

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, February 5

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, February 5

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**Thursday, March 27**

- 9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, February 6
- 9:00 AM JOHN YARBROUGH LINEAR PARK TRAIL, FORT MEYERS, FL See Tuesday, February 4
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, February 6
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, February 6
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, February 6
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - REHAB/GET BACK INTO HIKING HIKE See Thursday, February 6
- 2:00 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, February 6
- 5:30 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, February 6

**Friday, March 28**

- 8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, February 7
- 8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, February 7
- 9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, February 7
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, February 14
- 6:00 PM BUTLER, CANAL TOWPATH AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See Friday, March 7

**Saturday, March 29**

- 8:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING See Saturday, February 8
- 8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, February 1
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, February 1
- 1:30 PM LAURA HARE NATURE PRESERVE, DOWNEY HILL This is a super peaceful and rugged nature preserve of forest habitat, protected forever by the Sycamore Land Trust. Our 6-mile hike starts on the ridgeline, down to the small creek in the valley then back out. Expect hilly terrain. We may see some early signs of spring. Travel south on 1-65 and take Exit 68 for SR 46 toward Nashville for about 10 mi. Turn left onto Valley Branch Rd/Mt Liberty. Travel 1.6 mi to the small parking lot on left. Parking limited, carpooling good idea. Poles/boots suggested. (H,NS,2.5) Leader Terry Roesch (317-910-2943 cell)

**Sunday, March 30**

- 9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, February 2
- 10:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, February 2
- 2:00 PM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK ON SUNDAY See Sunday, February 16

**Monday, March 31**

- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, February 10
- 9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, February 3
- 9:30 AM LAKE CLEARWATER Meet in the northeast corner of the Super Walmart parking lot to the left of the Garden Center at the intersection of 74th St and Keystone Ave. On this 6 mile hike, with a 3 mile option, we will walk around two lakes and through scenic neighborhoods. The first half of the hike we will do as a group. After an optional restroom break, the second half will be at your own pace. (Map #43) (F,PS,3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

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4:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, February 3

5:30 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, February 3

## FUTURE EVENTS:

**28TH ANNUAL SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK – April 22-24 (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 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](mailto:jschlechte@fastmail.com). See future schedules for more details.

**C&O CANAL ONE DAY HIKE – May 3** 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](http://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](mailto: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** 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](mailto:mecohen@iu.edu) or by phone at 317 417-2628.

**500 FESTIVAL PARADE – Saturday, May 24** Once again I will be organizing volunteers for the 500 Festival Parade on May 24th. It will be listed as a hike on the schedule. Signups are now available at <https://500festival.com/volunteer/#volunteer-opportunity> Get signed up early for your favorite role (balloon handler, flag carrier, specialty unit escort, float walker, band escort, and equine). Be sure to sign up before April 9 to get your invitation to Volunteer Appreciation Day at IMS on May 17. Once you've signed up, let me know. Debbie Bucholz (317-361-9210)

**PRESIDENTIAL RANGE, WHITE MOUNTAINS, NEW HAMPSHIRE - mid-July** 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.

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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](mailto:4hickory1950@gmail.com).

**PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:**

Melissa Holloway	Indianapolis, IN	John Holloway	Indianapolis, IN
Suzanne Morris	Indianapolis, IN	Helene Laughlin	Westfield, IN
Tiffany Baker	Mooresville, IN	Darla Franklin	Brownsburg, IN
Jackie Haines	Indianapolis, IN	John Phillips,	Newburgh, NY
Lisa Stamm		Richard Stroup	Lebanon, IN
Marcie Wright	Zionsville, IN		

**RECENT MILEAGE AWARDS:**

Allan Roberts	53,000	Mary K Johnson	7,000	Wayne Osborne	400
Jill McFall	39,000	Chris Jones	6,000	Dale McCuiston	300
Cherie Voege	35,500	Mary Barbara Miller	5,500	Laura Otten	300
David Kincaid	34,000	Mike Lindstedt	5,500	Laurell Kinnaman	300
Rick Braun	20,000	John Triplett	5,000	Scot Marsella	300
Kae Ramey	19,000	Lorraine Smith	3,500	Alexander Granato	200
Donna Chastain	17,500	Bev Hoopingarner	1,000	Greg Ray	200
Mike Khalil	14,500	Brenda Kirch	500	Laura Otten	200
Cheryl Conces	14,000	Debbie Keutzer	500	Brenda Lupton	100
Dewey Conces	14,000	Jane Chambers	500	Gigi Conway	100
Mary Bruss	14,000	Jeff Small	500	Kelli Mays-Aboagy	100
Phil Smith	14,000	Kathleen Fox	500	Shannon Snyder	100
Katy Smith	13,500	Rosie Hughes	500	Susan Hunt	100
Marti Burton	10,500	Dale McCuiston	400		
Jerry Green	8,000				

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

**Steve Nezovich**, 89, of Indianapolis, passed away on Wednesday, November 20, 2024. He spent 40 years designing interstate systems as a highway design engineer.

**Bob Sunman** a club member since 2023 passed away on Tuesday, December 17, 2024. Bob was a partner of club member Barb Stayton.

**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](http://www.indyhike.org) or contact our Membership Officer Marti Burton, 8812 River Ridge Dr, Brownsburg, IN 46112 (317-306-9878, [mjburton51@hotmail.com](mailto: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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