



# The Indianapolis Hiking Club

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## Happiness - A Step at a Time SCHEDULE FOR APRIL & MAY 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>
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 .pdf schedule saved on the website Hike Schedule page.

**29TH ANNUAL SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK:** April 14-16, 2026 (Tue-Thu). The Annual Club Trip to Smoky Mountains National Park is almost here. 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. We will repeat the Monday evening pool-side social hour at Riverhouse (BYOB and a snack to share.) There will be a good range of morning and afternoon hikes. The hike leaders will be Tim Braun, John Lyghtel, Konnie and John Schlechte. For more details see write-up on April 14. Contact: John Schlechte at 317-294-2021 cell or [jschlechte@fastmail.com](mailto:jschlechte@fastmail.com).

**ITEMS OF NOTE IN THIS SCHEDULE:** Besides our annual visit to the Smoky Mountains, you have your choice of 370 hikes during April and May, two of the nicest hiking months of the year when spring wildflowers are in bloom. In addition to the regular recurring weekday and weekend hikes and several new options, the following hikes deserve a closer look. Two Book Club hikes are scheduled on Monday April 13 led by June Sergi and on May 18 led by Linda Whitt. Spring Wildflower Hikes will take place every Tuesday in April, led by Ed Wright. Something we haven't done previously is Explore Fishers Parks & Trails led by Kelley Hale every Friday in April and May. All of the following hikes are rated as **Challenging**; not for the faint of heart. On Saturday April 4 Mary Bruss will be leading the Club's annual No Frills Half Marathon. Also, you may want to consider the Carmel Half and Full Marathon on April 18 and the famous 500 Festival Mini Marathon in downtown Indy on May 2. Theresa Ray and Susan Sievers will be wrapping up their Indiana Crown Hike Series by hiking the entire Knobstone Trail on four consecutive days April 27-30. Finally, for you experienced back packers Scott Beam is offering a two day off trail adventure to Explore the Hoosier National Forest on April 11-12. Check the write-ups on the appropriate day for details.

**PRESIDENT'S CORNER:** Hello Spring Hikers.

After a particularly grueling winter, I am looking forward to spring. I'm ready for its milder temperatures, scenic beauty and rebirth of nature. Spring is a wonderful time to enjoy a hike. There are four Wildflower Hikes listed on the schedule for the month of April. Please try to attend one of these.... And if by chance you encounter a little mud, it washes off and is good for the soul.

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Happy Hiking,  
Cathy Fischer  
President Indianapolis Hiking Club

## HIKE SCHEDULE:

### Wednesday, April 1

### *April Fools' Day/ Passover Begins*

- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS This 7-9 mile brisk all trail hike is a great way to stay in shape. Meet in Eagle Creek Park (fee) at lot just inside the 56th St entrance, just west of the Colts training facility. Hike repeats each Wednesday in April and May. Upwards of 20 hikers join us at a nearby Starbucks after the hike. (Map #40)(M,NS,3-3.5) Leader: Jim Goulding (317-695-8744)
- 9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL Note the earlier start time for this hike continuing through the summer. 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 April and May. (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 on the southwest portion of the lot away from the building. Hike repeats each Wednesday in April and May. (Map #41) (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Harold Crooks (317-730-4850)
- 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 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 April and May, except May 27. (Map #73)(F,PS) Leader: Joan Griffiths (317-297-7312)
- 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 April and May. (Map #34)(F,PS,3.5) Leader: Janet Cohen (317-508-8523 or 317-417-2628)

### Thursday, April 2

- 7:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL 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 and Thursday in April and May. (Map #74)(M,PS) Hike Leader: Dewey Conces (317-371-0068)
- 9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE This is a 6-mile self-guided hike usually north on the Fall Creek Trail to Skiles Test Park and back, however, from time to time the leaders may change the route. Meet at the Walmart located at 5550 Fall Creek Pkwy N Dr at the corner of 56th St and Fall Creek Pkwy. To find the main entrance to Walmart, turn south off 56th St onto Fall Creek Pkwy and then turn right into the parking lot. Park in the rear of the Walmart lot behind Starbucks. Hike repeats every Thursday in April and May. (Map #45)(F,PS) Leaders: Tish Brafford (317-531-6700 cell) or JoAnne Starzyk (317-771-0914)
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE While Rick Wortman is recovering from a broken arm, this hike will be led by Mike Lindstedt. This is the first of four very popular hikes in Eagle Creek Park every Thursday morning. All hikes will meet in Eagle Creek Park (fee), which is located off 56th St just west of the Colts facility. Once in Eagle Creek Park drive on Eagle Creek Pkwy to the middle

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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. This will be a moderate to brisk paced 5-mile trail hike over, around, up and down through the woods. Hike repeats every Thursday in April and May. After the hike join us for lunch (we have been doing it for over 30 years) at Golden Corral on 38th St. We often have 10 or more hikers join us and have lots of fun. (Map #17)(M,NS,3) Leader: Mike Lindstedt (317-292-3140)

- 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 GET BACK INTO HIKING Same directions and repeat dates as Easy at Eagle Creek Five Miles. This will be a slow and easy hike of 1-2.5 miles on roads or easy trails for folks rehabbing 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: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)
- 4:00 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON This will be a 4-6 mile moderate speed hike through Noblesville's trails and neighborhoods. 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. Meet at Forest Park by the Office parking lot. Hike repeats each Thursday in April and May. (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Martha Rivera June (317-750-6895)
- 6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE Join us for a brisk 6-8 mile hike in and around scenic old Fort Harrison and surrounding neighborhoods. From I-465 E go east on 56th St to Lawrence and turn left on Lee Rd. Meet in the back parking lot of the YMCA on Lee Rd. Hike repeats every Thursday in April and May. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Rick Braun (317-679-2972)

**Friday, April 3*****Good Friday***

EXPLORE FISHERS PARKS & TRAILS - FRIDAYS IN APRIL AND MAY This is to make you aware that that Kelly Hale will be leading 8-10 mile self-guided hikes in most of Fishers parks and trail systems on all Fridays in April and four Fridays in May. Other than the Nickel Plate trail, Fishers trails have been largely unexplored by the IHC. Well, here is a chance to become acquainted with them. First hike is at 9:00 a.m. today.

- 7:30 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL Note the start time of this hike has changed to 7:30 a.m. Join me for a self-guided hike of 1-20 miles on the Monon Trail every Friday morning in April and May. 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 April and May. (Map #34) (M,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Janet Cohen (317-508-8523 or 317-417-2628)
- 9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK Join us for a 6-mile hike with an 8-mile option. This will be a brisk trail hike unless conditions prompt a switch to the roads. This hike will be in Eagle Creek Park (fee). Use the 56th St entrance that is just west of the Colts facility and take the first left after entering the park. Meet in at the Swimming Area (beach) parking lot. Hike repeats on all Fridays in April and May. (Map #66)(M,NS,3-3.5) Leader: Phil Smith (317-443-3955)

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- 9:00 AM EXPLORE FISHERS PARKS & TRAILS - NICKEL PLATE TRAIL Join me for a self-guided hike of 8-10 miles on the Nickel Plate Trail. Meet at the LAUNCH FISHERS' TRAILHEAD. (F,PS) Leader: Kelley Hale (973-985-3916)
- 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 April and May. (Map #52)(F,NS/PS,3-3.5) Leader: David Kincaid (317-787-6593)
- 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 April. (Map #32) (M,PS/NS,3.5) Leader: Jim Griffin (317-294-1121)

### Saturday, April 4

- 8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD This will be a 10-15 mile hike or you can turn around (self-guided) at your desired mileage. This park is very easy to find; it's just north of Hummel Park. (Google: Friendship Gardens, Plainfield, IN 46168) Hike repeats each Saturday in April and May. (Map #55)(F,PS,3.5) Leader: Therese Cokain (317-796-9183)
- 8:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING Meet at the Broad Ripple Methodist Church, 6185 Guilford Ave for a 6-mile fast paced hike that it will be completed in time for those that wish to do the Ten at Ten. There are self-guided and additional 2-mile options for this hike. Note that there are no restrooms on the hike routes. Hike repeats every Saturday in April and May. (Map #65) (F, P/NS,3.5-4) Leader: Marian Fahy (916-606-6840)
- 9:00 AM NO FRILLS HALF MARATHON No shirt, no medals, no water stations, and NO FEES. This is a 13.1-mile self-guided half marathon. Restrooms will be located 2 1/2 miles from the start location at Walmart and at the turnaround in Fort Harrison. We will meet in the parking lot at Binford Blvd and Fall Creek. Go south on Keystone to 46th St. Turn east to Allisonville Rd. Turn right/south and go to the next stoplight. At that stoplight go straight, crossing Binford and the parking lot will be on the right. We will walk the Fall Creek Greenway Trail north to the Shaffer restrooms across from the sledding hill in Fort Harrison and back. Any questions please call Mary. Be sure to leave nothing visible in your car. Make sure to bring water and snacks. (**Challenging**,F,PS/NS) Leader: Mary Bruss (317-308-0182)
- 9:30 AM RAILS TO TRAILS SOUTH BLOOMINGTON From I-465 S take I-69 S to Exit 116 Tapp Rd. At the round-about go left (east) onto Tapp Rd. Continue on Tapp/Country Club Rd to just before the Walnut St traffic light. Turn left into the Shopping Plaza and park behind the Old National Bank. This will be a 5-mile hike on the flat all-natural trail. After the hike plan on having lunch at a local restaurant. Hike repeats May 23. (F,NS,2.5) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972)
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN Meet at Broad Ripple Methodist Church, 6185 Guilford Ave for a self-guided 6 or 10 mile hike. Repeats every Saturday in April and May. (Map #65)(F,NS) Leader: Rick Kinnaman (317-407-9746)

### Sunday, April 5 *Easter Sunday*

- 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 April and May. (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 Avenue for a guided 6-mile hike with the option for up to 4 additional (self-guided) miles. The parking lot in the 6200 block of Carrollton is no longer free, so please park on the street south of Broad Ripple Ave using the

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6100 & 6200 blocks of Carrollton Ave. Use 6220 Carrollton Ave for GPS address. Repeats each Sunday in April and May. (Map #16) (F,PS,3-3.25) Leader: John Triplett 317-409-3302)

**Monday, April 6**                      **National Walking Day**

- 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, May 4. (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 April and May. (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, May 4. (Map #79)(F,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)
- 5:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE Meet at the Broad Ripple Methodist Church at 6135 Guilford Ave for a hike of 5-6 miles. Hike repeats every Monday on April and May. (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 April and May. (Map #25)(F,PS,3.5) Leader: Rick Braun (317-679-2972)

**Tuesday, April 7**

- 7:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL See Thursday, April 2
- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL This is a 1-12 mile self-guided hike (most people do 5-8 miles) on the Monon Trail and/or nearby neighborhoods. From the intersection of 116th St and Westfield Blvd/Rangeline Rd in Carmel go south to Central Park Dr (first intersection on right). Turn right (west) on Central Park Dr and go to the parking lot. Meet in the north end of the parking lot close to the Monon trail. Hike repeats every Tuesday in April and May. (Map #51) (F,PS) Leader: Jo Anne Starzyk (317-771-0914)
- 9:30 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 April and May. (Map #61) (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Debbie Bucholz (317-361-9210)
- 9:30 AM FT DESOTO, TIERRA VERDE, FL 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 through April. 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)
- 9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK Enjoy a 5-mile hike 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). Sometimes we meet at nearby Panera for lunch afterwards. Hike repeats April 21 and May 5 & 19. (Map #18) (M,NS,2.5) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)

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- 1:00 PM WILDFLOWER HIKE - WEST SIDE OF EAGLE CREEK This is the first of four spring Wildflower hikes on each Tuesday in April. Indiana wildflowers are beautiful and varied, but only last only a few weeks in April before the tree leaves come out. This year the hikes will be led by Ed Wright, a poor substitute for Mary Ann Layman who is currently undergoing cancer treatments. All four hikes will begin at 1:00 p.m. to give the flowers a chance to open. The first hike will be on the west side of Eagle Creek Park. Go west on 56th St past Colt's facility and the entrance to Eagle Creek Park (east) and over the causeway. Take the first right after the causeway into Eagle Creek Park West (fee) and park by the large iron sculpture of a Bear. Hike will be 3 miles at a slow and easy pace with commentary about the early wildflowers. Hikers who are familiar with spring wildflowers are encouraged to attend to assist the leader with wildflower identification. (Map #30) (M,NS,2.5) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)
- 1:30 PM TUESDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O From I-465 W take exit 16A to Crawfordsville Rd west thru Clermont to Hornaday Rd in Brownsburg, turn left and go about 5-6 miles to Cardinal Park parking lot just north of 3300 Hornaday Rd, west side of road. This will be 6-10 miles out and back self-guided hike. Restrooms are available. Hike repeats on April 21 and May 12 & 26. (F,PS) Leader: Kae Ramey (317-701-5805 cell)
- 6:00 PM FRANCISCAN TRAIL Meet at southeast corner of Emerson and Churchman in Beech Grove in the Churchman Hill Plaza behind the Phillips 66 station for a 5-mile hike. Hike repeats each Tuesday in April and May. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: David Kincaid (317-787-6593)

### Wednesday, April 8

- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, April 1
- 9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, April 1
- 9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, April 1
- 9:30 AM BETLEY WOODS AT GLACIER'S END NATURE PRESERVE This will be a 5-mile hike with 1-4 mile self-guided distances available. The trail signage is exceptional and very easy to follow on the three loop trails. The one-mile trail is wide and flat. This is where the Wisconsin Glaciation ran into the Brown County hills. The property has glaciated and unglaciated lands. Expect trails with exposed bedrock, shale bottom streams and chunks of granite along the valley floor. The trails are very well maintained and relatively easy with lots of switchbacks and inclines but no big hills. The address is 2999-2683 CR 750 S Trafalgar, IN. No restrooms are available. Lunch will be at a local restaurant after the hike. Hike repeats May 13. (M,NS, 2.5) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)
- 10:00 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, April 1
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, April 1

### Thursday, April 9

- 7:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL See Thursday, April 2
- 9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, April 2
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, April 2
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, April 2
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, April 2
- 9:30 AM GET BACK INTO HIKING See Thursday, April 2
- 4:00 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, April 2
- 6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, April 2

### Friday, April 10

- 7:30 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, April 3
- 8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, April 3
- 9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, April 3

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- 9:00 AM HIKE IN THE WOODS - FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON SP Enjoy a 5-6 mile, with a **7-8 mile option**, 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 Hike repeats on Friday, April 10 & 24 and May 8 & 22. (Map #18)(M,NS,2.5-3) Leaders: Bev Hoopingarner (317-695-1419) or Pam Marusic (216-469-1494)
- 9:00 AM EXPLORE FISHERS PARKS & TRAILS - GEIST GREENWAY & AGRIPARK LOOP Join me for a self buided hike of 8-10 miles along the GEIST GREENWAY & AGRIPARK LOOP. Meet at the northeast corner of Hamilton Southeastern High School (HSE) at Royalty Drive off 126th St in Fishers (Near Olio Fields #5). (F,PS) Leader: Kelley Hale (973-985-3916)
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, April 3
- 6:00 PM BUTLER, CANAL TOWPATH AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See Friday, April 3

### Saturday, April 11

- 8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, April 4
- 8:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING See Saturday, April 4
- 9:00 AM 500 FESTIVAL MILER SERIES: 10 MILER This 10-mile self-guided hike starts and ends at the Fowling Warehouse, 1125 E Brookside Ave, Indianapolis. You will need to register for this event at [www.indymini.com](http://www.indymini.com) which includes race details. You can obtain club mileage credit by calling or emailing the leader, who will verify your completion through the 500 Festival website race results. (**Challenging**,F,PS) Leader: Kelley Hale (973-985-3916, [kelly2475@gmail.com](mailto:kelly2475@gmail.com))
- 9:30 AM EXPLORE THE HOOSIER NATIONAL FOREST - DAY I This will be an advanced two day off trail backpacking trip beginning today and continuing tomorrow - April 11th and 12th, trip begins at 9:30 am. at Fork Ridge Trail parking, approximately 2 miles south of Houston on North County Rd 800 West aka Buffalo Pike. Just drive southwest of the Salt Creek Winery 1.5 miles to reach the large parking area located on a sharp corner. This trip will be very challenging. We will meet at the trailhead and head off avoiding trails for the most part. The trail itself is steep in places, and the surrounding hills can be far worse. Mileage will be anywhere from 6 to 8 miles per day. We'll be hiking up and down some hills, crossing creeks and ravines, stopping by Hominy Mortar, and just exploring this remote area. This is for those who have backpacked before but want to try something different or enjoy exploring places most never see. If you are interested, please let me know in advance so we can review the equipment and food requirements and any other questions you may have including directions to the meeting location. (**Challenging**,H,NS,2-2.5) Leader: Scott Beam (317-474-0168, [hoosierhappytrails@yahoo.com](mailto:hoosierhappytrails@yahoo.com))
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, April 4

### Sunday, April 12

- 8:00 AM EXPLORE THE HOOSIER NATIONAL FOREST - DAY II This is a continuation of an off-trail backpacking trip that began yesterday. See writeup on April 11 for complete details. (**Challenging**,H,NS,2-2.5) Leader: Scott Beam (317-474-0168, [hoosierhappytrails@yahoo.com](mailto:hoosierhappytrails@yahoo.com) )
- 9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, April 5
- 9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, April 5
- 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 May 3 and 17, (F,PS) Leader: Kae Ramey (317-701-5805 cell)

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**Monday, April 13****MULTIDAY TRIP: TUESDAY, APRIL 14 – THURSDAY, APRIL 16****29th ANNUAL SMOKY MOUNTAINS GETAWAY**

Monday, April 13 is considered a travel day. Allow 7 hours to travel 400 miles. Go southeast on I-74 to I-275. Go south on I-275 around Cincinnati to I-75 south. Go south on I-75 to Knoxville, TN. Go east on I-640 to I-40. Continue east on I-40 to Exit 407 (Highway 66 – Sevierville exit). Go south on Highway 66, which becomes US 441, to Gatlinburg. Hopefully, you have already reserved your hotel.

Hikes will be led by John Schlechte, Konnie Schlechte, Tim Braun and John Lyghtel. Bring plenty of water, snacks, and lunch each day, as you might not return to Gatlinburg between hikes. Full details about the hikes will be distributed at Monday's 5:00 p.m. social hour at Riverhouse and at 8:00 a.m. Tuesday morning at the Sugarland Visitors Center in Smoky Mountain NP. (Please don't miss this meeting. If you are unable to attend, make sure you contact John Schlechte). After the first day, some hikes may meet earlier than 8:00 a.m. Great Smoky Mountains National Park has instituted a parking fee of \$5 per day or \$15 per week. Passes may be easily purchased at the Park Visitor Centers and other locations, or on-line at <https://www.recreation.gov/activitypass/AP2510/order>. If purchased online, you will need to print a paper copy. Other information is available at <https://www.nps.gov/grsm/planyourvisit/fees.htm>.

Please join us at the pool area of Riverhouse at the Park late afternoon Monday April 13 for a casual social hour – BYOB and snacks to share. For questions regarding the trip Contact John Schlechte (317-294-2021 text/cell or [jschlechte@fastmail.com](mailto:jschlechte@fastmail.com)).

Notes on the following schedule:

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

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 April and May, except May 4. (Map #40)(M,PS,3.5) Leader: Mary Barbara Miller (317-220-9593)

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, April 6

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. 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 park behind the large limestone mausoleum on both sides of the street. Hike includes options of 3, 4 and 5 miles. Hike repeats on Memorial Day Monday, May 25. (Map #42)(M,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

9:30 AM FALL CREEK WOODS NATURAL AREA Enjoy a moderate to brisk 6-7 mile hike in the woods on natural trails. Expect hills and ramps. Take I-69N to exit 214. Turn right onto SR 13 toward Fortville. Turn right on CR W800S. Then a left onto CR S1000W continue for 2.7 miles. Fall Creek Woods Natural Area parking on your right. Hikes repeat on April 20 & May 4. (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Pam Marusic (216 469-1494)

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- 9:30 AM BOOK CLUB HIKE WITH THE AUTHOR We will meet at the Westfield Public Library, 17400 West Blvd, Westfield, IN 46074. Join us in room 2-A and discuss the book *Not Just a Homemaker* written by Paulette Brooks. Paulette will join us with a slide presentation and open discussion. Afterwards, we will travel a short distance by car to MacGregor Park where we will hike. Take US 31 north to the Sheridan Rd (SR 38) exit and turn east. The park is located just east of US 31 on SR 38. Paulette will walk with us and show some of the points of interest mentioned in her book. We will then walk on our own for 4 to 5 miles. (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: June Sergi (317-372-3018)
- 5:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, April 6
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, April 6

**Tuesday, April 14**

- 7:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL See Thursday, April 2
- 8:00 AM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – (MODERATE) – DAY 1 MORNING Hike will be about 5 miles with moderate climbs. Meet at the Sugarland Visitor Center. A 3-day schedule of all hikes including leaders will be provided at this time. (M,NS,2.5) Leader: TBA
- 8:00 AM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – (EASY) – DAY 1 MORNING Plan on 3-4 miles with gentle uphill. Meet at the Sugarland Visitor Center. A 3-day schedule of all hikes will be provided at this time. (M,,NS,2.5) Leader: TBA
- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, April 7
- 9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, April 7
- 9:30 AM BOCA CIEGA, SEMINOLE, FL 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 through April. 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)
- 1:00 PM WILDFLOWER HIKE - FORT HARRISON SP This is the second of four spring wildflower hikes. From I-465 on the east side take 56th St heading east. If interested in lunch before the hike, join us at La Hacienda Mexican Restaurant at 56th St before Post Rd at 11:30 a.m. To get to park take left off of 56th St (north) on Post Rd and turn left into Fort Harrison SP (fee). Follow signs for the Delaware Lake parking lot. We will hike along Fall Creek for about 3 miles. (M,NS,2-2.5) (Map #18) Leader: Ed Wright (31-445-5646)
- 1:00 PM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – (MODERATE) – DAY 1 AFTERNOON Plan on about 5 miles. Meet at the Sugarland Visitor Center. (M,NS,2.5) Leader: TBA
- 1:00 PM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – (EASY) – DAY 1 AFTERNOON About 3-4 miles. Meet at Riverhouse at the Park parking area. (F,PS/NS,2.5) Leader: TBA
- 6:00 PM FRANCISCAN TRAIL See Tuesday, April 7

**Wednesday, April 15****Tax Day**

- 8:00 AM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – (EASY) – DAY 2 MORNING Hike will be about 5 miles with gentle hills. Location and leader will be announced at Tuesday morning's initial meeting. (M,NS,2.5) Leader: TBA
- 8:00 AM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – (MODERATE) – DAY 2 MORNING About will be about 5 miles with moderate hills. Location and leader will be announced at Tuesday morning's welcome meeting. (M,NS,2.5) Leader: TBA
- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, April 1
- 9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, April 1
- 9:00 AM ECHO HOLLOW NATURE PARK This will be an easy 4-mile hike on natural surface trails and the boardwalk. We will be hiking on some of the newer trails in the park. Restrooms available. The

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park is located at 7700 S CR 975E Plainfield,IN Hike repeats April 29, May 6 & 20 (M,NS/HS,2.5-3) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)

- 9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, April 1
- 10:00 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, April 1
- 1:00 PM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – (MODERATE) – DAY 2 AFTERNOON Hike will be about 5 miles with moderate hills. Location will be announced at Tuesday morning's welcome meeting. (M,NS,2,5) Leader: TBA
- 1:00 PM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – (EASY) – DAY 2 AFTERNOON About 2-3 miles. Meet at Riverhouse at the Park parking area. (F,PS/NS,2.5) Leader: TBA
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, April 1

#### Thursday, April 16

- 7:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL See Thursday, April 2
- 8:00 AM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – (EASY) – DAY 3 MORNING Hike will be about 4-4-5 miles with gentle hills. Location will be announced at Tuesday morning's initial meeting. (M,NS,2-5) Leader: TBA
- 8:00 AM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – (MODERATE) – DAY 3 MORNING Hike will be about 5-6 miles with moderate hills. Location will be announced at Tuesday morning's initial meeting. (M,NS,2.5) Leader: TBA
- 9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, April 2
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, April 2
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, April 2
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, April 2
- 9:30 AM GET BACK INTO HIKING See Thursday, April 2
- 1:00 PM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – (MODERATE) – DAY 3 AFTERNOON Hike will be about 5 miles. Location will be announced at Tuesday morning's welcome meeting. (M,NS,2.5) Leader: TBA
- 1:00 PM SMOKY MOUNTAINS – (EASY) – DAY 3 AFTERNOON About 3-4 miles. Location will be announced at Tuesday morning's initial meeting. (F,PS/NS,2.5) Leader: TBA
- 4:00 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, April 2
- 6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, April 2

#### Friday, April 17

- 7:30 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, April 3
- 8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, April 3
- 9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, April 3
- 9:00 AM EXPLORE FISHERS PARKS & TRAILS - FLAT FORK CREEK & BEE CAMP CREEK TRAILS  
Join me for a hike of self-guided 8-10 miles along the FLAT FORK CREEK TRAIL & BEE CAMP CREEK TRAIL. Meet at the FLAT FORK CREEK TRAILHEAD. (F,PS) Leader: Kelley Hale (973-985-3916)
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, April 3
- 6:00 PM BUTLER, CANAL TOWPATH AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See Friday, April 3

#### Saturday, April 18

- 8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, April 4
- 8:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING See Saturday, April 4
- 8:00 AM CARMEL MARATHON, HALF MARATHON, 10K, AND 5K Advance registration required as is packet pick-up the day before. Registration link and additional event info: [www.carmelmarathon.com](http://www.carmelmarathon.com). Self-guided with 26,13, 6, or 3-mile options. Call/text the leader to

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report your mileage. (**Challenging**,M,PS) Leader: Swati Gunale (317-847-0684,  
[swatigunale@yahoo.com](mailto:swatigunale@yahoo.com))

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, April 4

### Sunday, April 19

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, April 5

9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, April 5

### Monday, April 20

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, April 13

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, April 6

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. Spring blossoms and wildflowers 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, May 18. (Map #64)(F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

9:30 AM FALL CREEK WOODS NATURAL AREA See Monday, April 13

5:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, April 6

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

### Tuesday, April 21

7:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL See Thursday, April 2

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, April 7

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, April 7

9:30 AM SAWGRASS PARK, PINELLAS/ST.PETERSBURG, FL 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 through April. 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)

9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Tuesday, April 7

1:00 PM WILDFLOWER HIKE - FALL CREEK NATURAL AREA This is a relatively new park in east Fishers. Hike 3-4 miles in the woods on natural trails and a great place to see spring wildflowers. Expect some modest hills and ramps. Take I-69 north to exit 214. Turn right onto SR 13 toward Fortville. Turn right on CR W800S. Then a left onto CR S1000W continue for 2.7 miles. Fall Creek Woods Natural Area parking on your right (park is free). (M,NS,2-2.5) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

1:30 PM TUESDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Tuesday, April 7

6:00 PM FRANCISCAN TRAIL See Tuesday, April 7

### Wednesday, April 22

#### *Earth Day*

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, April 1

9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, April 1

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, April 1

10:00 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, April 1

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, April 1

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**Thursday, April 23**

- 7:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL See Thursday, April 2
- 9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, April 2
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, April 2
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, April 2
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, April 2
- 9:30 AM GET BACK INTO HIKING See Thursday, April 2
- 4:00 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, April 2
- 6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, April 2

**Friday, April 24** *Arbor Day*

- 7:30 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, April 3
- 8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, April 3
- 9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, April 3
- 9:00 AM HIKE IN THE WOODS - FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON SP See Friday, April 10
- 9:00 AM EXPLORE FISHERS PARKS & TRAILS - GEIST LOOP & FALL CREEK TRAIL Join me for a hike of self-guided 8-10 miles along the GEIST LOOP & FALL CREEK TRAIL. Meet at the BEE CAMP CREEK TRAILHEAD. (F,PS) Leader: Kelley Hale (973-985-3916)
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, April 3
- 9:30 AM WEST PARK, CARMEL We will walk in through and around West Park and some nearby Carmel neighborhoods for about 5 miles. We might even try the big hill. The address is 277 W 116th St, Carmel 46032. (M,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: June Sergi (317-372-3018)
- 6:00 PM BUTLER, CANAL TOWPATH AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See Friday, April 3

**Saturday, April 25** *Celebrate Trails Day*

- 8:00 AM CELEBRATE TRAILS DAY, AVON Join us to Celebrate Trails Day hike at Avon Town Hall Park as part of the Trail Mixers Festival Kickoff. We will hike two loops around the lake/trails at Avon Town Hall Park/Blue Heron Park. 6570 E US-36 Avon, IN. Park in the upper lot by the playground. After the hike stay for the vendors and other festivities going on to Celebrate Trails Day. (PS,F,2.5-3) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)
- 8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, April 4
- 8:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING See Saturday, April 4
- 9:30 AM MC CORMICK'S CREEK SP 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 Mc Cormick's Creek Rd, Spencer). Meet at the Nature Center. This will be a 5-mile hike on scenic natural trails. After the hike join us for lunch at the Crossroads 46 Diner in Spencer. (M,NS,2.5) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972)
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, April 4

**Sunday, April 26**

- 9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, April 5
- 9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, April 5
- 1:00 PM EXPLORING NATURE PRESERVES ON WEST SIDE EAGLE CREEK This is a 5-6-mile hike around nature preserves and trails on the west side of Eagle Creek. If coming from I-65, exit at 71st St and go east to Lafayette Rd. Go north on Lafayette Rd 1 mile to Traders Lane. Turn left and go 0.3 miles to Wilson Rd. Turn right on Wilson and go 0.7 miles to Fishback Rd. Turn left on Fishback Rd and go 0.2 miles. Turn left into Eagle Crest area (7201 Fishback Rd) where we will meet. (Maps #53) (M,NS,2.5) Leader: Terry Roesch (317-910-2943 cell)

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**Monday, April 27**

THIRD AND FINAL PART OF THE TRIPLE CROWN HIKE SERIES - KNOBSTONE TRAIL This is the first of four consecutive days of hiking the complete Knobstone Trail. This trail is approximately 60 miles long with a total 4-day accumulation of approximately 9,054-feet of elevation gain. Here is how we envision the four days to unfold. We will meet at the first trailhead the appointed time on April 27. We will be hiking KT north to south, and we will not be camping out. At the end of the first day's hike we will drive to Salem, Indiana where we will check into the recommended hotel. The following three days involve a car shuttle to the appropriate starting location and at the end of that day's hike shuttle back to the hotel in Salem. At the conclusion of the last hike, we will shuttle back to our cars in Salem. The individual hike descriptions are listed below and on the appropriate day.

If you are seriously interested in doing any part of this hike it is expected that you will contact the leaders of your intentions and obtain their approval to participate in advance. Same goes for any guests you propose to bring along. This will ensure that all hikers are aware of the rigorous terrain and are appropriately equipped and physically able to complete what they start, without disrupting the other hikers. Only pre-approved hikers will be given driving directions to the appropriate trailhead, start times, recommended hotel information in Salem, Indiana (for three nights) and car shuttle details. Bring clean shoes to change into after the hike and bag for muddy boots. Wear hiking boots or sturdy trail shoes. Bring trekking poles, headlamp with fresh batteries, rain gear, plenty of water, electrolytes, high energy snacks/lunch for each day that you plan on hiking. No restrooms at trailheads. Cell service unreliable. Leaders: Theresa Ray (317-627-1205, [tmrquincy@yahoo.com](mailto:tmrquincy@yahoo.com)) and Susan Sievers (317-513-5239, [susansievers11@gmail.com](mailto:susansievers11@gmail.com)) Happy Hiking!

- 8:00 AM INDIANA TRIPLE CROWN SERIES - KNOBSTONE TRAIL - DAY I The first hike day will be 12 miles on the Spurgeon Hollow Loop, the northern part of the KT, and includes a 1,509-foot altitude gain. All hikers are expected to read and comply with the general write-up listed on April 27. (**Challenging**,H,NS,2.5-3) Leaders: Theresa Ray (317-627-1205, [tmrquincy@yahoo.com](mailto:tmrquincy@yahoo.com)) and Susan Sievers (317-513-5239, [susansievers11@gmail.com](mailto:susansievers11@gmail.com))
- 9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, April 13
- 9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, April 6
- 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 May 11. (Map #57)(F,HS/PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)
- 5:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, April 6
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, April 6

**Tuesday, April 28**

- 7:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL See Thursday, April 2
- 8:00 AM INDIANA TRIPLE CROWN SERIES - KNOBSTONE TRAIL - DAY II The second day's hike will be 17 miles from Deam Lake to New Chapel and includes a 2,936-foot altitude gain. All hikers are expected to read and comply with the general write-up listed on April 27. (**Challenging**,H,NS,2.5-3) Leaders: Theresa Ray (317-627-1205, [tmrquincy@yahoo.com](mailto:tmrquincy@yahoo.com)) and Susan Sievers (317-513-5239, [susansievers11@gmail.com](mailto:susansievers11@gmail.com))
- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, April 7
- 9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, April 7
- 9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE Park at the Methodist church (no fee) at 6185 N. Guilford Ave, 1½ blocks south of Broad Ripple Ave. 5-mile hike of Broad Ripple and environs (Holliday Park, Marott Park, Monon

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Trail, Arden neighborhood, or Rocky Ripple). Join us for lunch in Broad Ripple afterwards. Hike repeats on May 12 & 26. (Map #65)(M,NS/HS/PS,2.5) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)

1:00 PM WILDFLOWER HIKE - MC CORMICK'S CREEK STATE PARK We usually see more varieties of spring wildflowers at this park than any other we visit. Also, there is a chance that Mary Ann Layman will join us on this hike. From I-465 SW, take SR 67 southwest to Spencer. Turn left on SR 46 and proceed to the park entrance(fee). We will meet at the Nature Center for a 2.5-4 mile hike. Those that want to come early and have lunch with other hikers meet at 11:30 a.m. at the Crossroad 46 Diner located in Spencer on SR 46 (661 W. Morgan St). (Map #24)(M,NS,2-2.5) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

6:00 PM FRANCISCAN TRAIL See Tuesday, April 7

### Wednesday, April 29

8:00 AM INDIANA TRIPLE CROWN SERIES - KNOBSTONE TRAIL - DAY III The third hike in the KT series will be 16 miles from New Chapel to Elk Creek and includes a 2,693-foot altitude gain. All hikers are expected to read and comply with the general write-up listed on April 27. (**Challenging**,H,NS,2.5-3) Leaders: Theresa Ray (317-627-1205, tnrquincy@yahoo.com) and Susan Sievers (317-513-5239, susansievers11@gmail.com)

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, April 1

9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, April 1

9:00 AM ECHO HOLLOW NATURE PARK See Wednesday, April 15

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, April 1

10:00 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, April 1

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, April 1

### Thursday, April 30

7:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL See Thursday, April 2

8:00 AM INDIANA TRIPLE CROWN SERIES - KNOBSTONE TRAIL - DAY IV The fourth and final hike on the KT series will be 12 miles from Elk Creek to Spurgeon and includes a 1,916-foot altitude gain. All hikers are expected to read and comply with the general write-up listed on April 27. (**Challenging**,H,NS,2.5-3) Leaders: Theresa Ray (317-627-1205, tnrquincy@yahoo.com) and Susan Sievers (317-513-5239, susansievers11@gmail.com)

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, April 2

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, April 2

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, April 2

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, April 2

9:30 AM GET BACK INTO HIKING See Thursday, April 2

4:00 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, April 2

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, April 2

### Friday, May 1

7:30 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, April 3

8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, April 3

9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, April 3

9:00 AM EXPLORE FISHERS PARKS & TRAILS - SAXONY LOOP & BROOKS SCHOOL LOOP Join me for a self-guided hike of 8-10 miles along the SAXONY LOOP & BROOKS SCHOOL LOOP. Meet at the SAXONY HALL TRAILHEAD. (F,PS) Leader: Kelley Hale (973-985-3916)

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, April 3

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9:30 AM 100 ACRE WOODS We will walk in through and around the 100 Acre Woods, including parts of the Canal towpath. It should be beautiful this time of year. We should see many spring wildflowers. This will be a 4 to-5-mile walk. From Michigan Rd and 38th St, Drive west on 38th St past the entrance to Newfields. Take the first right. There is a large sign that reads White River Parkway and a small sign that reads 100 Acres. Take the circle around into the parking lot where we will meet. (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: June Sergi (317-372-3018)

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

### Saturday, May 2

7:00 AM 500 FESTIVAL MINI MARATHON AND 5K This famous 13-mile and 3-mile self-guided hike starts and ends in downtown Indy. You will need to register for this event at [www.indymini.com](http://www.indymini.com) which includes race details. You can obtain club mileage credit by calling or emailing the leader, who will verify your completion through the 500 Festival website race results. (**Challenging**,F,PS) Leader: Kelley Hale (973-985-3916, [kelly2475@gmail.com](mailto:kelly2475@gmail.com))

8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, April 4

8:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING See Saturday, April 4

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, April 4

### Sunday, May 3

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, April 5

9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, April 5

1:30 PM SUNDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Sunday, April 12

2:00 PM DEVONSHIRES Join us on a 6-mile road hike though attractive and somewhat hilly neighborhoods which should be ablaze with spring color. Meet behind the Starbucks in the Avalon Crossing shopping center on the east side of Binford Blvd just south of 71st St. (M,PS,3) Leader: Michele Kestle (317-251-7157)

### Monday, May 4

7:00 AM SEVEN AT SEVEN Get your mileage completed before the heat of the day with this self-directed 7-mile hike through south Broad Ripple and beyond – on the Monon Trail. Other mileage options of 3 to 11 miles are also available. Meet at Canterbury Park, 5510 Carvel Ave - bathrooms available in the park after mid-May. Hike repeats on all Mondays and Wednesdays in May. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Laura Otten (317-378-9945)

9:00 AM MORNING CONSTITUTIONAL See Monday, April 6

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, April 6

9:30 AM TOWPATH, BUTLER UNIVERSITY AND ROCKY RIPPLE See Monday, April 6

9:30 AM FALL CREEK WOODS NATURAL AREA See Monday, April 13

5:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, April 6

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

### Tuesday, May 5

#### *Cinco de Mayo*

7:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL See Thursday, April 2

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, April 7

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, April 7

9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Tuesday, April 7

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

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for about 1/2 mile to Municipal Dr. Meet in the northeast corner of the Hamilton East Public Library Fishers parking lot, 5 E Municipal Drive (Lantern Rd at Municipal Dr). Hike repeats on May 19. (F,PS,3) Leader: John Lyghtel (317-626-9117)

6:00 PM FRANCISCAN TRAIL See Tuesday, April 7

### Wednesday, May 6

7:00 AM SEVEN AT SEVEN See Monday, May 4

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, April 1

9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, April 1

9:00 AM ECHO HOLLOW NATURE PARK See Wednesday, April 15

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, April 1

10:00 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, April 1

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, April 1

### Thursday, May 7

7:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL See Thursday, April 2

9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, April 2

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, April 2

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, April 2

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, April 2

9:30 AM GET BACK INTO HIKING See Thursday, April 2

4:00 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, April 2

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, April 2

### Friday, May 8

7:30 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, April 3

8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, April 3

9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, April 3

9:00 AM HIKE IN THE WOODS - FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON SP See Friday, April 10

9:00 AM EXPLORE FISHERS PARKS & TRAILS - CUMBERLAND PARK LOOP, RITCHEY WOODS LOOP & CHEENEY CREEK TRAIL Join me for a self-guided hike of 8-10 miles along the HERITAGE PARK LOOP & CUMBERLAND PARK LOOP. Meet at the CUMBERLAND PARK TRAILHEAD. (F,PS) Leader: Kelley Hale (973-985-3916)

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, April 3

6:00 PM OVER, AROUND AND THROUGH PURDUE AND IU See Friday, May 1

### Saturday, May 9

8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, April 4

8:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING See Saturday, April 4

9:30 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 Bluestream Lot in the park which has vault toilets on the way to our meeting spot if 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)

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9:30 AM GRIFFY LAKE NATURE PRESERVE BLOOMINGTON From I-465 S take I-69 S to Exit 120 (SR 46 E). Continue on SR 46 E to Matlock Rd. Turn onto Matlock / Headley Rd to Griffy Lake (3595 N Headley Rd Bloomington). After crossing the causeway turn right into the parking lot. This will be a 5-mile hike on scenic natural trails. After the hike plan on having lunch at a local restaurant. (M,NS,2.5) Leader: Edeltraud Evans (812-322-3972)

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, April 4

**Sunday, May 10** *Mother's Day*

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, April 5

9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, April 5

**Monday, May 11**

7:00 AM SEVEN AT SEVEN See Monday, May 4

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, April 13

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, April 6

9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE PARK AND BEYOND See Monday, April 27

5:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, April 6

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

**Tuesday, May 12**

7:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL See Thursday, April 2

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, April 7

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, April 7

9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE See Tuesday, April 28

10:00 AM SLOW AND EASY IN MORGAN MONROE STATE FOREST Join us for a 5-mile hike with shorter options on the paved trail in Morgan Monroe State Forest that parallels Forest Rd. This hike is in the woods and includes only a few modest hills and the spring color should make it very pretty. Directions: From I-465 S take I-69 south and go the first exit south of Martinsville to Liberty Church exit (look for Morgan Monroe SF sign). Take Liberty Church exit and turn left and go to the first crossroad (Old SR 37), turn right and follow Old SR 37, staying right at the Hacker Creek Rd curve. It is 4.0 miles from where you turn on to Old SR 37 to the forest entrance. When you reach the forest entrance drive 4.5 miles on Forest Rd to the campground where the fire tower is. We will walk back toward the forest entrance on the paved trail for 2.5 miles and turn around. Restrooms are available near the Fire Tower. After the hike join us for lunch in Martinsville. (Map #28)(F,PS,2.5) Leader: Marthene Kohlmeyer (317-849-5051)

1:30 PM TUESDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Tuesday, April 7

6:00 PM FRANCISCAN TRAIL See Tuesday, April 7

**Wednesday, May 13**

7:00 AM SEVEN AT SEVEN See Monday, May 4

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, April 1

9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, April 1

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, April 1

9:30 AM BETLEY WOODS AT GLACIER'S END NATURE PRESERVE See Wednesday, April 8

10:00 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, April 1

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, April 1

**Thursday, May 14**

7:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL See Thursday, April 2

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- 9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, April 2  
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, April 2  
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, April 2  
9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, April 2  
9:30 AM GET BACK INTO HIKING See Thursday, April 2  
4:00 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, April 2  
6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, April 2

**Friday, May 15**

- 7:30 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, April 3  
8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, April 3  
9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, April 3  
9:00 AM EXPLORE FISHERS PARKS & TRAILS - HOLLAND PARK & CONNER TRAIL Join me for a self-guided hike of 8-10 miles along the HOLLAND PARK (NEIGHBORHOOD) & CONNER TRAIL. Meet at the HOLLAND PARK TRAILHEAD. (F,PS) Leader: Kelley Hale (973-985-3916)  
9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, April 3  
6:00 PM OVER, AROUND AND THROUGH PURDUE AND IU See Friday, May 1

**Saturday, May 16**

- 8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, April 4  
8:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING See Saturday, April 4  
9:30 AM MORGAN MONROE STATE FOREST From I-465 S take I-69 south to Liberty Church Rd just south of Martinsville. Turn left off of the ramp and then an immediate right onto Hacker Creek/Old SR 37 S. Follow this country road 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 Sweedy Hollow Nature Preserve and by the eponymous feature the trail is named for. (M,NS,3) Leader: Aaron Shifron (812-272-6926)  
10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, April 4

**Sunday, May 17**

- 9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, April 5  
9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, April 5  
1:30 PM SUNDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Sunday, April 12

**Monday, May 18**

- 7:00 AM SEVEN AT SEVEN See Monday, May 4  
9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, April 13  
9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, April 6  
9:30 AM PRATHER PARK IN CARMEL See Monday, April 20  
1:00 PM BOOK CLUB HIKE - FORT HARRISON STATE PARK Book for May is *The German Wife* by Kelly Rimmer. A story of WW II. After the discussion there will be a 4-mile hike with shorter options. You do not have to read the book to join in the discussion and hike. From I-465 NE go East on 56th St. turn left on Post Road then left into the park (fee). Meet at the Cherry Tree Parking lot. After entering the park turn right at the first street then left into the Cherry Tree lot. Restrooms available. (M,NS,2.3-3) Leader: Linda Whitt (317-501-5038)  
5:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, April 6  
6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, April 6

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**Tuesday, May 19**

- 7:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL See Thursday, April 2
- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, April 7
- 9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, April 7
- 9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Tuesday, April 7
- 2:00 PM DOWNTOWN FISHERS ON THE NICKEL PLATE TRAIL See Tuesday, May 5
- 6:00 PM FRANCISCAN TRAIL See Tuesday, April 7

**Wednesday, May 20**

- 7:00 AM SEVEN AT SEVEN See Monday, May 4
- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, April 1
- 9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, April 1
- 9:00 AM ECHO HOLLOW NATURE PARK See Wednesday, April 15
- 9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, April 1
- 10:00 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, April 1
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, April 1

**Thursday, May 21**

- 7:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL See Thursday, April 2
- 9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, April 2
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, April 2
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, April 2
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, April 2
- 9:30 AM GET BACK INTO HIKING See Thursday, April 2
- 4:00 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, April 2
- 6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, April 2

**Friday, May 22**

- 7:30 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, April 3
- 8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, April 3
- 9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, April 3
- 9:00 AM HIKE IN THE WOODS - FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON SP See Friday, April 10
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, April 3
- 6:00 PM OVER, AROUND AND THROUGH PURDUE AND IU See Friday, May 1

**Saturday, May 23**

- 8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, April 4
- 8:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING See Saturday, April 4
- 9:30 AM RAILS TO TRAILS SOUTH BLOOMINGTON See Saturday, April 4
- 9:30 AM 500 FESTIVAL PARADE Join in the fun of marching in the 500 Festival parade in downtown Indianapolis. This will be a 1.5-mile parade route (credit for a 2-mile hike). You must register in advance at [500festival.com/volunteer/](http://500festival.com/volunteer/) to select your role (balloon handler, band escort, flag carrier, equine, specialty unit escort). The festival will inform you of your meeting site and time along with more information specific to the role you choose. If you sign up before 5:00 PM on April 9, you'll also receive an invitation to Volunteer Appreciation Day at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on May 16 which includes two tickets to qualifications and lunch that day. You can sign in with the hike leader after the parade at the pizza party or by sending me an email

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(debbiebucholz@hotmail.com). Be sure to RSVP if you're coming so I can look for you. (F,PS,2)  
Leader: Debbie Bucholz (317-361-9210)

10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, April 4

### Sunday, May 24

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, April 5

9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, April 5

2:00 PM LAKE CLEARWATER Meet in main parking lot of the Super Walmart in front 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: Michele Kestle (317-251-7157)

### Monday, May 25 *Memorial Day*

7:00 AM SEVEN AT SEVEN See Monday, May 4

9:00 AM CLEAR THE COBWEBS See Monday, April 13

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, April 6

9:30 AM MEMORIAL DAY AT CROWN HILL CEMETERY Enjoy our annual visit to Crown Hill Cemetery on Memorial Day, when all of the veterans' graves will feature American Flags. We may also encounter Civil War reenactors. 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 park behind the large limestone mausoleum on both sides of the street. Hike includes options of 3, 4 and 5 miles. (Map #42)(M,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

5:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, April 6

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

### Tuesday, May 26

7:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL See Thursday, April 2

9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, April 7

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, April 7

9:30 AM BROAD RIPPLE See Tuesday, April 28

1:30 PM TUESDAY AFTERNOON ON THE B&O See Tuesday, April 7

6:00 PM FRANCISCAN TRAIL See Tuesday, April 7

### Wednesday, May 27

7:00 AM SEVEN AT SEVEN See Monday, May 4

9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, April 1

9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, April 1

9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, April 1

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, April 1

4:30 PM HUMMEL PARK SUMMER FUN RUN & WALK SERIES First walk in the 10-walk series, see write-up in Future Events describing the full 10 walk series that will take place in Hendrick's County Parks through August. This hike will be led by Karen at 4:30 p.m. Hike can also be accomplished self-guided on your own at any time during Wednesday through the following Tuesday, as the route will be marked. To receive mileage credit if you do the hike as self-guided (will be recorded on May 27), scan the QR code at each hike and send the information to Karen LeClerc ([kmleclerc58@gmail.com](mailto:kmleclerc58@gmail.com) or text 920-883-9477). Details for parking location, route and mileage will

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be sent out when they become available from the Parks Foundation. (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)

**Thursday, May 28**

- 7:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL See Thursday, April 2
- 9:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, April 2
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, April 2
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, April 2
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, April 2
- 9:30 AM GET BACK INTO HIKING See Thursday, April 2
- 4:00 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, April 2
- 6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, April 2

**Friday, May 29**

- 7:30 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, April 3
- 8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, April 3
- 9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, April 3
- 9:00 AM EXPLORE FISHERS PARKS & TRAILS - WHITE RIVER PARK & HERITAGE PARK LOOP Join me for a self-guided hike of 8-10 miles along the FISHERS WHITE RIVER PARK & HERITAGE PARK LOOP. Meet at the AMBASSADOR HOUSE TRAILHEAD. (F,PS) Leader: Kelley Hale (973-985-3916)
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, April 3
- 6:00 PM OVER, AROUND AND THROUGH PURDUE AND IU See Friday, May 1

**Saturday, May 30**

- 8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, April 4
- 8:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE EARLY SATURDAY MORNING See Saturday, April 4
- 9:30 AM MC CLOUD NATURE PARK / PERILLO'S This is a 232-acre park with woods, glacial ravines, prairies, a restored 100+ yr. old truss bridge over Big Walnut Creek and observable live honeybee hives (in season). Meet at the Nature Center parking lot for a 5–6-mile hike. From I-465 W merge onto I-74 at Exit 16B. Travel about 21 miles to SR 75, Exit 52. Turn left onto SR 75 and travel about 6.5 miles through North Salem. Turn right at the intersection of SR 75 and W CR 500 N. You are now on Hughes Rd. Continue 1.5 mi. to the park. From the south side, take I-465 W to US 36 (Rockville Rd) and travel about 21 miles to SR75. Turn right and travel about 6 miles to Hughes Rd. Turn left onto Hughes Rd traveling 1.5 mi. to the park. Join us at always fun Perillo's Pizzeria after the hike. Note: CASH only, no credit cards. (Map #62) (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Terry Roesch (317-910-2943-cell)
- 10:00 AM TEN AT TEN See Saturday, April 4

**Sunday, May 31**

- 9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, April 5
- 9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, April 5

**FUTURE EVENTS:**

**SUMMER FUN RUN & WALK SERIES IN HENDRICKS COUNTY - May 27–August 17** Karen LeClerc will be scheduling weekly hikes for the Summer Fun Run & Walk Series sponsored by the Hendricks County Parks Department. A series of 10 walks/hikes in the series. One each at the following parks: Hummel Park (see May 27 this schedule), Williams Park, Gibbs Park, Gary Eakin Park, Vandalia Trail/Amo, Echo Hollow, Avon Town

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Hall Park, McCloud Nature Park, Washington Township Park, Scamahorn Park, Talon Stream Park and Virgil Park/B&O Trail. Although registration is not mandatory to receive IHC mileage credit, if you are interested in registering for the walks (\$35) to support the parks and have the option to purchase a tee shirt use this link:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/IN/Danville/ParksFoundationofHendricksCountySummerFunRunSeries>

Details for each walk/hike will be listed in the hike schedule. These will be scheduled on a specific day with a leader, or the hikes can be done self-guided any day during the same week. The routes will be marked from Wednesday through the following Tuesday each week. To get credit for the hike scan the QR code at each hike and send the information to Karen LeClerc ([kmleclerc58@gmail.com](mailto:kmleclerc58@gmail.com) or 920-883-9477) to get your mileage added.

**INDIANAPOLIS INDIANS BASEBALL GAME – Sunday, July 12** Once again, Debbie Bucholz will organize a group outing to the game against the Toledo Mudhens. She has reserved the date and a block of tickets which may be purchased from her at a discounted price closer to game day.

**OLDENBERG FREUDENFEST – Saturday, July 18** Once again our club will be visiting Oldenberg for their annual Wanderung 10 K trail hike, ethnic food and other celebrations of German heritage (<https://www.freudenfest.com/>). Any questions contact Michele Kestle at 317-251-7157.

**ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC – Saturday, July 25** Once again at Eagle Creek Park with free entry to the park. Three hikes are planned to start at 10:00 a.m. The picnic will commence at noon when the hikers return.

**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 Kinsman, 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](mailto: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](mailto:4hickory1950@gmail.com) or 812-968-9487.

**REVISITING BURR OAK STATE PARK IN OHIO AFTER 50 YEARS - October 14-16** Burr Oak State Park is in Ohio about 25 miles from Hocking Hills State Park. Our club last hiked there 50 years ago. We will be visiting again from Wednesday-Friday October 14-16, 2026. We will do morning and afternoon hikes on Thursday and Friday morning. The Park is super with a long lake, hills, and forests. The Park has a newly renovated lodge and 30 cabins. The lodge sits on a hill overlooking the lake. It has an indoor swimming pool. Cabins are large and fully equipped and can easily sleep 5 people. Burr Oak SP has held places for us in the lodge and cabins. With our group discount, lodge rates are \$119 and cabin rates are \$129 per night + tax. Please book soon. To make a reservation call 800—282-7275 and make sure to identify yourself as an Indianapolis Hiking Club member. For more information about the park, the lodge and the cabins check out their website at <https://www.stayburroak.com/> . Any questions can be directed to the trip organizer Mervyn Cohen at [mecohen@iu.edu](mailto:mecohen@iu.edu) or 317 417-2628.

**WINTER BANQUET - January 9, 2027**

**GULF SHORES, ALABAMA - SATURDAY FEBRUARY 13 - 19, 2027** Saturday is considered a travel day. Travel time is approximately 12 hours. GPS is the best option to find your way there since not everyone will be staying at the same location. There will be no block of rooms reserved. Everyone will be responsible for making their own lodging accommodations. I can make recommendations for places to stay. A total of 10 hikes will be offered during the week. The first hike will be after the Meet and Greet session on Sunday afternoon. There will be a morning and afternoon hike Mon-Thurs with only one hike on Fri for those that may still be in town. More details will be sent out as the date gets closer. Karen LeClerc [kmleclerc58@gmail.com](mailto:kmleclerc58@gmail.com) or 920-883-9477.

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**SEVEN for SEVENTY - Throughout 2027** Mervyn Cohen, Indianapolis Hiking Club Historian, has organized a committee to identify a dozen new unique locations in Indiana that the Club has never hiked before. Seven of which will be hiked during fair weather months in 2027, to celebrate our Club's 70th birthday which will occur on January 23, 2027. Although they do not need additional committee members, the team is open to new ideas and locations that you suggest they consider, so feel free to contact Mervyn at [mecohen@iu.edu](mailto:mecohen@iu.edu) or 317-873-6586 with any suggestions you have.

**PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW AND REINSTATED ® MEMBERS:**

Phil Majer	Indianapolis, IN	Web Brewer	Indianapolis, IN
Linda Walker ®	Plainfield, IN	Mary Power	Indianapolis, IN
Kevin D. Mar	Greenwood, IN	Mike Price	Indianapolis, IN
Rachel Orr	Noblesville, IN	Kenneth Hall	Indianapolis, IN
Tammy Wolverton	Indianapolis, IN	Mary Ann Lally	Indianapolis, IN
Keith Might	Indianapolis, IN	Ken Crawford	Greenwood, IN
Lydia Brannin	Lafayette, IN	Laura Feste	Carmel, IN
Suzanne Smeltzer	Nobleville, IN	Debra O'Brien	Indianapolis, IN
Angelia Ridgway	Avon, IN	Brock Ridgway	Avon, IN

**RECENT MILEAGE AWARDS:**

Allan Roberts	56,500	Marian Fahy	3,500	Rosie Hughes	1,000
Rick Kinnaman	42,000	Delaram Moghaddam	3,500	Terie Schaeffer	400
Jill McFall	40,000	Sandy Duncan	3,500	Julie Ayer	300
Cherie Voegel	37,000	John Wagner	3,000	Winde Hamrick	300
Tish Brafford	29,500	Jan Adams	2,000	Barb Bates	300
Dewey Conces	17,500	Nancy Garland	2,000	Debra Barnes	200
Cheryl Conces	17,500	Judy Kothe	2,000	John Phillips	200
Phil Smith	15,500	Linda Crawford	2,000	Deb McCuiston	200
Daymon Evans	11,500	Richard Stroup	1,500	Kimberly Teeters	200
Joan Griffiths	9,000	Laura Otten	1,500	Tina Wilson	100
Christine Nitz	8,500	Cathy Thomas	1,500	Stephen Hastings	100
Mike Lindstedt	8,000	Allen Pekar	1,500	Mary Power	100
Sandra Nichols	6,500	Ken Coad	1,000	Sangreeta Kalia	100
John Triplet	5,500	Laurell Kinnaman	1,000		
Patrick Eaton	3,500				

**MEMBER NEWS:** We offer the best to the following member who is recovering from an injury:

**Rick Wortman** who is recovering from a broken arm and other injuries, suffered on a hike he was leading in January, is back hiking again doing 3, 4 and occasionally 5-mile hikes on mostly level terrain and at a moderate pace. He still has a few weeks until he will be comfortable leading again.

**NOTE OF APPRECIATION:** I wish to thank the members of the IHC for the cards that I have received as I continue my cancer journey. I have received several cards signed by many members, one from Eagle Creek Hikers and one from those that were at the Winter Weekend and was so pleased that I knew all those that signed the cards. Wonderful. They make me feel cared for and special. Thanks, *Mary Ann Layman*

**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 Terry Roesch, 1698 Ginseng Trail, Avon, IN 46123, [troesch1@indy.rr.com](mailto:troesch1@indy.rr.com), 317-910-2943. To become a

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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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