



The Indianapolis Hiking Club

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Happiness - A Step at a Time

SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 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.

CHALLENGING HIKE	TERRAIN		SURFACE	SPEED
	H (Hilly)	Continuously	NS Natural, mainly soft	Hiking speed in MPH
Challenging	M (Mixed)	Hilly & Flat	HS Packed dirt or gravel	not including breaks
or blank	F (Flat)	Few Hills	PS Concrete or black top	(e.g., 3.0 is 20 min/mi)

Guests are welcome on all hikes - no fee. Hikers should arrive at the meeting location at least 10 minutes early, because it is a Club tradition to start the hike on time. Interested in leading a hike? Contact Pathfinders: Jean Ballinger (317-696-2120) jeanballinger77@gmail.com for weekend hikes or Ed Wright (317-445-5646) ewright@indyhike.org for weekdays. Any additions or changes to the hike schedule after it has been finalized (e.g., new hike added, hike cancellation or revised start time) will be announced to all members via a Broadcast email and a website Home page news entry. Details will be available only on the Club website *calendar function* and not in the printed schedule or the .pdf schedule saved on the website Hike Schedule page.

ANNUAL PICNIC: Just a reminder that our annual Club picnic will be on Saturday, July 25 at Shelter A in Eagle Creek Park. See the July schedule for details. Entry to the park will be free that day for all members and their invited guests. Four hikes will begin at 10 a.m. and the picnic will start at 12:00 noon.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY: The Club's annual meeting will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Indianapolis on Thursday, September 10 (see write-up in this schedule for directions). All members are encouraged to attend. The church lobby will be open at 6 p.m. for members to socialize and enjoy some snacks and beverages. At 6:30 p.m. we will have a brief business meeting during which you will be asked to elect officers for the new Club Year (see the slate of officers in the write-up on September 10). After the business meeting, we will then enjoy a talk by Emilie Sweet an Interpretive Naturalist from Fort Benjamin Harrison State Park.

ITEMS OF NOTE IN THIS SCHEDULE: In this schedule you may choose any of 331 hikes scheduled during August and September. In addition to the regular recurring weekday and weekend hikes, including several State Park and SRA choices, there are quite a few early and late in the day "beat the heat" options. The following hikes deserve a closer look. Two Book Club Hikes have been scheduled on Monday, August 24, by Karen Klimowitch and Tuesday, September 29, by Phil Coons. On August 8, the Other Thursday Morning hike is making its annual visit to the State Fair Grounds on the day before the fair opens. Or the always fun Ride the Red Line/Hike the Monon hike on Friday, September 4 led by Konnie Schlechte. For our hearty hikers there are three **Challenging** hikes on this schedule on Monday, August 3, Saturday, September 12 and Saturday, September 19. And for our folks new to hiking or recovering from an illness or injury, Karen LeClerc has several Slow and Easy Hike options scattered throughout the schedule, including every Thursday morning in Eagle Creek Park. And what a fine way to wrap up the summer with an I Hike For Ice Cream hike on Friday, August 21 led by Konnie Schlechte.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER: Dear Fellow Hikers,

There are many first-class hikes listed in this schedule; so please check them out. Also, a reminder to hydrate, wear sun protection, know your hiking limits, put on bug spray and to check for ticks after hiking.

If you see a reference at the end of a hike description in the following format (Map #24), access a Google map pointing to the hike meeting location at www.indyhike.org/hikelocations.shtml.

Please attend our General Assembly on September 10th. It is a modified business meeting, where a list of nominees for elected offices is presented and voted on. It is preceded by a social time with light hors d'oeuvres. And it is followed by a guest speaker with a topic relevant to our club. This year we have an Interpretive Naturalist from Fort Benjamin Harrison State Park slated to speak. So, it's all a win-win in my opinion, and a nice club event.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your President this past year. It has been a very positive experience, and I am grateful for the opportunity. I have the most respect for our board and support staff who spend countless hours making our club run smoothly. And now for my last Public Service Announcement - If you are ever approached to be on the Hiking Club board, I sincerely hope that you give it serious consideration. Take it from me, it would be a great learning experience and a wonderful chance to help our club.

Sincerely,
Cathy Fischer
IHC President

HIKE SCHEDULE:

Saturday, August 1

- 7:30 AM RISE AND SHINE Meet at the Broad Ripple Methodist Church, 6185 Guilford Ave for an 8-mile guided hike. Hike will be done in time for those that wish to do the Ten at Ten. Hike repeats each Saturday in August and September. (Map #65)(F,P/NS,3.5-4) Leader: Rick Braun (317-679-2972)
- 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 August and September. (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 August and September. (Map #65)(F,NS) Leader: Rick Kinnaman (317-407-9746)

Sunday, August 2

- 9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING Meet in front of 6220 Carrollton Ave for a guided 6-mile hike with the option for up to 4 additional (self-guided) miles. The parking lot in the 6200 block of Carrollton is no longer free, so please park on the street south of Broad Ripple Ave using the 6100 & 6200 blocks of Carrollton Ave. Use 6220 Carrollton Ave for GPS address. Repeats each Sunday in August and September. (Map #16) (F,PS,3-3.25) Leader: John Triplett (317-409-3302)
- 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 August and September. (Map #70)(F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Marti Burton (317-306-9878)
- 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 August 16, September 6 and 27. (Map #81)(F,PS) Leader: Kae Ramey (317-701-5805 cell)

Monday, August 3

- 7:00 AM SEVEN AT SEVEN Get your mileage completed before the heat of the day with this self-guided 7-mile hike through South Broad Ripple and beyond – on the Monon. Other mileage options of 3 to 11 miles have been mapped and are also available. Meet at Canterbury Park, 5510 Carvel Avenue - bathrooms available in the park. Hike repeats on Mondays and Wednesdays in August and September at 7:30 a.m. (Map #76)(F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Laura Otten (317-378-9945)

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- 8:00 AM MORGAN MONROE STATE FOREST This will be a 10-mile brisk hike on the Low Gap/Rock Shelter/Tecumseh trail. Meet at Morgan Monroe State Forest office. From I-465 S take I-69 south to Liberty Church Rd just south of Martinsville. Turn left and go over I-69 and then an immediate right onto Hacker Creek/Old SR 37 S. Follow this about four miles and turn left into Morgan Monroe State Forest. Continue five miles to the office. Please let me know if you're coming. Cell service is unreliable. Bathrooms are available. Bring water and snacks. (Map #28) (Challenging, M, NS, 3-3.5) Leader: Theresa Ray (317-627-1205)
- 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, September 7. (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 August and September. (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 break on the hike. Hike has options of 3, 4 and 5 miles. Hike repeats on Monday, September 7. (Map #79) (F, PS/NS, 2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)
- 5:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE Note earlier start time beginning in August for this hike. Meet at the Broad Ripple Methodist Church at 6135 Guilford Ave for a hike of 5-6 miles. Hike repeats every Monday on August and September. (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 August and September. (Map #25) (F, PS, 3.5) Leader: Rick Braun (317-679-2972)

Tuesday, August 4

- 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 August at 7:00 a.m. and September at 7:30 p.m. (Map #74) (M, PS) Hike Leader: Dewey Conces (317-371-0068)
- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL This is a 1-12 mile self-guided hike (most people do 5-8 miles) on the Monon Trail and/or nearby neighborhoods. From the intersection of 116th St and Westfield Blvd/Rangeline Rd in Carmel go south to Central Park Dr (first intersection on right). Turn right (west) on Central Park Dr and go to the parking lot. Meet in the north end of the parking lot close to the Monon trail. Hike repeats every Tuesday in August and September. (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 lower parking lot by baseball diamonds. Hike repeats every Tuesday in August and September. (Map #61) (M, NS, 2.5-3) Leader: Debbie Bucholz (317-361-9210)
- 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). Hike repeats August 18 and September 8 & 22. (Map #18) (M, NS, 2.5) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)

Wednesday, August 5

- 7:00 AM SEVEN AT SEVEN See Monday, August 3

- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS This 7-9 mile brisk all trail hike is a great way to stay in shape. Meet in Eagle Creek Park (fee) at lot just inside the 56th St entrance, just west of the Colts training facility. Hike repeats each Wednesday in August and September. 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 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 August and September. (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 August and September. (Map #41) (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Harold Crooks (317-730-4850)
- 10:00 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK Join me for a 4-5 mile self-guided walk starting at Pike Library, 6525 Zionsville Rd. We will walk through Robin Run Village and continue to Northwestway Park then back to the library. Shorter and longer options are available. Park in the lot behind the library along the fence. Hike repeats each Wednesday in August and September. (Map #73)(F,PS) Leader: Joan Griffiths (317-297-7312)
- 6:00 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 August and September. (Map #34)(F,PS,3.5) Leader: Janet Cohen (317-508-8523 or 317-417-2628)
- 6:00 PM SUMMER FUN RUN AND WALK SERIES: TALON STREAM PARK The final two Hendricks County Parks are included this month: today and August 12 respectively. See write-up in the June/July schedule on June 3 describing the complete hike series including do it yourself options. This second to the last hike will be 3 miles on the designated paved course. There are a few good inclines on this course. Restrooms available. 5344 Pike Rd, Plainfield, IN (on the left of the Plainfield Rec Center). Follow the signs for parking. (M,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-83-9477)

Thursday, August 6

- 7:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL See Tuesday, August 4
- 8:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE - TOUR THE STATE FAIR Today only, we will hike south on the Fall Creek trail all the way to the State Fair which we will explore while they are preparing for the fair's opening day on Friday. Accordingly, this will be an 8-mile hike. For those wishing a shorter 4-5 mile option, see below for different meeting time and location. Those doing the full 8 miles should 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. Next week the hike reverts to its usual 6-mile route north to Skiles Test Park and back. Hike repeats every Thursday in August and September at an earlier 8:00 a.m. start time to beat the summer heat. (Map #45)(F,PS) Leaders: Tish Brafford (317-531-6700 cell) or JoAnne Starzyk (317-771-0914)

For those desiring a 4-5 mile option (today only), which will include the tour of the State Fair grounds, plan to meet at 8:45 a.m. at 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. Suggest you leave nothing of value visible in your car. Eight-mile hikers should be meeting you soon.

- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE This is the first of four very popular hikes in Eagle Creek Park every Thursday morning. 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 about 1/2 mile and turn left on Walnut Point Rd. Shortly after you turn, turn left into 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 August and September. 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 #80)(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) 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)
- 5:00 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 August and September. (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 August and September. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Rick Braun (317-679-2972)

Friday, August 7

- 7:00 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 August and September. 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 August and September. (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 August and September. (Map #66)(M,NS,3-3.5) Leader: Phil Smith (317-443-3955)
- 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 August and September. (Map #52)(F,NS/PS,3-3.5)
Leader: David Kincaid (317-787-6593)

6:00 PM OVER, AROUND AND THROUGH PURDUE AND IU Meet in downtown Shapiro's Deli lot, 808 S. Meridian St, for a 6-mile hike. Please park in the rear of the lot away from the restaurant entrance. Hike repeats every Friday in August. (Map #41) (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Jim Griffin (317-294-1121)

Saturday, August 8

7:30 AM RISE AND SHINE See Saturday, August 1

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

8:30 AM CARMEL FARMERS MARKET Meet at the parking lot around the fountain in Carmel near the gazebo for a 4 to 5 mile hike. The address is 3 Civic Square, Carmel 46032. The hike will end at the Carmel Farmers Market and you can enjoy some fresh fruits, vegetables (great corn), live music and other treats. It will be a short walk from there back to your cars. (F,PS,2-2.5) Leader: June Sergi (317-372-3018)

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

Sunday, August 9

9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, August 2

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, August 2

Monday, August 10

7:00 AM SEVEN AT SEVEN See Monday, August 3

8:30 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 lot is on your right. Hike repeats on August 31 and September 14 & 28. (Map #82)(M,NS,2.5-3) Leader Pam Marusic (216 469-1494)

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. Leader may offer a 10 or 12-mile option. Hike repeats on all Mondays in August and September, except August 3 and September 7. (Map #40)(M,PS,3.5) Leader: Mary Barbara Miller (317-220-9593)

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, August 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. 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 September 14. (Map #42)(M,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

5:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, August 3

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, August 3

Tuesday, August 11

7:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL See Tuesday, August 4

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

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, August 4

9:30 AM ENJOY BROAD RIPPLE Park at the Methodist church (no fee) at 6185 N. Guilford Ave, 1½ blocks south of Broad Ripple Ave. This will be a 5-mile hike of Broad Ripple and environs, including: Holliday Park, Marott Park, Monon Trail, Arden neighborhood, or Rocky Ripple. Hike repeats August 25 and September 15 & 29 (Map #65) (M,NS/HS/PS,2.5) 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 August 18 and September 15 & 29. (Map #81)(F,PS) Leader: Kae Ramey (317-701-5805 cell)
- 6:30 PM THE LEVEE AT MORSE RESERVOIR This will be a new 5-mile hike on paved trails in and around Morse Reservoir. Park at Morse Park & Beach parking lot. From SR 38 in west Noblesville take Hague Rd north to 196th St, turn left and follow to Morse Park & Beach. We will stop at Wolfies halfway for refreshments and light meal. Bathrooms are available at the beginning of the hike and then at Wolfies. Repeats on Tuesday September 8. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Martha Rivera June (317-750-6895)

Wednesday, August 12

- 7:00 AM SEVEN AT SEVEN See Monday, August 3
- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, August 5
- 9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, August 5
- 9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, August 5
- 10:00 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, August 5
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, August 5
- 6:00 PM SUMMER FUN RUN AND WALK SERIES: VIRGIL PARK/B&O TRAIL This is the final hike in Hendricks County Parks hike series. See write-up in the June/July schedule on June 3 describing the complete series, including do it yourself options. This will be a 4-mile hike on the designated course. A small portion of the hike will be on gravel leading out to the B&O. Restrooms available. 9145 E 300 N. Brownsburg. Follow signs for designated parking. (F,PS/HS,2.5-3) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)

Thursday, August 13

- 7:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL See Tuesday, August 4
- 8:00 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 August and September. (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 See Thursday, August 6
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, August 6
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, August 6
- 9:30 AM GET BACK INTO HIKING See Thursday, August 6
- 5:00 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, August 6
- 6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, August 6

Friday, August 14

- 7:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, August 7
- 7:30 AM HIKE IN THE WOODS - FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON 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, August 28 and September 11 & 25, when the start time reverts to 8:30 a.m. (Map #18)(M,NS,2.5-3) Leaders: Bev Hoopingarner (317-695-1419) or Pam Marusic (216-469-1494)
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Saturday, August 15

7:30 AM RISE AND SHINE See Saturday, August 1

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

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

Sunday, August 16

9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, August 2

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, August 2

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

Monday, August 17

7:00 AM SEVEN AT SEVEN See Monday, August 3

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

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, August 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 on 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, September 21. (Map #64)(F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

5:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, August 3

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, August 3

Tuesday, August 18

7:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL See Tuesday, August 4

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

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, August 4

9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Tuesday, August 4

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

Wednesday, August 19

7:00 AM SEVEN AT SEVEN See Monday, August 3

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

9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, August 5

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

10:00 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, August 5

6:00 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, August 5

Thursday, August 20

7:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL See Tuesday, August 4

8:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, August 13

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

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

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

9:30 AM GET BACK INTO HIKING See Thursday, August 6

5:00 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, August 6

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, August 6

7:00 PM RUN 317 RACE SERIES – SPEEDWAY This is the fourth race in a five-race series, which began on June 11. All races will start at 7 p.m. on a Thursday night at a different location. This race will begin in Speedway. Please consider joining for all or a subset of these races, which support five different charities and include five post-race parties, food and a tee shirt. To participate you must register and pay a fee which is dependent on how many events you attend. Details of the 317 Series, including how to register, locations and fees are available at www.run317.com. You will earn 3 miles IHC credit for each race you attend by texting or emailing the leader who will verify your completion through the Run 317 website. Contact Kelley if you have any questions and to inform her that you will be participating. The final race in the 317 Race Series will take place on Thursday, September 24. (F,PS) Leader: Kelley Hale (973-985-3916, kelley2475@gmail.com)

Friday, August 21

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

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

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

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, August 7

11:00 AM I HIKE FOR ICE CREAM Let's hike for ice cream one more time this summer. Meet at Meadowood Park, 5700 Meadowood Dr, Speedway. Parking is located on the far side of the park off School Drive. We will walk through Speedway neighborhoods to Fundae's Ice Cream & Sweets on Main St for a delicious treat, and then back to the park. Total distance will be about 5 miles. (F,PS,2.5) Leader: Konnie Schlechte (317-417-5112 cell)

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

Saturday, August 22

7:30 AM RISE AND SHINE See Saturday, August 1

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

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

Sunday, August 23

9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, August 2

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, August 2

Monday, August 24

7:00 AM SEVEN AT SEVEN See Monday, August 3

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

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, August 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. Hike options of 3, 4 and 5 miles. We will start with a restroom break at the Community Center. Hike repeats on September 28. (Map #57)(F,HS/PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

9:30 AM BOOK CLUB HIKE - OVERLY WORMAN PARK AND ZIONSVILLE TRAILS Before the hike read *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks. Meet at the playground in Overly Worman Park, which is at the end of Godello Circle in Vonterra subdivision, Zionsville, 46077. There is a parking lot at the playground. Overflow parking in the leader's driveway at 10263 Durella Circle or on street. Please do not block mailboxes or driveways. Discussion will be after the hike at the park pavilion or leader's house. This hike will be 3-4 miles on paved and natural surfaces depending on weather. You do not need to read the book to join the hike and discussion. (M,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Karen Klimowitch (760-310-3864)

5:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, August 3

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, August 3

If you see a reference at the end of a hike description in the following format (Map #24), access a Google map pointing to the hike meeting location at www.indyhike.org/cgi-bin/hikelocations.cgi.

Tuesday, August 25

- 7:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL See Tuesday, August 4
- 9:00 AM CENTRAL PARK/MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL See Tuesday, August 4
- 9:00 AM PENDLETON FALLS From I-465 N, go north on I-69 about 18 miles to the Pendleton exit. Turn right after leaving I-69 and travel through Pendleton to the 2nd stoplight. Turn right and park behind the bank building in the main part of town. This will be a slow and easy hike around historic Pendleton for 2-3 miles, including Pendleton Falls Park. After the hike join us at a local restaurant in Pendleton. Hike repeats on September 22. (Map #59)(F,PS/NS,2-2.5) Leader: Elaine Wright (317-753-5516)
- 9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, August 4
- 9:30 AM BETLEY WOODS AT GLACIER'S END NATURE PRESERVE This will be a 5-mile hike with 1-4 mile self-guided options available. The trail signage is 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. (M,NS,2.5) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)
- 9:30 AM ENJOY BROAD RIPPLE See Tuesday, August 11

Wednesday, August 26

- 7:00 AM SEVEN AT SEVEN See Monday, August 3
- 9:00 AM BRISK WALK IN THE WOODS See Wednesday, August 5
- 9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, August 5
- 9:30 AM DOWNTOWN INDY ON THE CULTURAL TRAIL See Wednesday, August 5
- 10:00 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, August 5
- 6:00 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, August 5

Thursday, August 27

- 7:00 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL See Tuesday, August 4
- 8:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, August 13
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FIVE MILE See Thursday, August 6
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - FOUR MILE See Thursday, August 6
- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK - THREE MILE See Thursday, August 6
- 9:30 AM GET BACK INTO HIKING See Thursday, August 6
- 5:00 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, August 6
- 6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, August 6

Friday, August 28

- 7:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING ON THE MONON TRAIL See Friday, August 7
- 7:30 AM HIKE IN THE WOODS - FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON See Friday, August 14
- 8:30 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See Friday, August 7
- 9:00 AM TGIF IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See Friday, August 7
- 9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, August 7
- 6:00 PM OVER, AROUND AND THROUGH PURDUE AND IU See Friday, August 7

Saturday, August 29

- 7:30 AM RISE AND SHINE See Saturday, August 1
- 8:00 AM FRIENDSHIP GARDENS, PLAINFIELD See Saturday, August 1

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

10:00 AM AUTOMOBILIA HIKE Meet in Meadowlark Park, 450 Meadow Ln, Carmel 46032 for a 3-4 mile hike. We will walk in, through and around Carmel ending up in Midtown near the arts and design district where there will be more than 400 vintage vehicles on display. You may stay and browse, then walk back to your car at your own leisure. (Map #58)(M,NS,2.5-3) Leader June Sergi (317-372-3018)

Sunday, August 30

9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, August 2

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, August 2

Monday, August 31

7:00 AM SEVEN AT SEVEN See Monday, August 3

8:30 AM FALL CREEK WOODS NATURAL AREA See Monday, August 10

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

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, August 3

9:30 AM POTTERS BRIDGE We will walk 6 miles (with 3 and 4-mile options) along the White River from Potter's Bridge and visit Forest Park and the historic square in downtown Noblesville. From I-69 go north on SR 37 to 191st St and turn left. Go west on 191st St to the second stop sign (10th St/Allisonville Rd). Turn right (north) and go about 1/4 mile. The parking lot for Potter's Bridge is on your left. (Map #15) (F,PS,2.5) Leader: Ed Wright (317-445-5646)

5:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, August 3

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, August 3

Tuesday, September 1

7:30 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL See Tuesday, August 4

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

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, August 4

Wednesday, September 2

7:30 AM SEVEN AT SEVEN See Monday, August 3

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

9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, August 5

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

10:00 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, August 5

6:00 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, August 5

Thursday, September 3

7:30 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL See Tuesday, August 4

8:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, August 13

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

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

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

9:30 AM GET BACK INTO HIKING See Thursday, August 6

5:00 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, August 6

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, August 6

Friday, September 4

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

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

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

9:00 AM RIDE THE RED LINE/HIKE THE MONON We will ride the Red Line from Broad Ripple toward downtown Indy, getting off at the Fall Creek Bridge on Meridian St. (\$ for bus). We will hike 6 miles back on the Fall Creek and Monon Trails. Park at the Methodist Church (no fee) at 6185 N. Guilford Ave, 1½ blocks south of Broad Ripple Ave, and we will walk to the bus stop. Toward the end of the hike, join us for lunch at the Half Liter Haus on the Monon. (Map #65)(F,PS,2.5) Leader: Konnie Schlechte (317-417-5112 cell)

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, August 7

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 September. (Map #32) (M,PS/NS,3.5) Leader: Jim Griffin (317-294-1121)

Saturday, September 5

7:30 AM RISE AND SHINE See Saturday, August 1

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

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

Sunday, September 6

9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, August 2

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, August 2

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

Monday, September 7 Labor Day

7:30 AM SEVEN AT SEVEN See Monday, August 3

9:00 AM MORNING CONSTITUTIONAL See Monday, August 3

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, August 3

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

5:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, August 3

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, August 3

Tuesday, September 8

7:30 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL See Tuesday, August 4

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

9:00 AM ECHO HOLLOW NATURE PARK Join us for a 4-mile hike on natural surface trails and a boardwalk. We will be hiking on some of the newer trails in the park. Restrooms available. The park is located at 7700 S CR 975E Plainfield, IN (M,NS/HS,2.5-3) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, August 4

9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Tuesday, August 4

6:30 PM THE LEVEE AT MORSE RESERVOIR See Tuesday, August 11

Wednesday, September 9

7:30 AM SEVEN AT SEVEN See Monday, August 3

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

9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, August 5

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

10:00 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, August 5

6:00 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, August 5

Thursday, September 10 Annual General Assembly

7:30 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL See Tuesday, August 4

8:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, August 13

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

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

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

9:30 AM GET BACK INTO HIKING See Thursday, August 6

5:00 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, August 6

6:00 PM **GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS** This year's annual meeting will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Indianapolis, where we have held the meeting in the past. All members are encouraged to attend. The address is: 615 West 43rd St, IN 46208. Come at 6 p.m. to enjoy complimentary snacks and beverages and conversation. At 6:30 p.m. we will have a brief business meeting during which you will be asked to elect officers for the Club year – October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027 (see slate below). Our guest speaker for the evening will be Emilie Sweet an Interpretive Naturalist from Fort Benjamin Harrison State Park.

A nominating committee, composed of Mike Lindstedt, Delaram Moghaddam and Terry Roesch, has recommended the following **slate of officers for the Club year starting October 1, 2026**: PRESIDENT: Laura Otten, VICE PRESIDENT: Anna Hastings, PATHFINDERS: Jean Ballinger and Ed Wright, SECRETARY: Lori Showley, TREASURER: Marian Fahy, DIRECTORS: Cathy Fischer, Karen LeClerc, Richard Stroup and Janie Westermeier. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor; however, a nominated person must be present at the meeting. Appointed officer positions will be announced at the meeting.

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, August 6

Friday, September 11 Patriots Day/ Rosh Hashanah Begins

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

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

8:30 AM HIKE IN THE WOODS - FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON See Friday, August 14

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

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, August 7

6:00 PM BUTLER, CANAL TOWPATH AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See Friday, September 4

Saturday, September 12

7:30 AM RISE AND SHINE See Saturday, August 1

7:30 AM GEIST HALF MARATHON Join me for the annual 13.1 mile self-guided Geist Half Marathon operated by the city of Fishers which showcases the beauty of Geist Reservoir with stunning water views, tree covered trails, and waterfront bridges. There are also 5K and 10K options. Preregistration required at www.geisthalf.com, which also includes the race route, parking information and register for a staggered start time, which will begin at 7:30 a.m. Water and restroom facilities provided at various stations during the race. You can obtain Club mileage credit by calling or emailing the leader, who will verify your completion through the Geist Half Marathon website race results. (**Challenging**,M,PS) Leader: Kelley Hale (973-985-3916, kelley2475@gmail.com)

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

9:00 AM MOUNDS STATE PARK Known for its ancient mounds, the park has excellent hiking trails through a mature forest along White River. Allow 1 1/4 hours travel time from I-465 N. Take I-69 north to exit 26 in Anderson. Go north on SR 9 to SR 232. Turn right and follow signs to the park (fee). Meet at the pavilion parking lot for a 5-6 mile moderate hike. Bring your lunch and join us for a picnic afterwards. (Map #19)(M,NS/PS,2.5) Leader: John Schlechte (317-294-2021 cell)

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

Sunday, September 13

9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, August 2

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, August 2

Monday, September 14

7:30 AM SEVEN AT SEVEN See Monday, August 3

8:30 AM FALL CREEK WOODS NATURAL AREA See Monday, August 10

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

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, August 3

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

5:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, August 3

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, August 3

Tuesday, September 15

7:30 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL See Tuesday, August 4

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

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, August 4

9:30 AM ENJOY BROAD RIPPLE See Tuesday, August 11

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

Wednesday, September 16

7:30 AM SEVEN AT SEVEN See Monday, August 3

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

9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, August 5

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

10:00 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, August 5

6:00 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, August 5

Thursday, September 17

7:30 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL See Tuesday, August 4

8:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, August 13

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

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

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

9:30 AM GET BACK INTO HIKING See Thursday, August 6

5:00 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, August 6

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, August 6

Friday, September 18

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

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

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

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, August 7

6:00 PM BUTLER, CANAL TOWPATH AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See Friday, September 4

Saturday, September 19

7:30 AM RISE AND SHINE See Saturday, August 1

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

9:00 AM NEBO RIDGE TRAIL (888 W ELKINSVILLE RD, NASHVILLE IN) This will be a 17 mile out and back BRISK hike on Nebo Ridge Trail. For those wanting to hike a shorter distance it is easy to turn around at any point (self-guided). Guests are always welcome. However, if you invite a guest, it is your responsibility to make sure that they have read the hike description and are prepared for a vigorous pace. Know your guest's hiking ability. If uncertain, please consider another one of the many IHC hikes that are not as challenging. DIRECTIONS: Allow 1.5 hours travel time from I-465 S. Take I-65 south to SR 46 at Columbus. Go west on SR 46 to SR 135 and turn south (left). Go 9.0 miles to the community of Story. At the Story Inn, turn off SR 135 onto Elkinsville Rd. Travel about 2.7 miles; at a creek bridge take the fork left and go 0.3 miles to the Nebo Ridge Trailhead on your left. Breakfast before the hike? Meet at 7:30 at Waffle House, 2665 W. Jonathan Moore Pike, Columbus IN 47201. Pre-hike, use Permethrin for ticks. Bring snacks, lunch, plenty of water and bug repellent. No restrooms at the trailhead and cell service is unreliable.
(Challenging,M,NS,3-3.5) Leader: Susan Sievers (317-513-5239)

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

10:00 AM TREKKING AROUND RACCOON SRA This 5-6 mile hike is on a combination of moderate to rugged natural and paved trails. We will see mature forests, scenic overlooks of the 2,060-acre lake, sandstone cliffs and the 1800's Payne Cemetery. After entering Raccoon SRA (fee), meet at the Hilltop Shelter parking lot. This is directly across from the fish cleaning station parking lot. From I-465 W, travel west about 45 miles on US 36 (Rockville Rd) to the property entrance, 1588 S Raccoon Pkwy, Rockville. Port-a-potties available. (M,NS/PS,2.5) Leader: Terry Roesch (317-910-2943-cell)

Sunday, September 20

9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, August 2

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, August 2

Monday, September 21

7:30 AM SEVEN AT SEVEN See Monday, August 3

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

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, August 3

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

10:00 AM JACKSON GRANT NEIGHBORHOOD We will meet in the northwest corner of Market District parking lot. 11505 N Illinois St, Carmel 46032. We will walk to and through this housing development for 4-5 miles; learn some of the history of the area and explore the hiking trails.
(F,PS/NS,2-2.5) Leader June Sergi (317-372-3018)

5:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, August 3

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, August 3

Tuesday, September 22 *First Day of Autumn*

7:30 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL See Tuesday, August 4

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

9:00 AM PENDLETON FALLS See Tuesday, August 25

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, August 4

9:30 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK See Tuesday, August 4

Wednesday, September 23

7:30 AM SEVEN AT SEVEN See Monday, August 3

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

9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, August 5

9:00 AM BURNETT WOODS NATURE PRESERVE We will hike for 3 miles in mature woodlands on a flat natural surface trail with a few boardwalks. We will do both trails and complete two loops. There are no restrooms available. We will park in the front section of Light and Life Methodist Church parking lot and walk on the sidewalk to the trailhead. Use the following address for the trailhead: 8264 E CR 100 S, Avon, IN (F,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)

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

10:00 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, August 5

6:00 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, August 5

Thursday, September 24

7:30 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL See Tuesday, August 4

8:00 AM THE OTHER THURSDAY MORNING HIKE See Thursday, August 13

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

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

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

9:30 AM GET BACK INTO HIKING See Thursday, August 6

5:00 PM NOBLESVILLE IN THE AFTERNOON See Thursday, August 6

6:00 PM FORT HARRISON/LAWRENCE See Thursday, August 6

7:00 PM RUN 317 RACE SERIES – CARMEL - WEST CLAY This is the fifth and final race in a five-race series, the first of which was on June 11. This race will begin at 7:00 p.m. in Carmel - West Clay. To participate you must register and pay a fee which is dependent on how many events you attend. Details of the 317 Series, including how to register, locations and fees are available at www.317.com. You will earn 3 miles IHC credit for each race you attend by texting or emailing the leader who will verify your completion through the Run 317 website. Contact Kelley if you have any questions and let her know you will be participating. (F,PS) Leader: Kelley Hale (973-985-3916, kelley2475@gmail.com)

Friday, September 25

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

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

8:30 AM HIKE IN THE WOODS - FORT BENJAMIN HARRISON See Friday, August 14

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

9:30 AM GARFIELD PARK/PLEASANT RUN TRAIL See Friday, August 7

6:00 PM BUTLER, CANAL TOWPATH AND NEARBY NEIGHBORHOODS See Friday, September 4

Saturday, September 26

7:30 AM RISE AND SHINE See Saturday, August 1

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

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

10:00 AM JIGSAW PUZZLE EXCHANGE HIKE AND LUNCH Bring your jigsaw puzzles to exchange with club members and have lunch at the iconic Oasis Diner in Plainfield. This will be a 4-mile hike on parts of the Vandalia and White Lick trails. Restrooms available. There will be plenty of puzzles for anyone who may not have puzzles to exchange but would like to take some that do not need to be returned. For anyone interested, we will have lunch at the Oasis Diner after the hike. Park in the lot behind the Oasis Diner 405 W. Main St. Plainfield. Do not park in the Diner parking lot, (M,PS, 2.5-3) Leader; Karen LeClerc (920-883-9477)

Sunday, September 27

9:00 AM BROAD RIPPLE ON SUNDAY MORNING See Sunday, August 2

9:00 AM COLLEGE PARK See Sunday, August 2

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

Monday, September 28

7:30 AM SEVEN AT SEVEN See Monday, August 3

8:30 AM FALL CREEK WOODS NATURAL AREA See Monday, August 10

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

9:00 AM SOUTHPORT PARK See Monday, August 3

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

5:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE EVENING HIKE See Monday, August 3

6:00 PM EXPLORE FISHERS IN THE EVENING See Monday, August 3

Tuesday, September 29

7:30 AM ZIONSVILLE BIG FOUR TRAIL See Tuesday, August 4

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

9:30 AM SOUTHWESTWAY PARK See Tuesday, August 4

9:30 AM BOOK CLUB HIKE - EAGLE CREEK PARK Meet in the parking lot at the 56th St entrance to Eagle Creek Park (fee). Before the hike read *A Walk Across America* by Peter Jenkins. Our hike will be on the Orange Trail, about 4 miles. After the hike we will meet at the leader's house (very short drive) at about 11:30 a.m. Directions will be provided to book club participants by email before the hike and at the hike. You may attend the hike even if you have not read the book. (Map #40)(M,NS/HS,2-2.5) Leader: Phil Coons (317-402-8810).

9:30 AM ENJOY BROAD RIPPLE See Tuesday, August 11

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

Wednesday, September 30

7:30 AM SEVEN AT SEVEN See Monday, August 3

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

9:00 AM MEADOWLARK PARK, CARMEL See Wednesday, August 5

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

10:00 AM PIKE LIBRARY AND NORTHWESTWAY PARK See Wednesday, August 5

6:00 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See Wednesday, August 5

FUTURE EVENTS:

KATAHDIN AND BAXTER STATE PARK, MAINE – Cancelled September 10-13 Unfortunately this trip has been cancelled because of a personal matter regarding the leader James Kendall. Hopefully, this trip will be scheduled again in the future.

MAMMOTH MARCH, PENNSYLVANIA – October 10 I have already signed up to do the Mammoth March hike in Pennsylvania on Oct 10, 2026, and I would love for you to join me. It is in North Park, the largest park in the Allegheny County Park system, about 30 minutes north of Pittsburgh. It's a 20-mile hike over rugged terrain and you get eight hours to do it. I will be scheduling several training hikes for anyone interested. Check the following Facebook link <https://www.facebook.com/share/1HJexan2e4/?mibextid=wwwXlfr>. Advance registration is required and there is a good probability the event will sell out, so if interested please register soon. Contact leader Theresa Ray (317-627-1205, tmquincy@yahoo.com) for more details, hotel information, travel arrangements, etc.

THE BIG 50 – October 10 This event is organized by the B&O Trail Association. There are 50K, 25K, 10K and 5K race options. It begins at Daredevil Brewing Co. in the heart of Speedway, IN — the Racing Capital of the World — and covers the entire length of the B&O trail through Marion and Hendricks counties. You'll head east toward downtown Indy for a few miles before turning around to head out to rural Hendricks County before making the return trip back to Speedway. I will be doing 25K and will be recording hiking club miles for any self-guided distance you wish to do. You must register at <https://runsignup.com/Race/IN/Indianapolis/TheBigBO50k>, which

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includes a map of the course. Be aware that the price goes up on August 30. Let me know if you are planning to participate and what distance you are planning to do. I will verify the race results on their website. Leader: Therese Cokain (317-796-9183 tcokain@gmail.com)

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 or 317-417-2628.

WINTER BANQUET - January 9, 2027 Once again our Winter Banquet will be held on a Saturday January 9 at 2:00 p.m. at - St Therese - Little Flower Catholic School, 4720 E. 13th St., Indianapolis. IN 36201. We will announce winners of the 2026 Achievement Awards. As always, we anticipate a big crowd. Look for an invite which will be included with your annual dues notice in early October.

GULF SHORES, ALABAMA - 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 Friday for those that may still be in town. More details will be sent out as the date gets closer. Karen LeClerc kmleclerc58@gmail.com or 920-883-9477.

30TH ANNUAL SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK TRIP - APRIL 13-15, 2027 (Tue-Thurs) Mark your calendar now for the 30th annual club trip to Smoky Mountains National Park. It's not too early to book your room reservations in Gatlinburg, TN. Most club members stay at Riverhouse at the Park (865-436-2070). Another good choice is Bearskin Lodge on the River (865-430-4330). We will repeat the Monday evening poolside social hour at Riverhouse and hope to have a group dinner to celebrate the 30th anniversary. There will be a range of morning and afternoon hikes - easy, moderate and challenging. Hike leaders will include Tim Braun, John Lyghtel, and John and Konnie Schlechte. Contact: John Schlechte 317-294-2021 cell or jschlechte@fastmail.com with questions or for more info.

CELEBRATING THE HIKING CLUB'S 70th BIRTHDAY NEXT YEAR - SEVEN FOR SEVENTY, 2027

To celebrate our birthday and throughout 2027 we will hike seven hikes at Indiana locations that the Club has never hiked before. Hikes will be scheduled throughout the year during fair weather months. So far, the committee has identified the 7 locations that the Club will hike, and we have found leaders for each hike. Look for a preview of the seven hikes in the December schedule. If you would like more information, please contact Mervyn Cohen at mecohen@iu.edu or 317-417-2628.

PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW AND REINSTATED ® MEMBERS:

Jaimie Campell ®	Carmel, IN	Tricia Fox	Noblesville, IN
Debbie Hicks	Indianapolis, IN	Betty Brewer	Anderson, IN
Loretta Thompson	Indianapolis, IN	Debra Blackwell	Indianapolis, IN
Gisele Gauthier	Greenwood, IN	Patricia Daziens	Indianapolis, IN
Chuck Slagle	Indianapolis, IN	Joe Wikert	Fishers, IN
Kelly Wikert	Fishers, IN	Laura Hughes	Indianapolis, IN
Gina Lane	Indianapolis, IN	Tara Wesner	Indianapolis, IN
Josh Wesner	Indianapolis, IN		

RECENT MILEAGE AWARDS:

Allan Roberts	57,000	Ann Uliana	6,000	Paula Foster	1,500
David Kincaid	35,500	Tom Seeman	5,500	Nathan Canfield	500
Tish Brafford	30,000	Sandy Duncan	4,000	Maren Breitwieser	500

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Cheryl Conces	18,500	John Wagner	4,000	Michael Taylor	400
Dewey Conces	18,500	Marian Fahy	3,500	Sangeeta Kalia	300
Katy Smith	15,500	Jan Adams	2,500	Deb McCuiston	200
Mary Bruss	15,500	Bev Hoopingarner	2,500	Steven Hise	200
Marge Braun	15,000	Nancy Garland	2,500	Mary Myers	100
Marti Burton	12,000	Ken Coad	2,000	Trian Trusty	100
Rick Wortman	9,000	Richard Stroup	2,000	Jennifer Topp	100
Mike Lindstedt	9,000	Barb West	2,000	Mike Price	100
Jerry Green	8,500	Judy Kothe	2,000		
Sandra Nichols	7,000	Laura Otten	1,500		

MEMBER NEWS: For the first time in many months, we have no recent deaths or injuries to members or former members to report at this time. Hooray!

WANT MORE INFORMATION? For more information about our Club, including history, past hike schedules, how to join, photos, contacts, etc. please visit our website at www.indyhike.org or contact our Membership Officer Terry Roesch, 1698 Ginseng Trail, Avon, IN 46123, troesch1@indy.rr.com, 317-910-2943. To become a member, you must be at least 18 years old and pay the yearly dues, which are very modest. 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.