



THE INDIANAPOLIS HIKING CLUB
(Happiness - A Step at a Time)

Schedule for -- April and May 1975

The Board of Directors of the Indianapolis Hiking Club voted at the March 20, 1975 board meeting to prohibit pets on club hikes. This action was taken reluctantly in response to the many complaints from members who have been annoyed and disturbed by the actions of pet dogs running up and down the trail on hikes. This is particularly dangerous with the large number of hikers we now have in the club. All of us love our pets, but in the interest of personal safety of the hikers and of the pets, the board took this necessary action.

APR 13 CROOKED CREEK TRAIL - Leave the parking lot of the State House at 9:00 A.M. Take S.R. 135 south to Nashville, then S.R. 46 west 5.1 miles. Look for a church-like building on the right side of the road (now an antique shop). Opposite on left side of road you will find the Crooked Creek sign. Turn left or south, and go 2.7 miles to the parking place. Hike to start at 10:30 A.M. One hike will be $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles, and one will be 12 miles. Bring a trail lunch. Moderate to rugged hikes. Leaders: Mary Frances Milam and Tom Hill (784 2784)

APR 19 (SATURDAY) NEBO RIDGE APPRECIATION DAY - This event (actually a weekend) is cosponsored by several conservation organizations. It is a time to get acquainted with Nebo Ridge if you haven't been there or a time to enjoy and explore the area further if you have. An amendment to the Eastern Wilderness Act, including Nebo Ridge, has already been put forward in the Senate and will be later on in the House. The more people there are at Appreciation Day, the more support will be visible to our Congressmen. The Indianapolis Hiking Club is urging support of this event and if your time is limited, please try to make Saturday's lunch, the speakers, and a short hike in the area.

11:30 A.M. Lunch at Hickory Ridge Lookout Tower (Bring your own lunch)
1:00 P.M. Main Program: Speakers, including someone from the Wilderness Society.
2:00 P.M. Hiking in Nebo Ridge (over at 4:30 P.M.)

Since parking is very limited at Hickory Ridge Lookout, please park at the Hardin Ridge Recreation Area, where transportation to Hickory Ridge will be available. Registration will start at 9:00 A.M. Any questions, please contact Ted Fields for further information (phone 253 7187) about other events during this weekend.

APR 20 MORGAN-BROWN COUNTY - Leave the parking lot of the State House at 1:00 P.M. Take SR 135 south to Morgantown. Follow #252 to the first county road that turns left (about 2 miles) Turn left and go to a "T" intersection and turn right, following the black top to the Mt. Zion Church. Wild flowers should be in bloom. This is a wooded hilly hike of about 5 miles. Hike to start at 2:30 P.M. Leader: Margret Veale (632 7183)

APR 26 & 27 JOINT OVERNIGHT MEET WITH THE LOUISVILLE HIKING CLUB AT CAMP PYOCA (For members and their invited guests only). Reservation supplement has been previously mailed to the members. Deadline for reservations is APRIL 19, 1975. For further information please contact Bill Larrison, 5176 Atherton S. Dr., 46219, (359 7538)

MAY 4 BLATCHLEY NATURE STUDY CLUB WOODS - Leave the parking lot of the State House at 1:00 P.M. Take SR 37 north to Noblesville. Meet in Noblesville on the east side of the Court House at 1:45 P.M. We will hike from here to the Blatchley Nature Study Club Woods. Bring food for a cook out or picnic in Forest Park after the hike. About 5 miles. Leader: Vic Knarr (775 3149)

- MAY 8 (THURSDAY EVENING) BUSINESS MEETING AND CLUB SOCIAL - (For members and their invited guests only). Meet at 7:30 P.M. at the Indiana National Branch Bank at 5635 North Illinois. A business meeting, followed by an interesting slide program featuring the Northwest part of the country and Canada. A good time for newer members to meet socially with the club and find out more about club activities. Refreshments.
- MAY 11 LINK OBSERVATORY - Take SR 67 south through Mooresville. Go past Kelly's restaurant about 2.8 miles and turn right at the sign for the Link Observatory. It is about 1.4 miles from this turn. Hike will start at 2:00 P.M. Easy 4 miles and a chance to see some beautiful flowers. Leader: Joe Wilhelm.
- MAY 18 MORGAN-MONROE STATE FOREST - Leave the parking lot of the State House at 12:00 noon. Take SR 37 south to about 7 miles south of Martinsville. Turn left at the State Forest sign and follow the old road about 4 miles to the entrance to the Forest. Turn left into the state forest and drive to the fire tower (about 5 miles) Assemble in the parking lot at the fire tower at 1:30 P.M. for about 7 to 8 miles of moderate hiking. Leader: Bill Flora (898 0760)
- MAY 24, 25, and 26 MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND AT GNAW BONE CAMP - Our annual excursion to the primitive beauty of Gnow Bone (For members and their invited guests) This year we are having a joint outing with the Hoosier Group of the Sierra Club. All details are contained in the reservation supplement attached to the mailing of the schedule to the members of the club. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Pulsifer at 784 1835.
- JUN 1 MCCORMICK'S CREEK STATE PARK - Leave the parking lot of the State House at 1:00 P.M. Take SR 67 south to Spencer. Turn east on SR 46 a couple of miles to the Park entrance. There will be an admission charge. Hike will begin at 2:30 P.M. Assemble in the parking area near the Canyon Inn. About 5 to 6 miles of moderate hiking. Leader: Odie Cassetty (244 9913)

Please welcome the following new members voted in on March 20, 1975:

Kink Sieving	8509 Sarasota Ct	46219	898 5720
Jean Hoilman	4911 Hawthorne Terrace	46220	251 4307
Bryce Bennett	7722 Susan Drive, South	46250	849 4281

Our deepest sympathy to Carl Williams, whose brother Kermit passed away recently.

Juanita Lauth is recovering from a fall she took while leading her T.C. Steele hike. She says never to trust dead branches for support. Doris Gard is recovering from her operation and "wishes to thank her friends for their kindness to her during her recent hospitalization". Jack Gainey was in the hospital recently too, and is recovering nicely.

NOTICE: The club will soon have "INDIANAPOLIS HIKING CLUB" decals to put on your cars. They will be for sale at \$1.00 each when they are available.

In connection with Nebo Ridge Appreciation Day as mentioned on the other page, there is a new Sierra Club publication "NEBO RIDGE-WILDERNESS FOR INDIANA" which will be published soon. Cost will be \$3.00 plus 50¢ postage and handling. Scenic photographs, artist's sketches, and maps augment the text exploring the reasons for wilderness at Nebo Ridge. If interested please contact Ted Fields

For further information about the THE INDIANAPOLIS HIKING CLUB, please contact the membership person: Mrs. Mary Pulsifer, 6364 Bryan Drive, 46227.