



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

SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH 1978

(PLEASE: NO PETS ON HIKES)

The officers of the Indianapolis Hiking Club wish to thank all of you who sent in suggestions on the membership renewal form. They were all discussed at the last two board meetings. Some of the suggestions were: MORE SHORT HIKES -- MORE LONG HIKES -- START EARLIER IN THE DAY -- START LATER IN THE DAY -- MEET AT THE STATEHOUSE -- ETC. It is evident we must have variety in our hiking schedule to please everyone. The pathfinder currently is in need of new short hikes in the Indianapolis area. Please contact him if you have such a hike. The club is attempting to please a majority of the members by scheduling a variety of proven hikes based on previous experience. When long hikes are scheduled in the future, the officers will endeavor to have a short hike, if possible, at the same area, because many members have expressed a desire for this, saying they want to hike, but are not up to too long a hike. Again, thanks to all of you who have shown interest in the club by forwarding your suggestions. We will do our best.

- FEB 19 WOODS, FIELDS, AND SHORELINE AT EAGLE CREEK RESERVOIR - Go west on 56th street by the route of your choice to the Eagle Creek Reservoir and assemble in the parking lot at the west side of the causeway. Hike to begin at 1:00 P.M. About 6 miles (9.6km) - easy. Leaders: Ed Lavagnino (291-4495) and Bob Hosley (251-5338).
- FEB 26 BRYANT CREEK HIKE - Allow 1-1/2 hours travel. Take SR 37 south to about 7 miles south of Martinsville. Turn left on the old highway at the sign for Morgan Monroe State Forest. Go about 4 miles to the forest entrance, and turn left into the forest and then immediately right to the parking area for Bryant Creek Lake. Hike to start at 10:00 A.M. About 8 to 9 miles - moderate. Bring a trail lunch and drinking water. Leaders: Peggy Franzen (546-3185) and Ed Chambers (244-4554)
- MA 5 THATCHER COMMUNITY LEVEE HIKE - Take west Michigan Street to the 4200 block, and turn left (south) at the automatic signal on Roena Street. Cross the Eagle Creek bridge, and then turn right onto Vermont Street. Assemble at the Thatcher Community Center, 4649 West Vermont Street at 2:00 P.M. for about 4 to 5 miles (6.4 to 8 km) of moderate hiking. Leader: Frank Thompson (241-7154)
- MAR 9 (Thursday evening) CLUB SOCIAL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY - (For members and their invited guests only) Meet at 7:30 P.M. at the meeting room of the Merchants National Branch Bank at 5716 Crawfordsville Road. This is about 2 blocks east of I-465 in the shopping center. Enter through the side door. We will have a short business meeting and discuss future plans for the club. Our speaker for the evening will be Bob Begeman, who will show slides of a lay missionary trip to Colombia a couple of years ago. He visited not only the tourist areas, but also some of the more primitive native villages.
- MAR 12 GARFIELD PARK - Assemble in the parking lot beside the swimming pool at 2:00 P.M. for an easy 4 mile hike in the area. Leader: Win Pulsifer (784-1835)
- MAR 19 JOHN GRUBB AND FRANK GRUBB RIDGES - Allow 2-1/2 hours travel time. Take SR 37 south to Bloomington. Then follow SR 46 east to the intersection with SR 446. Turn right (south) on 446 and go about 15 miles. (You will cross the Monroe Reservoir causeway, and go past the Allens Creek sign and the Hardin Ridge sign.). About 1/2 mile past the Hardin Ridge sign you will come to Tower Road on the left. The sign is on Tower Road, and can hardly be seen from SR 446. Turn left onto Tower Road and go about 6 miles to the Hickory Ridge Lookout Tower. Assemble at 9:45 A.M. for a rugged hike of 12 to 13 miles (19.2 to 20.8km) Bring a trail lunch and drinking water. Leader: Marsha Hutchins (545 5672)
- (NOTE: There is no restroom at the trailhead, so you may want to stop at the Visitor Center on the right just before you come to the causeway.

MAR 26 PLEASANT RUN PARKWAY - Meet at the Christian Park Community Center (4200 English Avenue) at 2:00 PM for about 5 miles of easy hiking. Leaders: Hazel Morrison (356-7681) and Doris Gard (356 3062)

APR 2 AL WHITE TRAIL - Allow one hour travel time. Take SR 67 southwest past Mooresville, on past the Centerbrook Drive-In Theater. Just beyond is a Sunoco Station. Turn right (west) and go 2.6 miles to the old general store. Turn right and go about 1.4 miles to the Boy Scout Camp on the right. Hike to start at 1:00 P.M. About 5 miles (8 km). We will cross Sycamore Creek a couple of times, so bring some old shoes for wading. A patch or medal is available for this trail. Leader: Tom Jordan (786-9958)

Please welcome the following new members voted in on Dec 15th, and Jan 19th.

12/15	Donna M. Ozbun	4490 Roxie Drive	46236	897 3597
1/19	Dr. Jean Perrin	10412 Holaday Dr. W., Carmel, Ind.	46032	846 9471
1/19	Mary P. Brown	5587 D Blue Hill Circle	46224	244 6786
1/19	Pat Soja	1334 W. Brookton Ct.	46260	255 7548
1/19	Bob Zalkin	7183 Warrior Trail	46260	299 9455
1/19	Jeff Jones	1615 Johnson Ave., Anderson, Ind.	46016	1 643 7883

Mileage achievements are sometimes overlooked when publishing the schedule. One of our most enthusiastic members is Doris Gard, who now has considerably over 1000 miles. Last year on the hike when she reached 1000 miles, the hikers stopped and congratulated her - but somehow it didn't get mentioned in the bulletin. Apologies to Doris, and to any others who were overlooked. The new 1977 TRAIL BLAZER, coming out soon, will have all mileages, and you can check for the 1000 milers, and up to 2000 miles.

HOPE YOU ARE ALL FEELING BETTER!! Mary Kidwell and Mary Frances Milam who were both in the hospital and are now out and recuperating. Also Bee Churchill who had foot surgery.

The Club extends its sympathy to the following: Genie Waltz, whose mother passed away recently. Mickie Williams, who also lost her mother a few weeks ago. Juanita Lauth, whose father passed away in California. And Tom Hill, whose father died in Florida.

Its too bad about the Christmas party - but the officers felt that it had to be canceled. The parking lot was in terrible shape. We'll make it twice as good next year.

DECALS FOR SALE. Some of you new members may not know that the club has official decals for the window of your car. Most officers have them for sale at \$1.00. It helps identify us.

For further information about the INDIANAPOLIS HIKING CLUB, please contact the membership chairman - Win Pulsifer, 6364 Bryan Drive, Indianapolis, Ind. 46227. Applicants for membership must be 18 or over and have participated in at least 2 hikes. Application forms may be obtained from leaders on hikes or from officers of the club. Be sure that it is signed by a club member before turning it in.