



The Indianapolis Hiking Club

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Happiness - A Step at a Time



SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2008

(PLEASE --- NO PETS ON HIKES)

(CELEBRATING 51 YEARS OF SPONSORING HIKES AND OUTINGS)

HIKE RATING SYSTEM - Shown in parentheses at the end of each hike

	<u>TERRAIN</u>		<u>SURFACE</u>	<u>SPEED</u>
H (Hilly)	Continuously	NS (Natural)	Primarily Soft	Walking Speed in MPH
M (Mixed)	Hilly & Flat	HS (Hard)	Packed Dirt or Gravel	not including breaks
F (Flat)	Few Hills	PS (Paved)	Concrete or Blacktop	(e.g., 3.0 is 20 min/mile)

Hikers should arrive at the meeting area at least 15 minutes early. This will enable the leader to complete sign-ups and start the hike on time. When adverse weather conditions prevail, the leader may reroute, shorten or cancel a hike. It is a good idea to check with the leader ahead of time if the weather is inclement.

Interested in leading a hike? Contact pathfinders: Jean Ballinger (276-2050 daytime) jbballinger@lilly.com for weekend hikes or Ed Wright (219-5536) ewright@indyhike.org for weekday hikes.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER: Happy New Year everyone.

On Thursday, March 13th, the Hiking Club will hold its semi-annual General Assembly at the Wayne Township Library, located on the west side of Indy. See the write-up for directions. Will McLaughlin will be our featured speaker. His talk will be on 'managing your health'. Enjoy free refreshments before the program. After Will's talk we will honor more than 50 members who earned 2007 Achievement Awards during the Club year that ended last September 30. You can find a description of the awards on the Club website at www.indyhike.org/awards. For those of you who do not have access to the Internet, please feel free to contact one of the Awards committee members: Ron Craig, Joe Scherrer, John Lyghtel, Ed and Linda Wright, Donna Chastain or me. Please come and honor your fellow hikers who help make our Club what it is today.

Also during the General Assembly, we will recognize members who completed 15 or more of the 24 50th Anniversary hikes offered throughout 2007. I congratulate them. I personally want to thank Ron Mutzl for his hard work in making the 50th Anniversary Hike Series so successful. Next time you see Ron, give him a hearty thanks. See Ron's recap of the hike series immediately following my remarks.

Spring is just around the corner. The flowers, birds and bees will be reappearing soon and, as usual, we have a great variety of hikes planned for you. Come out and see your friends, make new ones, bring a guest and enjoy all that being outdoors has to offer.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald L Higdon, President

50th ANNIVERSARY HIKES: With the closure of the 2007 we have reached the conclusion of the Anniversary Hike Series. During the year we have reiterated a little of the Club's history. We saw that many of the locations hiked in 1957 are still utilized today. Some background information was shared about the 12 members recognized for past contributions to the Club. Two prior members were recognized with memorial hikes (Al Drehoel and Ben Shipman) and we were fortunate to be able to recognize two members prior to their death in 2007 (Tom Patterson and Mary Kidwell). The 24-hike series concluded on December 23rd with 206 different members accumulating a total of 5,277 miles. Six people performed 15 of the 24 designated hikes (Kathy Burch, Tom Kafoure, Cherie Voege, Tom Hollett, Ellen Mutzl and Ron Mutzl).

I want to thank everyone who provided a pat on the back to those who gave us the Club we have today.

Ron Mutzl

50th ANNIVERSARY LOGO MERCHANDISE NOW ON SALE: Please check the Club web site at www.indyhike.org/store for photos of the merchandise. The following items have been reduced in price to the amount shown. Only the sizes indicated are available

- 50th Anniversary Pins have been reduced to \$0.50 each
- White and Green Bandannas have been reduced to \$2.50 each
- Men's White Polo Shirts in wicking fabric available in large and x-large are on sale for \$20.00 each
- Ladies' Yellow V-Neck Polos in wicking fabric available in small and x-small are now \$20.00 each
- Walking Shoe T-shirt available in size small is on sale for \$5.00 each
- Sweatshirts available in size x-large are on sale for \$15.00
- Green Fleece Jackets in size x-small are on sale for \$15.00

To inquire about merchandise please contact either Mary Ann Layman at 317-881-8416 or Cherie Voegel at 317-848-7674. Look for Mary Ann and Cherie on a hike since they usually have some merchandise with them.

HIKE SCHEDULE

Friday, February 1

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK Meet at food court near Dick's on the north side of Castleton Square for a self-guided* hike of one-mile laps for your desired mileage. Repeats each Friday in February and March. (F,PS) Leader: Betty Shookman (255-3517)
- 9:00 AM BRISK ROAD HIKE - EAGLE CREEK Meet in Eagle Creek Park (fee) at lot just inside 56th St. entrance for a 6, 8 or 10-mile road hike. Repeats each Friday in February and March. (M,PS,3.5-4) Leaders: Elaine Wright (317-753-5516) and Fran Leone (849-7006)
- 6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI Meet in downtown Shapiro's Deli lot, 808 S. Meridian, for a 6-mile hike. Repeats every Friday in February and March. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Rick Kinnaman (861-3979)

Saturday, February 2 *Ground Hog Day*

- 8:30 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL Sign in at the food court for this self guided* hike. Take as many on mile laps as you want. Repeats each Saturday in February. (F,PS) Leaders: Ron Phillips (736-9923) and Glee Crowder (859-8159)
- 9:00 AM DOWNTOWN LOOP TRAINING HIKE FOR 100K Meet in Broad Ripple in the free parking lot 0.5 block south of Broad Ripple Ave on Carrollton for a hike of 20 miles, no options. The hike will go down the Monon to NIFS and will return along the river and towpath to Broad Ripple. Bring water and food. (F,PS,4-4.5). Leader: Cindy West (299-7829 or 370-1015-cell)
- 1:30 PM FALL CREEK TRAIL NOTE: If road conditions are bad, this walk may be cancelled, so call the leader if in doubt. Meet at Windridge Center at 5435 N. Emerson Way (O'Malia's parking lot near pond) for a 5-mile walk with shorter options. (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Marsha Hutchins (251-9078; 439-1468-cell)
- 7:00 PM EUCHRE PARTY If you know how to play Euchre and would like to join other members of the IHC for a night of Euchre please join us at 615 W. 43rd St. in "The Commons", a building behind the Unitarian Universalist Church at that address. Ladies please bring snacks and gentlemen please bring drinks. Repeats March 1. Questions? Call Pat Lawler (329-2779; or 652-2779 cell) or Cherie Voegel (848-7674)

Sunday, February 3

- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP From I-465 N, exit on Michigan Road heading south, turn left at first light (92nd. St.) and go ¼ mile to Pyramids. Meet in the parking lot for the Pyramids. This will be a 4-5 mile walk on paved roads followed by an optional 45-minute non-denominational and contemporary religious service inside Beef & Boards. Walking clothes are fine and there will be coffee, bagels, donuts, etc. Hope you stay for the inspirational service at the Garden. Bring the kids. Repeats each Sunday in February and March. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Rena Elsner (873-6526)
- 10:00 AM MUSEUM OF ART, BUTLER AND HOLCOMB GARDENS Enter Museum of Art at Michigan Ave just north of 38th Street. Go left at fork and look for East Lot, which is first left. Meet in East Lot for a 5-6 mile hike. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Jean Ballinger (276-2050-day; 696-2120-cell)

* SELF-GUIDED HIKES: Self-guided hikes are intended to allow you to walk at your own speed. Your leader is obligated only to sign you up & furnish you a map or instructions. If you do not wish to walk alone, plan for a partner ahead of time.

Monday, February 11

- 9:00 AM EXPLORE DOWNTOWN INDY Park at White River Park Visitors Center on West Washington Street, across from Victory Field, for a 6-mile hike in and around downtown. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Tish Brafford (251-8907 or 531-6700 cell)
- 9:00 AM BRISK WORKOUT Meet in Eagle Creek Park (fee) at lot just inside 56th St. entrance for a fast-paced 6 or 8-mile road hike. Repeats each Monday in February and March, except March 3. (M,PS,3.5-4) Leader: Joan Griffiths (297-7312)
- 6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See February 4.

Tuesday, February 12

- 8:00 AM EARLY MORNING IN BROAD RIPPLE Meet in the free parking lot ½ block south of Broad Ripple Avenue on Carrollton Avenue for a 10-mile self-guided* fast-paced hike, with 6 and 8-mile options. Route may vary each time. Let's plan on coffee afterwards. Repeats on February 26 and March 11. (F,NS) Leader: Jeff Edmondson (733-0143)
- 10:00 AM ARTSPARK & MAROTT PARK FROM MONON SHELTER Go on College Avenue to 65th Street. Then go east on 65th a few blocks to Cornell. Turn left and park near the shelter for a 5-mile hike. If road conditions are bad, this hike may be cancelled, so call the leader if in doubt. (M,PS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Marsha Hutchins (251-9078 or cell 439-1468)
- 4:30 PM BETTER THAN THERAPY See February 5.
- 6:00 PM SOUTHPORT See February 5.

Wednesday, February 13

- 8:30 AM WEDNESDAY MORNINGS ON THE CANAL See February 6.
- 9:00 AM EAGLE CREEK ROADS AND TRAILS See February 6.
- 9:00 AM PRESIDENTS' PROMENADE/WASHINGTON SQUARE See February 6.
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See February 6.
- 4:30 PM PACING ON THE PENNSY See February 6.
- 6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See February 6.

Thursday, February 14 *Valentine's Day*

- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK See February 7.
- 6:00 PM SCHOOL TO SCHOOL AND PERRY WOODS See February 7.

Friday, February 15

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See February 1.
- 9:00 AM BRISK ROAD HIKE - EAGLE CREEK See February 1.
- 6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See February 1.

Saturday February 16

- 8:30 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See February 2.
- 9:00 AM STARVE HOLLOW Allow 1 3/4 hours travel from I-465 on the south side. Take I-65 south to US 50 west at Seymour, then west through Brownstown to SR 135 south. Go south to Vallonia and follow signs to Starve Hollow. Watch for park entrance (fee). Turn right immediately after gatehouse and then left at the beach. Park in the beach parking lot near the picnic shelter for a 15-18 mile moderate to rugged hike. Bring lunch and water. (H,NS,3) Leader: Cindy West (299-7829)
- 10:00 AM WHITEWATER MEMORIAL STATE PARK Allow about 2 hours. Take US 52 southeast from I-465 to Rushville, then take SR 44 east to Liberty. Turn right (south) on SR 101 to park entrance. Meet at bathhouse parking area (no bathrooms) for a 6-8 mile hike. A bathroom is available in the Information/Camper Registration building located on the right just after turning off Hwy 101 onto the park road. The sign pointing to the beach is currently missing. To locate beach, go to the right at the "Y" after passing the campground entrance/campground store. (M,NS,2-2.5) Leaders: Mary Ann and Bob Layman (881-8416)
- 1:30 PM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK If road conditions are bad, this hike may be cancelled, so call the leader if in doubt. From the east leg of I-465, take 56th Street east. Turn left on Post Road. Park entrance (fee) is located at 59th and Post Road. Follow signs to Delaware Lake lot for a 5-mile hike with shorter options. (M,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Marsha Hutchins (251-9078; 439-1468-cell)

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Sunday, February 17

9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See February 3.

9:00 AM BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK I Take SR 135 south thru Nashville or I-65 South to SR 46 west to the park (fee). Meet at West Lookout Tower parking lot, which is about 1 mile beyond the west entrance, for a 7-mile hike. If staying for the afternoon hike, have lunch at the Inn. We should be at the Inn around 12:00-12:30 for lunch. (M,NS,3) Leader: Jean Ballinger (276-2050-day; 696-2120-cell)

1:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE TO BUTLER See February 3.

1:30 PM SEE SAXONY Meet in the Star Financial Bank parking lot, 131 St. & Olio Road, for a 6-mile hike showcasing the new Saxony commercial and residential development. A bathroom stop may be available at one of the model homes or in one of the portables near a construction site. From I-69 N, take Exit 10/Route 238. Turn right at the stop sign and then almost immediately right again on Olio Road (sign will direct you to HSE Schools). Follow Olio Road about ¼ mile to 131st St. Turn right on 131st St. and then immediately left into the back of the bank's parking lot. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Karen Cheney (385-8482-cell)

1:30 PM BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK II Follow directions for morning hike to the park. Meet at the Inn parking lot for a 5-mile hike. We can go to the Corncrib Lounge after the hike. (M,NS,3) Leader: Jean Ballinger (276-2050-day; 696-2120-cell)

Monday, February 18 *Presidents Day*

9:00 AM BRISK WORKOUT See February 11.

10:30 AM BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK Take SR 135 south thru Nashville or I-65 South to SR 46 west to the park (fee). Meet at the West Lookout Tower for an 8-mile hike. Bring a snack & water. Plan to stay for a late lunch at leader's cabin in the park. Bring table setting (plate, bowl, silverware, glass) and beverage of choice. All else will be provided. (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Bobbie Mattasits (843-2309)

6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See February 4.

Tuesday, February 19

9:00 AM AROUND LAKE MAXINHALL Take I-465 north to Allisonville Road and go south to 62nd St. Alternatively, you can take Kessler Blvd to Allisonville Rd and go north to 62nd St. Turn east on 62nd St. and go ½ block to Eastwood Middle School parking lot for a 6-mile hike. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Michele Kestle (251-7157)

10:00 AM HOWLAND CREEK & BROAD RIPPLE PARK FROM NORGATE Meet in the Wal-Mart Supercenter lot at 7325 North Keystone near the McDonalds for a 5-mile hike. If road conditions are bad, this hike may be cancelled, so call the leader if in doubt. (F,PS/HS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Marsha Hutchins (251-9078 or cell 439-1468)

4:30 PM BETTER THAN THERAPY See February 5.

6:00 PM SOUTHPORT See February 5.

Wednesday, February 20

8:30 AM WEDNESDAY MORNINGS ON THE CANAL See February 6.

9:00 AM EAGLE CREEK ROADS AND TRAILS See February 6.

9:00 AM PRESIDENTS' PROMENADE/WASHINGTON SQUARE See February 6.

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See February 6.

4:30 PM PACING ON THE PENNSY See February 6.

6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See February 6.

Thursday, February 21

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK See February 7.

6:00 PM SCHOOL TO SCHOOL AND PERRY WOODS See February 7.

Friday, February 22

8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See February 1.

9:00 AM BRISK ROAD HIKE - EAGLE CREEK See February 1.

6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See February 1.

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Saturday, February 23

8:30 AM GREENWOOD PARK MALL See February 2.

9:00 AM POLAR BEAR RUN AND WALK This is a self-guided* 5-Mile Run, a 5K Competitive Walk and a 5K Family Fitness Walk at the Indiana War Memorial located at Meridian and North Streets in downtown Indianapolis. The run starts 9:00 AM and the walks start at 9:20 AM. A \$15 pre-registration fee must be received by Monday, February 18; after that the fee increases to \$20. Check www.kenlongassoc.com for details about the event and the worthy cause it supports. I will be signing up for Club mileage between 8:15 AM and 8:45 AM at the packet pickup area of the memorial. (F,PS) Leader: Joan Griffiths (297-7312, j.griffitts@sbcglobal.net)

9:00 AM HIKING & "DUCKING" IN EAGLE CREEK PARK If road conditions are bad, this hike may be cancelled, so call the leader if in doubt. Meet at the marina parking lot in the park (fee). Binoculars are recommended for this 5-mile hike (shorter options), which will take us wherever we can find open water. We will stop for a while at each site to look for ducks and other migrating waterfowl. Repeats on March 8. (M,NS/HS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Marsha Hutchins (251-9078; 439-1468-cell)

9:00 AM MORGAN MONROE STATE FOREST Allow 1¼ hours travel time from I-465 & SR 37. Take SR 37 south to about 4 miles south of Martinsville. Turn left at the sign for Morgan Monroe State Forest and go about 4 miles to the forest entrance. Meet at the Forest Office parking lot. We will do the 10-mile Three Lakes Trail first and if weather and interest permit, we will take a lunch break and do the 10-mile Low Gap Trail. (H,NS,3.5) Leader: Cathy Bridge (201-6551)

Sunday, February 24

9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See February 3.

12:00 PM INDIANAPOLIS EXECUTIVE AIRPORT From I-465N, exit at Michigan Road and go north about 9 miles to Route 32/176th Street. Go east less than 2 miles and turn right into the airport entrance. Park in front of the main terminal. We will hike 6 miles around the perimeter of this rapidly growing general aviation airport. Afterwards we will tour the hangars at this 100-aircraft site. (F,NS,3.5) Leader: Tom Kapostasy (575-0768)

1:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE TO BUTLER See February 3.

1:00 PM CENTRAL PARK IN CARMEL From North Meridian St. and 106th St., go east on 106th St. 1.5 mi. to Westfield Blvd. Turn left (north) on Westfield Blvd. and go approx. 0.7 mi. Park entrance will be on left. Meet in parking lot at end of drive for a 5-6 mile hike. We will hike in and around park and tour the Monon Center. Join us for lunch afterwards at Shapiro's in Carmel. Repeats on March 30. (F,PS,2.5-3) Leaders: June Sergi (844-7883) and Carolyn Mitzel (409-2381)

Monday, February 25

8:00 AM WEST ORANGE TRAIL IN CENTRAL FLORIDA This hike will be on a flat paved multi-purpose trail that goes from Apopka to Winter Garden and is somewhat scenic. This will be a chance for snowbirds to keep in shape and in touch. Meet at the Walgreen's on US 441 near Park Street in Apopka, which is just north and west of Orlando. The hike will be 13 miles total out and back with a 7-mile further option. Bring plenty of water and snacks. Please call either of the leaders if you plan to attend the hike or if you would like more information. (F,P,3.5-4) Leaders: Frank (317-509-6044) and Rita (317-509-1711) Bymaster

9:00 AM FALL CREEK TRAIL Meet at Windridge Center at 5435 N. Emerson Way (O'Malia's parking lot near pond) for a 5 or 8-mile hike either north or south at the hike leader's discretion. Repeats on March 24. (F,PS,3-3.5). Leader: Tish Brafford (251-8907 or 531-6700 cell)

9:00 AM BRISK WORKOUT See February 11.

6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See February 4.

Tuesday, February 26

8:00 AM EARLY MORNING IN BROAD RIPPLE See February 12.

10:00 AM HIDDEN LAKE Park in the visitor lot on the east side of Clowes Hall at Butler University (46th and Sunset) for a 5-mile hike. If road conditions are bad, this hike may be cancelled, so call the leader if in doubt. (M,HS/NS,2.5-3) Leader: Marsha Hutchins (251-9078 or cell 439-1468)

4:30 PM BETTER THAN THERAPY See February 5.

6:00 PM SOUTHPORT See February 5.

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Wednesday, February 27

- 8:30 AM WEDNESDAY MORNINGS ON THE CANAL See February 6.
 9:00 AM EAGLE CREEK ROADS AND TRAILS See February 6.
 9:00 AM PRESIDENTS' PROMENADE/WASHINGTON SQUARE See February 6.
 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See February 6.
 4:30 PM PACING ON THE PENNSY See February 6.
 6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See February 6.

Thursday, February 28

- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK See February 7.
 6:00 PM SCHOOL TO SCHOOL AND PERRY WOODS See February 7.

Friday, February 29***Leap Year Day***

- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See February 1.
 9:00 AM BRISK ROAD HIKE - EAGLE CREEK See February 1.
 10:00AM LEAP YEAR DAY HIKE Join us for a 6 mile hike which will start at the White River Park Visitor Center on West Washington St. across from Victory Field and go to 29th St. and return. There will be some surprises along the way. Repeats on February 29, 2012. (F,PS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (329-2779 home, 652-2779 cell)
 6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See February 1.

Saturday, March 1

- 7:00 AM MARATHON ON THE MONON Park at the 96th Street trail head on the Monon Trail. From I-465 on the north side exit south on Meridian. Take first left onto 96th Street and go east 1.2 miles to the Monon Trail parking lot on your left. This will be a 26-mile hike south on the Monon Trail to downtown, back up the White River Trail and Tow Path to Broad Ripple and back to our cars. (F,PS,3.5-4) Leaders: Cindy West (299-7829) and Sukhbir Singh (842-5739)
 8:00 AM FRANKLIN TRAIL, COLLEGE AND ROSES Follow US 31 South through Franklin past the intersection of SR 44 & 144. Go over Young's Creek and turn left at the Indiana Masonic sign. Go 0.8 miles to the Beeson Recreation Center on left. Parking lot is on north side of building. Hike is 10 miles with a 3 and 5-mile option. Repeats each Saturday in March. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leaders: Ron Phillips (736-9923) and Glee Crowder (859-8159)
 9:30 AM "DUCKING" AT SUMMIT LAKE STATE PARK If road conditions are bad, this hike may be cancelled, so call the leader if in doubt. One route is to take I-70 east to Exit 123 (SR 3). Go north through New Castle to US 36. Turn right (east) and follow signs to the park (fee). Meet in the main boat ramp parking lot. We will check the lake from this location and then drive to other locations in the park as we look for ducks and other migrating waterfowl. Binoculars and/or spotting scope would enhance your experience. Walking distance should not exceed one mile. If you are staying for the afternoon hike, you may want to bring a light lunch as there is no food available in the park. Leader: Marsha Hutchins (251-9078; 439-1468-cell)
 12:00 PM HIKING AT SUMMIT LAKE STATE PARK Follow directions above to the park (fee). Meet in the main boat ramp parking lot for a hike of 5-6 miles with shorter options. (M,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Marsha Hutchins (251-9078; 439-1468-cell)
 7:00 PM EUCHRE PARTY See February 2.

Sunday, March 2

- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See February 3.
 9:00 AM BROWN COUNTY See February 9.
 1:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE TO BUTLER See February 3.
 1:30 PM GREENFIELD SCHOOLS See February 10.

Monday, March 3

- 9:00 AM BUTLER-TARKINGTON STROLL Meet for a 5-6 mile hike in the Unitarian Church parking lot 615 W. 43rd Street. From West 38th Street, go north on Clarendon Road (the road which is on the east side of Crown Hill Cemetery). When you reach 43rd Street turn right and go ½ block. Church is on south side of street. (F,PS/NS,3) Leader: Pat Lawler (329-2779, 652-2779 cell)

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9:00 AM MORNING CONSTITUTIONAL See February 4.

6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE Meet in free parking lot that is ½ block south of Broad Ripple Ave. on Carrollton Avenue for a hike of 5-6 miles. Join us for dinner and a brew after the hike. (F,PS/NS,3.5) Leader: Jeff Edmondson (733-0143)

Tuesday, March 4

9:00 AM LAKE CLEARWATER Park just northwest of the Super Wal-Mart, at the intersection of Keystone Ave. and Ruth Drive, in the Gene Glick Junior Achievement Center parking lot. This will be a 6-mile hike. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Michele Kestle (251-7157)

9:30 AM MORGAN-MONROE STATE FOREST Allow about 1 hour and 15 minutes travel time from the intersection of I-465 and SR 37 on Indy's south side. Take SR 37 south about 4 miles south of Martinsville. Turn left at the sign for Morgan-Monroe State Forest and go about 4 miles to the forest entrance. Turn left and go about 5 miles to the Fire Tower parking lot, which is beyond the turnoff for the Fire HQ. This is a hike of 5-6 miles, with a shorter option at a slower pace. Join us for lunch after the hike. If the roads are icy, call to ensure that the hike has not been cancelled. Repeats each Tuesday in March. (M,NS,2.5-3) Leader: Mary Ann Layman (881-8416)

9:30 AM WHITE RIVER FROM POTTERS BRIDGE We will walk 5-6 miles along the White River from Potters Bridge and visit Forest Park and part of Noblesville. Meet at the parking lot by Potters Bridge in Noblesville. From Indianapolis head 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) on 10th St. and proceed approximately 1/4 mile. The entrance the Potters Bridge will be on your left. Join us for lunch afterwards at Logan's Restaurant. (F,PS,3) Leader: Bob Hackenberg (773-2934)

10:00 AM CANAL TOW PATH Meet at the Butler University campus in the Clowes Hall parking lot. This pleasant walk of 5 miles will proceed down the Canal Tow Path to 30th Street. Following a brief bathroom stop in the Navel Avionics building, we will return to Clowes Hall. Join us for lunch afterwards at a local restaurant. Hike repeats on March 18. (F,PS/NS, 2.5-3) Leader: Marthene Kohlmeyer (cell 850-1291).

4:30 PM BETTER THAN THERAPY See February 5.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD NIGHTS From I-465 on the south side take I-65 south to exit (99) Greenwood Main Street. Turn right (west). We will meet in the parking lot located at the corner of Madison Ave. and Main Street for a 5-6 mile guided hike. Flashlights are suggested. Repeats each Tuesday in March. (F,PS,3.5) Leaders: Suzanne Lichtman (371-4903) and Sharon Shockey (294-7366)

Wednesday, March 5

8:30 AM WEDNESDAY MORNINGS ON THE CANAL See February 6.

9:00 AM EAGLE CREEK ROADS AND TRAILS See February 6.

9:00 AM PRESIDENTS' PROMENADE/WASHINGTON SQUARE Sign-up sheet for this self-guided* hike at Washington Square Mall will be at the Information Desk. Take as many one-mile laps as you wish. Repeats each Wednesday in March. (F,PS) Leader: Bob Pedigo (891-1943)

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See February 6.

4:30 PM PACING ON THE PENNSY See February 6.

6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See February 6.

Thursday, March 6

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK See February 7.

6:00 PM SCHOOL TO SCHOOL AND PERRY WOODS See February 7.

Friday, March 7

8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE I-465N exit at Michigan Rd. and go north. Turn left on 116th St. and drive to downtown Zionsville and take SR 334 west. Meet in the parking lot of the Zionsville Town Hall at 1100 W. Oak street (SR334) across from McDonalds. This will be a 6-mile hike through quaint neighborhoods, the Zionsville Rail Trail and possibly Starkey Park. Repeats each Friday in March. (M,PS,3.5) Leader: Rena Elsner (873-6526)

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6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See February 1.

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Saturday, March 8

8:00 AM FRANKLIN TRAIL, COLLEGE AND ROSES See March 1.

9:00 PM ROYAL PINES AND LAKE CLEARWATER This is a 7-mile hike (5-mile option), around Lake Clearwater and through Royal Pines. From the intersection of Keystone Ave. and 86th St. go east on 86th St. about .8 mile to Dean Rd. Turn right (south) onto Dean Rd. and take the next right in the northwest corner of Joe's Crabshack's parking lot. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Ed Wright (554-9238)

9:00 AM HIKING & "DUCKING" IN EAGLE CREEK PARK See February 23.

2:00 PM HILL VALLEY EAST Meet in parking lot for Baxter YMCA on Shelby St. at Stop 11 Road (south entrance). This is right off US 31 on the south side. This is a neighborhood hike of 6 miles with a 5-mile option. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: David Kincaid (787-6593)

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

9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See February 3.

9:30 AM McCORMICK'S CREEK STATE PARK I Take SR 67 southwest to Spencer and SR 46 east to the park (fee). Meet in the Inn parking lot for a 5-6 mile hike. Join us for lunch at the Inn. (M,NS,3) Leader: Jean Ballinger (276-2050-days; or 696-2120-cell)

1:00 PM McCORMICK'S CREEK STATE PARK II Follow directions above for a 6-7 mile hike. (M,NS,3) Leader: Jean Ballinger (276-2050-days; or 696-2120-cell)

1:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE TO BUTLER See February 3.

Monday, March 10

9:00 AM INDY'S BEST KEPT SECRET This is a 7-mile hike in Town Run Trail Park, Indy's premier mountain biking trail along the White River. From I-465 on the north side, go north on Allisonville Road. Turn left (west) on 96th St. and go 0.6 miles to the park entrance on your left (look for partially hidden park sign) across the street from a Carmel water treatment plant. Trail gets muddy after a heavy rain, so consider hiking boots. Bring water. (M,NS,3-3.5) Leader: Ed Wright (219-5536)

9:00 AM BRISK WORKOUT See February 11.

6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE Meet in free parking lot that is ½ block south of Broad Ripple Ave. on Carrollton Ave. for a hike of 5-6 miles. This hike is not self-guided. Repeats on March 24 and 3 (F,PS/NS,3-3.5) Leader: Jean Ballinger (276-2050 day; 696-2120 cell)

Tuesday, March 11

8:00 AM EARLY MORNING IN BROAD RIPPLE See February 12.

9:30 AM. THE MONON TRAIL IN CARMEL We will meet in the parking lot of Wild Oats in the Clay Terrace shopping center in north Carmel. We will walk 5-6 miles along the Monon Trail, possibly after exploring the unimproved extension north of 146th St. Wild Oats can be reached from either 146th St. or from US 31 via the southern entrance to Clay Terrace. Join us for lunch afterward at the Paradise Cafe. (F,PS,3) Leader: Bob Hackenberg (773-2934)

9:30 AM MORGAN-MONROE STATE FOREST See March 4.

4:30 PM BETTER THAN THERAPY See February 5.

6:00 PM GREENWOOD NIGHTS See March 4.

Wednesday, March 12

8:30 AM WEDNESDAY MORNINGS ON THE CANAL See February 6.

9:00 AM EAGLE CREEK ROADS AND TRAILS See February 6.

9:00 AM PRESIDENTS' PROMENADE/WASHINGTON SQUARE See March 5.

4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See February 6.

4:30 PM PACING ON THE PENNSY See February 6.

6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See February 6.

Thursday, March 13

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK See February 7.

6:30 PM GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS All members and guests are invited to attend this semi-annual event. This year's meeting will be held at the Wayne Twp Library, 150 South Girls School Road on the west side of Indianapolis, off Rockville Rd. Will McLaughlin, President of Heatly Industries, will speak on "Helping you manage your health". Following Will's

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talk we will recognize the winners of the 2007 IHC Achievement Awards and those who completed 15 Anniversary hikes. A complete description of the Awards program can be found on the Club web site at www.indyhike.org/awards. Enjoy free refreshments before the program. We hope to see you there. If you have any questions, contact Donna Chastain at 347-0107.

Friday, March 14

- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See March 7.
- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See February 1.
- 9:00 AM BRISK ROAD HIKE - EAGLE CREEK See February 1.
- 6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See February 1.

Friday, March 14 – Sunday, March 16

WINTER WEEKEND AT SPRING MILL STATE PARK for members and their invited guests. A room reservation supplement for the Spring Mill Inn was mailed to all members with the Dec-Jan schedule. Deadline for room reservations is February 20. Hikes are tentatively planned for SAT 9:00 AM, SAT 2:00 PM and SUN 9:00 AM. All hikes will begin at the Inn and shorter options will be available. Leaders: Mary Ann and Bob Layman (881-8416). Day hikers are welcome to come down and hike with the overnights. Allow 1½ hours travel time from I-465 on the south side of Indianapolis. Take SR 37 south through Bloomington and Bedford to Mitchell. Turn left on SR 60 and go a few miles to the park entrance (fee). Contact Bill Larrison (388-0498) for additional information or if you misplaced the reservation form.

Saturday, March 15

- 8:00 AM FRANKLIN TRAIL, COLLEGE AND ROSES See March 1.
- 9:30 AM MONON IN BROAD RIPPLE Meet in Broad Ripple Park, 1550 Broad Ripple Avenue, for a 6-mile hike on the Monon Trail. After entering park, turn right by the dog park and meet in lot there. (F,HS,3.5) Leader: Michele Kestle (251-7157)
- 9:00 AM KNOBSTONE TRAIL VI - NEW CHAPEL HILL TO JACKSON RD. TRAILHEADS This 18-mile hike includes the New Chapel Hill to Jackson Rd segment (12 miles) of the Knobstone Trail and 6 miles of back roads. It includes several hills and overlooks for surrounding countryside and (on a clear day) Louisville. Hiking boots, poles, lunch and plenty of water are a MUST. Allow 2–2¼ hours travel time from I-465 on the south side. Go 87 miles south on I-65 to Henryville exit then 5.3 miles west on SR 160 to New Liberty. Continue another ¼ mile, turn north (right) on S Liberty Knob Rd (CR-500 S) and go about 0.3-0.4 miles to New Chapel Hill Trailhead entrance drive (KT sign post) on your right (east) (N38° 38.34.460' W85° 52.425'). The trailhead accommodates only 3-4 cars so carpooling is a must. Carpool location: Exit I-65 at Southport Rd and turn left back over I-65. Turn right at 2nd light (Emerson Ave.) Meet by 6:45 AM in the northeast corner of the Menards parking lot (on your right). (M, NS/PS/HS, 2-3). Leaders: Jeff Edmondson (733-0143; 450-2526-cell) and Cathy Bridge (283-7758, 201-6551-cell)

Sunday, March 16

- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See February 3.
- 12:00 PM PARK 100 From I-465W, exit at 71st Street. Go east on 71st Street about 1 mile past Zionsville Road to stop light at Waldemar Road across from Pike High School. Turn left and then sharply right to the National FFA Merchandise Center parking lot at 5155 Technology Way. We will hike 6 miles around the perimeter of Park 100, following railroad tracks, visiting Piazza produce and the Keebler elves. (F,PS,3.5) Leader: Tom Kapostasy (575-0768)
- 1:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE TO BUTLER See February 3.
- 1:30 PM CARMEL - KITSCH OR CLASS? Park in the lot immediately north of Old National Bank at the NW corner of 116th and Rangeline Rd (Westfield Blvd. turns into Rangeline Road north of 96th street). This will be a 6-7 mile stroll through the ever-changing face of Central Carmel including the "Arts and Design District," Government Center, and future sites of the controversial Gramercy Development and Concert Hall. Both whimsical and serious outdoor "art" will be featured. (F,PS,3-3.5) Leader: Cheryl Smolecki (575-8819)

Monday, March 17***Saint Patrick's Day***

- 9:00 AM ST. PATRICK'S DAY STROLL. This 5-6 mile hike will meet at White River Park Visitors' Center on W. Washington St., across from Victory Field. We will visit some of the more prominent places in Indy's Irish history. Everyone is Irish on St. Patty's Day so do the right thing and WEAR SOMETHING GREEN. We should finish up around 11 and the St. Patrick's Day Parade starts at 11:30 at North and Pennsylvania if you wish to watch it. (F,PS, 2.5-3) Leader: Pat Lawler (329-2779, 652-2779 Cell)
- 9:00 AM BRISK WORKOUT See February 11.
- 4:30 PM ST. PATRICK'S DAY IN ZIONSVILLE From I-465 on the north side, exit at Michigan Rd. and go north. Turn left on 116th St. and drive to downtown Zionsville and take SR-334 west. Park at Lion's Club Park off of 334. Lion's Club Park is located between 42nd and Zionsville Main Street just north of 334. The entrance to the park is just two blocks west of Main St. Main St. then Elm then the entrance to the park. This will be a 6-mile hike through quaint neighborhoods and downtown. Join us at Friendly Tavern's party tent after the hike for corned beef & cabbage to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. (M,PS,3.5) Leader: Rena Elsner (873-6526).
- 6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE Meet in free parking lot that is ½ block south of Broad Ripple Ave. on Carrollton Avenue for a hike of 5-6 miles. Join us for dinner and a brew after the hike. (F,PS/NS,3.5) Leader: Tom Hollett (848-2648)

Tuesday, March 18

- 9:30 AM MORGAN-MONROE STATE FOREST See March 4.
- 10:00 AM CANAL TOW PATH See March 4..
- 4:30 PM BETTER THAN THERAPY See February 5.
- 6:00 PM GREENWOOD NIGHTS See March 4.

Wednesday, March 19

- 8:30 AM WEDNESDAY MORNINGS ON THE CANAL See February 6.
- 9:00 AM EAGLE CREEK ROADS AND TRAILS See February 6.
- 9:00 AM PRESIDENTS' PROMENADE/WASHINGTON SQUARE See March 5..
- 4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See February 6.
- 4:30 PM PACING ON THE PENNSY See February 6.
- 6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See February 6.

Thursday, March 20***First Day of Spring***

- 9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK See February 7.
- 6:00 PM SCHOOL TO SCHOOL AND PERRY WOODS See February 7.

Friday, March 21

- 8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See March 7.
- 8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See February 1.
- 9:00 AM BRISK ROAD HIKE - EAGLE CREEK See February 1.
- 6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUUPUI See February 1.

Saturday, March 22

- 7:00 AM FORT HARRISON STATE PARK TO McCORMICK ROCK From I-465 on the east side, take the 56th St. exit heading east. Turn north on Post Rd from 56th St. Park in the Lawrence Government Center at the southeast corner of the T-junction of Post & 59th St (Shafter Rd). This is a brisk 33-mile hike to the confluence of Fall Creek & White River – site of the new Indiana-state capital selected in June 1820. Hike has self-guided options of 14 and 21 miles. (F,PS,3.5-4) Leaders: Cindy West (299-7829) and Sukhbir Singh (842-5739).
- 8:00 AM FRANKLIN TRAIL, COLLEGE AND ROSES See March 1.
- 9:00 AM WALK THE WILD SIDE This will be a 10-mile hike on the more rustic and rugged west side of Eagle Creek reservoir. Park by the soccer fields on Reed Road, just west of the Colts complex on 56th Street. We will hike across the causeway over the reservoir to Eagle Creek Park West then the hike about 8 miles in the woods. Bring water. (M,NS,3-3.5) Leader: Ed Wright (219-5536)

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10:00 AM STORY Take SR 135 south through Nashville. Turn left at the 2nd light onto SR 46 heading east. Go past the entrance to Brown County State Park until you get to 135 South (Horseman's camp sign, same road you take to Gnaw Bone Camp). Drive about 7 miles south until you reach Story. Alternatively, you can take I-65 south to the SR 46 exit at Columbus. Go west about 15 miles until you see 135 South and turn left and follow the directions above to Story. Park at the Story Inn or across the road. We will walk along country roads and into Hoosier National Forest for about 8 miles and afterwards we will eat at the Inn. (M,PS,3) Leader: Marthene Kohlmeier (849-5051)

Sunday, March 23 *Easter Sunday*

9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See February 3.
1:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE TO BUTLER See February 3.

Monday, March 24

9:00 AM FALL CREEK TRAIL See February 25.
9:00 AM BRISK WORKOUT See February 11.
6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See March 10.

Tuesday, March 25

9:00 AM DEVONSHIRES Meet near Cord Camera in Avalon Crossing shopping center at the SE corner of 71st St. and Binford Blvd. (SR 37) for a 6-mile hike. (M,PS,3.5) Leader: Michele Kestle (251-7157)
9:30 AM MORGAN-MONROE STATE FOREST See March 4.
10:00 AM DOWNTOWN AND EITELJORG MUSEUM Meet at the White River State Park Visitor Center parking lot, across from Victory Field on W. Wash. St. This is a new 5-6 mile hike that will include walking along the canal and ending at the Eiteljorg museum. Join us for lunch afterwards at the Eiteljorg Sky City Cafe (no fee) followed by an optional guided tour by Claudia Clark of the special exhibit on Yosemite Park featuring 80 photos and paintings, many by Ansel Adams. Reduced group fee of \$5 for seniors over 65 and \$6 for others. (F,PS,3) Leaders: Ron and Claudia Clark (769-6566)
4:30 PM BETTER THAN THERAPY See February 5.
6:00 PM GREENWOOD NIGHTS See March 4.

Wednesday, March 26

8:30 AM WEDNESDAY MORNINGS ON THE CANAL See February 6.
9:00 AM EAGLE CREEK ROADS AND TRAILS See February 6.
9:00 AM PRESIDENTS' PROMENADE/WASHINGTON SQUARE See March 5.
4:30 PM EXPLORE ZIONSVILLE See February 6.
4:30 PM PACING ON THE PENNSY See February 6.
6:00 PM DOWNTOWN EVENING HIKE See February 6.

Thursday, March 27

9:30 AM EASY AT EAGLE CREEK See February 7.
6:00 PM SCHOOL TO SCHOOL AND PERRY WOODS See February 7.

Friday, March 28

8:00 AM EARLY BIRD IN ZIONSVILLE See March 7.
8:00 AM CASTLETON MALL WALK See February 1.
9:00 AM BRISK ROAD HIKE - EAGLE CREEK See February 1.
6:00 PM OVER, AROUND & THROUGH IUPUI See February 1.

Saturday, March 29

8:00 AM FRANKLIN TRAIL, COLLEGE AND ROSES See March 1.
9:00 AM 39th SAM COSTA HALF MARATHON You have your choice of a 13.1-mile self-guided* half marathon or 6.55-mile quarter marathon starting at Northview Christian Life Church, 5535 E. 131st St., Carmel. From I-465 take Keystone Ave. north to 131st Street. Go to www.indyrunners.org for more information. The race fee is \$25. Sign up with the HC between 8:15 AM and 8:45 AM at the entrance to the church. (F,PS) Leader: Joan Griffiths (297.7312, j.griffitts@sbcglobal.net)

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- 9:00 AM KNOBSTONE TRAIL V - LEOTA TO NEW CHAPEL HILL This 16-mile hike includes the Leota to New Chapel Hill segment (9.0 miles) of the Knobstone Trail and approximately 7 miles of back roads. The hike involves ascending/descending on several steep ridges and as much as a mile of muddy tract; therefore, hiking boots and poles are ESSENTIAL. Bring lunch and plenty of water. Allow 1½ - 2 hours of travel time from I-465 on the south side: Go 77 miles south on I-65 to Sale exit (SR 56). Go west 3.45 miles to Finley Firehouse Rd. (CR400 W) and turn south (left) going towards Leota. Finley Firehouse Rd. merges with S Bloomington Tri Rd. at 2.2 miles. Turn left (south), go about 440 yards and turn right (west) onto W. Leota Rd. Go 2.3 miles, turn right (northwest) onto E. Saylor Rd. and then turn right (KT signpost and gravel drive on your immediate right) for Leota Trailhead (N38° 38.497' W85° 53.271'). THIS TRAILHEAD ACCOMODATES ONLY 3-4 CARS, MAKING CARPOOLING A MUST. Carpool location: Exit I-65 at Southport Road and turn left back over I-65. Turn right at 2nd light (Emerson Ave.) Meet in the northeast corner of the Menards parking lot (on your right) by 7:00 AM. (M,NS/PS/HS,2-3) Leaders: Jeff Edmondson (733-0143, 450-2526 cell) and Cathy Bridge (283-7758, 201-6551 cell)
- 9:30 AM COLUMBUS - DONNER PARK Allow 1 hour for travel from I-465. Go south on I-65 to Exit 76A (US 31 South), which is the Taylorsville/Columbus exit. Go approximately 6 miles to Washington Street - veer left over the bridge when the road splits. Turn right onto Washington Street and go about 1 mile to 22nd Street. Turn left onto 22nd Street. Go about 3 blocks to the Donner Center on the right. This hike will consist of walking past historical homes, taking the greenway path through Mill Race Park, going past the new and old courthouses, and some unusual architecture in Columbus. This hike will be about 6 miles. Plan on lunch afterwards at one of the local restaurants. (F,PS,3) Leader: Kathy Burch (cell: 625-3486)
- 10:00 AM EXPLORE FRANKLIN'S NEW HIGH SCHOOL Go south on US 31 to Franklin or if coming south on I-65 take the Whiteland exit and turn right and follow it to US 31 Turn right (west) on Commerce Dr., which is 1st stop light past Carter Lumber. Follow Commerce Dr. approx. 0.7 mi to 1st entrance to high school. Turn right and go to the T. Turn right then turn left into event parking lot, and meet there for a 6-mile hike on school grounds and country roads. Let's plan on lunch afterwards at Auntie M's. (F,PS,3) Leader: Mary Williams (919-8574-cell)
- 1:30 PM WHITE RIVER TRAIL & LAKE SULLIVAN FROM RIVERSIDE FAMILY CENTER Meet in the parking lot of the Family Center in Riverside Park, 2420 N. Riverside East Drive, for a 5-mile walk (shorter options). (F,PS,2.5-3) Leader: Marsha Hutchins (251-9078; 439-1468-cell)

Sunday, March 30

- 9:00 AM WALK AND WORSHIP See February 3.
- 9:00 AM LOW GAP TRAIL Take SR 37 south from I-465 about 30 miles and turn left at the Morgan-Monroe State Forest sign. Go 0.6 miles to Old SR 37 and turn right. Go 1.7 miles to the main forest road and turn left to enter Morgan-Monroe State Forest. Follow this road to a parking area with the Low Gap Trailhead sign on the right side of the main road. If you get to the forest office, you have gone too far. Bring lunch & water for a 10-mile hike. (H,NS,3) Leader: Jean Ballinger (276-2050-day; 696-2120-cell)
- 1:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE TO BUTLER See February 3.
- 1:00 PM CENTRAL PARK IN CARMEL See February 24.

Monday, March 31

- 9:00 AM BRISK WORKOUT See February 11.
- 9:30 AM NEWCOMERS' HIKE Park in the Gene B. Glick Junior Achievement Center parking lot, northwest of the Super Wal-Mart, at the intersection of 74th and Keystone Avenue. This will be a 6-mile hike (not self guided) with a 2-mile option. Restrooms available. (M,NS/PS,2.5-3) Leader: Betty Steed (251-8210)
- 6:00 PM BROAD RIPPLE See March 10.

PLAN FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS: Contact a pathfinder if you would like to preview a future event.

WILDFLOWER HIKES – Tuesdays in April Mary Ann Layman will be leading 4-6 mile wild-flower hikes each Tuesday morning in April. Each week will be a different location known for the diversity of wildflowers. These hikes are very popular and informative, so plan to attend as many as your schedule permits.

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11th ANNUAL SMOKY MOUNTAINS LONG WEEKEND – April 17-19 It's time to make your room reservations for the annual Club trip to the Smokies. Some suggestions are Riverhouse at the Park (865-436-2070), Riverhouse Motor Lodge (865-436-7821) and Carr's Cottages & Motel (865-436-4836). As in past years, Jean Ballinger will lead the longer hikes and Jim Shoufler will lead the moderate ones. Call Jean Ballinger at 276-2050-day or 696-2120 if you have any questions

C&O CANAL ONE DAY HIKE – April 26 For two years in a row seven IHC members completed the very challenging 100km one-day hike. Well they are at it again, going for a third time. This annual event is sponsored by the Sierra Club. You have a choice of a 100km (62.1 miles) and 50km (31.1 miles) self-guided options. The 100km starts at 3 AM in Washington, DC; and the 50km starts at 10 AM from Whites Ferry, MD. Both hikes follow the C&O Canal towpath along the Potomac River, ending in Harpers Ferry/Bolivar, WV, by midnight. For information on how to register go to www.onedayhike.org. Look for training hikes in this and the next schedule. If you are interested in participating in this unique event contact Rita Bymaster at 852-7216.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND AT GNAW BONE CAMP – May 24-26 Mark your calendar for this fun annual event. Look for more details and a registration form in the next schedule.

INDIANAPOLIS HIKING CLUB PICNIC – July 26 As in recent years, this year's picnic will be held at Eagle Creek Park in Shelter B. An optional 5-mile hike will precede the picnic.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND – August 30-September 1 This year we will return to beautiful Starve Rock State Park in north central Illinois a park know for it's great trails. Look for more details in future schedules.

BADLANDS and BLACK HILLS – September 8-12 Join Phil and Charlotte Slaughter for a fun week of hiking and sightseeing in South Dakota's most scenic areas, including the Badlands, Custer State Park, the Black Hills and a visit to Mount Rushmore. We will hike Monday-Friday, but not every day, with easy and more challenging options on most days. One of the hikes will be in the Spearfish Canyon where part of the movie "Dances with Wolves" was shot; some beautiful and different scenery here. Phil has reserved a block of rooms at the Super 8 motel in Hill City, SD a quaint western town. The price is just \$62.89 plus tax per couple per room with 2 queen beds. More than 2 per room will be a little extra. There will be a continental breakfast and if your appetite is larger there are a few restaurants nearby. When making your reservation, make sure you tell them you are with the Indianapolis Hiking Club. The confirmation number is 11901. The phone number is (605) 574-4141. If you are interested in camping give Phil a call. You will be responsible for your own transportation to South Dakota and finding your own way to the hikes with our directions. If you plan to fly, Rapid City, SD is probably your best bet. The drive from Indy is about 1,200 miles. There will be more information as time draws near. Phil and Charlotte will be in Tucson this winter so if you need more information you can reach them at (520)-546-1433 or by cell phone at (317)-755-8581.

GRAND TETON AND YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARKS - September 14-19 Jean Ballinger will be leading a weeklong trip to Jackson Hole, WY. September 13 is a travel day with hikes planned for Sunday, September 14 through September 19. Jean has distributed detailed information packets to all those who expressed interest in this trip, including planned hikes and sightseeing options, lodging, restaurants, driving directions, tentative pricing and much more. If you have not already contacted Jean, it may already be too late to participate in the reserved block of airspace and rooms. If you do plan to make your own travel and room reservations, it is still essential that you contact Jean and let her know your plans, since hike meeting locations are different each day. Also, if you want to participate on any of the planned activities (e.g., float trip) be aware that advance sign-up is necessary. You may contact Jean by e-mail at jballinger@lilly.com or by phone at 276-2050-day or 696-2120.

ADVENTURE TREK IN NEPAL - October 2008 Although not a Hiking Club trip, this information is included since it may be of interest to some of our more adventurous hikers. Jeffrey Rasley, a long-time Indianapolis resident and practicing attorney, is organizing a trek for "first-timers" to Nepal that he thinks might interest Hiking Club members. Jeff has organized several Himalayan treks and mountaineering expeditions, after having participated in numerous expeditions. Last year the Central Indiana Wilderness Club recommended the trek Jeff organized and 6 members participated out of a total group of 9. If you are interested in learning more please contact Jeffrey Rasley via e-mail at jrasley@juno.com or by phone at 317-321-1000. Jeff will provide you with more information about the trip he is planning. You need to act soon, since some commitments may have to be made in early February.

PLEASE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS VOTED IN AT RECENT BOARD MEETINGS:

12/20 Breitwieser, Maren	1215 Navajo Trail West Dr.	46260	373 4706
12/20 Donovan, Judy	3312 Babette Ct.	46227	201 3581
12/20 Halik, Bill	1201 E. Adams Dr., Franklin, IN.	46131	738 0804
12/20 Meunier, David	2954 Horse Hill, E. Dr.	46214	293 2901
12/20 Rhonemus, Stephen	8638 Algeciras Dr., Apt 1C	46250	407 3111
12/20 Sandman, Sally	8071 Chiltern Dr.	46268	875 9034
1/17 Cappa, Anita	482 Arbor Drive, Carmel, IN.	46032	951 2459
1/17 Disbro, Annamarie	10620 Patriot Lane	46234	902 2579
1/17 Farless, Lynette	3635 River Rd., Columbus, IN.	47203 812	378 2072
1/17 Gaebler, John	14006 Bigelow Court, Carmel, IN.	46032	575 8490
1/17 Hess, June	1232 Redbrook Ct., Apt C	46229	849 1817
1/17 King, George	6129 Liverpool Ln.	46236	826 0034
1/17 Roberts, Jeff	7404 Cherryhill Drive	46254	328 9946
1/17 Schrack, Earl & Dianne	9025 Stonewick Circle, Zionsville, IN.	46077	769 3790
1/17 Wilson, Tina	1135 Crystal Ct., Avon, IN.	46123	839 1418
1/17 Winings, Chad	11657 Victoria Court, Carmel, IN.	46033	407 2170

RE-INSTATEMENTS

1/17 Boger, Robert & Anne	370 SR 135 N., Nashville, IN.	47448 812	988 4206
1/17 Farless, James	3635 River Rd., Columbus, IN.	47203 812	378 2072
1/17 Montgomery, Gerry	352 Harts Ford Way, Brownsburg, IN.	46112	858 7017
1/17 Moore, Rhonda T.	10730 Preston Drive	46236	826 8246
1/17 Shockey, Sharon	150 Charing Cross Road	46217	784 2690
1/17 Smith, Whit	P.O. Box 567, Plainfield, IN.	46168	539 6556
1/17 Wheat, Lorna	10136 Breezy Point Dr., Fishers, IN.	46037	913 1496
1/17 Winings, Erin	11657 Victoria Court, Carmel, IN.	46033	407 2170
12/20 Moore, Emily	8225 Beech Knoll	46256	842 6258

CHANGES - Address, Phone, Etc.

Barnes, Carol	144 Carey Dr., Noblesville, IN.	46060	910 6444
Donovan, Judy			201 3581
Dykes, Eric			786 8432
Franklin, Darla			514 6945
Higdon, Ron			439 6930
Miller, John & Eileen	2102 Kendall Ave., Madison, WI	53726 317	430 1111
Shaw, Linda			888 1275
Vonnegut, Richard	(cell 440 9069)		251 0213
Winings, Kaye	212 Carrigan Pt, Noblesville, IN.	46062	877 8415

OBITUARY -

Dennis Gehlhausen's mother, Laurena Gehlhausen passed away December 6th.
 Carol Barnes father, Dennis Hardesty, passed away on December 31st.

The Hiking Club extends sympathy to relatives and friends of the above.

NOTE: Carol Barnes wishes to thank everyone for the prayers and cards during this time of her father's passing.

HEALTH NEWS -

Otis Cassetty had triple by-pass surgery December 26th. He is recuperating at home and hopes to be out soon.

Bert Roth is at home recuperating from knee surgery. Plans to be out soon.

THE MEMBERSHIP OFFICERS ANNOUNCE THE FOLLOWING MILEAGE AWARDS:

Glee Crowder	11,000	Rick Maxwell	3,000	Karen Paxson	500
Ricki Jo Hoffmann	10,000	Narcisso Povinelli	2,500	Doris Bond	300
Don Holden	8,500	Susanne McNeely	2,000	Michelle Rollings	200
Bobbie Mattasits	7,500	Brad Tollefson	2,000	Sharon Shockey	200
June Pogue	7,500	Susan Roberts	1,500	Susan Cribbs	100
Kathy Burch	6,500	Valan Magnabosco	1,000	Max Magnabosco	100
Ellen Mutzl	5,000	Jennifer Rhamy	1,000	Will McLaughlin	100
Mary Bruss	3,500	Joe Scherrer	1,000	Bill Thomas	100
Jeff Edmondson	3,000	Gloria Tumey	1,000	Sandy Wilson	100

HIKING CLUB INFORMATION: Contact Mary Williams, 695 Old Plank Road, Franklin, IN. 46131 (422-9384) for information. Membership applicants must be at least 18 years old and have hiked on at least 2 hikes with the Club as a guest.
