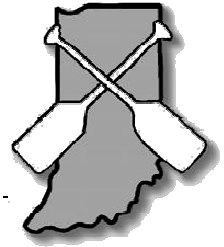


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Bald Eagle sighting at Eagle Creek Lake taken by Jim Sprandel

Grayson Lake Trip, Grayson, KY May 18-20—Get your Reservations in Soon Jim Sprandel

We will be paddling Grayson Lake this year again with the CincyPaddlers. If you paddled this event with us before, you know that the scenery is just amazing. The hidden fall that you see on the second day is just amazing. And, the camp fire with the CincyPaddlers Saturday evening is really a hoot.

I've posted details on the trip on the Bulletin Board at:

<http://www.hccbulletinboard.org/forums/showthread.php?t=4442> .

I know that this trip is in May. However, it usually fills up 3-4 weeks before the trip and the trip is already over half full. Therefore, please mail your reservations to Henry ASAP, If you have any questions, please feel free to call or e-mail me.

The Newsletter of the Hoosier Canoe Club

2012 Hoosier Canoe Club Events Calendar

This is a snapshot of the 2012 HCC Calendar as of February 15. Throughout the year, be sure to check the current Trips Calendar (<https://sites.google.com/site/hcctripscalendar/>) on the web for changes and updates.

This year, the on-line calendar has been presented using Google Calendars which lets you view or print the events for the entire club or just your paddling fleet, for one month or the entire year, and as a list or standard Monthly calendar. There is a link on the Trips Calendar page explaining how to use these options.

Note: Italicized entries are events that HCC paddlers may be interested in but are not sponsored by the HCC.

General Events Calendar (Events for the Entire Club—Meetings, Clean Up, Triathlons, ...)

Date	Event	Sponsor(s)
Fri.-Sun., Feb 17– 26	Boat, Sport, and Travel Show	-
<i>Fri.-Sun, Mar 9 –11</i>	<i>Canoeopia, Madison, WI</i>	-
Sat., June 2	Fall Creek Clean Up	Dan Evard
Sat., June 16, July 21, Aug. 18, Aug. 25	Triathlons, Eagle Creek	John Wainscott
Sun. Aug 19	Mojo Rolling Clinic	Debby Baker
Sat.-Sun., Sept.. 22 – 23	Hoosier Outdoor Experience	Sue Foxx
Sat., Sept. 29	HCC Pirate Paddle and Party	Theresa Kulczak

Flatwater Trips Calendar

Date	Trip	Sponsor(s)
Sat. Jan. 7	New Year's Day Paddle, White River	Dwayne James
Sat., Mar 3	Sugar Creek Ice Falls Trip	Dwayne James
Sat., Mar 17	Big Walnut Creek	Dave Ellis
Sat., Mar 24	Summit Lake, New Castle IN	Sue Foxx
Sun. Apr. 1	April Fools Trip on Big Pine	Garry Hill
Sat., Apr 14	Upper Sand Creek	Richard Tekulve
Sun., Apr 15	Upper Whitewater River	Richard Tekulve
Sat., Apr. 28	Big Blue, Shelbyville	Joel DeLashmit
Sat.-Sun., May 5-6	Pigeon/Fawn Fish Fry	Dan Valleskey
<i>Sat-Sun., May 5-6</i>	<i>Friends of the Muscatatuck River Rendezvous</i>	-
Sat., May 12	Driftwood River	Dan Evard, Linda Smith
Sat., May 19	Wildcat Creek, South Fork	Jeff Matthews
Sat., June 2	Fall Creek Clean Up	Dan Evard
<i>Sat.-Sun., June 9 – 10,</i>	<i>Discover Wildcat Creek Festival</i>	<i>Garry Hill</i>
Sat., June 16	Cagles Mill (Cataract Falls) Lake	Dave Ellis
Sun., June 17	Whitewater River/Metamora	Brett Thompson
Sat.-Sun., June 23–24	Blue River	Jim Clendenin
Sat., June 30	Moving Water Clinic	Joel DeLashmit, Garry Hill
Sat., June 30	Eagle Creek Moonlight Paddle	Jim Sprandel
Tues., July 3	Fireworks Paddle , Broad Ripple Park	Theresa Kulczak
Sat., July 14	Flatrock River	Joel DeLashmit
Tues., July 17	Evening Paddle—Fall Creek	Sue Foxx
Sat., July 21	East Fork White River	-
Tues., July 31	Evening Paddle—White River	Sue Foxx
<i>Fri.-Sun., Aug. 3-5</i>	<i>Indiana Paddler's Rendezvous</i>	<i>Garry Hill</i>
Sat.-Sun., Aug 18–19	Mammoth Cave	Natalie Needham
Tues., Aug. 28	Evening Paddle—White River, Indianapolis	Joel DeLashmit
Sat., Sept. 8	White River, Waverly—Henderson's Ford	Mariann Davis
Sat., Sept. 22	Upper Tippecanoe	Garry Hill
Sat. Sept. 29	HCC Pirate Paddle and Party	Theresa Kulczak
Sat.-Sun., Oct 6 – 7	Chain of Lakes with Garry Hill's Wildcat Group	Sue Foxx
Sat., Oct. 20	Raccoon Creek	Jim Clendenin
Sat., Nov 3	Mississinewa River	Garry Hill

Touring / Sea Kayak Trips Calendar

Note: *Italicized entries* are events that HCC paddlers may be interested in but are not sponsored by the HCC.

Date	Trip	Trip Sponsor(s)
Sun. Mar 4, Apr. 8, May 6, Jun.3, Jul.1, Aug.12, Sep.2, Oct. 14, Nov. 4	Geist Sunday Morning Paddles	Jim Sprandel, Kellie Kane-shiro
Sat. March 17	Harden Lake (Raccoon Lake) Day Trip - Optional Camp Out and Sunday Paddle	Jim Sprandel
Sat., Mar. 24	Summit Lake, New Castle, IN	Sue Foxx
Sat-Sun, Mar.31-Apr.1	Overnight Monroe Lake Paddle	Tom Beckerich, Jim Sprandel
Sat. Apr. 14	Sea Kayak Basic Training - Strokes - ACA Level 1	Jim Sprandel
Fri-Sun., Apr.20-22	East Coast Canoe & Kayak Festival - Columbia, SC	Earl King, Theresa Kulczak
Sat. Apr. 28	Brookville Lake	Bob Moore
Sat. May 5	ACA Intermediate (L3) Training Course	Dave Ellis, Jim Sprandel
Fri-Sun., May 18-20	Lake Grayson (KY) paddle with CincyPaddlers	Jim Sprandel
Sat-Mon., May 26-28	Western Michigan Coastal Kayak Symposium	Kellie Kaneshiro
Sat., June 9	ACA Open Water Rescue Clinic	Dave Ellis, Jim Sprandel
Sat. June 16	Cagles Mill (Cataract Falls) Lake	Dave Ellis
Sat. June 23	ACA Intermediate (L3) Training Course	Jim Sprandel, Dave Ellis
Sat. June 30	Eagle Creek Moon Light Paddle	Jim Sprandel
Sat-Sun, Jul.7-8	NWIPA New Buffalo-to-Michigan City Paddle Dune State Park Fun Paddle on Sunday	Jim Sprandel
Sat., Jul. 14	Chicago Skyline Paddle	Frank Chiao
<i>Thu-Mon., Jul 12-15</i>	<i>Door Country Sea Kayak Symposium</i>	<i>Dwayne James</i>
Sat. July. 28	Lake Monroe Picnic Paddle	-
Fri-Sun., Aug 3-5	Lake Erie Paddle, Sandusky, OH	Jim Sprandel
<i>Thu-Sun., Aug 16-19</i>	<i>Lakes of the Lake Symposium, Grand Marais, MI</i>	-
Sat.-Sun, Aug. 25-26	Lake Michigan Surf Play Weekend	Jim Sprandel, Dave Ellis
Fri-Sun., Sept. 7-9	Manitou Island Trip (Sleeping Bear Dunes, MI)	Brad Hughey
<i>Sat. Sept. 15</i>	<i>NWIPA Ride the Waves Regatta</i>	-
Sat., Sept. 29	HCC Pirate Paddle and Party	Theresa Kulczak
Sat-Sun, Oct. 6-7	Overnight Kayak Camping Trip (Location: TBA)	Jim Sprandel
Sat.-Sun., Oct 27-28	Ohio River-Madison	Dave Ellis
Sat-Sun. Nov. 17-18	Lake Monroe Day Paddle with Overnight Camp Option	Jim Sprandel

Reminder—2012 DNR Lake Permits

You must have a 2012 DNR Lake Permit if you want to paddle your boat in Indiana state parks, state-managed reservoirs, or state forests. Annual permits are still only \$5 per boat per year. I spoke with a DNR official at Paynetown and the fine for paddling on Monroe without a sticker is \$122.50.

Fashion-conscious boaters should be warned that this year's permit is Purple and the sticker should be displayed on the bow of your boat.

Permits may be bought at the property offices or entrance gates at state parks, reservoirs, and forests when they are staffed. They are also available at the DNR Office on the West side of 446 just North of the entrance to Paynetown SRA. Alternatively, you may buy a pass at the Customer Service Center in the Indiana Government Center or on-line at

<http://stores.intuitwebsites.com/IndianaStateParks/-strse-State-Park-Permits-cln-Watercraft/Categories.bok>.

Note: Early in the recreation season, attendants will be available at some launch ramps but not every ramp and not every day. State forest property offices may not be open on weekends and some week-days.

Whitewater Trips Schedule

Note: *Italicized entries* are events that HCC paddlers may be interested in but are not sponsored by the HCC.

Date	Trip	Trip Sponsor(s)
<i>Fri.-Sun. Feb. 24-26</i>	<i>Natl. Paddling Film Fest.(Frankfort, KY), Elkhorn-Sun.</i>	-
Sat., Mar. 3, 4-7 pm	HCC & Whitewater Warehouse Boat Demo,Thatcher Pool	Jordan Ross
Sat-Sun, Mar.17-18	Wabash Rive4 Playboating at Markle, IN	Jason Tharp
Mar.24-25 or Mar.31–Apr.1	Possible trip to KY, TN or MO	Bob Heckler/Randall Parker
Fri-Sun, Apr.13-15	Webster Springs Wildwater Weekend River Fest., WV	Jordan Ross
Mon-Fri, Apr.16-20	Week of Tennessee River	Randall Parker, Bob Heckler
<i>Fri.-Sun, April 27-29</i>	<i>Ridge Fest (NC)</i>	-
Fri.-Sun, May 4-6	Cheat Fest, Albright, WV	Randall Parker, Jordan Ross
<i>Sat.-Sun, May 19-20</i>	<i>Stonycreek Rendezvous, Johnstown, PA</i>	
Sat.-Sun., May 19-20	Boater Chick Fest. (II-V) - Nelson's Nantahala Hideaway	Sharon Schierling
Fri-Mon., May. 25-28	Memorial Day: Wisconsin WW & Class II-III Training Trip	Jordan Ross
Sat.-Sun., June 2-3	East Race Swiftwater Safety Clinic (Tentative)	-
<i>Sat-Sun., June 9-10</i>	<i>East Race Opening Week-End</i>	-
Fri-Sun., June 15-24	Colorado Week of Rivers	Randall Parker
Fri-Sun., June 22-24	Nantahala & Tuckaseegee (NC)	Robert Henry
Sat. Jun.30-Sun.Jul.1	Shuttlebunny Apprec. Weekend & Family-style Camping (PA)	Clan McLaughlin
<i>Sat.-Sun., July 7-8</i>	<i>Cheoah Release</i>	-
Fri-Sun., Aug. 3-5	Yough Fest- Upper & Lower Yough, Valley Falls, more...	Jordan Ross
Sat.-Sun., Aug.18-19	Ohiopyle Over-The-Falls Festival and Race (PA)	-
Sat.-Mon., Sept. 1-3	Labor Day Week-End: Beaver River (NY, Canada)	Randall Parker
Sat.-Sun., Sept 8-9	Gauley First Release, WV (III-V)	Jordan Ross
<i>Fri-Sun, Sept 14-16</i>	<i>Gauley Fest—The Mother of All Festivals</i>	
Sat. Sat. Sept. 29	HCC Pirate Paddle and Party	Theresa Kulczak
Sat-Sun., Oct. 6-7	Russel Fork Class II (III) Intro (KY)	-
Fri-Sun., Oct 19-21	Bridge Day / Fall Colors– New and Gauley Rivers	Jordan Ross, Sharon Schierling
Sat.-Sun., Oct. 27-28	Ocoee (TN)	Randall Parker
Sat.-Sun., Nov.3-4	Tohicken Creek, Allentown PA,	Randall Parker, Bob Heckler

Thatcher Pool Schedule

The HCC will continue to offer weekly pool training sessions throughout 2012. Please go to the HCC Pool Session page (<https://sites.google.com/site/hcctrainingsite/>) for more information.

Through Saturday, February 25: Saturday Morning—10:00 am to 12:00

Wednesday, March 7—Wednesday, November 28: Wednesday Evening—7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Starting December 1: Saturday Morning—10:00 am to 12:00

Webster Wildwater Weekend River Festival

April 14 & 15, 2012

Located in Webster County, WV. Events include river races and fun floats on area rivers. Camp Caesar ([304-226-3888](tel:3042263888)) will again be the site of the after-race party Saturday evening...where paddlers and friends can enjoy live music, race videos and more around a blazing, indoor bonfire. The downriver race features plenty of whitewater action on the class II-III Elk River. This portion of the Elk River, with almost continuous rapids, is a great run for experienced paddlers and novices alike. Trophies are awarded in several categories and great prizes are given away. For additional information call [304 847-2145](tel:3048472145) or [304 847-7653](tel:3048477653) (evenings); send us an email at wcd@websterwv.com or visit us on the web:http://visitwebsterwv.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=5=. Please see the bulletin board for HCC trip planning information.

Big Walnut Creek
Trip Leader: Dave Ellis

Saturday, March 17, 2012

Over the last 40 years, I've paddled all sections of Big Walnut from North Salem to the confluence with Eel River just below the dam for Cataract Lake. Well, almost. I haven't done the section through Greencastle which includes a 4 foot dam. Ninety five percent of the floatable mileage is in Putnam County. My favorite section is near Bainbridge from north of US 36 to south of that highway. It flows through a Nature Conservancy property. North of US 36 this is a woodland stream; south it alternates between woodland and cropland.

In 2008, we had a nearly perfect trip from McCloud Nature Park to the second bridge above US36. This year I'll have a bias for doing the next section down stream .. From 2 bridges above US36 to 2 bridges below. In 2009, we did Sugar Creek from Deer's Mill to Cox Ford due to low water on Big Walnut. The 2010 trip was good too! In 2011, the Saturday Big Walnut trip became a Sunday Flatrock trip. Low water as I remember. Although we'll see a rock outcropping or two, the main hazard will be fallen trees and perhaps a log jam or two. I'll scout the trip before the 16th and share specific worry spots with participants at the put-in. I'll have chosen the specific section for us to paddle at that time depending on water levels and weather. Cold weather paddling protocol will still be in effect; i.e. no cotton plus a change of clothes.

Here are two web links referring to this area-

<http://www.nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/indiana/work/art7796.html>

http://www.indianaoutfitters.com/big_walnut_creek.htm .

Meeting Place/Time: The Hardee's on the east edge of Danville—9:30 am

Trip Length: 7-8 miles

Contact Information: Call me at 317-858-0963, (Cell 317-374-4956) or e-mail me at

<RiverPaPaw@aol.com> by 6:00 pm Friday if you are going to join us as there may be last minute changes

Flatwater Trip Announcements

Summit Lake Early Spring Paddle
Trip Leader: Sue Foxx

Saturday, March 24, 2012

Calling all flatwater (canoe/kayak) and touring kayak paddlers for an early spring paddle on Summit Lake. We have done this trip for several years and it works out well as a season opener. There is even a rest room where you can change clothes or get into wetsuits! Summit Lake is the major feature of Indiana's 19th state park. Established in 1988, 800 acre Summit Lake was formed by damming Big Blue River and other smaller tributaries. Since we are meeting at the boat ramp (enter the park and turn right at the first T past the gate house), you will be able to launch your canoe or kayak from the dock, concrete ramp or shoreline. This early in the season there will be no gate fee but you will need a 2012 State Park Boat Permit (cost is \$5) in case any rangers are checking. Be aware that wind and waves can be moderate... 1-2 ft depending on the weather so a spray skirt is recommended. Also, the air can be variable at this time of the year but the water is cold so be sure to dress accordingly and bring a dry bag with a change of clothes just in case. We will paddle around the edge of the lake and lunch near the dam. Please let me know by 8:30 pm on Friday, March 23rd, if you plan to attend.

Meeting time: 10:00 am

Location: Summit Lake State Park Boat Ramp

Directions & More Info: <http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2967.htm> (park is 1 hr. 10 minutes east of Indianapolis/four miles north and east of Newcastle)

Trip Sponsor: Sue Foxx 317-363-4074 or sufoxx713@aol.com

Length: 2-3 hours, 6-8 miles

Touring / Sea Kayak Trips

Harden (Raccoon) Lake Day Paddle and Optional Camp-Out

Saturday, March 17, 2012

Trip Sponsor: Jim Sprandel

Harden Lake is located about an hour west of Indianapolis. The lake is interesting with large rock outcrops, wooded headwaters, a tree-lined shoreline, and occasional waterfalls. The lake surrounds the Raccoon SRA and is about 20,000 acres in size. Weekends in the Spring or Fall are safer times to paddle this area since there is a lot of boat traffic during the Summer.

If anyone else is interested, I will camp out Saturday night at Raccoon SRA and paddle more of the lake Sunday morning. If anyone from the Walnut Creek paddle that is being held that weekend wants to camp with us, you're more than welcome.

Lake Harden Information is available at: <http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2959.htm>

Meeting Place/Put-In: Raccoon Ramp in Raccoon SRA. Take State Road 36 east from I-465 on the West side of Indianapolis for about 44 miles. The entrance to the SRA is well marked and will be on your left after you cross the causeway. The ramp is on the South end of the Raccoon SRA peninsula. If the gate is manned, there will be a \$5 per car fee to enter the SRA if you don't have a State Park pass.

What to Bring: Bring your paddling gear, safety gear, water, spray skirt, food for lunch, and warm dress. You should also bring drinking water with you.

You will need an Indiana DNR Boat Permit. I will have one or two spares that you could buy or you may be able to pick one up at the Raccoon SRA Entrance Gate **if it's staffed**. I spoke with the Park Manager and he was not sure it would at this point.

Note: Wet suits or dry suits are strongly recommended. With a south wind, a kayak with spray skirt and fore/aft flotation is recommended.

Schedule: Saturday

10:00 am Arrive at Put-In.

By 4:00 pm - Return to Put-In to head back home or to camp.

Contact information: Please contact me by 7:00 pm on Friday, March 16 since I will scout the trip during the week before and may need to shift the put-in:

Jim Sprandel

(317) 257-2063

merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net

Lake Monroe Overnight Paddle

Saturday, March 31– Sunday, April 1, 2012

Trip Sponsors: Tom Beckerich, Jim Sprandel

Join us on Lake Monroe to enjoy an early season paddle. Monroe is the largest lake in Indiana and it is one of my favorite Indiana destinations. We will paddle on the East side of the Causeway and camp overnight at one of the shoreline campsites in Deem Wilderness.

This time of year should be great for seeing migratory birds such as loons, grebes, and cormorants. There is nothing like a warm campfire in the evening during the Spring.

Lake Monroe Information is available at: http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/files/monroe_trail.pdf

Meeting Place/Put-In: Cutright SRA. We will meet at the first boat ramp that you come to after leaving 446.

Directions to Meeting Place: Take Highway 446 south from Bloomington to the causeway. Cutright SRA is the first turn on your left immediately after you cross the causeway when driving south from Bloomington. This is about 1 hour 40 minutes from the intersection of 37 and I-465 on the southeast side of Indianapolis.

What to Bring: Bring your paddling gear, spray skirt, camping gear, food for lunch, dinner, and breakfast, and warm dress. You should also bring drinking water with you. We will be camping from our boats and you will have to pack all your gear in your hatches so plan accordingly.

Be sure to have an Indiana DNR Boat Permit. You can pick one up at the DNR headquarter on 446 just North of the entrance to Paynetown SRA on the west side of the road while heading to the put-in.

Notes: Wet suits or dry suits are strongly recommended. Due to possible lake conditions, spray skirts are required and boats must have fore and aft flotation or bulk heads.

Schedule: Saturday 10:30 am Arrive at Put-In. We will probably paddle about 8-10 miles and then settle into camp.

Sunday: We are flexible here. We could return to Cutright as early as 10:00 am. We'll figure this out Saturday night depending on how far people want to paddle on Sunday and when people have to be home. In the past, the group has gone straight back to Cutright and those people wanting more adventure head back out.

Contact information: Contact Tom or Jim by 7:00 pm on Friday, March 30:

Tom Beckerich

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Jim Sprandel

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