

# The Hoosier Paddler

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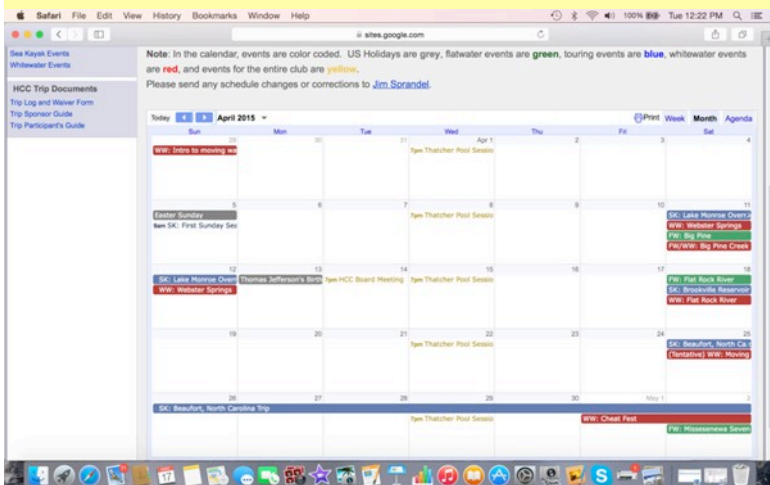
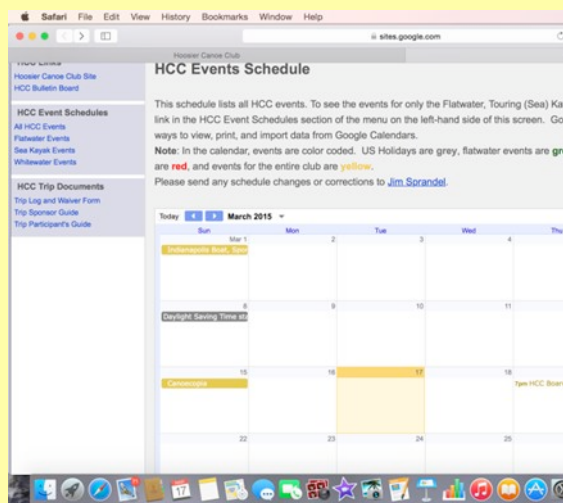


## From the Skipper:

**Let there be liquid water...** Well, mother nature has just about chiseled us out of our ice caves and into the moving water of our lakes and rivers. To help us celebrate this long awaited right of passage, we can suggest some great HCKC paddle trips. Don't forget to check the HCKC's calendar of events on our website where you are only a click and keystroke away from your next paddling adventure. The remainder of March offers a sea kayaking trip and a white water adventure. The month of April is chock full of exciting offerings. Contact the trip sponsors if you have any questions regarding these trips.

<https://sites.google.com/site/hcctripscalendar/>

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Please send me trip reports and pictures.  
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**Muskrat's  
Wildcat Creek Expeditions  
Newsletter.....Chapter 997.....March 12th 2015**

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**"Muskrat's 38th Annual April Fools On Big Pine Cruise"**  
will be held **Saturday April 11th 2015.**

Meeting time is 9:30 AM  
at our traditional gathering location, in downtown Pine Village.

**Please, Don't go to the Putin!**  
**Go to Pine Village!!!**

Sometimes we don't know where the Putin will be  
until we meet in Pine Village. There are several possibilities,  
with the selection based on water levels.

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**There are 3 Meeting Locations:**

In addition to Pine Village, this event has two other Meeting Locations available, one in Kokomo and another in Lafayette. All 3 Locations and Meeting Times are described below:

**1) The west-side McDonalds in Kokomo, corner of Sycamore Street & Dixon Road.**

Indiana Atlas & Gazetteer Page 33. Enter Kokomo on SR-931 (avoid the new US-31 By-Pass). Then, go west on Sycamore Street (first stop light north of Wildcat Creek). Follow Sycamore all the way thru the city. The west-side Micky-D's is on the left just before the stop light at Dixon Road (2331 W. Sycamore St, Kokomo 46901). This is the site of the April Fool's Traditional "Trip Leader's Breakfast", which has been held every year since the beginning in 1978. Muskrat will arrive at 7AM if you would like to eat, sip some coffee, and listen to some "pitifully old and raucous River Tales". We will leave from there promptly at 8:00 AM.

**2) The Lafayette east-side McDonalds, on SR-26, just west of the Jct of I-65 & SR-26.** (4200 South St, Lafayette 47905)

Indiana Atlas & Gazetteer Page 31. Be there NO LATER than 8:30AM. The group from Kokomo will arrive at 8:45 and leave ASAP, hopefully by 9:00 AM, or as soon as all the potty-stops have been accomplished.

**3) Downtown Pine Village, on SR-26, about 20-miles west of Lafayette.**

Indiana Atlas & Gazetteer Page 30, at the Jct of SR-26 & SR-55, in beautiful, downtown Pine Village. The Boat-laden auto caravan from Kokomo & Lafayette will arrive in Pine Village at, about, around, or somewhat after, 9:30 AM. **Be there early!!!!!!** Park anywhere downtown. Expect to see Paddler-People wandering around in the middle of the highway. The locals just ignore us. They know we're harmless, and that we'll soon be gone. **The Launch Site, however, will not be announced until we meet in Pine Village. See You On The River, Muskrat**

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## Sea Kayak Thoughts

Jim Sprandel

**It's spring!** – I paddled the White River today and I have heard that Lake Monroe is starting to thaw around the edges. Saturday, we're going to have our first club on Summit Lake.

Our paddling season is here – get ready! There are trip announcements in this newsletter for April trips on Lake Monroe and Brooksville in this newsletter. We will have trips to Cagles Mill, Grayson Lake, and Lake Erie in May. Give me a call or e-mail me if you have any questions.

**Geist Sunday Paddles** – I will get an e-mail out for our first Sunday Geist Paddle on Sunday, April 5. These paddles will again be held at Geist Park. After talking with last year's participants, we have moved our start time up to 9:00 am for all of these paddles so that people's afternoons will be free.

**Upcoming Extended Trips** – There are several extended trips coming up and I thought that I would feature the dates for these so that people can clear their vacations accordingly:

**April 25 – May 2 Beaufort, North Carolina** Dave Ellis will again guide us in the barrier islands and ocean near Beaufort, North Carolina. We will car camp and then drive to interesting locations near Beaufort to paddle. Details will be coming out to the sea kayak mailing list shortly.

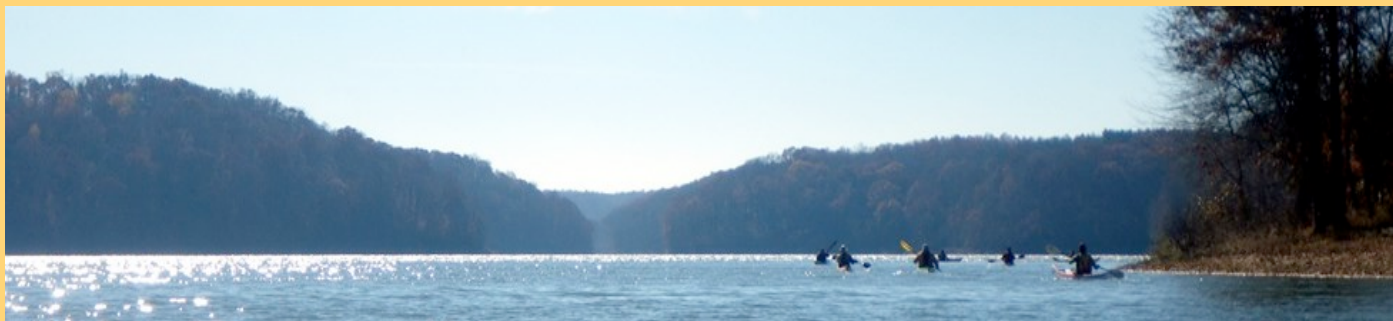
**June 3 – June 7 South Bass Island, Lake Erie** The HCC will travel out to South Bass Island for several days of camping and then join up with other paddlers for the South Bass Rendezvous on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. South Bass Island is a part of a group of three islands north of Sandusky so there is plenty of interesting paddling in the area.

**July 25 – August 2 Apostle Islands, Lake Superior** This is a perennial sea kayaking favorite. We will head out into the islands north of Bayfield and camp on the different islands there for a week. Brad Hughey will be leading the Inner Island group and I will be coordinating the Outer Island group.

If you have any questions or want to sign up, send an e-mail to [Dave Ellis](mailto:Dave.Ellis@hccbulletinboard.org), [Konstantin Louganski](mailto:Konstantin.Louganski@hccbulletinboard.org), or [me](mailto:me@hccbulletinboard.org) respectively.

**Symposiums:** Kellie has posted a schedule of 2015 Sea Symposiums on the Bulletin Board at: <http://www.hccbulletinboard.org/forum/sea-kayaking/33739>. The WMCKA symposium is coming up over Memorial Day, the Door County and Great Lakes Symposiums are in July, and Ladies of the Lake will be held in August. I would like to encourage all Intermediate paddler to think about going to Uncommon Adventure's [Sleeping Bear Storm Gathering](http://www.uncommonadventure.com) in early October – a great opportunity to work on your surf/big water skills.

**Sea Kayak Mailing List** – If you are a Sea Kayaker, be sure to e-mail me at [merlin-3d@sbclboal.net](mailto:merlin-3d@sbclboal.net) so I can add you to the Sea Kayak Mailing list ([ind\\_touring\\_kayaks@googlegroups.com](mailto:ind_touring_kayaks@googlegroups.com)) since we will use this to coordinate some of our upcoming events. Feel free to send a note out to the group if you want to set up a paddle.





## Trip Report Canoecopia... A visit worth making

There is no doubt that Canoecopia is the state of the art Midwest outdoors, camping and paddling retail paradise. Vendors from all over the country come together to compete for your attention and any disposable income you might be carrying. There is little evidence that the hundreds of attendees are able to control the urge to buy... something always jumps into that durable shopping bag they provide you with upon entering the sales floor. But if you have chosen not to exercise your shopping muscles, you will enjoy the 170 didactic and entertaining seminars offered throughout each of the 3 days during this event. From foldable origami boats to custom hand crafted carved boats to the most durable plastic boats on the market, this show has it all.



BUT...You don't have to spend money at Canoecopia. Just follow the 3 page list of educational sessions and choose your own itinerary of events, travelogs or demonstrations. As shown here, you can see a comedic but educative kayak rescue or an extremely in-

formative class on the forward stroke for kayakers and stand up paddlers. (Yes, a seminar on the forward stroke can still be exciting). If you didn't make it to this fantastic event this year, you have the opportunity in 2016. I know I'll be there!



THATS ALL FOR NOW...SEE YOU ON THE WATER

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# Trip Announcement

## Lake Monroe Overnight Paddle

### Saturday-Sunday, April 11-12, 2015

### Trip Sponsor: Jim Sprandel

Please join us on Lake Monroe to enjoy an early season paddle. Monroe is the largest lake in Indiana and it is my favorite Indiana destination. We will paddle on the east side of the 446 Causeway and camp overnight at one of the shoreline campsites in Deem Wilderness. There is nothing like a warm campfire in the evening during the Spring.

***If you only want to Paddle on Saturday***, our campsite will only be about 2-3 miles from the Cutright put-in so that people are welcome to come out and day paddle with us if you do not want to stay overnight.

**Meeting Place/Put-In:** Cutright Public Access Site. Go to 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 is the first turn on your left immediately after you cross the causeway when driving south from Bloomington. This is about 2 hours from the intersection of 37 and I-465 on the southeast side of Indianapolis. ([Google Map](#))

**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 of your gear in your boat so plan accordingly.

**Be sure to have an Indiana DNR Boat Permit.** You *may* be able to 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 or the gate at Paynetown SRA.

**Required Equipment:** Wet suits or dry suits are strongly recommended. Due to possible lake conditions, spray skirts, safety equipment, and sea kayaks with fore and aft bulk heads are required.

**Schedule: Saturday** -10:00 am Arrive at Put-In. We will launch at 11:00 am.

We will probably paddle about 4-5 miles and then set up camp and have lunch. After lunch, we will go out and explore more of the lake.

**Sunday:** We are flexible here. We could return to Cutright as early as 10:00 am and drop off people who have to take off. We'll figure this out Saturday night depending on how far people want to paddle on Sunday and when people have to be home

**Contact information:** Jim Sprandel, merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net, 317-257-2063

Please contact me by 7:00 pm on the Thursday before the trip if you want to come. Be sure to contact me since I will be monitoring weather forecasts prior to the trip and will notify people if we need to change the trip.

Remember to purchase and affix your 2015 DNR sticker  
before paddling on DNR lakes and properties.

These stickers are not needed for Indiana streams  
or Eagle Creek Reservoir.

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**BROOKVILLE LAKE: Saturday, April 18, 2015**

**SPONSOR: Robert Moore**

This year we will be paddling from the Dunlapville causeway. Our course will depend upon the interest of the group. A route north could loop through the shallow water and the waterfowl sanctuary area. Several years ago we paddled this route but lake level was well below normal. This year's spring melt and rain should raise the lake level in time for the trip. A route south could go into down to the Fairfield Causeway and explore inlets along the way. Brookville Lake is a 5260-acre lake managed by the Army Corps of Engineers and Indiana Department of Natural Resources for flood control and recreation. A detailed description of the lake can be found on line ([www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/files/brookville\\_trail.pdf](http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/files/brookville_trail.pdf)). The shore line is largely wooded. Boat traffic is expected to be light this time of year. The north end of the lake is an idle zone and used predominately for fishing. This is a sea kayak trip. Long boats with water tight bulkheads are required. Dress for cold water.

**Put-In:** Meet at the Dunlapville ramp.

From I 70, turn south on State Road 1 south to Connersville. Follow the signs for 1 through Connersville and turn east onto In-44. Turn right on Mt. Pleasant Road (you will see a green Dunlapville sign and a brown Quakertown Recreation sign near the turn). When Mt. Pleasant dead ends, turn left onto Dunlapville Road. It crosses the causeway. Take the first left turn after the causeway on to Old Dunlapville Road (near the boat storage facility). Old Dunlapville Road is the boat ramp. The parking lot and out house facilities are on the left.

**Meeting Time:** 10:00 a.m. Bring a picnic lunch.

**Contact Information:** Robert Moore, [njorball\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:njorball(at)gmail.com).



North Brookville Lake

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**Trip Announcement:**  
**Sand Creek: Sunday, April 26th**  
**Trip Sponsor; Richard Tekulve**

Please join us for an enjoyable trip down one of Indiana's most scenic stretches from Westport to Brewersville. This area features beautiful rock formations and not one but two extremely old "water tunnels" or mill races. We will paddle a distance of 12.0 miles with a decent gradient of 4.8 fpm. This trip has been a "staple" on the HCC calendar for nearly a quarter of a century. Our put-in time is 10 AM at the Westport Dam Access area which is just downstream from the 1888 Westport Covered Bridge. We will have a lunch break at the first "water tunnel" which is narrowly separated on two sides by a 3/4 of a mile loop. Anywhere from four to twenty-one paddlers have attended from Ohio, Illinois, Kentucky and Indiana over the years. Please remember that the streams of SE Indiana can run dry even in the spring months and that a substitute might be in place such as last year (Vernon Fork Muscatatuck). Directions to the put-in ; while driving South on St. Rd. 3 (from Greensburg) turn LEFT at the flashing light in Westport onto Main Street. Proceed East thru town for 1 3/4 mile (this turns into County Road 1100 South as you leave town) to two adjacent bridges (one is concrete and one is the old covered bridge) take the concrete bridge to the Right and as soon as you cross it there will be a small lane to the right - this is the put-in site. There will be boats visible here. This is located on the Delorme Atlas page 52-B3 with the slogan "Westport Bridge". This is about 63 miles from the center of Indy, Please contact me by 9pm on Saturday night (April 25th) so that last minute changes can be communicated as a substitute stream might " be in place". My cell phone is 812-767-1317 and email is [CANOEINDIANA@YAHOO.COM](mailto:CANOEINDIANA@YAHOO.COM) Please leave a cell phone number for last minute changes or a different put-in site as people have become "lost" before and ended up in Ohio somehow. I will be meeting landowners on Saturday to secure a trip. I will try also to post onto the HCC bulletin board and Facebook site. Sincerely, Richard Tekulve, Sand Creek trip leader since 2006.



**S-Turn on Big Pine!**

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## **Trip Announcement**   **A few spots still available!!!**

### **Grayson Lake May 16-17...(with optional day on May 15; sign up early)**

#### **Cincypaddlers Invites the Hoosier Canoe and Kayak Club to Grayson Lake**

Don't miss out on this fabulous trip to Grayson KY, Grayson Lake. Four hours of driving time delivers breathless landscapes, rocky, mountainous cliffs, flowing waterfalls (when running), and the piece de resistance: the hidden grotto with its signature waterfall. All this...practically for free except for a nominal camping fee and gas for your car. And if that's not enough...you'll enjoy the convivial energy of the Cincypaddlers, a huge bonfire and the famous bonfire celebration("where only seeing is believing)". *I exaggerate only slightly.*

\*\*\*\*Sign up early for this trip as there is\*\*\*\* limited availability and camping! If you have any questions contact me: [mariannndvs@gmail.com](mailto:mariannndvs@gmail.com) as I will be coordinating the HCKC on this adventure.

SEND REGISTRATION AND MONEY FOR THIS TRIP TO HENRY DORFMAN

Enjoy the magnificent cliffs and waterfalls of Grayson Lake (KY) with Cincypaddlers. A sampling of the spectacular views from a previous trip: <http://tinyurl.com/b2pluhl> It's the weekend of May 16-17, but you have the option of adding Friday. Sat. morning, May 16 we launch for a 13-14 mile flatwater paddle (depending how many side canyons you explore). There's distance to cover, so a boat of 12' or more and sufficient skill and endurance are required. That evening, we group-camp and party nearby. It's tent camping with facilities. You won't have to carry your gear in your boat. Sun. morning, we do a 7-mile paddle on the most beautiful stretch. It's more canyon paddling than open water, so there's little concern about rough water.

The optional Friday paddle will be on another scenic Grayson Lake feeder. We'll have camping available at Grayson that night (add the extra night to deposit below) whether or not you paddle on Fri.

When we reach the RSVP deadline (May 7), I'll send out a group email with instructions, and we can facilitate carpooling. RSVPs are accepted on a first-come basis. Space is limited, so RSVP early to avoid missing out. Note that we are being joined by our friends from other clubs in the three-state area and the trip always fills quickly, so RSVP early to have the best chances at grabbing a spot.

To RSVP, and the only way to RSVP, send \$9.00/person/night (your option is just Sat., or Fri. & Sat.) to Henry Dorfman, 1409 Amesbury Dr., Cinti. 45231 for the camp fee. (Unrefundable after May 1). RSVP must include names of people in your party, number of vehicles (contact me before mailing if you contemplate RV, boat trailer or anything else that takes up extra space, or if you'd prefer a cabin), your email address and phone #. Incomplete RSVPs not accepted, so please include the requested info.

What you need: boat (at least 12' long), paddle, PFD (must be worn when on the water), camping gear, food for on the water and off, appropriate paddling clothing, and rain gear (you never know). LIABILITY DISCLAIMER: As with all events posted on the Cincypaddlers board, in behalf of you, your family and all your other stakeholders, you understand the risks of such an event and accept entire responsibility and liability for your safety, welfare and losses, as well as those you register, indemnifying and holding all others harmless. Your RSVP signifies you agree – if you don't, don't participate. The deadline for receipt of RSVPs is May 7 or when the trip fills, whichever comes first. This trip has never failed to fill, so earlier is better. Questions?: CaptainHank /aatt/ Cincypaddlers /ddtt Org.

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