

The Hoosier Paddler

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From the Skipper:

Happy New Year! As we begin the new year, we are looking for your input on what you want to see the club do this year. See below for details on the trip planning meeting on January 21st. Keep an eye out for details on a paddle around New Year's day and a Wilderness First Aid class in February. As you participate in trips, we always appreciate trip reports for the newsletter. If you have something you'd like to share in the newsletter, send it to Dwayne James (dwaynesjamesa1@hotmail.com) by the 17th of the month. See you on the water!

Duane

Here is hoping all of you have a Happy Holiday Season and wishing you a very

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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Trip Planning Meeting January 21, 2017

Have a favorite river you want to share? Want to help train some newbies? We're always looking for trip leaders, various volunteers, new rivers to paddle, new ideas, and section chairs and co-chairs. Bring your paddling ideas and get an early peek at our trip calendar for the year. If you're interested in being a trip leader or other type of volunteer, but not quite sure what to do; sign up anyways! We'll show you and guide you on what to do. We're all here to have fun.

We will be laying out our 2016 Trip Calendar on Saturday, Jan.21 @ 1 pm at Duane Garloch's home.

Duane's Address: 2755 Sawtooth Oak Circle Westfield, IN 46074-5854

Duane will be making beef chili and vegetarian chili. Bring a dish to share and BYOB and RSVP to Duane at duane.garloch@gmail.com.

Hope to see you there!

Thanks,
Duane Garloch

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Trip Announcement
New Years Day Paddle
December 31, 2017 or
January 1, 2018

Dwayne James will be leading a paddle again this year. On December 31st due to a conflict with a family dinner mysteriously scheduled for New Years day. However, if another trip leader steps up and offers to provide a paddle for New Years Day, we might be able to start the new year off right. Watch for an email shortly after Christmas Day for details for both trips.

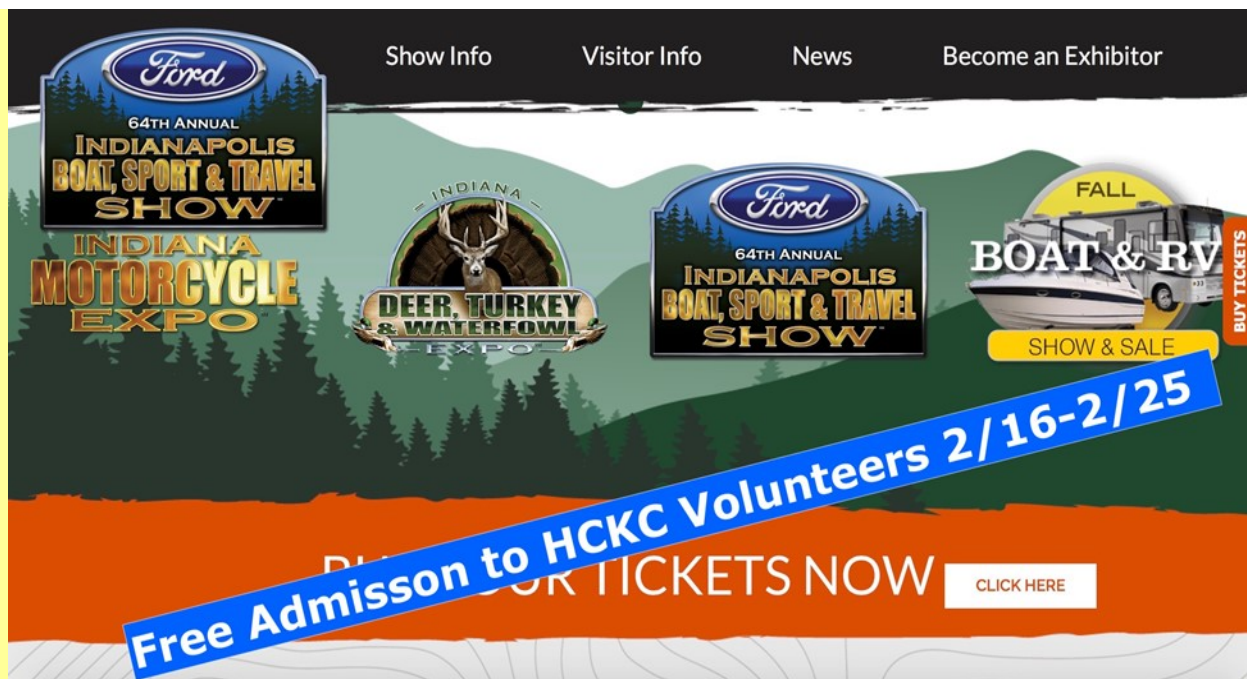
This trip is highly weather dependent so please watch for the emails.

We will pick a location near Indianapolis, such as Fall Creek or the White River sections we have done the last few years, and send out trip details just after Christmas. Look for an email. Please contact Dwayne if you have any questions on gear, suggestions for location, or concerns over your ability to get out and have some fun with the club.
dwaynesjamesA1@hotmail.com

Trip Report
White River 146th st to Hazel Dale Park
December 3, 2017
Trip Leader: Dwayne James

A perfect day for a great trip on White River. 146th st down to Hazel Dale Park, Carmel area. Mark Cowser, Warren, Sue Fox, Mariann Davis, Alan, Don, James, and Mark#2 enjoyed a beautiful sunny blue sky day and were treated to a special appearance by the mysterious shuttle bunny who shows up to help with our trips. Thanks, shuttle bunny aka muskrat. Temps were 44 when we hit the water about 11 am and rose to 61 when we exited at 2 pm. It was great talking trips, paddling, Christmas plans, and bad backs/knees with everyone. Thanks to Warren for pointing out the nice put in at the 146th street bridge behind the body shop.





Recruiting volunteers to represent the HCKC at the Boat Sport and Travel Show.

Dates: 2/16—2/25...will fill the 3 day weekends first with 2-3 members on each day. (2-3 hour shifts—more time if you would like)

Weekend dates are Feb 16, 17, 18 and Feb 23, 24, 25

The club will demonstrate our new low head dam model designed by Earl King during this event. More info later on how we will partner with the DNR on this project.

Contact: marianndvs@gmail.com with your dates and time if interested...first come, first served. More info to follow later.

SHOW HOURS

February 16-25, 2018

Fri. 16	1 PM – 9 PM
Sat. 17	10 AM – 9 PM
Sun. 18	10 AM – 5 PM
Mon. – Thurs. 19-22	12 PM – 8 PM
Fri. 23	12 PM – 9 PM
Sat. 24	10 AM – 9 PM
Sun. 25	10 AM – 5 PM

New Trip Ideas

Please let us know if you are interested in combining a canoe/kayak trip with hiking or biking. And how about getting in some fishing while paddling? Are you interested in attending a session on how to pack and what to pack for a canoe/kayak camping adventure? Please let us know. Contact the trip chairs or send an email to the newsletter editor before the trips planning meeting this coming February.

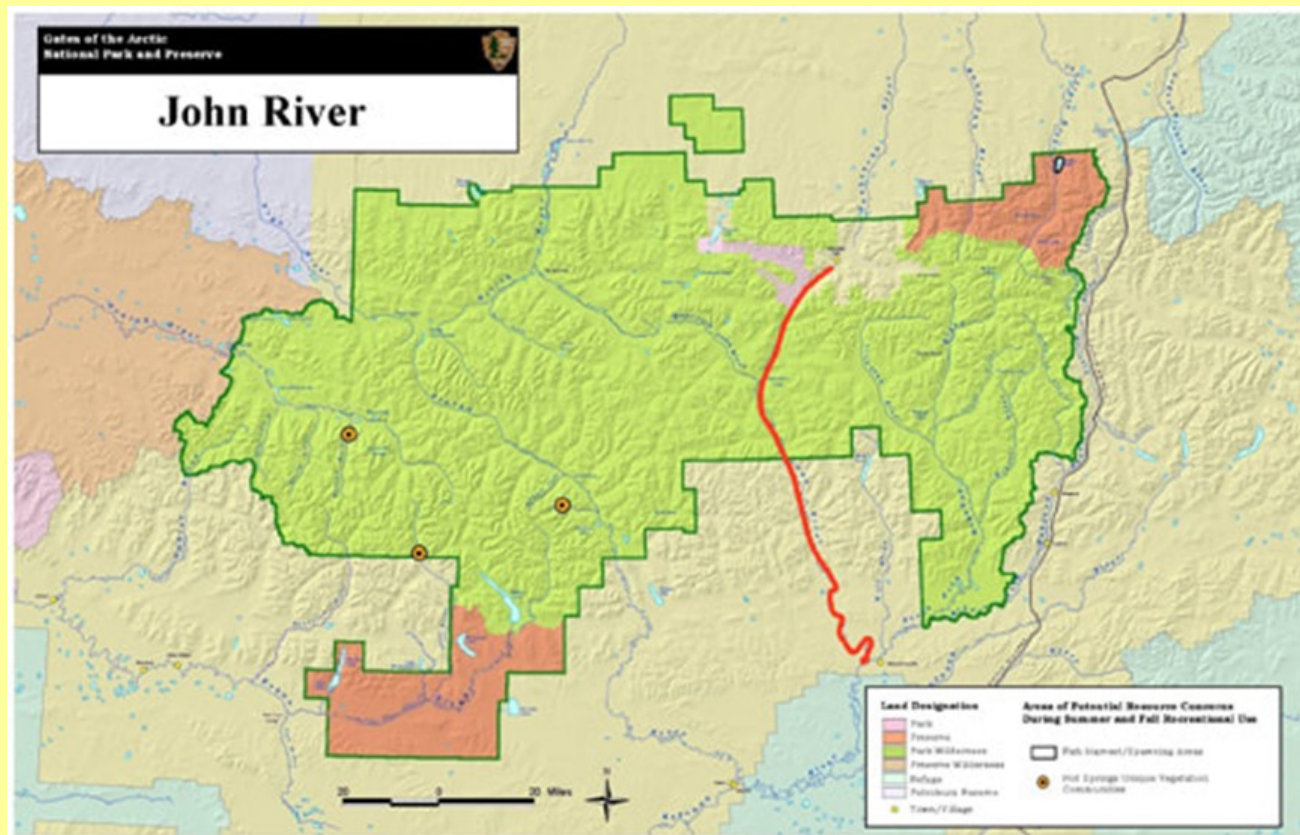
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Trip Report

John River Gates Of The Arctic National Park and Preserve

August 14, 2017 - August 20, 2017

Worth Donaldson



Once again, Worth has put together a fantastic report on his latest adventure to the Arctic. I cannot duplicate his formatting so I will give you a taste and encourage you to check out the full report on his webpage. Once there, you can read about his numerous other adventures to places in the far north.

The Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve is the northernmost national park in the United States and the second largest at 8,472,506 acres. The entirety of the park lies north of the Arctic Circle in Alaska. Void of roads, trails and established campsites, it is vast and mostly untouched. Owing to its remoteness and the lack of supportive infrastructure, the park is the least visited. Few landmarks bear names on topographic maps here. However, two peaks, Frigid Crags and Boreal Mountain, one on each side of a river are the gates aptly named by wilderness activist Robert Marshall during his travels in the North Fork Koyukuk country in 1929. Six national wild rivers the Alatna, John, Kobuk, Noatak, North Fork Koyukuk, and Tinayguk are within the park.

See the full report and more here: <https://worthdonaldson.weebly.com/john-river.html>

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I was hiking at Eagle Creek this week and the upper part of the lake had iced over. Winter is officially here. I shot this picture of the eagles near the entrance of Fishback Creek into the reservoir while I was hiking.

New Year's Day Paddle - If the weather is moderate, I will get out an announcement to the Sea Kayak list for a New Year's Day paddle on Eagle Creek.

Trip Planning - It's time to start planning for 2018's sea kayak adventures. The Trip Planning meeting will be on Sunday, January 21 and I would like to put together a good schedule for next year. It would be good to introduce some new trips although many of our trips will be our perennial favorites – the High-Water Cataract Falls trip, Summit Lake, and (of course) Lake Monroe. Next year, we will also probably include a 3-day fall trip to Grayson Lake as well as our annual pilgrimage to the Apostles. We will include a mix of beginning, intermediate, and advanced open water trips like we did last year to challenge and entertain all of our members. More to follow in e-mail.

Sea Kayak Trip Guidelines - I will sent out a viewgraph presentation on sponsoring a Sea Kayak event to the Sea Kayak mailing list by Christmas – you don't have to be an expert paddler to sponsor a trip! You just need to handle pre-trip logistics/registration and make sure that you have enlisted people with all the skills and equipment required for the trip. The HCKC is a common adventure club and trip sponsors can draw on the entire group to make their trip a success.

Cincy Swap Meet – January 20, 2017 - Henry Dorfman at CincyPaddlers organizes a great swap meet in Cincinnati. In the past, they have been known to have a lot of boats and gear available. If you have a boat you want to sell (e.g., a 1984 Nordkapp) or if you are looking for a boat or gear, this is a great opportunity. You can find details on the CincyPaddlers' Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/Cincypaddlers/>) or contact me.

Open Water Navigation Class in February – I will offer a small Open Water Navigation Class in February. This will probably be held some Saturday in mid- to late February – we can set the date and have people sign up at the trip planning meeting. The class will look at planning a course, map/compass use, dead reckoning of distances, telling if you are holding your course, tides, and currents as well as using your GPS. See you at the Trip Planning Meeting in January.

Future Newsletters

Do you have any great trip reports or any other interesting stories the rest of us would enjoy? Please submit any articles, stories, or interesting points to Dwayne James for our News Letter. Submittals must be received by Dwayne by the 17th of each month to ensure it makes into the next month's newsletter. Please send any pictures or write-ups to dwaynesjamesA1@hotmail.com. I prefer word documents with very little formatting of the text. Calibri 11 makes a nice font. Pictures always welcome.