

The Hoosier Paddler

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From the Skipper:

As the summer weather is in full swing, we have several paddling opportunities coming up. We have also had some cancelations due to water levels and heat, so remember to keep a lookout for last minute changes. The HCKC's open house at Geist park was one of the cancelations. Look for this event to be rescheduled. In late June and July we have the annual trip to the Yough in PA for the whitewater group, 300 springs Green River trip for the flatwater paddlers, and Lake Champlain for the sea kayakers. The Indiana Paddler's Rendezvous for all paddlers from around the state will be in early August. If you have never been on any of these trips, it's definitely recommended you try at least one of them. Also, please remember we always need volunteers to provide safety boats at Eagle Creek during the Triathlons throughout the summer to help keep the athletes safe during their swim. See you on the water!

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Trip Announcement

July 14th Green River Mammoth Cave Ky

Trip Leader: Natalie Needham

Natalie will once again be leading this great trip. Please contact her for details. Natalie Needham nataliehcckayak@gmail.com

Wabash RiverFest

July 14th

Lafayette Indiana

A great chance to paddle with NICHES LandTrust or to provide help introducing people to canoeing and kayaking. The organizers provide the boats. If you wish to help out, please contact them at <http://wabashriverfest.com/volunteer/>

Check out our new Facebook Page page at <https://www.facebook.com/>



V wave at East

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Safety Support at Eagle Creek Full Moon Paddles

This year, Jeff Coates will again be leading Full Moon paddles with the Eagle Creek Outfitters located at the Marina in the north part of Eagle Creek Park.

At these paddles, people rent canoes and kayaks from the Eagle Creek Outfitters and Jeff guides them on a 2-hour paddle up Eagle Creek Lake and back. Jeff provides background on the park and its plant/animal life while they paddle.

For many years, HCKC volunteers have provided safety support for these paddles since they often get up to 30 new paddlers out for a given full-moon event. Our volunteers typically help adjust boats for paddlers, give advice to new paddlers who are having problems, sweep, keep an eye on the group, and occasionally tow paddlers to the motorized support boats. This is a great opportunity to talk paddling and let people know about the Hoosier Canoe and Kayak Club.

Full Moon Paddles will be held on the following dates:

Friday, July 27 th	Saturday, July 28 th
Friday, Aug. 24 th	Saturday, August 25 th
Friday, Sept. 21 st	Saturday, Sept 22 nd
Friday, Oct. 26 th	Saturday, Oct 27 th (Tentative)

Volunteers are requested to be ready to help with arriving paddlers by 7:00 pm on these evenings. The paddles end a little after 10:00 pm.

If you would be interested in helping with any of these paddles, send an e-mail to Jeff Coates at true-north360@comcast.net. Jeff will send an e-mail to all volunteers prior to each event and you can reply to him if you can help.

Jeff can also use help with the Wednesday evening paddles. Please check with him if you can help with one or more of these. This year these are offered every other Wednesday.

If you have any questions, contact Jim Sprandel at merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net.

Eagle Creek Triathlon Safety Boats Needed July 14th

Swimming portion of the [Indy Sprint Triathlon Series](#). HCKC members and guest provide safety boats for the swimmers in the 500 meter course. Participants are there to provide assistance to swimmers, guide them on the course, allow a place to rest or signal for extraction. We will be on the outside of the course while city lifeguards are on the inside of course. Meet at the Eagle Creek Park office on 56th street west of the main park entrance and just before you get to the bridge over the reservoir. (Approximately 8000 west 56th street Indianapolis 46254) Do not go into the park.

We must be unloaded and on the water by 7:45-50 as the swimming starts at 8am. Instructions will be given just prior to the event. No special skills needed. Items which may enhance your effectiveness are whistle, short throw line and float, extra PFD. We are usually done by 9. Some go to breakfast, some go paddle around, some have to go home and do chores. Guest should be appropriately skilled and equipped for flat water paddling. This is an important event to HCKC as we the club is paid a \$1000.00 for helping with this event. You will get an event T-shirt for participating, please register with shirt size. Canoe, Kayak or paddle board OK. If you have questions or concerns please contact Dwayne James @ dwaynesjamesA1@hotmail.com for the July 14th event. Otherwise, contact John Wainscott @ wldleak@sbcglobal.net or 317-250-8107. Please register through the event site on our webpage and indicate the size T-shirt you need.

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Trip Announcement

Northern Wisconsin Sept. 5 – 8 Turtle Flambeau Flowage

Trip Leader: Judy Thompson

Flat lake paddling, wilderness camping from the boat, and no portaging. If you would be interested in a short paddling & camping trip, please contact judy_thom@hotmail.com. The plan is to put in late morning on Wednesday Sept. 5, and leave Saturday Sept. 8. It is about an 11 hour drive from Indianapolis. The campsites are near the water, so gear will not need to be carried far. Canoes and kayaks should be of sufficient size and construction to safely transport 4 days worth of camping gear, food, and clothing. It is a bit like a "Boundary Waters Lite", and sounds like a lot of fun.

Trip Announcement

East Fork White River 7/21/2018

Trip Leader: Richard Tekulve

Please join us as we paddle our annual East Fork White River trip on Saturday ,July 21st.This year we will paddle from the Brownstown DNR access to Medora Covered Bridge DNR access for a total of 9.4 miles. We will pass under three nineteenth century historic bridges on this route that is highlighted by some of the states longest and numerous sand-bars.

Our put-in @ 10AM is the Brownstown DNR access site located 2 miles west of the courthouse on U.S. 50 directly before the bridge on the left (SE corner) with a marked sign (Delorme Atlas page 51 G9). Our take-out will be adjacent to the historic Medora Covered Bridge/ S.R. 235 bridge @ the Medora DNR access site located 2 miles east of Medora. The put-in is located 69 miles from the center of Indy and the best route is I-65 south to exit 55 (SR 11), then south on 11 for five miles to Seymour and US 50. Turn right (west) onto US 50 and proceed for 12 miles (through Brownstown and the courthouse) to before the US 50 bridge over the East Fork White River and immediately turn left into the (sign marked) DNR access parking lot. If you cross the bridge you have gone too far.

Our paddle on one of Indiana's few reliable 24/7/365 water available streams should provide a steady 2 m.p.h. current on a laid back summer journey. Expect about four hours paddle time on the river which averages a 125-250 foot width with a total shuttle of 19 miles of which all are highway related. This trip was last experienced in 2011.

A bridge tour will be conducted at the finish on the historic 1875 Medora Covered Bridge which is the longest standing covered bridge in the U.S.and second longest in the world. The bridge went through an extensive renovation on our last trip here and is truly an engineering marvel coming in at the size of one and a half football fields. The other two old bridges we will paddle under are the Vallonia Iron Bridge (1887, 250' and 2 span) and the old 3 span B and O Railroad Trestle built 1898 and covering 286'.

Please call 812 767-1317 or email to CANOEINDIANA@YAHOO.COM by 10pm on Friday, July 20. Please leave a cell number for a last minute change if bizarre weather conditions exist (last year was completely flooded). Sincerely, East Fork White trip leader since 2010 = Richard Tekulve, North Vernon IN.



Sea Kayak Thoughts

Jim Sprandel

In July, we head to New York and Vermont to explore Lake Champlain – a first for the HCKC. I have started studying up and Congress at one point considered making Lake Champlain the 6th Great Lake. During the American Revolution and the War of 1812, several ship battles were fought for control of Lake Champlain since the British wanted to use Lake Champlain to contain western expansion of the New England colonies. It should be a cool trip. Did I mention the cliffs near the lake?

In August, sixteen HCKC members will be making our annual pilgrimage to the Apostle Island in Lake Superior. I have been there 7 or 8 times and still want to keep returning because it is sea kayak camping at its best. Something for any sea kayaker's bucket list.

Look over the [Sea Kayaking Calendar](#) – there is a lot of cool paddling still to come this year.

Upcoming Events –

June 30 – July 1 – New Buffalo – Michigan City Paddle and Overnight, We will paddle from New Buffalo, MI to Michigan City, IN along the Lake Michigan Sunset Shore on Saturday. On

Sunday, we will paddle a loop paddle along the dunes on the south shore of Lake Michigan. Friday and Saturday night, we will be camping at the National Park Service campground at Dunbar Beach.

If interested, you can get more information at: <https://hoosiercanoeandkayakclub.wildapricot.org/event-2803165>

Please be sure to RVSP so we can plan our shuttle on Saturday and identify parking requirements at the campsite.

Day Paddles – Weather permitting, we will organize a local day paddle in July on one of the open weekends. Watch for e-mails from the Sea Kayak e-mail list for more information. Hopefully, temperatures will cool down so we can have fun in the sun.

Training – Eighteen people showed up for the Open Water Rescue Class on June 2. This is a good turn-out and important because we need to know how to reenter out boats when we fall out. Nate Strong reinforced these lessons this last weekend on Lake Michigan in 1-2 waves by having people practice reentry there. Critical skills that can save your life.

We still have two Introductory–Intermediate Training Classes coming up in July and August. See the training article in this newsletter and sign up if there is something that you would like to work on.

Sea Kayak Mailing List – The Sea Kayak Fleet maintains a peer-to-peer mailing list that allows members of this list to send an e-mail to other long boater in the area. People can post questions, great deals they find on-line, pick-up trips, and training opportunities. We also “pre-announce” trips and training opportunities that will appear in the newsletter.

If you have a sea kayak or touring kayaks and are not on the IND_TOURING_KAYAKS mailing list, please send me an e-mail at merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net and I'll add you. It's a great way to keep up on our fleet.



Kayaking Skills Classes – Introductory and Intermediate Classes

Instructors: Dave Ellis, Duane Garloch, Jim Sprandel

Dates: Saturdays – July 28, and August 18, 2018

This year, we will offer four one-day kayak skills sessions during the summer. Each session is a self-contained so sign up for the session that fits your schedule. We will offer both introductory and intermediate on each of the four days.

Since we now have several ACA instructors, we will break our class up into two groups. In one group, we will cover the ACA Introduction to Kayaking material for newer paddlers. In the other group, we will cover ACA intermediate (Level 2 and 3) material.

These classes are targeted toward people with recreational, touring, or sea kayaks. Whitewater (WW) paddlers should check with the WW co-chairs about training since these classes focus on turning and control but the characteristics of WW boats are so different than recreational and sea kayaks. Classes are small with only 5 students so we can tailor the class to our students.

Introduction to Paddling Class -

Target Paddlers: Newer HCKC members with recreational, touring, or sea kayaks who have never taken a class or who just want to work on their strokes.

Class Content: Here's a way to jumpstart your paddling! As a new kayaker, you may know how to move your boat around in calm water. We will work with you to make your paddling easier and more efficient—to give you more control over your boat. We will work on your basic knowledge, strokes, and other paddling skills that you may need to safely enjoy the sport. This course is based on the American Canoe Association [“Introduction to Kayaking”](#) course. This is also a great opportunity to ask any question that you might have about paddling or the Hoosier Canoe & Kayak Club.

Your instructor will first talk about the basics and then quickly get you on the water to teach you how to safely get in your boat and move it forward, backwards, and sideways as well as how to turn and stop.

Intermediate Kayak Control (Edging/Turning and Stroke Refinement)

Target Paddlers: HCKC members with recreational, touring, and sea kayaks who have taken an introductory class at least one year earlier and have been paddling actively since that class. Students should be comfortable with their forward-turning strokes as well as draw strokes (to go sideways).

Class Content: Boat control and turning are essential for Intermediate paddlers whether you are paddling on creeks, rivers, lakes, or oceans. You need to make your boat do what you want it to do. The main topics that we cover are listed below:

Stroke Efficiency – How to make your current strokes more effective. Last year, we did one session that focused just on forward stroke.

Edging your boat and moving your body relative to the kayak to turn your boat or to make it go straight

Bow and stern rudders. Side draws – Maneuvers that move your boat sideways without changing the angle of your boat

This section will really start with a short discussion of boat dynamics and quickly get on the water to start learning to play with your boat.

Meeting Place: To be announced – The instructors will send out an e-mail to participants about one week before the class. The classes will typically be held at Eagle Creek but the instructors for Intermediate classes may opt other locations.

Your Chances of Getting Wet: While the water is cool, we will demonstrate rescue skills and wet exits but you won't *intentionally* be getting into the water at this clinic unless you want to. Thatcher Pool's Wednesday night sessions are a better place to practice rescues and wet exits when it's cool out continued next page

Class Size: The introductory and intermediate classes will have 5 students. Please do not sign up unless you can stay for the entire clinic (9:00 am to 3:30 pm).

If enough students sign up for an Introductory or Intermediate session, we will add a second instructor to handle 5 more students when possible.

What to Bring:

Please bring your kayak, life jacket, paddle, paddling jacket, sun screen, lunch, and water.

Safety equipment that you normally carry (e.g., pump, paddle float, stirrup, tow or throw rope ...).

Please don't buy safety equipment just for this class.

Paddling Clothing—Even though you won't *intentionally* be capsizing, be sure to dress appropriately for the weather and water. We will get out more info on what to wear in the pre-class e-mail.

Questions — Please think about what you want to learn before the class and come with questions.

Schedule: 9:00 am Meet at Designated Location
 9:30 am—3:30 pm Class
 We will take an hour around Noon for lunch and a safety discussion.

To register for a class or for information, click on the following links for the class date that you are interested in

[Sat. July 28, 2018](#)
[Sat. August 18, 2018](#)

Trip Report

Driftwood River

Trip Leader: Sue Foxx

Sue Foxx led a great trip first Saturday in June on the Driftwood. I think 14 people, and great weather.



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The 33rd Annual Indiana Paddlers Rendezvous August 3rd, 4th, & 5th, 2018

Hey Wildcat Paddlers,

The Indiana Paddlers Rendezvous is less than 5 weeks away. This Newsletter should provide all the info you need to make plans and mark your calendar. Make plans to attend the IPR, and enjoy a full weekend of Paddling on Wildcat Creek.

**Full event details, times, and locations
are included below.**

The IPR has proven to be one of the overall best Paddling events in Indiana. If you've never attended, rest assured it is worth your time. Come prepared to enjoy one of the nicest small Streams in Indiana, to relax with old Paddling buddies, and to make new friends.

This event is open to members of Canoe & Kayak Clubs, Internet Paddling Groups, and River Protection Organizations who have their own personal equipment and enough skills for an enjoyable day on a Swift Flowing Natural Stream. Please take this opportunity to pass this Trip Announcement on to any of the above mentioned organizations with which you have connections.

**But please avoid wide open public, media,
or Facebook announcements.**



Ben & Nancy Franklin in 2013

Muskrat has once again volunteered to be the IPR Trip Leader.

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Numerous requests for Volunteers will be posted to the Wildcat Guardians and others within the next few weeks, including a request for "Volunteer Shuttle Drivers", "Registration Team", and an "On-Stream Safety Crew". I'm hoping to hear from many of you who have assisted with these tasks in the past. If you should have questions about volunteer positions, please contact me below:

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Lisa Pantea at IPR-2006

MUSKRAT's Notes on the IPR:

Here is a basic timetable for the IPR,
just in case you receive no further information.
The dates for 2018 are Friday, Saturday, & Sunday, **August 3-4-5**.
Directions to all locations are provided below.

**Whenever and where ever you arrive at the IPR,
please proceed directly to the Registration Table.**

FRIDAY August 3rd:

The first activity of the weekend will be a Trip on Wildcat Creek Friday afternoon; Meeting Time is

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3:00 PM at Wildcat Park (directions below). Where we will Paddle will be announced at that time, and the Shuttle will begin immediately thereafter; please arrive early.

There will be a BYO **Campfire Cookout** at Wildcat Park following this cruise. The **IPR Paddler's Campsite** will be available at Wildcat Park for both Friday and Saturday nights, thanks to special arrangement with the Tippecanoe County Parks Dept. Camping is strictly "Primitive" with no electricity available. The only utilities are water, pit toilets, and bathing in the Creek.



SATURDAY August 4th:

Saturday's Creek Trip will begin at Knop Lake Public Fishing Area (directions below). This will cover 13.6-miles and end at Wildcat Park. There will be an alternate Takeout for a 9-mile Trip. Lunch at The Gravelbar is BYO.

Shuttle Departure Time is 9:00 AM from Knop Lake. **You should plan to arrive at Knop Lake absolutely no later than 8:30 AM** (8 AM would be better; it really gets crowded with all the people arriving).

Saturday's Traditional **Chili Supper** will begin serving at 6 PM at the Paddler's Campsite in Wildcat Park (directions below).

>>>>>> Chili Supper Reservations are the only advance notice you are asked to provide. Simply provide your name and your number of Chili Eaters, so Muskrat can make sure to cook enough for everyone.

Please make Chili Reservations at garryhill@aol.com.

The Wildcat Guardians Annual Benefit Auction (one of the most "Laugh-Filled" parts of the entire weekend) will be held immediately after the Chili Supper. If you have any items to offer for sale, please present them at the Registration Table whenever you arrive.

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SUNDAY August 5th:

Sunday's Creek Trip will meet at Wildcat Park (directions below). Shuttle departure is 9:00 AM sharp. Please arrive early. Lunch at The Gravelbar is BYO. This Trip varies from year to year, but usually covers the 9-miles from Wildcat Park to the Wabash River. Launch and Takeout locations will be announced to everyone who arrives at Wildcat Park in time for Shuttle Departure at 9:00 AM Sunday morning.

For any questions email garryhill@aol.com, or call Muskrat at 765-628-3155 (home), or 765-432-6782 (cell).

~~~~~ DIRECTIONS.....

Muskrat's Wildcat Creek Expedition Team utilizes the "**Indiana Atlas & Gazetteer**" for accurate directions to River access locations all over Indiana. **This Indiana map book is the absolute best for River People.**

The directions below are based on the use of this book.

The Gazetteer can be found at Staples, some Meijer's and Wal-Mart stores, bookstores, convenience stores, and others.

Directions To Wildcat Park

Indiana Atlas & Gazetteer Page 31:

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Find Monitor on SR-26, east of Lafayette. Go North from Monitor on CR 775-E. Then, at a "T", turn Left on CR 300-N.

Watch for yellow "IPR" marks on the pavement.

Then, Left again onto CR 600-E (not written on map). 600-E will drop steeply down into the Valley and make a sharp right turn. The entrance to Wildcat Park is on the left in about ½-mile after that turn. **Watch for the "IPR" signs.**

Another option: Take SR-26 West from I-65 (toward Lafayette). Turn Right at Creasy Lane. Follow this street around a curve, over the Interstate, and across Wildcat Creek. At the end of the bridge, turn Right onto Eisenhower Road. Wildcat Park will be on the right in about 1-1/2-miles.

Watch for the "IPR" signs.

For GPS Folks: 5129 Eisenhower Road, Lafayette, IN 47905



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**Directions To Knop Lake Public Access Site**  
[Indiana Atlas & Gazetteer Page 32:](#)

1) **From US-31 south of Kokomo**, head West on SR-26. About 4-¼ miles west of Rossville, turn North (right) from SR-26 onto CR 900-W; watch for green sign to "Pyrmont". This is just after the town of Edna Mills.

2) **From I-65 at Lafayette**, head East on SR-26. Approximately 7-½ miles east of the Interstate, turn North (left) from SR-26 onto CR 900-W; watch for green sign to "Pyrmont". This is just after the village of Petit, and 1-mile after the County Line.

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(NOTE: There is a construction delay at the SR-26 Bridge at Monitor)

Next, in 2-½ miles turn Right (east) on CR 650-S (church on left).  
The entrance to Knop Lake State Fishing Area is on the left in ½-mile.  
Go slow and watch closely; you can easily miss the entrance sign,  
in a wooded area, going downhill.

**Watch for yellow "IPR" marks on the pavement.**

For GPS Folks: Carroll County Road 650-S at (about) 720-W.



Follow the gravel road past the pond, keeping to the left at every fork, following the IPR-signs, until you reach the Registration Area. Then follow the directions of the Volunteers, and they will get you to the Launch Site as soon as possible.

(On a State Hwy Map, Rossville is located east of Lafayette, south of Delphi, west of Kokomo.)

*See You On The River,  
Muskrat*

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Visit Wildcat Creek On-line at the following sites:

<http://www.wildcatguardians.org/>

<http://www.wildcatcreek.net/>

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## Introduction to Canoeing (Tandem) –July 28, 2018

**Course Instructors:** Brent Saucerman, Daniel Bendy

**Target Paddlers:** HCKC members who have never taken a canoeing class, or who want to improve their control of the canoe. Paddlers who would like to improve their basic strokes and skills. Kayakers who would like to broaden their horizons.

**Class Content:** As a new canoeist, you may know how to move your boat in calm water. We will work with you to make your paddling easier and more efficient—to give you more control over your boat. We will work on your basic knowledge, strokes, and other paddling skills that you may need to safely enjoy the sport. This course is based on the American Canoe Association [Introduction to Canoeing](#) course (basic syllabus at hyperlink). This is also a great opportunity to ask any question that you might have about paddling or the Hoosier Canoe and Kayak Club. Instruction will include tandem and solo strokes and techniques in tandem boats.

Your instructor will first talk with you about the basics and then quickly get on the water to teach you how to move your boat forward, backwards, sideways, and pivot, as well as how to turn and stop.

**Meeting Place:** To be Announced – The instructors will send out an e-mail to participants a week before the class.

**Your Chance of Immersion:** If water conditions allow, we will demonstrate rescue skills, and strongly recommend participants take part in exit and re-entry practice. **Remember that canoeing is a “wet foot” sport—we will get feet and lower legs wet entering and exiting the boat.** It is recommended that participants bring a change of clothes in a dry bag. **Class Size:** Attendance for be limited to 12 students and 6 tandem canoes.

**Who may Attend:** Enrollees **must be registered HCKC Members** and will be accepted based on the date that they register for the course on the HCKC website. Information on membership can be found at <https://hoosiercanoeclub.org/join-us-2> Membership costs much less than a comparable ACA Course through other sources.

Please do not sign up unless you can stay for the entire clinic (9:00 am to 3:30 pm).

**What to Bring:** Canoe, life jacket, paddle, paddling jacket, sun screen, bug repellent, lunch, and water. A wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses are recommended. Seat/kneeling pads if you wish. Dry sacks are recommended for personal gear that you plan to take on the water with you (major big box stores have inexpensive drybags and boxes-just double up. **If you need a canoe, please let the instructor know as soon as possible so that we may try to find a boat to borrow.**

**What to wear—** Synthetic, quick-dry long pants and shirt (recommended due to sun and creek conditions); Wide brimmed hat (boonie or similar); Sunglasses with floating strap; Windproof light jacket; old athletic shoes and wool or synthetic socks. Participants are encouraged to participate in exit and re-entry drills, if water conditions permit. Plan to get wet. Spare clothes in a dry bag! (Just in case). **Safety equipment** –Any safety equipment that normally carry-Bailing sponge, stirrup, tow or throw rope ...) Please don't buy safety equipment just for this class.

**Safety issues--**Please read the Essential Eligibility Criteria at the hyperlink to the ACA course description above. All participants shall wear life jackets at all times while on or near the water.

### Schedule:

|                 |                                                        |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| 9:00 am         | Meet at Designated Location                            |
| 9:30 am         | Be dressed to paddle with your boat at the launch area |
| 9:30 am—3:30 pm | Class                                                  |

We will take an hour around Noon for lunch and a safety discussion. Please bring your own lunch. If you have questions, please contact Brent Saucerman at [av8rsauce@mail.com](mailto:av8rsauce@mail.com) or 317-523-8417.

**How to Register:** <https://hoosiercanoeandkayakclub.wildapricot.org/event-2928669>

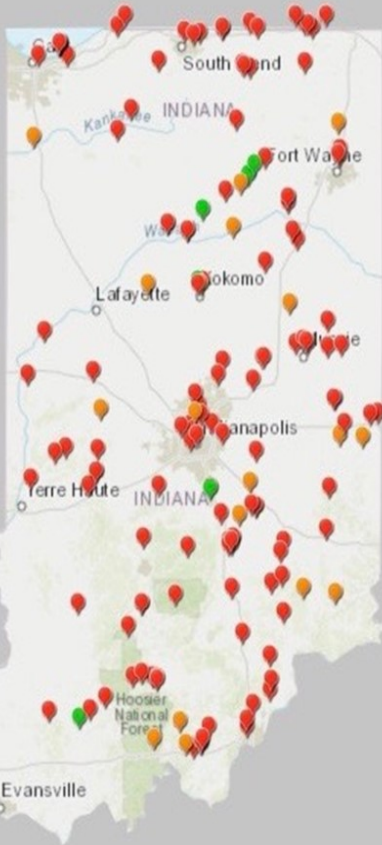
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# HOOSIER CANOE & KAYAK CLUB LAUNCHES LOW HEAD DAM REMOVAL AND SAFETY INITIATIVE

LOW HEAD DAMS ARE:



OVER 150 DAMS IN INDIANA



## LOCATION OF LOW HEAD DAMS

**MISSION STATEMENT:** Initiate the removal of Low Head Dams in Indiana through public education and working directly with and engaging those organizations, clubs, schools, and public officials/legislature that can influence such results. River and water safety education is paramount in accomplishing this goal.

## CURRENT WORKING INFORMATION REGARDING LOW HEAD DAMS IN INDIANA:

Over 150 low head dams in Indiana. (the public is uninformed)  
Inadequate signage signaling the approaching dam.  
Little or no information available regarding the location of these dams to unsuspecting paddlers...and the dangers of encountering them.

DNR has designed an interactive app showing location of all known low head dams in Indiana

Many of the LHD are on private property requiring education and diplomatic negotiations with the owners...(maybe, offer incentives)

Many Indiana legislators may be uninformed regarding this issue: educate

Average age of drowning in a low head dam accident is 20.5 years.(youth education is paramount)

24 incidents in Indiana LHDs in 2017: 6 deaths and 18 recovered rescues

## THE HOOSIER CANOE AND KAYAK CLUB'S GOALS IN THIS PROJECT

Outreach to the paddling and on-water recreational clubs, organizations, liveries, etc, in Indiana by: working independently but cooperatively with the DNR & Silver Jackets.

Developing an interactive platform in order that information on the issues and initiatives can be accessed readily...*Currently, we are in communication with the Pelorus Project (Fort Wayne) regarding re-development of the Pelorus website, with a name change and enhanced mission...Pelorus has decided to give the club administrative rights and this will happen very soon.*

enabling all clubs to link to this site to access materials and information on the project

The Over, Under, Gone video in a 10 minute version will be available as a teaching tool for educational

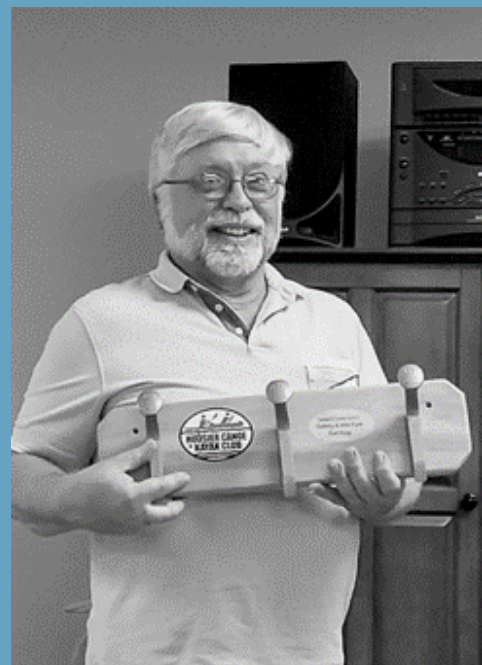
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programs in schools and in other events. Link to the video: [\(click\) Over, Under, Gone video](#)

encouraging other Indiana clubs to carve out, in their organization, LHD education & safety on their website and Fb page and link directly to our platform

designing and building a Low Head Dam model—currently in process—as a working demonstration in educational venues. **Earl King, our project designer on this model is almost at completion: See model below.**

*[\*\*Our club's website is completely independent of the DNR website and will function as a singular voice for recreational clubs and its associate organizations and membership. We are not part of any governmental agency when performing club activities including outreach and education].*



**Follow Progress in the newsletter or on Fb until our website is up and running**

Direct any questions to **Mariann Davis**, [marianndvs@gmail.com](mailto:marianndvs@gmail.com), Subject: Low head dams



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