

The Hoosier Paddler

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From the Skipper:

Summer rains are bringing some refills to our streams just in time for the annual Indiana Paddlers Rendezvous the first weekend in August. We also have two more Triathlon events we will need help with. And the touring kayak group has a few big trips planned for the month. Check out this newsletter for details on all of our planned trips and watch for announcements concerning a very special guest speaker for our annual club meeting and for more on the Pirate Paddle and Party coming in October. We also have a cleanup for Raccoon Creek on August 19th. Hope to see you on the water. Duane

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

Trip Announcement

Cataract Falls Moonlight Trip

August 25, 2018

Want to see the largest water falls in Indiana and paddle under the full moonlight? Here's your chance! This is a fun paddle and is open to most experience levels. Paddler must be able to paddle 8 miles round trip. These are head waters so this is a paddle rather than a float - there is no current but we will paddle at a moderate rate. The speed of motor boats in this area of the lake is restricted so we should not have any problems with boat wake.

We will meet up at the Cunot boat ramp at 6PM and launch by 6:30PM. The put-in is about 90 minutes from where I70 and I465 meet on the west side of Indianapolis. Take I70 west from Indianapolis to Exit 37 (SR243 which is one exit past Cloverdale). Travel south on SR 243 until the road dead ends at SR 42. Turn right (west) on SR42 - drive about ½ mile past the bridge and take the right turn (Boat Dock Rd, small store on corner). Follow this road downhill to boat launch.

You are required to have a PFD, a good light source such as headlamp or flashlight and a \$5 2018 DNR non motorized boat sticker on your boat. Boat stickers can be purchased online at <http://stores.innsgifts.com/2014-state-park-permits/> or at any state park. Keep in mind if ordering off the website, it'll take about a week for them to ship it to you. Contact Walter Burchfield at crpntr133@yahoo.com for details.



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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 or 317-523-8417.

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

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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](mailto: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 August 11 and Go Girl event August 18, 2018

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. 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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Touring/Sea Kayak Brookville Lake Summer Paddle

September 1st 2018

Trip Sponsor: Jeff Stejskal

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. A route south goes down towards the Fairfield Causeway and explore inlets along the way.

Brookville Lake is a 5260-acre lake managed by the Army Corps and Indiana DNR for flood control and recreation. A detailed description of the lake can be found online http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/files/brookville_trail.pdf

The shore line is largely wooded. Boat traffic is expected to be heavy this time of year. The water will be warm. The north end of the lake is mostly an idle zone and used predominately for fishing.

Meeting Place: The Dunlapville ramp

Google maps address 3120 S Old Dunlapville Rd, Liberty, IN 47353

From I 70, turn south on State Road 1 south to Connersville. Follow the signs for 1 through Connersville and turn east onto Indiana 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.

Schedule:

9:30 AM Gather at the Meeting Place
10:00 AM Ready to Launch
1:00 PM Lunch Stop
4:00 PM Off the water

Expected Water Conditions: Large position is no wake zone on north end of lake. But further south will be dealing with boat chop / wind produced waves.

Cost: 5\$ for DNR sticker DNR Sticker can be purchased at Quakertown Recreation area.

Equipment Requirements: Touring or Sea Kayak with a boat Length at least > 13 feet or longer with fore/aft water tight bulk heads or floatation bags

Standard safety equipment bilge pump/paddle float, PFD, whistle, spray skirt(optional),

Note PFD must be worn at all times while on the water.

Water and snack while on water. Lunch for lunch stop.

Required Paddling Skills: Basic boat handling skills and abilities to handle boat chop/wakes and waves of 1ft. Paddle distance 10 – 14 miles at 3 mph pace. Ability to wet exit if using a spray skirt. Basic self rescue skills.

Contact Jeff Stejskal at jeffs45321@hotmail.com by 5 pm Friday July 31st





Sea Kayak Thoughts

Jim Sprandel

The Sea Kayak fleet completed several interesting paddles on Lake Michigan in June.

In middle June, we went up to the Saugatuck area and paddled in 1-2' waves on Lake Michigan. We even had some pushy rear-quarterming waves as we headed north along the shore that we were able to play in. Nate Strong, a Michigan ACA coach, worked with people on playing in the break near the shore and helping people work on reentries in condition.

On June 30 and July 1, we paddled with NWIPA from New Buffalo to Michigan on Saturday and from Dunbar Beach east to Mount Baldy on Sunday (picture above). It was hot but the south wind made it bearable on the lake. I had not paddled the shoreline from Dunbar to Mount Baldy for several years and it was interesting to study the "evolution" of the dunes in that area. We paddled close to shore so we could see the trees falling down the dunes and the sand eroding - you could sort of feel the slow drift of the dunes away from the Lake.

Seven HCKC paddlers have gone to Lake Champlain in New England for a week of paddling in July. Lake Champlain was once dubbed the USA's sixth great lake. Stay tuned for a report and pictures in the September Newsletter on this trip. We also have a full house of 18 kayakers going up to the Apostle Islands in early August – my favorite trip of the year.

Training – We still have one more training session coming up on August 18th. Click on the link below to get more information or to register for either the Introductory or Intermediate section of this class:

August 18 Class: <https://hoosiercanoeandkayakclub.wildapricot.org/event-2804512>

Upcoming Trips – Check the September Newsletter and watch your IND_TOURING_KAYAK e-mails for more details. As I receive details, I will copy them into the event descriptions on the [HCKC Event Calendar](#).

Sunday, July 29, Summit Lake Summer Paddle (Check the HCKC Event Calendar for details)

August 4-11 – Apostles Islands Trip

Saturday, August 25 – Cataract Falls Full Moon Paddle

Saturday, September 1 – Mystery Trip – Day paddle – location to be announced

Friday, Sept. 7 – Sunday Sept 9 – South Manitou Island

Sept. 22-23, Ohio River Trip



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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](#)

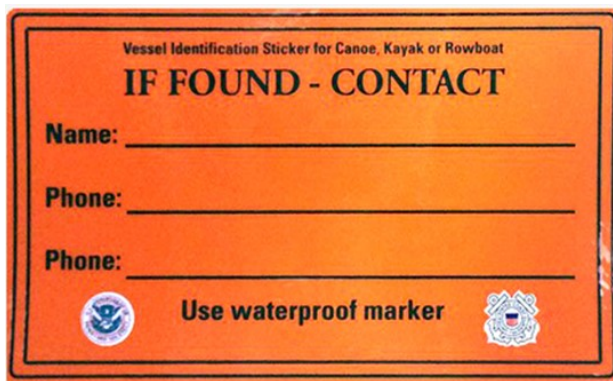
[Sat. August 18, 2018](#)

Put your Names in you Kayak or Canoe

Jim Sprandel

A paddler from the Seattle area recently sent me a paddling.com article on why you should put clear identification in your canoe or kayak. This makes sense – if your kayak gets away from you, the finder will know how to contact you.

A more important reason for doing this is that it helps US Coast Guard and state/local authorities. Whenever an unmanned kayak or canoe is found, they have to consider whether there is a paddler who has capsized, is in the water, or has potentially drowned. In some cases, they may treat finding an unmanned boat as an emergency situation and initiate a Search and Rescue operation.



There are many reasons why kayaks/canoes get away from their owners – many of them are not dire. To help identify non-emergency situations, the US Coast Guard passes out and encourages all paddlers to use of orange reflective “IF FOUND – CONTACT” stickers with blanks for a name and phone numbers. When a kayak is found with an I FOUND – CONTACT sticker, it lets the authorities make a quick phone call to see whether someone is actually in danger or not.

If you do not already have one of these “IF FOUND – CONTACT” stickers on your kayak, canoe or craft, you should get one. I was able to pick up several of these and talked with the US Coast Guard Auxiliary at the Sport and Travel in February. If needed, you may purchase one for \$2.00 in the [paddling.com store](#). (Paddling.com charges to defray their shipping and handling costs.)

Paddling.com article on IF FOUND – CONTACT stickers: <https://paddling.com/learn/unmanned-kayaks-costing-billions/>

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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:

MUSKRAT'S CONTACT INFO:

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Cell: 765-432-6782



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/>

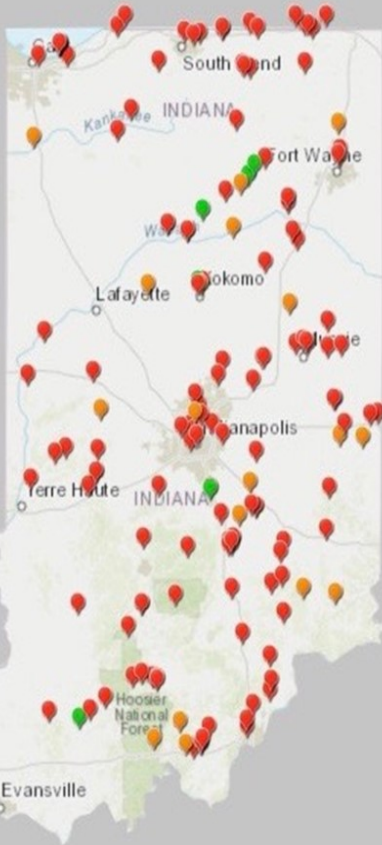
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# HOOSIER CANOE & KAYAK CLUB LAUNCHES LOW HEAD DAM REMOVAL AND SAFETY INITIATIVE

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

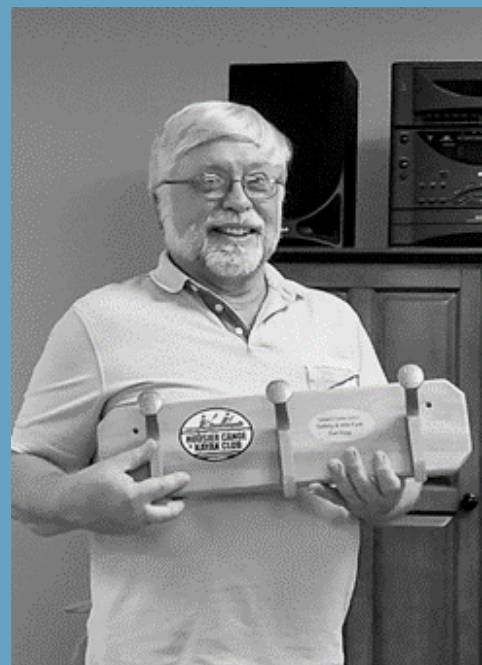
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programs in schools and in other events. Link to the video: [\(click\) Over, Under, Gone video](#)

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**

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