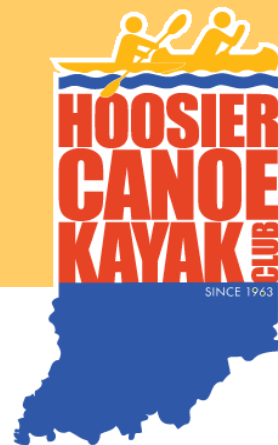


The Hoosier Paddler

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From the Skipper:

Although Summer officially ends on September 21st, our paddling season does not! Coming up we have our annual trip sea kayak trip to South Manitou Island and white water trip to Gauley Fest, along with flat water trips on the Wabash River and White River. Check the calendar for details for these trips along with other events in September. Looking ahead, watch out for information on our bian-nual Pirate Paddle and Party on October 20th and our Annual Meeting on November 10th. And look for an email seeking volun-teers to help clean up Raccoon Creek on Sept 20 or 22.

See you on the water! Duane

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Save the Date:

November 10, 2018

Annual Meeting

Indianapolis Sailing Club

Trip Announcement for a Sunday!!!

9/2/2018

Wabash River Granville Bridge to Attica 15.9 miles

Sunday, September 2, Granville Public Access Site 9:00 AM

Often by September the smaller streams are too low to be much fun, so come along on the Wabash trip, which should have plenty of flow for easy paddling. The dry times of the year also make the big rivers low enough and clear enough to enjoy the streambed, the real essence of their beauty.

Meet up at Granville PAS, which is several miles downstream from Lafayette, at 9 AM. See the website for directions. We will run the shuttle to Attica when everyone is unloaded, about 9:30.

Sponsor Judy Thompson judy_thom@hotmail.com

Sunday Trip 2:

White River Paragon to Gosport 9/16 9:30 am

Trip Leader Dwayne James

Meet in Paragon on SR67 by 9:30 am to unload and shuttle to Gosport. A nice 7-8 mile float. Register online or contact dwaynesjamesa1@hotmail.com for more information. All boat types welcome. Bring something cold to drink. We can do lunch in Mooresville.



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Pirate Paddle & Party

Saturday, October 20

Aye Maties, prepare yourself for the Saturday before the Hunters Moon in October!!!

Callin' all river rats, pirates and scoundrels! The pirate paddlers will be gatherin' for the White River Flotilla and Party on Saturday, October 20th. We be expectin' paddlers from the seven seas . . . and perhaps some creatures from davy jones locker and the black lagoon . . .

The event begins in the afternoon with a 9-mile float on White River in Indianapolis, with a flotilla of paddlers dressed as pirates and other marauders of ill repute. Enjoy the pirate sea shanty band, Red Rum, as they welcome paddlers to the river bank before we launch!

Following the flotilla, the pirates convene for revelry and good cheer at the **White River Yacht Club**, a grand place for a river gathering. The WRYC is located just north of Broad Ripple, with a large, covered party deck on the river.

The Pirate Party will feature HCKC's very own one-man band Bob Heckler, who hails from the white-water fleet and is quite the motley character himself! If you were at the very first Pirate Paddle, you'll remember who Bob is!

First held in 2008, the Pirate Paddle & Party is a signature event of the Hoosier Canoe and Kayak Club, presented every other year through the support of generous sponsors. Aye, all paddlers be welcomed! Please share the good word with friends, fellow paddlers, and paddling clubs!

The \$25 registration fee includes the flotilla, a buffet dinner and beer, and two bands. *Where else can you find paddlers gathered as pirates; dinner and beer, and a great dance band?*

Me would cut off my claw to swear, the pirate boat decorations on the flotilla and the pirate party make for a memorable gathering . . . Prizes for best boat decor and best costume. Start workin' on your riggin' maties!

REGISTER NOW! Don't be lost at sea . . . join the fun or prepare to walk the plank, matey!

FLOTILLA PUT-IN: White River at 116th Street

1:00 Arrival, Registration, Unload Boats, Run Shuttle

2:30 Launch of Pirate Flotilla on White River

PIRATE PARTY: White River Yacht Club, Indianapolis, 6:30 pm

1400 E 74th Street, (just upstream from Broad Ripple) Indianapolis 46240

SPONSORS AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Contact THE BEER WENCH (Natalie) at nataliehckkayak@gmail.com or text THREE-ONE-SEVEN-840-4507.

Please put Pirate Paddle in the email subject line or in the text if you text me.

See all you scurvy sea hags and scoundrels on the river!

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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, Sept. 21st	Saturday, Sept 22nd
Friday, Oct. 26 th	Saturday, Oct 27th (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.

The new sign warning paddlers of the low head dam on White River at Williams Creek cut off!!!!

Our work is paying off. The DNR put up this new sign to warn paddlers of the low head dam.



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Sea Kayak Thoughts

Jim Sprandel

Seventeen paddlers headed up to Lake Superior and Apostle Islands for eight day of sea kayaking. The weather was relatively calm this year and the groups were able to visit the sea caves on the Mainland (Squaw Bay), Sand Island, and Devils Island. Multiple sets of pictures for this trip have been posted on the [HCKC's Facebook page](#).

The Apostles are amazing because you can look down and see the details of the rocks 10 feet below you or the patterns of swirled sand that waves create in the bays. There are eagles, loons, and merganser. Plus bears, each campsite has a bear box for food. The camp sites in the islands are only accessible by boat. The campsites offer sunsets and sunrises views if you are willing to get up at 5:30 am.

Training – This year's training sessions are complete at Eagle Creek. However, now is a good time to start working on that roll for next season by going to the pool. Nothing gives you confidence in big water conditions like having a bomb-proof roll. Information on pool sessions is at:

<https://hoosiercanoeandkayakclub.wildapricot.org/Pool-Sessions>

If you have suggestions for Sea Kayak training for next year, send me an e-mail at merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net.

Upcoming Events for Sea Kayakers– Trip announcements for the September trips are in this newsletter. Watch the Sea Kayak e-mail and the October Newsletter for information on trips coming up in October.

Saturday, September 1 – Brookville Reservoir

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

Sept. 22-23, Ohio River Trip

Sunday, October 7 – Ohio River Ghost Ship Paddle (*Note the date change for this event*)

Friday-Sunday, October 12-14, Grayson Lake Overnight

Saturday, October 20 – HCKC Pirate Paddle and Party

Saturday, October 27 – Eagle Creek Shoreline Creek

Saturday-Sunday, November 3-4, Lake Monroe Fall Overnight



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

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

DNR Sticker can be purchased at Quakertown Recreation area.

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

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Sea Kayak Trip Announcement

Manitou Island Trip, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore

Friday-Sunday. Sept. 7-9, 2018

Trips Sponsor: Brad Hughey

We will be paddling out to the Manitou Islands from Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in Empire, Michigan. We will camp at [DH Day Campgrounds](#) in Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore on Thursday Evening and then take off for South Manitou Island Friday Morning. D H Day Campground is about a 7-hour drive from Indianapolis so you can get in at a reasonable hour if you drive after work on Thursday.

Friday morning: We will leave relatively early for the 8.5-mile open water crossing of Lake Michigan to the [Bay Campground](#) on South Manitou island. This island has everything a paddler could want: beachfront camping, self composting privies, a lighthouse, and old growth cedars. There are also shipwrecks you can see from the beach or paddle to if it is calm enough. There are also 300-foot dunes on the West side of the island..

Saturday: We'll see what conditions are like and plan accordingly. Last year, we paddled around the island—we explored the wreck on the south end of the island and saw the huge dunes on the west side of the island. There is also a foot trail around the island if someone prefers to hike. If necessary, we could paddle back to the mainland Saturday afternoon if conditions for Sunday are deteriorating.

Sunday morning: We will paddle the 8.5 mile open water crossing back to the mainland and we should be back to Indy by 8 pm.

Required Paddling Skills: This trip is for strong intermediate to advanced paddlers. We can have large wave conditions especially during the 2.5 hour crossing. In addition, the crossing is through a shipping lane.

You should feel comfortable in 2+ foot seas from all directions including broach and rear quartering and be able to land and self-launch in 2+ foot surf conditions.

You should be able to maintain a 3.5 mph pace for the 8 mile crossing without leaving your boat. We may paddle up to 15 miles on Saturday.

Self and group rescue skills are required..

Some kayak experience on the Great Lakes or the ocean.

Please contact Brad if you are not sure about attempting this trip.

Required Equipment: Sea kayaks with spray skirts, fore and aft bulkheads, full perimeter deck lines, and safety equipment are required.

You will have to carry your own camping gear, clothes, and food with you in your kayak. Drinking water is available near the Ranger Station on the island but this is a ½ mile walk from the campsite last year so you may wish to bring a water filter.

Contingency Plans: If wave and wind conditions are too severe for a safe crossing on either Friday or Sunday morning, there are plenty of good paddling sites in the area. The Lake is Boss.

How to Sign Up for the Trip: Please e-mail Brad Hughey, hughey_brad@yahoo.com to sign up to attend or to get more information.

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

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Sea Kayak Trip Announcement

Fall Grayson Lake Trip –

Saturday October 13 – Sunday October 14 plus Bonus Day Friday October 12

Trip Sponsor: Deb Wilson

Grayson Lake is amazing with its cliff lined corridors and waterfalls. We should be in fall colors and with luck we might even get some fog again which makes the area a bit eerie. This is a sea kayak paddle since Saturday's paddle is a 12 miles paddle through Grayson's Canyons.

Friday (Optional) – We will paddle for a few hours and then set up camp.

Launch Time: 1:30 pm Boat at Ramp

Put-In: Grayson boat ramp/beach: On Rt. 7 (east side), 11.9 miles south of the interstate exit. The turn for the ramp will be on the East side of the road and is about 0.8 mile south of the Entrance to the State Park which is well marked.

Note: This is not the main marina at the dam, which you will pass a few miles north.

Mileage: Negotiable.

Saturday – We will meet at the put-in and paddle about 12 miles up Grayson Lake to the Friday Put-In. This is an amazing section with cliffs lining most of the 12 mile stretch. There are also many waterfalls (if it rains in the day or two before the trip).

Time: 9:30 am - Boats at Put-In and we'll run our shuttle then. If you're driving down from Indy, you will probably want to drive down Friday night.

Put-In: Rt. 504 turnoff: On Rt. 7 (west side), 17.6 miles south of the interstate exit. When you turn right (West) onto Rt. 504 it, it's another two miles to the ramp.

Take-Out: Grayson boat ramp/beach (Same as Friday Take-Out): On Rt. 7 (east side), 11.9 miles south of the interstate exit.

Mileage: About 12 miles - more or less – depending on how much you explore.

Sunday – We will paddle up Clifty Creek to the Grotto. There should be enough water to get into the grotto this year – there wasn't last year.

Time: 9:30 am

Put-In/Take-Out: The launch ramp is on Rt. 7 about 10 miles south of the interstate on the west side of the road and north side of the creek (if you get to the golf course, you overshoot about a mile). This ramp is on the west side of the road and just about 1.3 miles north to the Entrance to the State Park on Rt. 7.

Mileage: 6-10 miles depending on what people are up for.

Camping – We will be camping in the Grayson Lake State Park Campground. I have reserved Campsites 15 and 16 in the Campground for Friday and Saturday nights. This is enough room for 4 tents and 4 cars. There are "walk-in" camp sites close if we need additional space. We'll worry about that when it's an issue. The campsites are \$30.00/night and allow 2 tents and 2 cars.

Directions to Grayson Lake State Park Campground: The entrance to the State Park is on your right side as you are heading south on Rt. 7. Google Maps gave the address of the State Park as: 314 Grayson Lake Park Rd, Olive Hill, KY 41164

Note: Grayson is a 4-5 hour drive from Indianapolis so plan accordingly. I've set the Friday Start Time to 1:30 pm so people can drive in that morning.

Contact Information – If you plan to attend or have questions, please send me an e-mail at deb4711@gmail.com

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Trip Report

Lake Champlain New York/Vermont: July 14 -21 2018

Trip Sponsors: Linda Decker/ Jim Heichelbech



Adventure Team: Linda Decker, Martha Gitt, Deb Wilson, Mariann Davis, Jim Sprandel, Jim Heichelbech and Duane Garloch

Trip Overview: This was a new destination for HCKC. Lake Champlain is nearly 500 sq miles, and is often referred to as the “6th Great Lake.” This large freshwater body is roughly 125 miles long and 14 miles across at its widest point. There are numerous published resources we used to learn more about the rich history of the area, unique geography and **The Lake Champlain Paddler’s Trail** (*A Kayakers Guide to Lake Champlain* by Catherine Frank & Margaret Holden)

This trip was a combination of 3 days of paddling/hiking day trips from Ausable State Park as well as, 4 days island kayak camping.

The weather was amazing and on the water we were able to enjoy a view of either the Green Mountains to the East in Vermont or the New York Adirondack Mountains to the West



Trip Highlights:

Day 1

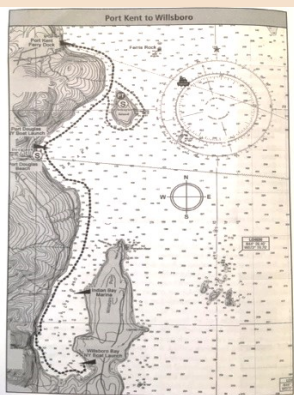
Hiked at Ausable Chasm, a spectacular 2 mile long sandstone gorge. It’s a classic \$\$\$ tourist attraction of the Adirondacks but, we all agreed it was worth the admission cost.

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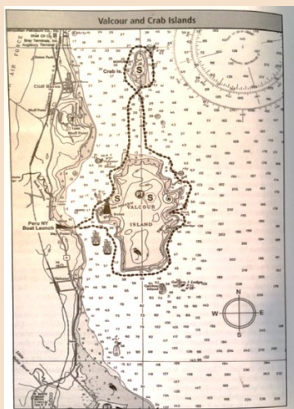
Day 2

The paddle from Port Kent to Willsboro included spectacular cliffs and beaches. A favorite was the Willsboro Cleft just wide enough for a kayak and paddle span!



Day 3

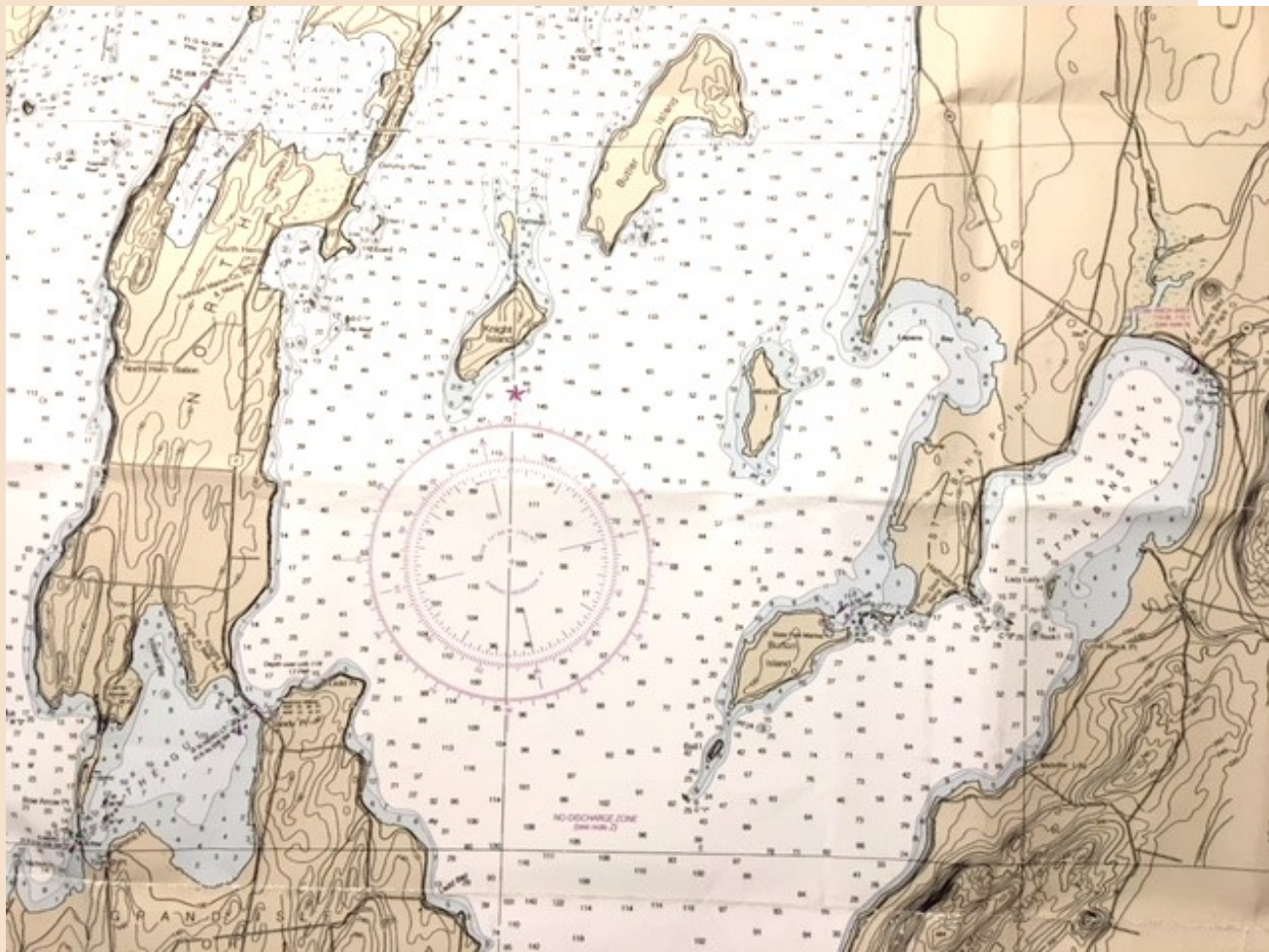
Circumnavigating Valcour and Crab Islands included historic points of interest. The Battle of Valcour, led by Benedict Arnold was a key battle during the Revolutionary War. Crab Island has a War of 1812 Military cemetery. Our day included a hike up to the Bluff Point Lighthouse.



Day 4

We traveled from the New York side of Lake Champlain over to the Vermont side where we left our vehicles and launched from Kill Kare State Park. Our first night was on Burton Island. Our primitive site was spacious and up on a bluff overlooking the lake. Some of us hiked to the other side of the island to Burton Island State Park Campground Store while others did an evening bonus paddle.

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Day 5

The destination was Knight Island State Park traveling past the East side of Woods Island. Most campsites included lean-tos and composting outhouses. An evening “scouting” bonus trip helped us plan for the next day. Our site for 2 nights on Knight Island did not disappoint. Loons on the lake and colorful sunsets added to our enjoyment of this site.



Day 6

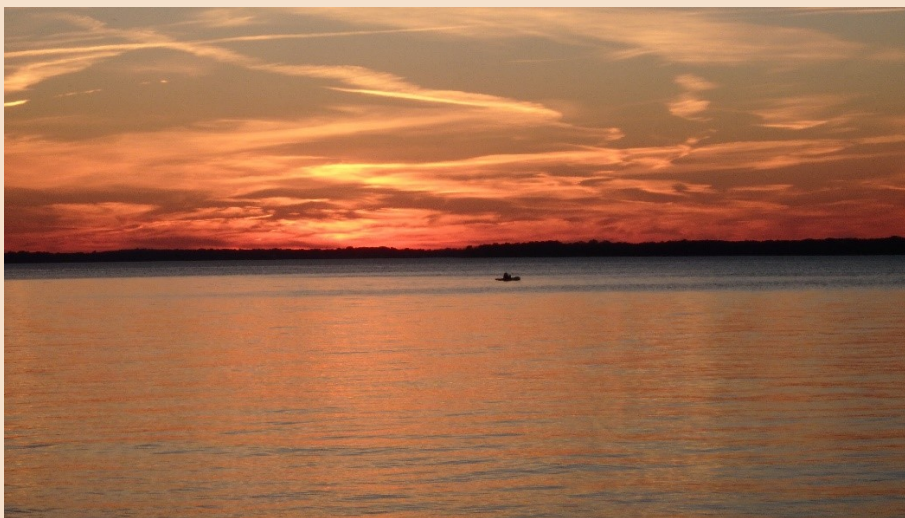
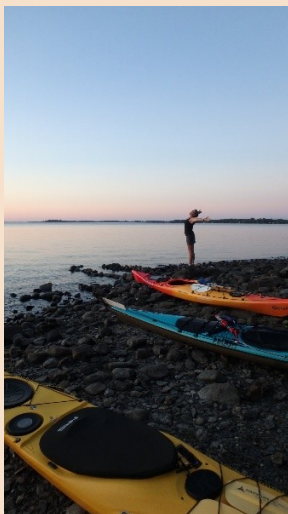
We paddled across lake to an area called “The Gut” and stopped at Knight Point State Park. On up the west coast we went to a well known deli called Hero’s Welcome with a flag reminding us “*Don’t Give Up the Ship.*” We had HUGE sandwiches, yummy Vermont chocolates and then paddled back to camp.

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Day 7

Headed back to Burton Island State Park for our final night. We took our time going around Butler Island, lunched on Wood Island and then on to our campsite. Celebrate..... tonight is a real shower!! We lingered on the beach and watched the best sunset yet.



Day 8

Paddled back to Kill Kare State Park and departed for home.

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Trip Report: Elkhorn River

Date: 05 Aug 2018

River Level: 531 cfs

Description of the trip:

Jordan Ross, Richard Clapham, Jeff Stejskal, and myself met at the McDonald's in Greenwood on Sunday morning and headed to the put in Frankfort, KY. The Elkhorn was running a very nice level at 531 cfs. It had been a while since I had paddled this little gem and it was a great day to see the vultures flying above the limestone cliffs that line the Elkhorn and surf some of the many little waves that were running at this level. We also practiced some stern squirts on the eddy lines that were strong and deep enough for our boats. We had no swims and everyone had a great day on the river. The group stopped at the Falls of the Ohio in Jeffersonville, IN and saw some huge waves that made us want to go surf them but due to time and wanting to get back to Indianapolis so each one of us could do the many "Honey Due" items that our loved ones had assigned we didn't go out. There is not enough time in the day to play and be responsible adults. We each need to win the lottery and be paddling rich bums.

Trip Report

East Fork White River

July 21, 2018

Trip Leader: Richard Tekulve

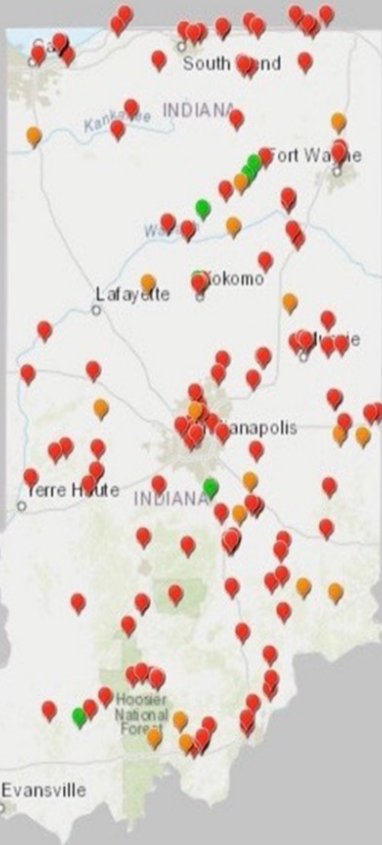
Thirteen paddlers in a dozen boats scattered from around the Hoosier state made the annual pilgrimage down the East Fork White River on Saturday July 21st. With a two inch rain , tornado warnings and an inch of hail only twelve hours earlier the trip was considered a toss up the night before until decent forecasts prevailed. The easy put-in at the US 50 bridge west of Brownstown for the 9.4 mile trip was rather muddy and considered the only minor problem of the day. A swift current of 4 m.p.h. kept the boats at an easy, fast pace throughout the journey. The entire trip including a half-hour lunch trip was just short of three hours with the take-out at the historic 1875 Medora Covered Bridge. Numerous quarter-mile long sand bars prevailed the entire distance. Although the USGS gauge @ Seymour was down the estimated cfs was approximately 1100. The East Fork is Indiana's finest overnight camping stream with hundreds of lengthy , flat sand "beaches" that dominate the banks for nearly seventy miles from its headwaters in Columbus to Sparksville in Jackson County.. Paddling solo kayaks were; Jeff Stejskal, Mark and Roan Cowser of Fisher, Jerry and Laura Crane of Carmel, Judy Thompson of Darlington, Jay Biron of Greenfield, Julie and Mark Lowe of Columbus and Warren Rosenthal of Indianapolis. In a solo canoe were Richard Tekulve of North Vernon and a tandem canoe were Jeff and Terri Vicenzi of Bloomington. Perhaps next year a trip from Medora to Sparksville could be on the agenda. Also of note, this appears to be the first year the annual East Fork trip was ran without any out of state paddlers attending. In past years there has been attendees from Illinois, Kentucky and Ohio to join us. Richard Tekulve-annual East Fork trip leader.

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, Subject: Low head dams



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