

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 26th. Keep an eye out for details on a paddle if we get some snow and sunshine. 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. Believe it or not, Jim Sprandel had no thoughts on sea kayaks this month!!!!
See you on the water! Duane

Volunteers Needed! 2019 Indianapolis Boat, Sport & Travel Show

Plans are well under way for the 2019 Ford 65th Annual Indianapolis Boat, Sport & Travel Show. The Club & Organization Group Area will continue for the 2019 event. We will need people for 4 hour shifts Friday Saturday and Sunday February 15-17 and 22-24th at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. Dwayne James sent out an email in January with further details including a schedule and asking for your shirt size. Please respond ASAP
Thank you!

Now in our 57th year

Trip Planning Meeting

January 26, 2019

Host: Duane Garloch

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 2019 Trip Calendar on Saturday, Jan.26 @ 1:30 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.

Here is the link to the event: <https://hoosiercanoeandkayakclub.wildapricot.org/event-3169552>

Hope to see you there! Thanks, **Duane**

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2019 HCKC Officers, Board, and Committee Chair

You may send email to the current Officers, Board, or Committee Chairmen by logging into the HCKC web site and going to the [HCKC Officers, Board, and Committee Chairmen page](#) or by clicking on their names in the list below. You can always get to the Officers, Board, and Committee Chairs page by logging in the HCKC web site and selecting this page under "Information" at the top of the HCKC Web Page.

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Reminder—Get your 2019 Non-Motorized DNR Lake Permit

You must have a 2019 DNR Lake Permit if you want to paddle your boat in Indiana state parks, state-managed reservoirs, or state forests. Annual permits are still only \$5 per boat per year. The fine for paddling on Lake Monroe without a sticker is over \$100 and is enforced by the state's conservation officers.

Permits may be bought at the Indiana Government Center (402 W. Washington St., Room W160) in Indianapolis or at the property offices or entrance gates at state parks, reservoirs, and forests when they are staffed. If you go to the Boat, Sport, and Travel Show, you can also buy them at the DNR booth there. Alternatively, you can buy stickers on-line at: <http://stores.innsgifts.com/watercraft-exp-12-31-15/>



You can also buy your 2019 Annual State Park Entrance Pass from this site or at the Boat Show.

Note: Early in the season, attendants will be available at some launch ramps. However, not every ramp and not every day so be sure to check at the park you are going to before you head out.

Trip Announcement Annual Ice Falls

Location: Sugar Creek Shades to Turkey Run State Park

Date: March 2, 2019

Trip Leader: Dwayne James

We will be holding our annual Ice Falls trip down Sugar Creek on Saturday, March 2, 2019. Watch for further details as we get close to the date. This trip is very weather dependent== the last few years we had no snow or ice, very high water, or frozen water. With the recent snow and forecast calling for more snow and cold weather perhaps this year we will get to see the ice formations as we paddle down beautiful Sugar Creek through Shades State Park and Turkey Run State Park.

Check out our website for information on how to dress for cold weather paddling. All paddlers have to bring a dry bag with extra clothing, proper gloves, boots, and jackets and should bring along a lunch. We will meet at 10 am at Deers Mill Bridge at the top of Shades to drop our equipment and run the shuttle at 10:30. Look for an email at 7 pm on March 1 with last minute details. Contact Dwayne James with any questions about the trip. dwaynesjamesa1@hotmail.com

As long as it is not raining, temps are at least 35 F, the winds are not wailing, and the water is not frozen or above 3ft on the Crawfordsville gauge we will run this trip. Join in the fun. Dwayne

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The White River Vision Plan is a joint effort by several regional development groups to enhance the 58 miles of the White River in Marion and Hamilton counties. The goal of the vision plan is to create an accessible, recreational, and cultural environment that encourages a unique sense of place for the community as a whole. From an HCKC perspective, this project is important and offers many opportunities to improve paddling in the Indianapolis area.

The White River Vision Plan site indicated that it aims to promote:

- Access to the White River for residents and visitors

- The environmental value and ecological quality of the river corridor, including its water quality and natural habitats

- Connection to attractions, arts and entertainment venues, hiking and biking trails, and neighborhoods

- Cultural heritage experiences along the water

The project has completed Phase 1 (Discovery) of its one-year evaluation process. This is the first of three phases where they reviewed plans previously created for the White River, identified current land ownership along the river, demographics trends, environmental systems and relevant stakeholders. One result of the first phase is that they identified recreation as a primary driver for the project.

There are currently in Phase 2 (Envision) and have held a series of public meetings identifying how the public feels that the plan should be implemented. You can view the slides that they presented during their Phase 2 public outreach meeting at [this site](#).

HCKC members has gone to several of these meetings for the project to share how they felt this project should evolve. In addition, a representative from the plan spoke at the HCKC's Annual Meeting and solicited our ideas.

Discussion within the club has identified the following areas of interest:

- Increased safe access points along the White River.

- Mitigation of low-head dam risks for this stretch of the river. This may include developing whitewater features at one or more dams as they did in [Dayton, Ohio](#) or [redesign of dam spillways](#) to reduce the risk of drowning due to hydraulic effects.

- Preservation of the natural environment that surrounds the White River.

What can you do?

Learn about the project – You can get more information at their website:

<http://mywhiteriver.com/>. You can read through their presentation from the Phase 2 public meeting at [this site](#).

Let them know what you think – The Vision Plan Committee is still looking for public input. You can complete their input survey at:

<http://mywhiteriver.com/#maptionnaire>

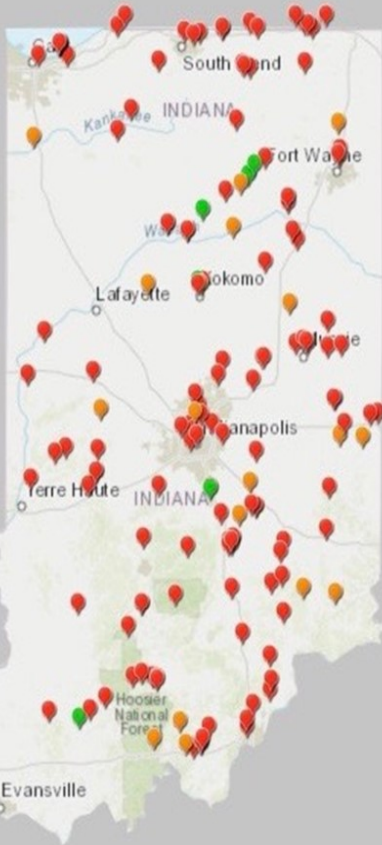
Tell the HCKC what you think – The HCKC will stay involved as this project moves into Phase 3 (Action) in the February timeframe. Speak with an officer or board member and let them know your priorities. Alternatively, you can also post your ideas to the HCKC's [Club Forum](#).

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**, marianndv@gmail.com, Subject: Low head dams



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