

# The Hoosier Paddler

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## From the Skipper:

As summer gets into full swing, we have paddling opportunities every weekend in June. Starting the month with our annual open water rescue clinic, Fall Creek paddle, NOC Women's Paddling Fest, and a whitewater trip to the Pigeon and Nolichucky rivers. Check out the [calendar](#) on our website for more. If you have questions, contact the trip sponsor.

Please remember we are looking for volunteers for three events on June 8<sup>th</sup>: Outdoor Explore in Lafayette and Dino Adventure Day Camp, a kayak event working with children, and Triathlon!! See the newsletter for details. As always, Please send your trip announcements and trip reports, or something else you'd like to share in the newsletter, to Dwayne James ([dwaynesjamesa1@hotmail.com](mailto:dwaynesjamesa1@hotmail.com)) by the 17th of the month. See you on the water! Duane

## HCKC Open House Sunday June 2nd Geist Park

What kind of boat should I buy?

Many of us struggle with this very question; especially if you want to try a different paddling category. The best answer is the boat that you can paddle the best! However, that is hard to determine in a store with no water and not a lot of boats to choose from. Many of our members have multiple vessels; some WW, some flatwater, some sea kayaks, even paddleboards. Visit the club website for details/directions.

Join us on Sunday, June 2nd at Geist Park from 12 pm to 5-ish pm. We will be renting out the pavilion and grilling hot dogs. Please bring a dish to share and as many boats as you can so we can all try out each other's different boats. If you can paddle it, bring it!

This is perfect if you have never paddled a particular type of boat and would like to try it out. Thinking of buying a different type of boat? Paddle it and try it here first.

This isn't just for members, so feel free to bring your friends and family. If you are wanting to get rid of a boat or some equipment, this would probably be a good time to do it too.

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## The Newsletter of the Hoosier Canoe Club

## **Trip Announcement:**

### **Fall Creek**

**Saturday, June 1**

**Trip Sponsor: Sue Foxx and Dwayne James**

Fall Creek is a pretty stream flowing down the east side of Indy. This trip will go from 79th Street to the Emerson Way Bridge. It is a section that takes us along the side of Fort Harrison State Park and Camp Bellerophon. You will have a fun ride down 'Killer Falls' as you go under the I-465 bridge. Beginners are welcome on this 7.5 mile trip. There isn't a good place to stop for lunch so bring a snack. Since this is a narrow stream we may have a short portage or two if trees have fallen.

Meeting Time: 10 am

Meeting Location: McDonalds at 79th and Fall Creek by the Kroger.

Register online or contact Sue Foxx at 317-363-4074 or [sufoxx713@aol.com](mailto:sufoxx713@aol.com) by Friday, May 31 at 7 pm if you plan to attend. If weather or high water cause the trip to be canceled, the trip Leader will notify you with an alternative date.

## **Trip Announcement**

**Wisconsin Turtle Flambeau Flowage June 2-5, 2019**

**Sponsor: 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 [ju-dy\\_thom@hotmail.com](mailto:ju-dy_thom@hotmail.com). The plan is to put in late morning on Sunday June 2, and leave Wednesday June 5. 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.

## **Volunteers Needed**

**June 8, 2019 Tippecanoe County Bicentennial Nature Area**

**Lafayette IN Outdoor Explore**

Join Judy Thompson and Dwayne James as we conduct outreach to the Tippecanoe County area. We will be providing canoes and kayaks of all types for people to try out. We will also be promoting our low head dam safety campaign. If you can help put people into boats, guide them around the small lake, talk to them about the fun of being in the Hoosier Canoe and Kayak Club please join us Saturday 6/8 from 10-4. If you have a few boats we could use, please bring them along with pfd's and paddles. Contact Dwayne James for further information, location and any questions you have. [dwaynesjamesa1@hotmail.com](mailto:dwaynesjamesa1@hotmail.com) Located just south of the Wabash on US 52 bypass.

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## Volunteers Needed!!

### Sprint Triathlons Eagle Creek Park

Sponsor: John Wainscott

June 8, July 13, August 10 and Go Girl August 17, 2019

Volunteers are needed for the swimming portion of the [Indy Sprint Triathlon Series](https://hoosiercanoeandkayakclub.wildapricot.org/event-3384570). HCKC members and guests 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 the course. Meet at the Eagle Creek Park office on 56th street just northwest of the main park entrance and just before you get to the bridge over the reservoir.

If you are bringing a guest or another family member please register them separately.

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.

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.

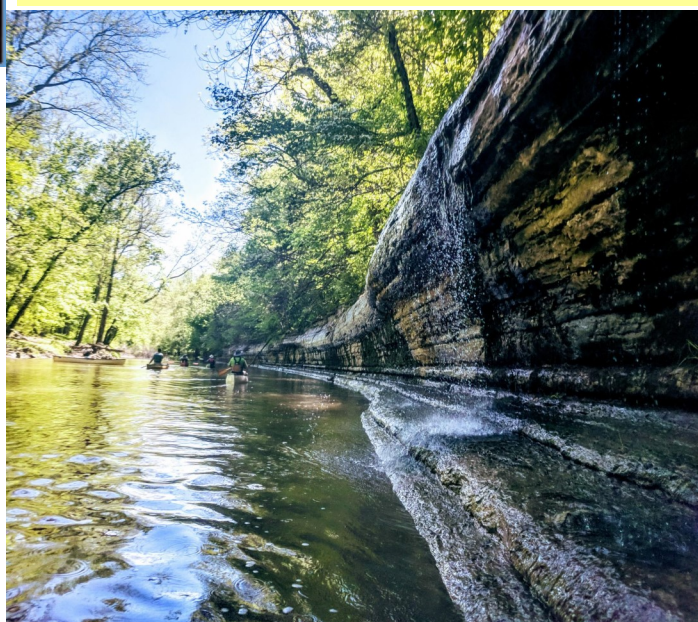
June 8 – <https://hoosiercanoeandkayakclub.wildapricot.org/event-3384570>

July 13 - <https://hoosiercanoeandkayakclub.wildapricot.org/event-3384588>

August 10 - <https://hoosiercanoeandkayakclub.wildapricot.org/event-3384591>

Go Girl, Aug. 17 <https://hoosiercanoeandkayakclub.wildapricot.org/event-3384570>

If you have questions or concerns please contact John Wainscott @ [wldleak@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wldleak@sbcglobal.net) or 317-250-8107.  
Thanks for your help. John



May 5, 2019 OTTER CREEK

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**Trip Announcement**  
**Driftwood River**  
**Sunday, June 23**  
**Trip Sponsor: Sue Foxx**

This is a CLASSIC HCKC trip. Whether you've done it before or want a new adventure this is beautiful paddle down The Driftwood River near Columbus, Indiana. We begin on Sugar Creek at Furnas Mill and paddle to Lowel Bridge. The trip is about 14 miles so be prepared with gloves, sunscreen, water and lunch. Beginners are welcome as long as they have the endurance for a longer paddle. The plan is to stop 1/2 way for lunch on a sandbar. Following the paddle, folks often go into downtown Columbus to a 1904 era ice cream parlor.

Meeting Time: 9 am

Meeting Location: Shell Station just off I-65 at exit 80 (first Edinburgh exit if you are coming from Indianapolis). We will caravan to Furnas Mill Dam on Sugar Creek.

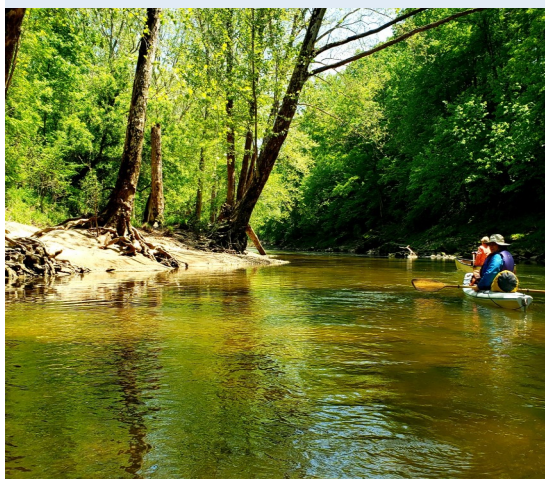
Shuttle: 9:30 am ( Take cars to take out at Lowell Bridge.)

On the Water: 10:30 am

Register online or contact Sue Foxx at 317-363-4074 or [sufoxx713@aol.com](mailto:sufoxx713@aol.com) by 7 pm on Saturday, June 22 if you plan to attend or have questions. If weather or high water cause the trip to be cancelled the trip Leader will notify you with an alternate date.

**Trip Report**  
**Muscatatuck Magic**  
**Sponsor: Theresa Kulczak**

Saturday, May 11, found HCKC paddlers Jim, Sara, Mariann, and Theresa excitedly embarking on the Muscatatuck River in Vernon. The streams in southern Indiana are some of the most delightful, but the levels go down fast and that "perfect day" can be a moving target. Luckily, we have Jim Shaw who lives near the river, knows the levels by looking and can share the latest updates. The Muscatatuck did not fail to reveal her magic with



sunny skies at the put-in, surprisingly warm temps, and an easy river level allowing us to really revel in the beauty of spring on a clear river. We enjoyed a school of large fish surfing and dancing in the ripples while spawning; the sparkling little waterfalls on rock banks, some fun paddling, and the first toad-sighting of the season.

With rain forecasted later in the afternoon we opted for the six-mile trip on the river and the opportunity for a post-paddle visit to the Stream Cliff Herb Farm for perennials flower shopping, pineapple and banana "hummingbird cake" in the cafe, lemon verbena lemonade, and a glass of wine. A good day.





## **Trip Announcement**

**300 Springs Green River KY June 27-29, 2019**

**Sponsor: Natalie Needham**



Come join us and explore a river section that's one of the Green River's best kept secrets. There are several natural springs and waterfalls along this beautiful stretch of river. Saturday will be a long paddle at about 20 miles, so plan on about a 7-8 hour paddle including breaks. Lucky for us, there will be plenty of daylight!

Saturday, June 28: 9 AM EDT : We will meet at the Five Star Foodmart 1301 Main St, Munfordville, KY 42765 at 9AM eastern time (8AM central) and promptly leave for the put-in at 9:15AM EDT (8:15AM CDT). The put-in is at Lynn Camp Creek, off of State Highway 566. Take out will be H.H.Wilson Park, off state highway 2185 (820 Munfordville-Linwood Rd, Munfordville, KY 42765)

This is a good beginner's paddle as there aren't very many snags to negotiate or any portaging necessary. However, this is a long paddle and there are no easy ways to get off the river. You must determine if your physical shape is up for a long paddle. This paddle is also very flow dependent. If the flow is low, we will find somewhere else to paddle, so stay flexible. There is no fun in dragging boats for 20 miles. Locals say 3.5 ft. on the Munfordville gage is pretty much the minimum for a good trip. There are camping grounds nearby at Horse Cave and Mammoth Cave National Park. I'll be staying at MCNP campground beginning on Friday if anyone would like to share sites. Things to bring: pfd, paddle, lunch, beverages, lots of water, sunscreen, sunglasses, snacks, sense of adventure, and a sense of humor.

Sunday, June 29 - Optional / Bonus - Sunday will be a nice 5-mile paddle on the way home. There are also several springs along this stretch. We will meet at the take out from Saturday's trip (H.H. Wilson Park) at 12PM EDT (11AM CDT) and then proceed to the take out at Big Buffalo Crossing Canoe (100 River Rd, Munfordville, KY 42765) Please message me if you have any questions or comments about the trip at [nataliehckkayak@gmail.com](mailto:nataliehckkayak@gmail.com) with 300 Springs as the subject or 317-840-4507

Please RSVP about the campsite by the 26th of June.

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## Sea Kayak Thoughts

Jim Sprandel

June will be an exciting month with trips to Lake Erie and Lake Michigan as well as an Indiana trip to Hardy Lake. We will also have our Open Water Rescue Clinic to help prepare people for our big trips later in the year.

In April and May, we paddled Cagles Mill up to and over Lower Cataract Falls and had this year's first kayak camping trip at Lake Monroe. Since both Cagles Mill and Monroe were very high, we had opportunities to paddle through the trees. We visited Lake Monroe later in late April, we visited the eagles at their nest above the Pine Grove ramp since this area of the lake is closed before April 15.

**Upcoming Sea Kayak Events** – Check out upcoming Sea Kayak events on the [HCKC Sea Kayak Calendar](#).

Saturday, June 1- Open Water Rescue Clinic and Practice – A good chance to get ready for the upcoming paddles on Lake Michigan and Lake Superior this season. Martha Gitt will walk us the rescue techniques that we need conditions get truly interesting and we are apt to capsize. Check your mail from the Sea Kayak mailing for details.

Friday-Sunday, June 7-9 – [South Bass Rendezvous](#), South Bass Island, Lake Erie.

This is a sea kayak gathering rather than an HCKC event and 6-8 HCKC paddlers will be going to explore Lake Erie.

Saturday June 15 – Hardy Lake Paddle. See the announcement for this trip in this newsletter or check its [calendar entry](#) in the Sea Kayak Event Calendar.

Friday-Sunday, June 21-23 – [Summer Solstice Weekend, Lake Michigan](#). “Spend the first days of summer camping, kayaking, and hiking on Lake Michigan. We’ll enjoy crystal clear lake water, endless sandy beaches, lighthouses, local rivers, great hiking, and sunsets” near Grand Haven. This will be an opportunity take advantage of whatever Lake Michigan presents us that weekend.

The Pictured Rocks trip in August is full but we will “wait list” people in case we have cancellations.

The announcement for the September Beaver Island trip was just mailed out to the Sea Kayak mailing list. Be sure to get back Linda Decker if you are interested in going or have questions about the trip.

**Eagle Creek Tuesday Afternoon Paddles** – We kicked off our first Tuesday Afternoon paddle at Eagle Creek on May 14th. Despite the forecast, it was beautiful evening and we explored the north end of the lake – paddling up Fishback Creek and Eagle Creek to above 79<sup>th</sup> street. Details on these paddles are in last month's newsletter or in your IND\_TOURING\_KAYAK e-mail. Members may get the pass from the [HCKC Web Site](#).



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**Trip Announcement:**  
**Touring/Sea Kayak Trip June 15, 2019**  
**Hardy Lake, Scottsburg, IN**  
**Trip Sponsor: Jeff Stejskal**

Hardy Lake is the only state reservoir not created for flood control and is a 741-acre lake. This means that the lake level stays stable year-round, positively affecting the appearance of the shoreline, fishing and wildlife living there..

Hardy Lake is surrounded on all sides by limestone and rocky bluffs, caves and great fossils, but the property has only slate and shale exposure. Part of the lake has speed limitations on motor boats while the rest of the lake does not.

**When: Saturday, June 15th 2019**

**Meeting Time: 10:30 am** (Ready to Launch)

**Meeting Location:**

Hardy Lake State Recreational Area  
4171 E Harrod Rd,  
Scottsburg, IN 47170  
Boat Ramp near Wooster Primitive Camping Area in the SRA

**Directions:** Take I 65 south from Indianapolis to Exit 41 (IN-250). The SRA is approximately 90 south of Indianapolis. Get Google Map directions before heading down.

**Note:** There is a \$7 fee to enter the SRA and you must have a DNR Sticker for your boat—these stickers are usually available at the SRA gate.

**What to Bring:** Be sure to bring your boat, paddling gear, water, your lunch, sun screen, and insect repellent.

**Paddling Distance:** 7-12 miles

**Schedule:** Plan on being at the put-in and ready to launch at 10:30 am—we should get off the water around 3:30 pm.

**Contact Information:** Please e-mail me at [jeffs45321@hotmail.com](mailto:jeffs45321@hotmail.com) by 6:00 pm Thursday , June 13th if you plan to attend..



Paddling south down Rock Harbor, Isle Royale

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## Trip Announcement

### Sea Kayak Beaver Island

#### September 15-20, 2019

Dan Cavins and Martha Gitt have offered to sponsor a HCKC Sea Kayaking trip to Beaver Island in September. This trip is a little different than our usual adventures as, we will need to take a ferry to the island. There is an expense for the ferry but, the camping is quite reasonable once we are there. The more I read about the island, the more excited I get about this trip. Dan has written a trip overview and is hoping to gauge the interest in this trip and an approximate number of people. We would like to hear back from you if you think you may be interested (this is not a commitment) in this trip. Please e-mail me with your feedback [lsdecker@att.net](mailto:lsdecker@att.net)

*Hi Folks. I saw Beaver Island on a map years ago and have always wondered. It's time to go see.....*

**Location:** *Beaver Island is the largest island in Lake Michigan ( part of the 14 island Beaver Is Archipelago and is about thirty miles northwest from Charlevoix, Michigan. It is about thirteen miles top to bottom, roughly five wide. The island has a weird but interesting history.*

**Dates:** *September 15-20, 2019*

**Paddling:** *There is a 42 mile water trail that circumnavigates the island with rustic access to beach camping sites. There are several uninhabited islands north and west from two to five+ miles out. I'm told from a local that the shoreline is beautiful, interesting and the water super clear. Sounds like several good paddling opportunities including day trips or overnight*

**Conditions:** *It is in the middle of Lake Michigan so you know are unpredictable and can vary quite a lot. There are protected options due to the size of the island such as Paradise Bay and inland lakes. Town is about a mile away from camp so if all else fails we go in and get drunk as monkeys (just kidding, probably).*

#### **Logistics:**

*Ferry - Departs Charlevoix, MI Sunday, Sept.15 at 2:30 PM.  
Returns from Beaver Is. Friday, Sept. 20 at 8:20 AM.*

**Cost-** *Beaver Island Boat Company*

*Per person: \$50 round trip Kayak carry on: \$50 round trip  
Optional vehicle: variation in rates based on length & height \$220 +*

*I believe it would be good to have one vehicle (my pickup?) to throw gear in to get to the island and for transport while on island. I have a guy who can transport kayaks from dock to camp for us.*

*Ferry strategy will evolve depending on group size and ideas. The boat company does this all the time and is cool with long boats. Vehicles and kayaks need reservations, vehicles especially. I plan to get a spot for mine early so we at least have one. I'm told to not put this off, it's limited. Cost could be divided up. Vehicles going on the boat need to be there 1.5 hours before departure. Kayaks 1 hour.*

*Parking - \$5 a night if you leave a vehicle in their lot on Charlevoix. I'm game for advice and ideas.*

#### **Camping:**

*St. James Campground on north tip of island seems like the best bet.. Twelve sites, \$10 a night, no reservations, first come first served. I'm assured by my local dude we'll have no issue getting space. Potable water, pit toilets and about a mile from town. Can launch from camp (weather willing). There are also campsites along the shore of the island for additional options. There are some logistics and expense due to the ferry but, I think we can handle that. It's a new place for me and I think it could be a great trip. Dan Cavins*





## Kayaking Skills Classes –

Jim Sprandel

This year, we will offer three one-day introductory and intermediate skills sessions on Saturdays, July 20, and August 24. Each session is stand-alone so you can choose which you would like to attend. These classes are free for registered HCKC members.

Each session will offer introductory and intermediate training. In one group, we will cover the [ACA's Introduction to Kayaking course](#) that introduces you to the correct way to do basic strokes, safety issues, and how to talk kayak. The intermediate session is targeted to people who have already attended the Intro class and have paddled since then for at least one year.

Classes are small with less than 5 students per instructor so we often adapt our material to what our students are interested in covering or need to work on.

### *Introduction to Paddling Class-*

**Target Paddlers:** HCKC members who have never taken a class or who want to tune up their basic strokes. Parents with children over 13 year old may enroll with their children.

**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 questions that you might have about paddling, equipment, or the Hoosier Canoe and Kayak Club.

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

### *Intermediate Kayak Class*

**Target Paddlers:** HCKC members who have: 1) completed an introductory class at least one year ago and 2) have practiced and are comfortable with their forward and turning strokes as well as with their draw and rudder maneuvers. This class is for recreational, touring, and sea kayak paddlers.

**Class Content:** Boat control, turning, and stroke efficiency 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. In this class, we will spend the entire class helping you to turn your boat faster, easier, and with more control as well as doing it more efficiently so you can paddle longer and faster. We may pick a focus area for a given so each class may have different content. The topic will be sent out to the Sea Kayak mailing list about one month before each class and posted to the class's calendar entry.

**Class Size:** Attendance for each class will be limited to 5 students for each instructor. Enrollees must be registered HCKC Members and will be accepted based on the date that they register through the HCKC Event Calendar or e-mail Jim Sprandel. **Please do not sign up unless you can stay for the entire clinic (9:00 am to 3:30 pm).**

**Additional Information and Enrollment:** Please click on the class date that you are interested in to get additional information or to register for the classes. You will be prompted to login before you register.

[Saturday, July 20, 2019](#)    [Saturday August 24, 2019](#)

## **Trip Announcement:**

### **Summer Solstice Weekend on Lake Michigan June 21 through 23, 2019**

**LOCATION:** P. J. Hoffmaster State Park, Michigan

**SPONSOR:** Martha Gitt [marthagitt@yahoo.com](mailto:marthagitt@yahoo.com)

**DESCRIPTION:** Spend the first days of summer camping, kayaking, and hiking on Lake Michigan. We'll enjoy crystal clear lake water, endless sandy beaches, lighthouses, local rivers, great hiking, and sunsets over Lake Michigan.

P.J. Hoffmaster State Park features over three miles of Lake Michigan shoreline, a 297-site modern campground, and towering Lake Michigan dunes. Miles of hiking and skiing trails offer stunning views of Lake Michigan and subtle beauty at every turn.

**MEETING SITE:** P.J. Hoffmaster State Park is located right on Lake Michigan, 9 miles north of Grand Haven and 13 miles south of Muskegon. The park address is 6585 Lake Harbor Road Muskegon MI, 49441, and the campground is located north of this address on Lake Harbor Road.

#### **ITINERARY: Friday June 21**

Arrive and set up camp. There will be paddling and/or hiking opportunities throughout the day and early evening. The sun doesn't set until 9:30!

#### **Saturday June 22**

Day paddle on Lake Michigan. We have many launching choices depending on surf conditions. Other options include the Grand River or Muskegon Lake if the lake is deemed too frisky.

#### **Sunday June 23**

Break camp and have a shorter day paddle on Lake Michigan. We may launch on the Grand River in Grand Haven and paddle 2 ¼ miles out to the lake, taking us past the lighthouses.

**CAMPING:** Seven campsites were reserved in January as coastal Michigan campgrounds fill up very quickly. Each campsite can fit a camper and one tent, or two tents. At the time this was posted there is room for three more campers and up to eight more tents. Contact the trip sponsor as early as possible to get one of these slots.

**REGISTRATION:** Please email Martha directly to get your camping spot at [marthagitt@yahoo.com](mailto:marthagitt@yahoo.com)

**EQUIPMENT:** A sea kayak 15 foot or longer with sealed bulkheads is required and experience in rough water conditions and recues is highly recommended. The lake is a lot of fun to play in, but wind and waves can make it challenging.

**GENERAL:** Michigan State Park fees for non-residents are \$9 per day or \$33 per year

## Eagle Creek Tuesday Evening Training Paddles

Jim Sprandel

Eagle Creek paddles will be held on Tuesday afternoons and evenings again this year. These are unstructured paddles where HCKC members can explore the lake, train to develop speed/endurance, or practice skills. If you would like to paddle with other HCKC members, I would recommend coordinating that through the club bulletin board, Facebook or e-mail.

These Tuesday Evening paddles are provided for club members through a Partnership Agreement between Eagle Creek Park and the HCKC. The club "pays" for these park admissions by cleaning up the Eagle Creek shore line, supporting the park's Blue way project, and providing safety support for the week-end paddles provided by Jeff Coates and Eagle Creek Outfitters. I will send out a note on their Full Moon paddles in the next month. In the September newsletter, we will tell you how to help with the shore line clean-up

**When:** Tuesday, May14 through September 24, 2019

**Starting Time - Between 1:00 pm to Closing:** HCKC Members may use the pass to enter the park with their boats any time after 1:00 pm on the specified Tuesdays.

**Ending Time - Park Closing Time:** When you enter the park, look at the closing time posted at each of the park entrances since these times change during the year. They normally lock at least one of the gates at closing time.

**Where to Launch:** :

**Ramp near Discovery Center** —Enter the park at either the 56th Street or 71st Street entrance and follow the signs to the Discovery Center or "Go Ape!" Use the boat/kayak ramp across the parking lot from the Discovery Center (next to Go Ape).

**Marina Personal Boat Launch** - You can also launch from the personal boat launch next to the building with bathrooms near the Marina (Eagle Creek Outfitter). Do not launch at the beach at Eagle Creek Outfitters since it is reserved for their use.

**Note:** This pass is not valid at the Dandy Trail ramp at the south of 56<sup>th</sup> street near Ric's.

**2019 HCKC-Eagle Creek Pass:** HCKC Members **must** print the 2019 HCKC pass and show it to the Eagle Creek gate staff to get in without paying. The fee for park admittance is at least \$8 for a car with one kayak or canoe otherwise.

**To Get the Pass:**

Login to the new HCKC web site at [www.hoosiercanoeclub.org](http://www.hoosiercanoeclub.org). Your name will appear in the upper, right corner of the screen after you are successfully logged in.

Move your cursor over the Information Tab in the top menu and then click "2019 Eagle Creek Pass" in the menu that drops down

Or jump directly to the pass by clicking: <http://www.hoosiercanoeclub.org/EagleCreek>

**Note:** You will be prompted to log in if you are not already/

**I'll see you on the water.**



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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.

## HCKC Membership Renewal Changes

Jim Sprandel, HCKC Treasurer

When you go to renew your dues this year, you may notice two changes:

**Auto Renewal Membership Option** – Members may now elect to have a membership that automatically renews itself every year. No fuss and no reminder e-mails – your membership takes care of itself.

If this appeals to you, switch to this option when you renew. Instructions for switching from our current payment plan (where you manually pay each year) to the Autorenewal membership type are included in the e-mail reminding you to renew your membership.

**Credit Card Payment Only** – We had previously used PayPal to process our on-line transactions. However, we just switched to the on-line processing service that is linked with our website tool (Affinipay). All you need is a credit card and you're good to go. You no longer can use your PayPal account.

You still have the option of mailing a check to Dave Ellis if you do not select Autorenewal and if you select "Invoice Me" after the web site asks you to confirm your registration information.

If you have problems, please let me know by e-mail. (merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net).

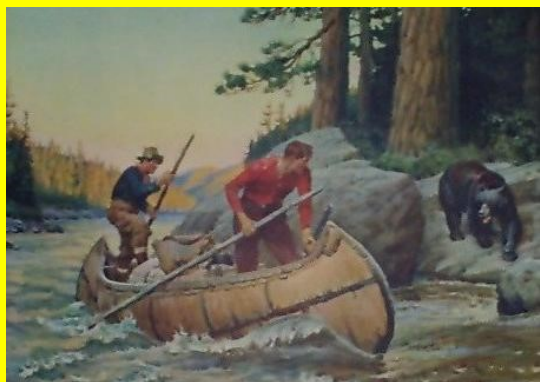
**Trip Announcement Invitation**  
**Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness**  
**Time Frame: August 8 thru August 24 1 week**  
**Sponsor: Dwayne James**

I have an opportunity for a few people to join me on a 1 week trip to the BWCAW in August. I have not yet chosen an entry point nor an entry date. I have time between semesters and family vacations during the August 8-24<sup>th</sup> period.

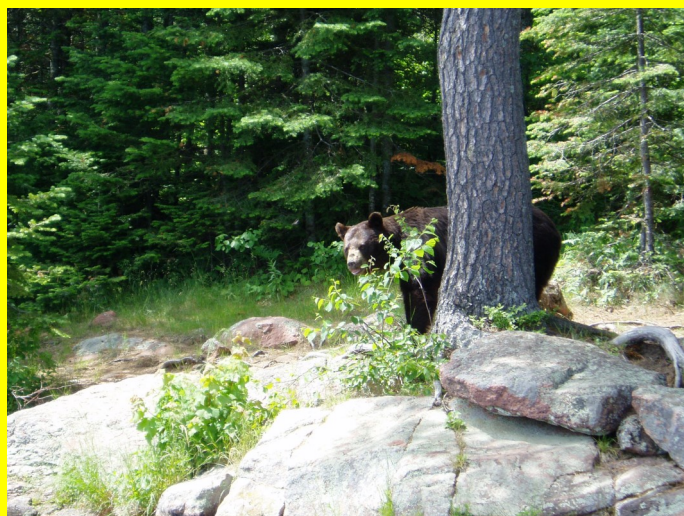
If you have never been to this wonderful place please check out LHR images at <https://www.lhrimages.com/> for pictorial trip reports of Larry's many solo canoe trips to the area. The 3 solos trip features a very photogenic outdoor model that some of you might recognize. If you wish to learn more about potential trips for the various entry points, please see Voyageur North Outfitters at <https://www.vnorth.com/> or Sawbill Outfitters at <https://sawbill.com/> or check out any of the other numerous outfitters in Ely, MN or up along Lake Superior.

We need to pick an entry point and an entry date, then get the permit. It is a 12-14 hour drive from Indianapolis so I prefer to take two days to get there. We can stay 4 nights in the BWCAW then take out and head home. So plan on 7-9 days total. This gives time to spend wandering around the stores in Ely to find all those things we just have to have.

There are numerous trips out of Ely up the Echo Trail and go up Little Indian Sioux or go out of the Numbered Lakes or we can head out of one of my favorites at Sawbill Lake. I am not looking for a death march trip but an opportunity to fish, take pictures, locate a few bears, and enjoy time just lazing around. My last trip we set up base camp on Sawbill and did day trips in search of fish and bears on the Lady Chain, up Kelso River, and to the East of Sawbill. If you have never been and have no gear and no idea what you might need, talk to me. I have extra gear: tent, sleeping bags, air mats, packs, fishing poles, eating utensils, etc. Bring your own water bottles (2). I prefer that we each bring our own food and I bring the freeze dried stuff that takes little time to cook. If you wish to lug along the weight you can bring whatever you like as long as you can fix it over a campstove. Caution: fires are sometimes banned due to dry conditions and danger of wildfires. So we might be limited to our campstove and fuel we bring. I have a tandem canoe or we can do solo boats. If using a kayak, a 14ft one is preferable to other models. Remember, no portage carts/wheels allowed---you must carry your boat and gear. I promise, no long portages but changes in elevation may occur. Please contact me if you are interested before July 3<sup>rd</sup>. We can meet to work out the details. Contact me at [dwaynesjamesa1@hotmail.com](mailto:dwaynesjamesa1@hotmail.com)



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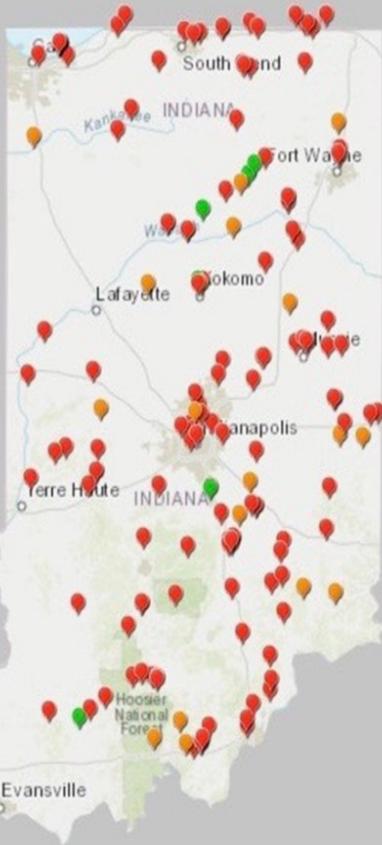
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# HOOSIER CANOE & KAYAK CLUB LAUNCHES LOW HEAD DAM REMOVAL AND SAFETY INITIATIVE

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](#)

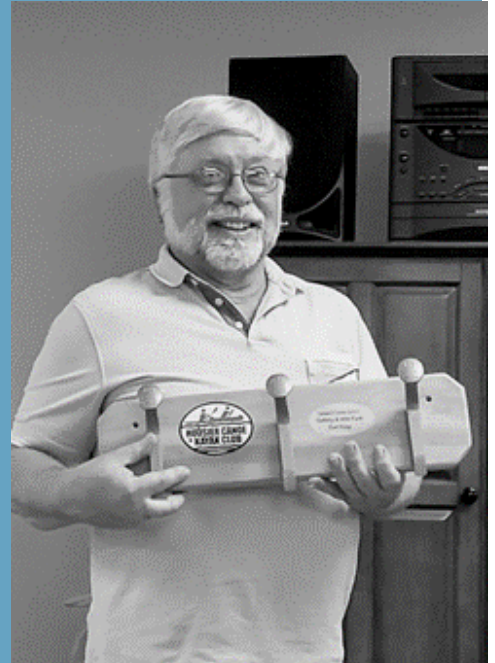
encouraging other Indiana clubs to carve out, in their organization, LHD education & safety on their website and Fb page and link directly to our platform

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**, [marianndv@gmail.com](mailto:marianndv@gmail.com), Subject: Low head dams



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