

# The Hoosier Paddler

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## From the Skipper:

Once again, July brings multiple paddling options every week-end. Whitewater starts the month by the New River and ends the month at Rock the Yough. Sea Kayak will be going to Warren Dunes. Canoe and Kayak will be paddling the East Fork of the White River and joining the Sea Kayaks at Cataract Falls for a full moon paddle. Check out the [calendar](#) on our website for more. If you have questions, contact the trip sponsor.

We are always looking for help at the Eagle Creek Triathlons. We are offering kayaking skills clinic on the 20<sup>th</sup> of August.

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

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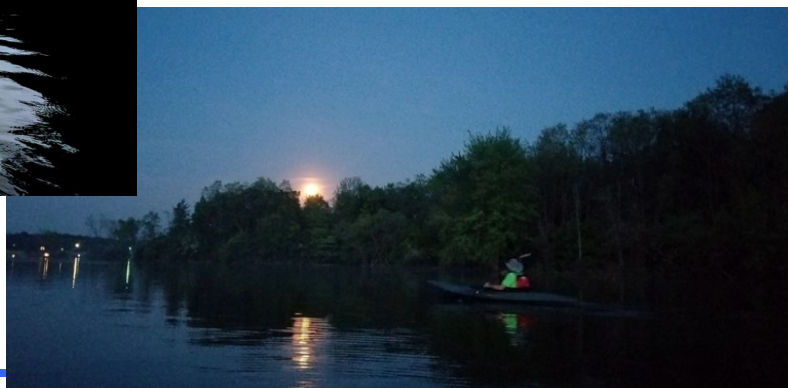
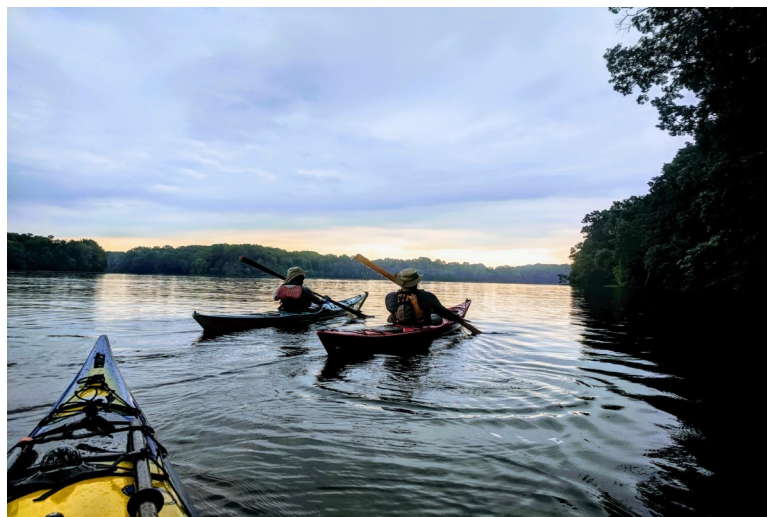
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## The Newsletter of the Hoosier Canoe Club

**Trip Announcement:**  
**EAST FORK WHITE RIVER**  
**Saturday July 13m 2019**  
**Trip Sponsor: Richard Tekulve**

Come and join us on Saturday July 13th for a leisurely 12.6 mile float down some very nice southern Indiana scenery as we partake on our annual East Fork White River trip. We will begin the journey at the DNR boat ramp located next to the historic, renovated Medora Covered Bridge. the bridge is considered the worlds longest historical covered bridge of its nature at 435 feet in length and built 144 years ago in 1875. After a brief walk-through and tour of the bridge we will enjoy a casual float downstream alongside several of Indiana's longest sandbars many of which are over a quarter of a mile in length. Nearing the half way point the river is joined by its largest tributary (Muscatatuck River) and henceforth the "Knobs" appear and begin to take a whole different scenario as tall bluffs over 300 feet prevail to the end .Our takeout will be at the DNR ramp just downstream from the old, historical two span Sparksville Iron Bridge built in 1890 and covering nearly the distance of the covered bridge at 420 feet.

The East Fork is one of only a small handful of reliable 24/7/365 streams in the state and should provide a steady, summertime current of 2-3 m.p.h. at normal levels. Last years 9.4 mile trip was from Brownstown to Medora and was paddled by 15 members. This section we will paddle was last ran as a HCKC trip event back in 2012 with 10 participants.

The put-in is 78 miles from the center of Indy. The best route is I-65 south to S.R. 11 (Exit 55) then S.R. 11 south for 5 miles to Seymour and U.S. 50. Turn right (west) onto 50 and go 11 miles to Brownstown and one mile past the courthouse. Here turn left (south) onto S.R. 135 and go 5 miles to jct. of S.R. 235 and turn right (west) onto 235 then proceed 3 miles to the covered bridge and a small park with the DNR boat ramp. For those using the DeLorme Indiana Atlas and Gazetteer it is on page 51 H-8.

Meeting Time and Place: 1030 AM @ Medora DNR Boat Ramp adjacent to S.R. 235 Bridge/Medora Covered Bridge over river. (8 miles SW of Brownstown/ 2miles east of Medora)

Paddle Distance: 12.6 miles of casual, easy paddling

Shuttle Distance: 16 miles (total) on blacktop roads

Time on River: 4-5 hours (not including mandatory lunch break stop)

Gradient: 1.4 feet per mile Average Width: 125' to 250' Take Out: Sparksville DNR Boat Ramp.

Contact: Call (812) 767-1317 or Email [CANOEINDIANA@YAHOO.COM](mailto:CANOEINDIANA@YAHOO.COM) by 10 pm on Friday July 12th. Please leave a cell phone number for last minute changes or rapid Weather surges that have happened in the last two years or paddlers becoming lost. Sincerely, Richard Tekulve = East Fork HCKC trip leader since 2010 .

P.S. For those of you that have never experienced a slight "detour" off of the main road home, only a few miles to the east is perhaps one of Indiana"s most scenic drives. The Skyline Drive just a few miles south of Brownstown and 3 miles east of S.R. 135/Vallonia has four different vistas and a 1935 fire tower that have breathtaking views towering 400-500 feet over the Hoosier National Forest below

## **Volunteers Needed!!**

### **Sprint Triathlons Eagle Creek Park**

**Sponsor: John Wainscott**

**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-3384588). 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.

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

## **Trip Announcement Driftwood River 2nd try!!**

**Sunday, July 14, 2019**

**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 Lowell 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, July 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.

# **The Newsletter of the Hoosier Canoe Club**

**Trip Announcement**  
**Muskrat's Wildcat Creek Expeditions**  
**June 26th 2019**

This is a very Special Trip that we've been doing for the last few years, except for Last Year when it had to be cancelled due to high flow. We schedule this Trip to coincide with the activities of the Haynes Apperson Festival in downtown Kokomo which always connects with Independence Day.

We ask everyone who attends to bring some form of an "American Flag", Banner, T-shirt, or anything else that would express our Love and Connection with the Festival and the July 4th Holiday. We Paddle Our Wildcat Creek thru the heart of Downtown Kokomo, and thru Foster Park where the main events of the Haynes Apperson Festival are held.



**Wildcat Creek**  
**Waterworks Park to The Steel Mill PAS...3-miles**  
**Saturday...July 6th**  
**Waterworks Park...12-Noon**

The Meeting Location will be Waterworks Park in Kokomo (directions below). Our Festival Cruise will end at The Steel Mill PAS located at The Dam Rapid. We will be taking our slow time, and waving our Flags at anyone and all that see us passing by. Just before Foster Park we will gather into a tight group so we can create a Major Spectacle as we pass thru the Festival grounds.

Our arrival at Foster Park will be announced to the Festival attendees, the crowd will gather on the tall Streambank, and Kokomo Tribune Photographers will be tilting their cameras to document our passing.

Bring your Flags and we will fill their view with  
an American Spectacle on Our Wildcat.

This is how our group was viewed as we passed thru Foster Park in 2016. There were 15 Paddlers in 14 Canoes & Kayaks.  
Every Boat had Flags, Banners,  
or Red, White, & Blue Flowers & Butterflies



As always in Summer the flow level could be very low. Come prepared for wading thru the shallows if the weather is hot and dry. Bring your Flags and your brightest Paddling clothes for a glorious & fun Trip on Our Wildcat.

In addition, since we have had so much "Wet Weather & High Flow" this year, make sure you connect with Muskrat's "7-PM Rule", described below.

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**Directions To Waterworks Park in Kokomo**  
**Indiana Atlas & Gazetteer Page 33:**

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**From Kokomo, Lafayette, or Indianapolis:**

Take SR-931 North from SR-26 on the south edge of Kokomo. You will go thru several stop lights as you go North. Watch for the JCT with SR-22, at Markland Avenue; the Markland Mall is on your left, Hobby Lobby and White Castle are on your Right. Continue North on SR-931 to the VERY NEXT stop light, which is Carter Street or Waterworks Road.

If you cross Wildcat Creek on 931 you have gone too far.

Turn Left onto Carter Street.

After crossing the Carter Street Bridge over Wildcat Creek, the entrance to Waterworks park will be on your Left in about 300-yards.

Pass by the first park entrance, and look for a wooden shelter house with a parking lot in front of it.

**From The North:**

Enter Kokomo on SR-931 South. Watch for a McDonalds on the Left, and a Menards on the Right. After passing McDonalds and Menards you will then cross Wildcat Creek. Make a Right turn at the very next Stop Light after crossing the Creek, which is Carter Street or Waterworks Road. After crossing the Carter Street Bridge over Wildcat Creek, the entrance to Waterworks park will be on your Left in about 300-yards.

Pass by the first park entrance, and look for a wooden shelter house with a parking lot in front of it.

For you Travel Computer Nuts.....the address is (approximately).....  
1300 East Carter Street, Kokomo, Indiana 46901.

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**WANT A LONGER TRIP ???** After this special Festival Trip ends at The Steel Mill PAS, there will be an opportunity for Expedition Team members to continue Paddling down the Wildcat. For those who want another 5-miles on the Creek, we will set up another Shuttle down to the Yeoman Bridge PAS.

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As always, if you need additional directions, reply to this email and ask, or call the night before, if time is short...765-628-3155.

And, Muskrat will be listening to his cell phone as soon as he leaves The Boat Shed on the morning of the Trip...765-432-6782

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**P.S.....Don't forget Muskrat's "7PM Rule".** If something goes really bad and a Trip must be canceled, I will post that Cancellation by an email Newsletter not later than 7PM the Night Before The Trip. If you feel there is something going on that might cancel the Trip, check your emails sometime **AFTER 7PM** the evening before the Trip. If there is no announcement, Muskrat (or one of his Associate Trip Leaders) will arrive at the Put-in at the appointed time.

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*See You On The River,  
Muskrat*

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## Sea Kayak Thoughts

Jim Sprandel

**Practice!** In the club's kayak skills classes, I always start and end classes by telling students that the only way that they will truly "own" the skills that we teach is through practice. Well, the chickens have come home to roost for me.

On June 1, we had our annual open water rescue clinic where we worked on assisted and solo open water kayak reentries. I confess that I only work on of these skills preparing for this class and I found that two of my solo reentry skills had slipped away in the last year. Well, I guess that I have to practice to keep my existing skills.

It is important to keep these rescue skills fresh because nothing makes a person tired and cold as flipping, attempting a reentry, failing, and having to try a 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> time. One should also practice skills these in conditions –people are much more likely to flip in 2-3 footers on Lake Michigan than on Eagle Creek. After practicing in conditions, people have a lot more confidence knowing that they can get back in their boats even in big water. As I tell my students and now myself, practice.

The other really cool thing about this clinic was that I learned as much as everyone else. Our fleet members have been getting additional training (e.g., the Seabrook Island and symposia) and they shared the tricks that they learned there with everyone else. We learned a safe/easy way to get in/out of our kayaks from a dock as well as well as more efficient ways to perform rescues.

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

**Friday-Sunday July 12-14- Warren Dunes Paddle and Surf Training Day**– A chance to get out and take advantage of what Lake Michigan has to offer.

**Saturday, July 20 – Intermediate and Introductory Kayak Skill Clinic**, See the description in this newsletter or in its [event entry in the Club Calendar](#).

**Saturday Night, July 20, Cataract Falls Full Moon Paddle.** An interesting paddle to Cataract Fall by Moonlight. Two years ago, the moon rose in a notch behind the falls – always a fun paddle 6-7 miles paddle. More information is included in this newsletter. Or, register to attend at <https://hoosiercanoeandkayakclub.wildapricot.org/event-3243760>.

**Saturday, July 27, Geist Lake Paddle** – We used to have monthly paddles on Geist since the north end of the lake contains so much wild life so we will have a 8-10 day paddle from Geist Park down to the island south of the Sailing Club and back. Watch the Sea Kayak Mailing List for more information.

**Sunday, August 4, "Paddle the Wild Side" Lake Monroe Paddle** – The Sea Kayak will explore the west side of Lake Monroe. This side of Lake Monroe feels like big water with waves due to power boats. An interesting place for an open water paddle plus picnic.

**August 11-17, Pictured Rocks Adventure** – We will be staying a Furnace Bay and exploring area at Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. This trip is currently full.

**Note:** The Wabash paddle previously scheduled for July 27 has been replaced by the Geist Paddle above.

**Eagle Creek Tuesday Afternoon Paddles** – Our Tuesday Afternoon paddle at Eagle Creek are in full swing. Details on these paddles are in the May 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:**

**SEA KAYAKING WEEKEND ON LAKE MICHIGAN July 12 - 14, 2019**

**LOCATION:** Sea Kayak Training Weekend Warren Dunes State Park, Michigan

**SPONSOR:** Nate Strong [strong.nathan@att.net](mailto:strong.nathan@att.net)

**DESCRIPTION:** Paddling along the beautiful dune covered shores of Lake Michigan. We will take advantage of opportunities for paddlers to develop their skills and confidence in paddling in waves, which are frequently present on large bodies of water. These opportunities may include launching and landing in surf, paddling in the surf zone, bracing and boat control in wind and waves. We will limit paddling to conditions of 0-2' waves and winds less than 20 knots. Should conditions be larger on Lake Michigan, we will likely paddle on the St. Joseph River or an inland lake.

**This is an excellent opportunity to learn or practice skills needed for paddling in Lake Michigan & Lake Superior on our upcoming trips**

Pictured Rocks, South Manitou, Beaver Island

**MEETING SITE:** Warren Dunes State Park, Michigan  
Camping at Warren Dunes or nearby campgrounds

**ITINERARY:** **Friday June 21** Depending on when paddlers arrive, there are options for short paddles on Lake Michigan Friday afternoon or evening, or both.

**Saturday June 22** We will take time as a group to play and develop our skills in the surf as the opportunity presents. Our paddle distance along the Lake Michigan shoreline will be adjusted according to conditions. We will have lunch on the beach. Bring snacks, water and sun screen.

**Sunday June 23** Short paddle on Lake Michigan with the length determined by when people want to be off of the water to pack up for their return home.

**CAMPING:** Warren Dunes State Park <https://www.michigan.org/property/warren-dunes-state-park>

**REGISTRATION:** Please email or questions or interest in this event  
Nate Strong [strong.nathan@att.net](mailto:strong.nathan@att.net) or Linda Decker [lsdecker@att.net](mailto:lsdecker@att.net)

**EQUIPMENT:** A sea kayak 15 foot or longer with sealed bulkheads and sprayskirt is required. A helmet is recommended when playing in surf. Experience in rough water conditions and open water recues is highly recommended. The lake is a lot of fun to play in, but wind and waves can make it challenging. Wet suit may be necessary, you will need to dress to the water temperature. **SKILL LEVEL:** Intermediate and those advanced beginners wanting to develop skills in open water conditions.

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

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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](#)

## **Training Event Report: HCKC's FIRST ACA L4 SWR in South Bend Indiana Richard Clapham**

A Swift Water Rescue (SWR) L4 assessment in spring should be challenging, fun and, ideally, warm .... With 10 participants, 3 Instructors (all internal from HCKC). FOOD and Drinks provided and a great location, the odds were in our favor. Apparently the Indiana weather had a different idea – Challenging it was, FUN was had, but as the weather changed from sun to snow over the course of the first day, and as we entered the water, the air temperature had dropped to freezing! However the water was fighting back, it wanted some willing victims – with a water temperature of 58 we had steam coming off the fast moving river and the swimming was warm!

On the Saturday morning everyone was able to stay warm and dry looking at reach techniques (starting with communication), progressing onto throwline work and advancing to cinches. As well as Knots. In the afternoon we moved onto the water with safe swimming, rescuing practice with lines, and the strainer situation. Strainers are very dangerous, and even as we slowed the water (as we could control the release) I think dealing with these was a surprise to all.

Sunday morning started where Saturday left off. ICE and SNOW. But our course catered for the weather. We had a dry session in the morning, covering a recap of the prior day we then worked through topics such as mechanical advantage techniques and anchor points. The Sun came out and by midday it was getting warm. We moved onto the water covering rescue pfd's and live bait, then came boat based rescues and scenarios!

We planned the SWR course to cover the full L4 syllabus – running from minimum risk rescue to high risk rescue methods over the course of 2 days. This was achieved with everyone giving positive feedback as they left. Many thanks to all as without everyone's co-operation we could not do this.

A special thanks goes out to  
John & Jason (The Instructors), Mrs Gates (Johns mum for preparing food), Toni Harris (organizing paperwork) and all those who participated.

Well done in Passing your SWR L4. Jordan Ross, Ken Jordan, Zeno Tutino, Sharon Schierling, Danielle Pillars, Tim Owens, Brent Saucerman, Damon Clark, Eric Lewis, Jay McDonell

We congratulate instructors achieving new qualifications: Wally Bushfield new to coaching as L2 ACA Kayak Inst. Brent Saucerman adds L2 ACA Canoe Touring Inst. John Gates adds L4 ACA WW Kayak Inst. Richard Clapham adds L4 ACA WW Kayak Inst.

In addition re-certifications for:

Duane Garloch re-certified at L2 ACA Touring Kayak

Brent Saucerman re-certified at L2 ACA River Kayak

Thanks

Richard  
ACA L4 SWR Inst.

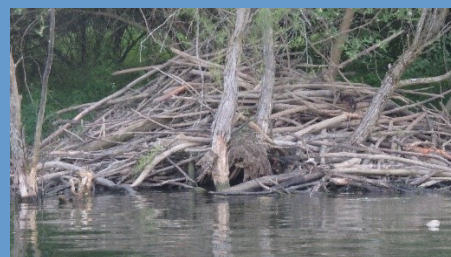
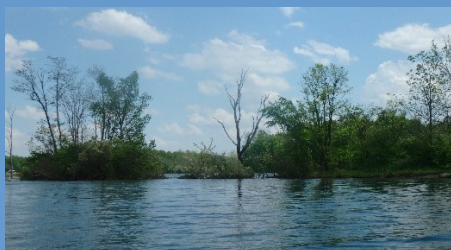
## Trip Report

### HCKC Trip Report: SK & CK Summit Lake May 17-19, 2019

We had a total of 18 participants in this camping, day paddle and moonlight paddle weekend and we had the opportunity to paddle with several new club members! Some came and camped and some just attended for the day.

Campers gathered Friday night for a campfire and some “world famous” Jiffy Pop.

Saturday was sunny and windy. Spring was in full swing with wildlife and fragrant honeysuckle. We saw baby geese, eagle and osprey nests as well as, a beaver dam with a resident beaver and minks. Paddlers all met for lunch at the beach.



Saturday evening rewarded our evening paddle with clear skies and a beautiful full moon. We gathered again for a campfire after our paddle.



# The Newsletter of the Hoosier Canoe Club



## 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:**

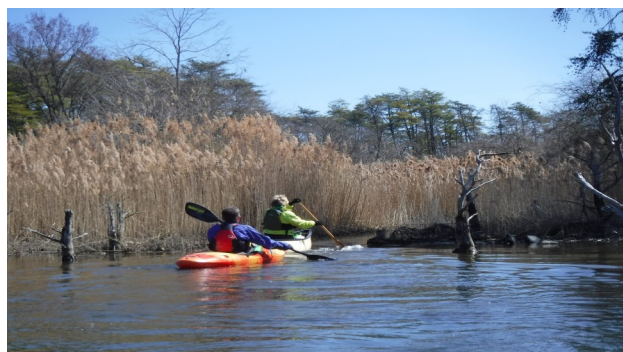
Login to the new HCKC web site at [www.hoosiercanoeclub.org](http://www.hoosiercanoeclub.org). Your name will appear in the upper, right corner of the screen after you are successfully logged in.

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).

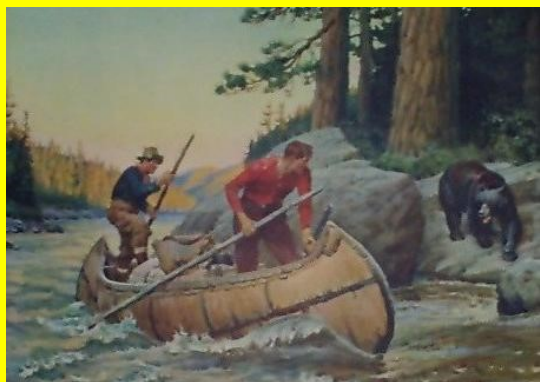
**Trip Announcement Invitation**  
**Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness**  
**Time Frame: August 8 thru August 24 1 week**  
**Sponsor: Dwayne James**

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.

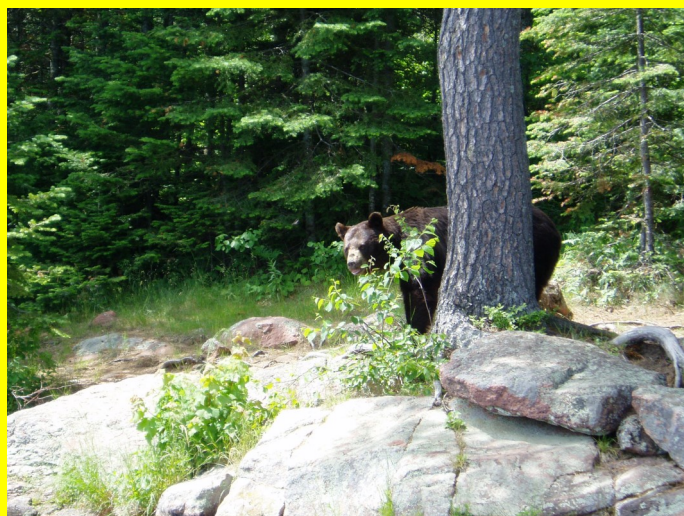
If you have never been to this wonderful place please check out LHR images at <https://www.lhrimages.com/> for pictorial trip reports of Larry's many solo canoe trips to the area. The 3 solos trip features a very photogenic outdoor model that some of you might recognize. If you wish to learn more about 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)



My brother  
and I always  
find Bear!!!  
Join me for  
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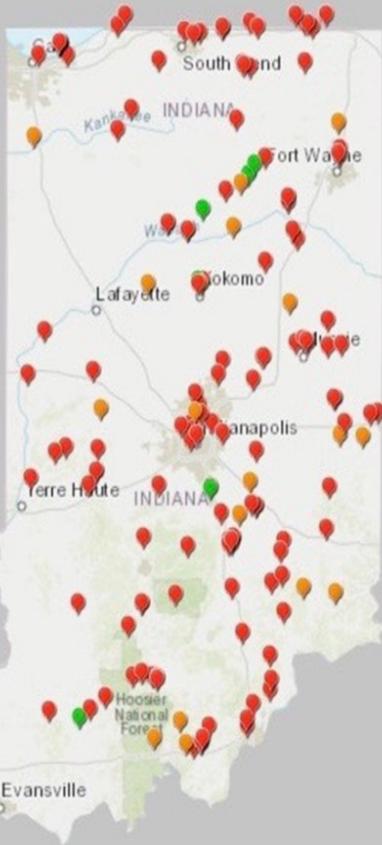
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# HOOSIER CANOE & KAYAK CLUB LAUNCHES LOW HEAD DAM REMOVAL AND SAFETY INITIATIVE

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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