

The Hoosier Paddler

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From the Skipper:

With the heat of summer, what better way to cool off than paddling! August starts with the 34th annual Indiana Paddlers Rendezvous. The touring kayak group will be heading to Pictured Rocks National Seashore and Monroe reservoir. The canoe and kayak group will be paddling the Mad River and the Lower Tippecanoe River. Beginners trips on the Pigeon River and the East Race are one she schedule for whitewater paddlers. There are two more triathlon events in August that are always in need of volunteers. Checkout the newsletter and the events calendar online.

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) by the 17th of the month.

See you on the water! Duane

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HCKC Member completes 740-mile Canoe Trail

Congratulations to Darlene Patterson who recently completed the 740-mile Northern Forest Canoe Trail. The canoe trail starts in Eastern New York and finishes in Northern Maine. She completed the trip in 28.5 days averaging about 26 miles per day. Click [here](#) to read a fuller account of her trip.

The Northern Forest Canoe Trail retraces colonial fur-trading routes through the New England country and involved almost 100 miles of portaging. Go to the [Northern Forest Canoe Trail website](#) for more information on the trail.

Darlene has completed several once in a lifetime trips. Often solo, always an adventure. And always glad to share stories.



The HCKC Low-Head dam committee was invited to present our
Low-head dam model and safety information @ the

Family Float Day at Broad Ripple Park

Date: Sunday, July 28th

Begins @ 1pm (Near the boat ramp)



Announcing an event @ Broad Ripple Park on July 28

This is a collaborative event between the Friends of the White River and Friends of Broad Ripple Park (FBRP). The mission/purpose of this event is to promote, protect, and nurture Broad Ripple Park as a historic, natural, and recreational resource on behalf of the community at large. Membership in the FBRP is open to all community members who have an interest in the welfare of Broad Ripple Park, by proximity of residence, employment, or education in the Broad Ripple area, or by philanthropic interest."

Come and check out this event!

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Trip Announcement

Lake Monroe Day Paddle

Sunday August 4th 2019

Cutright Boat ramp

Trip Sponsor: Jim Heichelbech

Join us for a paddle on “the Wild Side” of Lake Monroe, the largest lake in the state and Indiana’s favorite Sea Kayaker destination! We’ll paddle west of the causeway, where wind and boat traffic make for some interesting conditions to enjoy. Launch for free from Cutright boat ramp and experience some fun and sun* on the water, picnic lunch and maybe a swim to beat the midday heat.

Meeting Place:

Cutright public access, about an hour south of Hwy I-465 at the intersection of Hwy 37. I-69 is now open just south of Martinsville, saves a lot of time!

Directions:

Proceed to the SE. side of Bloomington on Hwy 46. Turn south on Hwy 446 until you cross the Lake Monroe causeway. Take the first left and drive back to the public access, launching from the beach.

What to bring:

Bring your favorite paddling gear, including PFD, spray skirt, etc. Bring sun protection, snacks, Lunch, and plenty to drink. It can get pretty warm in August, but us kayaker’s have been known to splash when needed! Frozen bottles of water in a soft side cooler keep your lunch fresh, then pull ‘em out and drink up as they thaw.

Required Equipment:

PFD’s are required.

Meeting Time:

Please arrive around 10am, and be ready to Launch around 10:30am.

Contact Information:

Jim Heichelbech email: gem5610@gmail.com Call or text my cell **765-426-2042**

Please sign up by 7pm Friday preceding the paddle. I will be watching the weather and will notify those registered if it leads to a delay or cancellation. A rain shower will not deter me from paddling but *ARG!!! Thunderstorms and Lighting be a troublin’, matey.



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Trip Announcement

Muskrat's Wildcat Creek Expeditions

**The 34th Annual Indiana Paddlers Rendezvous
August 2nd, 3rd, & 4th, 2019**

Hey Wildcat Paddlers,

The Indiana Paddlers Rendezvous is less than 5 weeks away. This Newsletter should provide all the info you need to make plans and mark your calendar. Make plans to attend the IPR, and enjoy a full weekend of Paddling on Wildcat Creek.

The IPR has proven to be one of the overall best Paddling events in Indiana. If you've never attended, rest assured it is worth your time. Come prepared to enjoy one of the nicest small Streams in Indiana, to relax with old Paddling buddies, and to make new friends.

This event is open to members of Canoe & Kayak Clubs, Internet Paddling Groups, and River Protection Organizations who have their own personal equipment and enough skills for an enjoyable day on a Swift Flowing Natural Stream. Please take this opportunity to pass this Trip Announcement on to any of the above mentioned organizations with which you have connections.

**But please avoid wide open public, media,
or Facebook announcements.**



Ben & Nancy Franklin in 2013

Muskrat has once again volunteered to be the IPR Trip Leader. Numerous requests for Volunteers will be posted to the Wildcat Guardians and others within the next few weeks, including a request for "Volunteer Shuttle Drivers", "Registration Team", and an "On-Stream Safety Crew". I'm hoping to hear from many of you who have assisted with these tasks in the past. If you should have questions about volunteer positions,

please contact me below: **MUSKRAT'S CONTACT INFO:**

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MUSKRAT's Notes on the IPR:

Here is a basic timetable for the IPR, just in case you receive no further information.
The dates for 2019 are Friday, Saturday & Sunday, **August 2-3-4**.
Directions to all locations are provided below.

Whenever and where ever you arrive at the IPR, please proceed directly to the Registration Table.

FRIDAY August 2nd:

The first activity of the weekend will be a Trip on Wildcat Creek Friday afternoon; Meeting Time is 3:00 PM at Wildcat Park (directions below). Where we will Paddle will be announced at that time, and the Shuttle will begin immediately thereafter; please arrive early.

There will be a **BYO Campfire Cookout** at Wildcat Park following this cruise. The **IPR Paddler's Campsite** will be available at Wildcat Park for both Friday and Saturday nights, thanks to special arrangement with the Tippecanoe County Parks Dept. Camping is strictly "Primitive" with no electricity available. The only utilities are water, pit toilets, and bathing in the Creek.

Saturday's Creek Trip will begin at Knop Lake Public Fishing Area (directions below). This will cover 13.6-miles and end at Wildcat Park. There will be an alternate Takeout for a 9-mile Trip. Lunch at The Gravelbar is BYO.

Shuttle Departure Time is 9:00 AM from Knop Lake. **You should plan to arrive at Knop Lake absolutely no later than 8:30 AM**

(8 AM would be better; it really gets crowded with all the people arriving).

Saturday's Traditional **Chili Supper** will begin serving at 6 PM at the Paddler's Campsite in Wildcat Park (directions below).

>>>>>>> **Chili Supper Reservations are the only advance notice you are asked to provide.** Simply provide your name and your number of Chili Eaters, so Muskrat can make sure to cook enough for everyone.

Please make Chili Reservations at garryhill@aol.com.

The Wildcat Guardians Annual Benefit Auction (one of the most "Laugh-Filled" parts of the entire weekend) will be held immediately after the Chili Supper. If you have any items to offer for sale, please present them at the Registration Table whenever you arrive.



MUSKRAT's Notes on the IPR:

SUNDAY August 4th:

Sunday's Creek Trip will meet at Wildcat Park (directions below). Shuttle departure is 9:00 AM sharp. Please arrive early. Lunch at The Gravelbar is BYO. This Trip varies from year to year, but usually covers the 9-miles from Wildcat Park to the Wabash River. Launch and Takeout locations will be announced to everyone who arrives at Wildcat Park in time for Shuttle Departure at 9:00 AM Sunday morning.



For any questions email garryhill@aol.com, or call Muskrat at 765-628-3155 (home), or 765-432-6782 (cell).

DIRECTIONS.....

Muskrat's Wildcat Creek Expedition Team utilizes the "**Indiana Atlas & Gazetteer**" for accurate directions to River access locations all over Indiana. **This Indiana map book is the absolute best for River People.**

The directions below are based on the use of this book.

The Gazetteer can be found at Staples, some Meijer's and Wal-Mart stores, bookstores, convenience stores, and others.

Directions To Wildcat Park

Indiana Atlas & Gazetteer Page 31:

Find Monitor on SR-26, east of Lafayette. Go North from Monitor on CR 775-E. Then, at a "T", turn Left on CR 300-N.

Watch for yellow "IPR" marks on the pavement.

Then, Left again onto CR 600-E (not written on map). 600-E will drop steeply down into the Valley and make a sharp right turn. The entrance to Wildcat Park is on the left in about 1/2-mile after that turn. **Watch for the "IPR" signs.**

Another option: Take SR-26 West from I-65 (toward Lafayette). Turn Right at Creasy Lane. Follow this street around a curve, over the Interstate, and across Wildcat Creek. At the end of the bridge, turn Right onto Eisenhower Road. Wildcat Park will be on the right in about 1-1/2-miles.

Watch for the "IPR" signs.

For GPS Folks: 5129 Eisenhower Road, Lafayette, IN 47905



Directions To Knop Lake Public Access Site
[Indiana Atlas & Gazetteer Page 32:](#)

1) From US-31 south of Kokomo, head West on SR-26. About 4-¼ miles west of Rossville, turn North (right) from SR-26 onto CR 900-W; watch for green sign to "Pyrmont". This is just after the town of Edna Mills.

2) From I-65 at Lafayette, head East on SR-26. Approximately 7-½ miles east of the Interstate, turn North (left) from SR-26 onto CR 900-W; watch for green sign to "Pyrmont". This is just after the village of Petit, and 1-mile after the County Line.
(NOTE: There could be construction delays along SR-26.)

Next, in 2-½ miles turn Right (east) on CR 650-S (church on left).
The entrance to Knop Lake State Fishing Area is on the left in ½-mile.
Go slow and watch closely; you can easily miss the entrance sign,
in a wooded area, going downhill.
Watch for yellow "IPR" marks on the pavement.

For GPS Folks: Carroll County Road 650-S at (about) 720-W.



Follow the gravel road past the pond, keeping to the left at every fork, following the IPR-signs, until you reach the Registration Area. Then follow the directions of the Volunteers, and they will get you to the Launch Site as soon as possible.

(On a State Hwy Map, Rossville is located east of Lafayette, south of Delphi, west of Kokomo.)

*See You On The River,
Muskrat*

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Visit Wildcat Creek On-line at the following sites:

<http://www.wildcatguardians.org/>

<http://www.wildcatcreek.net/>

Contact Garry Hill to order your t--shirt and to reserve a spot at the chili supper Saturday Evening. MMM MMM Good.



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Volunteers Needed!!

Sprint Triathlons Eagle Creek Park

Sponsor: John Wainscott

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-3384591). 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.

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 or 317-250-8107. Thanks for your help. John

Trip Announcement

Lower Tippecanoe River – Oakdale to Springboro

Saturday August 31, 2019

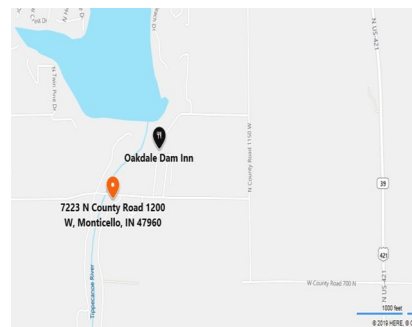
Sponsor: Judy Thompson

This is the time of year that many of Indiana's smaller creeks and rivers usually are too low to enjoyably paddle. That should not be a problem for this trip on the Tippecanoe. The trip is not quite 10 miles, and is suitable for all skill levels, including beginners.

Meet up at the Oakdale Public Access Site by 9:45 am, Saturday, August 31. Bring canoe or kayak, pfd and other paddling gear, lunch, drinking water, sunscreen or hat.

Directions to Oakdale Public Access Site - (Indiana Atlas & Gazetteer Page 32):

Find US-421, which connects Delphi and Monticello. About half-way between the cities, find CR 700-N (4-miles north of SR-18). There is a big sign that says "Oakdale Inn", on the right at 700-N. Turn West onto 700-N. In about 1/2-mile the road you're on will turn Right. Go 1/4-mile to CR 725-N, and turn Left again. This road will lead you to the River. When you get to the bridge (just below Oakdale Dam), turn Left onto a road JUST BEFORE you cross the bridge. The PAS entrance will be on your right in about 50-yds. judy_thom@hotmail.com



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Sea Kayak Thoughts

Jim Sprandel

In August, we will be making our annual pilgrimage up to Lake Superior. This year, we will be going to Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore instead of the Apostle Islands. Pictured Rocks has an amazing shoreline with extremely dramatic cliffs. As in the Apostles, Lake Superior is Lake Superior and as the saying goes “the Lake is Boss.” We will be car camping and then driving to day paddles around the area. We have a list of 7-8 possible trips so we can pick safe venues given the conditions Lake Superior throws our way. Watch the Sea Kayak Section of the club forum for a trip report on this event after we get back.

Warren Dunes Big Water Clinic – We took advantage of our Michigan-based coaches to have a big water clinic at Warren Dunes on the weekend of July 13. There were 1-foot waves on Friday, 2+ footers on Saturday, and smaller waves on Sunday so people got to play in bouncy water and different conditions. The instructors focused on landing/launching in surf, bracing in waves, rescues, and maneuvering in waves. A good class and an important way to get comfortable in bigger water – thanks to Nate Strong, Ralph Akers, and Martha Gitt for offering this course to the club. Hopefully, we will get out there again next year.

Conditioning - Kayaking is a physical activity like hiking, running or cycling. If you are going out for a 10-15 mile paddle, you need to train by taking practice paddles several times per month to build up your speed and endurance just as you would if you wanted to complete a 10K race, a 50-mile bike ride, or a 10-mile hike.

When you look at some Sea Kayak trip announcements, you will see speed/distance requirements for most trips as well as what water conditions you should be comfortable in so you know what to expect. If you don't feel comfortable with the speed-distance, think about training so that you know that you can meet the requirement. To gain comfort in larger lake condition, the only answer is to spend more time in your boat in conditions.

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

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; We will have a 8-10 mile paddle from Geist Park down the lake and back. (Trip announcement in this newsletter.)

Note: This trips replaces the Wabash paddle previously scheduled for July 27.

Sunday, August 4, “Paddle the Wild Side” Lake Monroe Paddle – The Sea Kayak fleet will explore the west side of Lake Monroe. This side of Lake Monroe feels like big water with waves due to power boats and an almost 5-mile fetch up the lake. An interesting place to practice big water paddling close to home. See details in this newsletter.

August 11-17, Pictured Rocks Adventure – We will be staying at Furnace Bay near Munising and will be exploring areas in Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. This trip is currently full.

South Manitou Island Sept. 6=8 – This is a perennial club favorite– a paddle out to South Manitou Island from the Glen Arbor Coast Guard Station. This intermediate trip includes an 8-mile open crossing on Lake Michigan over to one of the greatest beaches that we visit. Preliminary info is at: <https://hoosiercanoeandkayakclub.wildapricot.org/event-3243096> Watch your sea kayak e-mail for final details.

Beaver Island (Lake Michigan), Sept 15-21 – A club-first to this island. People will take a ferry from Charlevoix, Michigan out to the island and then paddle on the island. Details have been sent out to HCKC sea kayakers using the sea kayak mailing list.

Eagle Creek Tuesday Afternoon Paddles – Our Tuesday Afternoon paddles at Eagle Creek are still going. Details on these paddles are in the May newsletter and in the [Club Event Calendar](#). Members may get the park pass from the [HCKC Web Site](#).



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Kayaking Skills Class – August 24, 2019

Jim Sprandel

We will offer our last one-day introductory - intermediate skills session on Saturday August 24, 2019. This class is free for registered HCKC members. There is still room in the August class and I will be sending out a reminder e-mail in early August.

These classes last about six hours and are small (less than 5 students per instructor) so we adapt our material to what students are interested in covering or need to work on.

Introduction to Paddling Class-

This is intended for 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.

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.

Intermediate Kayak Class

This is intended for 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.

The class will give people a chance to refine their strokes and to learn some intermediate sea kayak maneuvers. We will introduce edging as a way to speed your turns and to control your boat.

To get full information or to sign up: Please click on the link below to get additional information or to register for the class. You will be prompted to login before you register.

[Saturday August 24, 2019](#)

Sea Kayak Trip Announcement

Geist Reservoir Paddle

Saturday, 7/27, 2019 – 9:30 am (Ready to Launch)

Trip Sponsor: Jim Sprandel

Yes, a trip on Geist Reservoir. Several years ago, we used to have races and paddles on the first Sunday of each month but our fleet haven't paddled Geist **at all yet** this year! The north end of Geist is interesting because of its growing swan population, eagle's nest, and other wild life plus the large water lily field. Join me out there for a paddle to see what is new on **one of our home lakes**.

This would be a good conditioning paddle to tune up for upcoming trip.

When: We will **launch** at 9:30 am from Geist Park.

Where: Geist Park - just off South 113th and Florida Road on the west side of Florida Road

Trip Length: We will paddle between 8 to 10 miles depending on how the group feels. We start at Geist Park and go down to the islands just south of the Sailing Club before returning. This should take about 3-4 hours.

What to Bring: Sea or touring kayak, spray skirt (due to boat wake), PFD (must be worn on the water), water, sun-screen, lunch (we may eat at the Sailing Club)

How to sign up: You may register at:

<https://hoosiercanoeandkayakclub.wildapricot.org/event-3242985>

Or, just meet me out there – we will launch at 9:30 am.

If you have any questions, contact me at merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net.

Note: This trip replaces the Wabash River trip that had been scheduled on this date.

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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

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

HCKC Sea Kayak Trip Report:
Warren Dunes, Michigan July 12-14
Skills Workshop and Paddle
Sponsor: Nate Strong
Instructors: Nate Strong, Martha Gitt & Ralph Akers

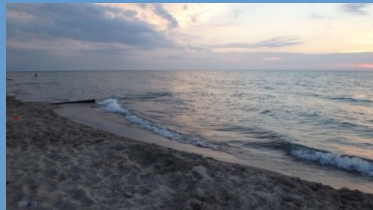
Warren Dunes State Park campground/beach was a beautiful location. We had sunny skies, clear warm water, white sand beaches and sand dunes. The focus for the weekend was learning and practicing skills and safety in the surf zone and in waves. There were 9 participants that included both new and experienced sea kayak paddlers. It was an excellent opportunity to work on skills in conditions we don't usually have locally.



Friday: An afternoon paddle included practicing bracing on broaching waves and boat handling as well as, sampling the local ice cream.

Saturday: We had 2'+ waves which created good conditions to work on boat control and safety in the surf zone. We practiced launching, landing, turning in waves, towing, assisted rescue and surfing. We finished up the day with a paddle to Weko Beach.

The evening included a trip back to the beach to watch the sunset and sample more ice cream!



Sunday: Calm conditions. We learned two new drills, swimming with your paddle and edging using tennis balls. We worked on balance and practiced various self and assisted rescues.

Submitted by: Linda Decker



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Trip Report

Whitewater

Memorial Day on Big Pine Creek

Big Pine creek was running at about 1 ft on Rainsville Bridge gauge (Chuck Wies gauge). USGS gauge at Pine Village was reading 7.62 ft and 544 cfs and dropping. Water was muddy (chocolate) brown from the rain the days before.

We had 4 HCKC paddlers that were out paddling. Two of us launched at Rainsville Bridge and paddled down about 1 mile to meet the other two at Rocky Ford's rapids.

We mainly parked and played making two runs from Rocky Ford to S-Curve. We had two swimmer in S-Curve and one combat roll in S-Curve. A great day on a great little creek. Even ran into HCKC canoeist that was scouting the creek for a trip in the future.

Trip Report

Sea Kayak Hardy Lake Trip report 6-15-19

We had three paddlers out on Hardy Lake for about a 11 mile paddle. Hardy Lake is smaller reservoir 741 acres built in 1970 but it is not used for flood control. It is also home to the only DNR Raptor Center in Indiana.

We launched from Wooster ramp the southern most ramp the on lake. Heading south towards the south end of lake checking out all the fingers out before turning north towards the dam end. Hardy Lake has large number standing trees in the water. We encountered large number of big carp in the shallow water.

The weather forecast keep the amount of boat traffic pretty light mostly fisherman and only couple power boats tubing. We had off and on light rain occasionally during the trip. It never rained longer the 5 to 10 minutes before stopping. We missed out on any thunderstorms or lighting.

We had lunch at the edge of the public swimming beach. Then we headed back along shore checking out shale and slate exposure on our way back to Wooster ramp. We saw several different birds including one Osprey, several Blue Heron's, Cormorants, Tree Swallows and Sandpiper type birds along rocky shores.

Pictures from the trip <https://photos.app.goo.gl/dUsArfji2KJiKMt58>

Hardy Lake info <https://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2958.htm>

Jeff Stejskal



Don't Give A Dam Your Life...

Be safe on all recreational waterways

Too many lives are lost on the water due to lack of accessible safety information. On-water accidents can be prevented and Low-Head dam fatalities eliminated by education and proper signage.

Sean Hiebel, 24 years old, of Fort Wayne IN died while going over a dam—we are continuing his family's outreach.

Elimination, mitigation and education about these dams are important public health measures.



Go to: <https://paddlesafety.com> and be informed; Make a difference: Share this information with your family and friends and post on your FB page.

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Share our Safety Brochure: High quality PDF is found on our website.

Our Paddle Safety Initiative

The Hoosier Canoe and Kayak Club wants you to learn paddle safety. Our Low-head dam website and water safety initiative was developed as an educational tool for all those who recreate on the water. Paddlers, fishermen and all casual participants of on-and-off-water activities will benefit and could possibly contribute to this cause. There are hazards on our rivers that are not natural and pose health risks to a community. These Low Head Dams are mostly "hoed over" from bygone eras and many are in disrepair. We want to educate the public about safety around these dams and deliver specific on-water safety measures to all who play around our water.

The average age of drowning victims around Low Head Dams is 20.5 years. Warning and educating the public about low head dams by adequate signage on the river is one of our most important goals. We hope to do this by offering educational materials to share with you, your family, community, schools, businesses and legislatures. We believe in this initiative and have provided resources in conjunction with the State of Indiana, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, and the National Project of Fort Wayne to accomplish this goal. By self education you can help to save lives. Be informed and become a champion of water safety.

BE SAFE AND ENJOY OUR WATERWAYS

Staying Safe Around Low Head Dams

Know Before You Go
Check location of Low head dams in your area on DNR website

Keep Your Distance
250 ft below 6000 ft above

No Swimming
above and below dams

No Fishing
above or below dams

No Anchoring
above or below dams

Be Alert
water speed and levels rise rapidly

Get Out
never go over a dam, get out

Water getting over a dam creates a hydraulic effect that can pull & trap a boat or swimmer to the face of dam holding them hostage

Drowning machines
Low head dams act as "drowning machines" because the force of the water over the dam creates a hydraulic effect that can pull & trap a boat or swimmer to the face of dam holding them hostage

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Our library:

- videos
- photos
- educational links
- LHD signage
- community opportunity
- teaching tools

Water Safety Resource Guide @ PaddleSafety.com

WE CAN TEACH ABOUT WATER SAFETY

REQUEST A SAFETY PRESENTATION
Request our PADDLE SAFETY presentation

TEACHING A MIDDLE SCHOOL CLASS
Presenting the Low Head Dam Safety Program to Middle School Students

DEMONSTRATING OUR LOW HEAD DAM

6 Steps To Stay Safe

Wear A Life Jacket
90% of drowning victims didn't.

Carry Around All Dams
even low dams are drowning machines.

Dress for Cold Water
a "swim" can shock, stun and kill. pack extra clothes in a dry bag.

Don't Paddle In A Flood
smooth water surfaces conceal dangers. strong currents increase risks. check the USGS website for water conditions.

Avoid "Strainers"
fallen trees and debris trap boats & boaters.

Paddle With Others
3 boat minimum for safety. join a club and learn with friends.

PADDLESAFETY.COM
for more information & orders

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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.

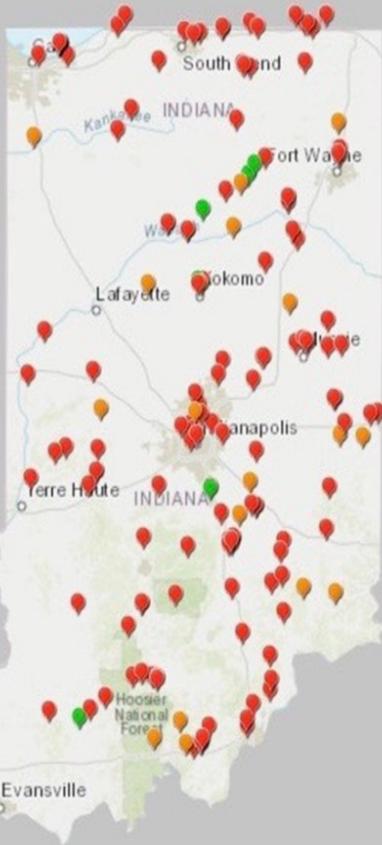
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HOOSIER CANOE & KAYAK CLUB LAUNCHES LOW HEAD DAM REMOVAL AND SAFETY INITIATIVE

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](#)

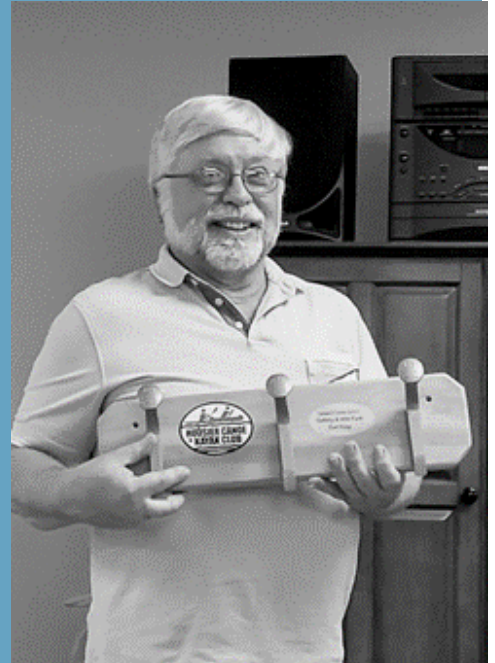
encouraging other Indiana clubs to carve out, in their organization, LHD education & safety on their website and Fb page and link directly to our platform

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, Subject: Low head dams



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