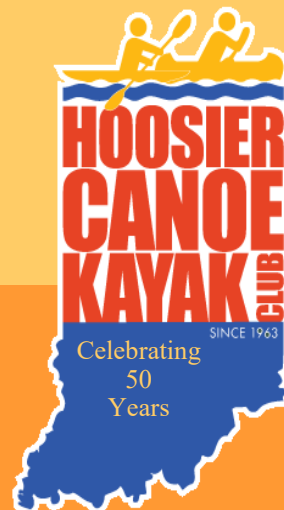


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Skipper's Note

As Summer comes to a close in September, our paddling season does not! Coming up we have our annual trip sea kayak trip to South Manitou Island and white water trips to the Gauley, along with a flat water trip on the Wabash River. Remember that September 24th is your last chance to use the Eagle Creek pass this year. Check the calendar for details for these trips along with other events in September. Looking ahead, lookout for information on our Annual Meeting on November 16th. 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](#) by the 17th of the month. See you on the water! Duane

Volunteers Needed - Eagle Creek Park Shoreline Clean Up Saturday, September 28, 2019

We will have a shoreline cleanup of Eagle Creek on Saturday, September 28, 2019. This is an opportunity to give back to one of our local partners and one of Indianapolis's premier paddling destinations by cleaning up the shores of Eagle Creek reservoir.

When: Saturday, Sept. 28, 2019 9:30 am (Ready to Launch) until 1:00 pm · Where: Eagle Creek Park – Ramp at the southwest end of the Discovery Center parking lot (next to Go Ape). What to bring: Snacks, water, gloves, hat, good water shoes, sunscreen, bug spray, your canoe or kayak, and paddling gear. You might bring a knife for cutting fishing line. What we will provide: Trash bags and some trash grabbers. Park Entry: When entering the park, please tell the person at the entrance that you are an HCKC member here for the shoreline clean up.

We'll work until early afternoon. Plan to stay for all or part of the clean-up, and we usually go out of lunch afterwards.

For all the club members who have enjoyed using the HCKC park pass on Tuesdays, the HCKC is committed to providing volunteer hours for this privilege. This clean-up will help us meet that commitment! For more Information or to sign up: E-mail Kellie Kaneshiro (knkane@gmail.com) or Jim Sprandel (merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net). Or, sign up on-line at: <https://hoosiercanoeandkayakclub.wildapricot.org/event-3509013>

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Trip Reports???

Please send reports, pictures or items for sale to me.

Trip Announcement

Wabash River Terre Haute area

September 14, 2019

Trip Sponsors: Marcia Evrard and Dwayne James

Join us Saturday September 14th to paddle the Wabash River.

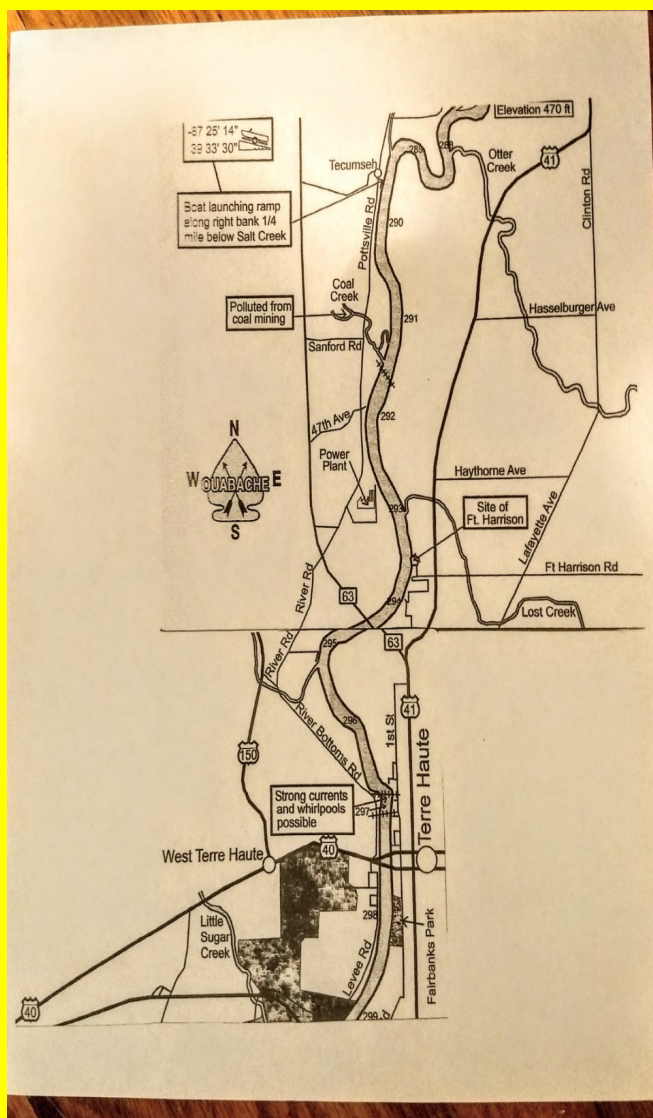
We will paddle from just below river mile 289 to river mile 298. We will launch from the Michael Kerns ramp in Tecumseh Indiana. It is an 8.5 mile shuttle to Fairbanks Park in Terre Haute. We will start shuttles at 10:00 with a goal of being on water at 11:00. There are nice sandbars and the site of Fort Harrison (with a great view of the Wabash Erie canal) which could be possible lunch/ sites.

If anyone is hungry or needs their whistle wetted we can gather at the Historic Moggers restaurant in Terre Haute after.

I paddled this section often and there are Eagles, Beaver, Herons and Great White Egrets' amongst the represented wildlife.

Directions: It is North of Terre Haute east of Indiana 63. From I-70 take Indiana 41 North. At the North side of Terre Haute, just past Maple Ave intersection, 41 and 63 split. Veer left (North/West) onto 63 north. Cross Wabash River. Cross 4 roads (Barnhart, Bolton, Sanford, Pennington) at 5th road turn right (East) onto Durkees Ferry Road. Follow to "T" turn right, boat launch will be on left. Michael Kearns. For shuttle to Fairbanks park reverse order. Follow 41 South past Vigo County Court House. In apx. 5 blocks turn right (West) on Washington Street. This will take you to the boat ramp in Fairbanks Park.

Hope to see you there! Contact
Dwaynesjamesa1@hotmail.com or
marcia.evrard@gmail.com with questions or register
online at the club website.





Paddling through the cypress trees at the tip of the Deam Wilderness Peninsula, 8/4/19

When this article is published, we will have returned from our annual Lake Superior pilgrimage. We are going to Pictured Rocks this year! The cliffs there are impressive and there is great paddling throughout the area. I will file a trip report with pictures in the Sea Kayak Forum on the Bulletin Board after we get back.

Lake Monroe Paddle, Sunday, August 4, 2019 – We paddled 10 miles on the “Wild Side” of Lake Monroe. The east side of the IN 446 causeway is an idle zone for boats while the west side is not. We got some fun waves to play with on the west side.

Eight HCKCers started at Cutright and headed west under the 446 bridge. We dropped south from there down to Allen’s Creek Peninsula where we had lunch at “Fossil Beach”. This is an interesting spot near the tip of Allen’s Creek peninsula where the shore is littered with crinoids and geodes. We saw hundreds of small spiral fossils ([More info on Allen’s Creek crinoids](#))

After lunch, we headed to the west side of the lake. We were careful to keep the group together while crossing the gap between the tip of Allen’s Creek and the west shore

since the motorboat boats there are fast and forced to go through that channel. A group of kayaks is much more visible than a lone boat. We then paddled up the west shore past the sailing club and finally headed east again near Paynetown SRA to get back to our cars at Cutright. A beautiful day to be on the water.

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

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 trip includes 8-mile open crossings on Lake Michigan over and back from one of the greatest beaches that we visit. Details are in this newsletter.

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 using the sea kayak mailing list.

Eagle Creek Clean-Up, Saturday, September 28 – Eagle Creek Park allows HCKC members to enter the park with our boats without cost on Tuesday afternoons because we provide volunteer support for the park. We have been supporting the Eagle Creek Outfitter’s Thursday night sunset and Full Moon paddles and we will also perform this shore-line clean-up. Join us to help clean up the shore of one of Indianapolis’s premier paddling attractions. Details are in this newsletter.

Eagle Creek Tuesday Afternoon Paddles – Our Tuesday Afternoon paddles at Eagle Creek will continue through the end of September. Details on these paddles are in the [Club Event Calendar](#). We will probably have our traditional last supper after the paddle on September 24.



2020 HCKC Elections -

Do you want to help build the club?

We will elect our 2020 Officers and Board Members at the November Annual Meeting. The nominating committee is currently working to identify members who would like to serve the HCKC in 2020. This is your club and the officers and board members are elected to represent and serve the interests of our members.

The board meets once a month and board members support club projects. If you are interested in serving on our board or have questions about what is expected, please email Toni Harris or Jim Sprandel.

Sea Kayak Trip Announcement

South Manitou Island Trip, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Friday-Sunday. Sept. 6-8, 2019

Trips Sponsor: Brad Hughey

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

Friday morning: We will leave relatively early for the 8.5-mile open water crossing of Lake Michigan to the Bay Campground on South Manitou island. This island has everything a paddler could want: beachfront camping, a light-house, and old growth cedars. There are also shipwrecks you can see from the beach or paddle to if it is calm enough.

Saturday: We'll see what conditions are like and plan accordingly. We have paddled around the island—exploring the wreck on the south end of the island and seeing the huge dunes on the west side of the island. There is also a foot trail around the island if someone prefers to hike.

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

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

- You should feel comfortable in 2+ foot seas from all directions including broach and rear quartering and be able to land and self-launch in 2+ foot surf conditions.
- You should be able to maintain a 3.5 mph pace for the 8 mile crossing without leaving your boat. We may paddle up to 15 miles on Saturday.
- Group rescue skills are required... • Some kayak experience on the Great Lakes or the ocean.

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

Required Equipment: Sea kayaks with spray skirts, fore and aft bulkheads, full perimeter deck lines, and kay-

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ak safety equipment are required.

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

Contingency Plans: If wave and wind conditions are too severe for a safe crossing on either Friday or Sunday morning, there are plenty of good paddling sites in the area. The Lake is Boss! Last year, a small craft advisory on Sunday forced the group to wait until Monday before returning. How to Sign Up for the Trip: Please e-mail Brad Hughey, hugh-ey_brad@yahoo.com to sign up to attend or to get more information.



Muncie is removing three of the five Low Head Dams blocking the White River . Progress is being made on removal of unneeded/dangerous dams and signage placement on others. Keep up the good work!



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