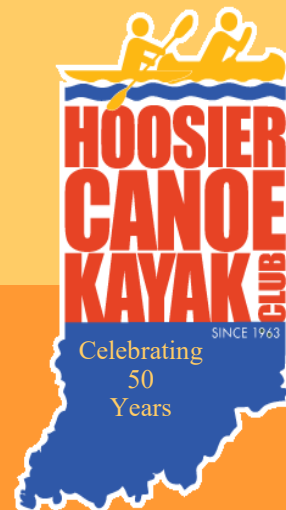


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Skipper's Note

As Fall get going in October, we still have several padding trips scheduled. The sea kayak group is having a paddle on the Ohio River on the 5th and traveling to Land Between the Lakes on the 18th. The canoe kayak group has trips scheduled to Grayson Lake and also Raccoon Creek during the Covered Bridge Festival. The whitewater group is heading to the Ocoee last release. Looking ahead, our Annual Meeting is on November 16th. Checkout the newsletter and the events calendar online for more information.

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

Sea Kayak Trip Announcement – Ohio River - from Tanner's Creek

5th, 2019.10:00AM

Saturday, October

Trip Sponsor: Robert Moore

Last year, we put in at Tanner's Creek and paddled up Taylor Creek to the abandoned hulk of the USS Sachem and up the Great Miami River. This year, the proposed route is to head down stream toward Aurora, Indiana but that depends upon who shows up. Aurora is about 2 miles downstream from Tanner's Creek. We can head down stream along the Kentucky side or turn up Laughery Creek on the Indiana side. Laughery is a long creek with a wooded shore and the Old State Road 56 truss bridge. Laughery Island was the turnaround when the club paddled this route in October 2015. The trip is covered on [Ohio River Charts 109-110](#) US Army Corps of Engineers Louisville District.

This is a sea kayak trip for paddlers capable of dealing with open water, occasional barge traffic and light current. Total paddling distance is expected to be 12 nautical miles of which half will be against some current. We will stop for lunch someplace midway through the trip so bring something to eat.

Put-In: Tanner's Creek boat ramp - Follow US 50/Ead's Pkwy from Lawrenceburg, Indiana, turn south onto Tanner's Creek Drive (old Reese Drive) at the traffic light. Tanner's Creek Drive ends at the boat ramp parking area. This is a well-developed ramp park with plenty of parking and picnic areas. Unfortunately, the only restroom facility available is portable toilets so you may want to stop off at the fast food or filling station at the Reese Drive intersection on the way to the boat ramp. **Meeting time:** 10:00 am - launch by 10:30

Contact information: Robert, njorball@gmail.com. Those interested please respond via email no later than. October 3rd.

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

Trip Announcement

Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area, Kentucky

October 18-20

Trip Sponsors: Linda Decker & Jim Heichelbech

We are just returning from a scouting trip to LBL. This huge recreation area has 300 miles of undeveloped shoreline, newly developed Water Trails, abundant wildlife, designated birding spots with 30 pairs of nesting eagles, diverse camping opportunities, an elk & bison refuge, rich history and interesting shorelines. Fall colors should be at a peak during our event.



Camping: We will stay in a primitive camping area called Pisgah Point. The only charge for each camper is \$7.00 for a 3- night Basic Permit (can be obtained online, Welcome Station or at Gate of Hillman Ferry Campground). www.landbetweenthelakes.us/reservations

This location has a parking area, boat ramp, pit toilet and is a short walk-in to wooded campsites suitable for tent or hammocks. There are no picnic tables. Showers, water, ice & supplies are available at a campground 15 min away.

Itinerary: *Arrival & departure days and time are optional based on your availability.*

Thursday October 17 Arrive and set up camp

Friday October 18 **Lake Barkley: Taylor Bay to Honker Bay Woodland Nature Watch Area (10 mile round trip paddle)**

In Honker Bay refuge area we can do a 2 mile (each way) woodland hike to the Woodlands Nature Watch Station & historical ruins of the Center furnace in the Hermitite Community

Saturday October 19 **Kentucky Lake: Campsite Launch to Duncan Bay Refuge Area (12+ miles)**
Early launch for Eagle watch We can explore the bays and shoreline
Evening: Visit the Elk & Bison Prairie. This time of year the elk have massive racks and can be heard bugling

Sunday October 20 **Optional Day**

- Paddle- Launch from campsite and explore North Kentucky Lake
- Hiking trails: Canal Loop Trails Variety of Loops 1-11miles
- Kentucky Dam & Locks and Visitor Center

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- 1850's Working Farm
- Golden Pond Planetarium
- Elk & Bison Prairie

Directions: Enter Land Between the Lakes North Entrance
Route 24 to 453. 453 becomes 100 as you enter LBL. Turn on 111 and follow
Signs to Pisgah Point Camping Area (gravel road).

Equipment: Standard kayak safety equipment.
Skill Level: Able to paddle above distances with possible wind.
Current Forecast: Daytime High – Low 70s Nighttime Low- Low 50s
Updates will be sent prior to trip

Questions or Register: Register On HCKC site or contact Linda Decker lsdecker@att.net

Maps

<https://www.landbetweenthe lakes.com/maps/docs/2015LBLGeneralMap.pdf>

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Trip Announcement

Grayson Lake, KY

October 18-20

Trip Sponsor: Judy Thompson

For canoes and kayaks: Grayson Lake, KY Oct. 18 – 20

I have had the pleasure in the past of going with the Sea Kayaking group to Grayson Lake. The lake has amazing cliff lined sections, and waterfalls if it rains a day or two before the trip. This trip is a Canoe and Kayak version – we will not go as fast or as far, but will still get to paddle very scenic sections.

At this time, I am not planning a Friday afternoon paddle, but we can do one if there is enough interest. The main paddle will be Saturday, with a shorter one on Sunday.

We will be camping at Grayson Lake State Park, 314 Grayson Lake Park Rd, Olive Hill, KY 41164, Friday and Saturday nights. We will be “car camping”, so feel free to bring as much warm gear as necessary since we will not need to haul camping gear in our boats. Two tents and two vehicles are allowed per site, so sharing sites will cut down on expenses. It is a nice, modern campground with showers and flush toilets. Be sure to make your camping reservations as soon as you



can, since it is a popular place on the weekends.

Grayson is about a 4 to 5-hour drive from Indianapolis. It is one my favorite paddling locations, and I feel it is well worth the trip. Please contact Judy Thompson judy_thom@hotmail.com for more information.



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Sea Kayak Thoughts

Jim Sprandel



The season is winding down and we have had some great trips. Look over the Pictured Rocks Trip Report in this newsletter. I've also posted a trip report for our recent South Manitou Island trip to the [HCKC Forum](#). As I write, we have several paddlers on Beaver Island in northern Lake Michigan and I'll be looking forward to their report when they return since this is an HCKC first.

Think about 2020 – We need your Ideas: We will be having our 2020 Trip Planning meeting next January. We need to start planning our 2020 adventures since camping at many places fills quickly. Already, there are discussions for trips to Maryland, South Carolina, Door County, and the Apostles/Voyagers National Park. As we firm up dates and trips with trip sponsors, we'll e-mail them out and post them in the Event Calendar.

If you have ideas about a cool place where you would like to paddle, contact Linda or me with your idea. This could be an Indiana lake, or river, for a day/weekend trip, a Lake Michigan weekend event like we had last year, or an extended trip to somewhere we've never been.

Upcoming Sea Kayak Events – You can check out upcoming Sea Kayak events between now and the end of the year on the [HCKC Sea Kayak Calendar](#).

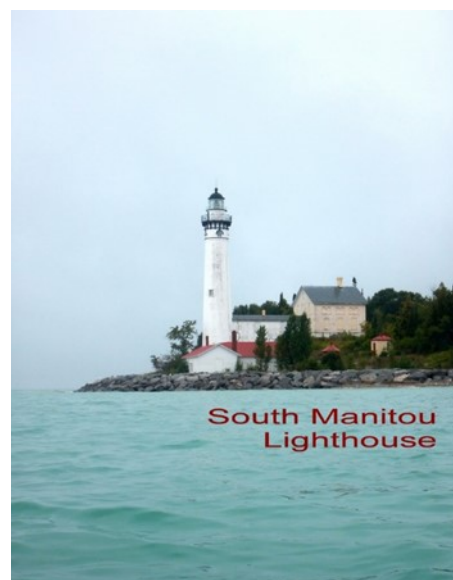
Ohio River Trip, Saturday, October 5 – See the Trip Announcement in the newsletter or the [HCKC Event Calendar](#). The Ohio River is an interesting place to paddle. It includes barges, islands, bridges, and abandoned artifacts from the days when river traffic was booming.

Land between the Lakes, October 18-20: This will be the first club trip to Land between the Lakes. This is the area enclosed by Kentucky Lake and Barkley Lake. October is a good time to go because recreational traffic on the lake has subsided. Details are currently being worked and will be sent out to the Sea Kayaking mailing list when available and posted to the [Events Calendar](#).

Fall Lake Monroe Overnight, Sat.-Sun. November 2-3: This will be our Fall trip to Lake Monroe. I have posted preliminary plans to the [HCKC Event Schedule](#). Final plans will be sent out in mid-October and submitted to the November Newsletter. This is chance to get kayak camping experience before launching off on a multi-day, or true big water adventure.

HCKC Sea Kayak Mailing List –The Sea Kayak fleet uses an E-mail list to let HCKC members and friends with sea kayaks know about upcoming paddling and training opportunities. Most event information also comes out in the newsletter and calendar, but you see it here first.

People also use this list to discuss boats and gear, or to pick up other people for spontaneous paddles when it is just too nice to stay inside. If you have a sea or touring kayak and would like to be added to the list, please e-mail me at merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net.



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In March of 2018, Wild Apricot introduced an iPhone application to access the HCKC web site. There is now a version of this application for people with phones using the Android operating system.

Members with either Apple or Android phones are now able to:

- View their HCKC profile.
- View and register for upcoming events.
- View their existing event registrations
- Pay event registration fees

View allowed member information for other members. **Note:** Most members have their personal information restricted so that you can only see their names. However, some members have changed their privacy setting so you can see additional contact info such as their phone numbers and e-mail address.

The Android App may be loaded from the Google Play Store on your phone - just search for "Wild Apricot for Members". The iPhone App may be loaded from the Apple Store. After you load the application, you will need to type in the e-mail address and password that you use to log into the HCKC Web Site.

Trip Report

Location: Tippecanoe River

August 31, 2019

Trip Sponsor: Judy Thompson

On Aug. 31, fifteen paddlers met up to go down the Tippecanoe River between Oakdale and Springboro. There were a few early showers, but the rain had moved out by the time the group got on the water. The day was mostly overcast, which gave some relief from the hot temperatures of the previous days. This stretch of the river has a lot of homes and vacation cabins along the bank. It was interesting to speculate "what sort of place I'd like to have along the river if money was no object". The river itself was fairly low, with just enough rocks to dodge to make it interesting. The streambed in this section is mostly gravel and rock.



Trip Report

Ocoee

Trip Sponsor: Sharon

We had 11 paddlers on Saturday: Ken Wright, Ken Jordan, Eric Hayes, Cliff Cooper, Eric Hartwell, Stacy Hartwell, Jackson Hartwell, Justin Erdie, Jeff Stejskal, Jordan, and me.

We ran the Middle. A few people ran it twice. (The original plan included a run on the Upper in the morning, which would've been Cliff's first, but that didn't happen because Jordan got to the putin without his gear. ☐) The weather was spectacularly gorgeous, the water level was slightly low, and since school had already started, there was less raft traffic than usual in the summer.

We had two Ocoee virgins, Jeff and Stacy, who both did great! Stacy shredded with Eric, who almost fell off the shredder at Double Trouble (see pic) but she managed to grab him and keep them both from going for a swim.

The big excitement happened off the river. Jordan's van caught on fire. Thinking it would not likely make it back to Indy, we unloaded it into Ken Wright's and Cliff's vans and they chivalrously caravanned back with us on Sunday instead of paddling. It was slow going but the van miraculously made it all the way home. The boys determined that it was probably a mouse nest that was burning rather than something essential in the engine.

The rest of the group paddled the Middle again on Sunday. Hope this helps. (I'm not much for writing trip reports but that covers the basics.) Sharon



HCKC Trip Report

Submitted by: Linda Decker

Sault Ste. Marie August 17-20

This 4 day trip was an optional add-on to the Pictured Rocks trip the prior week. Seven paddlers participated. The sponsor/lead was Angela Hensley, a club member that lives in Sault Ste. Marie

Paddling Day 1: St. Mary's River

We crossed the St Mary's River and entered the Canadian Locks, which dropped us 21 feet before the gates opened. We were challenged in our crossing back to the US side by the 7 kt current in the river as well as, building winds throughout the day. Freighter traffic in the shipping channel was an additional consideration.



Paddling Day 2: Gros Cap Canada

The group crossed the International Bridge into Canada and launched at Gros Cap Marina which is a facility on the Lake Superior Water Trail. As we paddled West, we had 2 1/2' waves and considerable wind. The conditions improved in the afternoon and we paddled further up the coast.



Paddling Day 3: Les Cheneaux to Narnia Lake Huron

This area is known for dolomite mining. The unique shoreline is Cedar Pine Forest and rock gardens formed by huge dolomite boulders. The highlight of the day was when we entered a small hidden cove and landed in a wooded area the locals call "Narnia." We explored the enchanting forest that had large boulders covered with thick moss, gnarled exposed tree roots, wildflowers and thick ferns. On the return trip we circumnavigated an island and played along the shore in the rock gardens.

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Area Side Trips That Some of the Group Made Included:

The Iroquois Light House, Whitefish Point Lighthouse and Shipwreck Museum, Tahquamenon Falls and the Overlook of the St Mary's River



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Trip Report Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore

August 11 – 17th

Trip Sponsors: Julie Sinclair/ Jim Srandel



Adventure Team: Nate Strong, Kevin Dogan, Suzy McCain, Karen Kyle, Julie Sinclair, Duane Garloch, Jim Srandel, Dave Ellis, Mariann Davis, Theresa Kulczak, Martha Gitt, Linda Decker and Jim Heichelbach

Trip Overview: The HCKC Sea Kayak fleet traveled to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan to the beautiful Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore in Munising. There are 42 miles of Lake Superior shoreline, 15 miles of towering sandstone cliffs, pristine beaches, waterfalls, lighthouses, lakes, streams and forest trails. Weather conditions were excellent during our stay. We camped at Bay Furnace Campground, which is part of the Hiawatha National Forest.



Trip Highlights:

Day 1 – We launched from Miners Beach and paddled to Chapel Beach and back. Highlights of the day included viewing the mineral stained sandstone cliffs along the shoreline and viewing the famous Chapel Rock. Oh yeah, we missed the cliff collapse that occurred here the day after we paddled by.

Day 2 – We launched from Sand Point Beach to Murray Bay. Highlights included paddling to the East Channel Lighthouse and around to Murray Bay. Highlights included paddling over the shipwreck of the Bermuda, a 150-foot wooden schooner.

Day 3 – We launched from Presque Isle Park in Marquette and explored the shoreline of Middle Bay. Highlights include the black rocks, various coves and sea caves.

Day 4 – We launched from Bay Furnace Campground and paddled to the West side of Grand Island. Mariann built her famous rock and driftwood man on the beach.

Day 5 – We launched from Little Beaver Lake to Spray Falls. Highlights included tranquil lake paddling and some creek stomping down to Lake Superior. Some were brave to paddle into the larger water falls. Martha Gitt got some great photos of the group from high above.

Day 6 - Launched from Au Train Bay Roadside Park to Au Train Point. Highlights of this trip was the split in the group with some paddling in small sea caves and others traveling up the Au Train river.

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Annual HCKC Meeting/Party

When: November 16, 2019 1:00 PM, EST

Where: SPIRIT LAKE CLUB HOUSE; 6720 PAGE BLVD. WESTFIELD
BLVD. AND 67TH ST. INDPLS

EVENT DETAILS:



SAVE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2019 FOR THE HCKC ANNUAL MEETING/PARTY/DINNER

AN EXCITING KAYAKING ADVENTURE PRESENTATION BY THE WHITE WATER SECTION IS GUARANTEED AND WILL BE REVEALED IN A LATER ANNOUNCEMENT.

MORE INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW SOON

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