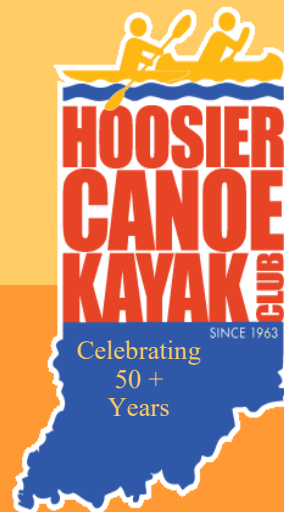


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Trips are back up and running!! See trip announcements and check the calendar for specific information and any restrictions due to the ongoing covid 19 pandemic. As always, send dwaynesjamesa1@hotmail.com your trip announcements, trip reports, pictures and other items, such as gear for sale, by the 17th of each month for publication in this newsletter. As you can see from this very short newsletter, we cannot publish what we do not have.

Thanks to all who volunteered with the Tuesday Evening Sunset paddles at Eagle Creek and with the Triathlon events this summer. We had great turnouts for these. Hope to see you turn out again next summer.

Remember, nominations for Officers and Board members will be coming up, so start thinking about who you want setting policy and providing leadership for the club now. And nominate yourself if interested.

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Trip Announcement: Driftwood River Trip

Saturday, September 12

Trip Leader: Sue Foxx

Provided the Governor doesn't impose restrictions, the trip on the beautiful Driftwood River will take place on Saturday, September 12. We will put in at Furnas Mill on Sugar Creek and paddle to Lowel Bridge just above Columbus. It 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. Be sure to bring a mask as it is required for the shuttle or anytime we can't socially distance. Trips have been limited this year so I'm hoping to see a good turnout.

Meeting Time: 9 am

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

Shuttle: 9:30 am Leave for take out at Lowel Bridge.

On Water: 10:30 am

Trip Leader: Sue Foxx 317-363-4074 (cell) or sufoxx713@aol.com

Trip Announcement

BROOKVILLE LAKE: September 26, 2020

LAUNCH TIME: 10:00 am. Bring a lunch.

SPONSOR: Robert Moore

This year's Brookville paddle will launch from the Old Dunlapville Road Ramp (first left turn heading east on Dunlapville Road after crossing the causeway).

Ramp coordinates: 39.589627, -84.984160

The plan is to head south to Hanna Creek and then continue south towards the Fairfield causeway. The Hanna Creek area has been a haven for eagles and waterfowl this year. The docks are closed for the season so boat traffic is unusually low this year.

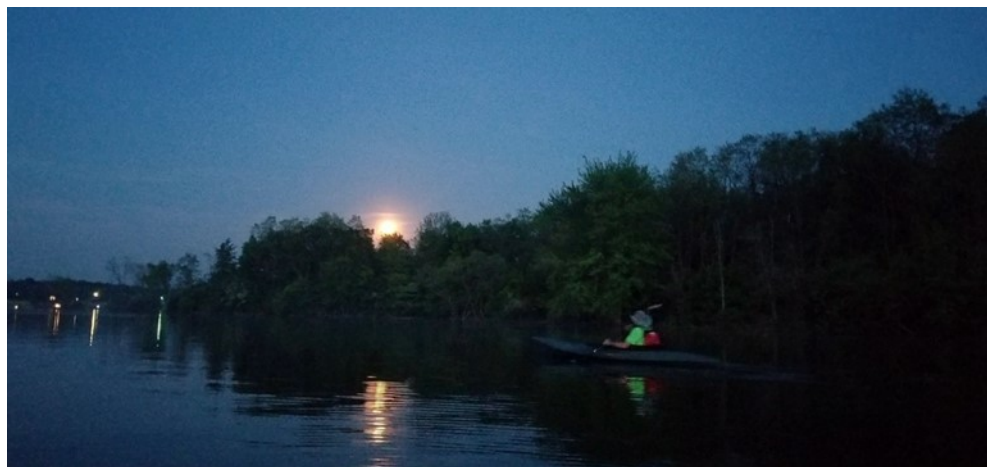
Brookville Lake is a 5260-acre lake managed by the Army Corps of Engineers and Indiana Department of Natural Resources for flood control and recreation. A detailed description of the lake can be found on line (http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/files/brookville_trail.pdf). The shore line is largely wooded.

COVID 19 rules and social distancing remains in effect. Please wear a mask at the ramp in respect for others. <https://www.hoosiercanoeclub.org/SKInfo/>

Launch time is 10am. Please arrive a few minutes early to get your boat ready and in the water. The group will gather on the water to avoid crowding the ramp.

Sea Kayaks are required. This is not a difficult paddle but you should be able to self-rescue, launch our own boat and be comfortable paddling 12 miles on an open lake.

Contact information: Robert – njordball@gmail.com no later than September 24th if you wish to attend.



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Canoe and Kayak Covid 19 Policy

The Canoe & Kayak (Flatwater) Fleet will resume some trips beginning in July. The details have not all been worked out, but we will need to take additional precautions due to Covid-19. Participants must complete a Trip Waiver & COVID-19 Self Screening form prior to the event and send an electronic copy to the Trip Sponsor. Participants will be excluded if fever, symptoms or risk factors are positive. We will add some shuttle-less trips so that we can more easily practice social distancing. On any (mainly river) trips requiring a shuttle, the number of people in each vehicle will be limited, and all people in the vehicle will need to wear face coverings or masks for the duration of the vehicle shuttle. Please bring your own face covering and hand sanitizer if possible – trip leaders or another club representative should bring masks and sanitizer for those that do not have them or have forgotten them. There will be some changes to our schedule, so watch for them and further information on the website or email.

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Sea Kayaking Forward Strokes

Submitted By: Linda Decker Co-Chair Sea Kayak Fleet

In these times of Covid 19 risks, it occurred to me that we are fortunate to have our outdoor sport that we can still enjoy safely! Our fleet sponsored two local events this month, Ohio River July 25-26 and Summit Lake August 14-16 (see trip reports). Thanks to you all for participating in the screening and respectful precautions you took to make these fun and safe events.

Upcoming events: See HCKC Website Sea Kayaking Calendar for details and signup information

MANITOU ISLAND, SLEEPING BEAR DUNES NATIONAL LAKESHORE

Friday-Sunday. August 28-30, 2020

Trips Sponsor: Brad Hughey

We will be paddling out to the Manitou Islands from Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in Empire, Michigan.

PICTURED ROCKS NATIONAL LAKESHORE/ GRAND ISLAND AND SOUTHEAST UP

September 12-20, 2020

Trip Sponsor: Linda Decker Technical Leads: Nate Strong & Angela Henley

We will base camp in two different locations in the Upper Peninsula, Munising and St. Ignace to explore these fascinating areas. This includes Pictured Rocks, Grand Island, Wilderness State Park and Mackinac Island.

BROOKVILLE LAKE: September 26, 2020

Trip Sponsor: Robert

Moore

Brookville Lake is a 5260-acre lake with a largely wooded shoreline. This year's paddle will launch from the Old Dunlapsville Road Ramp at 10am see announcement on page 2 of this issue.

FW/SK CATARACT FALLS FULL MOON PADDLE October 3, 2020

Trip Sponsor: Wally Burchfield

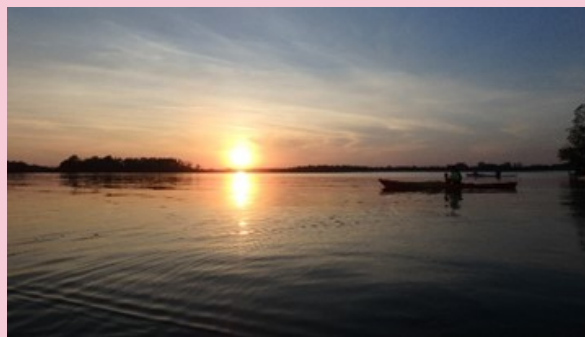
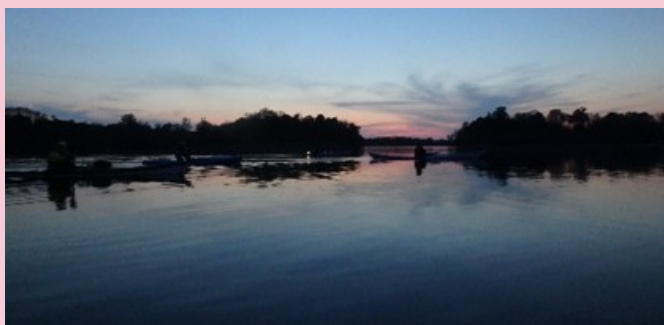
Want to see the largest water falls in Indiana and paddle under the full moonlight? We will meet up at the Cunot boat ramp ([Map](#)) at 5:30PM and launch by 6:00PM.

FW/SK LAND BETWEEN THE LAKES KENTUCKY October 8-11, 2020

Trip Sponsors: Lin-

da Decker & Jim Heichelbech

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.



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Eagle Creek Tuesday Evening Paddles starting July 7 –

Jeff Stejskal will manage our agreement with Eagle Creek and our Tuesday night paddles.

Eagle Creek Management has agreed to renew the Partnership Agreement that allows us to have our Tuesday Afternoon paddles at Eagle Creek starting on July 7th. The park pass allows people to enter the park with their boats for free on Tuesday afternoons after 1:00 pm. People can then explore the park, or practice their kayaking skills.

The Eagle Creek Pass is located on the Clubs website under Club Documents

(Note you are required to log into club's website to view the document)

<https://hoosiercanoeandkayakclub.wildapricot.org/resources/Documents/Club%20Documents/BoardMinutes/2020EagleCreekPaddles.pdf>

Print out and present this pass to enter the park on Tuesdays. We have trip-paced training paddles each Tuesday Evening. Normal pace is between 3.5 mph to 4 mph. Normal duration little over 2 hours. Distance 6.5 to 8-mile range.

Location: 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).

Day: Tuesday Evening July 7th thru Sept. 24th

Time: 5:30 PM ready to launch

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.

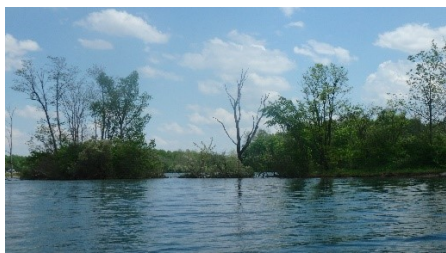
Campers gathered Friday night for a campfire and some “world famous” Jiffy Pop.



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

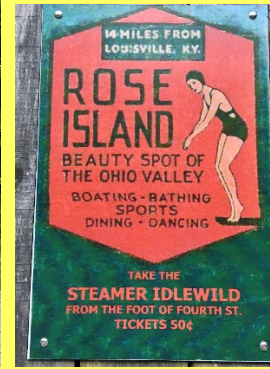


beach.



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

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Trip Report

Location: Ohio River Paddle from Charlestown State Park

Date: July 25th and 26th

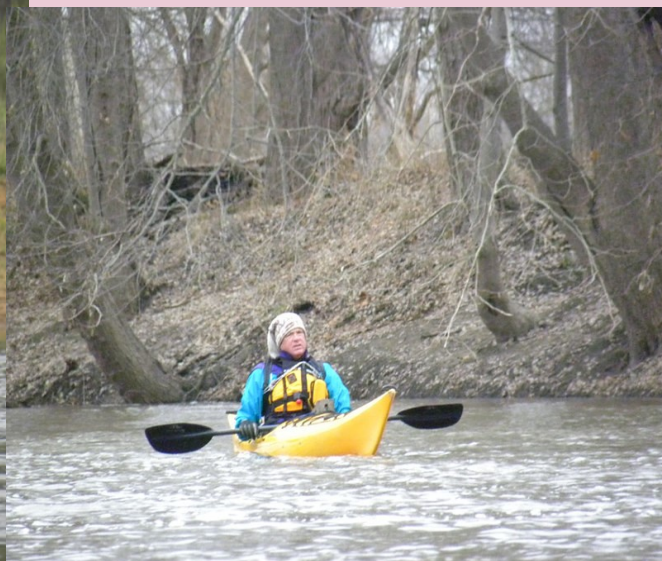
Sponsors: Julie Sinclair and Andy Thieneman

We had a great time on the Ohio River paddle, despite very hot temperatures. Eight kayakers joined the trip including new 2 members to the club.

On Saturday, we paddled down river to the toll bridge and stopped at 12 Mile Island. 12 Mile Island is maintained by the Knight of Columbus with mowed grounds, small trails, porta-pots, campfire rings and a shelter, we are already thinking of next year's trip. J We paddled a total of 8 miles and due to the extreme heat – decided to stop for the day. Saturday evening after camp dinner, we met at the trail head to hike to Rose Island. This trail is less than a mile but on a very steep hill down towards the Ohio. We crossed a restored steel bridge and walked the trails at Rose Island, an old 1920s amusement park. Quite interesting to see the remaining structures and read the historical plaques.

Sunday, we met at the boat ramp and paddled up river to 14 Mile Creek. The creek was pretty wide and shaded and we were able to get about 3 miles up. Our total paddle distance on Sunday about another 8 miles. Charlestown State Park is huge with an interesting history. Very nice time.

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Oh no! Sorry to hear this. I first met Jim at Eagle Creek Park in 2013 when a friend & I were practicing kayak rescues. He approached us and gave us some great tips on how to improve and then paddled away. Robin Walden-Jansen



Jim was such a bright light in the paddling community. Dan and I worked closely with him when he was newsletter editor and were in his "beta class" when he was working on his instructor skills. None finer - great guy, will be sorely missed! Linda Smith



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