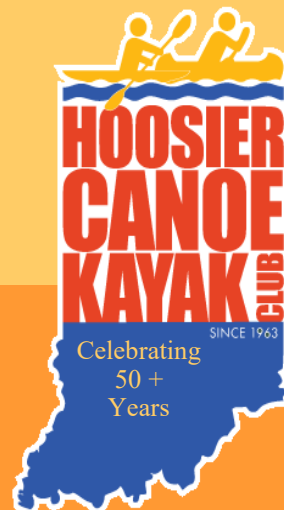


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Skippers Note:

We had a great gear swap picnic and shared stories of past paddles and plans for the future. Our training group has come through for us with an opportunity to become a level 1 canoe or kayak instructor. This is a great chance as finding someone to deliver training for canoe is difficult but getting someone to come to Indiana to put this on for us took a great deal of effort. Thanks Richard and Brent!!!

Any trip memories to share? Recipes for camp food? Snack ideas for mid paddle along the creeks? Send them in for publication.

Dwayne James, writing in lieu of Your Skipper, Toni Harris

Trip Announcement

Driftwood River

Saturday, June 12, 2021

Trip Sponsor: Sue Foxx

We are back to a spring paddle after a very shallow one last fall. Hopefully the river will be at a great level to enjoy this beautiful area. We will put in at Furnas Mill on Sugar Creek and paddle to Lowel Bridge just above Columbus, Indiana. The trip will be about 14 miles so be prepared with gloves, sunscreen, water, and lunch in addition to your regular paddling gear. Beginners are welcome as long as they have the endurance for a longer paddle. Be sure to bring a mask for the shuttle and be aware that life vests are required to be worn when on the river.

Meeting time: 9 am

Meeting location: Shell station just off I-65 at exit 80. Once participants arrive we will caravan to Furnas Mill on Sugar Creek.

Shuttle: 9:30 am shuttle leaves for the take out at Lowel Bridge.

On water: 10:30 am

Contact information: Sue Foxx at 317-363-4074 or sufoxx713@aol.com

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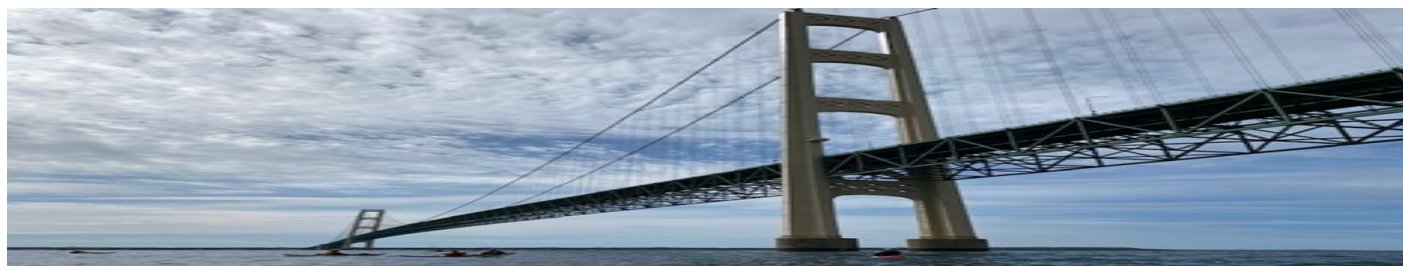
Eagle Creek Tuesday Paddles Are On!!

Eagle Creek paddles started on May 4th and run through the end of September. These are unstructured paddles where HCKC members can explore the lake and train to develop speed-endurance or to 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.

- **When:** Tuesday, May 4 through September 28, 2021
- **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 Eagle Creek Outfitters. Please 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 56th street near Ric’s.

2021 HCKC-Eagle Creek Pass: Current HCKC Members **must** print the 2021 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:** This program is only available for current HCKC members. To access the pass, go to: [Eagle Creek Tuesday Pass](#) **Note:** You will be prompted to enter your e-mail and password if you are not already logged in

Jeff Stejskal



Kayak Training Opportunity

This year we will again have introductory and intermediate training for flatwater and touring kayakers. These will be offered on 3 dates ([July 17th](#), and [August 14th](#)). Intermediate students should have taken an Introductory class at least one year prior to the Intermediate and be comfortable with forward stroke, sweep strokes, drawing maneuvers, and bow/stern rudders. Click on one of the course dates for more information or to sign up!

Thanks,

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Rescue Courses, Training and Instructor Assessments

Sponsor: Richard Clapham

These are the 3 areas the Safety and Instructor group are focusing on this year

We are offering 2 types of rescue courses this Spring and Summer. The first is ACA L2. This is suitable for most intermediate and above paddler. We teach core rescue skills, swimming techniques and initial rope skills, for all types of craft on stationary to slow moving water. The second is a deep water rescue class, more focused for the sea kayakers or intermediate to advanced rec paddlers.

In June, on 4 evenings we are doing a review of core skills. Focusing on those skills expected for L1 or L2 paddling in Canoe or Kayak. Whether it's the forward stroke, carving or support strokes, my guess is we can all improve.

JULY – We are excited to put on a L1 Instructor assessment. Being a part of this club you will likely have been taught by one of our experienced members or instructors. To keep the high quality of instructing moving forward, and ensuring it is not on just one or two people why not look at if you can be an instructor. This is for both Solo Canoe and Kayak and we are limited to 10 places for kayak and 5 for canoe. The club is subsidizing this course and we are bringing in experts from outside the region to provide the training and assessment. It will take place over 1 weekend.

All the courses are on the website, and if you are interested, but not sure if it is for you – please reach out

Thanks Richard

Volunteers Needed!!

Eagle Creek Triathlon Safety Boats

June 12, July 10, August 14

Swimming portion of the [Indy Sprint Triathlon Series](#). HCKC members and guest 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 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.

If you have questions or concerns please contact John Wainscott
@ wldleak@sbcglobal.net or 317-250-8107. Thanks for your help.

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Trip Announcement
Upper Tippecanoe River
Saturday, June 26, 2021
Sponsor: Judy Thompson

This is a pleasant 9.6-mile trip on the Upper Tippecanoe River, and should be suitable for all paddlers including beginners with some moving water experience. The trip is scheduled for June 26, but please be sure to register to confirm, or otherwise be notified in case the trip is canceled (for example, if there is a high probability of thunderstorms that day).

The meeting place for this trip is Menominee Public Access Site.

From the South: Find the junction of US-31 & SR-25 on the South side of Rochester.

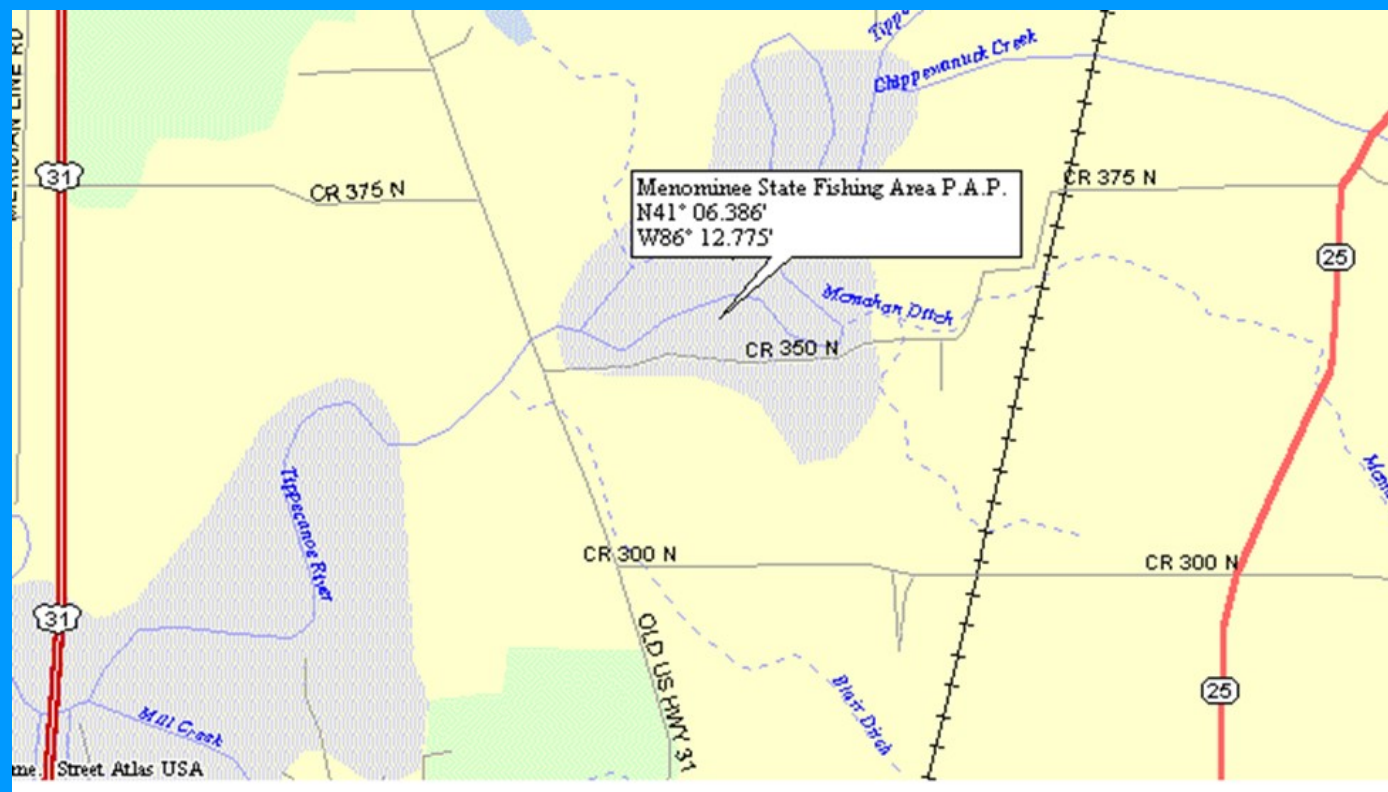
The US-31 Bridge over the Tippy is 3.8-miles North of that junction.

100-yards before that Bridge, turn Right onto Olson Road (aka CR 250-N).

This is 1-mile after a Blue Sign to "Fairgrounds". At a Stop Sign, turn Left on Old US-31.

In 1-mile turn Right on CR 350-N, just before a Bridge over the Tippy, with Brown Sign (Public Fishing Site). The Entrance to the Menominee PAS is on the Left in about ¼-mile.

Please arrive at 9:45 to start unloading boats and gear. We will then shuttle vehicles to the take-out location, Germa-



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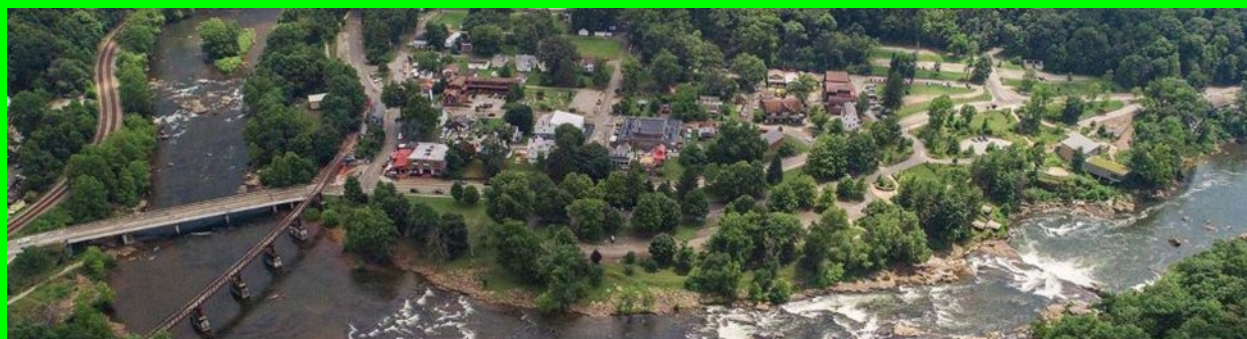
WW: Trip announcement

4th of July Lower/Middle/Upper Yough and Savage Rivers

Trip Sponsor: Jeff Stejskal

Follow link for details and to register for this trip. (Note you have to log into the website to view event) [4th of July Whitewater Yough and Savage](#)

Contact Jeff Stejskal with any questions. Email address: jeffs45321@hotmail.com



Unidentified Paddlers on St. Francis River, Spring 2021



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Trip Report

Cagles Mill Cataract Falls, Lieber S.R.A May 2021

Sponsor: Jeff Stejskal

We had 3 paddlers launch from Lieber beach and headed for the lower Cataract falls for a 12.5-mile round trip with a 3.4 MPH average pace.

Weather was sunny temp's mid 60's and rising. The wind also picked up during the paddle. We had small wind chop waves right before the S turn middle narrows section on way back to Lieber beach.



Water level was 1 foot below summer pool at 638.5 ft. But the water fall had a nice flow with 250 cfs coming down Mill Creek. With a dry spring this was not a high-water trip. Once we found the old creek channel, we did not have any issues getting back to the lower falls.

Great way to start the month of May. [Cagles Mill Spring 2021 Pictures](#)

Jeff Stejskal



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Trip Report

Fall Creek

Sponsor: Sue Foxx

May 22 dawned cool but sunny. Sixteen paddlers with 13 boats gathered for a 9 1/2 mile trip down Fall Creek from 79th Street to Keystone in Indianapolis. It was a calm start with Jeff Stejskal taking the lead. Garry Hill, known as Muskrat on the river, kindly helped paddlers around or over minor obstacles. The water level was on the lower side but very passable not at all like the brown torrent on Sunday after the all day rain. We settled into a lazy pace enjoying the wildlife and each other until 'Killer Falls'. Jeff made it down but the second whitewater kayak got pinned with the full force of the river flowing into his cockpit. While the owner exited, Garry hurried into action throwing his tow rope. After a second tow rope was secured, Garry and Andy Ratermann pulled while in midstream the paddler worked to free his kayak. When it broke free we all breathed a sigh of relief that paddler and boat were all ok. Everyone else proceeded down without incident because Garry stood at the top of the falls pointing to the best route. After an enjoyable lunch we proceeded down through several riffles. Unfortunately at a swift spot just above 56th street two boats went over hitting a log in the main pass through. Both paddlers were ok but two phones and sweatshirts went in with them. Miraculously one phone and sweatshirt were retrieved. This was a big reminder to stow all electronics! Despite the challenges, it was a great trip.



Trip Report
Lower Big Pine Clean-up
Jeff Stejskal and Ken Jordan

Lower Big Pine Creek Clean up from Twin Bridges to N Moores Hill Road April 10th



Pulled 4 tires, an empty beer keg, kiddie pool and air mattress out of the creek. Cut a path thru two trees that were across the creek. [Big Pine Cleanup Pictures](#) Ken Jordan and Jeff Stejskal



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