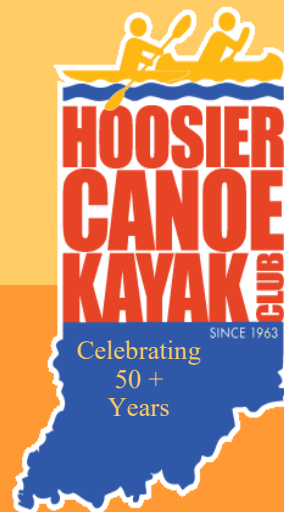


# The Hoosier Paddler

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Send your trip reports and trip announcements please!!!!

## Volunteers Needed!!

### Eagle Creek Triathlon Safety Boats

July 10, August 14, and Go Girl event on August 21, 2021

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 north-west 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](mailto:wldleak@sbcglobal.net) or 317-250-8107. Thanks for your help.**

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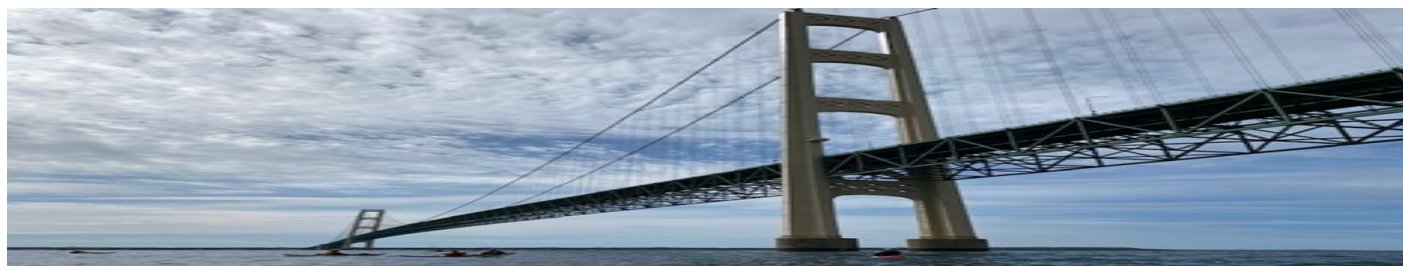
## Eagle Creek Tuesday Paddles Are On!!

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 17<sup>th</sup>](#), and [August 14<sup>th</sup>](#)). 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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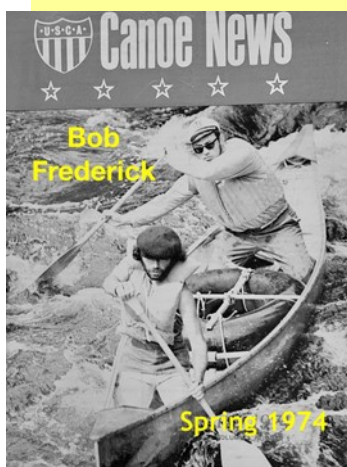
**Spring Trifecta, May 22, 2021...** We left our masks at home today and headed for Geist Park. We were here to celebrate a hopeful conclusion to our covid sequestration. AND, more importantly, participate in the HCKC's third Spring Trifecta: demo day, swap meet, and club picnic. Over 50 members, guests and long, long time alums (life club members) joined in on the festivities. The swap meet began before it could even be set up, as curious passers-by seemed to covet the paddling items previously unknown to them. Hmm...quickly realizing there was an opportunity to carry a boat effortlessly down the 100 yds to the water, 2 non members bought wheels. They

went on their way to enjoy a day free from abdominal herniation. (Let's hear it for Kayak Carts!)

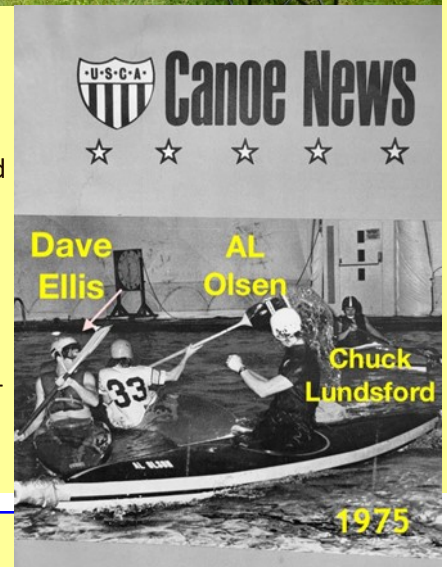
Members and guests arrived from northern Indiana and Cincinnati (thanks to Tony Pascuzzi & Dan Cavins for safety boating). Also, thanks to the Duane/Dwayne team and Theresa Kulczak and Jim Eckerty for their on water safety monitoring. BUT... If we were to talk



about cameo appearances in a feature event, no other relic from past would warrant mention as much as Bob Frederick, (Joined the club in 1969). As an early HCC "club historian", he shared his memories to small groups who gathered around him throughout the day. We were reminded—as the Club History, Part 1 states—, he designed and built the mold for the early kayaks in the club. Hence, began the move from the Hoosier Canoe Club to the Hoosier Canoe and Kayak Club.



Then, there was an unpredicted sighting of an unexpected alum: Fletcher Graham, (member since 1974) who delivered some great and memorable commentary of early club days to the members. Our early club history breathes a strong breath through Dave Ellis who from 1969 forward holds the record—I am sure—for the oldest— sorry, Dave— long time, active paddler in the club, who like the energizer bunny of kayaking— Takes a lickin' and keeps on tickin'...I know I speak for the club when I say you have shouldered this amazing organization for 51 years with the strength, perseverance, joy and genuine love of the sport that you managed to grow in all of us...You are an Icon..."Live Long and Paddle on" ...And and a heartfelt "Thank



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You.” To read more about Dave and the early History of the club click here on part 1 of HCKC history: [Dave Ellis Pg 9 of History](#)

So, I hope you didn't mind the short digression, but it seemed fitting, as we were traveling down memory lane, to stop and visit Dave.



Now back to the Trifecta: Food was in abundance, especially the angus beef (yes, I said, “angus” beef) hotdogs and generic brats. Drinks were provided and everyone pitched in a huge amount of side dishes and deserts... Thanks to Judy Thompson the grill was never empty and neither were our stomachs. During the swap meet there were at least 12 boats for sale and 2 sea kayaks and 1 canoe sold with one other beautiful eddyline pending. A lot of great gear was traded, sold or given away. All in all, it

was a successful day due to everyone who helped set up, manage the day, and breakdown the event. A lot of planning and energy was brought to bear on this day and success was our reward...We left no paddler behind, thanks to our safety boaters. See you next time.

Mariann Davis



Thanks to the following : Deb Wilson, Sue Foxx, John Carlson, Judy Thompson, Theresa Kulczak, John Wainscott, Dwayne James, Jim Eckerty, Jim Clendenin, Duane Garloch, Tony Pascuzzi, Dan Cavins



## Trip Report

**Submitted by: Tony Pascuzzi**

**Lake Jocassee, SC, April 16-24**

We had 17 paddlers from Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and Kentucky participate in all or part of this trip. We camped at Devils Fork State Park (Salem, SC) and paddled Lake Jocassee. The campground is located at the southern end of the lake. Lake Jocassee is a 7,500 acre, 300' deep reservoir located in northwest South Carolina. The lake is well known for the clean and cold Appalachian mountain rivers that feed the lake to keep its waters cool and clear year-round.

We did day paddles to many of the waterfalls (~12+??) with hiking on alternate days. We spent one day hiking to the upper portion of Whitewater Falls (811') that is the highest waterfall east of the Mississippi. Most of the waterfalls are accessible by kayak or boat only, however Whitewater Falls is best viewed by hiking via the Foothills Trail or spur trail. We also did a day paddle to the lower portion of Whitewater Falls.

Some folks took the opportunity to check out Lake Keowee, which is just south of Lake Jocassee. Keowee is narrower, longer and much more developed than Jocassee.

We spent one day checking out the observation tower on top of Sassafras Mountain and hiking one of the upper trails. Sassafras Mountain is the highest point in SC. The tower sits on the border of SC/NC in the Jocassee Gorges and offers a 350 degree panorama with views of SC, NC and GA.

The weather was great. Daytime temperatures ranged from a high of 84F at the beginning of the week down to 60F at the end of the week. Nighttime temperatures were in the mid- to low-40's.

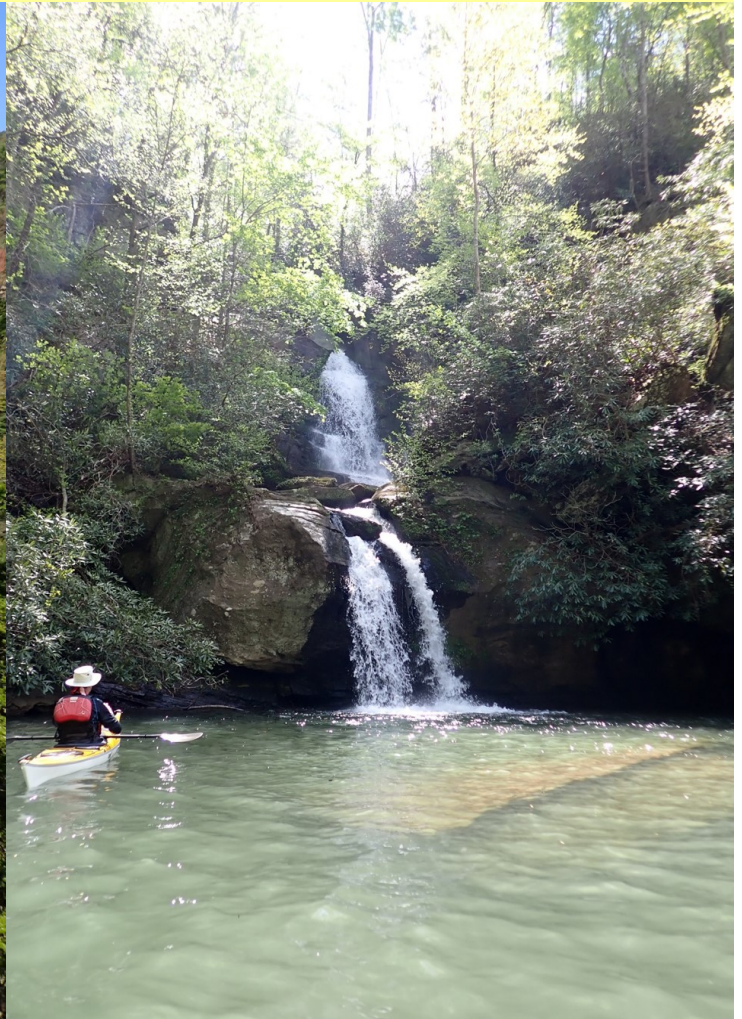
We ended the week with a hike to the observation platform for the middle portion of Whitewater Falls then capped it off with food and beverages at a microbrewery in Cashiers, NC.



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## Helpful Hints: Starting fires

Toni Harris

Anytime we go out and paddle on any body of water, how do we handle a situation where someone gets cold due to taking a bad swim or the weather drops quickly and we aren't able to get them back to a warm spot? One way we can get warm is by starting a fire. The next question is are you prepared to get a fire going in any weather situation?

Here are a few of the things I keep in my drybag in my kayak to help me get a fire going if I need to get a fire going fast.

Matches:



You can store them in a double waterproof bag/ container and only need a handful of matches to do the trick.

Flint or spark starters:



I love these things because you can get lots of sparks on your tender and get a fire going quickly. Not great to start a stove but to start a fire they are amazing!

Lighter:

Like it or not we have several members that smoke so many of them carry one of these in their dry box so they can smoke while on the paddle.

What is something we all carry in our first aid kit that can help us get damp tinder started?



Hand Sanitizer!!! If you look on the back it says don't smoke after rubbing this on your hands because it contains alcohol. Alcohol burns great so put a little on a gauze pad and you have a hot flame to get some tinder going.

What I like to also carry is a few cotton balls with petroleum jelly stuff in a small plastic bag. These cottonballs can be put on the bottom of some tender and once on fire produce a very hot flame to catch the tender on fire.

The more you are prepared to take care of a situation the more likely the outcome will be positive instead of negative. These items do not take up much room in your drybag so I hope they get added to your paddling kit.

## Green Heron encounters

By: Judy Thompson

Like just about all paddlers, I enjoy seeing wildlife while on the water. Most frequently seen are various birds, from tiny swallows swooping for insects, to great blue herons and bald eagles. One bird that is fairly common, but not often seen is the green heron. Quite a bit smaller than great blue herons, they seem to be rather shy. They do have long necks, but often carry them folded close to their bodies. I can only think of a few times that I have seen one. The first time I was on Sugar Creek and surprised two of them as I rounded a bend. They were near the water's edge, and scrambled away as soon as they could. The next time was on Raccoon Lake. The green heron was on a fallen limb that extended over a narrow finger of the lake. My fellow paddler and I were able to drift very close to that bird. On another occasion, I caught a glimpse of one as it ran through the undergrowth along Raccoon Lake shoreline, and I once noticed one on a distant sandbar as I paddled by on the Wabash. Recently I was with a group of paddlers on Wildcat Creek when one was spotted in flight. At first, we thought it was a kingfisher, but it was too large. When we paddled beneath it, it had its neck extended, which made the identification much easier. I never know when I might see another, and look forward to future encounters.

