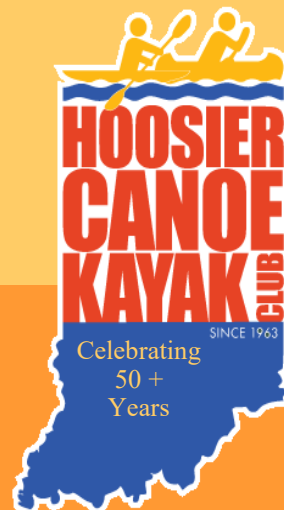


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Send your trip reports and trip announcements please!!!!

Volunteers Needed!!

Eagle Creek Triathlon Safety Boats

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 or 317-250-8107. Thanks for your help.

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Trip Announcement: The 36th Annual Indiana Paddlers Rendezvous

Wildcat Park: August 6th, 7th, & 8th, 2021

Trip Sponsor: Garry Hill

Directions to all locations are provided below.

Whenever and Where ever you arrive at the IPR, please proceed directly to the Registration Table.

FRIDAY August 6th:

The first activity of the weekend will be a Trip on Wildcat Creek Friday afternoon; Meeting Time is 3:00-PM at Wildcat Park (Directions Below).

Where we will Paddle will be announced at that time, and the Shuttle will begin immediately thereafter; please arrive early.

There will be a **BYO Campfire Cookout** at Wildcat Park following this Cruise. The **IPR Paddler's Campsite** will be available at Wildcat Park for both Friday and Saturday nights, thanks to special arrangement with the Tippecanoe County Parks Dept. Camping is strictly "Primitive" with no electricity available. The only utilities are water, pit toilets, and Bathing in the Creek.

SATURDAY August 7th:

Saturday's Creek Trip will begin at Knop Lake Public Fishing Area (Directions Below). This will cover 13.6-miles and end at Wildcat Park. There will be an alternate Takeout for a 9-mile Trip. Lunch at The Gravelbar is BYO.

Shuttle Departure Time is 9:00-AM from Knop Lake PAS. **You should plan to arrive at Knop Lake PAS absolutely no later than 8:30-AM** (8-AM would be better; it really gets crowded with all the people arriving).

Saturday's Traditional **Chili Supper** will begin serving at 6-PM at the Paddler's Campsite in Wildcat Park (Directions Below).

>>>>>> Chili Supper Reservations are the only advance notice you are asked to provide. Simply provide your name and your number of Chili Eaters, so Muskrat can make sure to cook enough for everyone.

Please make Chili Reservations at garryhill@aol.com.

The Wildcat Guardians Annual Benefit Auction (one of the most "Laugh-Filled" parts of the entire weekend) will be held immediately after the Chili Supper. If you have any items to offer for sale, please present them at the Registration Table whenever you arrive.

SUNDAY August 8th:

Sunday's Creek Trip will meet at Wildcat Park (Directions Below). Shuttle departure is 9:00-AM-Sharp. Please arrive Early. Lunch at The Gravelbar is BYO. This Trip varies from year to year, but usually covers the 9-miles from Wildcat Park to the Wabash River. Launch and Takeout locations will be announced to everyone who arrives at Wildcat Park in time for Shuttle Departure at 9:00-AM Sunday morning.

Muskrat's Wildcat Creek Expedition Team utilizes the **"Indiana Atlas & Gazetteer"** for accurate directions to River access locations all over Indiana. **This Indiana map book is the absolute best for River People.**

The directions below are based on the use of this book.

The Gazetteer can be found at Staples, some Meijer's and Wal-Mart stores, bookstores, convenience stores, and others.

Directions To Wildcat Park

Indiana Atlas & Gazetteer Page 31:

Find Monitor on SR-26, east of Lafayette. Go **North** from Monitor on CR 775-E. Then, at a "T", turn **Left** on CR 300-N. **Watch for yellow "IPR" marks on the pavement.** Then, **Left** again onto CR 600-E (not written on map). 600-E will drop steeply down into the Valley and make a sharp Right Curve.

The Entrance to Wildcat Park is on the **Left**, about ½-mile after that Curve. **Watch for the "IPR" signs.**

Another option: Take SR-26 West from I-65 (toward Lafayette). Turn **Right** at Creasy Lane. Follow this street around a curve, over the Interstate, and across Wildcat Creek. At the end of that Bridge, turn **Right** onto Eisenhower Road. Wildcat Park will be on the **Right** in about 1-1/2-miles.

Watch for the "IPR" signs. For GPS Folks: 5129 Eisenhower Road, Lafayette, IN 47905

Directions To Knop Lake Public Access Site

Indiana Atlas & Gazetteer Page 32:

From US-31 or SR-931 south of Kokomo, head West on SR-26. About 4-¼ miles West of Rossville, just after the Town of Edna Mills, turn **Right** onto CR 900-W; watch for a Green Sign to "Pyrmont"

2) From I-65 at Lafayette, head East on SR-26. Approximately 7-½ miles East of the Interstate, turn **Left** from SR-26 onto CR 900-W; watch for Green Sign to Pyrmont. This is just after the Village of Petit, and 1-mile after the County Line. In 2-½ miles turn **Right** on CR 650-S (Church on Left).

The Entrance to Knop Lake State Fishing Area is on the **left** in ½-mile. **Go slow and watch closely; you can easily miss the Entrance Sign, in a wooded area, going downhill. Watch for yellow "IPR" marks on the pavement, and "IPR" Signs.** For GPS Folks: Carroll County Road 650-S at (about) 720-W.

Follow the gravel road past the Pond (Knop Lake), keeping to the left at every fork, following the IPR-signs, until you reach the Registration Area. Then follow the directions of the Volunteers, and they will get you to the Launch Site as soon as possible.

Construction Detour for Paddlers Who Travel SR-26 to the IPR

Anyone coming from the Kokomo Area, or anyone who comes from the North or South to head toward Lafayette on SR -26, should take notes of the following details. What I am providing is a Simple Detour that makes your Route only 2-Miles Longer.

SR-26 is Closed from SR-75 to Rossville. When you arrive at the Barricades Do Not follow the Detour Signs. Turn **LEFT** and head South on SR-75. In just 1-Mile, turn **RIGHT** on CR 800-N, just after passing a Large Confined Feeding Barn on the right. When you reach a Stop Sign, turn **RIGHT** and follow US-421 into Rossville. At the Traffic Light, turn **LEFT** and you will be back on SR-26.

More Construction is posted to begin soon, and you might find SR-26 closed at the junction with SR-29 (north of Burlington). If you meet the Closed Road Barricades at SR-29, turn **LEFT** and head South on SR-29. In just 1-mile, turn **RIGHT** on CR 800-N, just after a Fancy Front Yard Pond. **Now Count The Stop Signs.** At the 6th Stop Sign, turn **RIGHT** and follow US-421 into Rossville. At the Traffic Light, turn **LEFT** and you will be back on SR-26.

If traveling from the South, and you normally head North on US-31 to meet SR-26, there is option that will avoid this Detour on 26. Exit I-465 onto US-421 North (aka Michigan Road). US-421 will take you directly to the Traffic Light in Rossville that is mentioned above. At that Traffic Light, turn **LEFT** and you will be on Clean SR-26. After you leave Rossville, all the previous directions to Knop Lake PAS and Wildcat Park remain the same.

*See You On The River,
Muskrat*

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## **FW/SK Trip Announcement: Cataract Falls Full Moon Paddle**

**August 21, 2021**

**Trip Sponsor: Wally Burchfield**

Want to see the largest water falls in Indiana and paddle under the full moon? Here's your chance! This is a fun paddle and is open to most experience levels. Paddler must be able to paddle 8 miles round trip. These are head waters so this is a paddle rather than a float - there is no current but we will paddle at a moderate rate. The speed of motor boats is restricted so we should not have any problems with boat wake.

We will meet up at the Cunot boat ramp ([Map](#)) at 6PM and launch by 6:30PM. We will paddle to the falls and take a short break there. Pit bathrooms are available at the falls. Most of the return trip will be under moonlight. We should return to the boat ramp around 11 PM.

You are required to have a PFD, boat marker light such as a glow stick and a \$5 2020 DNR non-motorized boat sticker on your boat. Boat stickers can be purchased online at <http://stores.innsgifts.com/2014-state-park-permits/> or at any state park. The gate house at Lieber SRA should have them. You will pass it if you are coming from the north. Keep in mind if ordering off the website, it'll take about a week for them to ship it to you.

## **SK Pokagon State Park**

**September 24-26, 2021**

**HCKC Trip Level- Level 2 Kayak with possible distances of 10-15 miles/day**

**Trip Sponsor: Suzy McCain & Linda Decker**

**Campsites are available at Pokagon State Park and should be reserved as soon as possible**

*Pokagon State Park Inn also available*

Pokagon State Park is located in NE Indiana near Angola. The park is bordered by Lake James and Snow Lake. The area is surrounded by multiple natural lakes that can be explored. Many of the lakes are connected to other lakes, adding to the paddling options. There is a large variety of birds and wildlife in the area. Nice boat launch areas can be found on Coldwater Lake, Big Otter Lake, Golden Lake, Clear Lake and Big Bower Lake. Other activities include hiking and biking trails.

We will plan to paddle Friday, Saturday & Sunday (with the longest trip on Saturday) and hiking on Monday. You can join us for the days that fit your schedule.

Day trips possibilities may include:

Marsh Lake to Little Otter Lake to Big Otter Lake to Snow Lake to the 3 Basins of Lake James

Golden Lake to Big Bower to Hogback (out & back)

First Lake to Marble Lake to East Long Lake to Coldwater Lake (shuttle)

Please register on the HCKC web site adjacent to this trip announcement.

A specific itinerary and time/location of launch sites will be sent to the registered participants.

For questions: [lsdecker2018@gmail.com](mailto:lsdecker2018@gmail.com)



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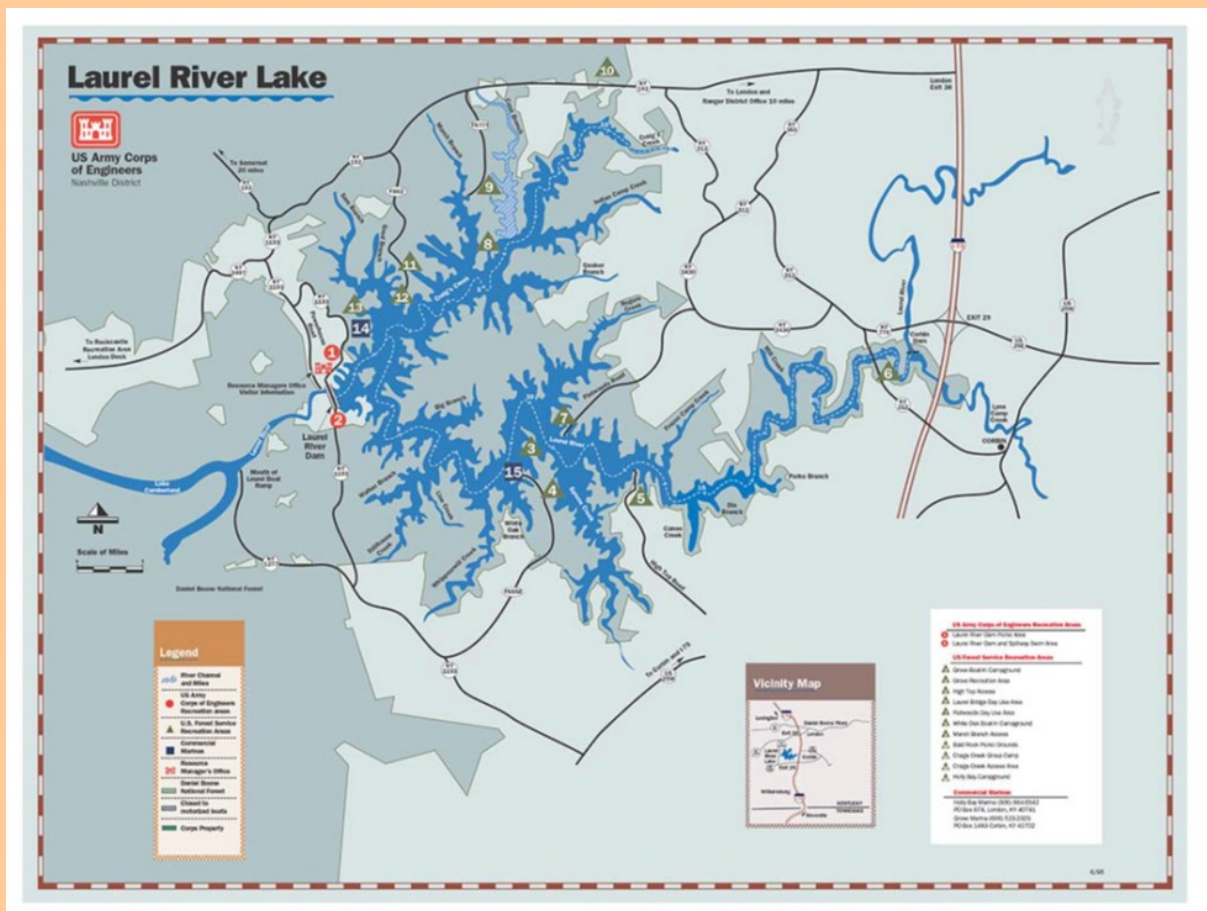
### Laurel River Lake, KY Oct. 8-10

### Trip Sponsor: Judy Thompson

This year we are trying out a new location for HCKC, Laurel River Lake. Laurel River Lake is a 19-mile-long reservoir with numerous fingers and a sandstone shoreline accessible by kayaks. It is considered one of the clearest and most beautiful lakes in Kentucky. It is located in the Daniel Boone National Forest. Nearby cities are London and Corbin. The main paddle day will be Saturday, Oct. 9. The plan is to also offer a Friday afternoon paddle and a Sunday morning paddle. More information about where to meet will come later. Attendees should be comfortable lake paddling about 10 miles where some wind and waves may be encountered. If there is enough interest from those with touring/sea kayaks, they may select a different route than the canoe/kayak group; if not, those with the longer boats are welcome to join the canoe/kayak group. The canoe/kayak group will not travel as fast or as far, but all should have a good time. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE MAKE YOUR CAMPING RESERVATIONS ASAP. Campgrounds have been filling up early this season. The group will be staying at Holly Bay campground, reservations are available at <https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/232259>. There will be group campfires in the evening to socialize – we will see who has the best site for this after arrival.

Several launch sites require passes which cost \$3/day or \$5/3days. You can purchase passes at gas stations and marinas. This is good for any of the area pay ramps.

Mariann Davis did an on-shore scout of the area and made an excellent write up. Here is a link for those interested in more information: <https://hoosiercanoeandkayakclub.wildapricot.org/resources/Laurel%20River%20trip.pdf>. Please email me [judy\\_thom@hotmail.com](mailto:judy_thom@hotmail.com) if you have questions.



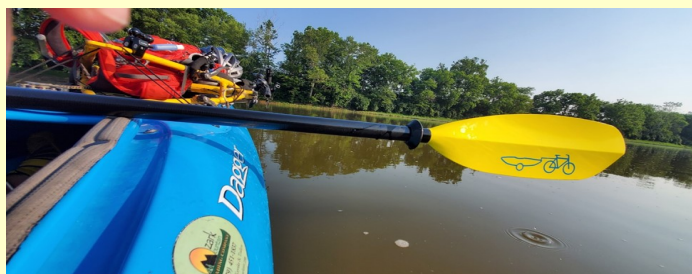
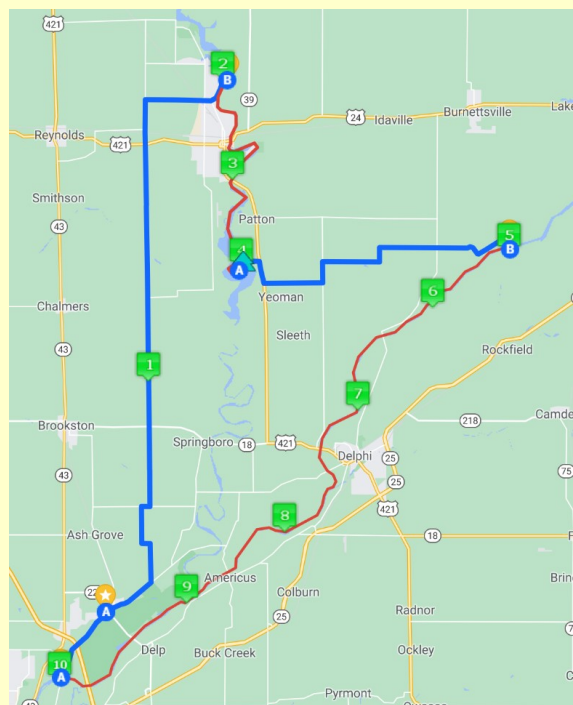
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## Trip Report

**Submitted By: Jon Reneberg**

### **Biyaking - Tippecanoe & Wabash, IN, July 5th & 6th**

At sunrise on July 5th, I departed by bicycle from Battle Ground, IN with my kayak in tow, loaded with two days of protein bars, gatorade, water, and enough snacks to keep me going. The route consisted of 74 miles in total with an over-night stay on my own private (for the evening) island - the Weaver Family Nature Reserve.



My first stretch of road took me 23 miles north from Battle Ground to Norway, IN. Most of the road along this section

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was nicely paved with a decent shoulder, however several miles early in the morning are gravel and rock roads, which means that my mountain bike was necessary for the road portions. A few steep downhills (paved) also presented some challenges early in the day - since my kayak trailer doesn't have brakes, it's important to make sure that the bike is always pulling just a little on a downhill. I may be the only person who can say they've been over 30 mph on a bicycle while towing a kayak, 31.4 mph was my recorded peak... What are the chances others have done it? I'm sure Guinness would be thrilled!



By mid-day, I had reached my put-in just downstream of Indiana Beach on the Tippecanoe. It was time to break my bike down and mount it on top of my kayak for the next 11 miles of paddling. This section was the most challenging since the dam near my take-out turned the Tippecanoe into a recreational lake. I hadn't counted on so many boaters having the day off for the 5th of July, but in hindsight, that was my error. Lots of boats and jet-skis makes for lots of wake, and difficult paddling. There were also plenty of jolly people floating around in tubes enjoying the holiday, some libations, and dealing with the realization that "Hey... Um... Did you know that you have a bike stuck to your kayak?"

Back on land now, it's time to convert it all back into a road-worthy bike and trailer rig for my next 13 miles over to the Wabash. By this point I'm wearing down a bit. The takeout is the recently revived White Oaks on the Lake RV Resort. Finally some nicely paved country roads with almost no traffic. Only one stretch of gravel, this time combined with a steep downhill. I chose to walk my bike and kayak down separately, which is fine, my legs were burning by this point. Back at the bottom of the hill, reattached, and now with only a mile and a half to go before I get to do it all again, and turn it to a floating mechanical contraption. My put-in at French Post Park was peaceful, almost as peaceful as my paddle another 3 miles to my overnight camping location on the Wabash.

With a nice refreshing night's sleep in my camping hammock, I was ready for my 23 mile paddle down the Wabash for day two. I was greeted by dense fog until the sun poked above the trees. The rest of the day was peaceful and presented no noteworthy events other than the peaceful sightings of eagles, turtles, deer, several mysterious swimming creatures, and other critters.

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Back on land at the Davis Ferry Bridge, I had to carry all of my gear up a steep bank, then some stairs to the top of the bridge. Once there and assembled, it was ready for my three and a half mile pedal back to my car. Many thanks to Battle Ground United Methodist Church who agreed to host my vehicle in their lot for the trip.

Several years ago when I first set out to do this trip, someone wished me luck, and I responded "Don't wish me luck, wish me adventure!" To this day, it stays as a personal motto. I wish you all great adventures!

## **Sea Kayak Trip Report**

**Open Water Skills Camp July 9-11, 2021**

**South Haven Michigan/ Van Buren State Park**

***Submitted by: Linda Decker***

We had a great training and paddling weekend in South Haven. Our instructors were Nate Strong and Martha Gitt, both from Michigan. The 12 participants included paddlers with a wide range of paddling experience and knowledge, allowing lots of sharing of information and paddling tips.

The purpose of the skills camp was to increase skills and comfort in paddling in waves, surf and wind. We were fortunate to have good conditions in which to practice.

**Day 1** 1-2 ft waves with lots of confused and reflecting waves around the jetty

Exercises included:

- Approaching the shore in surf with boat control
- Launching and landing in surf
- Boat control in waves using bracing & edging
- Skeg use in the wind
- Turning brace & stern rudder

**Day 2** Calm conditions with few waves

8 Mile round trip Launching from Pilgrim Haven to Covert Township Park for lunch

Exercises with continues focus on boat control included:

- Edging and paddling backwards
- Draws, sculling draw & side slip

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Practices self and assisted rescues

Day 3 1-2 ft waves with lots of confused and reflecting waves around the jetty

Focus for the day was to continue to gain confidence in paddling in the surf zone

Surfing

Bracing on waves



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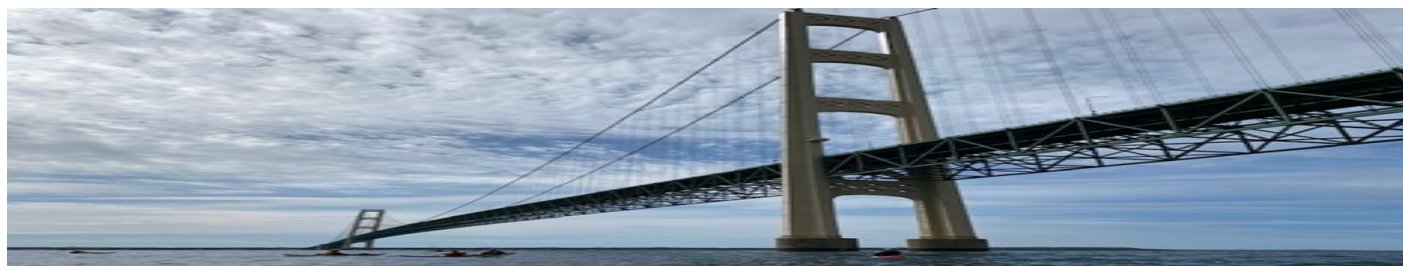
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## Eagle Creek Tuesday Paddles Are On!!

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 [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,  
Duane Garloch

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