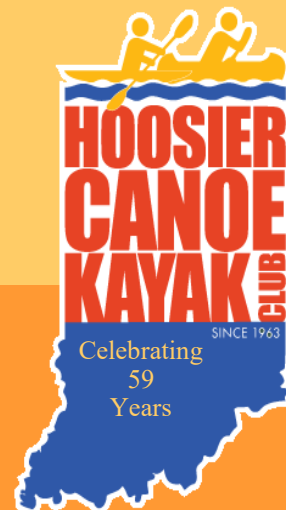


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Skippers Note

The other day I was driving down to Cincinnati for the Annual Cincy Paddle Swap, and asked my Mom to ride along with me. As I was driving I said to her, "How many times over the years have we driven down I-74 to go paddle somewhere?" She responded with a laugh and said to me "Too many times to count!" I just smiled and the memories of those trips started flooding in like when the Ocoee Dam opened. The memories I have of paddling in different places with my mom are ones I cherish.

My point in telling you this is that paddling is a lifelong experience that you and your loved ones can share all your life. I was blessed to have parents that got me involved when I was 7 years old and I plan on paddling until I can no longer do it. The HCKC was formed by a few families that wanted to get out and paddle as a group. Over the years our club has expanded from that and continues to grow, spanning several disciplines and several different places. We continue the tradition of creating memories of paddling adventures.

I hope you have and continue to create memories of your own and I hope they include paddling! I would confidently say that my adventures paddling are some of my most cherished ones - Are they for you? See you on the water John Gates

2022 Annual Boat, Sport and Travel Show Volunteer Thank You!!!

I would like to personally thank you all the volunteers for the Boat and Travel Show and representing the club. This year's booth was the largest we have ever done and it was a great success! The following club members represented the club: Shirley Gates, Earl King, John Gates, Toni Gates, John Wainscoat, Sharon Schierling, Richard Tekulve, Brad Hughey, Sue Foxx, Garry Hill, Ron Zimmerman, Kaleena Wright, Tim Owens, and Dwayne James.

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Final 2021 Election Results

After much delay we finally have the announcement of the 2021 election results from our initial attempt at an online election. Congratulations to all the Officers and Board members.

The 2022 HCKC Board are the following individuals:

NAME	POSITION
John Gates	Skipper
Dave Ellis	XO
Rob Henry	Yeoman
Linda Decker	Purser
Jon Reneberg	Webmaster
Toni Harris	Past Skipper
Judy Thompson	Board Member at Large
Jeff Stejskal	Board Member at Large
Arnaldo Rodriguez	Board Member at Large
Richard Clapham	Board Member at Large
Earl King	Board Member at Large
John Carlson	Board Member at Large
Tim Owens	Board Member at Large
Jenn Ryan	Board Member at Large
Anthony Pascuzzi	Board Member at Large
Michelle Westermeyer	Board Member at Large
Brad Hughey	Board Member at Large
Brent Saucerman	Board Member at Large

The Committee Chairs are being contacted this month and being asked if they want to continue in those positions, so we will have that updated by the next newsletter. I would personally like to thank each and every one of you for stepping up and wanting to service the club. I look forward to leading this group to continue improving our beloved club.



**Grizzly Bear and
Tessa**

**Thelon River NWT
Canada**

June 2004

Time to Return

The Newsletter of the Hoosier Canoe Club

Trip Announcement
Sand Creek April 9, 2022
Trip Sponsor: Richard Tekulve

Please join us on Saturday April 9th for the annual HCKC float down Sand Creek in southeastern Indiana. This is one of the clubs longest-continuous events on the calendar as it has been scheduled now for several decades and counting. We will run the normal, scenic 12.1 mile route from Westport Dam/access to the Brewersville Bridge access. Along the journey we will pass by not one but two 200 year- old limestone cut mill race water tunnels which are very unique for an Indiana stream to possess. Numerous exposed overhanging rock ledges are a mere standard to enjoy for this section of clear, free flowing water with a gradient of 5.2 f.p.m.

Our meeting place will be at the Westport Dam access area which is just 1/4 mile downstream from the renovated 1880 Westport Covered Bridge off of County Road 1100 South (Delorme Atlas page 52 B-3) at 10 AM. Boats will be dropped off here at the dam and then proceed (18 total miles) for the shuttle to Brewersville and back. The Westport dam access is located 2 miles east of the Westport/State Road 3 flashing light. Travel Main Street east through "downtown" Westport (turns into CR 1100 South after leaving town) for 2 miles across the Sand Creek (concrete) bridge and immediately look to your right (south) where vehicles will be parked. The concrete bridge and the covered bridge are adjacent to each other.

The streams in southeastern Indiana are very "water dependent" and moody to say the least. They can be at a perfect level on Thursday and easily drop 6-12 inches by Saturday and be a real "drag". On Friday afternoon I will drive 40 miles to north of Greensburg to the farthest upstream headwater location of Sand Creek to study and check all small feeder streams and make a decision if it is a "go" or not. If there is not enough flow I will have to immediately find another option of a different stream within a 30 mile radius to replace our original selection. Please allow enough time for this to happen as it is usually a last minute situation. If I think the level will be OK at an earlier date I will post something in "concrete" a day or two in advance but that traditionally has not been the lucky case. Be advised that this is early Springtime paddling and the weather can be very differential in its outcome. We have paddled clear, 80 degrees sunny blue skies with beautiful exposed "bluebells" on the banks to fog, unexpected 3" of rain, sleet, snow and headwinds. Last years trip brought a record crowd of 17 paddlers from 14 different towns and 3 different states ranging in a large geographical area of Cincinnati to Louisville to nearly Chicago. Contact me by 9PM on Friday, April 8th at canoeindiana@yahoo.com or (812) 767-1317 and please try to leave a contact number as people sometimes run late or lost. I will have my cell with me on Saturday morning.

Sincerely, Richard Tekulve. Trip leader since 2006.



2022 Ice Falls Trip
Sugar Creek



TRIP ANNOUNCEMENT

SK Lake Monroe Overnight April 9-10

Trip Sponsor: Jeff Stejskal

THIS is a LEVEL 2 HCKC Sea Kayaking Trip (with possible Level 3 conditions)

Please review trip level chart before signing up. [Trip Level Guide 1-2021.docx](#)

Join us for an overnight paddling trip on Lake Monroe. Lake Monroe lets us camp from our boats along the shore in Deem Wilderness. This is our spring pilgrimage and we will camp out on the peninsula across from Cutright Public Access Site.

If you only want to paddle on Saturday, our campsite should be only be about 3-4 miles from the Cutright put-in so that people are welcome to come out and day-paddle with us without camping. **Registration:** Please [register](#) on the club web site or by email if necessary

Meeting Place/Put-In: Cutright Public Access Site. This is about 2 hours from the intersection of Hwy 37 and I-465 on the southeast side of Indianapolis. ([Google Map](#)) Note: Hwy 37 has construction so plan ahead.

Directions to Meeting Place: Take Hwy 446 south from Hwy 46 on the east side of Bloomington to the Lake Monroe causeway. Cutright is the first turn on your left immediately after you cross the causeway. Go to the first boat ramp that you come to after leaving Hwy 446.

What to Bring: Bring your paddling gear, spray skirt, camping gear, food for lunch, dinner, and breakfast, and warm clothes. You should also bring drinking water with you. We will be camping from our boats and you will have to pack all of your gear and food in your boat, so plan accordingly.

Be sure to have a **2022 Indiana DNR Nonmotorized Boat Permit**. You should be able to pick one up on the way to the meeting place, either at the DNR headquarter on Hwy 446 on the north side of the entrance to the Paynetown SRA or at the gate for the Paynetown SRA.

Required Equipment: Depending on the temperatures, wet suits or dry suits are recommended. Due to potentially rough lake conditions, spray skirts, safety equipment, and sea/touring kayaks with fore and aft bulkheads are required.

Schedule: **Saturday** - 10:00 am is the recommended time for arrival at the put-In. We will launch at 10:45 am. We will probably paddle about 4-5 miles and then set up camp and have lunch. After lunch, we will go out and explore more of the lake.

Sunday: We are flexible here. We could return to Cutright as early as 10:00 am and drop off people who have to take off. We'll talk and figure this out Saturday night depending on how far people want to paddle on Sunday and when people have to get home.

Contact information: Jeff Stejskal jeffs45321@hotmail.com Please contact me by 7:00 pm on the Thursday before the trip if you want to come. Be sure to register or contact me since I will monitor weather forecasts prior to the trip and I will let the people who have contacted me know if there will be changes to or cancelation of the trip due to the expected conditions.

BROOKVILLE LAKE: Saturday, May 7, 2022

Time: 10:00AM

SPONSOR: Robert Moore

This year we will launch at Egypt Hollow and plan to paddle south. Options include paddling east into Mounds SRA, west fork or south to the dam. Egypt Hollow is located between the two causeways near Everton and accessed from the west side of the lake. By water, the distance from the ramp to the dam is about 5.5 miles. This is the open water section of the lake. Sea kayaks with spray skirts and water tight bulkheads are required. 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



Put-In: Meet at the Egypt Hollow ramp near Everton

From I 70, you can follow State Road 1 south through Connorsville and continue south another 6 miles to Everton. Turn left at the Everton flashing light onto Everton Road. You may notice the small brown signs directing towards the Egypt Hollow ramp. At the end of Everton Rd., bear right onto S County Road 500E/S Bentley Rd. Turn Right onto E County Rd. 700 S. Turn right onto County Rd. 550 E. The road bears left and the name changes to W Egypt Hollow Rd. Follow it down hill to the ramp. There is an outhouse, parking area and boat ramp.

Meeting time: 10:00AM. Bring Lunch.

Contact information: Robert Moore, njordball@gmail.com Please register on line no later than May 4th.

Trip Report

ICE FALLS Sugar Creek March 5, 2022

Trip Sponsor: Dwayne James

We had an abnormally warm day (near 70) for our annual trip to see the ice formations along Sugar Creek between Shades and Turkey Run State Parks. Construction on the bridge directly in front of Deers Mill covered bridge at our put in at Clements Canoes caused a bit of a concern, but they are working to repair that bridge through July and have already cleared the deadfall and debris from under the bridge.

Eleven members— Gary Konecny, Jeff Stejskal, Ellen Popody, Judy Thompson, Tom Beckrich, Jane Stout, Don Schlegel, Sue Foxx, Dave Innskeep, Steve Lytle and Tom Siddal joined me as we enjoyed the warm weather and blue skies on our 3 hour cruise. A bit windy at times, with big gusts later in the day on the drive home, but for the most part we were protected down in the valley and we had a good water level (gauge was at 0). We did see the herons in their rookery, but did not spot any eagles during the day, perhaps due to the high winds. We did spot two large eagle nests along the river.

It took some teamwork to get our boats out at the take out at the Narrows Bridge. Thanks to the young men who managed to get me up out of my canoe and onto my feet.

In spite of our warm winter with little snow, we did manage to see a few nice ice formations. Join me next year!!

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Trip Report

WW: BIG PINE CREEK TRIP REPORT 3-28-22

The trip was originally scheduled to take place on the Elkhorn Creek in Kentucky but low water conditions caused that paddle to be canceled.

We move the paddle to Big Pine Creek near Attica, IN. The level at the Pine Village gauged was at FT 6.64 and CFS 336. We had three hearty paddlers come out for the trip. The weather was in low 30's and windy. But was not as windy in the creek valley.



With cold weather we decided to only run the upper section from the car wash put-in at the top of Rocky Ford paddling down thru the S-Curve then took out at Harrison crossing access at the 450 N bridge. (Note Park and Play down to the S-Curve is no longer an option. Parking is not allowed along the road at the S-Curve and the land around is closed to the public.)

We made two complete runs of this upper section. We took our time trying to catch and surf as many waves as possible thru Rocky Ford section. With level being lower the Rocky Ford section was a little scrappy but still a fun level.



We spend most of the time surfing at S-Curve with eddy service on both sides of the creek. At the lower level there were 3 very nice surf able waves right above S-Curve. (Ken Jordan calls them the three sisters)

After S-curve we paddling downstream to take-out at Harrison Crossing (450 N Bridge). The only hazard was tree on across the right side of creek with a gravel bar in the middle. You can get around on left side channel of the gravel bar. This is a little bit downstream of the S-Curve.

We had no swimmers and only one combat roll while playing in the S-Curve. A great day on Big Pine Creek. Jeff Stejskal



Trip Report

Elkhorn River, Frankfort Ky

The Tale of Three Antixs

As most river stories go, it all starts with fellow paddlers feeling the need for their water addictions. Well for these three owners of Jackson Antixs:: Richard Clapham, Tim Owens, and John Gates, the need drew us to the Elkhorn River on a rainy Sunday morning in Frankfort, KY. The Elkhorn was running at around 560 cfs and the weather had periods of light rain with temperatures in the lower 60s. The Elkhorn River at this level is a solid Class II. The water quality has improved due to the removal of the low head dam at the Old Granddad Distillery. We had two nice waves to surf and shake out the cobwebs from a long winter of not river paddling. All paddlers stayed upright and got some great practice in the paddling style of "Paddle Fu." We also saw a "teenage" bald eagle, several hawks, and cranes. The only river change over the winter is a tree on the river right bank below "Lunch Stop" Rapid has eroded and slid down the bank into the river. With time I can see this being a problem as a bad strainer. We all had fun and it was a great day to paddle.

Whitewater Festivals and Release Dates

- 2022 [Webster Springs Wild Water Weekend](#) (April 2 – 3rd) Webster Springs, WV
- 2022 [Nolifest](#) Nolichucky River (April 22– 24th) Erwin, TN
- 2022 [Middle Ocoee](#) first release(March 19th – 20th) Ocoee, TN
- 2022 [New River Dries](#) first release (March 19th – 20th) Gauley Bridge, WV
- 2022 [Cheat River Festival](#) (May 6 – 7th) Albrigh, WV
- 2022 [Stonycreek Rendezvous](#) (May 20th – 22nd) Johnstown, PA
- [2022 Advanced Southeast Release Schedule](#) (Cheoah, Tallulah, Upper Nantahala and West Fork Tuck)
- 2022 [Upper Ocoee](#) full release weekend (May 28th – 29th) Ocoee, TN
- 2022 [Savage River](#) (June 4th, July 3rd and Sept. 24th) Bloomington, MA
- 2022 [New River Dries](#) summer release (June 25– 26th) Gauley Bridge, WV
- 2022 [New River Dries](#) summer release (July 2 – 3rd) Gauley Bridge, WV
- 2022 [New River Dries](#) summer release (July 9th – 10th) Gauley Bridge, WV
- 2022 [Upper Ocoee](#) last full release weekend (Sept. 3rd – 4th) Ocoee, TN
- 2022 [Gauley River](#) first release (Sept. 9th – 12th) Summersville, WV
- 2022 Gauley Fest [Gauley River](#) (Sept. 16th – 19th) Summersville, WV
- 2022 [Russell Fork River](#) first release (Sept. 30th – Oct. 2) Bartlick, VA
- 2022 Bridge Day [Gauley River](#) (October 15th) Summersville, WV
- 2022 [Russell Fork River](#) last release and race (Oct. 21 – Oct. 23) Bartlick, VA
- 2022 [Middle Ocoee](#) last release(Oct. 29th – 30th) Ocoee, TN
- 2022 [Green Race](#) (November 5th) Flat Rock, NC