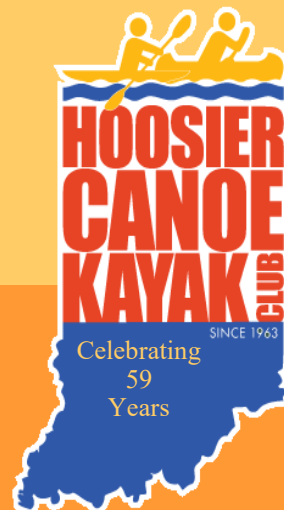


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Skippers Note

Greetings from a fellow paddler. I hope you are out paddling your local stream or a distant paddling trip to your favorite paddling spot. I have been out paddling and of course helping new paddlers get started in the pool and I can honestly say; I'm so happy to be paddling. We all are truly doing something that makes the soul happy!

Something I love seeing is my fellow paddler gets excited about something they have been training hard for and succeed in that task. Examples I see are new paddlers get comfortable being underwater and able to do a controlled wet exit out of a boat. Another is running a rapid and not just surviving it but be able to control their speed and able to hit an eddy that seems impossible just a few minutes before. What inspires you?

We need volunteers for the Triathlons this summer!!!! See below

Volunteers Needed!!

Eagle Creek Triathlons

June 11, 2022

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

This is an important event to HCKC as we the club is paid a \$1000.00 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 Dwayne James dwaynesjamesa1@hotmail.com.

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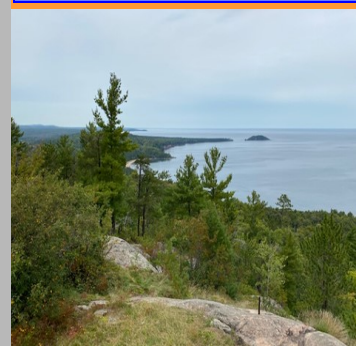
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Trip Announcement

RACCOON LAKE HEADWATERS JUNE 26, 2022

Sponsor: Judy Thompson

This trip will be in the headwaters of Cecil M. Harden Lake, otherwise known as Raccoon Lake. The area is fairly well sheltered, and in an idle only zone. Beginners welcome! It should be appropriate for paddlers of all skill levels. We will be taking a little more leisurely, exploratory approach, and hopefully have a lot of fun. Meet at the Portland Mills ramp at 10:00. We will unload and launch from there. We will stop for lunch somewhere along the way. Be aware it will likely be somewhat muddy. We will be returning to Portland Mills. Those that wish to leave early can take out then. The rest of us will head out into the more open part of the lake, still in the idle zone. We will return when done to Portland Mills, so no shuttling of vehicles required.

Heading west on US 36, look for a sign for HUGE selection, then a sign at a Mini-Ranch. Take the next road to the right, CR 880W. There is a sign for Portland Mills ramp at that intersection, but it is rather small. If you come to a bridge over the lake while on US 36, you went too far. You need a DNR permit for your boat. If you do not have one, you can get the \$5 sticker at Raccoon Lake SRA gate office, which is only a short distance down US 36 west of the Portland Mills turnoff, over the bridge and up the hill. Don't pay the entrance fee to the SRA; just tell them you wish to get a non-motorized DNR permit, and then you will be turning around and leaving.

Be sure to bring lunch or a snack, plenty of drinking water, hat and/or sunscreen, in addition to your normal paddling gear. As with all HCKC trips, PFDs must be worn while on the water.

Due to the weather, there may be last minute changes. Please register or contact me Judy Thompson judy_thom@hotmail.com if you plan on attending.

Trip Announcement

White River Paddle From Anderson to Perkinsville PAS put-in (or 100 yards north of Bonges Tavern on the right in Cicero IN —Bonges has an Anderson address: 9830 W 280 N, Anderson, IN 46011

(from Indy take 37N to SR #13 east (turn R), go a few miles, turn N onto CR 280 N)

Trip Leader: Mariann Davis, C-317-213-5600, marianndvs@gmail.com

Date: July 16, 2022 Meet-up time: 10:30 AM

Meet-up Location: Meet at the take out for caravanning to the Anderson Put-in; Decision on the length of the trip will be determined at that time by a majority— we can paddle 15 miles (about a 4 hour trip) or 12 miles—(about 3 hours), plus 1/2 hour for lunch. Directions to the put in will be given then in case we lose the trail.

The 15 mile trip has its put in at Edgewater Park in Anderson— off 8th St. from Highway 9 in Anderson... (The put-in is approximately 1+ miles east on 8th St. coming up on a grassy berm on the Left. (you will pass a residential area before you see the grassy embankment/berm on left).

What to Bring: PFD, paddle, camera, sunscreen, lunch, dry bag, hat...Dress for the water and air temp.

Contingencies on this paddle: The best water level for this trip is about 195 cfs, if lower we will have to cancel: Cancellations will be made the evening before the trip by 8 PM. A "NO EMAIL" IS A "GO EMAIL"...

This is a beautiful, forgotten section of the white River with a heavily shaded corridor of mature trees (club has not done it in years)...you can sing or hum along with the sounds of the abundant water fowl or just enjoy a relaxing paddle in nature's quietude away from any street noise. Contact Mariann @ marianndvs@gmail.com for questions

The Newsletter of the Hoosier Canoe Club

Eagle Creek Tuesday Evening Paddles

Eagle Creek paddles started on May 3rd 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 3 through September 27, 2022

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.

2022 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.

Trip Announcement

Driftwood River

Sunday June 12, 2022

Sponsor: Sue Foxx/Dwayne James

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 if you have symptoms and be aware that life vests are required to be worn when on the river.

Meeting time: 10:00 am

Meeting location: Shell station just off I-65 at exit 80.

Once participants arrive we will caravan to Furnas Mill on Sugar Creek. If you wish to just meet at this location email me to let me know not to expect you out at I-65.

Shuttle: 11:00 am shuttle leaves for the take out at Lowel Bridge.

On water: noon

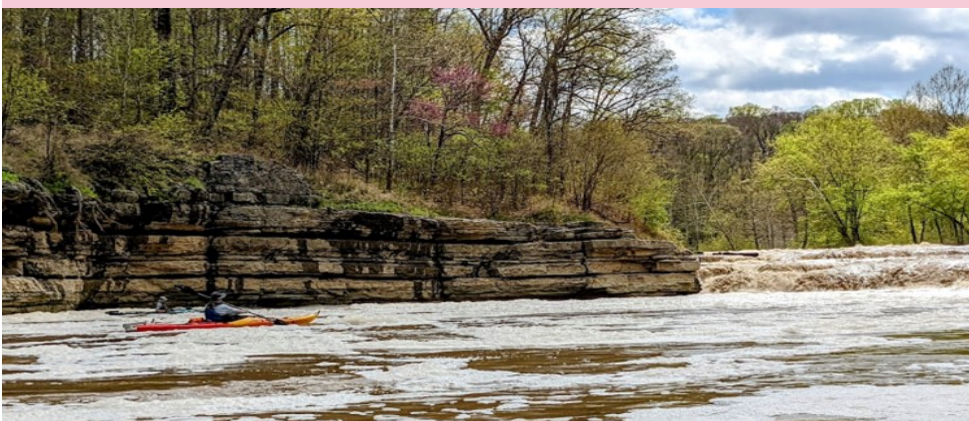
Contact information: dwaynejamesa1@hotmail.com

I will keep an eye on the levels, this creek can run dry or flood very quickly. Look for 7 pm announcement 6/11 if we need to adjust the trip.

Trip Report: Cagles Mill Highwater (Cataract Falls) May 1st 2022

Sponsor: Jeff Stejskal

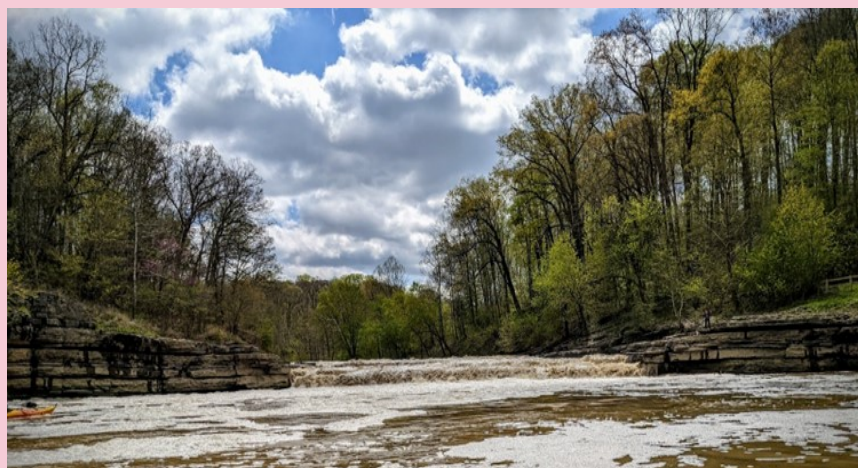
We had three paddlers out for a windy day on Cagles Mill. The lake level was at 650.95 which is about 11 feet above summer pool. With rain the night before the lake was rising and Mill creek (Cataract Falls) was run at 2300 CFS. We had temps in the low 60's F and partly cloudy but windy with a south-west wind at about 16 mph with gust up to around 22 mph.



The two other paddlers were new HCKC members but had been out paddling over 40 times so far this year and had also started doing some kayak racing. So, we took a faster pace crossing the lake and heading up to the lower Cataract Falls. With lake level we could not take the normal shortcuts and stayed in the main creek channel mostly.

The lower falls was about only about a 3 ft drop looked more like a low head dam or a rapid rather than the normal water fall. The water below the falls had large amount of foam floating and blowing around.

We were able to find a muddy but somewhat dry spot to have lunch at by the lower falls. After lunch we paddle back toward Liber Park boat ramp. On the way back we decided to check out the dam. After checking out the dam we headed back to the launching ramp area. We paddle a total distance of about 15 miles and paddle an average moving speed of 3.7 mph.



Jeff Stejskal

Something New From Our DNR From Garry Hill

Hey Wildcat Paddlers,

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources introduced a new program last year that I found to be Interesting & Fun. They named it the "Paddlecraft Wildlife Index Program". It is all about researching locations and populations of various Animals, Birds, & Reptiles that we commonly see while Paddling The Rivers & Creeks of Indiana.

You can read all about this new Program by using the link below. That will take you to the page that describes that Program, and gives you a place to sign up for it.

<https://www.in.gov/dnr/fish-and-wildlife/wildlife-resources/paddlecraft-wildlife-index/>

The Program Manager will then send you a package with Instructions and several copies of a Post Card Form that you can take with you on your Paddling Trips. You provide your Wildlife Sighting details an that Card, then stick it in the Mail back to the DNR.

Below, you can read about this new Program in an article that appeared in the Kokomo Tribune, submitted by Wildcat Paddler John Martino. If you can't see the picture, I also have it attached as a pdf file.

Also attached is a pdf file that has the DNR data about the Program, which includes the Directions and Post Cards that you will receive if you sign up for the Program.



Paddlecraft Wildlife Index Program.pdf



Paddlers Sought For Insights...article.pdf



The Newsletter of the Hoosier Canoe Club

Deliverance (the 1972 movie)—

its golden anniversary warrants a renewed alarm

“God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant in the earth, and to keep you alive by a great deliverance”
Genesis 45:7

It's been fifty years since the 1972 release of John Boorman's film based on the best-selling novel by James Dickey. There's lots of action, but it's also a cautionary tale. The very first lines of the movie were a sharp condemnation by Lewis (Burt Reynolds) of our ecologically-destructive urban sprawl. A half century later, confronted with planetary ecocide, it's appropriate, if not belated, to ask: What did we learn, if anything, about the need to protect our natural world?

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Deliverance is the story of 4 suburbanite businessmen who take a canoe trip in the southern Appalachian mountains on the Cahulawasee River -- a remote wild river in the north Georgia mountains -- doomed by a massive hydro-electric dam which is already under construction. It was to be their last opportunity to experience the free-flowing river before the entire valley becomes inundated forever. (it was actually filmed on Georgia's Chatooga River).

The film received high acclaim -- and provided an enduring memory in the psyche of that generation -- largely because of the bizarre “dueling banjos” scene and, notoriously, the disturbing assault of canoeist Bobby (Ned Beatty) by a perverted backwoodsman. The weekend river trip proved harrowing, to say the least, despite their intent to simply enjoy the beauty and excitement of a natural river. They were sexually assaulted and shot at, with one of their party killed. Later they capsized in the rapids, were injured, were forced to kill both of their assailants, and then labored to avoid arrest. It was not a weekend pleasure cruise.

Because one of the initial reasons for the paddling trip was to bear witness to the damming of the free-flowing river to power more urban sprawl, the movie included a strong environmental protection theme, described below. Unfortunately, that theme was remembered, if at all, as secondary to the subsequent harrowing events which dramatized the idea of deliverance from great adversity.

Before they embark, Bobby derides Lewis's angry condemnation of the hydro-electric dam which will flood the entire river valley, according to Lewis, “just to power more air conditioners in your smug little suburbs in Atlanta”.

Lewis: “Talk about the vanishing wilderness... They're drowning the river. Dammit, Bobby, they're drowning the river! They're going to flood an entire river valley. It's just going to be one big dead lake... We're gonna rape the whole goddamned landscape. We're gonna rape it!”

Lewis's canoeing pals disagree with his angst and anger. Bobby and Ed (Jon Voight) each declare, in response that Lewis's pro-river, anti-development rant, that it's “An extreme point of view, Lewis” and “Extremist!”

However, after the first day of enjoying the natural beauty of the stream, while relaxing around the campfire after dinner, Bobby offers his agreement with Lewis's anti-development attitude:

Bobby, reflecting: “Lewis, what you say is true-- there's something in the woods and the water that we've lost in the city”.



Lewis (in cryptic reply): "We didn't lose it— we sold it".

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Fifty years later, it's obvious that Lewis's angry denunciation of unchecked sprawl has fallen on deaf ears. Actually, the 1970s was a period of high environmental concern along with landmark Federal protection legislation and the creation of the EPA. But since the late 1950s (and earlier), we've had explicit warnings from scientists about potentially calamitous planetary heating, but have done little even while the impacts intensify— ice melt, species loss, sea rise, flooding and fire. We're in the midst of planet Earth's Sixth Extinction (per Elizabeth Kolbert, Edward O. Wilson and other scientists). The recent United Nations' IPCC climate report declared "Code Red for humanity". It was stated by one UN official that the Earth has about ten more years to act sufficiently to avoid climate collapse.

How will we protect our streams, which will inevitably also be on the receiving end of climate-change? Today, for the White River, the well-funded tourism organizations (mainly, Visit Indy and Visit Hamilton County) are trumpeting the "transformative" potential of their 2019 White River Vision Plan which seeks to further encourage development and attract more tourists to central Indiana. While the plan does contain an element praising the remaining ecological quality of the corridor, it's largely silent about the importance of actually protecting what remains of its natural heritage. Also, in 2015, development setback requirements for newly-established Stream Protection Corridors were established in the Marion County zoning ordinance. This was welcomed new regulatory protection. However, the Metropolitan Development Commission has handed out variances from these requirements like candy. Can our natural streams withstand the constant pressure to develop them? It seems very doubtful.

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"Going, going, .....SOLD! down the river" Edward Abbey, Down the River, 1982

"Our present 'leaders' -- people of wealth and power -- do not know what it means to take a place seriously: to think it worthy, for its own sake, of love and study and careful work. They cannot take any place seriously because they must be ready at any moment, by the terms of power and wealth in the modern world, to destroy any place". Wendell Berry, Sex, Economy, Freedom and Community, 1992

In 2006, Mr. Berry presented at the Indianapolis Spirit and Place Civic Festival. He read excerpts from his insightful 2005 book of essays titled The Way of Ignorance.

Indianapolis' first zoning ordinance was enacted by the Common Council in 1922— 100 years ago. Ordinarily, the centennial of a local quality-of-life law would be something to celebrate. Unfortunately, its implementation, insofar as natural heritage preservation and citizens' access to the process are concerned, leaves much to be desired.

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Note: It's likely that author James Dickey (Deliverance, 1970) was inspired by the irrepressible David Brower's well-publicized work in the mid-1960s to battle and defeat the proposed Marble dam on the Colorado River near the Grand Canyon, and hence the Boorman film's spotlight on Lewis's strenuous anti-dam, anti-growth denunciations.

By: Clarke Kahlo
Protect Our Rivers Now!
Indianapolis, IN
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