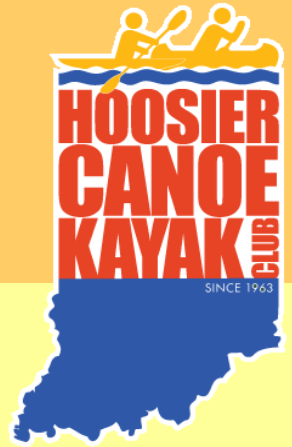


# The Hoosier Paddler

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## Local Hiking, Canoe and Wilderness Clubs Are Invited To Attend:

The Hoosier Canoe & Kayak Club introduces the special event



speaker, **Kevin Callan**,

at the annual club meeting on **Saturday, November**

**17.** Kevin is a renowned Canadian author and speaker who delivers his canoeing and backcountry experiences in a most humorous yet teachable way. All across North America he has regaled his audiences with both delightful anecdotes and the simple didactics of survival designed to demystify almost any wilderness challenge. He is the author of thirteen books, including his most notable: The Happy Camper. Born and raised in Peterborough, Ontario, Callan, aside from teaching Environmental issues and Science at Sir Sanford Fleming College, appears frequently as a radio guest and on television. He is the winner of three national magazine awards and four film awards and was recognized in the prestigious Waterwalker Film Festi-

val. For over 20 years, Kevin has brought the art and fun of camping and canoeing to tens of thousands of people and will undoubtedly leave this Hoosier audience, as his popular book suggests: a crowd of "Happy Campers".

Join the "Hoosier Canoe Club" for our annual dinner meeting (provided by the club) and stay for the speaker's presentation and swap meet.

**Date and Time:** Saturday, November 17. Arrive with food @11:30am; Lunch at 12:30

**Place:** Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, auditorium: 5692 Central Ave., Indianapolis Indiana

**Parking:** On 57<sup>th</sup> Street between Central and Washington Blvd. on the south side of 57<sup>th</sup>

**What to Bring:** The club will provide the main course (meat dish) and club members (only) will provide a pitch-in side dish or dessert. Beverages will be provided but you may BYO

\*\*\*\*The auditorium will accommodate 110 people comfortably so please sign up early by emailing:

**wilderness1117@gmail.com**. We won't turn anyone away but know that the 111th person will have to stand.

\*\*\*\*Bring items for sale or swap: paddling and hiking supplies and clothing, etc. Pictures are preferred of larger items with prices.

\*\*\*\*attendees are invited to share photos and DVDs (or bring memory sticks) of their paddling/wilderness experiences, so bring your personal laptops.

## The Newsletter of the Hoosier Canoe Club

# Hoosier Canoe & Kayak Club presents: Pirate Paddle & Party

Saturday, October 13, 2012

“Aye me hearties, we be callin’ all river pirates past and present, lassies and scoundrels, as well as you land lubbers! Yes, the pirates will be gatherin’ for the Pirate Flotilla on the great White River on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, followed by the Pirate Party. It’s time to throw out the net and gather all paddlers, friends and blood relations! Yay, we be expectin’ pirates and paddlers from the far seven seas to convene for revelry and good cheer! **All paddlers welcome!** We look forward to sharin’ the grub n’ grog with ye! “

**Afternoon:** **Pirate Flotilla on White River**  
*Paddlers are encouraged to wear pirate clothing and decorate boats. With boats carrying the Jolly Roger, parrots, skeletons, etc., the pirate flotilla is a memorable sight!*  
Lafayette Trace Park  
(Strawtown Public Access Site)  
15796 Strawtown Ave, Noblesville

**Evening:** **Pirate Party** (rain or shine)  
River Bend Campground  
21695 State Road 37 North  
Noblesville, Indiana 46060

**Don’t miss the camaraderie at the Pirate Party featuring:**  
The music of **Next Degree**, one of Indy’s best party bands!  
**Byrne’s** Gourmet Grilled Pizza  
Local microbrewery **Triton Brewing Company**, the beer of pirates!

**Pirate Paddle & Party (includes the above) \$20**

### Camping available!

Aye maties, you can anchor your vessel at River Bend Campground for the evening!

**Volunteers needed!** Shuttle Drivers; Registration volunteers for paddle and for party; Decoration Crew

**Sunday, October 14:** Optional Paddle Trip on White River including Potters’ Covered Bridge

**Register online now at [www.hoosiercanooclub.org](http://www.hoosiercanooclub.org)!**

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## **Trip Report: West Fork of the White River: Waverly to Henderson Ford**

### **September 8, 2012**

**By Mariann Davis**

My rain dance the night before was probably a little too energetic. As I watched the USGS gage deliver hour by hour reportings, I thought if only my retirement portfolio showed such generous gains....but then what do I know about river gages. So, after consulting , by email, with a senior more experienced trip leader, I continued optimistically down to Waverly Indiana with a "Plan B" in my hip pocket, just in case. Arriving at the Dairy Queen, I found that eventually 8 other paddlers showed overwhelming trust in my judgment. At first terrified, I began to acquiesce to the displaced confidence that eventually turned to a "let's paddle" algorithmic decision made by the group and seasoned paddlers. Everyone said that their skill level could manage the 4500 cfs that was flowing by us. We knew the river was wide in this section with no history of unavoidable log jams.



As the Hallelujah choir sang in the background, each paddler launched their boat on queue without missing a beat. The water swiftly directed each paddler in their own personal track, whereby using your paddle as a rudder became more the rule than the exception. (Now, I do exaggerate a little for the story telling, but so did "Tom Sawyer" and millions read his stuff).

Even with the rapid river flow, we were able to negotiate a salad (sand) bar retreat for 30 minutes and witness a forklift operation retrieving park equipment (picnic table) from the petulant river. We could only hope that the previous picnickers were reading their USGS reports and escaped in time.

On that day, the river turned a usual 3.5 hour paddle into a 1 hour and 55min luge water highway (again, a slight exaggeration), but everyone arrived at the takeout with smiles and the confidence to assert their paddling skills again.

Since this day I have modified my "rain dance" repertoire to include only the 2-step.



**L-R. Everett Pulliam, Don Hewitt, Dan Evard, Mike Taylor, Jim Eckerty, Diane Brown, Stanley Rarick, Sue Foxx, front, and Mariann Davis (invisible).**

## Flatwater Trip Announcement

Chain O'Lakes State Park

Saturday and/or Sunday, Oct. 6-7

Trip Sponsor: Sue Foxx

This is lake country and a small boater's paradise. Nine connecting lakes will be the center of your adventures at Chain O'Lakes. We will paddle through the chain of serene kettle lakes created as the glaciers receded. The eight lakes form a six-mile long east to west chain from Long Lake to Miller Lake. Miami Indian villagers once resided along the north shore bluff of Bowen Lake. There is a \$5 park entrance fee. You will also need a 2012 DNR Lake Access sticker for this trip or be ready to pay a fine of about \$113 if stopped by a conservation officer. The trip will be an easy one for beginners but also fun for intermediate and skilled paddlers. If you want to camp you can go to <http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/5060.htm> to reserve a site or check with me as I plan to secure a cabin that would hold 6. The cabin has cooking facilities so we can get together and pitch in for meals.

Schedule:

11:00 Arrive at Put-In

11:30 Start Paddling

1:00 Lunch

4:00 Off the water

Meeting place and Put In: Chain-O-Lakes State Park (2355 E 75 South, Albion, IN 46701) at the boat launch on Long Lake. We will meet at this location on both Saturday and Sunday.

Directions to Meeting Place:

Take I-69 north for 109.7 miles.

Take exit 109B/Goshen Rd onto US-30 W and go .7 miles.

Take the ramp onto US-33 N toward Elkhart and go 17.9 miles.

Turn right on S IN-9 and go 4 miles.

Turn R on E County Road 74S and go 1.9 miles.

Turn L on E County Road 75 S and go .4 miles.

Park entrance should be on the left.

What to Bring: I will bring hot dogs and a grill for lunch on Saturday but plan to bring anything else you want for lunch.

Also don't forget water, sunscreen, and paddling gear. Dress for the weather since October can start to get cold.

Contact Information:

Be sure to contact Sue Foxx at [sufoxx713@aol.com](mailto:sufoxx713@aol.com) or 317-363-4074 if you plan to attend. Anyone who wants to caravan up on Saturday: meet in front of George's/Starbucks at 71st and Hwy 37/Binford at 7:45 am.



## Sea Kayak Trip Announcement

**Lake Monroe Overnight Paddle,  
Trip Sponsor: Jim Sprandel**

**Saturday-Sunday, October 6-7, 2012**

This trip was originally planned to be a Northern Indiana Overnight trip. However, when I scouted several likely lakes in that area but I didn't find one that allows paddle-in shore camping and we would have to camp up with the RVs; Given this, I chose to have our Fall overnight trip on Lake Monroe—a favorite of mine where we can paddle out and then camp overnight along the edge of the lake in Deam Wilderness. .

Where we paddle Saturday will depend on lake conditions but the bird resting areas will all be closed after October 1. Since the area west of the Causeway can have interesting waves and scenery, we may head there before returning East and past Cutright to set up camp in Deam. Our campsite won't be too far from Cutright so you could come out and paddle with us just on Saturday if you want.

Lake Monroe Information is available at [http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/files/monroe\\_trail.pdf](http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/files/monroe_trail.pdf)

**Meeting Place/Put-In:** Cutright SRA (5505 E. State Road 446. Bloomington, IN 47401) We will meet at the first boat ramp after you enter Cutright (not the marina) and we will head out from there.

**Directions to Meeting Place:** Take Hwy. 446 south from Bloomington to the causeway. Cutright is on your left immediately after you cross the causeway when driving south from Bloomington.

**WARNING:** This drive is *normally* just around 2 hours from the intersection of 37 and I-465 on the south-east side of Indianapolis. **However, this is IU's Homecoming Weekend** and inbound traffic will be heavy. Given this, I have moved up our starting time and would recommend that people come via Interstate 65 South and IN 46 rather than braving possible traffic gridlock around the IU Football Stadium.

**Camping Information:** You will load your gear into your kayaks and paddle to our campsite where we will stay Saturday night. There is no charge for camping at these sites. These are primitive camping facilities so you will need to bring drinking water (the DNR ranger did not recommend filtering lake water).

**What to Bring:** Camping gear including food and water (Saturday lunch, Saturday dinner, Sunday breakfast plus snacks) plus your paddling gear.

**DNR Sticker:** You will need a DNR Sticker to launch at Cutright. You can pick one up for \$5 at the DNR office on the right (West) side of 446 as you are driving to the put-in.

### **Trip Requirements:**

- Sea kayaks or touring kayaks with spray skirt and fore/aft bulkheads are required. You will be carrying your camping gear in your boat so plan accordingly.
- You must be comfortable paddling in up to 2 foot waves.
- You must be able to maintain a pace of 3.5 mph for a 10-12 mile day (with breaks).

### **Schedule:**

Saturday 9:15 am Arrive at Put-In.

Saturday 9:45 am Start Paddling

Sunday—After breakfast People have the option of paddling directly back to the launch site (less than an hour) or spending more time exploring the lake.

**Contact information:** Please be sure to contact me by the 7:00 pm Friday Night before the trip since we may have to change plans in case of bad weather. If there is a change, I will let everyone who contacts me know via phone or e-mail before the trip. You can reach me at:

**Jim Sprandel** merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net (317) 257-2063

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# Keep Calm and Paddle On

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