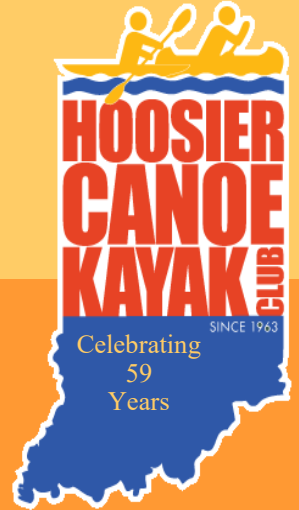


# The Hoosier Paddler

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## Skippers Note

Welcome to Summer Paddling! I just got back from co-hosting with Toni a Beginner/ Intermediate Whitewater Kayaking Workshop in Southeastern Tennessee, and it was amazing weekend for both the weather and seeing newer paddlers enjoying the sport we all love! I was showing the lines on the Hiwassee and after I would run the rapid, I would turn around and see the faces of the paddlers with huge smiles and cheers of enjoyment. It was an amazing feeling for them to conquer something that just a few moments before had been an OMG moment that they thought they couldn't do before. It was also amazing watching some experience paddlers who I lead down the Ocoee breakdown a rapid and figure out exactly what angle to hit a certain wave and what speed and power was needed to help them get to where they want to go. But the bottom line to all this we were out paddling in a beautiful place and had amazing weather over our heads! I hope everyone get out on one of our club's trips and recharges your soul with a paddle in your hands.

## Volunteers Needed!!

### Eagle Creek Triathlons

August 13 and Go Girls! August 20, 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 your 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](mailto:dwaynesjamesa1@hotmail.com).

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We have many reports saved for the slow months to enjoy!!



Cleaning up the Wildcat

## Trip Announcement

Location: East Fork White River

Date: July 23, 2022

Sponsor: Richard Tekulve

Please join us for our annual mid-summer float down one of Indiana's most water reliable streams as we journey down the sandy beached East Fork White River in south central Indiana. Our trip will begin at the Azalia DNR boat ramp located about halfway between Seymour and Columbus. We will travel 12.1 miles to our take-out at the Rockford DNR ramp a few miles north of Seymour. Azalia is located about 55 miles south of downtown Indy via I-65. This should be an easy shuttle of a total of 17 miles. The East Fork generally has a steady 2-2 1/2 m.p.h. summertime current and is overly loaded with numerous, long sandbars making an easy decision for a lunch break exit. The Azalia-Rockford section was last paddled by the HCKC in 2013. The Azalia access is located about 8 miles south of Columbus on CR 800 South between U.S. 31 and S.R. 11. It is located on the SE corner of the bridge over the river (DNR sign and parking lot) and shown on page 51 C-11 in the Delorme Atlas. The stream generally runs a steady 125-200 feet in width throughout most of this section. Over the years we have paddled five different sections of the East Fork ranging from Columbus to Sparksville. Our meeting time will be at 10 am when we will unload boats and prepare for the shuttle to Rockford. Contact me by Friday night (10 pm) to sign up at [canoeindiana@yahoo.com](mailto:canoeindiana@yahoo.com) or (812) 767-1317. I will have my cell with me Saturday morning. Sincerely, Richard Tekulve, East Fork trip leader for the last decade.

## Trip Announcement

Location: Wildcat Creek

Date: July 23, 2022

Sponsor: Garry Hill

### Saturday, July 23rd:

Wildcat Creek Wildcat Park.....9:00-AM

The Meeting Location will be Wildcat Park. See directions in IPR announcement below.

The Meeting Time is 9:00-AM. We will Paddle 9-miles to Davis Ferry Park on the Wabash River. There is an option for a 3-mile Trip if someone does not have time for the full length.

NOTE: Directions from Kokomo to Wildcat Park have been altered due to Highway Construction on SR-26 **For Navigation Systems:** Wildcat Park is located at 5201 Eisenhower Road, Lafayette, IN 47905

The Wildcat Creek @ Lafayette Station is showing 327-cfs this morning. With no more Rain, we should have perfect conditions for Saturday.

Please check your emails after 7-PM Friday Night to see if I put my "7-PM Rule" into effect again. However, the Forecast shows only a slight chance of rain the rest of the week. Be sure to pack a Rain Jacket, just in case. Hopefully, the Gravelbars will be open for a nice Lunch Stop.

We might be doing some small cuts on this Scouting Trip. I will bring a Hand Saw and some Lopers. Any BIGGER problems we encounter will be flagged with plastic tape and marked on Maps. At a later time, if necessary, hopefully with lower flow, we will return with Chainsaws and tools to create a safe route for the IPR.

Garry Hill 765-432-6782

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Trip Announcement

## The 37th Annual Indiana Paddlers Rendezvous August 5th, 6th, & 7th, 2022

Hey Wildcat Paddlers,

The Indiana Paddlers Rendezvous is less than 5 weeks away. This Newsletter should provide all the info you need to make plans and mark your calendar. Make plans to attend the IPR, and enjoy a full weekend of Paddling on Wildcat Creek.

**Full event details, times, and locations are included below.**

The IPR has proven to be one of the overall best Paddling events in Indiana. If you've never attended, rest assured it is worth your time. Come prepared to enjoy one of the nicest small Streams in Indiana, to relax with old Paddling buddies, and to make new friends.

Muskrat has once again volunteered to be the IPR Trip Leader. Numerous requests for Volunteers will be posted to the Wildcat Guardians and others within the next few weeks, including a request for "Volunteer Shuttle Drivers", "Registration Team", and an "On-Stream Safety Crew". I'm hoping to hear from many of you who have assisted with these tasks in the past. If you should have questions about Volunteer positions, please contact me below:

### MUSKRAT'S CONTACT INFO:

Email: [garryhill@aol.com](mailto:garryhill@aol.com)

Phone: 765-432-6782

### MUSKRAT's Notes on the IPR:

Here is a basic timetable for the IPR, just in case you receive no further information. The dates for 2022 are Friday, Saturday & Sunday, **August 5-6-7**. 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 5th:

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.

**2 Lovely Camping Nights At Wildcat Park**

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### **SATURDAY August 6th:**

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](mailto: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 at Wildcat Park. If you have any items to offer for sale, please present them at the Registration Table whenever you arrive.**

### **SUNDAY August 7th:**

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.

For any questions email [garryhill@aol.com](mailto:garryhill@aol.com), or call Muskrat at 765-432-6782.

### **DIRECTIONS.....**

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

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**Directions To Knop Lake Public Access Site**

[Indiana Atlas & Gazetteer Page 32:](#)

**1) 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".

Go to **NEXT>>>**

**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. Go to **NEXT>>>**

**Next>>>** 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.

(On a State Hwy Map, Rossville is located east of Lafayette, south of Delphi, west of Kokomo.)

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**"It Breaks My Heart to Think About Losing Wildcat Park",**  
said Muskrat while writing this Trip Announcement.

*See You At The IPR,*  
*Muskrat*

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[GarryHill@aol.com](mailto:GarryHill@aol.com)

**765-432-6782**

**Snail-Mail to 1021 Eastcrest Drive, Greentown, IN 46936-1612**

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Visit Wildcat Creek On-line at the following sites:

<http://www.wildcatguardians.org/>

## **Trip announcement**

**Location: Patoka Lake**

**Date: Sept. 23-25, 2022**

**Sponsor: Judy Thompson**

Lake Patoka is the second largest lake in Indiana with about 8,800 acres of water and over 160 miles of shoreline. Hoosier National Forest surrounds the lake with rolling tree-covered hills and rock outcroppings. There are headwaters to explore as well as sections where the lake starts feeling like big water.

For Sunday, we have planned a 6-8 mile paddle to an interesting and hard-to-find chain of quarry lakes near the South-east corner of the lake.

Since it takes over 3 hours to get to Patoka, we will camp overnight at Fisherman's Camp on Friday and Saturday night and paddle both Saturday and Sunday. This campsite is located near a limited speed section of the lake which is more kayak-friendly.

Some of us will drive during the day on Friday and you are welcome to join us for an afternoon or sunset paddle or just to share a campfire with us.

Patoka Lake Map: [http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/files/patoka\\_trail.pdf](http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/files/patoka_trail.pdf)

Meeting Place/Saturday Put-In: Fisherman's Camp at Newton-Stewart State Recreation Area --Look for the kay-aks! We'll try to get as close to the lake as possible. Newton-Stewart SRA is just north of Wickliffe, Indiana. There is a \$7/car fee (Indiana residents) to enter the SRA. If you have an annual State Property pass, it covers this fee.

Directions to Meeting Place: It is about a 3-hour drive from the intersection of I-65 and I-465 on the south side of Indianapolis to Patoka. Drive South on I-65 and get off at Exit 6B (I-265 toward I-64/IN-62/New Albany). Take Exit 0 off of I-265 to merge onto I-64W toward IN-62/St. Louis. Go about 43 miles west on I-64 to Exit 79 and then go 7 miles North on IN-37. Turn slightly left on IN-64 West/IN-145. Follow IN-145 north 3.6 miles until you reach IN-164. Turn left (west) onto IN-164 about 1.3 mile until you see the sign for Newton-Stewart SRA and then turn right (North) into the SRA.

Follow the signs in the SRA to the Fisherman's Camp and look for us. Note: This is the fastest route. There is a shorter, sometimes slower, and more scenic route through West Baden.

Camping Information: Fisherman's Camp is a primitive campground with water and vault toilets. Each campsite can have 2 tents and cars per campsite so you may be able to share a campsite. There is also a modern campground located elsewhere in the SRA, if you desire a site with electricity and nearby modern restrooms with showers. Campgrounds in general seem to fill up anymore, so you will want to make reservations once you know you want to camp. I may be able to help with site sharing, let me know if you have a site and wish to share.

What to Bring: Bring your camping gear including food (Saturday lunch, Saturday dinner, Sunday breakfast and any snacks you might need) and paddling gear.

I would recommend a 12 ft. or longer boat, but it is not a requirement. You should have some lake paddling experience. Bring a spray skirt if you have one, since there may be some waves when the wind picks up. PFDs must be worn while on the water. The actual route and distance travelled will be dependent upon the capabilities of the paddlers and watercraft attending, as well as weather conditions. We'll be "car camping" so you won't carry your gear in your boat on this trip.

Note: You need a 2022 DNR sticker (\$5) for your boat. They are available at the park gate if you don't have one.

Schedule:

Friday Night - We will get in relatively early on Friday. We will have a short sunset paddle around 5:30 if people get in early and are interested.

Saturday 10:00 am - Arrive at Fisherman's Camp.

Sunday - We will paddle approximately 3 hours and then head home. We will break camp and drive to Little Patoka ramp to launch from there.

[http://www.indianaoutfitters.com/Destinations/state\\_parks/patoka\\_lake/LittlePatokaRamp.htm](http://www.indianaoutfitters.com/Destinations/state_parks/patoka_lake/LittlePatokaRamp.htm)

For more information contact Judy Thompson [judy\\_thom@hotmail.com](mailto:judy_thom@hotmail.com).

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## Trip Announcement

**Location:** Grayson Lake, Kentucky

**Date:** Oct. 14-16, 2022

**Sponsor:** Judy Thompson

Grayson Lake has amazing cliff lined sections, and waterfalls if it rains a day or two before the trip. This trip is a Canoe and Kayak version – we will not be traveling quite as fast as the Sea Kayaking group. I would recommend a 12-foot boat or longer. Saturday's paddle will be about 12-13 miles, with no current to assist. Part of the trip will be where we will be exposed to power boat wakes, and the water can be choppy.

Camping sites go quickly, so if you are interested, please make your reservations as soon as you can. <https://www.reserveamerica.com/explore/grayson-lake-state-park/KY/91812/overview>. Let me know if you wish to share a site, and I will try to help match up interested persons.

There will be an optional Friday afternoon paddle. The main paddle will be Saturday, with a shorter one on Sunday. We will be camping at Grayson Lake State Park, 314 Grayson Lake Park Rd, Olive Hill, KY 41164, Friday and Saturday nights. We will be "car camping", so feel free to bring as much warm gear as necessary since we will not need to haul camping gear in our boats. Two tents and two vehicles are allowed per site, so sharing sites will cut down on expenses. It is a nice, modern campground with showers and flush toilets. Be sure to make your camping reservations as soon as you can, since it is a popular place on the weekends.

Another Indiana paddling group, IYAK, will be there at the same time. There are plans for an optional combined pitch in dinner with them Saturday night at the campground.

Grayson is about a 4 to 5-hour drive from Indianapolis. It is one my favorite paddling locations, and I feel it is well worth the trip. Please contact Judy Thompson [judy\\_thom@hotmail.com](mailto:judy_thom@hotmail.com) for more information.

**Friday (Optional)** – We will paddle for a few hours and then set up camp.

**Launch Time: 1:45 pm** Arrive at Ramp

**Put-In:** Meet at Newfoundland Ramp to launch. Newfoundland Ramp is 17.2 miles south of the interstate exit. Drive down by the water to unload, then you need to drive up and park in the parking lot and walk back down to the ramp.

**Mileage:** Negotiable.

**Saturday** – We will meet at the put-in and paddle about 12 miles up Grayson Lake to Bruin ramp. This is an amazing section with cliffs lining most of the 12-mile stretch. There are also many waterfalls (if it rains in the day or two before the trip).

**Time:** 9:30 am - Boats at Caney Creek Put-In and we'll run our shuttle then. If you're driving down from Indy, you will probably want to drive down Friday night.

**Put-In:** Rt. 504 turnoff: On Rt. 7 (west side), 17.6 miles south of the interstate exit. When you turn right (West) onto Rt. 504 it, it's another two miles to the ramp.

**Take-Out:** Bruin boat ramp/beach: On Rt. 7 (east side), 11.9 miles south of the interstate exit.

**Mileage:** About 12 miles - more or less – depending on how much you explore.

**Sunday** – We will paddle up Clifty Creek to the Grotto. Usually there will be enough water to enter the Grotto.

**Time:** 9:30 am

**Put-In/Take-Out:** The launch ramp is on Rt. 7 about 10 miles south of the interstate on the west side of the road and north side of the creek (if you get to the golf course, you overshoot about a mile). This ramp is on the west side of the road and just about 1.3 miles north to the Entrance to the State Park on Rt. 7.

**Mileage:** 6-10 miles depending on what people are up for.

