

Trip Report

Date: July 16, 2022

Location: White River

Put In /Take out: Forest Park, Noblesville IN. to 116th st. off River Rd, Fishers

Trip Leader: Mariann Davis

Distance: 10.3 miles

(21 paddlers signed up for the west fork of the White river trip which had to be diverted to this section due to low water. 17 HCKC members paddled.)



It was hope against hope that a deluge of rain would provide enough water to allow the West Fork of the White River paddle as planned. However, the weather gods did not cooperate and plan B was put in place 14 hours before we launched.

It was clear that the 17 paddlers who showed up, were anxious to get out on the water, as so many previous flat water trips had been cancelled due to high water or weather.

We met at Forest Park in Noblesville, In @ 1030 AM and began our shuttle down to the take out at 116th st and River Rd. (2 cars provided shuttle back to the Put in). We launched around 11:30-ish with good weather and more importantly decent water flow at 230cfs.

The group was enthusiastic with 4 new members joining us. Every one showed their paddling skills since it was a considerably long paddle for beginners, There were many small riffles (providing class 0.125 thrills) and some maneuvering around logs and a rock ledge...every one stayed upright in their boats. There were sightings of herons, turtles, and a flock of turkey buzzards circled overhead at one point.

After 4.5 miles we stopped for lunch.



All in all the trip was a success with all paddlers returning safely to the take out about 4:30 PM. A few mentioned paddling the West Fork from Anderson to Perkinsville in the Fall. Hopefully that will be possible.

See you on the Water soon:

Mariann

