

The Hoosier Paddler

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Summer Paddle-Picnic & Meeting

Saturday, August 25, 2007

White River – Strawtown Section

Come paddle this beautiful section of the upper White River that was destroyed by GM Guide Division and restored using fines and penalties negotiated by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management. Today this section of the White River sports some of the best small mouth bass fishing in Indiana. After the paddle enjoy burgers, dogs and drinks provided by the HCC and other pitch-in fare provided by participants. There will be a **SHORT** business meeting also.

Quick Facts

Destination: White River Campground off Strawtown Ave. 1.25 miles west of SR 37.

*Staging Location: White River Campground (check-in at the office is required and
The is covering all launch fees)*

Put In: Strawtown Public Access just west of Perkinsville

Take Out: White River Campground

Driving time from Indy: 30 minutes

Amount of time on water: 3 hours Distance to Paddle: 6 miles

Water Conditions: Shallow, warm moving water with few obstructions

Shoreline or River Bank Conditions: Mostly undeveloped with overhead canopy

Schedule Noon-12:30: Check-in and staging at White River Campground

12:30 pm: Shuttle to put-in

1:00 pm: Launch

4:00 pm: Takeout at White River Campground

4:15 pm: Fire up the grill

Driving Instructions from Indianapolis:

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Trip Announcement

Indiana Paddlers' Rendezvous

22nd Annual IPR returns to Wildcat Park Aug. 3, 4 & 5

The Indiana Paddlers' Rendezvous (IPR) will once again be headquartered at Lafayette's Wildcat Park this year. The popular event regularly draws 125 to 150 paddlers from a four state area to the banks and the waters of the Wildcat.

Sponsored jointly by the Guardians and the Wildcat Creek Foundation, IPR features three days of paddling on both the north and south forks of the stream, a chili supper, the annual Guardians' fund raising auction, campfire, music, and lots of good old fashioned camaraderie. Paddling may be the main focus, but some people show up just for the Saturday evening chili, the auction and the campfire activities.

There's a need for volunteers too. Opportunities include helping out with registration (both at Wildcat Park and at Knop Lake, Saturday's put-in); safety personnel at bridge crossings; shuttle drivers- preferably with vans- for both Saturday and Sunday mornings; and folks to keep an eye on the Wildcat Park campsite while paddlers are on the river Saturday.

For more information on the weekend go to www.wildcatguardians.org. To volunteer contact Chuck Weis at cnweis@msn.com or 765-477-7948.

Trip Announcement

Northern Michigan

September

I'll be traveling to Northern Michigan over Labor Day weekend, and I'm looking for some company. The rivers in Michigan run clear and cool, even this late in the Summer. We might paddle the Little Manistee, which is the most challenging flatwater I have ever seen. We may run the near by Pine, it is fast, with fun, easy rapids. Its not really a whitewater run, but you might wish you were in your whitewater boat. Other possibilities include the Pere Marquette, the Jordan or the Boardman. We can look for the trips best suited to the folks that make the long drive North. And Michigan is not suffering this drought as much as we are here in Central Indiana.

This trip is by invitation only- and you are invited! All I ask is that you contact me with your intentions. I will decide where we will camp when I know who is coming along- be ready to tell me your requirements, maybe you like hot showers at a posh campground, or maybe you like total wilderness, with no amenities whatsoever. Or maybe the Forest Service campgrounds are your cup of tea. I can work this out any way we want, just tell me what you like-- and I'll tally the votes. And- I know a few decent restaurants, or I know how to cook over a fire. How about you?

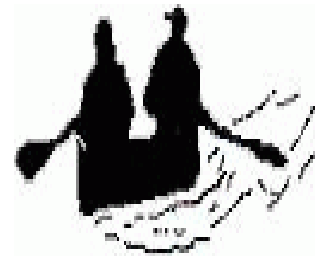
Call or email me to verify our plans- Dan Valleskey, 317 257 9837 or danpaddles@gmail.com



Current River Trip Report

June 21-29, 2007

Linda and I left about 8:00 Friday morning June 21, from Gaston, and were joined at the I-70 rest stop just west of Indy by Fred and Donna Sanders for an uneventful trip to Missouri. Fred had a new camper, and I was pulling a new(to us) fifth wheel. Route is I-70 across Indiana and Illinois, I-255/I-270 south bypass around St. Louis, I-44 to Saint Charles, MO, and state route 68 south to Salem, where it runs into route 19 which takes us to the Shannondale Church of Christ campground. We were joined there by Glen Peddy from Illinois, and a short time later by my cousin Floralyn Perry and her husband Dave, who live on the other side of the Current River, about 9 miles across the Akers Ferry. Glen paddled with us Saturday thru Tuesday, and left Wednesday morning. Floralyn paddled with us till Wednesday, and Dave, who doesn't take well to water, shuttled for us every day. On Saturday we paddled from Akers Ferry to Pulltite, and the evening meal was provided by the Ritchies, dutch oven pizza, bread sticks, and salads. On Sunday we paddled from Pulltite to Round Springs, and for the evening meal Fred and Donna grilled hot dogs and brots and prepared vegetables, and Glen provided a watermelon. On Monday we paddled the Jack's Fork river from Alley Springs to a private take-out at River's Edge at Eminence; that day we picked up barbecue in Eminence and took it back to camp. On Tuesday, we paddled from Baptist Camp to Cedar Grove, and had dinner at the lodge in Montauk State Park. On Wednesday, we paddled from Cedar Grove to Aker's Ferry, and were invited back to Floralyn and Dave's house for dinner. On Thursday, we traveled to Springfield, MO to visit the Bass Pro store, and came home through Lebanon to visit a Case knife outlet store, a Russell Stover chocolate outlet store, and an antique mall. It rained on Friday morning, and we decided to pack up and head for home. As usual, we enjoyed the crystal clear cool water. Everyone paddled kayaks the first day, but after that I switched to a solo canoe that didn't drag as much as the short v-bottom kayak I had taken, as the water was a little low. **Roger Ritchie**



**Hey, It's
Time to
Paddle!!!!**

Newsletter Editor

Dwayne James is editing the HCC newsletters. Articles for the newsletter will need to be sent to him by the 15th of each month to make it into the next newsletter.

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Please mark your mailings as HCCNEWSLETTER ITEM.

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**-Be a
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Northern Wetlands Trip Report

Saturday, June 2, 2007

Everyone hit the road early to get to the put in on Oliver Lake but Sara Hare beat us all by coming up the night before. The 10 paddlers on the trip were from all over Indiana...Indianapolis, Madison, Logansport, and LaPorte...which just shows that you can find a paddling buddy just about anywhere! We arrived at the put in at 11 am just in time to watch two Amish men in their buggy put in a fishing boat with a motor?! The horse was none too keen on backing up into the water so Stevie had plenty of time to find her camera for this once in a lifetime photo op. This was Jim Clendenin's first outing in his new blue kayak and when Tom Thomasino arrived with his shiny red solo canoe, I was getting the itch to get something new too. The group left at 11:30 am and paddled across Oliver Lake to Olin Lake Nature Preserve. It was pristine with no development and no other boats. We paddled through a channel to 2 other small kettle lakes and then worked our way back to Oliver Lake for lunch. With such marshy land, it was tough to find a spot dry enough but we managed to relax despite the poison ivy. After lunch we crossed Oliver Lake and went through a channel and portage that connected us to more lakes in the Indian Chain. Further on, we came on an earthen dam where several canoes and kayaks had fun going over the top. Rick Turney, our fearless leader, was first over and then kindly pulled several folks up on the return trip. Kirstin, our Purdue sophomore, was thrilled to take on the challenge and rode over the dam roller coaster style with her hands up! Stevie, Tom and Don were busy photographing the water lilies that clogged the channels while Mel rested (he had done too much at Kentucky Lake last weekend) and Linda did a little bird

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Trip Destination Planner & Map

The Lakes of Grassy Creek

with The Sue Foxx Paddle Group

Sunday, August 12th 2007

James-Tippecanoe-Webster, IN

For an end of summer treat, we will paddle the cool clear waters of three natural lakes in the Webster Mo-raine. Look for: swim beaches, wetlands, and a possible ride on the historic paddle-wheeled steam boat on Lake Webster.

Quick Facts

Destination: The Edmund and Virginia Ball Wetlands Nature Preserve on James Lake

Launching, Put In: The Grassy Creek Public Access Boat Ramp on CR 500 North

Landing, Take Out: Same as above

Driving time from Indpls. IN: 2 hours 45 minutes

Amount of time on water: 4-5 hours Distance to Paddle: TBD

Water Conditions To Expect: Protected lakes and channels

Shoreline or River Bank Conditions: Grass covered banks

Schedule 11:00 am Arrive at Put In: Grassy Creek Public Access Boat Ramp on CR 500 N

11:30 am Start of paddling

1:30 pm Lunch Break: Cookout on shore! Hot dogs provided. Bring your own drink, fruit, or chips.

4-5 pm Take Out: Possible paddle ride on Webster Lake (details to follow)

5:30 pm On the Road Again

Driving Instructions from Indianapolis:

Take I-69 north to US 224 (Huntington Exit) and go west on US 224 through Huntington to SR 5.

Go north on SR 5 toward North Webster.

Just before North Webster, turn left on CR 500 N and go west to the Public Access Ramp (it will be on your left).

Contacts: Sue Foxx 317-363-4074 (cell), 317-543-0222 (home), 317-233-3598 (work)

Rick Turney 317-254-2087 (home), 317-573-7777 (work)

Linda Smith 317-251-6631 (home), 317-529-1269 (cell)

Water Safety Equipment To Bring:

PFD (Personal Floatation Device)

Canoe or Kayak + paddles (one spare paddle of any type)

Extra Floatation: paddle float, throw cushion, spare PFD

Bilge Pump or bailing device (small bucket, sponge, etc.)

Water sandals/boots+ water socks (neoprene, wool, fleece)

Outdoor clothing to match the weather; hats, gloves, rain

Change of clothes in a Dry Bag; sunglasses, sun/bug spray

Lunch, snacks, drinks (hot or cold) + 2 quarts of water

See Map on Page 8

HOOSIER CANOE CLUB



This Pass is good for

Free Admission to

Eagle Creek Park

Tuesday Evenings

5 pm till dark

May 29th to September 30th, 2007

HCC Triathlons

August 5 Shelbyville
Downs

August 25 Eagle Creek
Park

Contact Shirley Gates for
information and to volun-
teer. 317-852-9809

We need 8-10 boats for Ea-
gle Creek and we need a
coordinator for Shelbyville
Downs or we will drop the
racetrack for this year.

**We Need Volunteers
for this!!!!**

Cont. from pg. 1: Exit I-69 at the SR37 Noblesville exit. Continue north on SR37 through the SR38/32 intersection in Noblesville approximately 6.25 miles to Strawtown Ave. Turn left (west) on Strawtown Ave and drive approximately 1.3 miles crossing the White River to the entrance to the White River Campground on the south side of the road. Go to the campground office and check in.

Contacts: Reggie Baker 317-888-3315 home; 317-308-3332 work

Water Safety Equipment To Bring:

PFD (Personal Floatation Device with attached whistle)

Canoe or Kayak + paddles (one spare paddle of any type)

Extra Floatation: paddle float, throw cushion, spare PFD

Bilge Pump or bailing device (small bucket, sponge, etc.)

Water sandals/boots)

Outdoor clothing to match the weather; hats, gloves, rain

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Flatwater Trip Schedule

7/21,22	Dowagiac River	Joan Taylor	630-495-1565
8/3-5	Indiana Paddlers Rendezvous	HCC/ Guardians	*newsletter
8/12	Grassy Creek Lakes	Sue, Rick, Linda	317-543-0222
8/25	Summer Meeting	Reggie Baker	317-888-3315
TBD	White River thru Indy	Jan Hosier	317-257-1740
9/1-3	Little Manistee River,	Dan Valleskey	317-257-9837
9/22	Upper White River	Leader needed	

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*****Dick Fetty had to cancel the 6/17-23 trip but he wants to reschedule it for later in the year if anyone is interested. Please contact him at 765-754-8200

White Water Trip Schedule

Please contact the trip sponsor for details and equipment needs.

8/3-5	Upper Yough, MD (IV-V)	Jordan Ross	317-293-3949
8/18,19	Advanced Swiftwater Rescue Clinic	Jordan R., Doug T., Sharon S.	317-293-3949
8/25,26	Ohiopyle Falls Fest	leader needed	*newsletter
9/1-9	Canadian Road Trip	Sharon Schierling, Stefan Hoskin	574-210-3910
9/8,9	Gauley First Release	leader needed	*newsletter

Thanks for all the great trip announcements and reports. If I have not used yours yet, I will. Please keep them coming!!



Trip Report

Our Missouri Adventure

My goal was to celebrate my birthday two months early in Missouri on the Current River. My birth-month would be too hot for enjoyment. Meeting me to help celebrate was Lori Gates, Brad Abplanalp, Jill Lucas, Fred and Donna Sanders, and Dick Fetty. Glen Peddy never showed up or never found us. We all met on Thursday before Memorial Day at the Shannondale Campground. Lori, Brad, Jill, and I were to have a house, but when we got there it was not available since teenagers had trashed it. Notes were left for me that directed me to other places. When I got down the road to the Lodge area the house there had another note which sent me to the BARNs. I thought –Oh! My! The barns turned out to be new barn cabins that were quite nice. They were complete with a shower and bathrooms and more available up at the Lodge.

FRIDAY: This was our “laid back” day. We all went shopping and sight seeing, then a late afternoon trip to the Montouck St. Park to see the fish hatchery and to have dinner. Lori was not sure I knew the road when I directed her to “ford” the creek to get into the park. All the fish were glad to see us with food. They all jumped and boiled for just a few pieces of food. Afterwards we had dinner at the park restaurant. No one ordered the trout dinner.

SATURDAY: We were out early to get on the river. The section we chose was Aker’s Ferry to Pulltite. The water was flowing very well and we enjoyed a few ripples—more movement than usual in this section. There were only a few boaters out so that made it more enjoyable. We all toured the “Paddle in the Cave” section. Jill had never paddled a kayak. She did very well and enjoyed it very much. I think we have her hooked. Good Job, Jill. That evening we were going to have a cook-out. After gathering up the supplies I headed out the door to find it was threatening rain, so it was up to the main Lodge kitchen to cook together in the BIG kitchen. After dinner we all played pool and table tennis and let it rain—more water on the river.

SUNDAY: Church attendance is expected since we are on the church campground. Pastor Jeff enjoys seeing the Hoosiers come and likes to introduce us. After church and a quick lunch we headed for Alley Spring for a tour of the mill and then a quick paddle on the Jack’s Fork from Alley Spring to the Emminence Ball Park—6 1/2 miles. That evening –you guessed it—Rain. Our weiner roast was indoors. We all continued to improve our pool and table tennis skills instead of Smores.

MONDAY: Lori and Jill left for home and work. Fred, Donna, Brad, and I headed for the river. This time to paddle Pulltite to Round Spring. We got finished early and headed back to camp. We all wanted to go into Emminence to try the new BBQ place. Pastor Jeff wanted to go also, so he drove us all in the big church van. When we arrived in town the place was closed and went on to others to find only one restaurant open. As we all ordered most of the foods were sold out, but did find something still available. On our way home Jeff showed us around the town, High School, where his son plays sports, and a Charcoal brickett factory. All was very interesting.

TUESDAY: We all left Shannondale and the CURRENT RIVER. Brad and I stopped off at the St. Louis Zoo. It was fun, but hot. The zoo is large and takes a whole day. We left late, but did drive on home.

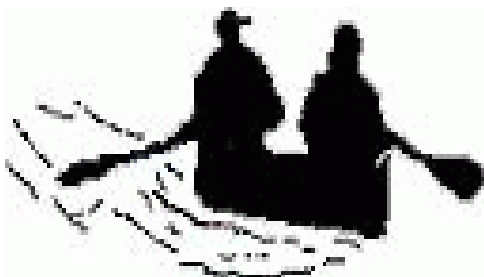
Thanks to everyone who made this trip rememorable. See you all on the river.

Shirley Gates

Northern Wetlands, cont:

watching. At one point the channel went under a road so we just pulled ourselves through the culverts to the other side. With time running out, we had to turn around before reaching the next lake...maybe next time. The trip ended about 5 pm with everyone weary and a little sunburned despite ample slatherings of sunscreen. Most of us moved on to a local bar and grill, Coody Browns, for a cold drink and dinner. As we hit the road Mel shared the last of his homemade chocolate chip cookies (yummm). By Fort Wayne, we saw lightening and scattered showers but after such a perfect day, who could complain.

Sue Foxx



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My son & I are looking for a set of FLEECE (top & bottom)

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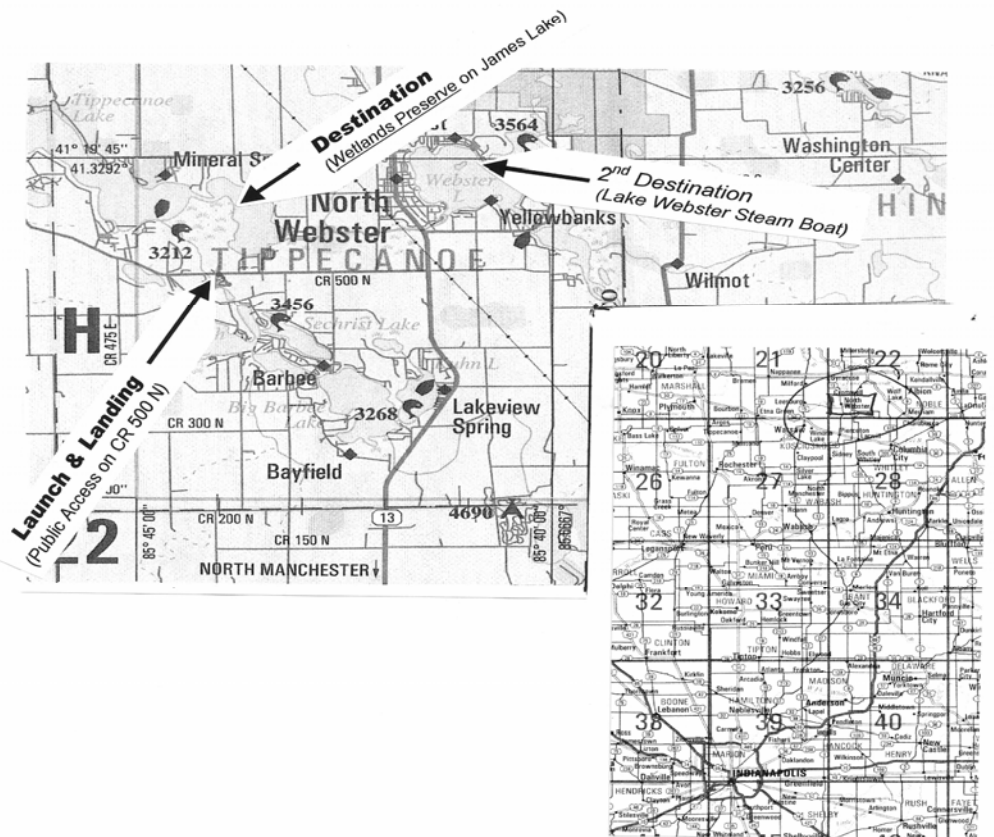
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**Trip Destination
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The Map for: The Lakes of Grassy Creek



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