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Skipper's Message

We have some great opportunities to volunteer at events that will promote the Hoosier Canoe & Kayak Club as well as get you out on the water working with people new to the sport. Great fun to be had!! And we have trip announcements for Fireworks, The White and Driftwood Rivers, and the 29th annual Indiana Paddlers Rendezvous as well as trip reports and a training opportunity. Do you have an idea for a needed training program? Let me know and we will put it together if we can. Remember to check your club email as the Gates family is putting together a great trip—but you need to contact Dave Ellis for details as they need your reply asap. As always, please submit your trip reports, announcements and pictures for publication by the 17th of each month to Dwayne dwaynesjamesA1@hotmail.com

Jim Clendenin
Skipper

Celebrating 50 Years of Paddling

Save the Date!

Annual Meeting, November 8, 2014

Sponsor: Jim Clendenin

We will hold the HCC Annual meeting from 11:00 am to 3:30 pm at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. The luncheon, board elections and special program will take place in the basement where we have held this meeting the past several years. 5692 Central Ave, Indy 46220..... more details to follow.



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Trip Announcement

White River at Broad Ripple Fireworks on July 3rd

Sponsor: Sue Foxx

Paddlers who want to get in the Independence Day spirit should plan to come to Broad Ripple Park (62nd St./ Indianapolis) boat ramp at 8 pm on July 3rd. The group will paddle north a little over a mile to the Yaut Club. We will stay in our canoes or kayaks and watch the fireworks they set off from the bank. There are always lots of parties on the banks and music to listen to until they start shooting off the fireworks around 9:45 pm. Plan to bring the usual gear along with water or a beverage and snack. You will need a light on your boat since we will be heading back around 10:30 pm in the dark. Please contact Sue Foxx at sufoxx713@aol.com if you plan to attend or at 317-363-4074 if you have questions.

Trip Announcement

White River July 5th

Sponsor: Sue Foxx

Join Trip Leader Sue Foxx in a trip down the White River from Noblesville to 116th Street on Saturday, July 5th. We pass by the grounds of Conner Prairie and enjoy a trip of approximately 10.5 miles. We will meet at 10:00 am at the Forest Park Public Access site just north of the White River Canoe Company and across from Forest Park in Noblesville. Following the shuttle we will make our way down White River to 116th Street. It is a fairly easy paddle so beginners are welcome. As usual, don't forget paddling gear, sunscreen, plenty of water or powerade/Gatorade to drink, a hat for the sun, and lunch. Usually this section is good to paddle even in dry weather but be sure to watch the bulletin board in case there is an issue. Contact Sue Foxx at sufoxx713@aol.com if you plan to paddle or at 317-363-4074 if you have questions.

River: White River (Noblesville to 116th St.)

Date: Saturday, July 5

Time: 10:00 am

Put In: Forest Park Public Access Site in Noblesville

Distance: 10.5 miles

Trip Announcement

Driftwood River July 12

Sponsor: Richard Tekulve

Join us for an easy, relaxing mid-summer trip down the lower Driftwood River near Columbus. The Driftwood is one of only a handful of Indiana streams that is reliable enough to be paddled year round. Its consistent water level is formed by the combination of Sugar Creek and Big Blue River west of Edinburgh that drains between them 1,058 square miles of water flowing all the way from near New Castle. The stream runs only 15.0 miles and ends at Columbus joining the Flatrock River to form one of the states longest streams in the East Fork White River. The East Fork was once called the Driftwood Fork of the White River on historical maps.

Our trip will be on the lower Driftwood for 9.8 miles as our put-in will be at a newer DNR public access located at Tannehill Bridge. This will allow us to run the nearly 1/2 mile long Lowell Rapids where the take-out is normally used. The take-out will be at the DNR access ramp at Mill race Park in Columbus. The Driftwood has a decent gradient (foot per mile) for a larger river of 2.8. We will have a lunch stop on a gravelbar down from the Lowell Rapids. We will meet at 9:30 AM at the Burger King parking lot located 1/2 mile south of I-65 on U.S. 31. From Indy exit at U.S. 31 (Exit 76) to the south, it is only about 35 miles from the center of Indy. Please email me @ CANOEINDIANA@YAHOO.COM or cell phone me @ (812) 767-1317 by 10 pm on Friday night July 11th. Richard Tekulve trip leader.

Trip Report

Fall Creek Clean-up

Sponsor: Sue Foxx

A small but effective group met on Saturday, June 7th, to clean up Fall Creek from I-465 to Keystone. The water was high but we were still able to pick up 6 bags of plastic, cans and bottles in the section from I-465 to Emerson Way bridge. There was also a beach ball fully inflated...I assume some child lost it off a deck...a very heavy metal piece...and a fire extinguisher. Isn't it amazing what shows up?

We relaxed on the lower section but still got 2 bags and a large blue drum. Jim Sprandel used his engineering skills to lasso it and drag it the short distance to the take out. A big thank you to Jim Sprandel, Everett Pulliam, and Konstantin Louganski for joining me on our first conservation trip of the season. Members will have another opportunity to help with a clean up in the fall at Eagle Creek. We'll be looking for those of you who did the Women's Monroe Overnight (I heard it was wonderful and a bit wet.) to join us then. A word of caution...there is a big log jam just below the boat ramp on Fall Creek Parkway just south of Killer Falls/I-465 bridge, so paddlers need to put in 0.4 miles south where there is a pull over to park. If you go down to the bank you can locate a single path that allows you to put one boat in at a time.



Eagle Creek Triathlons

Volunteers Needed for Safety Boats

Contact: John Wainscott

We meet at 7 am and are on the water by 7:30. Contact John for details of location. No park pass required. Please help the club with these events. We provide safety boaters to the swimmers. This raises money for the club. wldleak@sbcglobal.net

Sea Kayaking Events

Reminder – Introduction to Kayaking Class

Instructors – Dave Ellis, Jim Sprandel

Dates – Saturdays - July 26, 2014

There is still room in the upcoming Introduction to Paddling Class on July 26. HCC Members will be accepted into these classes on a first come-first served basis.

Here's a chance for new paddlers to jumpstart your paddling! As a new kayaker, you may know how to move your boat around a river or lake. However, we will work with you to make your paddling easier and more efficient—to give you more control over your boat. We will work on the basic knowledge, strokes, and paddling skills that you need to safely enjoy the sport. This course will be based on the American Canoe Association ["Introduction to Kayaking"](#) course.

Trip Announcement
The 29th Annual Indiana Paddlers Rendezvous
August 1-2-3, 2014
Sponsor: Garry Hill

Hey Wildcat Paddlers,

The Indiana Paddlers Rendezvous is less than 6 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.

For full events details, times, directions, and locations please refer to your club email.

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.

This event is open to members of Canoe & Kayak Clubs, Internet Paddling Groups, and River Protection Organizations who have their own personal equipment and enough skills for an enjoyable day on a Swift Flowing Natural Stream. Please take this opportunity to pass this Trip Announcement on to any of the above mentioned organizations with which you have connections. But please avoid wide open public or Facebook announcements.



Lisa Pantea at IPR-2006

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 days, 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:

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The Newsletter of the Hoosier Canoe Club

Trip Report

Moving Water Clinic Fall Creek



On June 8, ten HCC members (7 kayaks and 3 canoes) joined five instructors to develop their moving water maneuvers on Fall Creek. After a short session to hone up their strokes, they worked on eddy turns, peel-outs, and ferry along the creek. Graduation was running Killer Falls before taking out at the east end of Fall Creek Parkway. Many thanks to Dave Ellis, Rob Henry, Susan Rapp, and Jim Sprandel who worked with the kayakers and Dan Valleskey who taught the canoeists.



Eric and Cara

IPR 2011

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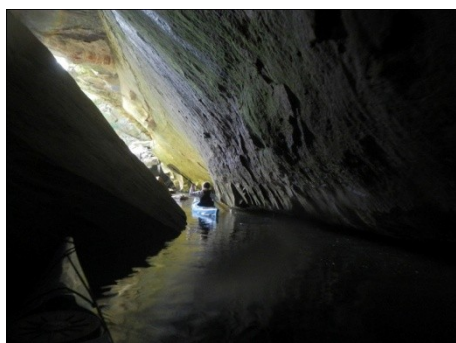
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Trip Report

Grayson Lake, Ky

Sponsor: Mariann Davis

Grayson Lake: May 30-June 1

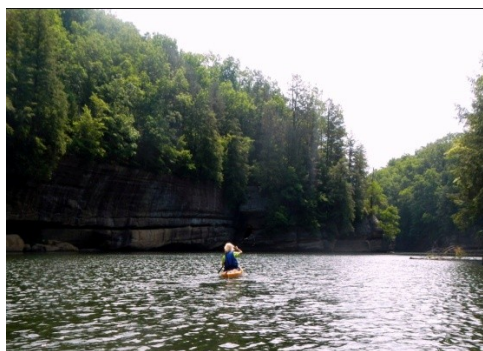


Sheer sandstone canyons, gentle slopes and trickling waterfalls are just a few of the geo-features that comprise the eye-catching beauty of Grayson Lake. Located in Eastern Kentucky, about 4 1/2 hours from Indianapolis, the area is steeped in the creative design of Mother Nature's landscape

Over the past few years the Cincypaddlers has teamed up with HCC to provide an epic paddling adventure of 6 miles (day1 which is optional), 14 miles (day 2) and 5-6 miles (day 3). The final day culminated in an unprecedented paddle in a secluded cathedral-like grotto accessed only by those who have gone before, so as to lead others to this magical site. The topography is best suited to a photo journalism essay since words seem to fail the first time paddler.

In contrast, however, to this majestic beauty is the lackluster charm of the KOA campground that provides an easy point of departure to all put-ins, very reasonable rates and generous group camping facilities. BUT the [campground] seems to be grooming itself for the arid Southwest, as there is barely a mature tree to be found. A Saturday night campfire had the 27 paddlers gathering around to regale others on their recent paddling trips or just the day's fortune of finding a running waterfall, diving from a rock base diving platform into the refreshing waters of Grayson, or a hike up one of the sandstone cliffs to commune with the wildlife.

Grayson Lake is an experience to be had...why not makes it yours in the future. If you can't make the trip with Cincypaddlers, perhaps you can join the HCC trip leaders this Fall for Grayson: PartII, the sequel.



join us on the next trip!

The Newsletter of the Hoosier Canoe Club

Volunteers Needed Sept 20-21 2014 HOEx Hoosier Outdoor Experience Fort Harrison State Park Indianapolis

The canoe and kayak activity needs volunteers to provide hundreds of families and individuals an opportunity to paddle a canoe or kayak at the 2014 HOEx . For those who aren't aware of HOEx, it is the state's largest exhibition of over 60 outdoor activities spread all over Fort Harrison State Park Sept 20-21 from 10am-6pm each day. Most activities are hands on so attendees can experience them. The paddling activity last year introduced more than 3000 people to the sport ! See <http://www.in.gov/dnr/5009.htm> for more info on the HOEx .

Lots of volunteers are needed, assisted by cadets from the Hoosier Youth Challenge Academy and Venture Scouts. Volunteers will provide basic instruction, supervise the PFD & paddle distributors, loaders/unloaders, and for on-water paddling guides. Instructors will teach the very basics of paddling, how to enter a boat and answer questions about the sport. **Anyone can volunteer** - you do not need to be certified or very proficient, only ready to have lots of enjoyment introducing our sport to eager folks who will paddle for 15-20 mins in the park pond.

Contact Joe Rozsahegyi jvrinkokd@aol.com 765-507-1200 to volunteer some time one or both days.



Volunteers Needed

For several years, the HCC has provided safety-paddle volunteers to support the **Sunset and Full Moon Paddle Program at the Marina at Eagle Creek Park**....Those fun evening public paddle-programs have started up again, and we could use your help!

HCC Volunteers Safety-Role at monthly Full Moon Paddle Program:

- ..Greet program participants as they arrive
- ..Help participants adjust the foot pegs in their rental kayaks
- ..Paddle along weaker paddlers offering basic paddling advice and suggestions
- ..Communicate with program guide any challenges, slow paddlers, etc
- ..Helping participants beach and exit their boats as they finish.

Here are some of the details:

- ..Each HCC volunteer will receive free gate admission for that night
- ..Jeff Coates is the program guide, and leads the brief orientation, paddle instruction, and route
- ..Be sure to bring a head lamp and/or light affixed to your pfd
- ..The Marina will provide radios for communication, and glow-sticks for safety
- ..The paddle is generally very slow, as most participants are beginners
- ..The programs are weather-dependent, so Jeff Coates will send out emails to interested HCC members, confirming if each program will take place or not

Here's the Dates (Friday and Saturday each month, closest to the Full Moon):

July 11 and 12, August 8 and 9, September 12 and 13, October 10 and 11

If you're interested or have any questions, send an email to Jeff Coates, truenorth360@comcast.net He can answer your questions, and will send out confirmation emails and gate passes each month, to confirm the program.