

# The Hoosier Paddler

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## From the Skipper:

The summer solstice brings us the longest days of the year this month, so try to find the time to enjoy the extra day light on the water somewhere. Our June 10 open house got moved to July 8, so keep an eye out for more information on our website, your email, and the July newsletter for details.

Looking over our June calendar, I really wish I had more time! Every fleet has at least one trip every weekend. Camping, paddling, clinics, pool practice – a ton of activity going on in and out of state. Remember, if there is a trip you would like to do, please contact that fleet's chair or anyone on the board. And we are always looking for new trip leaders, so feel free to volunteer.

There are also other ways to volunteer this month, from the Hoosier Outdoor experience to helping with a triathlon.

Hopefully everyone had a chance to fill out the survey to vote for a white-water park in Columbus, IN last month. At press time, we don't have an update on the riverfront project; please see the article in this newsletter on how you to stay up to date.

Hope to see you all on the water at some point!

Natalie

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## Columbus, IN White Water Play Park Update

Natalie Needham

The city of Columbus, IN is taking a serious look at adding a white-water play park in place of a dam (see May's Newsletter for complete details).

The Preferred Riverfront Concept is due to be presented to the city sometime in June, but the exact date is not posted as I write this article. Please keep an eye on your email, our Facebook page, and the club calendar on when this meeting will take place. I hope we can pack the meeting full of paddlers and help spread some enthusiasm about how great of an opportunity this really is.

To keep track of what's going on yourself, please keep checking this website for the latest developments: <https://www.columbusriverfront.org/>

## Volunteers Needed!! Triathlon Support at Eagle Creek June 10

Swimming portion of the [Indy Sprint Triathlon Series](#). HCKC members and guest 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 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.

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. Some go to breakfast, some go paddle around, some have to go home and do chores. 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 John Wain-scott @ wldleak@sbcbglobal.net or 317-250-8107. Thanks for your help. John

## **Trip Announcement**

**Saturday – Monday, May 27 – 29**

**Canoe Camping - Lake Monroe & Deem Wilderness**

**Sponsor: Brad de Ark**

Prairie State Canoeists and Hoosier Canoe & Kayak Club joint trip. Come join with your Illinois paddling brothers and sisters for a canoe camping Memorial Day Weekend! We will launch from the Cutright Recreation Area on Saturday morning (exact time TBD) and paddle out on Monday morning. We will explore the Salt Creek backwaters, and hike and enjoy the wilderness and wildlife. We will adhere to "leave no trace" wilderness principles. Please leave cans and plastic disposable bottles at home. Bring what you need to eat and your own personal water. Let me know if you would like to participate in a Saturday night potluck dinner. We may camp at the same site for both nights or change for Sunday night. Be prepared for storms or cooler weather. Please RSVP to [BDEARK@GMAIL.COM](mailto:BDEARK@GMAIL.COM) or 8474943830. More details will be provided to participants as the date arrives. You may also register at [PRAIRIESTATECANOEISTS.ORG](http://PRAIRIESTATECANOEISTS.ORG)

## **Trip Announcement**

**Saturday, May 27, "Holiday on The Wildcat"**

**Sponsor: Garry "Muskrat" Hill**

Muskrat loves to provide an annual day-trip on Wildcat Creek over the Memorial Day Weekend. Wildcat Creek is designated as an Indiana Natural and Scenic Stream, so this provides a great way to welcome the Summer Paddling Season on a beautiful stretch of a local Stream. For this year, I hope to Paddle from Adams Mill to Knop Lake for a Trip of 13.6-miles, with a Meeting time of 9 AM. Full details will be provided by email during the week before the Holiday.



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# **The Newsletter of the Hoosier Canoe Club**

## **Hoosier Outdoor Experience - Volunteers needed**

**6/10-11 Indianapolis**

### **Hoosier Outdoor Experience**

**June 10-11, 10 am to 6 pm at Fort Harrison State Park**

Greetings paddlers,

As you may have heard, we are still doing a paddling activity at the HOE this year, but we aren't putting people on the water. We couldn't get a group to run it and we didn't have enough volunteers. We didn't get the cadets, so I'm little relieved. The DNR didn't want to totally give up on introducing people the world of paddling, so there will be a smaller activity area near more people. What we plan to do is have a canoe on inner tubes to simulate a boat on the water to show people how to not tip a boat. We will also have pfd fitting, throw bags and other information. <http://www.in.gov/dnr/5009.htm>

We would also love to have some people from clubs and organizations to come out and talk about paddling and safety. With no water activity we expect to have fewer people, but those that do come will be looking for information and experienced people to talk to. It's a better chance to interact with people and not be carnival workers. We want to make sure those who are looking to paddle in Indiana get the help and advice they need. Please help Austin and I recruit a few volunteers for the event. The toughest thing we'd ask someone to do this year is fit a pfd or re-load a throw bag. Volunteers can email me if they want to help and I will get them the information they need. Thanks, Dale Brier [dbrier@dnr.in.gov](mailto:dbrier@dnr.in.gov)

## **Volunteers wanted for Safety Support at Eagle Creek Full Moon Paddles**

**June 9-10, July 7-8, August 4-5, September 8-9, October 6-7**

This year, Jeff Coates will again be leading Full Moon paddles sponsored by the Eagle Creek Outfitters located at the Marina in the north part of Eagle Creek Park. People rent canoes and kayaks from the Eagle Creek Outfitters and Jeff guides them on a 2-hour paddle up Eagle Creek Lake and back. Jeff provides background on the park and its plant/animal life while they paddle. For many years, the HCKC volunteers have provided safety support for these paddles since they often get up to 30 new paddlers out for a given full-moon event. Our volunteers typically help adjust boats for paddlers, give advice to new paddlers who are having problems once they get on the water, sweep, keep an eye on the group, and occasionally tow paddlers to the motorized support boats. This is a great opportunity to talk paddling and let people know about the Hoosier Canoe and Kayak Club. Full Moon Paddles will be held on the following dates: Friday June 9, Saturday June 10, Friday July 7, Saturday July 8, Friday August 4, Saturday August 5, Friday Sept. 8, Saturday Sept. 9, Friday Oct. 6, and Saturday Oct. 7. If you would be interested in helping with any of these paddles, send an e-mail to Jeff Coates at [truenorth360@comcast.net](mailto:truenorth360@comcast.net).

## **Trip Announcement**

### **Driftwood River Trip**

**Saturday, June 17, 2017**

**Trip Sponsors: Sue Foxx ([sufoxx713@aol.com](mailto:sufoxx713@aol.com) or 317-363-4074) and Dwayne James ([dwaynesjamesA1@hotmail.org](mailto:dwaynesjamesA1@hotmail.org) or text 317-956-7691)**

Notify trip sponsors by 7 pm on June 16 to confirm your attendance just in case there are any issues with water level or weather. The Driftwood River, flowing from the confluence of the Big Blue and Sugar Creek, winds through farmland with wooded banks. Our trip will begin in a secluded state wildlife preserve and continue through a part of Camp Atterbury Wilderness Area. Deer, beaver, heron, eagle and osprey have been spotted in this area. It is also not unusual to see aerial maneuvers from the military training ground nearby. We will travel from Furnas Mill Dam on Sugar Creek to the Lowel Bridge PAS 15 miles downriver. This is a long paddle but is appropriate for all skill levels. Be sure to bring water, lunch, sunscreen, hat, paddling gloves and lifejacket in addition to your regular gear.

Meeting Place: Shell Station just off I-65 at EXIT 80 (First Edinburg Exit...the one BEFORE the Edinburg Mall)

Meeting Time: 9:00 am (We will then caravan to the Put In)

9:30 am Shuttle

10:30 am Start paddling

Noonish Lunch

4:30 pm Arrive at Take Out

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## **Trip Announcement**

**6/24-25/2017: 300 Springs Green River KY**

**Sponsor: Natalie Needham**

Come join us and explore a river section that's one of the Green River's best kept secrets.

There are several natural springs and waterfalls along this beautiful stretch of river. Saturday will be a long paddle at about 20 miles, so plan on about a 7-8 hour paddle.

### **Saturday, June 24, 9 AM EDT**

We will meet at the Five Star Foodmart 1301 Main St, Munfordville, KY 42765 at 9AM eastern time (8AM central) and promptly leave for the put-in at 9:15AM EDT (8:15AM CDT).

The put-in is at Lynn Camp Creek, off of State Highway 566. Take out will be H.H. Wilson Park, off state highway 2185 (820 Munfordville-Linwood Rd, Munfordville, KY 42765)

This is a good beginner's paddle as there aren't very many snags to negotiate or any portaging necessary. However, this is a long paddle and there are no easy ways to get off the river. You must determine if your physical shape is up for a long paddle.

This paddle is also very flow dependent. If the flow is low, we will find somewhere else to paddle, so stay flexible. There is no fun in dragging boats for 20 miles. Locals say 3.5 ft. on the Munfordville gage is pretty much the minimum for a good trip.

There are camping grounds nearby at Horse Cave and Mammoth Cave National Park. I'll be staying at MCNP campground beginning on Friday if anyone would like to share sites. Things to bring: pfd, paddle, lunch, beverages, lots of water, sunscreen, sunglasses, snacks, sense of adventure, and a sense of humor.

### **Sunday, June 25 - Optional**

Sunday will be a nice 5 mile paddle on the way home. There are also several springs along this stretch as well. We will meet at the take out from Saturday's trip (H.H. Wilson Park) at 10AM EDT (9AM CDT) and then proceed to the take out at Big Buffalo Crossing Canoe (100 River Rd, Munfordville, KY 42765) Please message me if you have any questions or comments about the trip at [nataliehckkayak@gmail.com](mailto:nataliehckkayak@gmail.com) or 317-840-4507



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## SEA KAYAK Thoughts

Jim Sprandel

In April, Mariann and Dave lead us down to South Carolina for a week of paddling in the Charleston area. Dave and I scouted Lake Jocassee on our way to Charleston – Jocassee is an interesting lake about the size of Lake Monroe but located in a much hillier area. There were 6-8 significant waterfalls scattered about the lake.

In South Carolina, we paddled a mixture of salt and fresh water. One really interesting paddle was going to Fort Sumter at the mouth of Charleston harbor – an educational paddle since there was history, big water conditions, tidal currents, and cargo ships to think about. We also visited Lake Marion – a fresh lake that is 10 times bigger than Lake Monroe and has alligators! This lake was neat because we paddled through cypress groves around a series of islands. Osprey also nested in the tops of cypress trees so they were only 15 feet off of the water when we paddled by. A great trip – look for a full write up in a future newsletter.

To view pictures for this trip, go to:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/creekfreak/sets/72157681701392011> (Dave Ellis)

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/merlin3d/albums/72157680135376224> (Mine)

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/96668759@N02/albums/72157681614686521> (Duane Garloch)

I've also included a trip report for our recent trip to Cataract Falls in this newsletter.

### Upcoming Events:

May 27, Hardy Lake Paddle (Check [HCKC Event Calendar](#))

June 4-10 – [Potomac-Chesapeake Bay Trip](#)

Sunday June 25, Lake Monroe Day Trip

Week-end of July 3 – NWIPA Michigan City to New Buffalo paddle.

I will get a trip announcement for the Lake Monroe Day trip out to the IND\_TOURING\_KAYAK mailing list and update the calendar within the next week. I have not heard details on the Michigan City paddle yet but I will forward them to the IND\_TOURING\_KAYAK mailing list as soon as I can pin them down.

**Open Water Training** – Be sure to look over Duane Garloch's class announcement for the Open Water Rescue Clinic and Practice in this newsletter. This class covers essential skills for sea kayaking and you need to be able to execute them in all conditions. Yearly review and practice is a good thing. This course is recommended to all people doing big water trips such as the Apostles or Manitou with the club.

## Sea Kayak Clinic and Practice Session - Open Water Rescue Saturday, June 17, 2016

Event Coordinator: Duane Garloch

We are holding a one-day clinic and practice session on Open Water Rescue for sea kayakers. This clinic is a chance for new paddlers to learn open water rescue techniques and a chance for more experienced paddlers to compare techniques and practice them in a safe environment. This clinic is important since kayakers need to regularly practice these skills so they are "fresh" when we get into a real rescue situation —you want to know how to get yourself or someone else back in their boat quickly and on your first attempt. Open water paddlers should take this course before attempting any "big water" adventures with or without a group.

We will start off each teaching segment by systematically walking through the steps to complete a rescue so that newer paddlers can learn the tricks associated with performing each rescue. After walking through "one way to do a rescue", we will compare notes and discuss/demonstrate alternative approaches that people may have seen.

**Course Content:** At the course, we will cover the following topics:

- Wet exiting your boat
- Solo Reentries (Paddle Float, Cowboy, Reenter and Roll)
- Assisted Reentries (T-Rescue, Stirrup Rescue, Scoop Rescue)
- Towing - contact tows, short tows, and regular tows. Will discuss when to start towing and when towing may be needed to assist a rescue (I will bring extra tow ropes if you don't have one.)

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### **Course Details**

**Date:** Saturday, June 17, 2017

**Location:** **Tentatively** Geist Park (I will confirm the location closer to the class) – Contact me if you are not sure how to get there.

**Schedule:**

9:30 am Please get to Geist Park early enough to be able launch at this time

9:30 am – 9:45 am Introductions/Shore-Based Training

9:45 am On-Water Training

1:30 pm Return to Geist Park for Wrap-Up

**Required Equipment:** (Contact [Duane](#) if you want an exception to these requirements since we may have extra equipment that you can borrow):

Touring Kayak or Sea Kayak (14' or longer) with perimeter deck lines running to the bow and stern of your boat. Must have sealed fore and aft bulkheads or fore/aft air float bags.

Spray Skirt – We will be practicing bracing and Eskimo bow rescues so you will need a spray skirt .

Life jacket, pump, dry clothes, sun screen.

Paddle – It is best to bring the paddle that you normally paddle with.

Snack/Water – We will probably work through to 1:30 pm without stopping for lunch. Please bring a snack and water since boat re-entry really can wear a person out.

**Recommended Equipment:** (Please bring if you have it – Don't buy it if you don't already have.)

Paddle Float, tow rope, rescue stirrup

Wet Suit or Dry Suit—Depending on the weather, you may want at least a wet suit to be comfortable.

Nose clips—Nose clips are strongly recommended since we will be getting in the water.

**Contact Information:** If have any questions, contact Duane Garloch at [duane.garloch@gmail.com](mailto:duane.garloch@gmail.com) or (317) 796-2865 by Thursday, June 15.

**Registration:** We are using the club's web site to manage registration. Click on the link below to get full class details or to register for the clinic: <http://www.hoosiercanoeclub.org/event-2444202>

### **Future Newsletters**

Do you have any great trip reports or any other interesting stories the rest of us would enjoy? Please submit any articles, stories, or interesting points to Dwayne James for our News Letter. Submittals must be received by Dwayne by the 17th of each month to ensure it makes into the next month's newsletter. Please send any pictures or write-ups to [dwaynesjamesA1@hotmail.com](mailto:dwaynesjamesA1@hotmail.com). I prefer word documents with very little formatting of the text. Calibri 11 makes a nice font.



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## Kayaking Skills Classes – Introductory and Intermediate Classes

**Instructors:** Dave Ellis, Duane Garloch, Jim Sprandel

**Dates:** Saturdays – Sat. June 24, Sun. July 16, and Sat. August 19, 2017

This year, we will offer four one-day sessions during the summer. However, we are going to try something different to give intermediate paddlers more chance for training.

Since we now have three ACA instructors, we can break our class up into two groups. In one group, we will cover the Introduction to Kayaking material that we have usually covered in these classes. In the other, we will cover ACA intermediate (Level 2 and 3) instruction that we have offered only once per year in the past.

### Introduction to Paddling Class -

**Target Paddlers:** HCKC members who have never taken a class or who want to work on their strokes in their recreational, touring, or sea kayak.

**Class Content:** Here's a way to jumpstart your paddling! As a new kayaker, you may know how to move your boat around in calm water. 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 your basic knowledge, strokes, and other paddling skills that you may need to safely enjoy the sport. This course is based on the American Canoe Association "[Introduction to Kayaking](#)" course. This is also a great opportunity to ask any question that you might have about paddling or the Hoosier Canoe & Kayak Club.

Your instructor will first talk with you about the basics and then quickly get on the water to teach you how to safely get in your boat and move it forward, backwards, and sideways as well as how to turn and stop. .

### Intermediate Kayak Control (Edging/Turning and Stroke Refinement)

**Target Paddlers:** HCKC members who have taken an introductory class at least one year earlier and who are comfortable with their forward-turning strokes as well as with their draw to go sideways and bow/stern rudder maneuvers. This class targets recreational, touring, and sea kayaks.

**Class Content:** Boat control and turning are essential for Intermediate paddlers whether you are paddling on creeks, rivers, lakes, or oceans. You need to make your boat do what you want it to do. The main topics that we cover are listed below:

Edging your boat and using fore/aft lean to turn your boat or to make it go straight

Bow and stern rudders

Side draws – Maneuvers that move your boat sideways without changing the angle of your boat

Maneuvers to paddle tighter turns with control

This section will start with a short discussion of boat dynamics and quickly get on the water to start learning to play with your boat.

**Whitewater Paddlers:** This class normally targets recreational, touring, and sea kayaks since dynamic characteristics of Whitewater boats are so dramatically different. However, if you get a group of 5 Whitewater people together for a class, Dave can do a whitewater-oriented session.

**Meeting Place:** To be announced – The instructors will send out an e-mail to participants about one week before the class. The classes will typically be held at Eagle Creek but the instructors for Intermediate classes may opt other locations.

**Your Chance of Getting Wet:** While the water is cool, we will demonstrate rescue skills but you won't *intentionally* be getting into the water at this clinic unless you want to. Thatcher Pool's Wednesday night sessions are a better place to practice rescues and wet exits when it's cool out

**Class Size:** Attendance for each class will be limited to 5 students for each of the 3 instructors. Enrollees must be registered HCKC Members and will be accepted based on the date that they register on the HCKC Web Site. The split between Introductory and Intermediate students will be decided as student enrollments are processed.

Please do not sign up unless you can stay for the entire clinic (9:00 am to 3:30 pm).

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**What to Bring:**

Please bring your kayak, life jacket, paddle, paddling jacket, sun screen, lunch, and water.

Safety equipment that you normally carry (e.g., pump, paddle float, stirrup, tow or throw rope ...). Please don't buy safety equipment just for this class.

Paddling Clothing—Even though you won't *intentionally* be capsizing, be sure to dress appropriately for the weather and water. We will get out more info on what to wear in the pre-class e-mail.

Questions — Please think about what you want to learn before the class and come with questions.

<b>Schedule:</b>	9:00 am	Meet at Designated Location
	9:30 am	Be dressed to paddle with your boat at the launch area
	9:30 am—3:30 pm	Class
	We will take an hour around Noon for lunch and a safety discussion.	

**How to Register:** You need to sign up for these classes using the HCKC Web Site.

Go to the HCKC Web Site at <http://www.hoosiercanoeclub.org/> and login using your e-mail address and your account password by clicking "Login" in the upper, right corner.

After logging in, click "Trips/Events" in the menu at the top of the page. You will see the [HCKC Event Calendar](#).

Go to the date that you want to attend and click the event labeled "Kayak Skill Clinic" and click "Register" in the left-hand column of this page.

## Eagle Creek Tuesday Evening Paddles May 2 thru September 26, 2017

Jim Sprandel

Eagle Creek paddles will be held on Tuesday afternoons and evenings again this year. These are unstructured paddles where HCKC members can explore the lake or practice skills on their own. If you want to paddle with friends, I would recommend coordinating that through the club bulletin board, Facebook or e-mail.

These Tuesday Evening paddles are provided for club members through a Partnership Agreement between Eagle Creek Park and the HCKC. The club "pays" for these park admissions by cleaning up the Eagle Creek shore and providing safety support for the week-end paddles provided by Jeff Coates and Eagle Creek Outfitters. I will send out a note on the Full Moon paddles within the next month. In the September newsletter, we will tell you how to help with the shore line clean-up

**When:** Tuesday Afternoons/Evenings – Tuesday, May 2 through September 26, 2017

**Starting Time:** HCKC Members may use the pass to enter the park any time after 1:00 pm on the specified Tuesdays. However, most members do not show up until after work.

**Ending Time:** When you enter the park, look at the park's closing time that is posted at each of the park gates. It changes during the year and they normally lock at least one of the gates at that time.

**Where: Ramp near Discovery Center**—Enter the park at either the 56th Street or 71st Street entrance and follow the signs to the Discovery Center or "Go Ape!" Use the boat/kayak ramp across the parking lot from the Discovery Center (next to Go Ape). This pass is not valid at the Dandy Trail ramp at the south end of the lake near Ric's and the beach at the Marina is now restricted to Marina renters.

**2017 HCKC-Eagle Creek Pass:** HCKC Members **must** print the 2017 HCKC pass and show it to the Eagle Creek gate staff to get in without paying. Park admittance is normally \$8 for a car with one kayak or canoe otherwise.

**To Get the Pass:**

Login to the new HCKC web site at [www.hoosiercanoeclub.org](http://www.hoosiercanoeclub.org). Your name will appear in the upper, right corner of the screen after you are logged in.

Move your cursor over the Information Tab in the top menu and then click "2017 Eagle Creek Pass" in the menu that drops down or jump directly to:

<http://www.hoosiercanoeclub.org/EagleCreek>

**Note:** You must be logged in before you can access the pass. I'll see you on the water.

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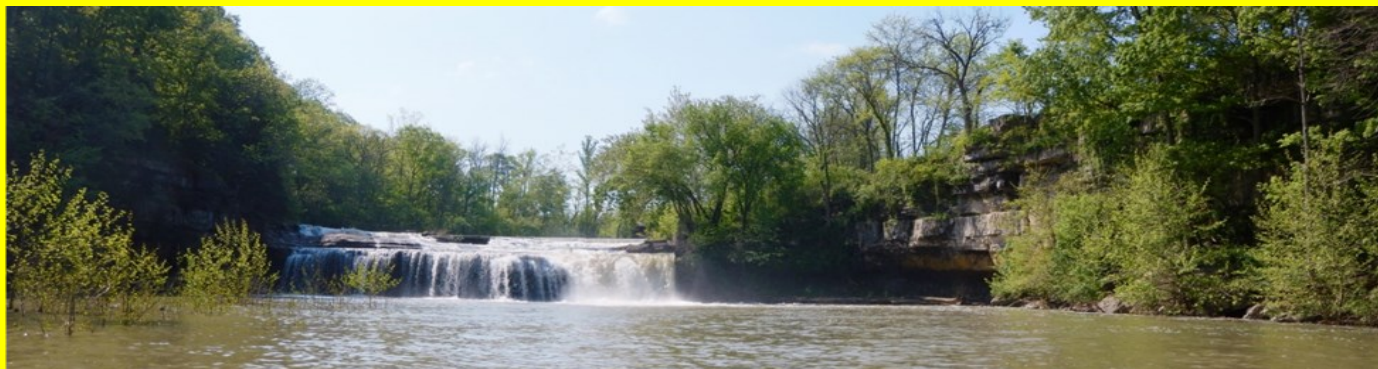
## **Trip Report**

**HCKC Sea Kayakers run Lower Cataract Falls!**

**Cagles Mill (Cataract Falls) High-Water Trip**

**Saturday, May 13, 2017**

**Jim Sprandel**



On Saturday May 13, 10 paddlers set out from Lieber SRA and paddled up the headwaters of Cagles Mill Lake to the base of the Upper Cataract Falls. Cagles Mill Lake is a flood control lake and the water level varies throughout the year. After the rains of the past weeks, the lake stage was at 675' about 40' over its normal summer stage.

We launched from the road down to the beach since the beach was under water. The high lake stage makes for an interesting paddle since paddlers can "short cut" all the way up the falls – paddling over the peninsulas that form the channel near the beach and bee-lining where we normally have to follow the bends in the creek. Most people on the trip had paddled to the Falls several times before and the lake has a very different feel at this level.

We stopped at the Lower Falls long enough to look around. Normally, the paddle from Lieber to the Lower Falls is a 6-7 mile trip and we got there in 5.5 miles due to short-cuts.

Once there, we paddled upstream another mile to the base of the Upper Falls. The bulk of the water comes down the Upper Falls on one side and there is a lighter veil across the rest of the falls. Several people paddled behind the veil away from peak flow – you just had to be willing to get a little wet. There was even enough room behind the veil to turn around and paddle out where you came in.

The trip back was uneventful and we had a 12-13 mile day. Cagles Mill Lake is one of my favorite places to paddle for several reasons.

First, it's only an hour from Indianapolis so it makes a great day trip.

Second, the Falls are spectacular. Most people launch from the Cunot Public Access Ramp off of Indiana 42 and it's only a 3.5 mile paddle up to the falls from there. An easy day's paddle. However, you have to park along the side of the road when the lake stage exceeds 750 feet.

Third, the lake is a fun place to explore. There are a lot of fingers and inlets to explore all around the lake.

The club will have a Moonlight Paddle up to Cataracts Falls from Cunot Public Access Site (if the water goes down by then) on Saturday, July 10. Watch the July newsletter for details.

## **Trip Report**

**Westwood Park Lake, New Castle, IN April 15, 2017**

**Jim Eckerty**

Twelve paddlers took to the water and twelve paddlers returned...always a good thing. While the winds were constant gusting to 20mph the 80 degree sunny weather ruled the day. Another plus of the day was FREE park entrance, apparently they start charging Monday ! We paddled the perimeter of this small lake and returned to our launch point for lunch and conversation. Doing this trip in the Fall was discussed as we all agreed this is a very pretty lake, especially in the Fall. Several newer members came on trip, with Bob & Kathy earing the distance award as the came from near Cincinnati to join in. After lunch three of us decided a second lap was in order so we paddled again in what seemed ever increasing winds. Jim E.

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## **Trip Report**

### **Summit Lake March 19, 2017**

#### **Jim Eckerty**

Nine hearty paddlers welcomed spring on our annual trip to Summit Lake. Upon launching we were greeted by the loud call of a large loon that stayed relatively near for a bit.... A good start to the trip and the year ! Another good sign was that six of the paddlers had less than two years with the club, were new members, or were considering membership. No incidents or accidents occurred. The weather was dry, with a high temperature of approximately 48 degrees and virtually no wind at all, rare for Summit Lake. The trip began with an overcast sky with a few peeks of Sunshine throughout the day with a good bit of Sunshine near the end of the trip. We paddled the majority of the Lakes shoreline. A valve in the Dam was repaired over the winter months so the lake was approximately 7 feet below normal levels during our trip. This created a great opportunity to see some new structures normally submerged.



**The Westwood Lake  
Gang April 2017**



**The Summit  
Lake Gang  
March 2017**

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## **Trip Report**

### **Otter Creek was Outstanding May 7, 2017**

**Theresa Kulczak**



The smaller streams in southern Indiana don't hold water long, so it's often a short holler (or text) after the rains to say, "it's on!" Even though there was rain and flooding all over the state, the Muscatatuck River gauges didn't come up until Thursday. The Vernon Fork was at 8000 cfs on Friday and 3000 on Saturday morning. With high water and a forecast of more rain, the Muscatatuck Rendezvous paddle was cancelled, but a few of us kept our eyes on the scintillating Otter Creek . . . On Saturday afternoon, local expert Jim Shaw (who doesn't rely on computers but physically goes to the creek to LOOK), said that Otter would be a good run for Sunday. On Sunday morning the Vernon Fork gauge was showing 800 cfs and going down. Led by Jim Shaw with coordination from Sara Hare and Theresa Kulczak, thirteen paddlers (9 canoes and 3 kayaks) from the Friends of the Muscatatuck River and the Hoosier Canoe & Kayak Club met at Vernon Commons, where Otter flows into the Muscatatuck. We put in at the Butlerville bridge for a trip of 9 miles, considered the "long stretch" for this section, available only when there's plenty of water. Otter Creek is a small stream for experienced paddlers, with maneuvering of quick turns and wonderful wave trains bouncing off the curved rock wall ledges. In my book, it's one of the most beautiful and fun paddles in the state. When you can catch that slippery Otter, it will surely make you smile.

Here is a link to Jeff Stejskal's photo album: [https://photos.google.com/share/AFIQipMlmxvgNTwdIMbaGjmpsMm\\_HwEb9BFcNFtaceCff1plWVV0rKxdWwZDOyyKjnuYrw?key=Wnp2Q2dFTDc2MDFFaGt5N1YxdVdGSks4TzJJVDBB](https://photos.google.com/share/AFIQipMlmxvgNTwdIMbaGjmpsMm_HwEb9BFcNFtaceCff1plWVV0rKxdWwZDOyyKjnuYrw?key=Wnp2Q2dFTDc2MDFFaGt5N1YxdVdGSks4TzJJVDBB)



## **The Newsletter of the Hoosier Canoe Club**

## Major Changes to the Website!!

### Please Login to the new HCKC New Web Site

The Hoosier Canoe and Kayak Club rang in 2017 with an updated web site using the Wild Apricot web tool. Most of you have noticed the new web site's new look and menus and may have explored it. However, about one third of all HCKC members have never logged into the new site and set up their profiles. We also know that several people have been having difficulty logging in and this article attempts to walk you through that process.

If you have not logged in, please give it a try. By logging in and setting up your member profile, you enable the club to use many of some advanced features that the new web site provides us. These features include automated membership management, targeted member mailing, "members-only" web pages, event management, and an integrated bulletin board.

Setting up your account is very easy and takes about 5 minutes. If you have never logged in, you just have to complete 3 steps to login and set up your profile:

Set your Password.

Login into your account.

Review/edit your Membership Profile. Since all of the information that you gave to Dave Ellis was imported, you probably don't need to change very much.

**If you have problems:** Some people have had problems setting up their accounts. If you have problem, please contact Dave Ellis at [RiverPaPaw@aol.com](mailto:RiverPaPaw@aol.com) so we can figure why and then help other people who are trying to get started.

### **If you have already set your Account Password, jump to "2. Login to the HCKC Web Site":**

#### **Set your Account Password:**

Go to the HCKC Web Site at [www.hoosiercanoeclub.org](http://www.hoosiercanoeclub.org).

Click on "Log In" in the upper, right corner of the HCKC Home Page.

You now see the "Please login to continue" pop-up menu. Select "Forgot Password" at the bottom of this menu. We have not assigned a password to your account yet and this process allows you to set your initial password.

You will now see the "Reset Password" menu. Enter the e-mail address that the HCKC uses when it sends you e-mail, fill in the "code" prompt with the 6 characters in the picture, and then click on "Submit".

**Note:** The HCKC is able to send you e-mails even if you have never logged in.

Wild Apricot will send you an e-mail. Open the e-mail.

Click on the internet link below "To choose a new password go to:" in this e-mail.

If the link does not open in your browser- highlight and copy the link from this e-mail and then paste it into the address line of your web browser.

You will now see the "Reset your Password" menu. Make up a password and enter it in both boxes in this menu and then select "Set New Password".

**You've set your password but you're only halfway done!**

#### **Login to the HCKC Web Site:**

You should see the Hoosier Canoe and Kayak banner at the top of the page. If not, go to:

[www.hoosiercanoeclub.org](http://www.hoosiercanoeclub.org)

Click on "Log In" in the upper, right corner of the HCKC Home Page.

Fill in your e-mail address and your password and then click "Login" in the bottom of this menu.

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Note: If you are the only person using your computer, select the “Remember Me box so that you will automatically be logged in when you go to the HCKC site.

**Review/Edit your Profile:** Please review your membership profile on the web site. Make sure that your contact information and paddling interests are correct. In addition, you may customize your privacy settings.

Soon, we will use the “Interested in” field in your profile to target e-mail to people with a specific interest within the club. For example, Dave Ellis might e-mail a reminder to people interested in Pool Sessions when those hours changes.

**To edit your profile:**

You have just logged in so click on your name in the upper, right corner of the web page.

You now see your profile page. Please review:

Your contact information

**Dues Status** - look at the “Renewal due on” line to see the date when you will owe dues again. If your renewal date is not correct, e-mail Dave Ellis at [RiverPaPaw@aol.com](mailto:RiverPaPaw@aol.com).

**Paddling interests** – The club will use your paddling preferences in the “Interested In” field for sending targeted e-mail. You may select any or all of the following paddling interests: Flat water, Whitewater, Tour/Sea Kayaking, Paddle Fishing, Stand Up Paddle Board, and Pool Sessions.

If you want to change anything in your profile, click on “Edit Profile” at the top of the page and go for it.

When you are done, select “Save” at the bottom of your Profile page.

**Things that you may want to do on the new Web Site**

This article discusses several common things that you may want to try on the new web site after you have logged in.

**Checking the Event Calendar** – Click on “Events” in the menu at the top of the HCKC home page. Note: When you hover over the “Event” label, you also have the option of viewing just flatwater, whitewater, or sea kayak events.

When you click on an event in the calendar, you immediately jump to a web page containing more details about the event and telling you how to sign up for the event. Some event may be set up so that you can register for the event by clicking on “Register” in the left-hand margin of the event description.

**Getting Information about Another Member or Sending them a Message** – Move your cursor over “Information” in the top menu and then select “Directory” in the drop-down menu that appears. Type in the name of the person who you want to look up – a list of matching members appears as you type their name.

Click on the person’s name in the list below the name entry box and you will see that person’s profile.

**Important:** You will only see the information that that member elected to share with other members. For example, most members have not elected to share their street addresses and phone numbers.

**If you want to send the person a message**, click the “Send Message” next to the person’s name at the top of their Profile.

**Newsletter** – To see the current newsletter, click on “Newsletter” in the top menu of the HCKC web site. To see a past newsletter, move your cursor over the “Information” tab in the top menu and select “Club Documents” in its drop-down menu. In the “Club Documents” menu, click on “Newsletter Archive” near the bottom of this page.

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## Using the New HCKC Website

Jon Reneberg

4/16/2017

Your HCKC membership gets you access to many great events and connected with many great people! The new website (still at [hoosiercanoeclub.org](http://hoosiercanoeclub.org)) is a great way to get in touch, find out about events, and get prepared for the reason we're here – to paddle! Logging into the website gets you access to information and tools not available to just anyone:

- An Eagle Creek pass exclusive to HCKC members on Tuesday afternoons
- Communication links for each of our club officers, board members, and Committee Chairs
- The member directory where you can contact other members without sharing your personal contact details until you're ready
- Access to the club forum
- Our current, and all historical newsletters
- View and register for upcoming events
- Information on training sessions
- Access to important club documents and information

Logging into the website also helps us keep track of active members, and manage the day-to-day activities. If you haven't yet logged in, please do so we can confirm we have your correct contact details and know that you have access to everything. To date, about 80 members have not yet logged in. If you haven't, give it a try and let us know how the experience goes. We're always looking to improve what we offer the club!

The new website also allows you to manage and pay for your membership renewal immediately! If you pay online, you get access right away! Getting close to renewal time? No problem, the website will send you a reminder when your renewal is coming up, and then again when it's due. You can pay online and not miss a beat. Paying online also makes it a bit easier for the folks managing your membership behind the scenes, and in most cases eliminates the need for them to enter your information into the system. With over 320 members, that's a lot of work!

Want to share your contact information with members? Simply log into the site, then select your name at the top right of the site, and the "edit profile" button. After you've made sure your contact information is up to date, click on over to the "privacy" link at the top of your profile to see what you share, and who you share it with. By default, everyone can see your first name and profile picture, but you can change that if you'd like. Use the "edit profile" button again to choose what you share with the general public, HCKC members only, or keep to yourself.

Looking to get value from the new website right away?

Head on over to the events page: <http://hoosiercanoeclub.org/events>

Check out the training sessions: <http://hoosiercanoeclub.org/Training>

...or connect with other paddlers: <http://hoosiercanoeclub.org/directory>

Regardless of how you connect, we look forward to paddling with you this year!

## Bulletin Board Migration

Jim Sprandel

During the evening of July 3, 2017, the bulletin board will be moved to the new Hoosier Canoe and Kayak Club (HCKC) web site. The new forum works about the same as the current site. People should continue using the current Bulletin Board until July 3. During the Migration, I will copy "active" threads from the current Bulletin Board to the new site so that conversations in progress can continue on the new site.

Active HCKC members will automatically be able to post and reply to messages on the new forum once they log in to the HCKC web site. However, they will have to use their HCKC login/password rather than their login/password for the current bulletin board. The new forum will continue to be viewable to the public like the current site.

If you have any questions, please send them to me at [merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net](mailto:merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net).

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## Canoecopia: A Paddler's Paradise The Place to be next March 2018!

Every year HCKC club members enjoy the trip to Madison Wisconsin to experience the newest padding "Wanna-haves" and "can't-live-withouts." Gear geeks and dainty paddling divas alike love the stuff 'Rutabaga' has for sale. How about headlamps for our kayak for use above or below the water line; or an incredible Sea to Summit air mattress that stays inflated even when punctured (needed that in Rocky Man Nat'l Park last summer)...and so much more.



The Seminars, this year, were especially diverse and adventurous: Documentaries and presentations by the first blind paddler down the Grand Canyon, (Lonnie Bedwell), a polar expedition by Jon Turk who circum-navigated the Arctic tundra of Ellesmere Is. and lived to tell the story: both men were on personal journeys with very spiritual and life changing stories. But on a more realistic level—for me—I found the photo-documentaries and trip offerings to New Zealand, Cuba, Baja, Isle Royale, and Picture Rocks, to name a few, in my less adventurous future...they were in my adventure threshold...maybe yours, too!

Following our virtual adventures to far away places, we are back on the sales floor exploring more than 250,000 square feet of kayaks, canoes, stand up paddleboards, outdoor equipment and clothing: all at discounted prices for this event. Canoecopia is a "must go" place for gear for any nerd or dilettante! The over 140 seminars and clinics make Canoecopia an educational event where you can learn about the perfect gear for your style of paddling, develop skills to get you where you want to go, and discover some of the many places to paddle, both in the US and afar.

If you're interested in experiencing life on the water without getting wet, Canoecopia is the place to be in March 2018.

view link to canoecopia <http://www.canoecopia.com>

view link to the story of blind paddler kayaking the Grand Canyon <http://lonniebedwell.com>

**Mariann & Theresa: On the Road with Lonnie Bedwell...a 6 hour conversation with the first blind paddler to kayak the Grand Canyon**

