

The Hoosier Paddler

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From the Skipper:

Spring is here, and soon the weather will cooperate for getting on the water. We end March with a whitewater trip to the Elkhorn and our annual Ice Falls trip. The month of April starts with Gary Hill's 41st annual Big Pine paddle on April 7th. Check the calendar for upcoming events. We have something scheduled almost every weekend till Fall. Check out the events calendar for details on April Fools on Big Pine trip.

See you on the water!
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Check out our new Facebook Page page at <https://www.facebook.com/hckcIN/>

Paddling Big Walnut March 2018



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Trip Announcement
Lake Monroe Overnight Paddle
Saturday-Sunday, April 7-8, 2018
Trip Sponsor: Kevin Dogan

Join us on Lake Monroe the largest lake in this state and a favorite Indiana sea kayaking destination. We will paddle on the east side of the State Hwy 446 causeway and camp overnight at one of the shoreline campsites in Deem Wilderness. With Mother Nature's cooperation, we will have a warm campfire in the evening for this early Spring excursion. If you only want to Paddle on Saturday, our campsite should be only 2-3 miles from the Cutright put-in so that people are welcome to come out and day-paddle with us without camping.

Meeting Place/Put-In: Cutright Public Access Site. This is about 2 hours from the intersection of Hwy 37 and I-465 on the southeast side of Indianapolis. ([Google Map](#))

Directions to Meeting Place: Take Hwy 446 south from Hwy 46 on the east side of Bloomington to the Lake Monroe causeway. Cutright is the first turn on your left immediately after you cross the lake causeway. We will assemble on the shoreline immediately east of the first boat ramp that you come to after leaving Hwy 446.

What to Bring: Bring your paddling gear, spray skirt, camping gear, food for lunch, dinner, and breakfast, and warm clothes. You should also bring drinking water with you. We will be camping from our boats and you will have to pack all of your gear and food in your boat, so plan accordingly. Be sure to have a 2017 Indiana DNR Boat Permit. You *may* be able to pick one up on the way to the meeting place, either at the DNR headquarter office on Hwy 446 on the north side of the entrance to the Paynetown SRA or at the gatehouse for the Paynetown SRA. In mid-March the trip sponsor was told the DNR office and gatehouse would *likely* be open all Saturdays in April, so you should call the office (812-837-9546) during the week before to confirm. You can also purchase permits online at the DNR website.

Required Equipment: Wet suits or dry suits are strongly recommended. Due to potentially rough lake conditions, spray skirts, safety equipment, and sea kayaks with fore and aft bulkheads are required.

Schedule: Saturday - 10:00 am is the recommended time for arrival at the put-In. We will launch at 11:00 am. We will probably paddle about 4-5 miles and then set up camp and have lunch. After lunch, we will go out and explore more of the lake.

Sunday: We are flexible here. We could return to Cutright as early as 10:00 am and drop off people who have to take off. We'll figure this out Saturday night depending on how far people want to paddle on Sunday and when people have get home

Contact information: Kevin Dogan, kdogan54@gmail.com 317-908-9627 Please contact me by 7:00 pm on the Thursday before the trip if you want to come. It is important that I have way to reach all persons intending to participate on all or part of this trip. I will be monitoring weather forecasts prior to the trip and I will notify people who have contacted me if there will be changes to or cancellation of the trip due to the expected weather.

Trip Announcement

Sand Creek

April 14th

Sponsor: Richard Tekulve

Come and join us as we run one of the HCKC longest running trips on beautiful Sand Creek located in SE Indiana. This trip has been run or planned almost every year for over a quarter of a century. This year we will bravely try to run the upper part known as the "Canyon Section". Our distance will be 10.6 miles with a steady gradient of 8.8 f.p.m. Our meeting time will be @ 10 AM at the Robbins Iron Bridge Park located about 9 miles southwest of Greensburg and aprox. 57 miles from the center of "Indy". Our destination will be just downstream from the restored Westport Covered Bridge (1880). The upper part is narrower (40 ft.) at the start for the first few miles then widens to the 60 to 90 foot range the rest of the way. Expect a sand/gravel bottom with some steep, exposed limestone bluffs along the way, It has been about fifteen years since the club last ran this section. The directions (from Indy) would be I-74 to Greensburg Exit 132 (US 421) for 2 miles to jct. of SR 3. Turn right (southwest) and go for 6 miles till SR 3 makes a left turn and heads south. Go 3 miles on SR 3 to County Road 500 South (green sign) and turn LEFT (East) then proceed about 2 miles to the small park that is located next to the two adjacent bridges (one is concrete the other is an old one span iron bridge painted light blue). Our total shuttle distance will be 19 miles and mostly by highway. The put-in is located on page 52 A3 on the Delorme Atlas. Our back-up will be from Westport Covered Bridge/Dam access to Brewersville Bridge for a total of 12.1 miles. That put-in is located 2 miles east of Westport (flashing light) (Main St. / County Road 1100 South) Delorme page 52 B3. Please try to understand that the streams of southeastern Indiana are very much "water dependent" and even in the Spring they can become dry without expected precipitation. If Sand Creek is "boney" we will try to run a backup stream from which there is several to choose from within a 30 mile radius. Email at canoeindiana@yahoo.com or call (812) 767-1317 before Friday night 9pm on the 13th. Please leave a contact or phone number to be contacted with as we have had paddlers from the "city" end up in the Cincinnati area after missing the exits or arrive an hour late at the put-in. I will be scouting the streams headwaters on the 13th after 5pm to make sure there is enough water to paddle the designated stream (Sand Creek) on Saturday or come up with a different option to paddle. Sand Creek trip leader since 2006, Richard Tekulve

Trip Announcement

Fall Creek Sunday, April 22

Sponsor: Sue Foxx

Fall Creek is a pretty stream flowing down the east side of Indy. We will do the stretch from 79th Street to the Emerson Way bridge. It is a section that takes us along the side of Fort Harrison State Park and by the Boy Scout camp. It includes a fun ride down 'Killer Falls'. Beginners are welcome on this 7.5 mile trip. If conditions are bad the alternate date is April 29. Be sure to pack for cold weather since temps fluctuate at this time of year. There really isn't a place to stop for lunch so bring a snack. The group can decide at the end if they want to go out for lunch as several places are near the take out.

Please contact the trip leader if you plan to attend by 7 p.m. Saturday.

When: Sunday, April 22

Meeting place: McDonald's at 79th Street and Fall Creek

Meeting Time: 10a.m.

Trip Leader: Sue Foxx 317-363-4074 or sufoxx713@aol.com

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Egmont Key, Tampa Bay, Feb. 2018

Sea Kayak Thoughts

Jim Sprandel

It Spring and a person's thoughts turn to paddling. People have been working on their skills over the winter – people have gone to the pool to work on their rolls, 35 people took the Wilderness First Aid class that Toni Harris coordinates, and 20 people have attended our first ever Open Water Navigation Class. A good use of the winter.

The sea kayak season definitely ramps up with a lot of trips from April through November. Take a look at the [Sea Kayak Event calendar](#). In the rest of this article, I will emphasize the weekend trips coming up from April through June and then I will identify 2018's extended trip in April, July, and August.

Week-End Trips coming up between April and June:

Sat.-Sun. April 7-8, Spring Lake Monroe Overnight Trip (Announcement in this Newsletter)

Sat. May 5, Cagles Mill High Water Trip, Lieber SRA. (Announcement in this Newsletter)

Sat.-Sun., May 19-20, Lake Erie Paddles sponsored by Konstantin Louganski.

Fri.-Sun., June 8 -10, South Bass Rendezvous, South Bass Island, Lake Erie.

Sat.-Sun., June 16-17, Kalamazoo River/Lake Michigan Paddle

Sat. Jun. 30-Sun. Jul. 1, NWIPA New Buffalo-Michigan City Paddle (Tent.).

The following trips are 4-8 day trips that I want to emphasize since people may need to coordinate their vacations in order to go. Announcements for these trips will be sent out to sea kayaker using our mailing list

(IND_TOURING_KAYAK@googlegroups.com). Contact me if you have questions any about these trips.

April 22-26 – South Carolina Week, Edisto Beach State Park. Dave Ellis will lead us on a number of day trips from Edisto Beach Park (south of Charleston). Dave's trip dovetails with the Seabrook Island open water training that Jim Eckerty has set up from April 27-29 with Ashley Brown, an ACA Level 5 Open Water Instructor in South Carolina.

July 15-21 – Lake Champlain Paddle, New York – Vermont Linda Decker has set up a trip Lake Champlain. Lake Champlain is huge with over 250 square miles of surface area – Lake Champlain big enough that NOAA even makes Navigation Charts for it and Congress once proposed making it the 6th Great Lake. For part of the trip, we will be camping on islands in Lake Champlain and exploring the area.

August 4-11, Apostle Island National Lakeshore, Lake Superior. This is our annual pilgrimage to the Apostle Islands. We do our usual Saturday – Saturday where we spend 6 nights camping in the Apostle Islands. I will get trip details out to IND_TOURING_KAYAKS by the end of March.

We also have introductory and intermediate training coming from May through August. Circle Saturday, June 2, on your calendar since that is the date for the Open Water Rescue Clinic and Practice Session. We encourage everyone who paddles open water to refresh their rescue skills every year so that you are fluent with them when the need arises.

If you have a sea kayak and would like to be added to our mailing list, please send me an e-mail at merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net.

See you on the water.

New Trip Ideas

Please let us know if you are interested in combining a canoe/kayak trip with hiking or biking. And how about getting in some fishing while paddling? Are you interested in attending a session on how to pack and what to pack for a canoe/kayak camping adventure? Please let us know. Contact the trip chairs or send an email to the newsletter editor.

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Sea Kayak Trip Announcement - Cagles Mill Lake High-Water Paddle

When: Saturday, May 5, 2018 – Ready to Launch – 10:00 am

Sponsor: Jim Sprandel (merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net)

This year, we are going to paddle Cagles Mill Lake. The lake has a different feel when the water level is closer to winter stage since it can be up 30-40 feet higher than summer stage. On March 17, the lake stage was over 650 feet – 20 feet over the summer stage. Last year, we were able to paddle up through the lake's headwaters over the lower falls and all of the way up to the Upper Falls.

Since the ramp at Cunot will probably still be underwater, we will launch from the beach at Lieber State Recreation Area. If the beach is still underwater, we launch from the road down to the beach and park at the top of the hill. We will then paddle down the lake past Cunot PAS and up to the falls. The trip from the Lieber SRA Ramp up to the falls is about 6.5 miles and the first 3 miles cross open portions of Cagles Mills Lake which can get choppy and windy. We will probably have lunch at the lower falls. Shore conditions at the falls are very dependent on water level.

Meeting Place: We will meet in Lieber SRA. If the lake stage is below 629, we will meet at the East end of the Swimming Beach at Lieber SRA. If the lake is above 630, we will either have to unload our boats on the road down to the beach or we may be able to use the ramp parking area at the west end of the beach which is a few feet higher than the beach. I'll scout during the week before the trip and let people know where we will be able to park.

Directions: From I-70 and I-465 on the west side of Indianapolis, drive west on I-70 to the SR 243 exit (Exit 37). Drive about 3 miles south on SR 243 to the Lieber SRA Entrance and follow the signs to the beach within the park. (The SRA is approximately 45 minutes from I-465 and I-70 on the Indy West Side.) Note: There is a \$7 fee to enter the park and you must have a DNR Sticker for your boat—these stickers are available at the SRA gate.

What to Bring: Be sure to bring your boat, paddling gear, water, your lunch, sunscreen, and insect repellent. I strongly recommend a spray skirt since we may be dealing with wind and boat chop in the first 3 miles. Due to the mileage and possible lake conditions, sea kayaks or touring kayaks with fore/aft flotation and spray skirts are recommended.

Paddling Distance: 13-15 miles.

Schedule: Saturday, May 5 –

Plan on being ready to launch at 10:00 am—we should get off the water around 3:30 pm.

Contact Information: Please e-mail me at merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net by 6:00 pm on the Friday before the trip if you plan to attend so I can get latest conditions to you.

New HCKC Web Site Feature – Apple iPhone Member APP

HCKC members with Apple iPhones can now access much of the information on the HCKC web site using their iPhones. These members are now able to:

- View the events calendar
- Register for events
- View their existing event registrations
- Pay event registration fees
- View member information for other members.
- Send e-mails to other members

This App may be gotten at the Apple Store (search for "Wild Apricot for Members") or by clicking this link:



Wild Apricot has not announced when an Android version of this App will be available. This app is distinct from the Wild Apricot Administration App that is currently available.

More information is available at:

<https://www.wildapricot.com/blogs/newsblog/2018/02/08/member-app>

Reminder—Get your 2018 DNR Lake Permit



You must have a 2018 DNR Lake Permit if you want to paddle your boat in Indiana state parks, state-managed reservoirs, or state forests. Annual permits are still only \$5 per boat per year. The fine for paddling on Lake Monroe without a sticker is over \$100 and is enforced by the state's conservation officers.

Permits may be bought at the Indiana Government Center (402 W. Washington St., Room W160) in Indianapolis or at the property offices or entrance gates at state parks, reservoirs, and forests when they are staffed. You can also buy them at the DNR booth at the Boat, Sport, and Travel Show in February. Alternatively, you can buy stickers on-line at:

<http://stores.innsgifts.com/watercraft-exp-12-31-15/>

Note: Early in the season, attendants will be available at some launch ramps. However, not every ramp and not every day so be sure to check at the park you are going to before you head out. You can also visit the DNR booth at the Boat Sport and Travel show and purchase your permits. Pet the bison while there.

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Possible BWCAW Trip Dwayne James

I have been thinking about doing a week long trip to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness on the northwestern edge of Lake Superior. I am considering this year perhaps in late May or early June. As it is difficult to schedule vacation times for a group please contact Dwayne James at dwaynesjamesA1@hotmail.com if you are interested or would like to find out more about this type of trip. Please suggest optional dates that you would be available. I am also wanting to do this for 2019, so put in your requested time frame asap.

Once I have a list of interested persons, we can set up a meeting to discuss potential entry locations, the type of trip—hard slog military march across endless portages each day vs. a nice loop with a few portages for the week vs base camping and doing lots of day trip options without having to portage more than fishing gear, lunch and canoes.

Are you wanting to learn about the BWCAW and tripping up north? I am happy to discuss details of getting a permit, outfitters, entry points, portages, gear needs, safety, and any other questions you may have. I have canoe camped this area many times, going up before fishing opener in early May to clear portages and check campsites, going in June during snow storms, baking in July in the heat, and enjoying the bugless, cooler weather of September/October. I have travelled lakes in the Sawbill area, the Gunflint Trail, and up the fire road north of Ely. I also have gear to borrow. So let's get this planned soon!

New HCKC Web Site Feature – Second E-Mail Address

The HCKC web site currently sends notices and trip announcements to the primary e-mail address associated with your membership. Wild Apricot recently added a new feature that allows you to associate a secondary e-mail address with your account profile.

After you specify a secondary address, the HCKC will send all club e-mails to your primary e-mail address as before but will also copy your secondary address. For example, you might want to specify your spouse's or child's e-mail address as a secondary address so that they know about events as soon as you do.

To turn on this feature:

Go to the HCKC Web Site and log in.

After logging in, click on your name in the upper, right corner of the web page.

You will now see your "My Profile" page.

Click "Edit Profile" in the upper, left corner of this page.

Go down this page until you come to the "Secondary E-Mail Address" field and enter your secondary e-mail address. After entering and checking the e-mail address, go to the bottom of this page and click "Save".

HCKC presence on MeetUp will be discontinued

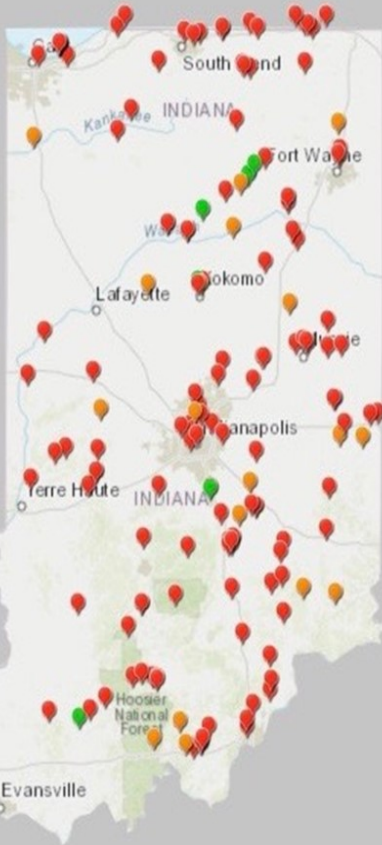
At the February HCKC Board Meeting, the board voted to terminate the club's presence on the MeetUp website. The club changed to our current [Wild Apricot web platform](#) about 1 year ago. Since Wild Apricot supports all of the features provided by MeetUp and since our trip sponsors strongly have preferred Wild Apricot, the board decided to drop MeetUp. Our MeetUp presence will be terminated by the end of February.

HOOSIER CANOE & KAYAK CLUB LAUNCHES LOW HEAD DAM REMOVAL AND SAFETY INITIATIVE

LOW HEAD DAMS ARE:



OVER 150 DAMS IN INDIANA



LOCATION OF LOW HEAD DAMS

MISSION STATEMENT: Initiate the removal of Low Head Dams in Indiana through public education and working directly with and engaging those organizations, clubs, schools, and public officials/legislature that can influence such results. River and water safety education is paramount in accomplishing this goal.

CURRENT WORKING INFORMATION REGARDING LOW HEAD DAMS IN INDIANA:

Over 150 low head dams in Indiana. (the public is uninformed)
Inadequate signage signaling the approaching dam.
Little or no information available regarding the location of these dams to unsuspecting paddlers...and the dangers of encountering them.

DNR has designed an interactive app showing location of all known low head dams in Indiana

Many of the LHD are on private property requiring education and diplomatic negotiations with the owners...(maybe, offer incentives)

Many Indiana legislators may be uninformed regarding this issue: educate

Average age of drowning in a low head dam accident is 20.5 years.(youth education is paramount)

24 incidents in Indiana LHDs in 2017: 6 deaths and 18 recovered rescues

THE HOOSIER CANOE AND KAYAK CLUB'S GOALS IN THIS PROJECT

Outreach to the paddling and on-water recreational clubs, organizations, liveries, etc, in Indiana by: working independently but cooperatively with the DNR & Silver Jackets.

Developing an interactive platform in order that information on the issues and initiatives can be accessed readily...*Currently, we are in communication with the Pelorus Project (Fort Wayne) regarding re-development of the Pelorus website, with a name change and enhanced mission...Pelorus has decided to give the club administrative rights and this will happen very soon.*

enabling all clubs to link to this site to access materials and information on the project

The Over, Under, Gone video in a 10 minute version will be available as a teaching tool for educational

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programs in schools and in other events. Link to the video: [\(click\) Over, Under, Gone video](#)

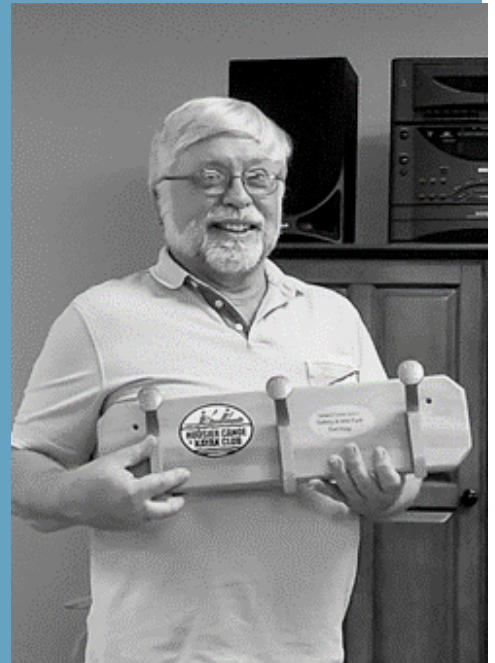
encouraging other Indiana clubs to carve out, in their organization, LHD education & safety on their website and Fb page and link directly to our platform

designing and building a Low Head Dam model—currently in process—as a working demonstration in educational venues. **Earl King, our project designer on this model is almost at completion: See model below.**

*[**Our club's website is completely independent of the DNR website and will function as a singular voice for recreational clubs and its associate organizations and membership. We are not part of any governmental agency when performing club activities including outreach and education].*

Follow Progress in the newsletter or on Fb until our website is up and running

Direct any questions to **Mariann Davis**, marianndvs@gmail.com, Subject: Low head dams



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