

The Hoosier Paddler

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Skippers Note

Indiana Paddlers Rendezvous

August 4, 5, 6 2023

See the write up about location, auction, trips and other information inside this newsletter. And also look over the canoes and kayaks donated for the auction by members of the Wildcat Guardians and the Hoosier Canoe and Kayak club.

And we need volunteers for the August 19 Triathlon and the following weekend for the Go Girls Triathlon.

And please, whitewater and touring kayak group leaders— send in your trip announcements and trip reports. dwaynesjamesa1@hotmail.com

My two cents

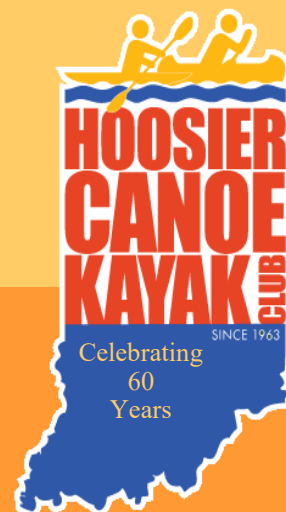
It seems as if we might have some events coming up, but do you members know about them? Remember when the newsletter was filled with touring kayak trips, training events, and even the rare whitewater trip announcement? It has been awhile. For example, we have a trip to clean up Raccoon Creek, a training event for kayaks, and a few other events but we never see a trip announcement. Any member can participate but we may not know these events are happening.

We need trip announcements. Or perhaps more to the point, we need trip leaders and fleet chairs that honor their position and fulfill the commitments of that role. One commitment is to post a trip announcement. Another is to post a trip report in the newsletter.

To that end, about the end of August or start of September the club will take applications and nominations for all board spots, executive positions, and will look for volunteers to be fleet chairs.

So step up. Join in the fun of bringing new people into the club and introducing people to the paddling group you enjoy. And thank you to the 15 club members that showed up in the thunder storm and waited until Tuxedo Brothers cancelled the last Triathlon. We all knew it was a no go, but everyone honored our commitment and showed up just in case. Thank you all See you at the IPR

Your newsletter editor: Dwayne James



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Volunteers Needed!!

Eagle Creek Indy Sprint Triathlon and Go Girl Triathlon

Date: August 19, August 26, 2023

Sponsor: John Wainscott/Dwayne James

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. 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 also need help for the third Triathlon in August and the Go Girls Triathlon in August. Please register on the events page on our club website.

If you are bringing a guest or another family member please register them separately.

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 Dwayne James dwaynesjamesa1@hotmail.com Thanks for your help.

Trip Announcement

Location: Wabash River= Waterman PAS to Montezuma

Date: September 2, 2023

Sponsor: Judy Thompson

This is the time of year that most of the smaller Indiana streams usually are too low for enjoyable paddling. Time to head for bigger rivers! This year's Wabash paddle will go from Waterman Public Access Site to Montezuma, a distance of about 16.5 miles. This is a fairly long trip, with no good options for a shorter trip. The trip is suitable for all, including beginners, as long as they feel comfortable with the longer distance. We will make a stop or two along the way, to have some breaks. We will meet at the put in at 9:30 am, unload and run the shuttle. Waterman PAS is just off SR 234, on the east bank. There is signage for the Public Access Site. If you need fuel, restroom, snacks, etc., there is a gas station just west of the intersection of SR 234 and SR 63 fairly close to the put in.

Be sure to bring lunch or a snack, plenty of drinking water, hat and/or sunscreen, in addition to your normal paddling gear. As with all HCKC trips, PFDs must be worn while on the water.

Due to the weather, there may be last minute changes. Please register or contact me Judy Thompson judy_thom@hotmail.com if you plan on attending.

Trip Announcement

Location: White River

Date: September 9, 2023

Sponsor: Sue Foxx

This is an easy paddle down White River from Noblesville to 116th Street on Saturday, September 9th. The 10.4 mile trip begins at the PAS across from the entrance to Forest Park in Noblesville. Further down we pass by the grounds of Connor Prairie while enjoying local birds and wildlife. It is an easy paddle so beginners are welcome as well as seasoned veterans. The river in September is usually on the low and slow side so expect to be on the water about 4 hours. As usual, expect to wear your PFD and bring padding gear, sunscreen, water and lunch. This section is generally deep enough even in drier conditions but registrants will be notified by 7 pm on September 8 if there are any challenges or changes.

Meeting time: 9:30 am at PAS across the street from the entrance to Forest Park in Noblesville.

Shuttle: 10:00 am shuttle leaves for take out under the 116th Street bridge at the end of Wahpikani Road (across the street from Eller Road/116th).

On the water: 11:00 am

Contact information: sue.ann.foxx@gmail .com or 317-363-4074

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Be

Your

Trip

Announcement

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Wildcat Guardians Benefit Auction at the IPR

One of the most fun IPR reminders that I distribute each year has to do with the Guardians Auction. This Auction is held on Saturday evening following the Chili Supper.

We are still asking Paddlers to Donate items for this Auction. However, I wanted to post a Special Announcement about some Wonderful Kayaks that were offered, and picked up, just this Sunday Morning.

Hoosier Canoe & Kayak Club Member **Kellie Kaneshiro** has donated 2 Kayaks for this Year's IPR Auction. Muskrat picked them up Sunday Morning. The first is a **Dagger Piedra**. An easy Paddling design and rugged material, which would be good for any type of River Paddling 9-ft 6-in Long.....41-lbs

Kellie's 2nd Donation is a Beautiful Sea Kayak Design built by **Woodform Kayaks** in Grand Rapids, Michigan. This would be Fabulous for Lakes, Reservoirs, and big Rivers. 16-ft 6-in.....**31-lbs**

One of our Local Paddling & Biking Buddies has 3 Lovely Canoes that He wants to offer to You other Paddlers. **All 3 Canoes are in nearly Perfect condition.**

We-No-Nah Sundowner...18-ft Tandem...Kevlar
Morning Star...17'-6" Tandem/Solo Canoe...Kevlar/Carbon Fiber
We-No-Nah Advantage Solo Canoe...16-ft...Kevlar

Asking Price for each has not been determined, but several suggestions of \$1000 to \$1500 have been made by some highly experienced Boat Buyers. New Canoes of the same or similar Models are priced at \$3000 & Up, but 2 of these are Older Models. I am sure the Owner will take The Best Price Offered".

The Owner.....
Steve Crites
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The 38th Annual Indiana Paddlers Rendezvous August 4th, 5th, & 6th, 2023

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.....**SURPRISE.....the TIPPECANOE RIVER.**

Full Event Details, Times, and Locations are included below.

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 most Fun Paddling Weekends in Indiana, to relax with Old Paddling Buddies, and to make New Paddling Friends.

Due to the Horrible Loss of Wildcat Park on Our Wildcat Creek, the Wildcat Guardians was forced to find a new location for the IPR. But, because Indiana is Filled with many Lovely Free Flowing Natural Streams, it did not take long to find a Great Place to move this Annual Event. **We are moving to the Tippecanoe River for 2023.** Our Base of Operations for 2023 will be the **"Tippecanoe River Run Campground"**, located just a few miles Downstream from Rochester.

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 weeks, including a request for "Volunteer Shuttle Drivers", "Registration Team", "Lead Boat", "Sweep Boat", and many others, 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:

MUSKRAT'S CONTACT INFO:

Email: garryhill@aol.com

Phone: 765-432-6782

NOTE: Please reply to Muskrat for volunteer activities, Chili Supper and T-Shirt orders. Do not send replies to the newsletter editor

MUSKRAT's Notes on the IPR:

Here is a Basic Timetable for the IPR, just in case you receive no further information. The dates for 2023 are Friday, Saturday & Sunday, **August 4-5-6**. Directions to all locations are provided below.

Whenever and Where ever You Arrive at the IPR, Please Proceed Directly to the Registration Table.

FRIDAY August 4th:

The first activity of the weekend will be a Trip on Tippecanoe River Friday afternoon; Meeting Time is 3:00-PM at the Shelter House in **Tippecanoe River Run Campground** (Directions Below). Where we will Paddle will be announced at that time, and the Shuttle will begin immediately thereafter; **Please Arrive Early**. There will be a **BYO Campfire Cookout** at the Campground following this Cruise.

CAMPING.....

Thanks to Special Arrangements with the Campground Owner, all of the Primitive Tent Camp Sites have been Reserved for Our Group, for both Friday & Saturday Nights.

Our Tents Sites are located right next to the Streambank, with nice Restrooms & Showers about 100-yards away, and Electric outlets if you need them. If you want to Tent Camp, there is No Need to make a Camp Site Reservation. Just sign up & Pay for your Camping at the IPR Registration Table when you arrive at the IPR.

If you want an RV Site, you must make that Reservation with the Campground Owner ahead of time. Only a Few of those Sites

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are still available. However, there are several other RV Campgrounds & Motels located only a few miles away from our IPR Location.

And, Wildcat Paddler Valerie Gordon has offered Her Yard as Camping space for RV's that cannot get a site at the Official Campground. Valerie's Home is only 8-miles away from Tippecanoe River Run. For more details, talk with Valerie at 765-480-3246, or email her at valerie.s.gordon@gmail.com

SATURDAY August 5th:

Saturday's Creek Trip will Meet & Launch at **Talma PAS** (Directions Below).

This will cover 12.3-miles and end at Tippecanoe River Run Campground. There will be an Short-timer Takeout for a 6.8-mile Trip down to the Menominee PAS. Lunch at The Gravelbar is BYO.

Meeting Time is 9:00-AM at Talma PAS. You should plan to arrive early, because it really gets crowded with all the Paddlers arriving.

Saturday's Traditional **Chili Supper** will begin serving at 6-PM in the Shelter House at **Tippecanoe River Run Campground** (Directions Below).

>>>>>> T-Shirt & Chili Supper Reservations are the only advance notice You are asked to provide. For the Chili Supper, simply provide your Name and your Number of Chili Eaters, so Muskrat can make sure to Cook Enough for Everyone. A special T-Shirt Announcement will be provided at a Later Date, which will show the T-Shirt Design, and ask for Reservations. **Please make all T-Shirt & Chili Reservations at garryhill@aol.com.**

The Wildcat Guardians Annual Benefit Auction (one of the most "Laugh-Filled" parts of the entire weekend) will be held Immediately after the Chili Supper in the Shelter House at the Campground. If you have any items to offer for sale, please present them at the Registration Table whenever you arrive.

SUNDAY August 6th:

Sunday's Creek Trip will meet at the Shelter House in Tippecanoe River Run Campground. **The Meeting Time is 9:00-AM.** This Trip will run 10.2-miles from the Campground Landing to the Aubbeenaubbee PAS. There is a Short-timer Option of 4.0-miles to the Germany Bridge County Park.

Please arrive Early, so you can unload at the Landing and return to the Shelter House by 9-AM. Lunch at The Gravelbar is BYO.

For any questions email garryhill@aol.com, or call Muskrat at 765-432-6782.

DIRECTIONS.....

Muskrat's Wildcat Creek Expedition Team utilizes the "**Indiana Atlas & Gazetteer**" for accurate directions to River access locations all over Indiana. **This Indiana map book is the absolute best for River People.**

An Address for Navigation Systems is also provided, If & When Available.

Directions to Tippecanoe River Run Campground **[Indiana Atlas & Gazetteer Page 26:](#)**

Find the City of Rochester at the middle of Pages 26 & 27.

Now find where US-31 crosses the Tippecanoe River a few miles North of Rochester.

The Fulton County Museum is located at the intersection with CR 375-N, with a tall white Round Barn and several long white buildings.

From the South, get off of US-31 by turning to the **LEFT** onto CR 375-N, 1.1-miles after crossing the Tippy, and just after passing that Museum.

From the North, get off of US-31 by turning to the **RIGHT** onto CR 375-N, 4.3-miles South of SR-110, and just before reaching that Museum.

At the Stop Sign, after leaving 31, turn **LEFT** on Meridian Road, then follow the Curve to the **RIGHT**.

The Entrance to Tippecanoe River Run Campground is on the **LEFT** in 1.5-miles (less than ½-mile after passing CR 100-W).

Watch for the sign below, just after a wooded front yard on the Left..

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For Navigation Systems: Tippecanoe River Run Campground, 1417-W 375-N, Rochester, IN 46975

Directions to Talma Public Access Site J

Indiana Atlas & Gazetteer Page 27:

Find the junction of SR-25 & SR-14 on the east side of Rochester. Head North on SR-25.

The turn to reach the Talma PAS is on the **LEFT** in 7.3-miles. After passing a large White Grain Bin, then a Cemetery, then a 45-mph Speed Sign, watch for a Red Building on the Left with 4 Garage Doors. ¼-mile after that Garage, turn **LEFT** on CR 525-E (white "Rocky Ridge" sign on the Right). Cross the Bridge, and turn **RIGHT** at the Stop Sign. The Entrance to Talma PAS is on the **RIGHT** in 1/10-mile, at the 1st Curve. Watch for the IPR Signs.

For Navigation Systems: 5467-E 650-N, Rochester, Indiana 46975 This is the address of a Private Residence located just a few yards before the Talma PAS Entrance.

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Snail-Mail to 1021 Eastcrest Drive, Greentown, IN 46936-1612

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Visit Wildcat Creek On-line at the following sites: <http://www.wildcatguardians.org/>

## Watch For The Signs!!!!



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## Additional Campground Information

The Indiana Paddlers Rendezvous has Wonderful Camping facilities for this coming 38th Annual Event. We were Lucky to find such a nice location at the Tippecanoe River Run Campground. And, we have 2 Lovely Paddling Trips Upstream & Downstream from that Campground. But, there are some sketchy Camping details that I need to share.....(1).....(2).....(3).....Below

1).....Every **RV Campsite with full utilities** has already been Reserved for Friday & Saturday at Tippecanoe River Run. However, Wildcat Paddler Valerie Gordon owns some property just 8-miles away from Tippecanoe River Run, and RV Campers are welcome to stay at Her Place. Call or email Valerie for the details..... 765-480-3246 [valerie.s.gordon2017@gmail.com](mailto:valerie.s.gordon2017@gmail.com)

2).....For **Tent Campers** we have reserved ALL of the Primitive Tent Camping Sites at Tippecanoe River Run Campground for Friday & Saturday. This is a Lovely area right next to the River, with Tree Shade, Picnic Tables, Fire-pits, and Electric outlets if you need them. There is no need to make Reservations for Tent Camping. Just visit the IPR Registration Table as soon as you arrive, and pay for your Camping as you fill out the Registration Form. Volunteers & IPR Signs will direct you to our Tent Camping area. Arrive Early, because site selection is "First Come...First Served".

3).....**Small Pop-Up Trailer Campers** will also have a special location available at Tippecanoe River Run Campground. There are no Reservations required. Just visit the IPR Registration Table as soon as you arrive, pay for your Camping on the Registration Form, and get directions. As you enter Tippecanoe River Run Campground, watch for the Shelter House and Playground, Left of the entrance road. The Grassy area to the Left of the Playground is reserved for the Small Pop-Up Trailer Campers. Again, Site Selection is "First Come...First Served".

The IPR Registration Table will be located in the Shelter House, located alongside the gravel road as you enter Tippecanoe River Run Campground. It will be open all day Friday after 2-PM, all day on Saturday, and Sunday morning until Paddling Trip departure.

If you are arriving for the Paddling Trip on Saturday Morning, there will be a Registration Table at the Talma Public Access Site.





## **Trip Report**

**Cagles Mill/ Cataract Falls**

**Date: July 9, 2023**

**Sponsor: Judy Thompson**

This trip was originally scheduled for July 8, but was rescheduled for July 9 due to a stormy forecast for the 8th. We lost a few participants, but gained one, due to the date change. Eight paddlers met at the Cunot ramp to launch and paddle up to Cataract Falls and back. The total trip was about 7.5 miles. It was great weather, and the lake was glass smooth on our trip up to the falls. It was very peaceful, and we only encountered one other group as we meandered our way to the falls. Apparently, Sunday morning is a good time to go if you want to avoid crowds. We stopped for a fairly long lunch at the falls. A few hiked part-way along the path that goes to the upper falls, but the path was blocked by a tree limb blown down by the previous day's storm, so it was decided to just turn around and get ready to paddle back. The return trip saw a greater number of other people out enjoying the lovely day on the lake.



**Washington TWSHP  
Avon Indiana**

# **Save The Date**

**NOVEMBER 11, 2023**

# **Happy 60th Birthday To the HCKC**

**Celebrate our history as we look to our future  
All day event with breakout workshops  
Food and non-alcoholic beverages  
Toasts and Roasts  
Special speakers  
More details to come 1 month prior  
Annual meeting**

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**Wabash River Come join us for a Trip September 2**



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**Submit Pictures to [dwaynesjamesa1@hotmail.com](mailto:dwaynesjamesa1@hotmail.com)**

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