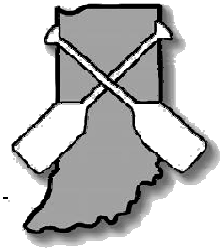


# The Hoosier Paddler

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## Flatwater Trip Announcements East Fork White River Trip Leader: Richard Tekulve

Saturday, July 21, 2012

Please join us on Saturday July 21st for a leisurely 12.5 mile float down some very nice southern Indiana scenery on the East Fork White River. We will start at the newly renovated Medora Covered Bridge, considered the world's longest historical bridge of its nature at 435 feet long and built in 1875. After a brief tour of the bridge, we will float down several long sand bars, many of which are quarter of a mile in length. Around the half way point, the river is joined by the Muscatatuck and the Indiana "Knobs" begin to take a whole different scene as tall bluffs over 300 ft. prevail to the end. Our take-out will be just downstream from the Sparksville Iron Bridge (425' long, built 1890). This is an easy relaxed laid-back trip at normal water levels with a 2 mph current even in the dry summer months. Last years trip had nine participants from three states.

**Meeting Place:** DNR Boat Ramp @ SR 235 & Medora Covered Bridge over river. (NW corner). 2 miles east of Medora, 8 miles SW of Brownstown, (Jackson County), 78 miles from center of Indy. Delorme page 51-H8.

**Meeting Time:** 10 am.

**Distance:** 12.5 miles of easy paddling.

**Shuttle:** 16 miles (round trip).

**Time on River:** 4-5 hours.

**Take Out:** Sparksville DNR boat ramp.

**Contact:** Richard Tekulve ; cell 812-767-2842, home 812-346-7921--  
email CANOEINDIANA@YAHOO.COM BY 10 PM Friday July 20th.

## Tuesday Night Paddles

### Trip Sponsor: Sue Foxx

Want to get your river fix in the middle of the week? Join us for a short evening paddle in July!

On July 17 at 6 pm, we will meet at Fall Creek and Emerson Way in the old O'Malia's lot and paddle down to Keystone.

Then on July 31 at 6 pm we will meet at the Art League in Broad Ripple and paddle down to Rocky Ripple (Plan on a short portage at Meridian Street as they are working on the bridge). These paddles should be around an hour so there will be plenty of time to take out and load up while it is still light. Hope to see you there!

## Wanted: A Few Good Volunteers

Have a desire to help make the HCC better? Why not get your voice out there by being an HCC Board member? The Board is in the process of seeking out those potentially interested in being a board member or the club Newsletter Editor. If you, or anyone you know, may be interested, please contact the HCC Skipper, Dwayne James, at [skipper@hoosiercanoecub.org](mailto:skipper@hoosiercanoecub.org).

**The Newsletter of the Hoosier Canoe Club**

## Sea Kayak Trips

### Schedule Notes

August should be a fun month but we've changed the schedule that we published in March. The Lake Erie trip that had been scheduled for August 4 has been canceled and the Lake Monroe Picnic/Day Trip that was scheduled for late June has been rescheduled on Saturday, August 11.

Be sure to save the week-end of August 24-26 for the HCC's 1st Annual Surf Play Week End at Dunes State Park.

### 3rd Annual NWIPA New Buffalo to Michigan City Paddle Saturday, July 7—Sunday, July 8, 2012

The Northwest Indiana Paddling Association (NWIPA) will have their 3rd Annual Paddle from New Buffalo to Michigan City. Last year, we did this paddle on Saturday and then some of us paddled for 2-3 hours from Dunes State Park on Sunday. In addition, Ken Stelter indicated that they will have a paddle from St. Joseph, MI to Warren Dunes (15 miles) on Friday and from New Buffalo to Warren Dunes (11 miles) on Sunday. I'll post details and coordinate attendance for these paddles in the Touring Kayak Section of the Bulletin Board.

Ken indicated these trips are targeted for paddlers who have a reliable self rescue, the ability to paddle in 2-4 foot waves and are using a 15 ft or longer kayak with deck lines, permanent bulkheads or flotation and carry appropriate safety equipment (and know how to use it).

For more information, I have sent out full information to the IND\_TOURING\_KAYAK mailing list as well as the Bulletin Board at: <http://www.hccbulletinboard.org/forums/showthread.php?p=17097#post17097>.

If you want to attend, be sure to RSVP to Maggie Byrnes.

**Contact information:** If you have any questions or want to check if there are still tent sites available at Dunes State Park, contact Jim Sprandel at [merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net](mailto:merlin-3d@sbcglobal.net).

### Harden (Raccoon) Lake Day Paddle Trip Sponsor: Jim Sprandel

Saturday, July 14, 2012

Harden Lake is located about an hour west of Indianapolis. The lake is interesting with large rock outcrops, wooded headwaters, a tree-lined shoreline, and occasional waterfalls. The lake surrounds the Raccoon SRA and is about 20,000 acres in size.

I tried this trip in March but the March stage was too low to have an interesting trip. I scouted it in mid-June and we will be able to paddle the interesting northern end of the lake. The area we will paddle is also an idle zone so we don't have to worry about waves from weekend boat traffic. After exploring the north end of the lake, adventuresome paddlers may want to play in the motorboat waves south of our put-in or we can drop down to the swimming beach paddling along the shore of the park.

Lake Harden Information is available at: <http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2959.htm>

**Meeting Place/Put-In:** Hollandsburg Boat Ramp is just east of Raccoon SRA. (<http://goo.gl/maps/P1zN>) Take State Road 36 east from I-465 on the West side of Indianapolis for about 43 miles. The entrance to the Hollandsburg boat ramp is marked by a large sign and the entrance will be on your left after you cross the causeway. (If you have a car GPS, tell it to head to Hollandsburg, IN.)

Meet in the parking lot at the top of the ramp. The area at the bottom of the ramp is a little crowded so we should only be there long enough to unload boats.

**What to Bring:** Bring your sea or touring kayak, paddling gear, safety gear, water, spray skirt, food for lunch, water, and sun screen. **DNR Boat Permit.** You can pick one up at the Raccoon SRA Entrance Gate.

**Schedule:** Saturday, July 14

10:00 am Arrive at Put-In.

By 3:30 pm Return to Put-In to head back home.

**Contact information:** Please contact me by 7:00 pm on Friday, July 13:

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