

2009 – 2010 Hiking Schedule

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SUMMER: Thursday, August 13, 7:30 a.m.

BIRDING WALK - Griffy Creek

Meet at Griffy Creek boat house.

Time: 1 - 3 hours (depending on interest and heat)

Distance: 1 - 4 miles

Difficulty: Easy with uneven surfaces

Formerly a water source for Bloomington, Griffy Creek Lake, surrounded by mixed forest and brushy meadowlands is home to raccoons, squirrels, chipmunks, deer and many birds. Depending on time and temperature, we may drive up the hill where Bob Dodd will lead us along the Indiana University Research Trail. Individuals may return to their cars at any time. Binoculars will be helpful.

FALL: Saturday, October 10, 9:00 a.m.

YELLOWWOOD LAKE LOOP

Leave Bloomingfoods/KMart parking lot at 9:00 a.m.

Time: 3 hours

Distance: 4 miles

Difficulty: Moderate, uneven terrain

We tried doing this in winter and got snowed out. Can you think of a better way to spend a Saturday in October than to walk a foot trail through Brown County's rolling hills, mostly above the timbered shoreline of 133 acre Yellowwood Lake? Fall colors should be near their peak in this beautiful hardwood forest.

2010

WINTER: Sunday, January 31 (tentative), 1:00 p.m.

SCARCE-O-FAT TRAIL

Leave Bloomingfoods/KMart parking lot at 1:00 p.m.

Time: 3 - 4 hours

Distance: 5 - 6 miles

Difficulty: Moderate, up & down ridge walk

Walking a ridge top in winter one can see views, branching systems and topography that is unseen when covered by the green leaves of summer. The route is entirely along a fire lane/logging road with relatively easy walking, even in winter weather.

SPRING: Thursday, April 15, 7:00 a.m.

HEMLOCK CLIFFS (and maybe Wyandotte Woods)

Meet at Kroger, South Walnut & Roeher Road, northwest corner toward Wendy's
Time: All day. Estimated return 4:00 p.m.
Distance of Hemlock Cliffs walk: 1.4 miles
Difficulty: Difficult
Lunch at: The Lookout Restaurant

Alan McPherson, in *Indiana Best Hikes*, said to expect high places, climbing over rocks and walking on loose rocks as we descend into a rocky canyon. Continuing along the stream expect to see hemlocks, mountain laurel, maidenhair fern and hydrangea.

Wyandotte Woods, east of Hemlock Cliffs, has several trails from easy to rugged that we will explore as time allows. Most are under 2 miles.