

HIKING SCHEDULE FOR 2013- 2014

<p>FALL Saturday 09/01 8:00 a.m.</p>	<p>NEBO RIDGE</p> <p>This hike takes us through a beautifully forested portion of the Hoosier National Forest in Brown County. The trail ascends gradually from the north trailhead near the abandoned town of Elkinsville and follows a ridge top until descending to the south trailhead near the village of Houston. Although the 8.6 mile length may sound daunting, the trail is relatively easy with only one major ascent. We will need to park a car at either end of the trail, so this hike is limited by the seven-person capacity of a mini-van.</p>	<p>Time: Carpool from Bloomingfoods/K-mart parking lot on Bloomington's east side at 8:00 a.m. Distance: 8.6 miles Estimated Hiking Time: 4 hour Difficluty: Moderate to strenuous (because of length)</p>
<p>WINTER: Thursday, January 14, 2014</p>	<p>WALDRIP HOUSE</p> <p>Around 1877, Joshua Waldrip built a cabin on 30 acres, near what is now Lake Monroe. The house is collapsing, out-buildings are mere remnants of foundations, however, it was once a successful farmstead. Cathy Meyer, Monroe County Parks & Recreation Naturalist, will help find evidence of this family farm and tell the story of what was.</p>	<p>Time: Leave at 9:00 a.m. from Bloomingfoods/Kmart parking lot, east side, near east/west dividing road. Estimated Hiking Time: 2-3 hours Estimated Hiking Time: 2 hours Distance: 4 miles Difficulty: Easy, Easy to moderate</p>
<p>SPRING: Saturday, April 19, 2014</p>	<p>BEAN BLOSSOM BOTTOMS</p> <p>This hike in the Sycamore Land Trust's nature preserve is ideal for anyone who would like an absolutely flat stroll through a natural wonderland. The hike follows a crushed stone road to a boardwalk that will take us through a meadow forest, and wetland near Bean Blossom Creek. We should see abundant birdlife and spring flowers along the way.</p>	<p>Time: Carpool from Marsh North, Kinser Pike, parking lot at 8:00 a.m. Estimated Hiking Time: 2 hours (with numerous nature viewing stops) Distance: 2.5 miles Easy</p>
<p>SUMMER: Thursday, July 17 2014</p>	<p>T. C. STEELE AT INDIANA UNIVERSITY On this short walk around the center of campus, we will visit sites T. C. Steele painted and compare 2014 views with those he saw and painted around 1919. Then we will walk to the Art Museum for more inspiration and a cool drink (if Angles Cafe is open).</p>	<p>Time: 9:00, meeting at the Herman B Wells statue on the edge of Dunn Woods. Estimated Hiking Time: 1 1/2 hours Distance: 2 miles Easy</p>