

Hiking Schedule for 2010 -2011

<p>ALL: 09/15 8:00 a.m.</p>	<p>TECUMSEH TRAIL is named after the Shawnee Chief who attempted to unite several tribes into one confederacy. It was proposed in 1973, to run from Florida to Canada. Today the trail runs from near the head of Panther Creek, north to the Morgan-Monroe State Forest headquarters, and is 42 miles long. The Hoosier Hikers are working to connect it with the 45 mile Knobstone Trail, to make a 140 mile trail. The Tecumseh Trail passes through low bottom land and upland mixed hardwood forests. It follows ridge tops, climbs into and out of hollows and crosses streams. The section we do will be determined a few weeks before the hike.</p>	<p>Time: Distance: 5 - 10 miles Difficulty:</p>
<p>WINTER: TBA 1:30 p.m.</p>	<p>BROWN COUNTY STATE PARK was established in 1929. It is the largest and one of the most scenic of Indiana's parks. Developed by the CCC and WPA during the 1930's, many of the rustic buildings are still in use. Weed Patch hill is one of the highest points in Indiana. Vistas are as far as the eye can see, especially in winter. Ogle Hollow Nature Preserve contains one of the northernmost stands of yellowwood trees. Weather conditions will determine which of the 10 trails we take. After the hike, we'll warm up with coffee or hot chocolate at Abe Martin Lodge.</p>	<p>Time: Distance: -under 5 miles, Difficulty:</p>
<p>SPRING: 04/09 7:30 a.m.</p>	<p>FRENCH LICK- The Midwest's premier resort and casino destination, French Lick offers luxury hotels, a conference center, a casino, three golf courses, fifteen dining venues, and several hiking trails. All trails begin north of the French Lick Hotel parking garage. Hikers can walk 1, 1.5, 2.5 or the 4.5 mile bike trail that passes the West Baden Springs Hotel. Enjoy a day of natural and cultural beauty, good eating, and fun.</p>	<p>Time: Distance: 1.5 to 5 miles, Difficulty:</p>
<p>SUMMER: 07/14 8:00 a.m.</p>	<p>BECK'S MILL - In 2005 it was listed as one of the 10 most endangered landmarks in Indiana. Through grants, donations, fundraising, and funding for the restoration by Bill and Gayle Cook, it was restored. The Friends of Beck's Mill will provide a private, guided tour. Walking through the mill and along trails we will glimpse Indiana life in the late 1800s. Bring a sack lunch and drinks for the day. Eating on picnic tables beside the mill, we'll realize how far we've come, and how much we owe early settlers and those who care.</p>	<p>Time: Distance: .15 to 1.8 miles Difficulty:</p>