

WELCOME: The Hoosier Hikers are again hosting a unique Volkssporting Event in North Central Indiana to introduce Volkssporters to a non-urban setting in Indiana. This event will be unique in the sense that YOU will be among the few to experience the natural beauty and historical significance of a little known private non-profit park open to the public.

WHAT ARE VOLKSSPORTS? A Volksmarch is a non-competitive walking event. The walk is generally ten kilometers or 6.2 miles in length. Other Volkssporting events include swimming, biking, and skiing. These events are hosted by clubs in more than 25 nations worldwide. The purpose of Volkssporting events is to encourage physical fitness, promote fellowship, and to enjoy the outdoors. Because these events are not contests of speed or endurance, you may participate at a pace that is safe, comfortable, and enjoyable. When Volkssporting events are sanctioned by the International Volkssport Verbund (IVV), individuals may receive credit for event participation and/or distance. This credit is recorded in IVV Record Books, which presently cost \$6.00 each. After completing a pre-determined number of events and/or distance, your achievement will be recognized with a pin, patch, and certificate by the IVV. Further information will be available at the start/finish point.

SPONSOR: The Hoosier Hikers (AVA Club #723) of South Bend, Indiana.

START/FINISH: The start/finish point is located in vicinity of the Nature Center at the entrance to Potawatomi Wildlife Park. You may start the event anytime between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. (EDT), and must complete the event by 4 p.m. The average walker can complete a ten kilometer trail in about two hours.

FEES: Everyone is welcome and may participate in the events for FREE. However, the fee for the "A" award, which includes IVV Credit, is \$8.00 after the close of pre-registration. During pre-registration, the "A" is discounted to \$7.00. The fee for a "B" medal (an award from a prior event) with IVV credit is \$5.00. The fee for IVV Credit Only is \$3.00. There is NO admission fee at the park gate. ***Participants are encouraged to register in the Park's guest register and leave a donation for the Park.***

PROCEDURE: At the start point obtain a start card with a number and sign-in on the register. Walk the Volksmarch route at your own pace. The event is marked with engineer tape and signs. Along the way have your card stamped at each checkpoint. After completing the route, turn-in your card at the finish point to receive your medal and/or IVV Credit, as appropriate. NOTE: ALL participants must register at the start point and return the card at the finish point, even if participating for free.

IVV CREDIT: Participants completing this event are eligible for IVV event and distance credits.

"A" AWARD: For this event an "A" Award may be available, if offered by the AVA. It may be a multicolor embroidered patch commemorating October 2020, as National Volkssporting Month. Completion of the trail and payment of the registration fee is required to receive the award. **There will be only a limited quantity of "A" Awards available. Pre-registration is recommended.**

TRAIL DESCRIPTION: The Volksmarch route makes use of the park's existing trail system and local roads. The park's trails are unimproved and meander through mostly flat forested areas. The trail is rated 2-A due to small hills and its well-groomed path with few obstacles. The route is not suitable for wheelchairs or strollers.

TRAIL RATING: 2-A

SPECIAL EVENT STAMPS: Walking the USA A-Z.

SPECIAL NEEDS: A special needs trail will be available upon request.

REFRESHMENT: Water will be available at the start/finish and at all checkpoints. Restrooms will only be available at the Start/Finish.

PRE-REGISTRATION: Pre-registration for the events is not mandatory. A pre-registration form is provided on the back page. **The deadline for pre-registration is October 10, 2020,** by which date pre-registration with payment must be received. Pre-registrations are not accepted via email or without payment.

REFUND POLICY: NO refunds given. However, if you pre-register, and the AVA decides not to offer the patch, you will receive a refund of \$4 and your registration will be adjusted accordingly.

WEATHER: This event will be held rain, shine, or snow.

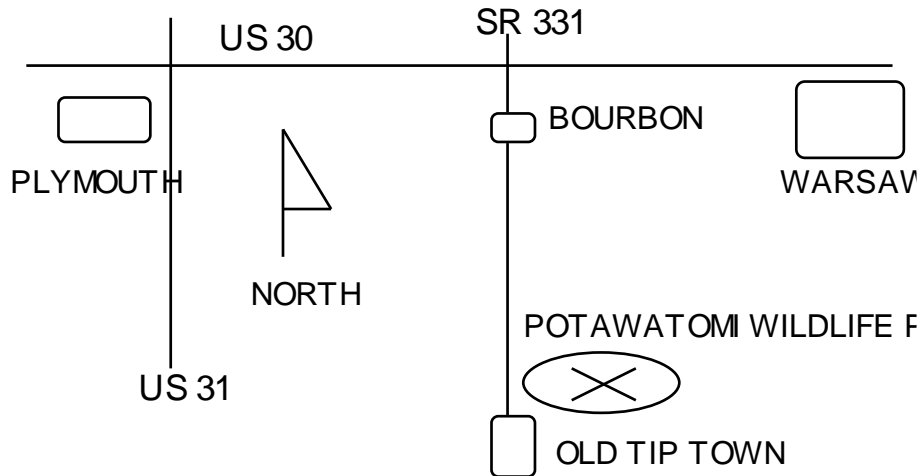
DISCLAIMER: The Hoosier Hikers, INVA (Indiana Volkssport Association), the State of Indiana, Potawatomi Park, Inc., the Indiana Department of Transportation, and the Marshall County Highway Department are not liable for accidents, theft, or material damage. Every reasonable effort will be made to make the events safe and enjoyable. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult, and pets must be kept on leashes.

POINT OF CONTACT: Bob Buzolich at (574) 339-9140, or via e.mail at sonofbuzz@prodigy.net.

For information on other Volkssporting activities checkout the website for the American Volkssport Association at <http://www.ava.org>.

DIRECTIONS

Potawatomi Wildlife Park is approximately 6-1/2 miles South of the intersection of State Road 331 and U.S. Highway 30. From this intersection turn South onto State Road 331, and remain on the State Road through Bourbon, Indiana, and beyond. Look for the Park on your left. Yes, there is a clearly visible sign that identifies the park. If you cross over the Tippecanoe River, you have driven 1/8 of a mile too far.



PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS:

	A-AWD W/CREDIT	CREDIT ONLY	FREE
NAME: _____	\$7.00	\$3.00	FREE
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PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO THE HOOSIER HIKERS AND MAIL TO HOOSIER HIKERS, PO BOX 11101, SOUTH BEND, IN

THE HOOSIER HIKERS CELEBRATE NATIONAL VOLKSSPORTING MONTH WITH A UNIQUE EVENT



AWARD AVAILABILITY IS LIMITED

OCTOBER 17, 2020

START: 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

**POTAWATOMI WILDLIFE PARK
OLD TIP TOWN, INDIANA**

**5 & 10 KM VOLKSMARCH
(AVA MA20/116092)**

INVA # 824



COVID-19 PROCEDURES

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- 1) Maintain social distancing guidance (6 feet & 360 degrees) at events and other club activities.
- 2) Highly recommend participants have available personal masks, hand sanitizer, a pen and potable water, and use as appropriate, especially at the Start/Finish Point.
- 3) Until further notice no self-service snacks or beverages will be provided. Please provide your own.
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Name _____						Address _____							
City _____				State _____		Zip _____							
E-Mail _____						Distance _____ km Paid \$ _____						STAMP # _____	
DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in AVA folksporting programs and related events and activities, the undersigned:												NEW WALKER	
1. Agrees that before or during my participation, if I believe anything is unsafe, I will immediately advise the event supervisor or other person in authority at the folksporting program and the related events and activities of such conditions and refuse to participate;												COUPON USED	
2. Acknowledges and fully understands that each participant will be engaging in activities that involve the risk of serious injury, including permanent disability and death and severe social and economic losses which might result not only from my own actions, inactions or negligence of others, or the condition of the premises, the trail or any equipment used. Further, that there may be other risks not known to us or not reasonably foreseeable at this time.												AWARD W/ IVV CREDIT ONLY	
3. Assumes all the foregoing risks and accept personal responsibility for the damages following such injury, permanent disability or death;												NON-IVV PARTICIPANT	
4. Release, waive, discharge and promise not to sue the American Volkssport Association, its affiliated clubs, their respective administrators, directors, agents, or other volunteers and employees of the organization, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event, all of which are hereinafter referred to as "releasees", from demands, losses or damages on account of injury, including death or damage to property, caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the releasees or otherwise.												FREE	
5. Members, please be aware that when you share photos, via digital image or otherwise, with AVA, such photos or images become the property of AVA And AVA, its legal representatives and assigns, retain the right and permission to publish, any such photo or image in any written or electronic publication, including Checkpoint or TAW, on social media, websites, or in audiovisual presentations, promotional literature, advertising or in similar ways.													
Signature _____												Date _____	
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