

**WELCOME:** We are returning to Potato Creek State Park to beat the heat of the Dog Days with a mid-Summer Volkssporting event that is guaranteed to cover your brow with sweat, if not freeze your butt off. This event offers you a choice of walking five or ten kilometers, or you may do an eleven-kilometer bike event. Potato Creek State Park is among the newest of Indiana's state parks. It is fairly flat topography and hard-wood forest provides year-round outdoor recreational activities that are enjoyed by many Volkssporters.

**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 forty 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 safe, comfortable, and enjoyable. When Volkssporting events are sanctioned by the International Volkssport Verband (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 in the vicinity of the Nature Center at Potato Creek State Park, 25601 State Road 4, North Liberty, Indiana, 46554. You may start the event anytime between 8 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 event for FREE. However, the fee for the state park award, which includes IVV Credit and an identifying bar, is \$16.00. The fee for only the identifying bar and IVV credit is \$8.00. Pre-registration is not available. The fee for IVV Credit Only is \$3.00. There is a park gate admission fee of \$7.00 for Indiana plated vehicles and \$9.00 for out-of-state plated vehicles.

**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 routes may be 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.

**STATE PARK AWARDS:** For all events in an Indiana State Park during the year 2022 there is a 2-1/4-inch single die cast medal with a scenic photo from an Indiana State Park. To this medal an identifying bar for the park may be attached. The bar may be purchased separately from the medal. Events at other state parks will offer other identifying bars. Completion of the trail and payment of the registration fee is required to receive the award.

**SPECIAL EVENT STAMPS: Walking the USA A to Z and Little Free Libraries.**

**TRAIL DESCRIPTION:** The walk routes make use of the state park's existing trail system. These trails wind through mostly flat wooded areas. Two hills may be encountered along the route. The trails are rated 2-B based upon the current AVA rating scheme. The trails are not suitable for wheelchairs or strollers. The bike route makes use of an existing bike trail.

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

**REFRESHMENT:** Water will be available at the start/finish and at all checkpoints. However, it is recommended that participants carry some water with them along the route, because of the possibly hot weather (this ain't dreaming) and lack of water along stretches of the routes. Restrooms (not air conditioned) will be available at the Start/Finish and may be located near other stretches of the trail.

**PRE-REGISTRATION:** NO pre-registration is offered.

**REFUND POLICY:** NO refunds given.

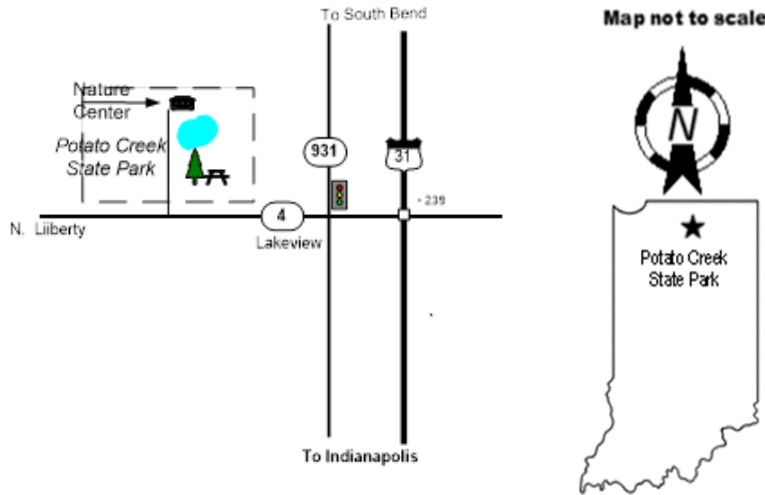
**WEATHER:** These events will be held rain, shine, or snow.

**COVID-19 PROTOCOLS:** Covid-19 protocols may be in effect and practiced, depending on local circumstances.

**DISCLAIMER:** The Hoosier Hikers, INVA (Indiana Volkssport Association), the AVA (American Volkssport Association), the State of Indiana, Potato Creek State Park, and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources 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 twelve must be accompanied by an adult, and pets must be kept on leashes.

**POINT OF CONTACT:** Bob Buzolich at (574) 339-9140, or via email to [Sonofbuzz@prodigy.net](mailto:Sonofbuzz@prodigy.net).

**DIRECTIONS:** Potato Creek State Park is four miles West of U.S. 31 on State Road 4. From the gate house at the park entrance, you should follow the signs to the Nature Center. The Start Point is located in the vicinity of the Nature Center. Address: 25601 State Road 4, North Liberty, Indiana, 46554.



**ARE YOU SEEKING A GOOD START  
FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION  
IN THIS YEAR'S CENTENNIAL PROGRAM?**

**WHY NOT DO A SECOND EVENT  
WHILE YOU ARE IN THE AREA?**

**INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE  
AT THE START/FINISH POINT  
FOR LOCAL YEAR-ROUND EVENTS.**

# **THE HOOSIER HIKERS INVITE YOU TO**



**A 5 KM & 10 KM VOLKSMARCH  
AND A 11 KM BIKE EVENT**

**POTATO CREEK STATE PARK**

**NORTH LIBERTY, INDIANA**

**AUGUST 6, 2022**

**START: 08:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M. (EDT)**

**FINISH BY 4:00 P.M.**



**INVA # 874  
MA2022/121603 (WALK)  
MA2022/121602 (BIKE)**

## 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.
- 4) Please complete Start Cards for each participant prior to approaching the Start/Finish Point. A Start Card is provided below and may be copied as needed. When approaching the Start/Finish Point, please pay by check for the exact amount, or have the exact amount of cash. NO CHANGE will be made on site. THANK YOU FOR THE DONATION.
- 5) If you are ill, stay home.
- 6) Events stamps will not be provided on-site. Please provide a current, valid, accurate and readable email address in order that cut & paste stamps may be emailed.
- 7) Additional protocol may be used to minimize personal contact.

OFFICIAL EVENT START CARD		Start No.
Name _____		
Address _____		
City _____	State _____	Zip _____
E-Mail _____		
Distance _____ km	Paid \$ _____	STAMP # _____
<b>DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY</b> In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in AWA veksporting programs and related events and activities, the undersigned:		
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 veksporting program and the related events and activities of such conditions and refuse to participate. 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. Assumes all the foregoing risks and accept personal responsibility for the damages following such injury, permanent disability or death. 3. Release, waive, discharge and promise not to sue the American Veksport 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. 4. Members, please be aware that when you share photos, via digital image or otherwise, with AWA, such photos or images become the property of AWA And AWA, 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.		
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