

WELCOME: In memory of Susan E. Cameron, an active and energetic Hoosier Hiker for over 15 years, and Michael & Sharon Stephan, the late Park Superintendents, 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, which was first brought to the attention of Volkssporters by Sue, Mike and Sharon.

WHAT ARE VOLKSSPORTS? A Volksmarch is a non-competitive walking event. The walk is about 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 twenty-five 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 any time between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. (EDT), and must complete the event by 3:30 p.m. The average walker can complete a ten kilometer trail, rated 1-B, in about two to 2-1/4 hours.

FEES: Everyone is welcome and may participate in the event upon completing registration. The fee for an "A" award, which includes IVV Credit, is \$10.00 after the close of pre-registration. During pre-registration, the "A" is discounted to \$9.00. The fee for a "B" medal (an award from a prior event) with IVV credit is \$5.00. The registration fee for all participants is \$4.00, which is discounted to \$3 during the pre-registration period. There is NO admission fee at the park gate. **However, 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, sign in on the register and pay the appropriate fee. 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 as a guest.

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 May 2024, as National Physical Fitness and Sports Month. Completion of the route 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 highly 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 1-B due to small hills and its well-groomed path with few obstacles. The route is not suitable for wheelchairs or strollers.

TRAIL RATING: 1-B (Scale of 1 to 5 references elevation gain with 5 being the most difficult. Scale of A to E references type of trail with E being the most difficult.

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 May 17, 2024,** by which date pre-registration with payment must be received. No pre-registrations accepted via email or without payment.

REFUND POLICY: NO refunds given. However, if you pre-register, and the supply of patches is exhausted, you will receive a refund of \$6 and your registration will be adjusted accordingly.

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

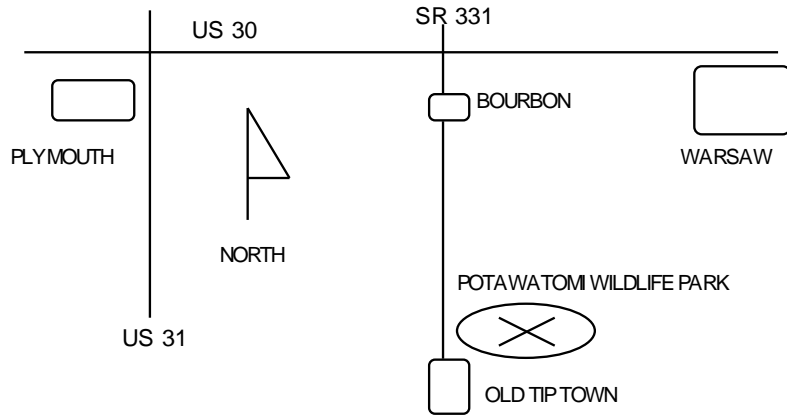
DISCLAIMER: The Hoosier Hikers, INVA (Indiana Volkssport Association, the State of Indiana, Potawatomi Park, Inc., the Indiana Department of Transportation, and the Marshall County Highway Department are not liable for accidents, theft, or material damage. Every reasonable effort will be made to make the events safe and enjoyable. Children under the age of twelve must be accompanied by an adult, and a parent or guardian must execute a waiver for the minor. Pets are allowed, except at the Start Point, and must be kept on leashes on the trail.

POINT OF CONTACT: Bob Buzolich at (574) 339-9140, or via email 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 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 one-eighth of a mile too far.



PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

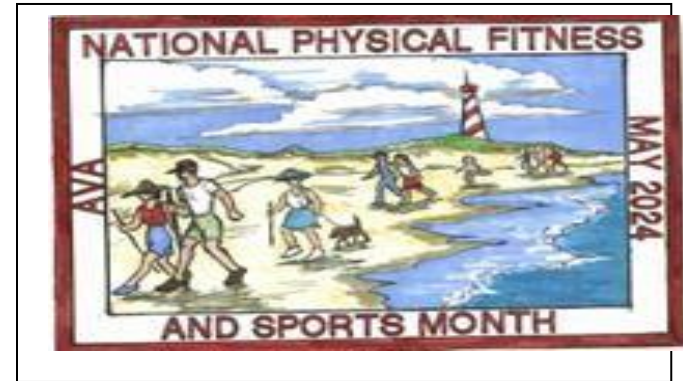
ADDRESS: _____

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	A-AWD W/CREDIT	ALL PARTICIPANTS
NAME: _____	\$9.00	\$3.00
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PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO THE HOOSIER HIKERS AND MAIL TO HOOSIER HIKERS, C/O ROBERT BUZOLICH, 1703 E HOWARD ST, SOUTH BEND, IN 46617-1826

THE HOOSIER HIKERS CELEBRATE NATIONAL PHYSICAL FITNESS MONTH IN MEMORARY OF SUSAN CAMERON AND MICHAEL & SHARON STEPHAN



AWARD AVAILABILITY IS LIMITED

MAY 25, 2024

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

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

**5 & 10 KM VOLKSMARCH
(AVA MA24/126814)**

INVA # 910

