

INFORMATION:

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Hoosier Hikers
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For more information about Volkssporting events or clubs in your area, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

Indiana Volkssport Association
Attention: Susan Budd, President
2510 North Anthony Boulevard
Fort Wayne, Indiana 46805

Or visit the websites:

<https://my.ava.org>

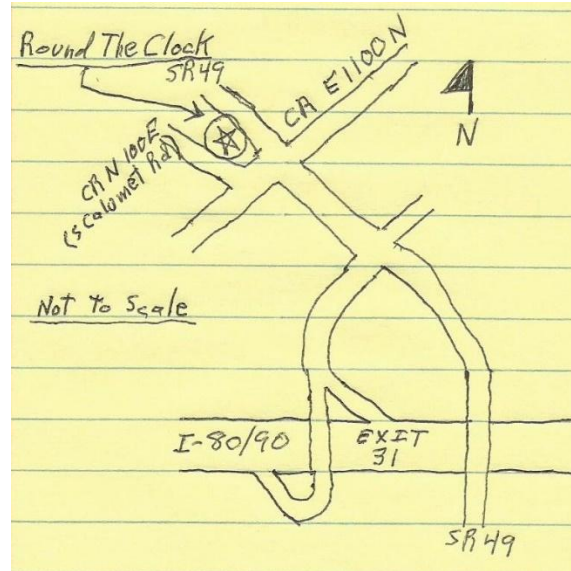
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EAT A HEARTY BREAKFAST AT

Round-the-Clock Restaurant
1607 South Calumet Road
Chesterton, IN 46304

(219) 983-9900

DIRECTIONS:



From I-80/90 (Indiana Toll Road) Exit 31 turn left onto State Road 49, and travel North on SR 49. At the intersection of SR 49 and County Road E 1100 N turn left onto CR E 1100 N, and immediately turn right onto CR N 100 E (South Calumet Road). The Registration Point, the Round-the-Clock Restaurant, will be seen to your right.



THE HOOSIER HIKERS

PRESENT

A SEASONAL BIKE EVENT

April 1, 2025 to October 31, 2025

This is the twelfth year for this event

TRAIL RATING 1-A
10 & 29 KM (6.2 & 18 MI)

CHESTERTON & PORTAGE,
INDIANA

THIS IS A CREDIT ONLY EVENT

2025

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ATTENTION: COSTS SHOWN IN THIS FLYER REFLECT THE COST INCREASE THAT TOOK EFFECT ON JANUARY 1, 2024, AND ELIMINATION OF THE "FREE WALKER" CATEGORY.



WELCOME:

This is the twelfth year to sponsor a seasonal biking event in Northwest Indiana. This biking event incorporates the Prairie Duneland Trail, a rail-to-trails project. The route makes use of the former right-of-way for the Elton, Joliet and Eastern Railway. Highlights along the route include the Alton Goin Museum and a pioneer farm.

WHAT IS A VOLKSMARCH?

A Volksmarch is a non-competitive walking event, which is open to the public. Because this is not a contest of speed or endurance, each participant may walk at a pace that is comfortable and enjoyable. Family participation is encouraged. The same standards, conditions and goals apply to this biking event. Biking events are generally twenty-five kilometers or 15.5 miles in length. The purpose of all Volkssports is to encourage physical fitness, promote camaraderie and to enjoy the outdoors.

START/FINISH:

The registration point is at the Round-the-Clock Restaurant, 1607 South Calumet Road, Chesterton, Indiana 46304. This seasonal bike event is open from April 1, 2025, to October 31, 2025, during daylight hours. The registration point is open Monday through Sunday from 6 am to 9 pm (ALL times in Central time zone). The registration point is not the same as the Start/Finish Point. When you complete the event registration, you will receive directions to the Start/Finish Point. Event and distance record books are not available at the registration point or start/finish point. However, insert pages are.

FEES:

Everyone is welcome to participate in this event upon completing registration. The registration fee is \$4.00. You may bike the trail two times on the same

day for one paid fee and receive both distance and event credit for both. NO REFUNDS GIVEN.

PROCEDURE:

This 2025 seasonal bike event is a self-registration event. At the Round-the-Clock Restaurant, which serves as the registration point, go to the vestibule the Volksmarch (Bike) box is next to the gum machines. Follow the instructions in the box to register for and participate in the event. Bus groups are welcome. However, bus groups are asked to contact the POC 30 days prior to arrival to ensure your group may be accommodated.

AWARD:

There are no awards for this event.

TRAIL DESCRIPTION:

This bike event incorporates an improved multi-use trail, known as the Prairie Duneland Trail, a rails-to-trail project encompassing the route taken by the Elton, Joliet and Eastern Railway between Chesterton and Portage. The course is rated 1-A, based upon the current AVA trail rating scheme. The trail may be difficult, but not impossible, for strollers, and is not recommended for wheelchairs.

REFRESHMENTS:

There are no staffed checkpoints along this bike route. Restrooms and water are NOT available at the Start/Finish. Restrooms and water are available at the Registration Point, and at parks along the route, when open. Check the comment section of the registration book to determine if not available and to leave messages for future bikers.

DISCLAIMER:

The Hoosier Hikers, Round-the-Clock Restaurant, the Cities of Chesterton and Portage, their Parks

and Recreation Departments, Porter County Parks and Recreation Department, Friends of the Prairie Duneland Trail, the Indiana Volkssport Association, American Volkssport Association and Internationaler Volkssport Verband are not liable for accidents, theft or material damage. Every reasonable effort has been made to create a safe and enjoyable event. Children under twelve must be accompanied by an adult. Owners are responsible for their pets, to include the clean-up of their pet's waste.

SPONSORS:

The Hoosier Hikers walking Club is based in South Bend, Indiana, and is the sole host for this event.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

For the most current listing of special events associated with this event, please check the event listing at <http://www.ava.org>