

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

INVA state meeting Saturday 1 pm to 3:00 pm at the Clifty Falls State Park Start/Finish Point. INVA meetings are open to the public.

INVA Social at The Broadway Hotel and Tavern, 313-317 Broadway Street, Madison, IN 47250 from 6 pm to 9 pm. Seating for 25 persons at any one time on Saturday, April 13. This activity is “Dutch Treat.”

DISCLAIMER: The Indiana Volkssport Association, its member Clubs, the City of Madison and its Department of Parks & Recreation, State of Indiana 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 who will need to execute a waiver for the child. Pets, where allowed, must be kept on a leash. The pet’s owner is responsible for the removal of any waste produced by his or her pet. All Indiana State Parks practice pack-in/pack-out (no trash containers for public use.

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UPDATES: The Mid-America Region of the AVA and the Hoosier Hikers maintain a Facebook page, which will be used to update and disseminate information pertaining to the 2025 INVA Spring Fling Fest and other activities in the Mid-America Region and in the State of Indiana. Please check it out by using the following links:

Mid-America: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2304519116421172>

Hoosier Hikers: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/120770579366588>

**THE INDIANA VOLKSSPORT ASSOCIATION
INVITES YOU TO
A FANTASTIC SPRING FLING FEST
ALONG THE BANKS AND BLUFFS
OF THE MAJESTIC OHIO RIVER
FROM APRIL 12 TO 13, 2025**



**ALL TIMES CITED IN THIS BROCHURE ARE
EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME (EDT)**



**Clifty Falls State Park TGW MA25/129289
Historic Madison Indiana TGW MA25/129309**

INVA # 922

WELCOME: The Indiana Volkssport Association (INVA) and its member Clubs invite and welcome you to the 2025 INVA Spring Fling Fest, which highlights the historic, geologic and cultural aspects of walking along the majestic Ohio River in Southern Indiana. This walking weekend is comprised of two walking events hosted by INVA with the assistance of its member clubs. All events are set-up as Travelling Guided Walks for a single day on Saturday, April 12, or Sunday, April 13. All registrations will be on-site on the day of the event.

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 is 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.

START/FINISH: The Start/Finish Points are as indicated on pages 3 and 4 of this brochure and the event information published on the American Volkssport Association (AVA) website, my.ava.org. A link is provided for each event on pages 3 to 4 of this brochure.

FEES: Everyone is welcome. However, participants must register and pay a registration fee. The registration fee for ALL participants is \$4.00. If the A-Award is desired for the Clifty Falls State Park event, the cost is \$17 for a header, identifying bar and registration, or \$9 for just the identifying bar and registration. There is a gate fee for entry to Clifty Falls State Park. The gate fee is \$7 for Indiana plated vehicles and \$9 for out-of-state plated vehicles.

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

A- AWARDS: There is an A-Award available for the event at Clifty Falls State Park on Saturday. There is NO A-Award offered for the event in Historic Madison on Sunday.

SPECIAL EVENT STAMPS: All events qualify for the following AVA Challenge Programs: Centurion Achievement Challenge, Walking the USA A-Z, Walking the United States (50 States/51 Capitals) and IVV Americas. Qualifiers for other AVA Challenge Programs along the routes may be identified by the lead host club in the event detail found at my.ava.org.

TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS: The walk routes are described on pages 3 and 4 of this brochure and as published on the AVA website.

SPECIAL NEEDS: A special needs trail will be available upon request at each of the events.

REFRESHMENT: Water may be available at both start/finish points and any staffed checkpoints, if provided. It is recommended that participants carry some water with them along the routes, because of the possibly warm, if not hot, and humid weather that may be experienced in Southern Indiana, as early as the month of April. Restrooms are available at the Start/Finish Point, or nearby, and may also be available along the routes.

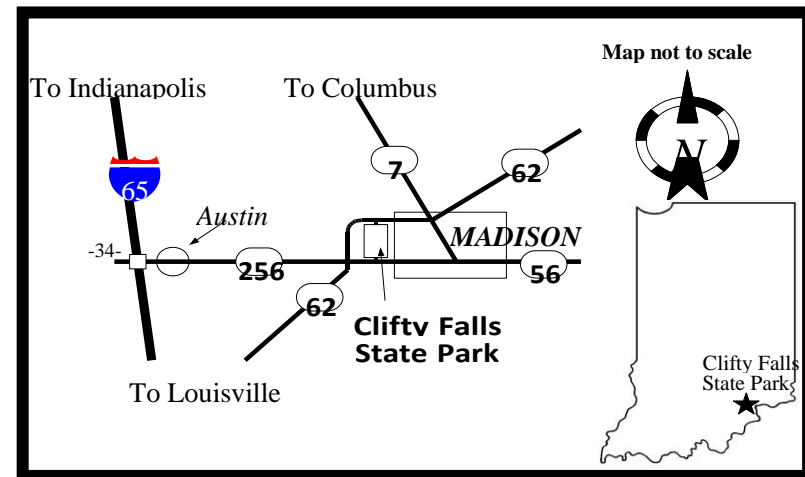
PRE-REGISTRATION: No pre-registration is offered for the INVA Spring Fling Fest.

REFUND POLICY: NO refunds given.

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

LODGING: For the INVA Spring Fling Fest, there is no central point of operation, or preferred lodging location. You are free to arrange your own lodging. For recommendations, please use the following link local tourism information:

<https://visitmadison.org>



EVENT # 2
SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025
HISTORIC MADISON, INDIANA
AVA Sanction: MA25/129309

This event is open to everyone, though registration is required. The event is a Guided Walk through Historic Madison, Indiana. The overall trail rating is 2-B, which is described below. Average walkers may complete an 11- kilometer route rated 2-B in about two and one quarter hours to two and three quarter hours. This event is hosted by INVA and operated by the Hoosier Hikers of South Bend, Indiana.. For detailed information on this event that is published on the AVA website, please use the following link:

<https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?sn=129309>

START/FINISH POINT: Bicentennial Park, 101 West Vaughn Drive, Madison, IN 47250.

DISTANCES OFFERED: 6 Km (3.75 miles) or 11 Km (6.8 miles)

TRAIL RATINGS: 2-B (Scale of 1 to 5 references elevation gain with 5 being the most difficult. Scale A to E references type of trail with E being the most difficult). The six kilometer route is rated 1-A.

TRAIL DESCRIPTION: All routes incorporate existing sidewalks and trails on properties administered by the City of Madison and its Department of Parks and Recreation. Portions of the routes may not be suitable for strollers or wheelchairs. Sidewalks may be uneven or cracked. Dogs are permitted, but must be leashed and under the control of the owner, who is also responsible for cleaning up after their pet.

RESTROOMS: Will be available on site at Start/Finish.

DIRECTIONS: The two major routes leading into Madison are US 421 (North to South) and Indiana State Route 56 (West to East). At the intersection of US 421 turn right or left, as appropriate, to head in a Westerly direction on Main Street. If on SR 56, the SR becomes Main Street upon entering city limits. At the intersection of Main Street and West Street turn left or right, as appropriate, to head in a Southerly direction on West Street. As you approach the Ohio River, West Street forms a T-Intersection with Vaughn Drive. Turn Right onto Vaughn Drive and you will see Bicentennial Park on your right. Select your parking place. There is ample parking along Vaughn Street. After securing your vehicle, look for the IVV banner and signage.

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EVENT # 1
SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2025
CLIFTY FALLS STATE PARK, INDIANA
AVA Sanction: MA25/129289

This event is open to everyone, though registration is required, as a gate fee to enter an Indiana State Park. The event is a Map Guided Walk with minimal signage along the following Clifty Creek, as it meanders down to its confluence with the Ohio River. The overall trail rating is 3-B, which is described below. Average walkers may complete an 10- kilometer route rated 3-B in about two and one half hours to three hours. This event is hosted by INVA. For detailed information on this event that is published on the AVA website, please use the following link:

<https://my.ava.org/event-view.php?sn=129289>

START/FINISH POINT: The Nature Center at Clifty Falls State Park at 2221 Clifty Drive, Madison, IN 47250.

DISTANCES OFFERED: 5 Km (3.1 miles) or 10 Km (6.2 miles).

TRAIL RATINGS: 3-B (Scale of 1 to 5 references elevation gain with 5 being the most difficult. Scale A to E references type of trail with E being the most difficult).

TRAIL DESCRIPTION: All routes incorporate existing trails on properties administered by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. Portions of the routes are not be suitable for strollers or wheelchairs. The trails are unimproved (dirt with tree roots protruding through the surface and boulders) and significant elevation changes. Snakes may be encountered along the trails. Please exercise caution. Dogs are permitted but must be leashed and under the control of the owner, who is also responsible for cleaning up after their pet.

RESTROOMS: Will be available on site at Start/Finish.

DIRECTIONS: The major West to East route leading into Madison is Indiana State Route 56. Follow SR 56 past the Comfort Inn headed down toward Madison. When you reach the bottom of the bluff, you will encounter the entrance to Clifty Falls State Park on the left. TURN LEFT to enter the Park, and follow the signage to the Nature Center where you will encounter an IVV banner and signage.

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EVENT SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

- 10 AM TO NOON** **REGISTRATION FOR CLIFTY FALLS STATE
PARK EVENT AT NATURE CENTER**
- 1 PM TO 3 PM** **INVA MEETING IN VICINITY OF NATURE
CENTER**
- 6:30 PM TO 10 PM** **INVA WELCOME ACTIVITY AT THE
BROADWAY HOTEL & TAVERN**

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

- 9:15 AM TO 10 AM** **REGISTRATION FOR HISTORIC MADISON
EVENT AT BICENTENNIAL PARK**
- 10 AM TO 1 PM** **HISTORIC MADISON GUIDED WALKS**

YEAR-ROUND & SEASONAL EVENTS WITHIN A 90 MINUTE DRIVE OF MADISON

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| Columbus, IN | Architectural Walk |
| Mitchell, IN | Spring Mill State Park |
| Frankfort, KY | State Capitol Walk |
| Louisville, KY | Old Victorian Louisville |
| Covington, KY | Trekking along the Ohio |
| Louisville, KY | Crossing the Mason-Dixie Line |

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