



**KHTA**

# The Knobstone

## News of the Knobstone Hiking Trail Association

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### KHTA Calendar

**March 7—Gateway 5 K Run—Martinsville  
Jimmy Nash Park**

**March 11—KHTA Board Meeting  
St. Martins**

**March 14—KHTA Work Day**

**March 21—KHTA Annual Membership  
Meeting**

**April 11—KHTA Work Day**

**April 18—Knobstone Section Hike—Part 1  
Spurgeon Hollow Trailhead**

**May 9 – KHTA Work Day**

**May 16—Knobstone Section Hike—Part 2  
Oxley Memorial Trail Head  
to Leota Trail Head**

### Mark Your Calendars

## 7th Annual Membership Meeting

### March 21

Meeting 11 am/Lunch 12 pm/Presentation 1 pm/Hike 2pm

Morgan Monroe State Forest Training Center, 6220 Forest Rd.,  
Martinsville, IN 46151

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Many Thanks To All Our Volunteers Who Are Helping

To Make Our Dream A Reality!

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### Info On The Entire 160 Mile KHT

## Maps Set, Data Book, Town Guide & GPX File

Free downloadable digital versions are available at

[www.hoosierbywaysandpathways.com](http://www.hoosierbywaysandpathways.com).

Printed copies are now available for purchase on our web page store.

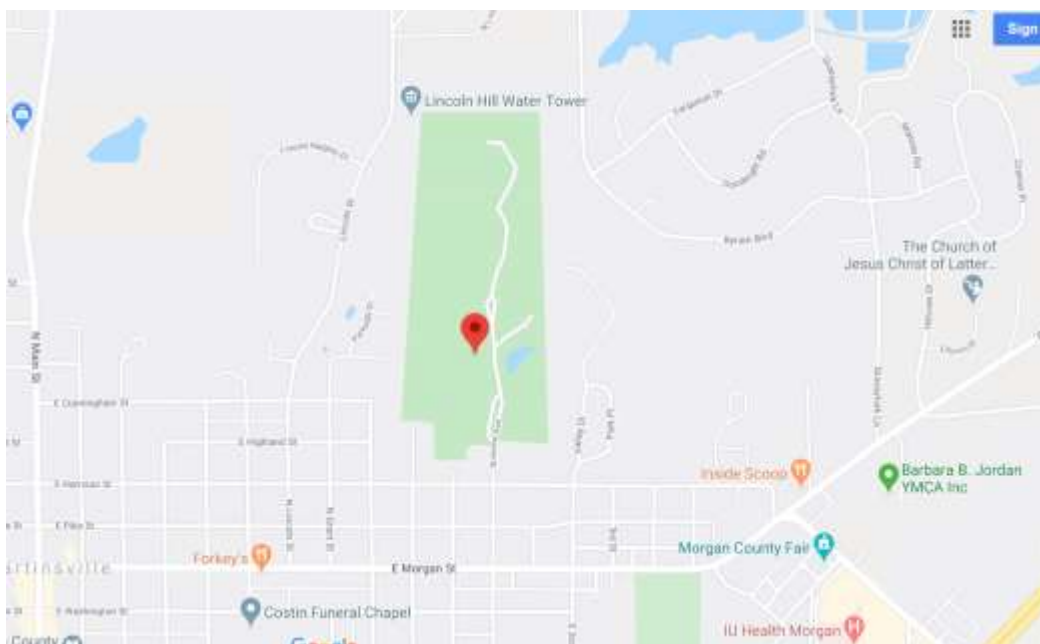
Go to [www.knobstonehikingtrail.org](http://www.knobstonehikingtrail.org) and click on Store/Maps Tab

Maps Set \$10/Data Book \$2/Town Guide \$5/ All 3 Bundled \$15



- in Martinsville, the “Gateway to the 150-Mile Knobstone Hiking Trail”
    - at Jimmy Nash Park on 2.5-K Nash Trail (at end of Home Ave. off Morgan St.)
    - Registration 9-9:45 am at Family Pavilion. Hot drinks & snacks.
    - Race Start 10 am. Post-race snacks and hot drinks in Family Pavilion.
    - Race donation: \$20; single ticket admits families & couples—benefit for the KHTA
    - Sponsor: Knobstone Hiking Trail Association, working to complete the 160-mile KHT, extending it from Martinsville to Louisville.
- To register: <http://www.knobstonehikingtrail.org/register-for-the-2020-khta-gateway-5k-run-walk/>

### Nash Park, 360 North Home, Martinsville, IN





## Scott Beam, KHTA Board Member to Lead Section Hikes on the Original KT.

Mark your calendars and sign up on meetup—<https://www.meetup.com/Knobstone-Hiking-Trail-Association-of-Indiana-Meetup/events/>

Sat April 18, 2020 - 9:30 am– 3:30 pm—Spurgeon Hollow Trailhead (7695 N Delaney Park Rd, Scottsburg, IN, USA 47170)

### Knobstone Section Hike part 1

This will be the first section hike along parts of the original KT. A 12 mile loop with extreme elevation change for Indiana. Participants should bring plenty of water and snacks, along with first aid, hiking poles, the correct gear for whatever the weather may be, and perhaps a small meal for a break at a little over halfway. The first hill starts within a quarter mile of the trailhead, and after a few hundred feet of elevation you'll know immediately if this is where you need to turn around! This will be a rain or shine event, only high winds will cause this event to be cancelled. I'm hoping to host the complete trail in section hikes on the 3rd Saturdays of April, May, September and October.

Sat May 16, 2020 9:30am – 3:30pm (EDT) - Oxley Memorial Trailhead (7741 E Baner Hollow Rd, Scottsburg, IN, USA 47170)

### Knobstone Section Hike part 2

This is to be the second section hike of the original KT, from the Oxley Memorial Trailhead to the Leota Trailhead, about 13 miles. This is planned as a one day section hike, but with enough interest it may turn into a 2 day out and back overnight trip to accommodate more individuals. I can shuttle 6 hikers with my van, but will need a volunteer to pick me up at the Leota Trailhead and shuttle me back to the Oxley Memorial Trailhead before 9am. This is a very rugged trail, so bring plenty of water and snacks, hiking poles, first aid gear and the correct apparel for weather conditions. As always, we'll take a break at a halfway point and stop for a small meal. Also this is a rain or shine event, the only chance of cancellation will be due to extreme wind.

Sat Sep 19, 2020 9:30am – 5:30pm (EDT) Leota Trailhead (12598 E Saylor Rd, Salem, IN, USA 47167)

### Knobstone Section Hike part 3

The third and likely most difficult section hike of the original KT I'll be leading, from the Leota Trailhead to Pixley Knob. Covering roughly 15 miles, this one will be a test. This is planned as a one day section hike, but with enough interest it may turn into a 2 day out and back overnight trip to accommodate more individuals. I can shuttle 6 hikers with my van, but will need a volunteer to pick me up at the Pixley Knob Trailhead and shuttle me back to the Leota Trailhead before 9am. This is a very rugged trail, so bring plenty of water and snacks, hiking poles, first aid gear and the correct apparel for weather conditions. As always, we'll take a break at a halfway point and stop for a small meal. Also this is a rain or shine event, the only chance of cancellation will be due to extreme wind.

Sat Oct 17, 2020 9:30 am—2:30 pm (EDT) Pixley Knob Trailhead (18559 Pixley Knob Road, Henryville, IN, USA 47126)

### Knobstone Section Hike part 4

The final section of the original KT hike! Starting from the Pixley Knob Road Trailhead and finishing at the Deam Lake Trailhead. About 10 miles of hiking, with the last several being downhill! This section offers some of the best views, especially from the Round Knob lookout. I can shuttle 6 hikers with my van, but will need a volunteer to pick me up at the Deam Lake Trailhead and shuttle me back to the Pixley Knob Trailhead before 9am. This is still a very rugged trail, so bring plenty of water and snacks, hiking poles, first aid gear and the correct apparel for weather conditions. As always, we'll take a break at a halfway point and stop for a small meal. Also this is a rain or shine event, the only chance of cancellation will be due to extreme wind.

# 7th Annual Membership Meeting

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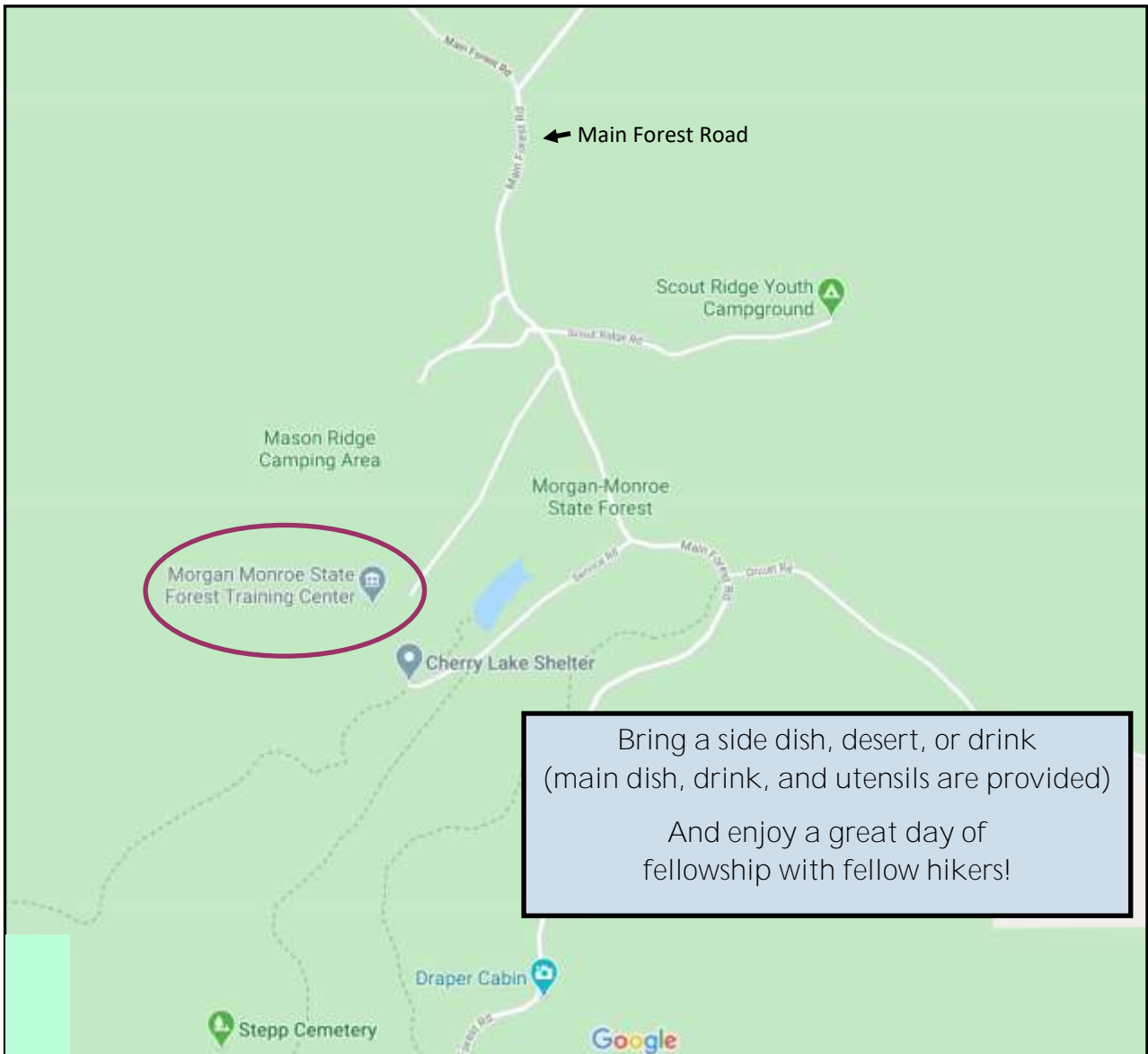
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## Steven Schaftlein—Triple Crown Hiker



Over 40 years Steve has sectioned hike most of the National Scenic Trails and many others. He will share reflections, stories, and pictures of his experiences. He currently wears a number of hats within the KHTA and looking forward to retirement when he can give more time to hiking and supporting the development of the 160 mile KHT. At his personal website [www.hoosierbywaysandpathways.com](http://www.hoosierbywaysandpathways.com) you can find information about the KHT and the hiker hostel that he will offer near the Spurgeon Hollow Trailhead of the KHT.



## Work Continues On The Howard Easement At Sparksville

Bob Curran, Scott Beam, Suzanne Smitenthal, and Nina Andrew prepare to make improvements on the trail at Sparksville.



### Volunteers Are The Heart of the KHTA!

We are thankful to the many volunteers who are the lifeblood of the KHTA. They monitor and maintain existing trails and build new trails. Volunteers spend countless hours planning, preparing, and carrying out our programs and activities. They work behind the scenes doing the clerical work of the organization. They go out and educate people about the benefits of the trail. They serve on our Board of Directors and the Board of Advisors. They put in countless hours in all the various aspects of the KHTA. Without them the KHT would be an unrealized dream of a few people.

As the KHTA continues to grow we are in a special need of people to serve as Trail Adopters, serve as secretary and help with the office work, and to help with the publicity and Newsletter. Give some thought to rolling up your sleeves and volunteering for one of these and many other aspects of the KHTA mission. Join a dedicated community making the KHT a reality!



The KHT is now available on the All Trails App for Smart Phones .

Download the app and search for Knobstone Trail: 160 Miles

On your computer go to:

[www.alltrails.com/trail/us/indiana/knobstone-trail-160-miles](http://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/indiana/knobstone-trail-160-miles)





### What's The Best Way To Remove Old Rebar Stuck In The Ground?

Old rebar abound on the original KT where many wooden steps were installed with rebar. Over the years the steps have rotted, sometimes completely away. Left behind are the iron rebar pegs sticking out of the ground or the remains of the steps. These are difficult to see and pose a hazard to hikers who may step on, trip over, or fall on the exposed pegs. Adopter Todd Stewart has found the solution, vice grip pliers that hold tight and give you leverage. Without the locking pliers it is difficult to get a good grip on the rebar. And you run the danger of abasing you hand if your grip slips. Here's a bunch that Phil has successfully removed.



*"Still making my way through the Knobstone. Pulled 10 stakes today near the 14mile marker"*



Consider joining or renewing your membership in the KHTA.

Special gifts have made a crucial difference in our progress. Go to [www.khta.org](http://www.khta.org).

# Collaborators In The Trails Movement

**COMMUNITY**  
FOUNDATION OF  
MORGAN COUNTY



The **COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**  
of Jackson County



Together we give resources



**OAK HERITAGE**  
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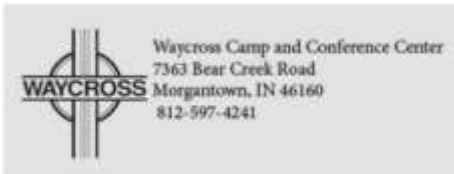


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