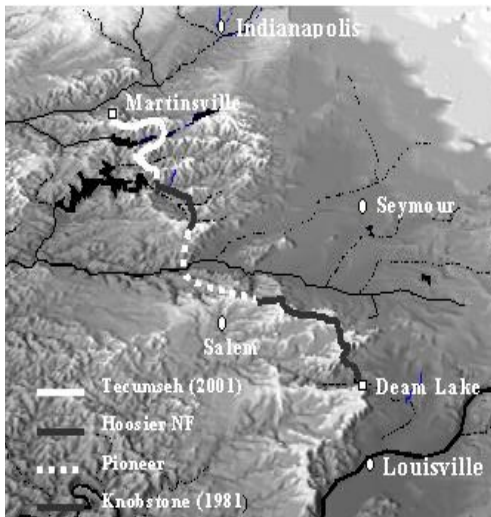


Completing the Missing Links in the 160-MILE KNOBSTONE HIKING TRAIL



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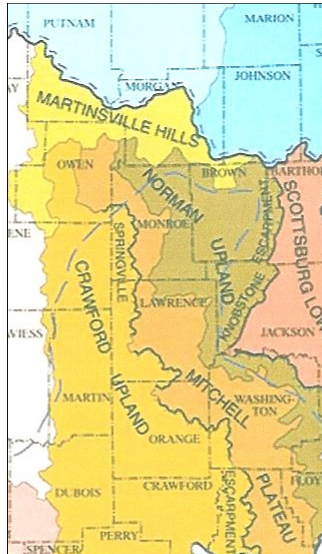
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HISTORY OF THE KNOBSTONE HIKING TRAIL

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millions of years ago. A ridge of rock strata, now known as the Martinsville Hills and Knobstone Escarpment, arose. It is associated with the Cincinnati Arch formation to the west, and erosion of the surface limestone to the east. This left the ancient sea bed below, now named the Scottsburg Lowlands in the eastern section of Southern Indiana. The underlying bedrock extends from Louisville north to within 30 miles of Indianapolis. The east face of the ridge is characterized by high knobs and bluffs, and a gentle slope westward towards Illinois.



- 1930s State and federal agencies buy many escarpment and hill acres (much of it abandoned marginal farmland) for public forests.
- 1973 In the environmental 70s, the Indiana Department of Natural Resources assigns Jerry Pagac, fresh out of college, the task to research DNR acres for enough land to allow the building of a significant long-distance hiking trail. Jerry, one day to be the director of the DNR Division of Parks, conceives the vision of the Knobstone Trail, a hiking trail spanning the many acres of state forest lands in South Central Indiana.
- 1981 Joe Payne completes the first major portion of the trail for the DNR, following the forested high bluffs of the Knobstone Escarpment. This section, long known as the "KT," begins 10 miles N. of Louisville, passing through Clark, Scott, Jackson, & Washington Counties, to a point midway between Salem and Brownstown. The 45 miles of trail were built with the help of hikers from all over the state, such as Boy Scout troops and the Indianapolis Hiking Club.
- 1992-6 DNR-DOR drafts Knobstone Trail Expansion Plan

- 1994 Hoosier Backpackers are gathered together by Suzanne Mittenthal at Stan Newhall's to build an organization to improve Hoosier hiking trails.
- 1995 The Hoosier Hikers Council incorporates, to rehabilitate, build and maintain hiking trails in Indiana. One of the HHC's basic objectives: to complete the Knobstone Hiking Trail (KHT).
- 1997 MMSF begins construction of long-distance trail.
- 2001 Volunteers complete the 42-mile Tecumseh Trail, the north section of the Knobstone Hiking Trail. It's primarily on public lands in Morgan-Monroe/Yellowwood State Forest, north of Monroe Reservoir, east of Bloomington.
- 2003 Work begins to assemble easements to cross the mainly private acres of the central section of the KHT, dubbed the Pioneer Trail. Farmer Greg McPike donates land for a KHT trailside park in Sparksville, for camping in the middle of the easement section. Photo: pioneer barn along the PT, restored by Frank Fisher.
- 2004 Jackson County officially adopts the Sparksville Park as its second county park.
- 2005 Endorsements of the project to complete the 160-mile KHT are approved by all the five Boards of County Commissioners along the PT route: Monroe, Morgan, Brown, Jackson, & Washington.
- 2010 Land purchased by the HHC for the KHT in Washington County is conveyed to the Oak Heritage Conservancy for permanent protection (view from Hikers Knob, photo right).
- 2013 The Knobstone Hiking Trail Association incorporates as a non-profit corporation, a natural outgrowth of the HHC. Its mission and members "are dedicated to the completion, preservation, and promotion of the Knobstone Hiking Trail. This footpath follows the Martinsville Hills-Knobstone Escarpment from 30 mi. S. of Indianapolis to 10 mi. S. of Louisville. A long-term management organization for the trail assures continuity of assistance in maintaining the trail to the governmental entities whose jurisdictions the trail passes through." The KHTA Board is composed of community leaders from all over the state.
- 2015 Work begins on new trailhead in Martinsville.



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Your membership will support:

- Completion of KHT miles on available public lands on the provisional route [current projects posted on Meet up.]
- Work to acquire remaining KHT easements and build trails on private land.
- Coordination of management of all public and private KHT sections.
- Promotion of the trail for purposes of community development, with website as forum.
- Improvement of trail access, highway signage, parking, and trail amenities.
- Supervision and management of trail conditions, with website condition updates.
- Maintaining website with information about the trail, hikes, section descriptions and active links to trailhead location maps.



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