



KHTA

The Knobstone—Mini Bulletin

News of the Knobstone Hiking Trail Association

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Founded in 2013—KHTAssociation@gmail.com—www.knobstonehikingtrail.org

KHTA Calendar

- March 7 – Monday—Adopter Workday
- March 19— Saturday—Adopter Workday
- March 26—Gateway 5k Fun/Run—Nash Park—Martinsville—Reg 9, Race 10 am
- April 2—Sponsored Hike #4
- April 4—Monday Adopter Workday
- April 9—2nd Saturday Workday
- April 23—Saturday—Adopter Workday
- May 2— Monday Adopter Workday
- May 7—Sponsored Hike #5

To join hikes, sign upon on Meetup—
<https://www.meetup.com/Knobstone-Hiking-Trail-Association-of-Indiana-Meetup>

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Gateway Fun Run/Walk, 5K” March 26, 2022

[Jimmy Nash Park, Martinsville, IN \(Martinsville City Park \)](#)

Registration: 9-9:45 am Race 10 am
Heated pavilion, post-race snacks

Sponsor: Knobstone Hiking Trail Association
Working to complete the 160+ mile KHT extending from Marinsville to Louisville.

Race Donation: Benefit for the KHTA

Cost: General Public—\$20/Individual; \$10 Additional Family Members

KHTA Members—\$10/Individual; \$5 Additional Family Members

[Registration](#)

**GATEWAY
5K/FUN RUN**
REG. 9 AM RACE 10 AM

NASH PARK

SATURDAY

March 26

Back To The Trail!

As Covid 19 stats drop to their lowest point since last Summer, it is a good time to reengage with the trail. As all past pandemics have come to an end, there's reason to hope that we can live with Covid just as we live with the annual flue season. It's time to get "Back to the Trail".

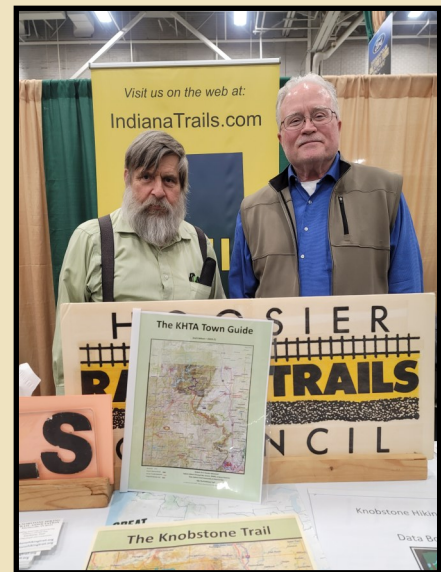
We are at a point in our development where we both need and can support an influx of volunteers. There are many opportunities available for you to become a part of our forward progress. Included are trail adoption, building, and maintenance; team approach to producing our newsletter and communication efforts; involvement with our educational and pr work; participation in the KHTA board; and a variety of other areas. More info can be found online by clicking [More Info](#)

To help you understand the variety of physical opportunities specific info on trail sections, there is a summary of sections we are working on page 3. These summaries have links to much detailed info.

To volunteer click [Volunteer Form](#)

Some Volunteers Doing Their Thing!

In the past 10 days volunteers helped to staff the Indiana Trails booth at the Indianapolis Boat, Sport, and Travel Show. The KHTA was one of the major groups featured. Many thanks to Rick Vonnegut (KHTA Board member—L), Gary Davis (R), and the staff at www.indianatrails.com. You can see some KHT info displayed in the picture. Some volunteers stepped forward from the display at the booth.



Calendar of Trail Workdays

KHTA Ongoing 2nd Saturday Workdays – To build and maintain new trail. March 12 & April 9. For more info and to sign up Click [Here](#)

Calendar For KHTA Adopters Workdays

Monday March 7 – Pioneer Trail - 9 am-3:30 pm – 3 ½ mile section of private easement near Norman (just south of Hwy 58 and the HNF) Highway

Saturday – March 19 – Pioneer Trail – 9 am-3:30 pm - 3 ½ mile section of private easement near Norman (just south of Hwy 58 and the HNF)

Monday April 4 – Original KT or Pioneer Trail – 9 am-3:30 pm

Saturday April 23 – Original KT or Pioneer Trail – 9 am-3:30 pm

Monday May 2 – Original KT or Pioneer Trail – 9 am-3:30 pm

Whenever possible, to avoid conflicts, Monday work days will be on the 1st or 2nd Monday of the month. Saturday workdays will be on the 4th Saturday. (In March we have the annual race, so the workday has been scheduled on the 3rd Saturday.)

Private Easement Mileage That Needs Adoption And Maintenance.

Here is a link to the map set - <https://www.knobstonehikingtrail.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Map-Set-Merge-1-19-2020-21.pdf> - This provides useful info.

Pioneer Trail – North of the original KT

Steve Schaftlein (502-262-6829, sschaftlei@gmail.com) coordinates the adopters for the Pioneer Trail.

Northern Washington County West of Hwy 135 - On pages 19 & 20 (miles 55 to 55.7) is the private easement on the Oak Heritage Preserve. You can find more info on the preserve at <https://oakheritageconservancy.org/2015/09/09/hikers-knob/>. Map Links - [Haleysburg Rd - Oak Heritage TrHd](#), [West Ault Saw Mill Rd TrHd](#)

South West Jackson County South East of Medora - On pages 21 to 24 (mile 64.2) is Sparksville Park. In addition to the park itself, there is a loop trail in the park through a wet lands area. Also, going north from the park is a about a half mile of private easement that dead ends. This needs to be maintained until a connecting easement is found going North to another private easement that we are developing. Map Links - [Sparkville Park TrHd and Camping Area](#)

North West Jackson County Just South of the HNF and Near Norman and South of Hwy 58 - On pages 27 to 29 (miles 77.4 to 81.1) there is the 3.5 mile of trail on private easement that begins at the HHC trail head and campsite. It passes by the Frank Fischer 3 story barn and ends at the ATV trailhead (Moto Supreme) on a county road 0.9 miles south of the HNF. This is 0.7 mile South of Hwy 58 where it is a short distance to the west to the town of Norman with its post office. Map Links - [ATV - Moto Supreme TrHD](#), [Frank Fisher Barn TrHD](#), [HHC TrHd and Campsite](#)

HNF

HNF – Southwest of Brown County State Park and Story on Hwy 135 But North of Hwy 58 – On pages 30-37 (82.9 to 111.3) there is 29.4 miles of multi use trail (hikers, bikers, and equestrians). The KHTA has adopted trails 18 & 20 totalling about 5.4 miles. There's a special arrangement between the KHTA and the HNF. Individuals go through a separate process to volunteer in the HNF. KHTA board member Scott Beam (hoosierhappytrails@yahoo.com) coordinates our efforts in the HNF. Map Links - [HNF Trail 18 TrHd](#), [HNF - Trail 20 TrHd](#)

Morgan County – North of the Morgan-Monroe State Forest and the Tecumseh Trail

Morgan County – Conservation Club Easement at Martinsville – This is about 1 ¼ mile that someday will link the Martinsville City trail system up to a hopeful extension of the KHT – Tecumseh Trail to the edge of the Morgan-Monroe State Forestry. Charles Andrew (317-258-6788, charlesandrew1@att.net) and Nina Andrew (317-328-1776 – ndrew701@aol.com) coordinate efforts on this easement. Map Link - [KHTA Conservation Club Easement & TrHd](#)

The Original KT – Clark State Forest & Jackson-Washington County State Forest

For a number of years we've had adopters for the 45 miles of the KHT route using the KT and for the Dealney Park Loop section of the KT. This effort continues and is being renewed as we move past the restrictions of the pandemic. Steve Schaftlein (502-262-6829, sschaftlei@gmail.com) coordinates the volunteers for this