



**KHTA**

# The Knobstone

## News of the Knobstone Hiking Trail Association

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

### KHTA Calendar

**March 26—Gateway 5k Fun/Run—Nash Park—Martinsville—Reg 9, Race 10 am**

**April 2—Sponsored Hike #4**

**April 4—KHTA Adopter's Work Day**

**April 9—2nd Saturday Workday**

**April 23—KHTA Adopter's Work Day**

**May 2—KHTA Adopter's Work Day**

**May 7—Sponsored Hike #5**

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

**Knobstone Hiking Trail  
Meetup**

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*Many Thanks To All Our Volunteers Who Are Helping  
To Make Our Dream A Reality!*

*Take Time To Consider*

*Joining The KHTA Or Making A Special Gift To The KHTA  
We're Seeking To Build Up Our Membership & Funds  
To Continue The Growth of the Trail*

Go To <https://www.knobstonehikingtrail.org/join-donate/>

### 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

## A Word From Our President

Dear KHTA Members & Supporters,

Spring is a great time to get out and enjoy nature. Once again temperatures are warming, trees are flowering and starting to leaf out, new life is poking up through the leaf litter, days are getting longer. It's a great time to build new trails for current and future hikers. It's also a great time to help clear and rehabilitate existing trails. Won't you join us for the benefit of the hiking community and for your own enjoyment?

Thank you

Charles Andrew, President



[Cardamine concatenata \(Michx.\) O.Schwarz](#)

Cut-leaf toothcup, Toothcup, Cut-leaved toothwort, Five-part toothwort, Slender toothwort is a flowering plant in [Brassicaceae](#). It owes its name to the tooth-like appearance of its [rhizome](#).<sup>[1]</sup> It is a perennial woodland [wildflower](#) native to eastern [North America](#).<sup>[2]</sup> It is considered a [spring ephemeral](#) and blooms in March, April, and/or May.<sup>[1]</sup>



**March 26**

[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 Martinsville 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](#)

## Preparing For The Race



Barb Bates, Jennifer Schuyler, Steve Knopf, Nina Andrew



T-B Rick Vonnegut, Jennifer Schule,  
Nina Andrew, Steve Knopf

# 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 flu 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!*

Back in February 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](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Workdays** – To build and maintain new trail. – April 9 & May 14 . For more info and to sign up Click [Here](#)

### **Calendar For KHTA Adopters Workdays**

**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 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month. Saturday workdays will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday. (In March we have the annual race, so the workday has been scheduled on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday.) For more info and to sign up Click [Here](#)



## Info On Trail 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:charlesandrew1@att.net)) and Nina Andrew (317-328-1776 – [nandrew701@aol.com](mailto:nandrew701@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](mailto:sschaftlei@gmail.com)) coordinates the volunteers for this





## Scott Beam, KHTA Board Member Continues to Lead Section Hikes

Consider Joining Our 2022 Organized Hikes Sponsored By The KHTA

<https://www.meetup.com/Knobstone-Hiking-Trail-Association-of-Indiana-Meetup/events/>

Saturday, April 2 - 9:00 AM to 8:00 AM - Section Hike #4

4371 Indian Hill Rd - Section 4 of the KHT

Saturday, May 7— 9:00 AM to 6 PM – Section Hike #5

High King Hill to the northern end of the Nebo Ridge Trail

Saturday, June 4 – 9:00 AM to 5:00 pm – Section Hike #6

Hickory Ridge Trail 18 parking area

Saturday, July 2 – 9:00 AM to 6 PM – Section Hike #7

Hickory Ridge Trail 18 parking area

Click [Here](#) for more info and to signup on Meetup for any of these hikes.

### March 5—Section Hike—Tecumseh Trail—Bear Lake Heading South

Rex Gradeless, Smitha Rhodes, Barbara Bates, Mark O'Daniel, Emily Lazzaro, Richard Vonnegut, Theresa Ray, Susan Sievers, Tom Seeman, Paul Skarie and Steve Knoop.





## KHTA Volunteers At Work!



### KHTA Adopter Workdays—Pioneer Trail between Moto Supreme & HHC TrHds

March 14—Monday Raymond Schafer used the new commercial size leaf blower to clear the 3 1/2 miles of trail between the Moto Supreme and HHC TrHds. Steve Schaftlein made repairs and improvement on the trail bed.

March 20—Sunday—Volunteer Melanie Casey worked with her brother Steve Schaftlein to make further improvements on the trail bed and finished cutting out blowdowns. Further improvements are planned and the building of a 700 foot spur trail going north to hopefully connect with a potential easement up to the Hoosier National Forest.



## Volunteers Are The Heart of the KHTA!

The 2nd Saturday Work Crew continued its work on improving the trail at Martinsville Conservation Club.. The KT Trail Adopters continue to monitor their sections of the KT between Deam Lake and Spurgeon Hollow. In February we began updating our relationship with the DOF at the Jackson-Washington County Forest under the new leadership of Ed Oehlman. Ed is in charge of the KT from Deam Lake to Spurgeon Hollow and Delaney Park. Down the road the Adopters will work with the forestry to relocate approximately a mile of the KT near Delaney Park. In the HNF work continues on our section on Trail 18 & 20.



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! Volunteer or donate at [Join / Donate – Knobstone Hiking Trail Association](https://www.knobstonehikingtrail.org/join-donate/)

## Membership Renewal

It's time to initiate or renew your membership in the KHTA—Go To <https://www.knobstonehikingtrail.org/join-donate/>

## Temporary Reroute of the Original KT Between Miles 26 & 28 Just North of the Leota Trailhead

The Knobstone Trail traverses actively managed forest areas and will have periodic temporary reroutes for user safety during management activities. Beginning on or shortly after December 13, 2021 the route of the Knobstone Trail in Clark State Forest will be rerouted while activities take place. The original route will be used after the completion of management activities. Click [Here](#) to view, download, and print a map of the reroute.

## A New Restaurant Near The Trail



### Mom's Café

Thursday — 11-7      Friday — 11-7  
Saturday — 8-7      Sunday — 8-5

Located at the corner of N. Hendricks Street & St. Highway 58 in Kurtz.

813-995-2436

Mailing Address—8720 West State Rd 58  
Norman, In. 47264



One mile East of where the PT crosses Hwy 58  
Click [Map](#) For Directions

## KHTA Store Report



### KHTA Ball Caps Now Available

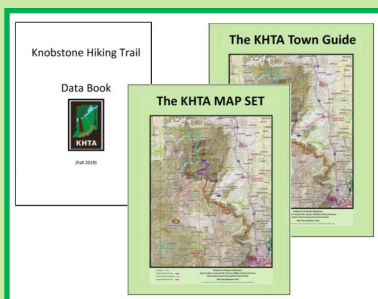
KHTA baseball caps have been designed and acquired. They are available for \$20.

### Maps of the Region By the Indiana Geological & Water Survey!



The 5 maps include all of the trails on state and federal land in the area covered. These are the most detailed maps available and will enable hikers to explore the rich opportunities up and down the KHT corridor. These maps include the Charles C. Deam Wilderness in the HNF, Morgan Monroe-Yellowood Forests, Brown County State Park, Starve-Hollow SRA, and the Clark & Jackson-Washington State Forests. For further info on the IGWS go to <https://igws.indiana.edu/newsletter/read/may-2020>.

### KHT Map Set, Data Book, and Town Guide—2nd Edition



The 2021 2nd Edition of the KHT Map Set, Data Book, and Town Guide is now available. Hard copies will be available through the KHTA Store. Digital copies are already available as a free download on our website. This set provides comprehensive info for thru or section hiking the 160 miles of the KHT.

To Order Items From the KHTA Store Go to

<https://www.knobstonehikingtrail.org/shop/>

Many Thanks For Your Interest & Support!





## Knobstone Hiking Trail Association

Realizing the 1970s Visionary 160-Mile Knobstone

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## Improvements On The KHTA Website Continues!

The menu on the KHTA website is being reorganized to make it easier to locate info. Some menu items have had name changes. Others have been moved to better group items. Pages and forms have been created to report on trail conditions and to share stories, photos, and videos of your hiking experiences. Also a page has been added for others to view the stories, photos, and videos that you share. And, a page and form has been added to report the completion of hikes on individual sections (KT, PT, HNF, & TT) and the entire KHT. This is for both section and thru hikers. As completed hikes are reported, the information will chronologically list these accomplishments by date of completion. This is part of an effort to further enhance the community of KHT supporters, hikers, and volunteers.

Check out the completed hikes—<https://www.knobstonehikingtrail.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Completed-Hikes.pdf>

Report your completed hikes— <https://www.knobstonehikingtrail.org/completed-hikes-report-form/>

**Check out the changes and additions! And get involved!**

### Tools For The Trail



Rogue Hoe offers a combination hoe-rake tool that has proven itself convenient and adaptable. It comes in two sizes. The 70 HR has 5 rake prongs opposite a 7" wide hoe. It weighs 5 to 5 1/2 pounds depending on the length and material of the handle you choose. It's "little brother" is the 55 HR which has 4 rake prongs



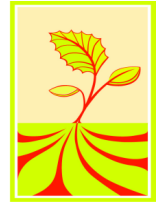
opposite a 5" wide hoe. Handles come in Ash, Fiberglass and Hickory in lengths of 40", 48" and 54". It's easier to carry one tool that serves two function instead of burdening yourself with two tools. Prices range from \$75 to \$85. These tools can be purchased from Rogue Hoe at [www.roguehoe.com](http://www.roguehoe.com) and Prohoe at [www.prohoe.com](http://www.prohoe.com),

# Collaborators In The Trails Movement

**COMMUNITY**  
FOUNDATION OF  
MORGAN COUNTY



The **COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**  
of Jackson County  
*Together, we grow tomorrow*



**OAK HERITAGE**  
CONSERVANCY

Hoosier Hiker Babes

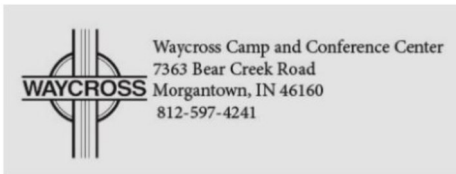


TRAILS **A**-Team

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**HOOSIER TRAILS COUNCIL**  
Boy Scouts of America



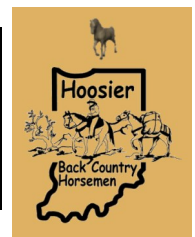
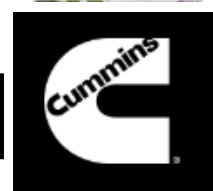
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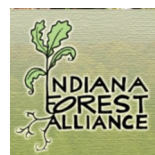
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**Hoosier National Forest**



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