



**KHTA**

# The Knobstone—Mini Bulletin

News of the Knobstone Hiking Trail Association

August 17, 2022 Vol 9, 2

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

## KHTA Calendar

Aug 20—KHTA Workday

Aug 27—Section Hike #9—Sparksville to Spurgeon

Sep 10—KHTA Workday

Oct 21-23—3rd Annual KT Fall Foliage Backpacking Trip & KHT section # 10

Nov 5—KHTA Gateway 5K & Family Fun/Run-Walk

## Knobstone Hiking Trail Meetup

To join workdays and hikes, sign up on on Meetup



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

## In This Issue—Back To The Trail!

Page 2—A Word From Our President

Gateway Fun Run/Walk Rescheduled

Page 3 - Info On Our Trail Easements & Adoptions

## November 5

Due to bad weather and safety concerns the Gateway Fun Run/Walk was reschedule for Nov 5.



[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

## Board of Directors

President—Charles Andrew

Vice-President—Steve Schaftlein

Acting Secretary—Nina Andrew

Treasurer—Bob Curran

Ron Conrad

Albert Cross

Scott Beam

Richard Vonnegut

Chris Donahue

Randall Pflueger

Tony Abbott

John Miller

Jess Gwinn

Suzanne Mittenthal

Brian Holzhausen

Joe Payne

D. Jack Mahuron

## Website

We regret to share that our website provider had some problems that caused our website to temporarily crash. Although it is back up and running, the crash caused a number of problems with links that will require time to correct. Please be patient with us as we make repairs.

We apologize for the inconvenience.

Steve Schaftlein

## *A Word From Our President*

Fantastic News! We are elated to report some really good news in our progress towards completing the 160-mile Knobstone Trail. The Indiana DNR, Division of Forestry, has authorized the 1/3-mile extension of the Tecumseh Trail. This will connect the Tecumseh Trail to Brown County Trail D which in turn connects to the north end of the 28-mile segment of the Knobstone Trail in the Hoosier National Forest. When complete, we will have a hiking trail extending from the Morgan Monroe SF HQ all the way through to Clear Springs south of the Hoosier National Forest. This continuous pathway is 75 miles long making it the longest foot path in Indiana. Additionally, negotiations with Indiana DNR to connect the northern terminus of the Tecumseh Trail with Martinsville is going very well. This will add 10+ miles to the 75 miles detailed above. Just think, in a year or two, we will be able to hike from Martinsville to Clear Springs on a mostly forested, interesting and well-marked hiking trail of 85 continuous miles. When you add the existing 42 miles of the original Knobstone Trail you will have 127 miles plus several miles that exist between these two major sections. Very soon we will be able to declare the whole trail is open for business. Thousands of hours have been spent working to make this trail a reality for our fellow hikers. Thousands more will be required. The new segments must be built and the whole trail maintained by volunteers. The mission is really big but manageable if more volunteers pull with us. We need many trail builders, an Association Secretary, grant writers and a social media guru amongst other helpers. Please consider volunteering.

Thank you

Charles Andrew, President

Knobstone Hiking Trail Association, Martinsville, IN 46151



## **November 5**

[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

orking 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

## 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](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 – [ndrew701@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:sschaftlei@gmail.com)) coordinates the volunteers for this