

SUGGESTED KAYAK TRIPS

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<u>TRIP NAME</u>	<u>Shuttle Req'd?</u>	<u>Portages?</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Difficulty level</u>	<u>Children?</u>
Geist Flat Water	no	none	any	novice	excellent
Pendleton to Geist	yes	many	1-4 hr	intermediate	not recommended
Through Ft Harrison	yes	a few	1.5- 2hr	intermediate	maybe
I-465 to Keystone	yes	none	1.5 – 2hr	novice	good
Urban Adventure	no	3-6?	4-5 hrs?	intermediate	not recommended
Broad Ripple Loop	no	2-4	2-3 hrs?	intermediate	not recommended

Geist Flat Water

Excellent for novices / children!

Ideal non-shuttle outing, only 5 miles from Kayak Pick-Up at DINO office.

Access point: Geist Park on Florida Road, northeast of McCordsville

Time: as short or as long as you like; at least 1.5 hours to get into open water portion of Geist and back.

Suggested flow rate: low - medium suitable for novice paddlers, High levels make return trip difficult. Be aware that any current can make return to Geist Park up to 50% slower.

Portages: none

There is a tiny pond in Geist Park (west side of open space) that can be used to teach small children to paddle their kayak. It is less intimidating to start there than in the creek.

Paddle downstream (west) from Geist Park. Geist begins to open up ½ to 1 mile downstream. Paddle under the Olio Road Bridge for the larger section of Geist.

Just upstream of Geist Park (go under Florida Rd) is a rapids that can be portaged and run repeatedly. Good time filler if others in the trip are done, and you want more...

Pendleton to Geist on Fall Creek

Time: 0.5 to 4 hours depending on where you put in / take out

Suggested flow rate: medium (3-4' on Fortville gauge) suitable for novice paddlers, high levels (4-6'?) fun for experienced. Slow going in low water levels.

Portages: average 1 portage each 20-30 minutes. Portages are short but are rugged and may have nettles. Not ideal for children. Not suggested if you want to avoid getting a little dirty / scratched. The section from SR 238 to Geist is relatively portage-free.

Access points: Falls Park (Pendleton); SR 13, SR 238, many other options – see fallcreekindiana.com, Geist Park and Falls Park have nice facilities and ample parking.

Downstream paddle. Can be paddled upstream if flow rate is medium.

Through Ft Harrison on Fall Creek

Time: 1.5 to 2 hours

Suggested flow rate: any; low to medium (2.5 – 4' on Millersville gauge) suitable for novice paddlers.

Portages: 2-3 short portages - rugged and may have nettles.

Start points: 79th street or 71st street (not much parking!) see fallcreekindiana.com

Downstream paddle. A few small, but fun, mini-rapids. Some bail-out options.

Rapid at I-465 bridge is a big one – it will get you wet and it is a bumpy ride at low water level.

Take-out at Fall Creek Corridor parking Lot, Fall Creek Parkway just south of Fall Creek Road on west side of I-465.

Fall Creek I-465 to Keystone

Time: 1.5-2 hours

Suggested flow rate: any, low to medium suitable for novice paddlers.

Portages: none, unless water is extremely low

Start points: Fall Creek Corridor parking Lot, Fall Creek Parkway just south of Fall Creek Road on west side of I-465

Downstream paddle. Several small, but fun, mini-rapids. Very easy access to road / help if needed in emergency. Numerous early bail-out options. Ideal choice for a novice trip.

Take-out at greenway bridge just prior to Keystone. Caution – dam just beyond the Keystone Rd bridge!

Indy Urban Kayak Adventure

Time: ?? 4 hours?? *note: this route has not been fully tested as of 3/11. Up for some exploration?

Suggested flow rate: relatively low water

Portages: 1 long (1/2 mile), 3-4 potentials at upstream rapids, 3-4 potential low bridge portages

Starting points: Broad Ripple along the canal, Along the Monon, or Indianapolis Art Center in Broad Ripple, Fall Creek & 16th Park,

Fall Creek upstream from White River junction to Canal (a few possible upstream rapids portages)

Canal northward to Broad Ripple (a few possible low bridge portages)

Exit the canal on the north side (left) at the Monon Trail Bridge. Portage northward on the Monon ½ mile to White River. Put-in at White River

White River downstream from Monon Trail to Fall Creek junction

Broad Ripple Loop

(shortened version of Indy Urban Kayak Adventure)

Time: ?? 2-3 hours ??

Suggested flow rate: low to medium flow

Portages: 1 long (1/2 mile), 2-3 potential low bridge portages

Starting points: Broad Ripple along the canal, Along the Monon, or Indianapolis Art Center in Broad Ripple

Canal northward to Broad Ripple (a few possible low bridge portages)

Exit the canal on the north side (left) at the Monon Trail Bridge. Portage northward on the Monon ½ mile to White River. Put-in at White River

White River from Monon Trail downstream to Michigan Road Bridge (or anywhere in the 1/2 mile upstream). Portage southward (left) over the levee / towpath trail and into the Canal.