

2017 State Park Programs



JANUARY

Writing in Place

"Writing in Place: [McCormick's Creek State Park](#)" brings together writers from the area for a series of writing-related events, including a one-day writing workshop; an open call for submissions for a chapbook of prose, poetry, and plays inspired by the park; and a book sale & public reading during the park's annual Arts in the Park Festival to support the friends of McCormick's Creek State Park.

- January 15, 2017: Call for Submissions to "Writing in Place: [McCormicks Creek State Park](#)" chapbook.

Impermanence: Earth Art and Photography Shoot

This project is a collaboration between two artists living in Indiana. Sterling Gregory specializes in "Earth Art". He practices rock balancing and makes art from items found in nature such as leaves and colored stones. Vicki Vardaman specializes in photography and video. The artist have worked together at the Mounds State Park. Sterling creating art and Vicki documenting his process.

- January 18, 2 p.m.-4 p.m., [Mounds State Park](#)

FEBRUARY

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- February 15, 2 p.m.-4 p.m., [Mounds State Park](#)

MARCH

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- March 15, 2 p.m.-4 p.m., [Mounds State Park](#)

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- March 18, 2017: 9 am - 5 p.m.: Writing in Place Writing Workshop at Canyon Inn, McCormick's Creek State Park

Plein Air Painting With Watercolor Media

Three-hour sessions in watercolor and watercolor pencil painting. Participants will be painting landscapes or indoors using photos in bad weather. Each session will include demonstrations and instructions in painting techniques and plein air painting.

- March 25, 1-4 p.m., [TC Steele State Historic Site](#)

Stories of Conservation: Gene Stratton-Porter and the Boys of the New Deal

Glory-June Greiff portrays Indiana author/naturalist Gene Stratton-Porter, stressing her relationship to the land and her ardent conservationist views. Separately, Greiff tells the story of our state parks in the context of conservation, emphasizing the New Deal's role, with specific stories tailored to each location.

- March 24, 4:30pm, [McCormick's Creek State Park](#), Canyon Inn
- March 31, 5pm, [Pokagon State Park](#), Potawatomi Inn

APRIL

Poetry for the People and by the People

"Poetry for the People and by the People," two workshops featuring the poetry of John Sherman and poems by visitors, will be offered at Mounds State Park, in conjunction with the park's annual poetry and photography competition. Sherman will lead the writing project.

- April 1, Noon - 4 pm, second of two poetry events, [Mounds State Park](#)
- April 29, afternoon, Mounds State Park, announcement of winners of poetry/photography contest

Miami Harvest Walk & Talk

The Miami Harvest project allows a Miami Plant Tradition Bearer, Dani Tippmann, to spend time in State Parks to find and mark/label a total of seven plants along Park Trails with a QR code & link. Visitors can access beauty, scientific & cultural information on each plant label, or can accompany the Plant Tradition Bearer on several planned walks to learn more about the plant.

- April 3, Hike [Salamonie & Quabache](#)
- April 17, Photo hike
- April 22 Walk & Talk at [Salamonie & Quabache](#), 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Art in Nature II

The Ripley County Tourism presents Art in Nature II for local residents and park visitors to learn different types of art. Local and regional artists teach classes in photography, art, watercolors, wood turning, and recycled art.

- April 3-8, [Versailles State Park](#)
- Monday-Friday 6-8pm, classes in photography, art, watercolors, wood turning, and recycled art.
- Saturday 1-3pm we will have a jewelry making class, and that evening we will have an Art Show displaying all the art created during our classes, from 6-8pm.

Additional Perspectives in Topography

Lisa Walsh will translate interesting topographical features of [Clifty Falls State Park](#) into wearable art using contemporary jewelry making techniques. Quarterly artist-in-residency programs at the park give visitors hands-on exposure to art techniques used by the artist.

- April 8, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., [Clifty Falls State Park](#)

Living Willow Structure

Viki will be harvesting native Indiana Willow to construct a living, woven shelter for humans and creatures who live in nature. In early Spring 2017, the installation will be planted and we will be able to see it grow over the next few years as she maintains that new growth by weaving it back into the structure.

- April 14-24, [Mississinewa Lake](#); [Potato Creek SP](#); [Prophetstown SP](#); [Salamonie Lake](#)

samm i am: Children's Painting Class

Artist Stacy Samm will teach painting classes for children and adults. Painters will be able to take their painting home when class is over for the day.

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- April 19, 2 p.m.-4 p.m., [Mounds State Park](#)

Indiana Faerie Gardens Youth Workshop

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- April 20, Call to Artists published

Art Camp 2017

An interactive open art studio at the primitive campground with ongoing instruction, as well as food and camping. This event seeks to celebrate the connections of art and nature. It is free and open to the public.

- April 20-23, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. [Chain O Lakes State Park](#)

Dance in the Park

Windfall Dancers will host multi-generational dance workshops in up to 3 State Parks that will explore the natural beauty and individual nature of each park, and incorporate those elements into creative movement.

- April 22, 2 p.m., [Spring Mill State Park](#)

Drawing on the Seasons of Pokagon: Lecture and Free Sketching Instruction

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- April 22, 23
- Each visit: Between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Beginner Bird Drawing & Painting Workshop

State Park visitors are invited to attend a continued series of Beginner Bird Drawing & Painting workshops with local bird artist, Kristina Knowski, at the Nature Center and as part of the Indiana Dunes Birding Festival. These 3-5 hour workshops will feature hands-on help working from the park's mounted specimens to learn about Indiana's bird life and allow visitors to create their own painting.

- April 23, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., [Indiana Dunes State Park](#)

Forest Understory: Artist in Residence Demonstrations

As an Artist in Residence, Amy Greely will explore the often overlooked understory of the forest floor. Lichen, fungus, ferns, and wildflowers will be observed on the trails and will serve as inspiration for a series of wearable art pieces to be created. The creation process will be shared with the public via hands-on demonstrations.

- April 29, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., [Brown County State Park](#)

A Painted Interpretation of the Spring Foray of Colors

Award winning painter, Patricia Rhoden Bartels' demonstrations will focus on the beauty of spring's palette of colors visible at the [Brown County State Park and the TC Steele Historic Site](#). Her paintings connect Brown County's art history to the State Park Spring Foray and the Historic site Earth Day celebrations. Children paint along interpreting Spring as she emphasizes environmental issues.

- April 28, [Brown County State Park](#)
- April 29, [Brown County State Park](#)
- April 30, [Brown County State Park](#)

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- April 30, 2017: Deadline for chapbook submissions.

MAY

Paints in the Parks: Plein Air Painting in Indiana's Newest State Parks

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- [Harmonie State Park](#): May (day to be determined)

Miami Harvest Walk & Talk

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- May 1, Photo hike
- May 6, Walk & Talk at [Salamonie & Quabache](#), 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.
- May 20, Photo hike

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- May 4, 3 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Craft House via IN Dunes Birding Festival/ [IN Dunes State Park](#)

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- May 13, 1-4 p.m., [TC Steele State Historic Site](#)

Indiana's Living Folklife Traditions Dance Workshop

Arts for Learning, in partnership with [McCormick's Creek State Park](#), presents "Indiana's Living Folklife Traditions," a celebration of old-time music and social dance. Percussive dancer Tamara Loewenthal and fiddler Jamie Gans will lead a series of clogging and songwriting workshops at the park, which will culminate in a performance by the Foot Squad and the Fiddle River String Band in August.

- May 13, 2-3 p.m., dance workshop, [McCormick's Creek State Park](#)

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- May 13, 14
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- May 14, 2pm, [Mounds State Park](#), Visitor Center Amphitheater

H2O Haiku

Joyce Brinkman, former Indiana Poet Laureate will conduct lessons in poetry writing using the ancient Japanese poetry form of haiku.

- May 14th, 3 p.m., [Clifty Falls State Park](#)
- Monday, May 15, 1 p.m., [Clifty Falls State Park](#)

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- May 17, 2 p.m.-4 p.m., [Mounds State Park](#)

Thinking On Your Feet!

The REN Foundation's, Thinking on Your Feet is an improvisational jazz artistic workshop that will use the natural landscape of [Fort Harrison State Park](#) as a muse for creative fluency through the fusion of three creative influences: milieu, music, and movement.

- May 19, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., [Fort Harrison State Park](#)

Bikes and Botany Banners

Stephanie Lewis Robertson will work with guests of Versailles State Park to create a series of hand-painted and printed banners promoting the natural beauty of the park as well as the biking trails used by visitors and guests.

- May 20, 12-4 p.m., [Versailles State Park](#) (free fishing day and Kids to Parks day) BOTANY and now FISH banner day

Poetry Alive!

Brick Street Poetry Inc. will bring live, children's poetry readings to the campground at Prophetstown State Park. Brick Street will use funds to provide outstanding poets and costumed characters to make poetry come alive in the campground. Participants will have a chance to write their own poem and will leave with a book of children's poetry with the help of an Arts in the Parks grant.

- May 27, 7 p.m., [Prophetstown State Park](#)

Arts In The Parks - Hoosier Songbook and Stories

The Hoosier Songs and Stories is a 75 minute solo performance by Indiana Songwriter and Storyteller Tom Roznowski. The program has an emphasis on original songs that have themes of Indiana's heritage and awareness of the natural world. The stories are related to the songs as introductions. Songs by Indiana songwriters Hoagy Carmichael, Cole Porter, and Paul Dresser are included as well.

- May 27, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., [Clifty Falls State Park](#)

River Writing

The daVinci Pursuit will provide [Tippecanoe State Park](#) visitors with five temporary art installations Funds will be used to create the structures and compensate the writing of the "river writings" containing new, original poetry related to the Tippecanoe River and information of the scientific underpinnings of the poems' contents.

- May 28, 1:00 p.m., [Tippecanoe River State Park](#)

Painting Along the Ohio River

Anabel will demonstrate plein air painting in the state parks of [Charlestown](#), [Falls of the Ohio](#), [Wyandotte Caves](#), and [O'Bannon Woods](#). She will encourage the public to observe and interact with her as she paints. She will hold workshops for children at two locations. She will donate paintings to the sites for fund-raising activities they sponsor.

- Memorial Day weekend, May 28 & 29, [O'Bannon Woods](#) and [Wyandotte Caves](#), all day

JUNE

I'm the Drum, You're the Drum, We're the Drum

I'm the Drum, You're the Drum, We're the Drum will serve as a musical and cultural experience for youth 13-17 years old. The drum circle will serve to expose them to the natural treasure of [Potato Creek Park](#), while breaking down barriers of race, gender and stereotypes.

- June 2, 5:00 p.m., [Potato Creek State Park](#) at the Orchard Shores (West)

Indiana Faerie Gardens Youth Workshop

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- June 3, Faerie Garden Workshops (youth & adult), [Fort Harrison State Park](#) Site 701 (indoor)

"Golden Hour" Smartphone Photography Workshop

The "Golden Hour" Smartphone Photography Workshop will teach participants how to effectively use their smartphones to shoot digital pictures with the magical light that occurs right before sunset.

- June 3, 2 hours before sunset, [Summit Lake State Park](#)

- Location: Summit Lake State Park's Sunset Shelter, 5993 N Messick Rd, New Castle, IN 47362

Art in Tippecanoe River State Park'

Memorial Day weekend area artists share their talents with the public at [Tippecanoe River State Park](#). Artists will demonstrate many art mediums and teach hands on classes in various locations around the park.

- June 3, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. EST, [Tippecanoe River State Park](#)
- June 4, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. EST, [Tippecanoe River State Park](#)

The Art of Bubbles

Bubbles are used in nature for a variety of purposes, from attracting prey to providing cover. Participants will explore various ways to make bubbles and how to make bubble art.

- June 3, 3:00 p.m., [Pokagon State Park](#)

Park Plays

Park Plays is a series of outdoor theatrical performances at [Indiana Dunes State Park](#). Held on select Thursday evenings May-September, the series features a variety of performances by local theatres including classic Shakespeare, contemporary comedies, profound dramas, improv, dance, and Broadway selections. Bring a beach chair to the Pavilion (Wilson Shelter in case of rain) for some edutainment.

- June 8, 7:00 p.m., [Indiana Dunes State Park](#)
- June 15, 7:00 p.m., [Indiana Dunes State Park](#)
- June 22, 7:00 p.m., [Indiana Dunes State Park](#)

McCormick's Creek Summer Music Events

McCormick's Creek State Park will host two music and art festivals during the summer of 2017. Arts in the Park (June 10) highlights local music and traditional artists. BBQ and Blues Festival (Sept. 9) presents popular regional musicians. These distinct festivals have something for everyone and are located near the park nature center.

- June 10, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., [McCormick's Creek State Park](#)

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- June 10, 2-3 p.m., dance workshop, [McCormick's Creek State Park](#)

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- June 10, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. & 1:30-4 p.m., [Starve Hollow State Recreation Area](#)

Woodcut in the Dunes Exhibition

Local artist, Corey Hagelberg in partnership with The DNR and IAC will host a two month exhibition of hand-printed woodcuts featuring the dynamic landscape and history of The Indiana Dunes. An artist talk, Q and A, and two free workshops to provide an opportunity for members of the community to learn how to create a relief print.

- Exhibition: June 3-8, [Dunes State Park](#)
- Artist reception: June 3, 5 p.m.
- June 16, 12:00-3:00 p.m.

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- June 5, Photo hike
- June 10, Walk & Talk at [Salamonie & Quabache](#), 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.

All the Wood's a Stage Summer Youth Workshop Performance

Summer children's workshop participants will engage in a tour of the forest then work with a professional artist to explore the contrast between real and fantasy nature. Students will translate the experience into visual art and use the knowledge and instruction to design set pieces, lighting, and costumes for a wonderland themed end of workshop performance at [Starve Hollow SRA](#).

- June 6, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., [Starve Hollow SRA](#)

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- June 10, 2017: Participate in McCormick’s Creek’s Arts in the Park Festival to sell books and offer activities.

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- July 14, 5:00 p.m., Faerie Garden Exhibition Opening, [Fort Harrison State Park](#) Delaware Lake Shelter House

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- [Potato Creek State Park](#): June 17 (June 18th rain date)

Two Truths and a Lie

Three storytellers share a story about their state park adventures. Two of the stories are true and one is a lie. The liar tries to trick the audience by telling a truth-sounding story. The audience asks “yes” or “no” questions to help them determine the liar. Votes are tallied and the liar is unveiled. After the unveiling, the audience divides into small groups to share their own park adventures.

- June 17, 7:30 p.m., [Pokagon State Park](#)

State Park Yearbook

Indiana artist, Sarah Tirey, invites families to celebrate and advocate for the conservation of Indiana State Parks through the workshop, State Park Yearbook. Create a clay self-portrait using Indiana sourced clay, and be part of a future exhibit celebrating our State Parks.

- June 17, 18, [Spring Mill State Park](#)

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- June, 17, 1 p.m., [Clifty Falls State Park](#)

Theatre in the Park

Fort Wayne Youtheatre is bringing back its popular Art in the Park programming at [Ouabache State Park](#)! Park goers will enjoy three different performances and post show drama activities. Youtheatre will also bring an afternoon of theatre fun for Ouabache’s summer camp, connecting nature with dramatic storytelling.

- June 24, 4:30-7:30 p.m., [Ouabache State Park](#)

Plein Air Painting Demonstrations at the Beach

The artist will travel to [Starve Hollow SRA and Monroe Lake Hardin Ridge](#) to demonstrate painting “en plein air”, on location, on the beach, capturing the energy and spirit of the swimmers and the natural environment. The artist will engage with the public and answer questions about her painting techniques and supplies while raising awareness of fine art and the natural environment.

- June 24, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., Painting demonstration at [Lake Monroe Hardin Ridge beach](#).

Public Event Performances

The Friends of the Upper Wabash Interpretive Services group provides musical performances for special events.

- June 24, 7:00 p.m., [Mississinewa Lake State Park](#)

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- June 24, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., [Brown County State Park](#)

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- June 24, time TBA, [Shades State Park](#)

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- June 24, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., [Whitewater Canal at Metamora Historic Site](#)

The Lafayette Symphony Brass Band at Chautauqua 2017

The Lafayette Symphony Brass Band will perform music of the early 1900’s in the natural, historic setting of Shades State Park during the annual Chautauqua reenactment. The performance will celebrate the rich heritage of early 20th century brass music and of this important Indiana property while drawing diverse audiences to the Park’s annual cultural event.

- June 24, 2-3:00 p.m. (tentative), [Shades State Park](#), Hickory shelter

Fort Wayne Philharmonic Patriotic Pops at Pokagon State Park

The Fort Wayne Philharmonic will present a Patriotic Pops concert in Steuben County at Pokagon State Park. The Phil will play a variety of patriotic pieces to honor America’s culture and veterans. The performance will celebrate America’s Independence Day and cultivate an interest in the arts.

- June 29, 7:30-9:30 p.m., [Pokagon State Park](#)

Clay in the Park! Showcasing the Importance of All Native & Rare Species

Jennifer Dwyer will create large scale ceramic sculptures, depicting the life cycle of the native and endangered Grey Petaltail Dragonfly that lives in [Potato Creek State Park](#). She will sculpt the insect in its three phases of life. In addition to her sculptures, she will hold a weekend workshop, and will teach kids how to create their own native/ or rare insect life cycles out of air dry clay.

- Exhibition: June 28- September 2, [Potato Creek State Park](#)
- Children’s workshop: June 29, 2-4 p.m., [Potato Creek State Park](#)

JULY

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- July 1, 7 p.m., [Prophetstown State Park](#)

Historic photographic practices

Photographer Steve Polston will use research into historic photographic practices to teach visitors to O'Bannon Woods & Wyandotte Caves State Park about pinhole camera photography July 1-July 2 (film and digital). Cyanotype photography will be demonstrated to children, and adults will be lead on a landscape photography tour with individualized instruction.

- July 1-2, 10 a.m., 4 p.m., [O'Bannon Woods State Park](#)

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- July 2 child class 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m./ adult class 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., [Shakamak State Park](#)
- July 22 child class 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m./ adult class 4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., [Shakamak State Park](#)

Limestone Monument for Hamer Grist Mill Bicentennial

Cheryl Lorange will carve a limestone sculpture for Spring Mill State Park. In 2017, the 3-story Hamer Grist Mill will turn 200 years old and this sculpture will pay tribute to the stone carvers and masons that built the limestone mill. The piece will be displayed on the first floor of the Hamer Grist Mill as a permanent memorial in the park.

- July 2-16, [Spring Mill State Park](#)

I'm the Drum, You're the Drum, We're the Drum

I'm the Drum, You're the Drum, We're the Drum will serve as a musical and cultural experience for youth 13-17 years old. The drum circle will serve to expose them to the natural treasure of [Potato Creek Park](#), while breaking down barriers of race, gender and stereotypes.

- July 7, 5:00 p.m., [Potato Creek State Park](#) at the Orchard Shores (West).

Indiana's Living Folklife Traditions Dance Workshop

Arts for Learning, in partnership with [McCormick's Creek State Park](#), presents "Indiana's Living Folklife Traditions," a celebration of old-time music and social dance. Percussive dancer Tamara Loewenthal and fiddler Jamie Gans will lead a series of clogging and songwriting workshops at the park, which will culminate in a performance by the Foot Squad and the Fiddle River String Band in August.

- July 8, 2-3 p.m., songwriting workshop, [McCormick's Creek State Park](#)

Theatre in the Park

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- July 8, 4:30-7:30 p.m., [Ouabache State Park](#)
- July 13, 1:00-3:00 p.m., [Ouabache State Park](#)
- July 22, 4:30-7:30 p.m., [Ouabache State Park](#)

Plein Air Painting With Watercolor Media

Three-hour sessions in watercolor and watercolor pencil painting. Participants will be painting landscapes or indoors using photos in bad weather. Each session will include demonstrations and instructions in painting techniques and plein air painting.

- July 8, 1-4 p.m., [TC Steele State Historic Site](#)

Additional Perspectives in Topography

Lisa Walsh will translate interesting topographical features of [Clifty Falls State Park](#) into wearable art using contemporary jewelry making techniques. Quarterly artist-in-residency programs at the park give visitors hands-on exposure to art techniques used by the artist.

- July 8, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., [Clifty Falls State Park](#)

Native American Style Singing

Sing songs in the Native American style - no previous music experience needed! Learn the history of the songs and the culture of the people that wrote the music. This all-ages activity is led by musician Dianna Davis. Meet at the Campview Shelter in the middle of Campground A. [30 min.] And, have fun drumming in a drum circle - all drums will be provided, or bring your own! This facilitated drum circle is for all ages and will create music inspired by nature. This activity is led by musician Dianna Davis. Meet at the Campview Shelter in the middle of Campground A. [30 minutes]

- July 15, 2:00 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. [Oubache State Park](#)

Forest Understory: Artist in Residence Demonstrations

As an Artist in Residence, Amy Greely will explore the often overlooked understory of the forest floor. Lichen, fungus, ferns, and wildflowers will be observed on the trails and will serve as inspiration for a series of wearable art pieces to be created. The creation process will be shared with the public via hands-on demonstrations.

- July 15, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., [Brown County State Park](#)

Plein Air Painting Demonstrations at the Beach

The artist will travel to [Starve Hollow SRA and Monroe Lake Hardin Ridge](#) to demonstrate painting “en plein air”, on location, on the beach, capturing the energy and spirit of the swimmers and the natural environment. The artist will engage with the public and answer questions about her painting techniques and supplies while raising awareness of fine art and the natural environment.

- July 15, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., Painting demonstration at [Starve Hollow State Recreation Area \(Forest\) beach](#).

Dance in the Park

Windfall Dancers will host multi-generational dance workshops in up to 3 State Parks that will explore the natural beauty and individual nature of each park, and incorporate those elements into creative movement.

- July 15, 2 p.m., [McCormick’s Creek State Park](#)

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- July 1, 7:30 p.m., [Clifty Falls State Park](#) Campground Amphitheater
- July 15, 8 p.m., [Paynetown](#) and Monroe Lake Amphitheater
- July 29, 7:30 p.m., [Spring Mill State Park](#) Sycamore Shelter

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- July 11, 2 p.m.-4 p.m., [Mounds State Park](#)

Park Plays

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- July 13, 7:00 p.m., [Indiana Dunes State Park](#)
- July 27, 7:00 p.m., [Indiana Dunes State Park](#)

The Art of Bubbles

Bubbles are used in nature for a variety of purposes, from attracting prey to providing cover. Participants will explore various ways to make bubbles and how to make bubble art.

- July 14, 2:00 p.m., [Pokagon State Park](#)

Miami Harvest Walk & Talk

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- July 15, Walk & Talk at [Salamonie & Quabache](#), 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.

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- July 15, 16
- Each visit: Between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Interpreting Indiana Dunes State Park through Mixed Media Art Experiences for Mighty Acorns Campers

Dunes Learning Center will work with local artists to enable 140 campers in grades 3-6 to experience and interpret Indiana Dunes State Park through various arts activities.

- July 19, 10 a.m.-4p.m., [Indiana Dunes State Park](#)

Lincoln in Lincoln State Park

On the very grounds where Abe lived from age 7 to 21, Russel will trace the past of a remarkable American whose legacy is still forming the future. Danny Russel is a professional actor specializing in historic characters.

- July 21, 7-8pm, [Lincoln State Park](#)
- July 22, 7-8pm, [Lincoln State Park](#)
- July 28, 7-8pm, [Lincoln State Park](#)
- July 29, 7-8pm, [Lincoln State Park](#)

Music in the Park

The Friends of Shakamak with support from the Indiana Arts Commission present Music in the Park as part of the annual Christmas in July and Fall Festival celebrations at [Shakamak State Park](#). Join in an evening of fun and entertainment showcasing local musicians in their natural element.

- July 22, dusk, [Shakamak State Park](#), Christmas in July Festival

Two Truths and a Lie

Three storytellers share a story about their state park adventures. Two of the stories are true and one is a lie. The liar tries to trick the audience by telling a truth-sounding story. The audience asks “yes” or “no” questions to help them determine the liar. Votes are tallied and the liar is unveiled. After the unveiling, the audience divides into small groups to share their own park adventures.

- July 22, 7:30 p.m., [McCormick’s Creek State Park](#)

Public Event Performances

The Friends of the Upper Wabash Interpretive Services group provides musical performances for special events.

- July 22, 7:30 - 11:00 p.m., [Salamonie Lake State Park](#)
- July 29, 7:00 p.m., [Ouabache State Park](#)

Bikes and Botany Banners

Stephanie Lewis Robertson will work with guests of Versailles State Park to create a series of hand-painted and printed banners promoting the natural beauty of the park as well as the biking trails used by visitors and guests.

- July 22, 12-4 p.m., [Versailles State Park](#) BIKES banner day

Frolic in the Forest

Frolic in the Forest is a one day event which will demonstrate traditional arts such as weaving, spinning, knitting, basket making, etc. Emphasis will be on hands on education for children and adults. Also, there will be folk music artists providing entertainment throughout the day.

- July 22, 10 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. This will be in conjunction with the Butterfly Festival, [Charleston State Park](#)

Painting Along the Ohio River

Anabel will demonstrate plein air painting in the state parks of [Charlestown](#), [Falls of the Ohio](#), [Wyandotte Caves](#), and [O’Bannon Woods](#). She will encourage the public to observe and interact with her as she paints. She will hold workshops for children at two locations. She will donate paintings to the sites for fund-raising activities they sponsor.

- July 22, [Charlestown State Park](#) including workshop, all day

Stories of Conservation: Gene Stratton-Porter and the Boys of the New Deal

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- July 30, 2pm, [Pokagon State Park](#), Nature Center

AUGUST

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19th Century Music, by the Red Bank "Civil War" ReUnion Band, at Spring Mill State Park.

The Red Bank ReUnion Band will work with Rangers at [Spring Mill State Park](#) to present a program in conjunction with on-going park activities. The Band will present 19th century music, in costume with period-appropriate instruments and musical arrangements. Musical selections will focus on songs Lincoln heard or music of Indiana Civil War Bands as is deemed suitable for the occasion.

- [Spring Mill State Park](#)
- August 5, with a backup date of September 30

samm i am: Children's Painting Class

Artist Stacy Samm will teach painting classes for children and adults. Painters will be able to take their painting home when class is over for the day.

- August 5 child class 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. / adult class 3:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m., [Shakamak State Park](#)

Brass Music for a Summer Afternoon

The South Shore Performing Arts Company will present the South Shore Brass Band in concert at the [Indiana Dunes State Park](#) on a summer afternoon. Popular music, show tunes, classics, and marches will delight the audience in a lovely, relaxing, natural setting accompanied by song birds, singing sands, and chorus frogs. Performance will include solos, small ensembles, and audience interaction.

- August 5, 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., [Indiana Dunes State Park](#), Outside Nature Center

South Shore Suite Interactive Concerts

Duo Sequenza, flute & classical guitar ensemble, will present two Interactive Concerts featuring the "South Shore Suite" by Indiana composer Jorge Muniz at the Indiana Dunes & Potato Creek Nature Center auditoriums.

- August 6, 2-3:30 p.m. Eastern time, [Potato Creek State Park](#)
- August 20, 3-4:30 p.m. Central time, [Indiana Dunes State Park](#)

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- August 6, 2 p.m., T. C. Steele State Historic Site Large Studio

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- August 7, Photo hike
- August 12, Walk & Talk at [Salamonie & Quabache](#), 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.

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- August 10, 7:00 p.m., [Indiana Dunes State Park](#)
- August 17, 7:00 p.m., [Indiana Dunes State Park](#)
- August 24, 7:00 p.m., [Indiana Dunes State Park](#)

Theatre in the Park

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- August 12 4:30-7:30 p.m., [Ouabache State Park](#)

Plein Air Painting With Watercolor Media

Three-hour sessions in watercolor and watercolor pencil painting. Participants will be painting landscapes or indoors using photos in bad weather. Each session will include demonstrations and instructions in painting techniques and plein air painting.

- August 12, 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. & 1:30-4 p.m., [Starve Hollow State Recreation Area](#)

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- August 12, 13
- Each visit: Between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

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- August 4, 7-8pm, [Lincoln State Park](#)
- August 5, 7-8pm, [Lincoln State Park](#)
- August 11, 7-8pm, [Lincoln State Park](#)
- August 12, 7-8pm, [Lincoln State Park](#)
- August 18, 7-8pm, [Lincoln State Park](#)
- August 19, 7-8pm, [Lincoln State Park](#)

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- August 16, 2 p.m.-4 p.m., [Mounds State Park](#)

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- August 18, 6-8 p.m., community dance event, [McCormick’s Creek State Park](#)

Crinoids in Clay: Art Inspired by Indiana Fossils

Amy Westphal will create pottery in open air at [Shades State Park](#). Discovering ancient crinoid fossils in the creek bed of Montgomery County inspires the decoration on her pottery. Visitors can also learn sgraffito and carve their own impression of nature on clay tiles.

- August 18, 19, and 20, [Shades State Park](#)
- 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day

Makin’ It Stick

...rain sticks, that is! Create your own rain stick with Dianna Davis. Supplies provided. Meet at the Campview Shelter in the middle of Campground A. [40 minutes] And, create some music with Dianna Davis using rain sticks and thunder drums. Everyone’s invited! Meet at the Campview Shelter in the middle of Campground A. [30 minutes]

- August 19, 1:00 p.m. and 1:45 p.m., [Ouabache State Park](#)

PopArt Birdfeeders

Workshop participants will paint birdfeeder sculptures created by L. Levine, an award-winning Indianapolis-based sculptor in bright pop-art style colors. L. Levine will create the birdfeeders and stencils in her studio. Each participant will decorate a birdfeeder using paint and stencils provided, and take their creation home.

- August 20, 1 p.m.-2 p.m., [Mounds State Park](#)
- August 20, 4 p.m.-5 p.m., [Mounds State Park](#)
- August 27, 1 p.m.-2 p.m., [Mounds State Park](#)
- August 27, 4 p.m.-5 p.m., [Mounds State Park](#)

What’s that Sound? Who’s Still Awake?

How are these nocturnal animals adapted to being active in the night? Learn about owls and make an owl call to take home. Meet at the Campview Shelter located in the middle of Campground A. [60 minutes] Learn a morsel about bees with Jennifer, and make a musical souvenir with Dianna. Meet at the Campview Shelter located in the middle of Campground A. [30 minutes] Using your two new “musical” instruments, create a cacphony of sounds. Join Dianna Davis who will help orchestrate these sonds of nature. Meet at the Campview Shelter located in the middle of Campground A. [30 minutes]

- August 26, 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 11:30 a.m., [Ouabache State Park](#)

Paints in the Parks: Plein Air Painting in Indiana’s Newest State Parks

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the park trails and offer a hands-on watercolor activity at each park for visitors of all ages, encouraging everyone to create art outdoors.

- [Charlestown State Park](#): August 26 (August 27th rain date)

Beginner Bird Drawing & Painting Workshop

State Park visitors are invited to attend a continued series of Beginner Bird Drawing & Painting workshops with local bird artist, Kristina Knowski, at the Nature Center and as part of the Indiana Dunes Birding Festival. These 3-5 hour workshops will feature hands-on help working from the park's mounted specimens to learn about Indiana's bird life and allow visitors to create their own painting.

- August 27, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., [Indiana Dunes State Park](#)

SEPTEMBER

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- [O'Bannon Woods State Park](#): September 2 (September 3rd rain date)

Public Event Performances

The Friends of the Upper Wabash Interpretive Services group provides musical performances for special events.

- September 2, 7:00 p.m., [Ouabache State Park](#)

"Celebrate America" Concert at Lincoln Amphitheatre

Presenting the second annual Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra concert at Lincoln Amphitheatre in [Lincoln State Park](#). This patriotic concert will be held near Memorial Day, Independence Day or Labor Day.

- September 2, 6:30 p.m., [Lincoln Amphitheatre/Lincoln State Park](#)

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- September 2, 7:30 p.m., [Brown Co. State Park Nature Center Amphitheater](#)

Arts In The Parks - Hoosier Songbook and Stories

The Hoosier Songs and Stories is a 75 minute solo performance by Indiana Songwriter and Storyteller Tom Roznowski. The program has an emphasis on original songs that have themes of Indiana's heritage and awareness of the natural world. The stories are related to the songs as introductions. Songs by Indiana songwriters Hoagy Carmichael, Cole Porter, and Paul Dresser are included as well.

- September 2, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., [Harmonie State Park](#)
- September 3, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., [Spring Mill State Park](#)

Miami Harvest Walk & Talk

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- September 4, Photo hike
- September 9, Walk & Talk at [Salamonie & Quabache](#), 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.

McCormick's Creek Summer Music Events

McCormick's Creek State Park will host two music and art festivals during the summer of 2017. Arts in the Park (June 10) highlights local music and traditional artists. BBQ and Blues Festival (Sept. 9) presents popular regional musicians. These distinct festivals have something for everyone and are located near the park nature center.

- September 9, 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., [McCormick's Creek State Park](#)

Natural Dye Artist in Residence

Celebrate the natural beauty of McCormick's Creek State Park, by experiencing the wonders of natural dyeing through displays and hands-on workshops. For a week in September, fiber-artist-in-residence Kate Ellis will share dyeing techniques using plants that can be found in the park, along with cultivated plants from her dye garden.

All events are subject to change. Please consult with the individual park or historic site for the most up-to-date information.

- Artist Residency: September 10-17, [McCormick's Creek State Park](#)
- Drop-in workshop: September 16, [McCormick's Creek State Park](#)
- In-depth, 3-hour workshop: September 17, [McCormick's Creek State Park](#)

Stories of Conservation: Gene Stratton-Porter and the Boys of the New Deal

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- September 16, 1pm, [McCormick's Creek State Park](#), CCC Recreation Hall

Explore and Learn with Collage

Eiko Kocher will create collages depicting scenes and wildlife of the park. During a weekend in the summer, the collages will be displayed at each trailhead, exhibited at the River Shelter and will assist promoting programs at the park. There will be a free activity for children using collages to identify wildlife and participants have the opportunity to create collages to take home.

- September 16, [Tippecanoe River State Park](#)

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- September 17 & 18 [Falls of the Ohio](#) including workshop, all day

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- September 23, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., [Clifty Falls State Park](#)

OCTOBER

Indiana Dunes: Photographs & Paragraphs Exhibition

The project consists of a portfolio of photographs accompanied by notes one paragraph in length. Each photo focuses on a location in the [Indiana Dunes](#) and is partnered with prose to explore or explain the topography—plus at times historic or cultural significance of the setting—as well as to provide personal inspirations, observations, and experiences.

- October 1-30, [Indiana Dunes State Park](#), Nature Center Auditorium

Presentation: What's a Cranky?

Sam Bartlett guides participants as they collaborate to blend story and graphics into a striking work of art -- a scrolling panorama, or "cranky" -- celebrating McCormick's Creek State Park's unique character, history, and natural beauty. The project concludes with a free public performance of the cranky.

- October 5, [McCormick's Creek State Park](#), 7-8pm, "What's a Cranky?" Presentation
- October 6, 7, "Let's Make a Cranky For [McCormick's Creek State Park](#)," Workshops, 2-5 p.m.
- October 8, "A Story of [McCormick's Creek State Park](#)," presenting the Cranky, performance & demonstration 3-5pm

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- [Falls of the Ohio State Park](#): October 7 (October 8th rain date)

Public Event Performances

The Friends of the Upper Wabash Interpretive Services group provides musical performances for special events.

- October 7, 7:00 p.m., [Mississinewa Lake State Park](#)

“Golden Hour” Smartphone Photography Workshop

The “Golden Hour” Smartphone Photography Workshop will teach participants how to effectively use their smartphones to shoot digital pictures with the magical light that occurs right before sunset.

- October 7, 2 hours before sunset, [Summit Lake State Park](#)
- Location: Summit Lake State Park’s Sunset Shelter, 5993 N Messick Rd, New Castle, IN 47362

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- October 14, 15
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- October 18, 2 p.m.-4 p.m., [Mounds State Park](#)

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- October 20 child 3:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m./ adult class 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., [Shakamak State Park](#)

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- October 21, 2:00 p.m., [Shakamak State Park](#), Fall Festival

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- October 21, Walk & Talk at [Salamonie & Quabache](#), 10 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Poetry Alive!

Brick Street Poetry Inc. will bring live, children’s poetry readings to the campground at Prophetstown State Park. Brick Street will use funds to provide outstanding poets and costumed characters to make poetry come alive in the campground. Participants will have a chance to write their own poem and will leave with a book of children’s poetry with the help of an Arts in the Parks grant.

- October 28, 7 p.m., [Prophetstown State Park](#)

NOVEMBER

Additional Perspectives in Topography

Lisa Walsh will translate interesting topographical features of [Clifty Falls State Park](#) into wearable art using contemporary jewelry making techniques. Quarterly artist-in-residency programs at the park give visitors hands-on exposure to art techniques used by the artist.

- November 11, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., [Clifty Falls State Park](#)

Impermanence: Earth Art and Photography Shoot

This project is a collaboration between two artists living in Indiana. Sterling Gregory specializes in “Earth Art”. He practices rock balancing and makes art from items found in nature such as leaves and colored stones. Vicki Vardaman specializes in photography and video. The artist have worked together at the Mounds State Park. Sterling creating art and Vicki documenting his process.

- November 15, 2 p.m.-4 p.m., [Mounds State Park](#)

Beginner Bird Drawing & Painting Workshop

State Park visitors are invited to attend a continued series of Beginner Bird Drawing & Painting workshops with local bird artist, Kristina Knowski, at the Nature Center and as part of the Indiana Dunes Birding Festival. These 3-5 hour workshops will feature hands-on help working from the park’s mounted specimens to learn about Indiana’s bird life and allow visitors to create their own painting.

- November 19, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., [Indiana Dunes State Park](#)

DECEMBER

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- December 13, 2 p.m.-4 p.m., [Mounds State Park](#)
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Origins

Origins is a DVD that features storytelling to recount the founding history of the Indiana State Parks. Also included are interviews with Park visitors, re-created moments of high drama from the past and lyrically beautiful scenes of numerous Park locales.