

# Activities Descriptions

**A Trail of Tails:** Follow the trail of tails to see what tales they tell you.

**AFT: Animal Feeding Time - Animal Feeding Time:** Learn how we take care of our animals and watch us feed the leftover bait, or some bugs, if you can and we'll use that as food in addition to ours.

**Bee Happy:** Don't worry, bee happy, they won't sting you. Learn all about our bees and the state of wild bees.

**Beginning Birding:** Join the Naturalist to learn a few simple keys to bird identification.

This could be the start of your journey into the fascinating world of birding.

**Birds of Sand Lake :**Enjoy a trip around Sand Lake as we look for birds along the way.

**Campground Roving =** Watch for the naturalist wandering through the campground with hands-on activities.

**Camouflage:** Learn about animal camouflage and join in an activity that tests your observation skills.

**Canoe 'Hike':** Enjoy a 2-hour journey with the Naturalist through the lakes and channels of Chain of Lakes State Park. Bring your own canoe/kayak or rent one for \$5(canoe)/\$8(kayak) per hour.

**Cartography:** Learn how to read topographic maps and how to make your own.

**Casting:** Come to the Nature Center to make plaster casts of animal tracks.

**Critter Crafts:** Enjoy making a variety of crafts involving critters of our park.

**Dam Builders:** Join the Naturalist at the Dock Lake Boat Launch to go in search of beaver inhabitation.

**Exploring Nature:** This hike provides a variety of activities to help you explore nature.

**Feathered Friends:** Learn about the birds of the park and their many adaptations.

**Frog and Toad:** Fact or Fantasy, not the story. Learn the truth about frogs and toads, watch them eat, and handle them if you would like to.

**Furry Friends:** Come explore and learn about the furry friends we have at the nature center.

**Game Night:** Meet at the campground playground for some games sure to make the kids sleep that night!

**Geocaching:** Learn the basics of this sport that leads you to hidden treasures in (sometimes) unusual places. Bring a GPS unit if you have one.

**Chain Trivia:** Match the number to the fact. Most correct answers wins a prize!

**Gyotaku:** Join the Naturalist at the Nature Center to learn the ancient Japanese art of recording the size of a fish. Make some of your own fish prints to take home and show your prize 'catch'.

**Hummingbirds:** True or False; Hummingbirds hearts beat up to 1200 beats/minute. Come find out.

**Insects Bug Me!:** Enter the fascinating world of insects and put together some of your own.

**Into the Night:** Join the naturalist for a journey to the darker side of the park.

**Ladybug Ladybug:** Learn why you want ladybugs in your garden and make a ladybug hand puppet.

**Leaf Crafts:** Enjoy a variety of crafts involving leaves and leaf identification

**Leave It To Beaver:** Join the Naturalist at the Nature Center for a short talk and a brief hike to go in search of beaver inhabitation.

**Logging:** Get ready to explore as we go in search of critters that live under logs and rocks.

**Meet Me @ the Beach:** Meet the Naturalist at the beach for a presentation about water.

**My Log, My Home:** Join us as we go looking under logs.

**Mystery Hike:** Not really a hike at all, but certainly a mystery!

**Nature's Bingo:** Come to the Nature Center for BINGO fun and the chance to win prizes!

**Nature Close-up:** Come see how much nature there is to be found in a square yard.

**Natures Wonders:** Join the naturalist at the Cabin Play Area for this hearty 2-mile hike in search of the many wonders nature provides.

**Park-Libs:** Have some fun making your own state park versions of the popular Mad Libs®.

**Park Geology:** Learn how the glaciers made Chain of Lakes State Park. Easy, 45min. Hike.

**Pond Play:** Bring your shore shoes or waders and plan on getting muddy!

The Naturalist will help you discover what types of critters can be found in our lakes and channels.

**Roving:** Watch for the naturalist wandering the area with live animals or a display..

**Somethin' Fishy...:** Something fishy is going on. Come find out what it is.

**Sunset Canoe Hike:** We'll leave shortly before sunset and canoe to where we'll build a floating campfire.

**Snakes Alive:** Stop by to learn about, handle, and better understand these fabulous creatures.

**State Park's Trivia Game:** Play a game, win prizes, and learn about the many recreational opportunities right here in Indiana!

**This Old House:** This talk will feature the history of the Stanley Schoolhouse, our nature center.

**Trail Blazer –** This is a habitat walk. We will traverse just about all of the habitats found in Chain of Lakes State Park. Moderate(1 1/2 - 2 hours).

**Tracking:** Make tracks to the Nature Center where we will use plaster castings for art projects.

**Turtle Talk:** Come see what makes turtles so special. Hands-on!

**Vampires at the Park:** Warning, this program may send shivers down your spine!

Come see who lives in our park and wants your blood!

**Who Goes There:** We will be watching closely for animal signs, tracks, and where they might live on this hike. If the conditions are right we will make casts of some of the tracks.

**Who's Home:** Learn about the owls of northeast Indiana.

**Wildflower Wander:** Discover what flowers are in bloom and learn how to identify them..

**Vultures & Woodpeckers:** Join the Naturalist at the Dock Lake Boat Launch to look for signs of both.

**Check out our Special Events on the DNR website:**

[www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2420.htm](http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2420.htm)

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