

Indiana Dunes State Park

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All programs are free (unless otherwise noted) and open to the public after paying the park entrance fee. Our interpretive programs are designed to entertain and enrich folks of all ages. Children under 12, please bring an adult.

Facilities:

State Park Nature Center
219-926-1390
9:30am-4:30pm Daily

Main Park Office
219-926-1952
8:30am-4pm Daily

Swimming Beach Hours
Closed for Season



Program support comes from the Friends of Indiana Dunes. Learn more at www.friendofindiandunes.org.



Camping and shelter reservations can be made at www.camp.in.gov.



Celebrating 100 years of making memories naturally!

Saturday, September 10

History Comes Alive Weekend!

Join us for special activities all weekend!

9am-7pm Fur Trader Encampment.

Be sure to visit the Ouiatenon Brigade on the beach east of the pavilion as they re-enact the early French fur traders of the area.

10am Beaver Trading Hike! Meet the naturalist at the Campground Shelter for a trek through the dunes, and a meeting with the early French fur traders that inhabited this area nearly 200 years ago! Bring your beaver pelt, or borrow one of ours! BB

2pm Shipwreck Stories. Set anchor at the Nature Center for this interactive program looking at our special shipwrecks and stories on Lake Michigan. Great program for the history buffs. BB

4pm 100th Anniversary of State Parks! If you haven't seen this PBS special, come check it out! Explore 100 years of state park history, from the first state park to what's being done now in this 45-minute documentary in the Nature Center Auditorium.

Sunday September 11

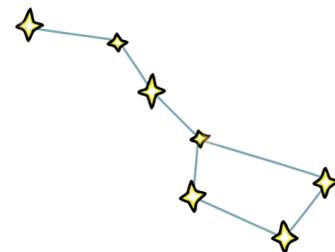
9am-1pm Fur Trader Encampment. Be sure to visit the Ouiatenon Brigade on the beach east of the beach pavilion as they re-enact the fur-trading era.

10am Beaver Trading Hike! Meet the naturalist at the Campground Shelter for a trek through the dunes, and a meeting with the early French fur traders that inhabited this area nearly 200 years ago! Bring your beaver pelt, or borrow one of ours!

2pm Behind the Scenes of the Dunes Nature Center. Join us in the Nature Center auditorium as we unravel the mysteries of the Nature Center. Short tour behind the scenes afterwards too! BB

Dunes Fall Warbler ID Workshop- September 1

Join premier state birding expert, Dr. Ken Brock, for an intensive, 2 hour study of the warblers found in the dunes. The workshop takes place **on Thursday, September 1, from 6pm-8pm** and includes an optional fall warbler ID hike on September 3. Cost is \$20/person and paid the night of the workshop. Call the Nature Center at 219-926-1390 for more info or to register. at <https://secure.ggiv.com/for/ia/si/event/773207/>



Singing Sands Stargaze, September 24th!

Join us for our annual event. Meet local astronomers from the Calumet Astronomical Society for a night of star gazing. Special telescopes will be set up as well as periodic constellation talks. Bring a blanket and join us on the main beach, near the pavilion. Activities going on through 11pm. Optimal star gazing after 8pm.

Friday September 16

6pm Dunes Birds and Brews As part of the Indiana Dunes Birding Festival, join us at the Craft House in Chesterton for an evening social, food, and drinks. Each bi-monthly event has a specific theme and prizes that can be won. Join other wild bird enthusiasts for an evening of fun.

Saturday September 17

10am Trek to the Paw Paw Patch! Join Greg for a hike down Trail 2 to visit the many Paw Paw patches in the park. We'll be on search for some "Indiana Bananas" before coming back. Meet at the Wilson Shelter for this hour jaunt. GT

2pm Tree ID Trek! Let's explore some simple ways to ID the trees here in the park and in your own backyard. Perfect for those with leaf ID projects coming up. Meet outside the Nature Center. GT

5pm Twilight Photo Workshop. Local art photographer Jesse Meyer will share his techniques learned and refined from years of shooting landscapes after dark. An overview of important camera settings and post production techniques at the Indiana Dunes State Park's Nature Center will be followed by an outdoor shooting session at dusk. The workshop is both a primer to novice night photographers and touches on some advanced concepts for experienced shooters looking to expand their toolkit. A digital camera with manual/bulb settings and tripod required. Remote shutter release/remote and flashlight recommended. Registration is limited and can be made by calling the park nature center at 219.926.1390. This program is part of the 2016 Arts in the Parks series.

Sunday September 18

10am Feed the Birds. Join the Naturalist outside the Nature Center for the daily feeding of our birds. Get great close up views of chickadees, cardinals, and woodpeckers! Great fun for all! GT

2pm An Apple a Day! It's our favorite fall fruit! Join us for a little apple quiz as we make some apple treats over the campfire. Come test your knowledge and have a taste at the Nature Center Program Area! GT



Saturday September 24

8am Early Morning Dunes Creek Stroll.

Take a fresh air morning jaunt along Dunes Creek this morning. We'll meet at the Campground Gate and take a peek at this special habitat and its natural and cultural history. We'll be out for about an hour. GT

10am History in the High Dunes. Join guest naturalist Jessica Rosier at the Campground Shelter, by site 113, for a high dunes history adventure over Mt. Tom, past the old Governor's cabin site, and into the valley we call Ecology Cove. We'll return on Trail 7 and be back in around an hour. Strap on your hiking shoes and join us for an historical fall journey. JR

2pm Dunes Through Four Seasons. Check out the changing seasons from the comfort of the Nature Center during this 45-minute slide show with the naturalist. Join us! GT

7pm Singing Sands Star Show! Join us for our annual event. Meet local astronomers from the Calumet Astronomical Society for a night of star gazing. Special telescopes will be set up as well as periodic constellation talks. Bring a blanket and join us on the main beach, near the pavilion. Activities going on through 11pm. Optimal star gazing after 8pm.



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2pm Dune Critters! Visit the Nature Center and test your knowledge on some of the animals that call the park home. From coyotes to raccoons, we'll discuss it all during this interactive, 45-minute program today. Great program for the kids. GT

Saw-whet Owl Banding Station at Dunes State Park!

Burn the midnight oil with us for our seventh season of saw-whet owl banding. Visitors can learn about Indiana's smallest owl in this up close and personal experience. Though special nights are scheduled, banding occurs nearly nightly if conditions are right. Join the owl banding text and email alert program for nightly status updates. Sign up for alerts at <http://bit.do/owlbanding>

