The programs listed here are designed for families/individuals. Schools, scouts, and other organized groups should contact the Interpretive Naturalist for info on scheduling a private program. Private programs are available at all Monroe Lake SRAs and offsite locations in Monroe, Brown, Jackson, and Lawrence Counties.

**Paynetown Activity Center**

*Located next to Swimming Beach inside Paynetown SRA: 812-837-9967*

Drop-in activity tables, lake information, kids’ play area, live snakes, beetle colony, library, naturalist’s office

*Open in winter by chance/appt. and for scheduled public programs*

**Volunteer! Adopt-a-Shoreline, Citizen Scientist, Program Assistant, Hands-on Workdays**
lakemonroe.yolasite.com

**Jill Vance, C.I.G., Interpretive Naturalist, jvance@dnr.IN.gov**

**Monroe Lake Office:**
812-837-9546

**Paynetown Campground Reservations:** 866-622-6746, www.CAMP.IN.gov

**Four Winds Resort & Marina (Fairfax):** 812-824-28

**Lake Monroe Boat Rental (Paynetown):** 812-837-9909

**Lake Monroe Marina (Cutright):** 812-837-9394

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**Winter Exploration Hike Series, Southfork Marshes**

*Each Southfork hike will take you into a different portion of the Southfork Marshes. Located in Brown and Jackson Counties, the Southfork Marshes have no developed trails and few easy access points. Designed as a refuge for migrating waterfowl, public access to this area during the winter months is highly restricted. The areas we explore are likely to be “marshy,” so a good pair of waterproof hiking boots is recommended. Because of the remote location, expect longer than normal travel times to reach the meeting locations for these hikes. Registration for each hike is limited to 10 people due to parking availability. Hikes are 2 hours.*


**Lunch with Nature Series, Paynetown SRA**

*Join us for our monthly Lunch with Nature Series! Bring a sack lunch to enjoy during the main presentation. Afterwards, there will be a short walk/hike that highlights the topic. Programs last approx. 90 minutes and are limited to 12 people (recommended for adults).*


**Woodcock Walk: Mar. 11 at 7:30p, Fairfax SRA**

- Free but limited to 12 people.
- Registration is required by March 8.

American woodcocks begin their search for a mate in early Spring. As the sun goes down, we’ll sneak a peek at the male courtship behavior. The combination of a distinct call and aerial display make this a fun bird to both watch and hear! 1 hour

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**Hunter Education Class: March 28-29**

*Location: Paynetown SRA*

Limited spaces available. Registration REQUIRED by March 26 at [www.in.gov/dnr/lawenfor/4812.htm](http://www.in.gov/dnr/lawenfor/4812.htm)

**Trapper Education Class: April 11-12**

*Location: Northfork Wildlife Resting Area*

Limited spaces available. Registration REQUIRED by April 9 at [www.in.gov/dnr/lawenfor/4812.htm](http://www.in.gov/dnr/lawenfor/4812.htm)
Free Fishing Days: April 18 and May 16
Indiana residents do not need a fishing license to fish in any of the state’s public waters on these days – including Monroe Lake! Why not take this opportunity to introduce someone new to the fun of fishing?

Brown County Wildflower Foray: April 24-26
Over 30 guided hikes and other wildflower and nature programs throughout Brown County and Monroe County, led by experts and resource professionals!
For the complete schedule: http://tinyurl.com/bcwildflowerforay

Campfire Cooking Series, Baking Bread: Apr. 26 at 1:30p, Paynetown SRA
- Program fee is $20 per person. (Property Entrance Fee waived for participants.)
- Limited to 10 people. Restricted to ages 16 and up.
- Preregistration is required by April 23.

Baking fresh bread on the campfire is probably easier than you think! Workshop participants will learn about different techniques for making campfire-breads and then prepare and bake several different kinds. There will also be a demonstration on baking yeasty (artisanal) bread in a cast-iron dutch oven. Everyone takes home a set of recipes and a variety of fresh-baked breads. 2 hours 30 minutes

History “Carved” in Stone, a Guided Cycling Tour: May 2 at 12:00p
- Program fee is $15 per person.
- Limited to 10 people; minimum age of 15.
- Preregistration required by April 28.

Location: Meet at Army Corps of Engineers (1620 E. Monroe Dam Ct)
Discover how limestone shaped the development and identity of the people that settled in the Salt Creek communities during the 1800s and early 1900s during a guided cycling tour near Monroe Lake. Participants will learn about the characteristics of our local limestone and what makes it unique, how that stone influenced early settlers, limestone’s role in the construction of Monroe Lake and the reservoir dam, and how limestone impacts the community today.

Learn Your LBBs! A Sparrow ID Workshop: May 3 at 8:00a, Stillwater-Northfork
- Program fee is $5 per person.
- Limited to 12 people; minimum age of 14.

Struggling with your identification of all those LBBs, little brown birds? Even practiced birders often have trouble with sparrow ID, as there are so many species that look so similar. Wendy Anderson, local birder, spent a whole summer working on a field project which required her to do just that – and she’s ready to share her tips and tricks for sparrow ID with you! Part of this workshop will be held outside; please wear good walking shoes and bring your binoculars (if you have a pair). 90 minutes

Salt Creek Wildflowers Hike: May 6 at 9:30a, Army Corps of Engineers Office
- Free, but limited to 15 people.

One of the best locations to see spring wildflowers in bloom at Monroe Lake! This spot is home to an unusual white-blooming form of Virginia Bluebells, along with over 30 other species of spring ephemerals. Our hike will take us from the ridge-top woods into a floodplain valley. 2 hours

Nature on Paper, A Drawing Workshop: May 17 at 2:00p, Paynetown SRA
- Workshop fee is $15 per person and includes a basic set of artist drawing pencils. (The Property Entrance Fee will be waived for registered workshop participants.)
- Limited to 14 people; minimum age of 12.
- Preregistration required by May 13.

Want to better capture Nature’s beauty on a piece of paper? This workshop, led by a professional artist, will hone your drawing skills to help you more accurately capture the shapes, dimensions, and texture of plants and animals. Ideal for people interested in nature journaling – or those who just enjoy sketching outdoors. Weather permitting, a portion of this workshop will be held outside in order to practice in a natural setting. 2 hours