

April 2014 Program Schedule

MOUNDS STATE PARK

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Interpretive Naturalists: Jessica Rosier, Aaron Douglass, Leah Perry

*All programs are FREE of charge unless otherwise noted.
Nature Center open daily, 9 am-4 pm*



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Park Map

Saturday, April 5

2 pm – Springtime Investigation Exploration! Lace up your boots and join us on an hour-long hike in search of springtime. Will we find wildflowers? Trees budding? Critters emerging from hibernation? Meet at the Nature Center.

Sunday, April 6 Nat'l Volunteer Week

10 am – Nat'l Volunteer Week. Volunteers with green thumbs or just plain gusto are needed to prepare our Wildlife Viewing Area for spring's blooms and birds. All are welcome. The morning will begin with coffee and orientation. Meet at the Nature Center, stay as long as you'd like.



Monday, April 7 Special Programs for Pre-K & Homeschooled Students!

10 am – Pre-K Mondays! Kids up to age five are invited to a hands-on learning session. Program will vary depending on weather; format may include nature story time, crafts, or short hikes. Cost is \$1 for this hour-long program. Call (765) 649-8128 by Sunday to register and inquire about the topic.

2 pm – Homeschool Mondays! Homeschooled students of all ages are invited to an interactive learning session. Program will vary depending on weather; topics could include mammals, Native Americans, pioneer history, flora, or reptiles. Cost is \$1 for this hour-long session. Call (765) 649-8128 by Sunday to register or inquire about the topic.

Wednesday, April 9

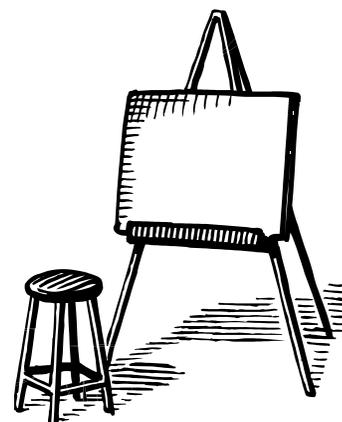
2 pm – Talk to an Expert: Flying Squirrels. This unique virtual program will take place on the Indiana Department of Natural Resources' Facebook page and feature Mounds State Park naturalist Leah Perry. Visit www.facebook.com/INdnr at 2 pm to join the discussion about these fascinating mammals.

Thursday, April 10

7 pm – Friends of Mounds State Park Meeting. Stop by the Nature Center to learn more.

Saturday, April 12 Nature & Arts Weekend

7-9 pm – Photo Contest Showing & Poetry Reading. Browse the works submitted in our spring Photo & Poetry Contest and meet some of the talented artists behind the pieces. The Nature Center will be transformed into a gallery. Refreshments provided. Poets are welcome to read their work and award-winners will be recognized.



Sunday, April 13 Nature & Arts Weekend

9-4 pm – *Photo & Poetry Gallery Open.* Stop by the Nature Center to view the work submitted in this spring's contest.

2-4 pm – *'Naturally Yours' Book Launch Party.* A new collection of poems, anecdotes, and short stories featuring Indiana's State Parks will make its debut this afternoon. Meet the authors and hear pieces from the book read aloud. Stop by the Nature Center to page through this wonderful work which benefits the Discovering the Outdoors Fund.

Monday, April 14 Special Programs for Pre-K & Homeschooled Students!

10 am – *Pre-K Mondays!* See Monday, April 7 for details.

2 pm – *Homeschool Mondays!* See Monday, April 7 for details.

Saturday, April 19

9-4 pm – *Photo & Poetry Gallery Open.* Stop by the Nature Center to view the work submitted in this spring's contest.

1 pm – *Wildflower Hike with Kevin Tungesvick.* Join botanist Kevin Tungesvick on an interpretive hike to learn the spring woodland wildflowers of the upland, ravine, and floodplain woods. This 1-2 mile hike will also highlight some of the flora of the unique groundwater seeps that are frequent in the park.

Sunday, April 20

9-4 pm – *Photo & Poetry Gallery Open.* Stop by the Nature Center to view the work submitted in this spring's contest.

Friday, April 25 Bird the Mounds Weekend!

7 pm – *Live: The Smallest Bird of Prey!* Fly over to the Nature Center for an up-close look at the smallest bird of prey – the American Kestrel. Discover how you can help scientists unearth the reasons for their decline and learn about nesting habitat and breeding season too. Fascinating for young and old!



Saturday, April 26 Bird the Mounds Weekend!

10 am – *Morning Mounds Birding.* Join expert birder Brad Bumgardner as he leads folks on an easy hour-long stroll in search of some morning birds. Meet at the Nature Center.

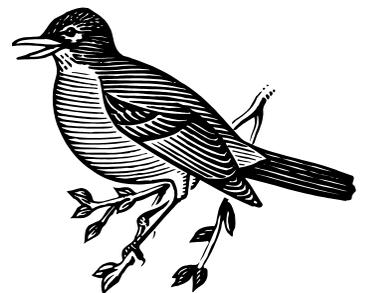
2-4 pm – *Backyard Bird Feeder Crafts.* Come to the Nature Center's front porch to make bird feeders out of recycled materials. Great fun for kids!

8 pm – *Musical Sounds of Nature Campfire Gathering.* Slide into a seat at the new Program Area (near the Camp Store) and enjoy the musical sounds of nature. We'll test your ears in a quiz-style game featuring bird calls. Prizes for winners and marshmallows for all. Folks from town can park in the adjacent lot.

Sunday, April 27 Bird the Mounds Weekend!

10 am – *Breakfast with the Birds.* Join us as we fill the Nature Center feeders this morning. After feeding the birds, we'll head back inside the Wildlife Viewing Room to observe the avian activity and enjoy coffee and donuts.

12-4 pm – *Bird Banding Demonstrations.* Explore the science of bird banding this afternoon at the Nature Center. We'll throw up the banding nets and look at everything we learn by investigating these birds up-close and in the hand. Are you curious?



Monday, April 28 Special Programs for Pre-K & Homeschooled Students!

10 am – *Pre-K Mondays!* See Monday, April 7 for details.

2 pm – *Homeschool Mondays!* See Monday, April 7 for details.

Spur-of-the-Moment Program! Stop into the Nature Center anytime to learn how you can collect pins by completing five special challenges as part of the statewide Hoosier Quest Program. \$2/pin.