March & April 2015 Program Schedule

**MOUNDS STATE PARK**

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*All programs are FREE of charge unless otherwise noted.*

*Nature Center open Mon-Sat, 9 am-4 pm. Open Sundays starting Apr. 5. Park open daily, 7 am-11 pm.*

Saturday, March 7
1 pm – **Possible Bag Craft.** What is a “Possible Bag” and why would you need one? Join us as we learn what this important little bag meant to trappers and pioneers. We'll make one for our own use during this hour-long program with guest naturalist Donna. Meet at the Nature Center.

Saturday, March 14
7-9 pm – **Photo & Poetry Gallery Opening.** Browse the works submitted in our annual Photo & Poetry Contest and meet some of the talented artists behind the pieces. The Nature Center will be transformed into a gallery. Refreshments provided. ***Note: The Nature Center will not open until 2 pm today.***

Friday, March 20
6 pm – **Spring Equinox Hike.** Join the naturalist for a hike to Circle Mound to view the horizon on the first day of spring, just as the Adena-Hopewell may have done 2000 years ago. We'll get to the mound just in time for the sunset. Meet at the Nature Center for this hour-long adventure.

Saturday, March 21
10 am & 2 pm – **Painting in the Park.** Get creative as Park Place Arts leads a step-by-step landscape painting class in the Nature Center (it's our version of *Wine & Canvas*). Supplies are provided, including refreshments. Cost for the 2.5-hour class is $30. Park proceeds will be used to purchase bird seed. Reservations must be made at [www.ParkPlaceArts.com](http://www.ParkPlaceArts.com) or by calling (765) 374-6030.

Saturday, March 28
10 am & 1 pm – **Twig Centerpieces Workshop.** Register for these one-hour workshops to create elegant nature-inspired centerpieces using a recycled wine bottle, twigs, and twine. A $5 fee applies and includes all supplies. Call (765) 649-8128 to register. Meet at Nature Center.

Sunday, March 29
9 am – **Audubon Bird Walk.** Join experts from the Robert Cooper Audubon Society as they take a count of morning birds. The hike will last two hours and is open to folks of all skill levels. A limited supply of binoculars and guide books will be provided and cookies served after. Meet at Nature Center.

Saturday, April 4
1 pm – **This Hike Stinks!** Can you sniff out the first wildflower of the year? Join the naturalist for a smelly adventure to our fen in search of Skunk Cabbage! Meet at the Nature Center for a 30-minute hike.
Thursday, April 9
7 pm – Friends of Mounds State Park Meeting. Stop by the Nature Center to become involved.

Saturday, April 11
10 am – Mounds Geocache Adventure! Join us for our annual geocaching event. Participants will be challenged to discover clues about Mounds’ unique ecosystems. Limited GPS units available to borrow. The event will end with a Chili Dump and Pitch-in at 1 pm (everyone brings pre-cooked/canned chili that simmers in a kettle over a fire beginning at 10 am). Prizes awarded. A $2 event fee applies. Meet at the Pavilion.

Sunday, April 12
1 pm – Nat’l Volunteer Week. Willing hands of all ages and abilities are invited to care for Mounds State Park as we kick off National Volunteer Week! We’ll be doing everything from weeding to pulling invasive plants to picking up trash. Meet at the Nature Center for an orientation and stay as long as you’d like.

Saturday, April 18
1 pm – Wildflower Hike with Kevin Tungesvick. Join botanist Kevin Tungesvick on a two-hour interpretive hike to learn the spring woodland wildflowers of the upland, ravine, and floodplain woods. This one to two mile hike will also highlight some of the flora of the unique groundwater seeps that are frequent in the park. Meet at the Nature Center.

Sunday, April 19
1 pm – Mobile Nature Journals! Stop by the Nature Center to make an on-the-go exploration journal. We’ll craft until 3 pm.

Saturday, April 25
1 pm – A Pioneer Home Tour. Join the naturalist for a guided tour of the historic Bronnenberg Home. Look through the stereoscope, learn about chamber pots, and discover the pioneer family’s dedication to the mounds. Meet at the Nature Center for this 45-minute tour.

Sunday, April 26
9 am – Audubon Bird Walk. See March 29 for details.

**Pre-K Wednesdays**
Hour-long exploratory nature sessions for little hands. Indoor or outdoors depending on weather. Up to age 6 welcome!
10 am & 1 pm (repeat session)
$1/child

**Upcoming dates**
Mar. 11
Apr. 1, 15 & 29

**Homeshool Mondays**
Hour-long educational sessions on history & natural resources. Indoor or outdoors depending on weather. All ages welcome!
1 pm & 3 pm (repeat session)
$1/student

**Upcoming dates**
Mar. 9 & 30
Apr. 13 & 27

Pre-K Wednesdays!
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.