

Patoka Lake Visitor Center

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Open Tuesday- Sunday 8:30a.m. to 4p.m. Eastern Daylight Time
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Saturday, October 1

10a.m. Hoosier Quest ~ Kids bring your parents in to the Visitor Center to learn about an exciting way to earn patches, pins, and prizes for hiking and spending time outdoors! **vc**

2p.m. Gotta' Be a River Otter~ What makes the North American River Otter so special? Where's the best place to see the river otters at Patoka Lake? Find the answers to these questions and more! **vc**

Sunday, October 2

1p.m. Eagles Everywhere ~ Settle in for an inspiring video about our nation's most captivating bird, the Bald Eagle. Enjoy popcorn and refreshments! Also, learn where to find eagles at Patoka this season. **vc**

3 p.m. The Turtle Club~ Meet our resident box turtle and learn about what it takes to join the Turtle Club! **vc**

Saturday, October 8

8:30a.m. – 11:30a.m. Resident Red-tailed Hawk will be out in the backyard garden viewing area of the Visitor Center. Come take a close-up look.

9a.m. – Noon Basket Weaving Workshop~ Come and learn the art of weaving baskets by hand. Local basket weaver, Patty Ingle will walk participants through the creation of their very own handmade napkin basket. A fee of \$35/basket and pre-registration is required.

There is a limit of 10 participants per workshop. Participants should arrive at the Visitor Center before 9a.m. Call the Patoka Lake Visitor Center at 812.685.2447 for more information and to register. The standard daily entrance fee applies to all participants. Come make a holiday or birthday gift for yourself, a friend, or family member! **vc**

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2p.m. Gone Batty~ Learn about these winged cuties as we defy some of the common myths and test your knowledge with our Bat Trivia! Make your own bat I.D. book to take home! **vc**

ALL PROGRAMS ARE ON EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME.
vc ~ Visitor Center
ccs ~ Modern Campgrounds Center Shelterhouse
br ~ boat ramp
T-White Tents in Modern Campground Section A

Sunday, October 9

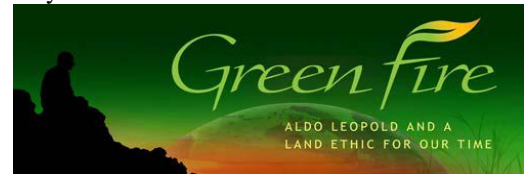
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11:30a.m. Hawk Talk~ Come see our resident Red-tailed Hawk. Discover why she cannot fly and must stay with us at Patoka Lake Visitor Center. See close up the tools her species uses to hunt and survive in the wild! **vc**

2p.m. Leaf Prints~ Capture some of the colors of the season in this quick craft. With all supplies provided, rub, paint, or press your leaves to preserve this fall fashion. Bring a plain white shirt or bag to stamp out your own wearable designs. **vc**

Thursday, October 13

3p.m. Green Fire~ Come to the Visitor Center and enjoy this feature film on the life of wildlife enthusiast and conservationist, Aldo Leopold. This documentary highlights his path in molding the future for environmental management. Discover how this man's life continues to inspire and attract others to live in his way.



AUTUMN GETAWAY WEEKEND

Friday, October 14

VISITOR CENTER CLOSED

(Tonight's programs will be held at the Modern Campground Center Shelterhouse)

5p.m. Cooking Friendship Stew –

Bring your canned vegetables to the modern campgrounds center shelterhouse to add to the stew. Volunteers & Staff will prepare Friendship Stew for the 7p.m. gathering.

7p.m. Friendship Stew - Bring crackers, beverages, bowls & spoons as we dish out the Friendship Stew. Join us in kicking off our annual event to celebrate the autumn season & Halloween.

7:30-8:30p.m. Owl Prowl – Hike into the night with the naturalists as we talk about owls and try to call some in!



AUTUMN GETAWAY cont...

Saturday, October 15 ~ VISITOR CENTER CLOSED

9-11a.m. Family Fun & Crafts- Bring your own pumpkin and carving tools. With paint and nature supplies provided, create your special jack-o-lantern * **Tie-dyed T-shirts:** Bring pre-washed white or light color 100% cotton T-shirts, and clothing to decorate. Activities include: Mummy Wrap Relay Race, face painting , corn cob toss, scavenger hunt and much more! **T**



9a.m. – Noon Basket Making Workshop – Learn the art of basket making as you weave and dye your own creation to take home. This event requires pre-registration & a fee of \$35. Call the Visitor Center to register at (812)685-2447. Participants need to be at the tent before 9a.m. to begin. **T (see October 8th)**

11a.m. Dutch Oven Demonstration – Join volunteer and Dutch oven chef, Ivy Shawler as she explains the do's and don'ts of cooking with cast iron. Learn tips for cleaning and preparing you cast iron cookware, how many briquettes to use for cooking various foods & MUCH MORE! Never tried your hand at Dutch oven cooking? Ivy will help you discover all there is to known about getting started! **T**

Noon - Dutch Oven Registration - For rules & information call the Visitor Center 812.685.2447 **T**

12:30-3p.m. Dutch Oven Cook-Off - 9th annual event. **T**

1p.m. Snakes of Indiana- Special guests, O'Bannon Woods State Park Naturalists will share fascinating facts about these live guests found around Indiana. **CCS**

2p.m. Hinshaw Rock'n Gems- Join the Hinshaw family as they demonstrate and display their craftsmanship of lapidary and fine jewelry making. **CCS**

3p.m. Green Fire – Join in watching this captivating featured film on the life and legacy of the leading conservationist of the 20th century, Aldo Leopold. Share your love and appreciation for nature! **CCS**

3:30p.m. Campsite decorating should be complete. Judges will be making their way around to all of the campsites at this time to select first place winners for three themes: *Scariest, Most Original, and Best Fall Theme.*

3:30p.m. Taste of Patoka - Enjoy the Dutch oven dishes of all varieties from desserts to main courses along with "Cast Iron Chili". A \$2 donation per person is requested to sample the creative dishes and cast your ballot for favored Dutch oven creation. **Bring soup bowls, plates and utensils to sample these dishes.** **T**

5p.m. Pet Parade - Bring your pets to the Big White Tents in the campgrounds Section A for a fun pet parade. Furry friends of the four-legged variety will be featured. Special Grand Marshall! Pet costume contest after the parade. Pets must be on a leash! Contest winners will be announced at the 9p.m. awards ceremony. **T**

5:30-7p.m. Trick or Treat - Campers 12 years of age and under may enjoy "Trick or Treat" around the modern campgrounds. **There will be no vehicle traffic in the campgrounds during this time for the safety of your children!**

7:30 – 8:30p.m. Trail of Tales – Join the naturalists for a short hike into the woods filled with eerie tales! **CCS**

9p.m. WINNERS announced for Dutch oven Cook-off, campsite decorating, and pet costume contest. **CCS**

Sunday, October 16

11a.m. Hoosier Quest ~ Kids bring your parents in to the Visitor Center to learn about an exciting way to earn patches, pins, and prizes for hiking and spending time outdoors! **vc**

2p.m. Outrageous Owls~ Discover fascinating facts about these silent flyers. Learn their hunting strategies and more. **vc**

Saturday, October 22

9:30a.m. Kayaking the Patoka~ Paddle along with the naturalists up river as we look for beaver, bald eagles, and other wildlife. This 2-hour adventure will start at the secluded King's Bridge ramp. Bring kayaks, life vests, binoculars, and cameras. Needing directions? Just meet the naturalists at the Visitor Center and car caravan to the ramp. Caravan will leave promptly at 8:15a.m. **br**

11a.m. The Turtle Club~ Meet our resident box turtle and learn about what it takes to join the Turtle Club! **vc**

3p.m. Cookbook of the Trail~ Bring your favorite backpacking and camping recipes to share with others and pick up some of our favorites too. Chat about campfire cooking tips and leave with a start to your very own trailside cookbook. Sample our delicious Spicy Chicken Cous Cous trail recipe. **vc**

Sunday, October 23

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1p.m. Moery Story ~ Enjoy a short walk to the reconstructed Moery Cabin. Tour the inside of the home and discover this family's journey to Wickliffe, IN. Hear about the history and stories from year's gone by. **vc**

Saturday, October 29

11a.m. Hoosier Quest ~ See Saturday, October 1 for details.

1p.m. Garden Rock Loop Hike ~ Trek along the hills of this ½ mile trail looking for tracks and signs of wildlife. How good of a detective are you? Test your wildlife know-how during this short hike! **vc**

2p.m. Spooky Spiders ~ Discover some interesting facts about the spiders in Indiana as we dispel some common myths and tame your fears of these eight-legged arachnids. Make your very own spider decoration, just in time for Halloween! **vc**

Sunday, October 30

10a.m. - 3p.m. Resident Red-tailed Hawk will be out in the backyard garden viewing area of the Visitor Center. Come take a close-up look.

1p.m. Mummy Wrap Relay~ Get all wrapped up in this program and learn some interesting Halloween facts!

2p.m. Creatures of the Night! ~ Take a look at spooktacular night life and discover why it's so easy to make these calm critters appear scary on the big screen. **vc**