

Pokagon State Park

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And Other Park Events!

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Potawatomi Inn Activities!

There are numerous activities that take place at the Potawatomi Inn.

Had enough fun outside?... Check out our Inn craft room! There are many items from which to choose, from a simple bracelet to a holiday decoration. Stop by the Activities Room or check our schedule at the main desk. Join us!

Whether it's business or pleasure, the Potawatomi Inn has what you need...



*All Programs are Eastern Daylight Savings Time!
Catch this and all of your favorite State Park Interpretive Schedules at*

www.interpretiveservices.in.gov

Saturday October 2

- 10:00am **Wetland Watching** Gather at the Inn Main Entrance from where we'll head down into the Potawatomi Nature Preserve and check out the variety of plants special to this area during the magical time of Autumn when their fruiting and fall foliage provide a pallet of beautiful color! We'll head to Lake Lonidaw and to the second bridge on Trail Three and back. We'll be out for about an hour. Join us! DL
- 3:00pm **Turtle Time!** Join us for a close up look of our common and not so common Pokagon turtles. We'll have a chance to handle some and watch 'em crawl. We'll discuss what they are up to during this time of year as they prepare for the winter ahead. Join us in the Nature Center Auditorium. DL



Sunday October 3

- 8:00am **Autumn Morning Meander.** Join us out on the Potawatomi Inn Sun Deck for our traditional Sunday morning jaunt up the road and through the marsh and back. Bring binoculars or borrow a pair of ours. It's a refreshing way to start your day, see some fall colors, and catch a glimpse of migrating birds. DL



Saturday October 9

- 10:00am **Trail 8 Prairie Seed Collecting!** Gather at the Spring Shelter from where we'll head up towards Hell's Point, then north, across the county road and do the loop of new Trail 8. We'll enjoy rolling hills of expansive meadows. We'll collect some seeds of grasses and a few forbs and discuss how you can start a meadow garden in your backyard! We can get you started today with a prairie plant "kit" for next year! Total walk: 2 miles. Parking available at the Spring Shelter if you are driving from the Inn. FW

3:00pm **Leaf Life... Nature Art!** Bring a washed tee shirt to the Nature Center Program Area and we'll make it come to life with some textile paint and leaves from nature. We'll also do note cards or wall hangings. We'll talk about how the fall forest comes to so much color this time of year as you capture a bit of it to take home! Fun for the whole family! DL

Sunday October 10

8:00am **Frost on the Pumpkins Walk.** See Sunday, October 3, "Autumn Morning Meander" for program details. DL

Saturday October 16

9:30am **Geology Jaunt.** Put on the hikin' shoes for this one! Gather at the Inn Main Entrance where we'll take off for a nice jaunt along trail 3. We'll cover glacial made lakes, marshes, ridges, hills, and all of the life that these features support. A good walk for those who like to hike. We'll probably be out a couple of hours. Fall colors from the marsh boardwalk and from Hell's Point, ought to be outstanding! FW

Sunday October 17

8:00am **Return of the Snowbird Jaunt.** Will this be the first Sunday we record the Dark-eyed Junco returning for the winter? Join us out on the Inn Sun Deck for our weekly Sunday morning jaunt and bird search. Bring binoculars or borrow a pair of ours as we search for the snowbird and other critters on this mid October morning. DL

Saturday October 23

3:00pm **Autumn Carpets!** It's a short, crafty program meeting out on the Nature Center Front Lawn. Join interpreter Diana as she leads you on a magic carpet ride where you create a small mosaic of art on the lawn using branches and leaves and other natural objects from the surrounding area. It's a great program for kids, but bring the whole family! DL

Sunday October 24

8:00am **Fresh Air Walk.** See Sunday, October 3, "Autumn Morning Meander" for program details. DL

Saturday October 30

10:00am **Tamaracks are Turning – A Walk.** Gather at the Inn Main Entrance for a short walk down into the Potawatomi Nature Preserve wetlands to see if these deciduous conifers are starting to turn to their smoky gold of autumn. We will check them out, plus the other seasonal changes of the unique wetlands along the Trail Three boardwalk to the second bridge and back. We'll be out for about an hour. FW

3:00pm **Forest Mobiles.** It's a fun outdoor craft program for families that captures some of the season's beauty and this summer's growth. Come to the Nature Center front lawn and learn how you can create a mobile for your camper or back porch from the park or your backyard! DL



Ghost Tales!

6:30pm

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And other stories of the season!

8:30pm

\$1.00 per person, per session

Two separate sessions designed for two age groups!

6:30 - parents with younger children

8:30 – older children and adults



Refreshments from the witch's brew courtesy of the Potawatomi Inn



Seating will be picnic tables. You may also bring blankets and lawn chairs for floor seating...



You might want to bring a friend to hold on to!



Parking available in North Beach Parking Lot (CCC Shelter parking).



Allow for a 5-minute drive from Inn.

From town, allow time to get through the main gate and back to the shelter.



Flashlight recommended for the walk to and from parking lot.

Follow the glowing bags (if you dare!) and walk back to the C.C.C. Shelter to join storytellers Lou Ann Homan and Steve Etheridge for this very special, entertaining evening of traditional, scary tales of the season!

Sponsored in part by the Potawatomi Inn and Pokagon Interpretive Services.

Sunday October 31

8:00am **Mid Fall, Early Morning Meander.** See Sunday, October 3, "Autumn Morning Meander" for program details. FW

**Nature Center Autumn Hours:
Monday-Friday, 1pm to 5pm. Weekends: 10am to 5pm**

