

Pokagon State Park

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And Other Park Events!

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January-February 2012

Potawatomi Inn Activities!

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

Too cold to go 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 Standard Time!

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www.interpretiveservices.in.gov



Saturday January 7

2:00pm



Just a Few Furs. Come to the Nature Center Auditorium for a short “show ‘n’ tell” type session on a few of the mammals that call Pokagon home. We’ll have some study skins and pelts to get the “real feel” on these critters and discuss how these furs are used for their winter strategy for survival. MH

Sunday January 8

9:00am

Winter Morning Wake up Walk! Bring binoculars, or borrow a pair of ours, and meet on the Inn Sun Deck for quick walk in search of snowbirds and other winter wildlife. We’ll be out for just an hour or so. In case of inclement weather, we’ll meet inside the Potawatomi Inn near the coffee machines! From there, we’ll bundle up and head out! MH

2:00pm

Critter Feeding Time. This afternoon, our resident turtles, frogs, and snakes will be getting their bi-weekly meal. Stop by the Nature Center Auditorium for an informal hour of observing our Nature Center chores! Watch them eat, or maybe feed them yourselves! DL

Saturday January 14

11:00am

Winter Search Party. That’s us as we bundle up and head out into the nearby winter woods, As we search for signs of animal activity during the not so “dead” of winter. Tracks, holes, signs of feeding, we’ll search it all out. Prepare for off-trail hiking! Meet at the Nature Center. MH



2:00pm



Whoooooo goes there?!.... Yooouu... yooouu do... and Pokagon owls. Believe it or not, Great Horned Owls are sitting on eggs now! Come to the Nature Center Auditorium for a short, show and tell session on this great group of nighttime hunters! We'll have mounts of Pokagon's three nesting species and mounts of some that just pass through or over the park! MJ

Sunday January 15

8:30am

Winter Morning Wake up Walk! Bring binoculars, or borrow a pair of ours, and meet on the Inn Sun Deck for quick walk in search of snowbirds and other winter wildlife. We'll be out for just an hour or so. In case of inclement weather, we'll meet inside the Potawatomi Inn near the coffee machines! From there, we'll bundle up and head out! MJ

2:00pm

Snowflake Fun! Come to the Nature Center Auditorium for this short program looking at the white stuff and how we can enjoy its beauty instead of just pushing it off of the walks. MJ/MH

Monday January 16 Martin Luther King Day Nature Center is open today, 10:00am to 5:00pm

8:30am

Quick Junco Jaunt. See Sunday January 8th Winter Morning Wake-up Walk for program details. MJ

Saturday January 21

2:00pm

Duck, Duck, Goose! Steuben County is a popular resting place for migrating waterfowl each fall and if conditions are right and some water stays open, some spend the winter with us. Come to the Nature Center Auditorium for a short show 'n' tell session with some mounts and photos of some local and visiting waterfowl! MJ

Sunday January 22

8:30am

Mid-Winter Birding See Sunday January 8th Winter Morning Wake-up Walk for program details. MJ

2:00pm

Critter Feeding Time. See Sunday, January 8 for details. DL

Saturday January 28

10:00am



A Place in the Pines.... Put on your walking shoes for a little off-trail hiking as we meet in the Potawatomi Inn Main Lobby then head up into a couple of different pine forests. We'll have extra binoculars for a hopeful look at pine squirrels, pine siskins and maybe a red-breasted nuthatch! MH

2:00pm

Bluebirds in the Winter. Nothing warms the soul more than seeing a bluebird against a winter backdrop. We'll meet in the Nature Center Auditorium first for a brief talk on these jewels of blue, then we'll bundle up and head out into a nearby field to see if we can call some in for a close up look! Join us! MH



Sunday January 29

8:30am

Fresh Air Jaunt! See Sunday January 8th Winter Morning Wake-up Walk for program details. MH

Saturday February 4

2:00pm

Scatology! Scatology is the study of what?! Come to the Nature Center Auditorium and get the poop (if you know what we mean) on how we can identify animals by what they leave behind. Prizes for those who know their poop! MJ

Sunday February 5

9:00am

Brrrrrisk Morning Walk. See Sunday January 8th Winter Morning Wake-up Walk for program details. MJ

2:00pm

Critter Feeding Time. See Sunday, January 8 for details. DL

Saturday February 11

2:00pm

Snowshoe Shuffle. Discover the winter world of Pokagon on snowshoes! Meet in the Nature Center Auditorium for a short talk on snowshoes and the sport, then we'll take off on a short 45-minute walk through the woods. In case of too little snow, we'll still do a hike in the nearby woodlands. MH

Sunday February 12

8:30am

The Frozen Marsh. See Sunday January 8th Winter Morning Wake-up Walk for program details. MH

Saturday February 18

- 10:00am **The Frozen Fen Walk.** Gather at the Inn Main Entrance, from where we'll take off on a short walk down to the wetlands surrounding Lake Lonidaw. This unique fen is a beautiful spot any time of year. This morning we might turn up a robin or bluebird seeking refuge and food in the lowlands! MJ
- 2:00pm **Birding 101.** Come to the Nature Center Auditorium for a brief talk on the pastime of birding and then we will bundle up and head out into the nearby woodlands to see if we can spot some wintering birds. Bring binoculars or borrow a pair of ours. We'll end up back at the Woodland Window, where we are sure to see some feathered friends feeding. MH

Sunday February 19

- 8:30am **Winter Morning Walk.** See Sunday January 8th Winter Morning Wake-up Walk for program details. MJ
- 2:00pm **Critter Feeding Time.** See Sunday, January 8 for details. DL

Monday, February 20

Monday February 20 Presidents Day Toboggan Run and Nature Center are open today, 10:00am to 5:00pm

Saturday February 25

- 10:30am **Winter Search Party!** See Saturday, January 14th for program details. MJ

Sunday February 26

- 8:30am **A Winter Woods Awakening Walk.** The calendar says it's still winter, but we are at the time of year when we are seeing the woods and wetlands awakening to signs of spring. Let's discover some of these on this short walk beginning from the Inn Sun Deck. We'll be out for just an hour or so. In case of inclement weather, we'll meet inside the Potawatomi Inn near the coffee machines! Bring binoculars, or borrow a pair of ours. MJ

Monday February 27 to Thursday, March 1 – Welcome Annual Great Lakes Park Training Institute!

Nature Center School Season Hours:

Monday to Friday, 1pm to 5pm

Saturday, Sunday, and holidays, 10am to 5pm

