

Pokagon State Park Interpretive Programs October 2016 & Other Park Events

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NATURE CENTER HOURS

Tuesday - Friday 12 to 4 p.m.
Weekends 10 to 5 p.m.
Closed Mondays

All our programs are on Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

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The DNR Calendar is Available at www.calendar.in.gov

Potawatomi Inn Activities

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

Looking for the perfect homemade holiday gift? Too cold to go outside?... Check out our Inn craft room! There are many items that you can create or paint. Crafts and kits range from a simple bracelet to a holiday decoration. Stop by the Activities Room or check our schedule at the front desk.

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



Saturday (October 1st)

10:30 a.m. REPTILE REVIEW - Slither over to the Nature Center to see live reptiles. You will learn a little about the coldblooded truth on these critters as they begin to prepare for winter.

2:00 p.m. FLIGHT SCHOOL - It is fall and birds are moving! Learn the story of how birds fly and why moving in three dimensions is advantageous. Meet at the Nature Center for a fun program with a small craft.

Sunday (October 2nd)

8:30 a.m. EARLY AUTUMN BIRD HIKE - Meet the Naturalist on the Inn Sun Deck for a bird hike. We will use our eyes and ears to spot some of our resident birds and maybe some who are passing through on their migration south! Binoculars provided.

Noon - 2:30 p.m. INDIANA BICENTENNIAL TORCH RELAY - In celebration of Indiana's 200 years of statehood, 20 nominated Steuben County residents will carry the Indiana Bicentennial Torch through Pokagon State Park and Trine State Recreation Area today! This special event is being sponsored by the Steuben County Tourism Bureau. An opening ceremony will begin at **noon** at the Trine State Recreation Area Welcome Center Parking Lot with a closing ceremony starting at **2 p.m.** on the Potawatomi Inn Lawn with celebratory cupcakes and entertainment to follow.



Noon - 2:30 p.m. THE BICENTENNIAL EXPERIENCE - A 10-foot traveling vehicle exhibiting Indiana history, artifacts and legends, will be open for visitors to enjoy in the Potawatomi Inn's parking lot by the end of the toboggan slide.

3:30 p.m. CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORP. 556 CAMP TOUR - The CCC boys helped build Pokagon State Park as we know it today. Step back in time as we take a short hike through their camp.

Saturday (October 8th)

10:30 a.m. FALL FUNGI HIKE - If you want to go on a hike with a "fun guy," meet the Naturalist at the Nature Center for a 45-minute discovery hike along trail 1 where your eyes will be opened into the fascinating world of some of our fall fungi.



2:00 p.m. POKAGON FALL JEOPARDY! - All ages are welcome to join in this fun competition in the Nature Center Auditorium where you test your knowledge about all things fall and other Pokagon State Park facts. Prizes will be awarded!

Sunday (October 9th)

10:30 a.m. CRITTER FEEDING TIME - Stop by the Nature Center to watch some of our resident reptiles and amphibians eating their food!

2:00 p.m. DUCK, DUCK, GOOSE! - Migrate over to the Nature Center and learn about different ducks (and maybe a goose) that live or migrate through Pokagon State Park.



Saturday (October 15th)

ALL DAY ARTIST IN RESIDENCE (Rain Date 10/16) - A Plein Air Artist, Tamara Brown, will set up her easel throughout the park today. Visitors are encouraged to interact and engage with her as she shares information about the plein air painting process, the significance of the landscape, and what inspires her.

9 - 11:30 a.m. Tamara will be painting on Lake Lonidaw's pier off of Trail 3.

10:30 a.m. Meet the Naturalist at the Inn Front Desk for a hike to see Tamara and learn about our wetlands.

Noon – 2:30 p.m. Try your hand at water color with Tamara located on the Nature Center Front Lawn.

3-5 p.m. Tamara will be painting at the Potawatomi Inn Beach.



Sunday (October 16th)

10:30 a.m. BEGINNING BIRDING 101 - Meet the Naturalist at the Nature Center for this short hike that is great for beginning birders.

2:00 p.m. READY FOR WINTER? - Brrrrrrrr; it's getting chilly outside! Head south to the Nature Center Auditorium and learn about how different animals and plants all cope with the impending cold.

Saturday (October 22nd)

10:30 a.m. BIRD BUFFET - Sunflowers, safflowers, and peanuts, oh my! Come help the Naturalist fill all the feeders this morning and learn the scoop on how you can attract birds to your backyard.

7:00 p.m. UNDERGROUND RAILROAD HIKE - Meet the Naturalist on the Nature Center Front Lawn for this night hike as we share local stories about the brave men and women who helped established the Underground Railroad in Steuben County.



Sunday (October 23rd)

8:30 a.m. BIRDING WITH THE PROS - Join us for a morning hike in which we join Rodger and Ed from the Stockbridge Audubon Society along with the Pokagon Naturalist searching for birds and other fall wildlife. Meet on the Inn Sun Deck. Binoculars provided.

2:00 p.m. BAT TALK - Special guest speaker Jeremy Sheets from Orbis Environmental Consulting will share about how bats are often a misunderstood species along with how and why he studies them.



Saturday (October 29th) HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS!!!



10:30 – Noon PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST - Show off your creativity by carving or painting a pumpkin on the Nature Center front lawn! Crafting tools, paint with brushes, along with free pumpkins will be provided while our supplies last. Feel free to bring your own supplies, too! Pumpkins entered in the contest must be created at the Nature Center during the allotted time. Pumpkins will be judged at noon under the categories of the scariest, most creative, funniest, and cutest pumpkins overall.



10:30 – 2:00 p.m. SPOOKY LUNCH - In the spirit of the day, the Potawatomi Inn Restaurant will be serving a Halloween-themed lunch with a caramel apple decoration station. Be sure to stop by! Normal costs apply.

2:00 p.m. CREEPY CRAWLIES - Join the Naturalists at the Nature Center for this fun program where you will meet some of resident creatures that will not scare you, but amaze you!



5 – 6:30 p.m. COSTUME CONTEST - Register at the Pokagon treat table at the beginning of the trick-or-treat trail for our Pokagon costume contest during this time. Fun prizes will be awarded in the scariest, funniest, most creative, best group, and best pet categories and are sponsored by the Potawatomi Inn. Smokey Bear will be on hand to make final judging decisions! Winners will be announced at **6:45 p.m.** at the CCC Shelter.

5 - 7 p.m. CAMPGROUND TRICK-OR-TREATING - Show off your costumes as you trick or Treat through the Pokagon Campground Loop 3. Treats will be provided by both local businesses and campers. Be sure to check out all the campsite decorations and vote for your favorite! Park in the South Beach Parking Lot.

7- 9:30 p.m. GHOST TALES & OTHER SPOOKY STORIES OF THE SEASON - 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. Seating will be on picnic tables. Parking is available in the North Beach Parking Lot. A flashlight is recommended to and from the parking lot.

7:00 p.m. - Stories for parents with younger children will be shared.

8:30 p.m. - Stories for older children and adults will commence.



Sunday (October 30th)

Noon - 2 p.m. FALL DIGITAL CAMERA SCAVENGER HUNT - We have a few leftover Halloween treats to give away, but you have to earn them today! Bring a camera to the Nature Center for your list to start snapping!