

June 2016



Find us on
Facebook

Potato Creek State Park

25601 STATE ROAD 4 NORTH LIBERTY, IN 46554

(574) 656-8186 Staff: Vince Gresham, Sydney Stratford

www.interpretiveservices.in.gov



Nature Center Open Daily 9AM – 5PM

SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2016

10:00 a.m. **FEEDING TIME** - Stop by the Nature Center to watch the animals eat. 30 minutes.

MEET: NATURE CENTER

2:00 p.m. **LIFE IN A BEAVER POND** – Come enjoy this colorful video to learn about the lives of beaver. 1 hour.

MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM



SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2016

2:00 p.m. **TREE ID SPREE** - If the trees 'leaf' you wondering, this hands on program is for you. 1 hour.

MEET: NATURE CENTER

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2016

2:00 p.m. **EVERGLADES OF THE NORTH** - Come watch this fabulous video about the Grand Marsh of the Kankakee. 1 hour.

MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM

THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2016

2:00 p.m. **NATURE UP CLOSE - REAL CLOSE** - Stop in for a few minutes to take a look at nature through a microscope.

MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM

FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2016

2:00 p.m. **OSPREY!** - Hear about the endangered "fish hawk" in this talk and then go out and see if you can find one. 45 minutes.

MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM



SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2016

10:00 a.m. **WOODLAND WANDER** - We'll explore the woodland habitat of trail 3 on this relaxing stroll. 1 hour.

MEET: QUAKING ASPEN EAST P. LOT

2:00 p.m. **INSECT INVESTIGATIONS** - They may be creepy and crawly, but they can be lots of fun! We will look at some of our interesting local insects and then try to collect a few to study. 45 minutes

MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM

6:00 p.m. **POTATO CREEK'S 39TH BIRTHDAY PARTY!** - We're having a birthday party and YOU are invited!!! Indiana is 200 years old; Indiana State Parks are 100 years old; Potato Creek is 39 and the Friends Group of Potato Creek is 10 this year. Come share stories and memories at a pitch-in picnic. The Friends of Potato Creek is sponsoring a hog roast and will also provide hot dogs, plates, plastic ware and drinks. **Please bring a dish to share** and any other beverage you may desire. There will even be a birthday cake!

MEET: PEPPERMINT HILL SHELTER



SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2016

10:00 a.m. **FEEDING TIME** - Stop by the Nature Center to watch the animals eat. 30 minutes.

MEET: NATURE CENTER

2:00 p.m. **SQUARE YARD SAFARI** - You will be amazed at what you can find in one square yard. Come see! 45 minutes.

MEET: NATURE CENTER



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2016

2:00 p.m. CAMOUFLAGED CRITTERS - Can you spot these animals? Come see a few of the many ways animals defend themselves by hiding. 30 minutes.

MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM



THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2016

2:00 p.m. BIRD ID BASICS - Pick up a few tips on identifying the birds as you see them in this indoor session. 45 minutes.

MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM



FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2016

2:00 p.m. PARASATOID PROWL - Discover the secret world of parasitic insects and their amazing life cycle during this talk. 45 minutes.

MEET: NATURE CENTER



SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2016

10:00 a.m. WILD EDIBLES HIKE - Join us on a hike to discover some wild edible plants growing along the trail. 1 hour.

MEET: NATURE CENTER

2:00 p.m. SPRING HOUSE HIKE - We'll walk a portion of trail 4 on our way to see the restored spring house and discuss its history.

MEET: PORTER REA CEMETERY

SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2016

10:00 a.m. FEEDING TIME - Stop by the Nature Center to watch the animals eat. 30 minutes.

MEET: NATURE CENTER

2:00 p.m. WETLAND HIKE - Come out with the Naturalist and learn about the importance of wetlands in Potato Creek State Park.

MEET: FRIENDS WETLAND TRAIL P. LOT



TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 2016



7:00 p.m. MICHIANA SEARCH DOGS - Come hear how this local volunteer group trains and uses dogs to search for missing persons in different situations. Everybody is invited. Hosted by the Friends of Potato Creek.

MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2016

12-2 p.m. ARTS IN THE PARKS: Inspired: Summer Art Series Kick-Off - Come enjoy a beautiful day outdoors and see the park through the eyes of artists with disabilities! Join ADEC for the fun-filled family kick-off event as we work together to paint a rain barrel while also creating individual bird's nest crafts.

MEET: PEPPERMINT HILL SHELTER

2:00 p.m. FRIEND OR FOE? - Giant mosquito or harmless crane fly? Learn how to tell the blood-thirsty from the harmless.

MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM



THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2016

2:00 p.m. BACKYARD HABITAT - Discover the secrets to creating a nature habitat in your backyard.

MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM



FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 2016

2:00 p.m. SNAKES - Several kinds of snakes can be found at Potato Creek. Join us in the auditorium to learn about our local serpents.

MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM

SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 2016

- 10:00 a.m.** **LOG LOOKING** - There is a lot of life to be found under a log in the forest. We'll turn over a few logs on trail 4 to see what we can find.
MEET: PORTER REA CEMETERY
- 1-4 p.m.** **ARTS IN THE PARKS: POETRY** - Vienna Wagner will engage in conversations with park visitors about her work in the park and the connection between poetry and nature. She will also set up a writing station where she will help children create their own haiku poems about the park.
MEET: NATURE CENTER PORCH
- 2:00 p.m.** **CREEK PEEK** - Be prepared to get your feet wet as we walk to and into the creek to see what we can find. 1 hour.
MEET: BOAT RENTAL



SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2016

- 10:00 a.m.** **FEEDING TIME** - Stop by the Nature Center to watch the animals eat. 30 minutes.
MEET: NATURE CENTER
- 2:00 p.m.** **HOMES AND HIDEAWAYS** - Animals find homes in a variety of places. Meet at the campground gate to search for homes and hideaways on trail 5.
MEET: FAMILY CMPGROUND GATE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 2016

- 2:00 p.m.** **ANIMAL ADAPTATIONS** - See some of the special features animals have that help them do their jobs. 45 min.
MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM

THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 2016

- 2:00 p.m.** **TURTLE TIME** - Come see turtles up close and learn more about these shelled creatures. 45 minutes.
MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM



12:30 Daily - Hoosier Quest Series – Come find out how to earn patches and pins while enjoying and learning about the park. Ages 5 and up.
Meet: Nature Center

