In addition to regular public programs such as those found on the monthly interpretive program schedule, the interpretive services staff offers private programming for schools, scouts, groups, bus tours, and more. The following information should help you plan an eventful and educational trip that is sure to leave an impression on your group.

Indiana's newest state park, Prophetstown is located where the Tippecanoe River meets the Wabash near the town of Battle Ground. The park's landscape has been shaped by ice from glaciers, moving water, fire that helped maintain the vast tallgrass prairie and human hands. Native American people hunted and lived along the two rivers for thousands of years. French trappers and traders found the land teeming with wildlife, and European farmers discovered that the rich, deep prairie soils grew healthy corn and wheat.

The park is named for a Native American village located between the rivers established by the Shawnee brothers Tenskwatawa (The Prophet) and Tecumseh in 1808. Prophetstown State Park provides a reproduction of the significant buildings of an 1800's Native American settlement. The village offers the opportunity to understand a Native American perspective of family, social, and political issues tied to this landscape.

Through a unique partnership with the non-profit agency, The Farm at Prophetstown, visitors can also tour a real working farm dedicated to showing the early American agricultural lifestyle.

Prophetstown State Park has over seven miles of hiking and biking trails available year-round which lead visitors through a variety of habitats of flora and fauna. Trails range in difficulty from easy to moderate.

Picnic areas are located in the park with tables, charcoal grills, restroom facilities, playground equipment, and shelters. Picnic shelters can be reserved for a fee by calling 1-866-6-CAMP-IN or online at www.camp.in.gov. Otherwise, they are available on a first-come, first-served basis, and there is no charge.
**Prophetstown History**

Chosen by Native Americans for thousands of years, this prairie, river, and wooded bluff landscape has provided the essentials of life and culture. We'll take a prairie hike ending at the re-created Native American village for a look at the family, social, and political issues that the Shawnee brothers, Tenskatawa and Tecumseh, and other Native American tribes may have faced. Discover how Prophetstown got its name during this interactive program. 

**Program availability:** Year-round  
**Age group:** 2nd – 8th grade  
**Min./Max. group size:** 10 / 100 (split into smaller group rotations)  
**Location & length:** Prophetstown State Park or at your site, 60-90 minutes per group

[Optional Extension: Interactive archaeology and artifact demonstration; participants take home a replica arrowhead for an additional fee.]

**Prophetstown Prairie**

Prairie is one of North America’s great ecosystems and a vital habitat for many plants and animals. During this hike, we’ll discover the grasses and flowers that make up a prairie, the animals that depend on this terrestrial habitat, the benefits of prairie to the overall landscape, and the difficulties of keeping this grassland wild.  

**Program availability:** Year-round  
**Age group:** 2nd – 8th grade  
**Min./Max. group size:** 10 / 100 (split into smaller group rotations)  
**Location & length:** Prophetstown State Park, 45 minutes per group

**Program Fees**

- Single program - $2/person  
- Two or more programs in one day (i.e. the Prophetstown History and Habitat Hike) - $3/person  
- **Teachers, bus drivers, and chaperones are exempt and the entrance fee is waived.**

**The Farm at Prophetstown**

Currently, the guided tours of the farm, which included animal experiences, are not being offered. The farmhouse is open for touring, and the farmstead is available for self-touring; however, there are currently no farm animals on the property. Please call for more information, as agricultural work may begin again soon.  

**Program availability:** Year-round  
**Age group:** 2nd – 8th grade  
**Min./Max. group size:** 10 / 100 (split into smaller group rotations)  
**Location & length:** The Farm at Prophetstown, approximately 2 hours

Visit the park’s website at [http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2971.htm](http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2971.htm) for more information. To schedule a program today call Angie Manuel at (765) 567-4919 or email amanuel@dnr.in.gov
**Wetland Wonders**
The landscape at Prophetstown State Park was created millennia ago when glaciers moved and melted carving out waterways and wetlands. Discover why these aquatic habitats are important homes to some of the park’s rarest plants and animals, why they are beneficial to future water events, and how they keep our water clean.

**Program availability:** Year-round  
**Age group:** 2nd – 8th grade  
**Min./Max. group size:** 10 / 100 (split into smaller group rotations)  
**Location & length:** Prophetstown State Park, 45 minutes per group

**Habitat Trail**
This program introduces children to the wonders of the woodland, grassland, and waterways. Together we’ll take a short walk through the woods and prairie to encounter the homes of different kinds of animals. This interactive walk stimulates the senses by providing opportunities for children to touch furs, peek in a bluebird box, and learn new vocabulary. An upper level version of this hike further explores the park’s unique habitats, such as prairie, savanna, woodland, riparian, wetland, and river ecosystems.

**Program availability:** Year-round  
**Age group:** Pre-school – 3rd grade; 4th - 8th grade upper level program  
**Min./Max. group size:** 10 / 100 (split into smaller group rotations)  
**Location & length:** Prophetstown State Park, 30-60 minutes per group

**Wild Edibles and Medicinal Plants Hike**
Native Americans and early settlers valued plants for their medicinal and edible properties. Prophetstown State Park hosts an abundance of these wildflowers and berries during the spring and summer months. Students will stroll through the woods and prairie to discover the hidden benefits of wild plants.

**Program availability:** Spring and Summer Seasons  
**Age group:** 2nd – 8th grade  
**Min./Max. group size:** 10 / 100 (split into smaller group rotations)  
**Location & length:** Prophetstown State Park, 60-75 minutes per group

**Spring Wildflower Hike**
From March to May, the forest floor is carpeted with spring wildflowers. Discover how these hardy little plants have adapted to grow, survive, and pollinate in such a small, and often cold, window of time. Students will learn to identify approximately ten wildflowers by color, leaf shape, and flower petals.

**Program availability:** Spring and early Summer Seasons Only  
**Age group:** 2nd – 8th grade  
**Min./Max. group size:** 10 / 100 (split into smaller group rotations)  
**Location & length:** Prophetstown State Park, 60-75 minutes per group

**Fall Leaf Collections**
Take the guess work out of collecting leaves. We’ll help students build their collections using a dichotomous key to identify trees and leaves. Everyone will gather ten leaves and grasp an understanding of key terms and tree folklore. [Optional Extension: Let’s make a booklet and mount the leaves together for a small additional fee.]  

**Program availability:** Year-round  
**Age group:** 2nd – 6th grade  
**Min./Max. group size:** 10 / 100 (split into smaller group rotations)  
**Location & length:** Prophetstown State Park, 60-90 minutes per group
Resource Management: A Prescription for Success
What does it take to keep a park natural and beautiful? Discover how Prophetstown State Park is restoring native habitats to pre-settlement conditions, which include wetlands, wet slopes called fens, prairie and open woodland. Learn about the research for information and the methods for restoration including prescribed burns, prairie plantings, wetland reclamation, and greenhouse operations.
Program availability: Year-round
Age group: 4th – higher ed
Min./Max. group size: 10 / 100 (split into smaller group rotations)
Location & length: Prophetstown State Park or at your site, 60-75 minutes per group

Herps 101: Reptiles and Amphibians
Have you ever touched a snake or held a toad? Get up close and personal with our educational critters! Discover the wonderful world of cold-blooded animals and see what make reptiles different from amphibians. Then gather some interesting and fun facts about their diets, habitats, and adaptations for survival during this live animal program.
Program availability: Year-round
Age group: Pre-school – 6th grade
Min./Max. group size: 10 / 100 (split into smaller group rotations)
Location & length: Prophetstown State Park or at your site, 45-60 minutes per group

Animal Adaptations: Wildlife of Indiana
Did you ever wonder how some animals run the fastest, fly the highest, smell the worst, or behave badly? They do it because of survival, and they are perfectly adapted for it! Animals have unique physiological characteristics and behaviors that let them live in the wild successfully. Discover interesting and fun facts about animal's adaptations to food, habitat, locomotion, mating, and more during this interactive program which includes animal furs, mounts, and live educational critters.
Program availability: Year-round
Age group: Pre-school – 6th grade
Min./Max. group size: 10 / 100 (split into smaller group rotations)
Location & length: Prophetstown State Park or at your site, 45-60 minutes per group

Birding 101
Students will identify common birds using field techniques and guide books. This indoor and outdoor program showcases the different habitats used by different birds, and teaches about how to create their own backyard habitat. [Optional Extension: Build a bird suet feeder or hummingbird feeder for an additional fee.]
Program availability: Year-round
Age group: 1st – 8th grade
Min./Max. group size: 10 / 100 (split into smaller group rotations)
Location & length: Prophetstown State Park, 45-60 minutes per group

Geology Rocks!
Glaciers made their mark first when vast quantities of ice moved slowly across this land at least three times, carving the land into gently rolling topography. As the ice receded, rocks carried from the northern part of our continent were left behind – ranging in size from large boulders to gravel and sand deposits. And, as the glaciers melted, they carved out the river bluffs exposing ground water supplies. Students will gain a basic understanding of Indiana’s geologic history by closely examining and identifying different types of rocks and landscapes.
Program availability: Year-round
Age group: 4th – 8th grade
Min./Max. group size: 10 / 100 (split into smaller group rotations)
Location & length: Prophetstown State Park, 60-75 minutes per group