



This is a small sampling of the many programs at DNR properties. The dates listed are subject to change.

For the most current listing, check the updated DNR calendar at interpretiveservices.IN.gov, call the specific property you plan to visit or ask the gate attendant when you arrive.

2018 SPECIAL EVENTS

JANUARY



JAN. 1
All State Parks
& Reservoirs
First Day Hikes

Monroe Lake: Fairfax SRA
First Day Trail Run and Walk
Advance registration encouraged;
walk-up registration available
Fee

Mounds State Park
Poetry and Photo Contest begins

Ouabache State Park
Bison Hike

Salamonie River State Forest
First Day Hike
Advance registration required

JAN. 6
Fort Harrison State Park
Museum of 20th Century Warfare
Battle of the Bulge Re-enactment
Weekends starting Jan. 6

Patoka Lake
Eagle Watch
Advance registration required
Fee

JAN. 12-14
Brown County State Park
Winter in the Woods

JAN. 13
Salamonie Lake
Silence of a Winter's Night
Advance registration required
Fee

JAN. 13 & 20
Patoka Lake
Hunter Education Class
Advance registration required

JAN. 20
Indiana Dunes State Park
Dunes Geocache Adventure

Mississinewa Lake
Sunrise Eagle Watch
Advance registration required
Fee

JAN. 25
Fort Harrison State Park
Indiana Master Naturalist Class 2

JAN. 26-28
Monroe Lake: Fairfax SRA
Eagles over Monroe
Fee

Turkey Run State Park
Eagles in Flight
Advance registration required

FEBRUARY

FEB. 3
Brown County State Park
Winter Dog Hike

O'Bannon Woods State Park
Old Time Winter on the Farm and
Haypress Demonstration

FEB. 10
Turkey Run State Park Inn
The Mating Game

Salamonie Lake
Eagle Watch Evening Field Trip
Advance registration required

FEB. 11
Salamonie Lake
Eagle Watch Evening Field Trip
Advance registration required

FEB. 17
Versailles State Park
Polar Plunge
Advance registration required
Fee

FEB. 17-18
Potato Creek State Park
The Great Backyard Bird Count

Spring Mill State Park
Civil War Winter Battle

FEB. 22
Fort Harrison State Park
Indiana Master Naturalist Class 2

FEB. 24
Salamonie Lake
Cowboy Gathering
Advance registration required
Fee

MARCH

MARCH 3-4
Fort Harrison State Park
M20CW: Eastern Front Re-enactment and Display

MARCH 17
Indiana Dunes State Park
Running with the Irish 5K
Fee

Mounds State Park
Poetry and Photo Contest
submission deadline

Summit Lake State Park
Fun Run/Walk
Advance registration required
Fee

Pokagon State Park
Kite Festival

MARCH 23-24
McCormick's Creek State Park
Amphibian Outing

MARCH 24
Mounds State Park
Pete Domery Memorial Poetry and
Photo Contest Artist Reception and
Gallery Opening

Versailles State Park
Easter Egg Hunt

Shakamak State Park
Easter Egg Hunt

MARCH 29
Fort Harrison State Park
Indiana Master Naturalist Class 2

MARCH 31
Pokagon State Park
Egg Hunt

**Potato Creek
State Park**
Egg Hunt
Fee

Salamonie Lake
Full Moon Hike
Advance registration required
Fee

Summit Lake State Park
Eggstravaganza

APRIL

APRIL 1
Whitewater Memorial State Park
Liberty Lions Easter Egg Hunt

**Abe Martin Lodge/Brown County
State Park**
Easter Buffet

Harmonie State Park
Easter Egg Hunt

APRIL 2-6
Versailles State Park
Arts in the Park Event,
"Art in Nature"

APRIL 7
Indiana Dunes State Park
22nd annual Friends Native Plant
Sale

O'Bannon Woods State Park
10 a.m. Spring Stroll

APRIL 12
Ouabache State Park
Senior Luncheon

APRIL 14
Mounds State Park
Mounds Geocache Adventure
Fee

O'Bannon Woods State Park
Resource Field Day and
Open House
Hellbender 5k Hustle

APRIL 14-15
McCormick's Creek State Park
Wildflower Weekend

APRIL 15
Clifty Falls State Park
Garlic Mustard Pull

Fort Harrison State Park
Easter Egg Hunt

APRIL 15-22
All State Parks & Reservoirs
National Volunteer Week

APRIL 21
Brown County State Park
Bluebird Box Building Workshop
Advance registration required
Fee

Clifty Falls State Park
Trail Hike and Clean-up

Spring Mill State Park
Earth Day Celebration

Patoka Lake
Beginner's Kayak Lesson
Advance registration required
Fee

Harmonie State Park
Star Party

Most State Parks and Reservoirs
Free Fishing Weekend

APRIL 21-22
Patoka Lake
Youth Turkey Hunt
Advance registration required

APRIL 22
Brookville Lake: Mounds SRA
Earth Day

Clifty Falls State Park
Earth Day: Conservation of our
Fragile Ecosystems

APRIL 26
Fort Harrison State Park
Indiana Master Naturalist Class 2

APRIL 27-29
**Brown County State Park/
Monroe Lake**
Spring Wildflower Foray

Patoka Lake
Women's Wilderness Weekend
Advance registration required
Fee

APRIL 28
Brown County State Park
Friends of Brown County State
Park Annual Plant Sale

Chain O'Lakes State Park
Glacial Esker 40
20- and 40-mile Ultramarathon
Advance registration required

Hardy Lake
Hardy Lake Sweep

McCormick's Creek State Park
5K Walk and Run
Fee

APRIL 28-29
Historic Mansfield Roller Mill
Mansfield Village Mushroom
Festival

APRIL 29
**Prophetstown State Park—The
Farm at Prophetstown**
Belle River Historic Baseball Game
Fee

MAY

MAY 1
Clifty Falls State Park
First Tunnel Tour

MAY 2
Ouabache State Park
Bocce Ball Tournament
Advance registration required

MAY 4-6
Harmonie State Park
Spring into Geocaching

MAY 5
Brown County State Park
Morel Mushroom Festival

Clifty Falls State Park
Frozen in Time: Fossils and
Geology at Clifty Falls

Versailles State Park
Welcome Back/Spring
Wildflowers Hike

Spring Mill State Park
Lawrence County Bicentennial
History Dinner in the Grist Mill
Advance registration required

Shakamak State Park
Hound Hike

MAY 5-6
All State Parks & Reservoirs
Let's Camp America Weekend

Fort Harrison State Park
M20CW: Annual Open House
with re-enactment

Spring Mill State Park
Lawrence County 200

MAY 10
Ouabache State Park
Senior Luncheon

MAY 12
Clifty Falls State Park
Spring Bird Count

Prophetstown State Park
Native Plants Sale

Salamonie Lake
Outdoor Cook and Camp 101
Advance registration required
Fee

Mounds State Park
Friends of Mounds State Park
Native Plant Sale

Potato Creek State Park
International Migratory Bird Day
Celebration

MAY 13
**Brown County State Park/Abe
Martin Lodge**
Mother's Day Buffet

MAY 14-20
Indiana Dunes State Park
Indiana Dunes Birding Festival
Fee

MAY 19
Brown County State Park
Free Fishing Frenzy

All State Parks and Reservoirs
Kids to Parks Day

Most State Parks and Reservoirs
Free Fishing Day

MAY 24-25
Prophetstown State Park
Maple Sugaring at the Village

MAY 26
Whitewater Memorial State Park
Memorial Day Cornhole Tournam-
ent

Brookville Lake: Quakertown SRA
Memorial Day Cornhole Tournam-
ent

Fort Harrison State Park
Summer Concert Series: Indy
Symphonic Band

Tippecanoe River State Park
Wild about Wildlife

MAY 26-27
O'Bannon Woods State Park
Living Pioneer Farmstead and Hay-
press Demonstration

Spring Mill State Park
Living History Weekend

MAY 26-28
Clifty Falls State Park
Memorial Day Weekend: History
and Nature at Clifty Falls

MAY 27
Whitewater Memorial State Park
Duck Regatta

Brookville Lake: Mounds SRA
Memorial Day Cornhole Tournam-
ent

MAY 31
Fort Harrison State Park
Indiana Master Naturalist Class

JUNE

JUNE 2-3
All State Parks & Reservoirs
Free Fishing Weekend

JUNE 2-3
Fort Harrison State Park
M20CW: D-Day Display

JUNE 2
Brookville Lake: Mounds SRA
National Trails Day

Chain O'Lakes State Park
National Trails Day: Esker Hike

Clifty Falls State Park
Railroad Hike

**Turkey Run and Shades
state parks**
National Trails Day

Lincoln State Park
Ghost Walk

Monroe Lake: Paynetown SRA
Youth Fishing Derby

O'Bannon Woods State Park
Kids Fishing Derby and Outdoor
Skills Workshop

Tippecanoe River State Park
Horse Trail Work Day

Patoka Lake
Kids Fishing Derby

Raccoon SRA
Youth Fishing Derby

Salamonie Lake
Kids Fishing Derby
Advance registration required

Spring Mill State Park
Lawrence County Bicentennial
History Dinner in the Grist Mill
Advance registration required

Summit Lake State Park
Youth Fishing Derby

Mississinewa Lake
Kids Fishing Derby
Advance registration required

Whitewater Memorial State Park
National Trails Day

McCormick's Creek State Park
National Trails Day

JUNE 8
Fort Harrison State Park
Indiana Master Naturalist Class

JUNE 9
Harmonie State Park
Jammin' on the Wabash

Salamonie Lake
Canoeing Workshop
Advance registration required

Tippecanoe River State Park
Telescope Clinic and Star Gazing

McCormick's Creek State Park
Arts in the Park Festival

JUNE 9-10
Spring Mill State Park
Civil War Weekend

JUNE 11-15
Fort Harrison State Park
Junior Indiana Master Naturalist
Class
Advance registration required

JUNE 14
Ouabache State Park
Senior Luncheon

JUNE 15-17
Monroe Lake: Fairfax SRA
International Bowhunting Orga-
nization
Triple Crown Competition Shoot
Fee

Versailles State Park
Tri-State Mountain Bike Ride
Advance registration required
Fee

JUNE 16
Chain O'Lakes State Park
Poker Paddle

McCormick's Creek State Park
Summer Concert Series

Harmonie State Park
Star Party

Ouabache State Park
Reptile/Amphibian Program

Prophetstown State Park
Chasing Clouds Kids Triathlon
Advance registration required
Fee

JUNE 19-21
Whitewater Memorial State Park
Outdoor Skills Youth Camp

JUNE 20-21
Salamonie Lake
Youth Day Camp and Family
Overnight
Advance registration required
Fee

JUNE 23
Fort Harrison State Park
Summer Concert Series: Ed Zlaty
and the GMH Jazz Orchestra

Brown County State Park
Smokey Safety Day

Mississinewa Lake
Fireworks over the Mississinewa

Monroe Lake: Paynetown SRA
The Faerie Gathering

Mounds State Park
Summer Solstice Celebration

Summit Lake State Park
Gone to the Birds

JUNE 23-24
Falls of the Ohio State Park
Falls Art Festival
Fee

Spring Mill State Park
Limestone Weekend

Patoka Lake
Osprey Watch
Advance registration required
Fee

JUNE 28
Pokagon State Park
Fort Wayne Philharmonic Patriotic
Pops Concert

JUNE 29
Ouabache State Park
Fort Wayne Philharmonic Patriotic
Pops Concert

JUNE 30
Brookville Lake: Quakertown SRA
Independence Day
Cornhole Tournament

Chain O'Lakes State Park
Family Sand Castle Event

Hardy Lake
Breakfast with the Raptors
Fee

Patoka Lake
Thunder Over Patoka

Pokagon State Park
Fireworks by the Lake James
Association

JUNE 30-JULY 1
O'Bannon Woods State Park
Living Pioneer Farmstead and Hay-
press Demonstration

Spring Mill State Park
Old Fashion Independence Celebra-
tion

JULY

JULY 2
Indiana Dunes State Park
Fireworks on the Beach & State
Parks Centennial Celebration

JULY 4
Fort Harrison State Park
Lawrence 4th of July Parade
with Smokey

JULY 6-8
Clifty Falls State Park
Independence Day Celebration

JULY 7
Brookville Lake: Mounds SRA
Independence Day
Cornhole Tournament

Chain O'Lakes State Park
Patriotic Tie-Dye Fun

Fort Harrison State Park
Summer Concert Series: Ed Zlaty
and the GMH Jazz Orchestra

Raccoon SRA
Independence Day
Fireworks Celebration



Ouabache State Park
Smokey Bear Birthday Party

JULY 12
Ouabache State Park
Senior Luncheon

JULY 13-14
Monroe Lake: Paynetown SRA
Heritage Days

JULY 14
Brookville Lake: Mounds SRA
Smokey Bear's Birthday Bash



Brown County State Park
Snake Fest

Indiana Dunes State Park
21st annual Sand Sculpture Contest

Patoka Lake
27th annual Star Party

Mississinewa Lake
Outdoor Equipment Flea Market
Target Shoot

Whitewater Memorial State Park
Smokey Bear's Birthday Bash

Harmonie State Park
Harmonie Luau

JULY 14-15
Clifty Falls State Park
Pollinators in our Parks

Versailles State Park
DINO XTERRA Triathlon
Advance registration required
Fee

JULY 20-22
Salamonie Lake
Christmas in July
Smokey Bear Birthday Bash
Youth Archery Shoot

JULY 20-21
Shakamak State Park
Christmas in July

JULY 21
Turkey Run State Park
Pioneer Festival

Spring Mill State Park
Virgil I "Gus" Grissom Day

Patoka Lake
Cruise In With A View Carshow
Fee

Shakamak State Park
Reindeer Dash Tri-athlon
Advance registration required
Fee

McCormick's Creek State Park
Summer Concert Series

JULY 27
Patoka Lake
Full Moon 5K
Advance registration required
Fee

JULY 27-28
Mississinewa Lake
Christmas in July
Smokey Bear Birthday Bash

Whitewater Memorial State Park
Christmas in July

JULY 27-29
Spring Mill State Park
Christmas in July

JULY 28
Fort Harrison State Park
Summer Concert Series: Barton
Rodgers Big Band



Hardy Lake
Breakfast with the Raptors
Fee

Potato Creek State Park
'Tater Traditions
Fee

Tippecanoe River State Park
The Tippy Tri-Challenge
Advance registration required
Fee

Shakamak State Park
Jaws I on the Lake
Fee

McCormick's Creek State Park
Wild About Wildlife

JULY 29
Pokagon State Park
Civilian Conservation Corps Co. 556
65th Open House and Reunion

AUGUST

AUG. 2-4
Harmonie State Park
Trailside Treasure Tromp

AUG. 4
O'Bannon Woods State Park
Living Pioneer Farmstead and
Haypress Demonstration

Patoka Lake
Smokey Bear's 74th Birthday Bash

Ouabache State Park
Ouabache Olympiad
Bison Bash 5k walk/run

Raccoon SRA
Smokey's Birthday Pedal Parade

Shakamak State Park
Jaws II on the Lake
Fee

AUG. 4-5
Pokagon State Park
Sand Sculpture Demonstrations

Spring Mill State Park
Heritage Days

AUG. 5
Brown County State Park
Ridgetop Nature Ride

AUG. 9
Ouabache State Park
Senior Luncheon

AUG. 10
Indiana Dunes State Park
S'mores Day Fun

Mounds State Park
National S'more Day

AUG. 11
Fort Harrison State Park
Summer Concert Series:
Indy Symphonic Band

Indiana Dunes State Park
Hummingbird Banding Demonstra-
tions

Indiana Dunes State Park
12th annual Perseid Stargaze

Monroe Lake: Paynetown SRA
S'mores Celebration

Tippecanoe River State Park
Smokey Bear Birthday Party

AUG. 17-19
Spring Mill State Park
Vintage Camper Rally

AUG. 18
Fort Harrison State Park
Summer Concert Series: Ed Zlaty
and the GMH Jazz Orchestra

Shakamak State Park
Kicking Bear Camp

McCormick's Creek State Park
Summer Concert Series

Summit Lake State Park
Paddler's Paradise

Ouabache State Park
Owl Program

AUG. 18-19
Fort Harrison State Park
M20CW: Pacific Theatre Re-enact-
ment and Display

Spring Mill State Park
Children's Outdoor Weekend

AUG. 25
Falls of the Ohio State Park
Digging the Past

Hardy Lake
Breakfast with the Raptors
Fee

AUG. 25-26
Spring Mill State Park
Cave Weekend

AUG. 26
Mississinewa Lake
Canoeing Workshop
Advance registration required
Fee

SEPTEMBER

SEPT. 1
Fort Harrison State Park
Summer Concert Series: Ed Zlaty
and the GMH Jazz Orchestra

Potato Creek State Park
Prairie Maze Opens

Ouabache State Park
Cornhole Tournament
Advance registration required

Whitewater Memorial State Park
Labor Day Cornhole Tournament

SEPT. 1-2
O'Bannon Woods State Park
Living Pioneer Farmstead and Hay-
press Demonstration

SEPT. 1-3
Brown County State Park
Nature Fest

Clifty Falls State Park
Back to School: Science and His-
tory at Clifty Falls

SEPT. 2
Brookville Lake: Mounds SRA
Labor Day Cornhole Tournament

Brown County State Park
Brown County Survivor

SEPT. 8
Harmonie State Park
Wild Turkey Day

Historic Mansfield Roller Mill
Beans and Cornbread Dinner

Mississinewa Lake
Mighty Mississinewa Triathlon
Advance registration required
Fee

Summit Lake State Park
Dog Swim Day
Fee

McCormick's Creek State Park
BBQ & Blues Festival

SEPT. 8-9
Fort Harrison State Park
M20CW: Spanish American Display

Indiana Dunes State Park
History Comes Alive Weekend

SEPT. 9
Monroe Lake
Shoreline Cleanup

Whitewater Memorial State Park
Veterans Appreciation

SEPT. 13
Ouabache State Park
Senior Luncheon

SEPT. 15
Indiana Dunes State Park
Singing Sands Star Gaze

Monroe Lake: Paynetown SRA
Furs, Fins and Feathers

Patoka Lake
Wheelin' IN The Fish

Tippecanoe River State Park
Poker Paddle
Advance registration required
Fee

Whitewater Memorial State Park
Rock the Beach

SEPT. 16
Lincoln State Park
Honest Abe Trail Run

SEPT. 22
All State Parks & Reservoirs
National Public Lands Day

Spring Mill State Park
Tri Kappa Candlelight Tour

SEPT. 23
Pokagon State Park
Sea Plane Splash-In

SEPT. 28-30
Hardy Lake
Raptor Days

Versailles State Park
Hassmer Fest
Advance Registration Required
Fee

Harmonie State Park
Harvest Craft Fair

Brown County State Park
Wildflower Meadow Workday

Chain O'Lakes State Park
Life as it was at 1915 Stanley One-
Room Schoolhouse

Clifty Falls State Park
Run Clifty Falls KDH 5K Run
Advance registration required

Clifty Falls State Park
Help keep Clifty's Trails Clean

Pokagon State Park
Autumn Harvest Hoedown

Prophetstown State Park
Bike Your Park Day

Raccoon SRA
Fall into Archery



SEPT. 29
Summit Lake State Park
Fall Festival
Fee

SEPT. 29-30
Mounds State Park
Archaeology Weekend

Harmonie State Park
Tell'um All Mushroom Foray

SEPT. 30
Indiana Dunes State Park
HERO Half Marathon
Fee

SEPT. 30
Fort Harrison State Park
Memorial Bark Walk

Spring Mill State Park
Lawrence County Bicentennial
History Dinner in the Grist Mill
Advance registration required

McCormick's Creek State Park
Trail Run and Walk
Fee

OCTOBER

OCT. 1-NOV. 4
Prophetstown State Park
Trail of Scarecrows

OCT. 5-6
Mississinewa Lake
Autumn Camping Weekend I
Advance registration required
Fee

OCT. 5-7
Indiana Dunes State Park
Indiana Dunes Outdoor Adventure
Festival
Advance registration required

OCT. 6
O'Bannon Woods State Park
Apples, Engines and Hay
Living Pioneer Farmstead and Hay-
press Demonstration

Spring Mill State Park
Campsite Decorating Contest

Mounds State Park
Tree ID Day

OCT. 6-7
Spring Mill State Park
Autumn Harvest Days

OCT. 10
Falls of the Ohio State Park
National Fossil Day

OCT. 11
Ouabache State Park
Senior Luncheon

OCT. 11-NOV. 15
Indiana Dunes State Park
Saw-whet Owl Banding Demonstra-
tions

OCT. 12-13
Mississinewa Lake
Autumn Camping Weekend II
Advance registration required
Fee

Whitewater Memorial State Park
Spooktacular

OCT. 12-14
Mississinewa Lake
Mississinewa 1812
Fee

OCT. 12-21
**Historic Mansfield Roller Mill/Rac-
coon SRA**
Parke County Covered Bridge
Festival

OCT. 13-14
Chain O'Lakes State Park
Indiana Trail 100
100- and 50-mile Ultramarathon
Advance registration required

Spring Mill State Park
Scarecrow Weekend

OCT. 13
Lincoln State Park
Friends Fall Frolic
Fee

Mounds State Park
Pioneer Day

Spring Mill State Park
Haunted Village

Summit Lake State Park
Spooktacular Camping

OCT. 19-20
Brookville Lake: Mounds SRA
Spooktacular

Patoka Lake
Autumn Getaway Weekend

Salamonie Lake
Salamonie Fall Festival

OCT. 19-21
Prophetstown State Park
Fall Funfest: A Harvest Celebration

OCT. 20
Brown County State Park
Halloween in the Hills

Hardy Lake
Fall Family Fun Days

Harmonie State Park
Haunted Harmonie

Indiana Dunes State Park
NWI Storytelling Festival and
Ghost Stories

Lincoln State Park
Friends Fall Frolic
Fee

OCT. 20-21
Spring Mill State Park
1800s Music Weekend

OCT. 20-21
Shakamak State Park
Fall Festival

OCT. 26-27
Chain O'Lakes State Park
All Hallows Eve

Monroe Lake: Paynetown SRA
Ghostly Gathering

McCormick's Creek State Park
Fall-o-Ween Festival

Ouabache State Park
Fall Festival Weekend

OCT. 26-28
Clifty Falls State Park
Halloween at Clifty Falls

Mounds State Park
Hoots and Howls Weekend

Turkey Run State Park
Halloween Weekend

OCT. 27
Fort Harrison State Park
Soldiers' Haunt

Hardy Lake
Owl-O-Ween

Harmonie State Park
Trunk-or-Treat

Indiana Dunes State Park
"Howl"oween in the Dunes

O'Bannon Woods State Park
Outdoor Adventures Camping
Weekend

Potato Creek State Park
Halloween Happenings
Fee

Tippecanoe River State Park
Halloween Even

Raccoon SRA
Un-BOO-Lievable Happenings

Pokagon State Park
Halloween Happenings & Spooky
Storytelling

Versailles State Park
Halloween Trick-or-Treat, Campsite
Decorating

OCT. 28
Spring Mill State Park
Lawrence County Bicentennial
History Dinner in the Grist Mill
Advance registration required

NOVEMBER

NOV. 3-4
Falls of the Ohio State Park
Falls Fossil Symposium
Fee

Raccoon SRA
Trapper Education Course

NOV. 10
Fort Harrison State Park
Return to the '40s Dinner Dance

Salamonie Lake
Paddle, Walk, or Slide to Monument
City History
Advance registration required
Fee

NOV. 22
**Brown County State Park/ Abe
Martin Lodge**
Thanksgiving Day Buffet

DECEMBER

DEC. 1
Fort Harrison State Park
Breakfast with Santa

DEC. 1-31
Ouabache State Park
Wonderland of Lights

DEC. 7-8
Spring Mill State Park
Holiday in the Village

DEC. 8
Mounds State Park
Christmas at the Bronnenberg
Home

DEC. 15
Brown County State Park
Christmas Bird Count

Indiana Dunes State Park
Indiana Dunes Christmas Bird
Count

DEC. 22-30
Fort Harrison State Park
M20CW: Battle of the Bulge Display
Weekends only



DEC. 24
Indiana Dunes State Park
Christmas Eve Morning Stroll

Pokagon State Park
Christmas Eve Morning Walk

DEC. 25
**Brown County State Park/Abe
Martin Lodge**
Christmas Day Buffet

DEC. 29
Clifty Falls State Park
Christmas Bird Count



Memories made naturally.