

Turkey Run State Park Nature Center Programs

Monday, Thursday & Friday, Oct. 29 & Nov. 1-2
Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Help stock the wildlife observation area at the nature center with seed & suet, & then watch through large windows as wild animals eat & interact.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – Enjoy a free 40-minute star show in the nature center planetarium. Hear about star legends, planets, meteor showers and late fall constellations. Don't be late! Doors close at 2 p.m.

Tuesday & Wednesday, October 30-31
Nature Center CLOSED

Saturday, November 3
Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

11am Stained Glass Vases – Come to the nature center to make a lovely vase to keep! Free 40-minute workshop.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above listing.

Set your clocks BACK 1 hour before you go to bed tonight!

Sunday, November 4
Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EST

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

11am Turkey Talk – Experience the wild turkey, our park's namesake: see where they hang out & what they eat, & then make your own turkey call. 45-min. prog. Nature Center.

1:30-4pm Fight The Alien Invasion! – Meet at the nature center for training & tools, & then head out with Rose Hulman students & park volunteers & staff to do restoration work in one of Indiana's most important natural areas. Adults & kids welcome.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above listing.

Monday, Thursday & Friday, November 5, 8-9
Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EST

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above listing.

Tuesday & Wednesday, November 6-7
Nature Center CLOSED

Saturday, November 10
Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EST

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

11am River Science – Take a moderate hike down to Sugar Creek to conduct an experiment and to get acquainted with one of Indiana's purest streams. 1-hour adventure! Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.

Sunday, November 11
Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EST

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

11am The Night Is Calling You – Discover what all those strange nighttime sounds mean, and then learn how to use your own voice to talk back! 45-min. program. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.

Children younger than 14 must be with an adult
while in the nature center or at programs.

Hoosier Quest Program
Earn a pin, kerchief, patch & more!
Sign up at the Nature Center

Monday, Thursday & Friday, November 12,15-16
Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EST

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.

***Also on Thursday, November 15:

7pm Park Friends Meeting – Gather in the basement of the Turkey Run Inn to meet our volunteer group, and see what projects are going on. You can be a park volunteer, too!

Deer Reduction

Tuesday & Wednesday, Nov. 13-14
PARK & Nature Center CLOSED

Deer Reduction – In order to prevent the deer herd at Turkey Run and Shades State Parks from getting too large and eating too many plants, it has become necessary to remove some of the deer. Human hunters replace wolves and cougars, the natural hunters of deer that are now absent from Indiana. For your safety, the 2 parks will be closed throughout this deer reduction. The parks re-open at 8am on Thursday, Nov. 15.

Saturday, November 17
Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EST

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

11am Feel A Fur – Stop by the Nature Center to feel pelts and to learn all about some of our native mammals, including bobcats, river otters, and coyotes. 45-minute opportunity.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. No admittance after 2.

Sunday, November 18
Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EST

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:30am Armchair Birdwatch – Relax with a naturalist in the wildlife observation room to do a little bird watching. Bring binoculars and field guides if you have them. 40-minute program at the nature center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.

Monday-Thursday, November 19-22
Nature Center CLOSED

Happy Thanksgiving Holidays!

Friday, November 23
Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EST

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

11am Holiday Centerpiece – Create an elegant centerpiece at the nature center. 1-hour workshop.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. *Reservations recommended.* No admittance after 2.

3-4pm Feeding Time – Join us at the Nature Center to watch the naturalist feed and care for the snakes and turtles.

Caution: we offer live worms and mice, just like in nature.



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Saturday, November 24

Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EST

10am Help Feed The Birds – Help stock the wildlife observation area at the nature center with seed & suet, & then watch through large windows as wild animals eat & interact.

11am Animal Tracks – Take an easy hike to find traces of life in our woods. Discover how to cast footprints, and then take one home with you. 1 hour adventure!

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See a free 40-min. star show in the nature center planetarium. Hear about star legends & meteor showers, and find the late fall constellations & planets. Don't be late! Doors close at 2 p.m. *Reservations recommended.*

3pm Glass Ornaments – Create a lovely glass ornament with something from nature inside. A 30-minute workshop at the Nature Center. *Not recommended for young children.*

Sunday, November 25

Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EST

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:30am Time For A Story – Come warm up with hot cocoa and a cozy fire while the naturalist reads you a story & teaches you how to hoot like an owl. A 30-minute family program in the back of the nature center exhibit room.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. No admittance after 2.

Deer Reduction

Monday & Tuesday, Nov. 26-27

PARK & Nature Center CLOSED

Deer Reduction – In order to prevent the deer herd at Turkey Run and Shades State Parks from getting too large and eating too many plants, it has become necessary to remove some of the deer. Human hunters replace wolves and cougars, the natural hunters of deer that are now absent from Indiana. For your safety, the 2 parks will be closed throughout this deer reduction. The parks re-open at 8am on Wednesday, Nov. 28.

Wednesday, November 28

Nature Center CLOSED

Thursday-Friday, November 29-30

Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EST

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.

Saturday, December 1

Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EST

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

11am Let It Snow – Welcome the cold winter season with a fun snowflake workshop. 45 minutes at the Nature Center

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. No admittance after 2.

Sunday, December 2

Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EST

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

11am Pine Cone Snacks – Make a delicious treat for wildlife. Take it home with you, or hang it in the wildlife observation area. A 45-minute workshop at the Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. No admittance after 2.

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Monday, Thursday & Friday, December 3 & 6-7

Nature Center OPEN 10am-5pm EST

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.

Tuesday & Wednesday, December 4-5

Nature Center CLOSED

Hoosier Quest Program

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Park Office: 765-597-2635

Gary Warmouth, Property Manager

Chris Newcomb, Assistant Property Manager

Steve Stockton, Assistant Property Manager

Nature Center: 765-597-2654

Barbara Cummings, Interpretive Naturalist

Amber Slaughterbeck, Interpretive Naturalist

Dean Luther, Nature Center Assistant

Turkey Run Inn: 765-597-2211 or 877-500-6151

Terry Brush, General Manager

Rob Parker, Assistant General Manager

For more interpretive programs:

<http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2420.htm>

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