

Versailles State Park

Nature Center Hours and Interpretive Programs

August 1st – August 19th 2012

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Wednesday, August 1st

Nature Center Hours 11:00am-5:00pm

11:30 A.M. PAPER MAKER:

Turn old into new! Learn the steps in creating recycled paper and leave the nature center with your own creation that you can even plant!

1:00 P.M. BUG CRAFT – EMERALD ASH BORER:

Learn more about the Emerald Ash Borer and how this beetle is affecting our forests. After this craft, you'll remember how to identify this destructive pest!

Thursday, August 2nd

Nature Center Hours 10:00am-5:00pm

10:00 A.M. PIONEER DAYS – HOMEMADE INK & QUILL:

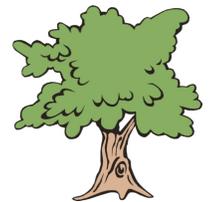
Stop by the nature center to learn how the early settlers in Indiana wrote letters. Practice for yourself!

3:00 P.M. POOL BREAK:

The naturalist will be at the pool to share a nature center critter with you!

4:00 P.M. TREE TREK/LEAF RUB:

Identify the trees near the nature center and learn more about their biology and common uses. Take home a leaf rub to help you remember!



NATURE CENTER CLOSED FRIDAY-WEDNESDAY



Thursday, August 9th

Nature Center Hours 10:00am-5:00pm

- 11:00 P.M. FLOWER POUNDER:**
Make art at the nature center using pigments from flowers and other natural materials while learning more about plants.
- 4:00 P.M. FACT OR FICTION:**
Can you get warts from touching a toad? Are bats really blind? Find out the truth on these common beliefs and more in the nature center!

Friday, August 10th

Nature Center Hours 10:00am-5:00pm

- 11:00 A.M. BUZZING BEE CRAFT:**
Bumble, Honey, or Carpenter – get the buzz on different types of bees and leave the nature center buzzzzzzzzing!
- 2:00 P.M. HOOSIER QUEST SERIES:**
You can be eligible to purchase a unique pin from Versailles State Park in just one weekend! Meet in the bird room at the nature center to learn more about how you can Discover, Connect, and Explore with the whole family in Indiana State Parks.
- 4:00 P.M. TRACKING TRACKS:**
Learn how to identify common Versailles State Park animal just by their tracks! Leave the nature center with a craft to help you remember what you learned.



Saturday, August 11th

Nature Center Hours 10:00am-5:00pm

- 11:00 A.M. FISHY INVENTIONS:**
Feeling creative? Learn about fish adaptations and then invent and name your own species.
- 1:30 P.M. POOL BREAK:**
The naturalist will be at the pool to share a nature center critter with you!
- 2:30 P.M. CREEK EXPLORATION:**
Hike Trail 3 up to the creek with the naturalist to see what fossils and critters we can find! Meet at the nature center.

Sunday, August 12th

Nature Center Hours 10:00am-5:00pm

10:00 A.M. FEEDING FRENZY:

Help the naturalist feed the hungry turtles and fish of the nature center while learning some unique facts about each critter!

2:00 P.M. PUFF PAINT MOTH CRAFT:

Learn the differences between moths and butterflies while making a colorful window decoration.



Nature Center Closed Monday - Wednesday

Thursday, August 16th

Nature Center Hours 10:00am-5:00pm

11:00 A.M. PINECONE BIRD FEEDERS:

Take home your own bird feeders while learning a little more about what food attracts certain birds.

4:00 P.M. WACKY WEATHER:

Learn how to predict the forecast by looking at clouds! Come to the nature center to learn some weather tricks.

Friday, August 17th

Nature Center Hours 10:00am-5:00pm

11:00 A.M. SPIRAL SNAKES CRAFT:

Wonder how to tell the difference between venomous and non-venomous snakes? Create your own snake in the nature center while learning some quick identification tips.



2:00 P.M. HOOSIER QUEST SERIES:

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4:00 P.M. POISON IVY 101:

Avoid an itchy rash! Learn how to identify poison ivy and other troublesome plants and hear about some natural remedies.

Saturday, August 18th

Nature Center Hours 10:00am-5:00pm

11:00 A.M. NATURE CENTER OLYMPIC GAMES:

Join Team Versailles by participating in some friendly competition! Events include nature trivia and a scavenger hunt.

1:30 P.M. POOL BREAK:

The naturalist will be at the pool to share a nature center critter with you!

4:00 P.M. PLANTS USED THROUGH HISTORY:

What to know what was one of George Washington's favorite desserts? Meet at the nature center to learn about some historical uses of native Indiana plants and animals.



Sunday, August 19th

Nature Center Hours 10:00am-5:00pm

10:00 A.M. FEEDING FRENZY:

Help the naturalist feed the hungry turtles and fish of the nature center while learning some unique facts about each critter!

2:00 P.M. TURTLE TALK BINGO:

Get up and close with the turtles in the nature center by playing bingo. Meet in the nature center.