

Indiana Dunes State Park

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Chesterton, Indiana 46304

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Park Manager: Brandt Baughman

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November Nature Center Hours:

9:30 am - 4:30 pm CST Wednesday-Sunday

Closed Monday and Tuesday

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Long-eared Owl



Nature Center Staff:

Brad Bumgardner

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Owl Banding Text Alerts

All programs are free (unless otherwise noted) and open to the public after paying the park entrance fee. Our interpretive programs are designed to entertain and enrich folks of all ages. Children under 12, please bring an adult.

Friday, November 6

4pm Owl Banding: Behind the Scenes!

It's a special opportunity night to explore the owl banding program from behind the scenes. Take part in the entire program, including visiting nets, extracting owls, and get your own adopted owl as part of this unique program. Program limited to 10 participants. Registration is required (\$50 registration fee) by calling the Nature Center at 219.926.1390.

Saturday November 7

10am Late Fall Color Jaunt. Explore the late fall color this morning and other sights along the way! Meet at the Nature Center for an moderate, 45-minute hike through the sassafras woodlands. BB

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7pm Saw-whet Owl Banding Night! Join us at the Nature Center for a look at our special saw-whet owl banding project. Tonight we officially kick off our 7th season. If conditions are right, we'll have up close views of this amazing owl. Bundle up and join us! BB

Sunday November 8

10am Feed the Birds. Join the Naturalist outside the Nature Center for the daily feeding of our birds. Get great close up views of chickadees, cardinals, and woodpeckers! Great fun for the kids. BB

2pm 100 Years of Indiana State Parks. Join us in the Nature Center auditorium for this 50-minute documentary that captures 100 years of the Indiana State Parks. It was produced in 2009 by PBS and shows great scenes from your favorite parks. Come on out!

Saturday November 14

10am High Dunes after Leaf Drop. Come hiking with us this morning and enjoy the panoramic views from atop the high dunes now that the leaves have come down. Meet at the Nature Center for this hour hike. MB

2pm Dear Oh Deer! Visit the Nature Center Auditorium this afternoon as we look into the life of one of the largest mammals in the dunes. We'll look at issues parks face with too many deer, as well as how we manage our herds. MB

Sunday November 15

10am Late Fall Birding. Meet at the main entrance parking lot (by the main gate) for an hour jaunt in search of late migrating birds. We'll seek out both land and water birds on this morning trek. MB

2pm Turtle Time! Scoot on over to the Nature Center for a fun and fascinating look at the terrapins of the dunes! Learn how they survive in this great park. Great kid's program! MB

Saturday November 21

Dunes Tellabration!

Guilds and storytelling enthusiasts all around the globe will share their storytelling talents in concerts held in cities and towns to celebrate the art of storytelling. Locally, the Dunes Tellabration brings together each area's most celebrated storytellers, to delight, captivate, and mesmerize audiences with their tales.

10am Storytelling Workshop. Join members of the NWI Storytelling Guild to learn the art of storytelling. Whether you're a beginner or a novice, this class is for you. Registration is required, though the cost is free! Call the Nature Center to sign up at 219-926-1390.

1:30pm-3:30pm Tellabration Time! Join the NWI Storytelling Guild for storytelling this afternoon. The Indiana Dunes State Park is proud to host some of Northwest Indiana's own great storytellers to delight, captivate and mesmerize audiences with their tales. Open mic time for anyone to tell their own stories is from 3pm-3:30pm.

Sunday November 22

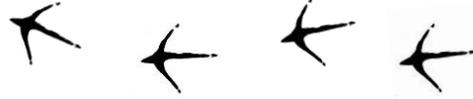
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10am 8th Annual Sandhill Crane Tour. Join us at the Nature Center for our annual tour to visit the crane gathering at Jasper-Pulaski Fish and Wildlife Area. Called Indiana's largest wildlife spectacle, JPFWA hosts up to 20,000 cranes nightly right now. This special tour begins with a short program, then special bus ride (~45 min) to view the gathering at dusk. We return around 6pm. Pre-registration is limited, required, and costs \$20 for adults, \$5 for children under 18. Children under 5 are free. Call 219-926-1390 to register.



Thursday November 26

Happy Thanksgiving!
Nature Center Closed Today



Friday, November 27

10am Holiday Crafts! Escape the shopping crowds and join us for a relaxing hour in the Nature Center. We'll have a special holiday themed nature craft to work on while watching the birds in the bird room. Bring the kids over! BB

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Saturday November 28

10am What's at Your Feeder? Explore the birds coming to our feeders right now! We'll meet in the bird room at the Nature Center for a fun look at the common birds. We'll even make a little craft you can take home. CF

2pm Dump the Stuffing Hike! Strap on your hiking boots and join guest naturalist Cookie Ferguson for a trot up to Mt. Tom and back. We'll work off that Thanksgiving Day belly! Meet at the Nature Center. CF

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Saw-whet Owl Banding Station at Dunes State Park!

Burn the midnight oil with us for our seventh season of saw-whet owl banding. Visitors can learn about Indiana's smallest owl in this up close and personal experience. Though special nights are scheduled, banding occurs nearly nightly if conditions are right through mid-November. Join the text alerts at www.bit.do/owlalert.

