

Potato Creek State Park Nature Center Programs

 *This symbol designates a centennial program*

Monday & Tuesday, August 1-2

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Come to the nature center to help put out seed, suet & nectar, and then watch as wild birds and mammals eat and interact. 30 minutes.

10:30-11am Hoosier Quest Program – Earn a patch or pin when you work with a naturalist, explore the park, donate some labor, and have some fun! Sign up at the Nature Center.

2pm Fun With A Naturalist – Experience nature through the eyes of a naturalist. Discover snakes, butterflies, osprey, animals tracks and MORE! Something new every day at the nature center. 40 minutes.

Wednesday, August 3

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – See listing above.

 **12-2pm ADEC's "Inspired Summer Art Series"**
Come see the world through the eyes of artists with disabilities. Three ADEC artists commissioned for this special event will have the pottery wheel out to form nature-inspired ceramics. Air-drying clay will be available for the public to craft small items. Peppermint Hill Shelter.

2pm Fun With A Naturalist – See listing above.

Thursday & Friday, August 4-5

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – See listing above.

10:30-11am Hoosier Quest Program – See listing above.

2pm Fun With A Naturalist – See listing above.

Tater Traditions

Saturday, August 6

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

 **10:45am Barn Tour** – Discover the history and significance of Indiana barns during a 45-minute tour of our big red one. Park at the West Boat Launch.

 **1-3:30pm Pioneer Life Skills** – Experience some of the life skills of our early settlers. A real blacksmith will set up a forge and work with iron. Hands-on activities include dipping candles, making ice cream, whipping up a buzz-saw toy, tying cornhusk dolls, and making fragrant sassafras bead bracelets. Tickets are available for purchase inside the nature center!

Sunday, August 7

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – See listing above.

10:30am Feeding Time At The Nature Center – Come meet all the captive animals as they wolf down breakfast!

2pm Everglades Of The North – Don't miss this great video about the Grand Kankakee Marsh that Potato Creek used to be a part of! Nature Center. 1 hour.

Monday through Friday, August 8-12

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – See listing above.

10:30am Hoosier Quest Program – See listing above.

2pm Fun With A Naturalist – See listing above.

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Saturday, August 13

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Come to the nature center to help put out seed, suet & nectar, and then watch as wild birds and mammals eat and interact. 30 minutes.

10:30am Feeding Time at the Nature Center – Come meet all the captive animals as they wolf down breakfast!

2pm Cornhusk Dolls – Create a common toy of the early settlers during a 1-hour workshop at the nature center. \$2/doll.

Sunday, August 14

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – See listing above.

10:30am Recycled Bubbles – Create your own recycled bubble maker and discover all the ways you can reuse common household items to have amazing fun. Nature Center. 30 min.

 **2-5pm Haiku with Vienna Bottomley** – Bring the kids to the nature center front porch to create short, imagistic poems that capture the things they like best about the park.

Monday - Friday, August 15-19

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

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Also on Tuesday, August 16th ...

7pm Wildlife in the City – Join special guest Megan Dillon to learn more about the wild animals we share space with in our towns and cities, how that is a *good* thing, and what we can do to make it an even *better* thing! Light snacks. Nature center auditorium. Sponsored by the Friends of Potato Creek.

Saturday, August 20

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – See above listing.

10:30am Feeding Time at the Nature Center – Come meet all the captive animals as they scarf down breakfast!

 **2pm Cemetery Tour** – Meet at the Porter Rea Cemetery to hear the stories this (and other) cemeteries can tell us. 1 hour.

8:30pm Going Batty – Meet at the Whispering Winds Picnic Area for some bat-like fun and a short, easy investigative hike to a bat hang-out. 1 hour. No pets, please.

Sunday, August 21

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – See listing above.

10:30am Snake Mobiles – Come to the nature center to create a cryptically colored snake mobile. 30 minutes.

2pm Turtle Talk – Greet our captive turtles at the nature center as we investigate all the different kinds you might see in the park. 40 minutes.

Monday - Friday, August 22-26

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Migratory Bird Treaty Act Day

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10am Help Feed The Birds – Come to the nature center to help put out seed, suet & nectar, and then watch as wild birds and mammals eat and interact. 30 minutes.

10:30am Birding For Beginners – Gather in front of the nature center to go for a beginners bird hike. Bring pen/pencil and binoculars (or we have some to share). 1-hour easy walk.

2pm Bird ID Book – Create your own bird field guide as you learn to hone in on how to tell one bird from another.

9pm Owls Talk – Come to the nature center to see what our common owls look like, practice talking like an owl, and then go for a short easy hike to try and call some in. 1 hour.

Sunday, August 28

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – See listing above.

10:30am Animals Tracks – Come meet all the captive animals as they scarf down breakfast!

2pm The Snake's Tale – Enjoy a 20-minute video about one of nature's most misunderstood creatures. Nature Center.

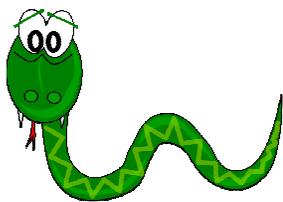
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Find additional interpretive programs at

<http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2972.htm>

Find us on Facebook by searching for

<https://www.facebook.com/potatocreeksp>

Find our "Friends" volunteer group at

<http://friendsofpotatocreek.org/>

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Labor Day Weekend!

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2pm Leave It To Beaver – Join us to build a beaver while we discover the amazing adaptations that allow this animal to pit its wits against park staff. Nature Center. 40 minutes.

8:30pm Scary Night Sounds – Gather at the Campfire Circle in the family campground to find out who makes all those scary sounds at night. We'll have S'more makin's, too! 1 hour.

Sunday, September 4

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – See above listing.

10:30am Feeding Time at the Nature Center – Come meet all the captive animals as they scarf down breakfast!

2pm Beach Break – Touch a live snake and turtle at the beach to see how different these reptiles are. 20-minute activity.

8:30pm Going Batty – Meet at the Whispering Winds Picnic Area for some bat-like fun and a short, easy investigative hike to a bat hang-out. 1 hour. No pets, please.

Monday, September 5

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Tuesday through Friday, September 6-9

Nature Center OPEN 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

Hoosier Quest Program
Earn pins & patches!
Get started at the Nature Center.



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