



Potato Creek State Park Nature Center Programs

Saturday, October 1

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 and nectar (in season), and then watch as wild birds and mammals eat and interact. 30 minutes.

10:45am Autumn At Potato Creek – Gather in the Friends Trail parking lot to experience nature with a naturalist as summer changes to autumn. 1-hour easy walk.

2pm Birds: Now You See Them, Now You Don't
Create your own field guide for the birds that leave for the winter & return in the spring. 40-minute activity. Nature Center.

Sunday, October 2

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

10am Help Feed The Birds – See above. Nature Center.

10:45am Breakfast W/The Critters – Come to the nature center to watch us feed our captive animals.

2pm Scaly & Beautiful – Come meet the only vertebrate animals w/scales that don't have legs. 45-minute program and crazy cool craft. Nature Center.

Monday through Wednesday, October 3-5

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

12pm Help Feed The Birds – See above. Nature Center.

Thursday & Friday, October 6-7

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

10am Help Feed The Birds – See above. Nature Center.

Saturday, October 8

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

10:15am Celebrate the Bicentennial Torch! – Come celebrate 200 years of Indiana statehood and 100 years of Indiana state parks. Park at the property Information Center near the park entrance and help us cheer the torch as it passes by the park. Noisemakers and flags provided!

2pm How Will They Survive The Winter? – Let's figure it out together during a fun, interactive program. 45 minutes. Nature Center auditorium.

Sunday, October 9

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

10am Help Feed The Birds – See above. Nature Center.

10:45am Feeding Time At The Nature Center – Come meet all our captive animals as they wolf down breakfast!

2pm Build A Beaver – Watch as we turn one lucky volunteer into a beaver as we discover the amazing adaptations of these large mammals. 40 minutes. Nature Center.

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

Monday through Wednesday, October 10-12

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

12pm Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

Thursday & Friday, October 13-14

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

10am Help Feed The Birds – See above. Nature Center.

Saturday, October 15

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

10am Help Feed The Birds – See above. Nature Center.

10:45am Leaf Hunt – See how easy it is to ID trees by their leaves. Get some tips from the naturalist, then go for a short, moderate hike to sharpen your skills. 1 hr. Nature Center.

2pm Potato Creek Ecosystems – Find out various types of ecosystems that Potato Creek has and the types of critters who call them home. 40 minutes. Nature Center

Sunday, October 16

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

10am Help Feed The Birds – See above. Nature Center.

10:45am Breakfast W/The Critters – Come to the nature center to watch us feed our captive animals.

2pm Owls of the Night – Come and listen to the different types of hoots that some of Potato Creeks owls make and where they can be found. 40 minutes. Nature Center.

Monday - Wednesday, October 17-19

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

12pm Help Feed The Birds – See above. Nature Center.

Also on Tuesday, October 18th ...

7pm Friends Group Surprise Program – Sponsored by the Friends of Potato Creek State Park! 1 hr. Nature Center.

Thursday & Friday, October 20-21

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 and nectar (in season), and then watch as wild birds and mammals eat and interact. 30 minutes.

Saturday, October 22

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

10am Help Feed The Birds – See above. Nature Center.

10:30am Armchair Birdwatch – 30 min. Nature Center.

2pm Anatomy of Leaves – Join us at the Nature Center for a moderate hike and find out what causes the leaves to change color! 1 hour.



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Sunday, October 23

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

10:45am Breakfast W/The Critters – Come to the nature center to watch us feed our captive animals.

2pm Web Weavers – Many spiders spin webs, but some have very unique ones for trapping food. 45 minutes. Nature Center.

Monday through Wednesday, October 24-26

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

12pm Help Feed The Birds – See above. Nature Center.

Thursday & Friday, October 27-28

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

10am Help Feed The Birds – See above. Nature Center.

Halloween Celebration!

Saturday, October 29

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

10am Help Feed The Birds – See above. Nature Center.

11am Pumpkin Faces – Carve or paint a pumpkin near the nature center parking lot. \$2/pumpkin.

2pm Canines & Kids Costume Contest – Dress up your pooch and/or your kids and compete for categories such as most creative, scariest, best homemade, best group and more. Several age categories. Watch for a separate flyer for details.

In case of rain come to Peppermint Shelter for activities.

Sunday, October 30

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

10am Help Feed The Birds – See above. Nature Center.

10:45am Breakfast W/The Critters – Come to the nature center to watch us feed our captive animals.

2pm Crows: Good or Bad? – Find out some unique characteristics about crows and how we are helping them survive. Create your own crow to take home with you! 40 minutes. Nature Center.

Monday through Wednesday, Oct 31- Nov 2

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Thursday & Friday, November 3-4

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

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Saturday, November 5

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

10am Help Feed The Birds – See above. Nature Center.

10:45am Snakes Alive! – Discover some amazing things about our legless reptiles. 30 minutes. Nature Center.

2pm Turtle Talk – Greet our captive turtles at the nature center as we investigate all the different kinds you might see in the park. Program and craft! 45 minutes.

Sunday, November 6

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

10am Help Feed The Birds – See above. Nature Center.

10:45am Feeding Time at the Nature Center – Come meet all our captive animals as they wolf down breakfast!

2pm Hibernation: Who Does It? – Of all the animals we see during the summer not all travel, but we do not see them out in the winter. Find out who some of these critters might be. 40 minutes. Nature Center.

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

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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