

Spring Mill State Park

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Nature Center <i>Daily 10am – 5pm, beg. 3/5</i>	Twin Caves Boat Tours <i>Closed for the winter season</i>
Virgil I. Grissom Memorial <i>Daily 8:30am-4pm</i>	Mountain Bike Rental, <i>Sat-Sun 10am-4pm, beg. 4/10</i>
Pioneer Village <i>Sat-Sun 9am-5pm, beg. 3/26</i> <i>Daily 9am-5pm, beg. 4/23</i>	Campground Hayrides, and Swimming Pool <i>Closed for the winter.</i>
Please arrive on time for scheduled programs. <i>Spring Mill State Park follows Eastern Daylight Time.</i>	
Public programs are designed for individuals and families. If you will be bringing an organized group, contact the Nature Center in advance for a copy of our program catalogue and schedule a private program just for your group. (812) 849-3534	
Get advance notice of special events and programs! Sign up for our email list at the Nature Center, Pioneer Village Grist Mill, Spring Mill Inn, or email springmillstatepark-subscribe@yahoogroups.com	
Hoosier Quest Series: Discover, Connect, Explore! <i>Ask a park interpreter how you can earn patches, bandannas, and other items during your visit!</i>	



LOOK FOR OUR TREES AND HORSES

WATCH FOR THE RIVER AND GREAT ST-

All programs are free unless otherwise noted.

March - April

Saturday, March 5

The Nature Center reopens today for the 2011 season! Drop by and celebrate the coming spring: meet one of resident snakes up close, complete a simple flower craft, and hang out a treat for the birds.

Saturday, March 12

1:30pm



Pioneer Village Stroll – The story of the Pioneer Village spans almost a century. Learn about the first European to settle in this valley, the investors that made the village a reality, the brothers that built it into an industrial center, and the gentleman-farmer that was there for the village's "last gasp." We'll be taking a easy walk along the paved village sidewalks. Meet next to the Weaver's Cabin at the entrance of the Pioneer Village (1 hr).

Saturday, March 19

Feelin' Crafty? Drop by the Nature Center today to make a craft to take home.

Saturday, March 26

Celebrate Spring! Stop by the Nature Center today to help paint our windows with colorful, spring wildflowers.

10:00am Storytime with the Mitchell Library - Join us for a few spring-themed stories and make a seasonal craft. The storytime is recommended for ages 4 to 7. Nature Center (45 min).

Saturday, April 2

3:00pm Spring Flower Hike – The earliest of the spring ephemerals are now in bloom! Join us as we search for salt-and-pepper, snow trillium, purple cress, and other tiny beauties on the forest floor. Meet on the back patio of the Spring Mill Inn (45 min).



Saturday, April 9

3:00pm Special Hike: Cave River Valley – Cave River Valley State Natural Area is one of southern Indiana’s hidden “gems.” Two large caves, and multiple small caves, feed a stream that flows through a scenic valley edged with 100-foot limestone cliffs. This small valley is also full of history – including a connection to Spring Mill Village. This is a rugged hike on uneven ground, please wear appropriate footwear. The hike will last 1 ½ to 2 hours.



*The hike is FREE, but all attendees **MUST REGISTER** with the Nature Center by 1:00pm today (advance registration also accepted by phone at 812-849-3534). Meet at the parking area in Cave River Valley – directions will be provided when you register.*

Sunday, April 10

1:30pm The Lynn Legacy – James Lynn was one of the key settlers of the Spring Mill area in the 1800s. We’ll visit his home site, the ruins of his wool mill, and his family’s final resting place in Hamer Cemetery. Meet next to the modern restroom at Donaldson parking lot (1 hr).



Saturday, April 16

4:30pm Wildflower Ramble – The wildflower display is in constant flux during the spring season. The early bloomers are now on their way out and the late bloomers are on their way in. Join us for an easy hike in the Oak Ridge area. Meet at the Oak Ridge parking lot (45 min).



Sunday, April 17

12:00pm A Snake’s Spring – Snakes are emerging from hibernation. Find out which snakes you’re most likely to see first and meet a live representative of the “earliest-rising” species. Nature Center (20 min).

Saturday, April 23

1:30pm The Hidden Lime Kilns – Two lime kilns were erected on the hillside in the 1880s, part of a last ditch effort to save Spring Mill Village. Join us for a hike to see the kilns and the quarry that supplied them. Meet on the back patio of the Nature Center (40 min).



Sunday, April 24

1:00pm Storytime with the Mitchell Library - Join us for a few Easter-themed stories and pick up a special craft kit to take home with you. The storytime is recommended for ages 4 to 7. *After the program, stick around for the Easter Egg Scramble in the field next to the shelter!* Sycamore Shelter (30 min).

2:00pm Easter Egg Scramble – Join the search for goody-filled eggs scattered in the grass! Four different areas will be roped off, each for a different age group of kids (4yr and under, 5-7yr, 8-10yr, and 11-12yr). *Make sure you arrive on time; the scramble is over almost as soon as it begins!* Sycamore Field.

Saturday, April 30

9am-5pm 10th Annual Antique Tractor & Farm Implements Show -

Antique farm tractors, working farm implements, and gas engines dating back to the 1940's will be on display. Step back in time and imagine what it was like in the days when the family tractor was the most important piece of machinery on the farm! Sycamore Shelter.

Presented in cooperation with the Tri-County Antique Farm Machinery Association.

1:00pm Invasive Species Volunteer Strike Force –

Combine forces to help us combat park invasions by non-native plant species! These plants attack the park in a variety of ways, reducing and even eliminating native plants and animals from the forest. We need your help to fight back! Find out why we want these plants gone, learn how to identify and remove targeted invasives, and then put that knowledge to work on the ground – by assisting naturalists with invasive species removal. *Volunteers can join the strike force for just 1 hour, or up to 3 hours.* Meet at the Camp Store parking lot.

Bringing a group or scout troop? *Please let us know in advance by calling the Nature Center at 812-846-3534; leave a voicemail with your group name, phone number, and est. number of people.*