

Brown County State Park/Abe Martin Lodge SPECIAL EVENTS for 2012

Plan to join us for these great family events! Fees required where listed.

January 14- Winter Hike- Breakfast with the Naturalists, 7am and Hiker's Buffet, 11:30am, Abe Martin Lodge Dining Room. **\$1/hiker**; begin @ Nature Center (3.5 miles) or Recreation Building (2.75 miles). Hike on your own; interpreters along both trails.

January 28- Mid-Winter Eagle Watch (carpool) meet at Nature Center Parking Lot, 9am; tour nearby Monroe Reservoir to look for over-wintering eagles; return by 12 noon. 2pm bird of prey presentation .

February 25- Bluebird Box-building Workshop- meet in Nature Center Auditorium, 9am; **\$15/kit**

March 3- Aldo Leopold Day-learn about this American conservationist; program 9am, Nature Center.

April 27- Abe Martin Lodge- Bucks & Does Square Dancing-check at lodge front desk for room location.

April 27–29- 27th Annual Wildflower Foray-pick up weekend brochure at Park Office and Nature Center.

April 28- Friend's Annual Spring native Plant Sale- 9am at Nature Center; till supplies run out.

May 5- Morel Mushroom Festival- Do you love Morels? All events held at Nature Center.

May 19- Abe Martin Lodge- Shelby Auto Club Show- check at lodge front desk for agenda.

June 2- Free Fishing Day- see posted monthly interpretive calendar for the day's events.

June 2-3- DINO (Do IN Off-road) Trail Run & Mt. Bike races; www.DINOseries.com

June 9-10-Midwest Women's Mt. Bike Clinic; www.sub-9.com

June 23- Bird Appreciation Day-held at nature center; IN Raptor Center to present live birds of prey.

June 29 – 30- Abe Martin Lodge- Abe's Ol' Fashioned Independence Day-check at lodge front desk.

July 13-Abe Martin Lodge- Bucks and Does Square Dancing-check at lodge front desk for room location.

July 21- Smokey Safety Day-see Smokey Bear! All events held at Nature Center. **MC Axe & the Fire Crew**, professional firefighters to perform, 8pm, Nature Center Amphitheater.

August 18-19- Super-D Downhill mt. bike races; www.sub-9.com

August 31 – September 2-Abe Martin Lodge-4th Annual Hootenanny Weekend- see lodge front desk.

September 2-Brown County Survivor- teams to compete in survival challenge; **\$10/team**; register at Nature Center office; all events held at Nature Center.

September 8-10am-4pm; IN Street Rod Assoc. annual car show at park swimming pool.

September 22- Environmental Good Turn Day-see posted monthly interpretive calendar.

September 29- National Public Lands Day- see posted monthly interpretive calendar for event.

October 13-14-"Brown County Breakdown", mt. bike event; www.browncountybreakdown.com

October 27-Trick or Treat & Haunted Trail-also campsite decorating and pumpkin-carving contests. Trail events held at Friends Trail, 5-6pm and 8-10pm next to Park Office.

November 9- Abe Martin Lodge-Bucks & Does Square Dancing see lodge front desk for room location.

December 16- Christmas Bird Count- 8am; meet at Nature Center; conclude by 3pm.