

DNR 2012 Special Events

Following is a small sampling of the many programs at DNR properties. The dates listed are subject to change. For the most current listing, check **InterpretiveServices.IN.gov**, call the specific property you plan to visit or ask the gate attendant when you arrive.

JAN. 1

McCormick's Creek State Park
First Day Hike

JAN. 7

Patoka Lake
Eagle Watch
*FEE

Museum of 20th Century Warfare & Fort Harrison State Park
Battle of the Bulge Re-enactment

JAN. 8-22

Museum of 20th Century Warfare at Fort Harrison State Park
Battle of the Bulge Exhibit

JAN. 12

Museum of 20th Century Warfare at Fort Harrison State Park
Roundtable Discussion

JAN. 13

Abe Martin Lodge at Brown County SP
Bucks and Does Square Dancing

JAN. 14

Museum of 20th Century Warfare at Fort Harrison State Park
Battle of the Bulge Lecture

Brown County State Park
Winter Hike
*FEE

Mississinewa Lake
Sunrise Eagle Watch *

JAN. 21

Indiana Dunes State Park
Dunes Geocache Adventure

Museum of 20th Century Warfare at Fort Harrison State Park
Battle of the Bulge Lecture

JAN. 27-29

Turkey Run State Park & Raccoon SRA
Eagles in Flight Weekend
Packages available through Turkey Run State Park Inn.
*FEE

JAN. 28

O'Bannon Woods State Park
Old-Time Winter on the Farm

Brown County State Park
Mid-Winter Eagle Watch (carpool)

JAN. 29-FEB. 3

Pokagon State Park
Potawatomi Inn Road Scholar Adventure
Visit roadscholar.org
*FEE

FEB. 4

Clifty Inn at Clifty Falls State Park
Mid-winter Falls Picnic and Bonfire

Monroe Lake

Reservoir Ramble Geocache Challenge

FEB. 9

Museum of 20th Century Warfare at Fort Harrison State Park
Roundtable Discussion

FEB. 11

Versailles State Park
Polar Plunge

FEB. 14

Fort Harrison State Park Inn
Valentine's Day Dinner

FEB. 18

Clifty Falls State Park
Build a Bluebird House
*FEE

FEB. 18-19

Salamonie Interpretive Center
Eagle Watch Field Trip*

FEB. 25

Salamonie Lake
Cowboy Gathering
Advance registration requested.

Brown County State Park
Bluebird Box Building Workshop
*FEE

MARCH 3

Indiana Dunes State Park
Leopold Bench Workshop
*FEE

Brown County State Park
Aldo Leopold Day

MARCH 3-4

Museum of 20th Century Warfare & Fort Harrison State Park
Eastern Front Military Re-enactment

MARCH 7

Monroe Lake
Woodcock Walk

MARCH 8

Museum of 20th Century Warfare at Fort Harrison State Park
Roundtable Discussion

Indiana Dunes State Park
Running with the Irish 5K
*FEE

Starve Hollow SRA
Scouts Outdoors

Clifty Falls State Park
Fossils Rock! Workshop
*FEE

MARCH 31

Versailles State Park
Easter Egg Hunt

APRIL 3-5

Salamonie Lake
"Green and Growing" Day Camp,
Ages 7-11
*FEE

APRIL 3-6

Mounds State Park
Spring Break Day Camp
*FEE

APRIL 7

Potato Creek State Park
Egg Hunt
*FEE

Clifty Falls State Park
Wonder of Wildflowers

Shakamak State Park
Easter Egg Hunt

APRIL 8

Whitewater Memorial State Park
Liberty Lions' Egg Hunt

Spring Mill State Park
Easter Egg Scramble

APRIL 14

Patoka Lake
Spring Festival

Turkey Run State Park
Spring Wildflower Day

Charlestown State Park
Raptor Day

Indiana Dunes State Park
Friends of IDSP Native Plant Sale

APRIL 14-15

Mounds State Park
Spring Wildflower Weekend

Historic Prophetstown at Prophetstown State Park
Plow Days

APRIL 20-21

Turkey Run State Park
Earth Day Festival
Registration for Friday events
*FEE

APRIL 21

Clifty Falls State Park
Hoosier Kitefliers Society
Kite Making 10 a.m.
Clifty Kite Flying 1 p.m., North Field
*FEE

Mounds State Park
Earth Day Celebration

O'Bannon Woods State Park
Field Day & Open House with The Nature Conservancy; Hellbender Hustle; 5k fitness run/walk

APRIL 21-22

McCormick's Creek State Park
Owen County
Wildflower Weekend

APRIL 22

Fort Harrison State Park
Earth Day Spring
Wildflower Walk

APRIL 27

Abe Martin Lodge at Brown County SP
Bucks and Does Square Dancing

APRIL 27-29

Brown County State Park
27th Annual Wildflower Foray

APRIL 28

Clifty Falls State Park
Caching Clifty IV, Geocache adventure

Brown County State Park
Friends Annual Spring Plant Sale

Fort Harrison State Park
Volksmarch- Free



Pictured

An interpretive naturalist for the DNR, shows a group of pre-school children a salamander, while leading the group on a nature walk.

*Advance registration required.

Hardy Lake
Hardy Lake Sweep

McCormick's Creek State Park
5K Walk and Run
*FEE

Starve Hollow SRA
Earth Day

Mounds State Park
Annual Garlic Mustard Pull

APRIL 28-29
Mansfield Roller Mill
Mushroom Festival

**Museum of 20th Century Warfare
at Fort Harrison State Park**
Open House

Potato Creek State Park
Wildflower Weekend

MAY 4-6
Summit Lake State Park
Camping 101 Weekend

MAY 5
Raccoon SRA
Boater Safety Class

Hardy Lake
Welcome Back—Get Healthy

Potato Creek State Park
Welcome Back Nature Center Open
House

Tippecanoe River State Park
Welcome Back Weekend Fitness Hike

Lieber SRA
Welcome Back Weekend

**Monroe Lake,
Paynetown SRA**
Sunset on the Water Canoe Paddle

Lincoln State Park
Lincoln's Neighborhood Run
*FEE

Brown County State Park
Morel Mushroom Festival

Versailles State Park
Welcome Back Weekend

Mississinewa Lake
Welcome Back to the
Mighty Mississinewa*

Shakamak State Park
Welcome Back Weekend Hounds Hike
*FEE

Shades State Park
Volkmarch- Free

Ouabache State Park
Cornhole Tournament

MAY 5-6
Harmonie State Park
Spring Into Geocaching

Chain O'Lakes State Park
Welcome Back Weekend Bonanza

Salamonie Lake
Hoosier Homestead Gathering*

MAY 6
Fort Harrison State Park
Historic Fort Bike Hike

Ouabache State Park
Bison Hike

MAY 10
**Museum of 20th Century Warfare
at Fort Harrison State Park**
Roundtable Discussion

MAY 12
Falls of the Ohio State Park
Earth Day

Clifty Falls State Park
Big May Bird Count

Indiana Dunes State Park
International Migratory Bird Day
at the Dunes

MAY 12-13
**Historic Prophetstown at
Prophetstown State Park**
Planting Days

MAY 18-20
Summit Lake State Park
Solar Eclipse Weekend

MAY 19
Brown County State Park
Shelby Auto Club Show

Mounds State Park
Friends of Mounds State Park
Native Plants Sale

Pokagon State Park
Pokagon Tri-Fort Triathlon/
Duathlon
teamtrifort.com
*FEE

MAY 26
Lincoln State Park
Ghost Walk Through Lincoln's
Neighborhood

Fort Harrison State Park
Indianapolis Symphonic Band Concert

MAY 26-27
Spring Mill State Park
Civil War Days



MAY 26-28
O'Bannon Woods State Park
1800s Living Pioneer
Farmstead Days
Sat & Sun at 1 p.m.
1850 Haypress Demo

MAY 27
**Brookville-Whitewater
Complex**
Memorial Day Cornhole Tournament

MAY 28
Spring Mill State Park
Pioneer Memorial Day Service

JUNE 2
Lieber SRA
National Trails Day Celebrations

**Shades and Turkey Run
State Parks**
National Trails Day: Park
Work Day

Falls of the Ohio State Park
Free Fishing Day

**Salamonie and Mississinewa Lakes,
Ouabache State Park,
J. E. Roush FWA**
Kids Fishing Derbies*

Brown County State Park
Free Fishing Day

Patoka Lake
Kids Fishing Derby

Lieber SRA
Free Fishing Weekend &
Youth Fishing Derby

Raccoon SRA
Youth Fishing Derby

O'Bannon Woods State Park
Free Fishing Weekend, Kids Fishing
Derby

Potato Creek State Park
Free Fishing Weekend

Starve Hollow SRA
Kids Fishing Derby

Shakamak State Park
Fishing Derby

JUNE 2-3
Monroe Lake
Free Fishing Weekend

Hardy Lake
Free Fishing Weekend

**Canyon Inn at
McCormick's Creek SP**
Trail Travelers Weekend

JUNE 7
**Museum of 20th Century Warfare
at Fort Harrison State Park**
Roundtable Discussion

JUNE 8-9
Summit Lake State Park
Outdoor Woman Weekend

JUNE 9
Monroe Lake
Amazing Reservoir Race

JUNE 9
Clifty Falls State Park
Turtlemania

*Advance registration required.

Patoka Lake
Walking Stick Workshop
*FEE

JUNE 15-16
Summit Lake State Park
Summer Solstice Celebration

JUNE 16
Turkey Run State Park
Bird Fest
*FEE for some activities

O'Bannon Woods State Park
Outdoor Skills Workshop

Fort Harrison State Park
Indianapolis Symphonic Band Concert

Harmonie State Park
Outdoor Skills Day

**Brookville-Whitewater
Tailwater Fishing Area**
Kids Fishing Derby

JUNE 16-17
**Historic Prophetstown at
Prophetstown State Park**
Wheat Harvest

JUNE 17
Lieber SRA
Super Dad Contest

Raccoon SRA
Father's Day Festivities

JUNE 19-21
Ouabache State Park
"Persistent Pioneers" Day Camp,
Ages 7-11
*FEE

JUNE 22-23
Summit Lake State Park
Dog Days

JUNE 23
Shades State Park
Shades 65th Anniversary & Late
Night Star Party

Indiana Dunes State Park
Singing Sands Star Show

Chain O'Lakes State Park
Poker Paddle

McCormick's Creek State Park
Arts in the Park Festival

Brown County State Park
Bird Appreciation Day

Mounds State Park
Summer Solstice Celebration

Mississinewa Lake
Youth Cross Shoot

O'Bannon Woods State Park
Volksmarch- Free



JUNE 27
Pokagon State Park
Patriotic Holiday Pops Concert

JUNE 29-30
**Abe Martin Lodge at
Brown County SP**
Abe's Ol' Fashioned Independence Day

JUNE 30
Monroe Lake, Paynetown SRA
Beach Olympics

Hardy Lake
Breakfast with the Birds
*FEE

Patoka Lake
Thunder Over Patoka (Fireworks)

JUNE 30-JULY 1
Spring Mill State Park
Old-Fashioned Independence Celebration

O'Bannon Woods State Park
1800s Living Pioneer Farmstead Days
Sat & Sun at 1 p.m.
1850 Haypress Demo

**Historic Prophetstown at
Prophetstown State Park**
Threshing

JULY 1
Chain O'Lakes State Park
Patriots Day

Starve Hollow SRA
4th of July Parade

Potato Creek State Park
Mountain Bike Time Trials
*FEE

JULY 4
Monroe Lake, Paynetown SRA
Cornhole Tournament

Brookville-Whitewater Complex
Independence Day Cornhole Tournament

**Museum of 20th Century Warfare at
Fort Harrison State Park**
City of Lawrence July 4 Parade

JULY 6-8
**Monroe Lake,
Paynetown SRA**
Heritage Days

JULY 6-7
Harmonie State Park
Trailside Treasure Tromp
*FEE

Summit Lake State Park
Christmas in July

JULY 7
Lieber SRA
Annual Sand Sculpturing Contest

Ouabache State Park
Smokey Bear's Birthday Bash

Raccoon SRA
Fireworks and Beach Bash

Pokagon State Park
Fireworks by
Lake James Association

Versailles State Park
Fireworks

JULY 10-13
Mounds State Park
Wilderness Day Camp
*FEE

JULY 12
**Museum of 20th Century Warfare at
Fort Harrison State Park**
Roundtable Discussion

JULY 13
**Abe Martin Lodge at
Brown County SP**
Bucks and Does Square Dancing

JULY 13-15
Salamonie Lake
Christmas in July

JULY 14
Indiana Dunes State Park
16th Annual Sand Sculpture Contest

Lieber SRA
3-on-3 Volleyball Tournament

Patoka Lake
Star Party

Turkey Run State Park
Pioneer Heritage Festival
*FEE

JULY 14-15
**Museum of 20th Century Warfare &
Fort Harrison State Park**
Vietnam Experience Re-enactment

Tippecanoe River State Park
Christmas in July

JULY 20-21
Summit Lake State Park
Native American Weekend

JULY 21
Spring Mill State Park
Gus Grissom Day

Lieber SRA
Smokey Bear's 68th Birthday Party

Falls of the Ohio State Park
Ohio River Sweep

**Clifty Inn at
Clifty Falls State Park**
Abigail Gray Storytelling
Living Under The Drinking Gourd

Brown County State Park
Smokey Safety Day

Fort Harrison State Park
Indianapolis Symphonic Band Concert

Starve Hollow SRA
Christmas in July

JULY 24-27
Mounds State Park
Naturalist Day Camp
*FEE

JULY 28
Hardy Lake
Breakfast with the Birds
*FEE

Lieber SRA
Annual Horseshoe Tournament

Mississinewa Lake
Smokey Bear's Birthday Bash

Versailles State Park
Volksmarch- Free

JULY 29
Pokagon State Park
CCC 59th Annual Open House and
Reunion

AUG. 1-31
Spring Mill State Park
Amateur Photography Contest
Entries Accepted

AUG. 4
McCormick's Creek State Park
Wild About Wildlife

Turkey Run State Park
Smokey Bear's Birthday

Raccoon SRA
Pedal Parade

Clifty Falls State Park
Dog Days Celebration

Salamonie Lake
Smokey Bear's Birthday Bash

Potato Creek State Park
Volksmarch- Free

*Advance registration required.

Patoka Lake
Smokey Bear's Birthday Bash

Falls of the Ohio State Park
Family Fun Fair

O'Bannon Woods State Park
Living Pioneer Farmstead Days;
1 p.m. 1850 Haypress Demo

Potato Creek State Park
"Tater Traditions"
*FEE

Starve Hollow SRA
Smokey's Birthday Party

AUG. 4-5
Spring Mill State Park
Heritage Days

AUG. 5
Lieber SRA
Smokey Bear at the State Fair

AUG. 7-9
Salamonie Lake
Ages 7-11 "Persistent Pioneers"
Day Camp
*FEE

AUG. 9
Museum of 20th Century Warfare at Fort Harrison State Park
Roundtable Discussion

AUG. 10
Monroe Lake, Paynetown SRA
National S'mores Day

AUG. 10-11
Summit Lake State Park
Perseid Meteor Shower

AUG. 11
Pokagon State Park
All-Night Star Spectacular

Turkey Run State Park
Archaeology Day
*FEE

Indiana Dunes State Park
Perseid Meteor Stargaze

Fort Harrison State Park
Perseid Party

Mounds State Park
Wildlife Weekend

AUG. 12
Lieber SRA
Smokey Bear at the State Fair

AUG. 17-18
Summit Lake State Park
Ghost Hunters Weekend

AUG. 18
Fort Harrison State Park
Indianapolis Symphonic Band Concert

Mississinewa Lake
POW MIA Guest Speaker

AUG. 24-25
Summit Lake State Park
Nuts Over Neptune

AUG. 25
Pokagon State Park
The Dogs Day of Summer

Hardy Lake
Breakfast with the Birds
*FEE

AUG. 25-26
Museum of 20th Century Warfare & Fort Harrison State Park
WWI Battle Re-enactment

Monroe Lake, Paynetown SRA
Trapper Education Class

AUG. 3-SEPT. 2
Abe Martin Lodge at Brown County SP
4th Annual Hootenanny Weekend

SEPT. 1
Lieber SRA
Fireworks

SEPT. 1-2
O'Bannon Woods State Park
1800's Pioneer Farmstead Days
Sat & Sun at 1 p.m. 1850 Haypress Demo

Patoka Lake SRA Youth Dove Field
Youth Dove Hunt
Contact property for event information

SEPT. 2
Brookville-Whitewater Complex
Labor Day Cornhole Tournament

Brown County State Park
Brown County Survivor
*FEE

SEPT. 6
Museum of 20th Century Warfare at Fort Harrison State Park
Roundtable Discussion

SEPT. 7
Historic Prophetstown at Prophetstown State Park
Horse Pull

SEPT. 8
Shades State Park
Archaeology Day
*FEE

Mississinewa Lake
Mighty Mississinewa Triathlon
*FEE

Indiana Dunes State Park
History Comes Alive Weekend

Patoka Lake
Pick Up Patoka

McCormick's Creek State Park
BBQ & Blues Festival

Falls of the Ohio State Park
Archaeology Day

Tippecanoe River State Park
River Clean-up

SEPT. 8-9
Mansfield Roller Mill
Cornbread Festival/Car Show

Historic Prophetstown at Prophetstown State Park
1920s Country Fair

SEPT. 10-12
Salamonie Lake
Senior Fall Fest
*FEE

SEPT. 14, UNTIL WINTER
Potato Creek State Park
Prairie Maze Opens

SEPT. 14-16
Salamonie Lake
Salamonie Riders Rendezvous
*FEE

SEPT. 15
Patoka Lake
11th Annual Wheelin' IN the Fish

SEPT. 15-16
Fort Harrison State Park
4th Annual Hoosier Outdoor Experience

Shakamak State Park
Pow Wow

SEPT. 22
Brown County State Park
Environmental Good Turn Day

Raccoon SRA
Traditional Archery Day

Spring Mill State Park
Tri-Kappa Candlelight Tour of the Pioneer Village

Harmonie State Park
Wild Turkey Weekend

Chain O'Lakes State Park
Apple Cider Pressing

SEPT. 22-23
Mounds State Park
Archaeology Weekend

SEPT. 23
Charlestown State Park
Charlestown Under the Stars

Lincoln State Park
Honest Abe Trail Run
*FEE

Potawatomi Inn Lawn at Pokagon State Park
Seaplane Splash-In

SEPT. 22-23
Harmonie State Park
Wild Turkey Weekend

SEPT. 28-29
Summit Lake State Park
Football for All

SEPT. 28-30
Hardy Lake
Raptor Days

SEPT. 29
Pokagon State Park
Autumn Harvest Hoedown

Brown County State Park
National Public Lands Day

Clifty Falls State Park
and Kings Daughters Hospital
Run The Falls 5k Walk/Run
*FEE

Turkey Run State Park
National Public Lands Day

Falls of the Ohio State Park
Rock the Rocks
*FEE

Potato Creek State Park
Prairie Harvest Weekend
*FEE

Fort Harrison State Park
National Public Lands Day
Volunteer Work Day

Starve Hollow SRA
Archaeology Day

SEPT. 29-30
Monroe Lake, Paynetown SRA
Harvest Moon Weekend

Historic Prophetstown at Prophetstown State Park
Corn Harvest

SEPT. 30
McCormick's Creek State Park
Trail Run and Walk
*FEE

OCT. 1-28
Prophetstown State Park
Trail of Scarecrows
*FEE

OCT. 5-7
Mississinewa Lake
Autumn Camping Weekend I
*FEE

OCT. 6
Chain O'Lakes State Park
Heritage Day

Potato Creek State Park
Take A Kid Mountain Biking Day

Monroe Lake
Camouflage the Duck Blinds

*Advance registration required.

OCT. 6-7

Versailles State Park
Bluegrass Festival

OCT. 6-7

Spring Mill State Park
Autumn Harvest Days
Campsite Decorating Contest
on Sat. night

OCT. 7

Potato Creek State Park
Mountain Bike Cross Country Race
*FEE

OCT. 11

Museum of 20th Century Warfare at Fort Harrison State Park
Roundtable Discussion

OCT. 12-14

Mississinewa Lake
Autumn Camping Weekend II
*FEE

Mississinewa Lake

Mississinewa Battle Re-enactment
*FEE

OCT. 12-21

Raccoon SRA/Mansfield Roller Mill
Parke County Covered Bridge Festival

OCT. 12-13

Harmonie State Park
Harvest Weekend

OCT. 12-14

Salamonie Lake
Celebrate Fall at Salamonie

OCT. 13

Harmonie State Park
Harmonie Craft Fair

Indiana Dunes State Park

Northwest Indiana Storytelling Festival

Falls of the Ohio State Park

Earth Discovery Day

Lincoln State Park

Fall Fun Fest
*FEE

Fort Harrison State Park

Cast Iron Cooking Demonstration

OCT. 13-14

Spring Mill State Park
Scarecrow Weekend
Haunted Village on Sat. night

Harmonie State Park

Harvest Weekend

OCT. 19-20

Patoka Lake
Autumn Getaway

Summit Lake State Park

Festival of the Freezing Moon

Shakamak State Park

Fall Festival

OCT. 19-21

Mounds State Park
Kids Fall Funfest Weekend
Campsite Decorating Contest

OCT. 20

Clifty Falls State Park
Camper Appreciation Weekend

Starve Hollow SRA

Scarecrow Creation

Whitewater Memorial State Park

Volksmarch- Free

OCT. 20-21

Museum of 20th Century Warfare & Fort Harrison State Park
Honoring the Korean Veterans

Lieber SRA

Gobble-uns Weekend

Lincoln State Park

Friends' Fall Frolic
*FEE

OCT. 26-27

Museum of 20th Century Warfare & Fort Harrison State Park
Soldier's Haunt

O'Bannon Woods State Park

Outdoor Adventures Camping Weekend

McCormick's Creek State Park

Fall-o-ween Festival

Chain O'Lakes State Park

All Hallow's Eve

Brookville-Whitewater

Spooktacular Camping Weekend

Raccoon SRA

Halloween Camping Weekend

Harmonie State Park

Haunted Harmonie

Ouabache State Park

Fall Festival
Advance registration requested.
*FEE

Mounds State Park

Haunted Trail

Tippecanoe River State Park

Halloween Weekend

OCT. 26-28

Hardy Lake
Fall Family Fun Days

OCT. 27

Potato Creek State Park
Halloween Happenings
*FEE

*Pokagon State Park*

Ghost Tales and other Stories
of the Season
*FEE

Indiana Dunes State Park

"Howl"oween in the Dunes

Starve Hollow SRA

Halloween Weekend

Versailles State Park

Campsite Decorating Contest
& Trick-or-Treat

OCT. 27-28

Monroe Lake, Paynetown SRA
Ghostly Gathering
Campsite Decorating Contest on Sat.

Turkey Run State Park

Halloween Camping Weekend

Prophetstown State Park

Fall Festival

NOV. 2-4

Lincoln State Park
Geocaching for Abe

NOV. 3-4

Raccoon SRA
Trapper Education Class

NOV. 8

Museum of 20th Century Warfare at Fort Harrison State Park
Roundtable Discussion

NOV. 9

Abe Martin Lodge at Brown County SP
Bucks and Does Square Dancing

NOV. 10

Indiana Dunes State Park
Sandhill Crane Field Trip
*FEE

Patoka Lake

A Pioneer Holiday (Heritage Day)

Spring Mill Inn

Spring Mill Inn Craft Show

Fort Harrison State Park Inn & Museum of 20th Century Warfare
Return to the '40s Dinner Dance

Versailles State Park

Run the Park

NOV. 16

Lieber SRA
Hunters Rendezvous Chili Supper

NOV. 17

Patoka Lake
Holiday Craft Workshop
*FEE

DEC. 1-2

Mansfield Roller Mill
Old-Fashioned Christmas

DEC. 7-8

Spring Mill State Park
Christmas in the Village

DEC. 8

Lieber SRA
Breakfast with Santa/Pet Pictures

DEC. 13

Museum of 20th Century Warfare at Fort Harrison State Park
Roundtable Discussion

DEC. 15

Indiana Dunes State Park
National Audubon Christmas
Bird Count
*FEE

DEC. 15, 16, 29, 30

Museum of 20th Century Warfare & Fort Harrison State Park
Battle of the Bulge Exhibit

DEC. 16

Brown County State Park
Christmas Bird Count

DEC. 29

Clifty Falls State Park
Christmas Bird Count



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