

Nature Play Days

June 11-19, 2016



Indiana Children & Nature Network

Nature Play Day List – last updated 6/9/2016

Family Fishing and Birdwatching

West Park- Carmel

6/14/2016 - 10-12

Event location: 2700 W 116th St, Carmel, IN 46032

Contact: Warren Gartner

wgartner@dnr.in.gov

Join us at Carmel's West Park to go fishing and/or bird watching with Division of Fish & Wildlife education staff. Fishing equipment, bait, and binoculars will be provided.

Nature Play Day at Coxhall Gardens

Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department

6/13/2016 - 10:00- 12:00

Event location: 2000 W 116th St, Carmel, IN 46032

Contact: Sarah Kempfer

sarah.kempfer@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

Explore the pond and then visit the Children's Garden. The Children's Garden is a mini-village for pretend play, with paths, sand, beautiful plants and special features to explore. We will meet at the restrooms by the Children's Garden.

St. Christopher's Strawberry Festival

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church

6/11/2016 - 12 noon to 8:00 PM

Event location: 2 East Main St., Carmel, IN 46032

Contact: Berill Johnson

berill-vinnie@comcast.net

St. Christopher's will be serving strawberry shortcakes. The event tent will be in the PNC Bank parking lot at the corner of Rangeline Road and Main Street, in the heart of the Arts & Design District in Carmel.

This year's Festival will showcase St. Christopher's worship, programs and ministries. The festival will also include the Montessori School, AA, and other things that make them a part of the community.

Nature Play Day at Cool Creek Park

Cool Creek Park Nature Center- Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department

6/12/2016 - 2:00 - 4:00pm

Event location: 2000 E. 151st Street, Carmel, IN 46033

Contact: Sarah Kempfer

sarah.kempfer@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

<http://www.hamiltoncounty.in.gov/DocumentCenter/View/847>

Bring the kids to Cool Creek Park to explore the woods, hike in the creek and learn a little more about our beautiful Indiana nature. We will meet at the Nature Center.

Nature Play Day at River Road Park

Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department

6/15/2016 - 10:00- 12:00

Event location: 12575 River Road Carmel, Carmel, IN 46033

Contact: Sarah Kempfer

sarah.kempfer@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

Play on the archaeological-inspired playground and see the Native American interactive display. Wander through the prairie to the woods and river.

Curiosity Fair

Conner Prairie

6/11/16 and 6/12/16 - 10-May

Event location: 13400 Allisonville Rd., Fishers, IN 46038

Contact: Gail Brown

gbrown@connerprairie.org <http://www.connerprairie.org/Things-To-Do/Events/Curiosity-Fair-en>

Celebrate inquisitive spirits during this festival of wonder and exploration! Kids and kids at heart are invited to play, create and investigate the mysteries of the world around them.

Through a series of interactive exhibits, soaring demonstrations and hands-on experiments, you'll be encouraged to look at your surroundings differently and ask questions. Nature Activities during the event include: Pond Dipping, Insect Catching, Making Seed Bombs, Archaeology

Activities, and much more!

**Nature Play Days
Fishers Parks and Recreation**

June 11-19 - All Day

Event location: 10410 Hague Rd, Fishers, IN 46038

Contact: Danesa Stolz

stolzd@fishers.in.us

<https://twitter.com/RitcheWoods>

Nature Play Days at all Fishers Parks! Follow @RitcheWoods on twitter for inspiration for nature play days all week.

#ICANNaturePlayDays

We will have Scavenger hunts with a contest and prizes

We may have other contests that we will announce on twitter

**Nature Play Day at Geist Park- Fortville
Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department**

6/16/2016 - 10:00- 12:00

Event location: 10979 Florida Rd, Fortville, IN 46040

Contact: Sarah Kempfer

sarah.kempfer@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

Visit the headwaters of Geist on a peaceful hike along Fall Creek. We'll watch for birds and turtles and check out the wetlands.

**Summer Camp
Noblesville Parks & Recreation**

June 13 - 17, 2016 - 8 am - 4 pm

Event location: Forest Park -701 Cicero Road, Noblesville, IN 46060

Contact: Karen La Mere

klamere@noblesville.in.us www.noblesvilleparks.org

We are offering a summer camp program called Noble Kids Camp at two of our parks. Forest Park and Dillon Park. Each week of camp offers outdoor activities related to nature and science activities along with traditional recreational activities.

This week of camps theme is Amazing Race. Where children will learn about games played in other countries. They will participate in a nature scavenger hunt at the end of the week.

**Nature Play Day - Explore Strawtown Koteewi Park
Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department**

6/14/2016 - 10:00- 12:00

Event location: 12302 Strawtown Ave, Noblesville, IN 46060

Contact: Sarah Kempfer

sarah.kempfer@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

Hike and explore our largest Hamilton County park while we check out the White River and learn a little bit about Indiana's

earliest residents.

**Nature Play Day at Potter's Bridge Park
Hamilton County Parks and Recreation Department**

6/17/2016 - 10:00- 12:00

Event location: 19401 N. Allisonville Rd, Noblesville, IN 46060

Contact: Sarah Kempfer

sarah.kempfer@hamiltoncounty.in.gov

Walk across the historic covered bridge. Check out the White River on a walk through the woods.

**Track Pack
Track Pack - Westfield Washington Township
Parks/MacGregor Park**

6/14/2016 - 10:30am-12:30pm

Event location: 21105 MacGregor Park Rd, Westfield, IN 46074

Contact: Stacy London

stacy@wwtownship.us

30 minute sessions between the hours of 10:30am-12:30pm. Children will learn about different animals and their tracks they leave behind.

They will be allowed to explore the path to find the replicated tracks hidden along the trail and will collect stamps in their passport. There will be stations with other activities such as coloring, seek and find. Parents are encouraged to walk the larger trails with their children and look for real animal prints.

**Nature Play Day
Zion Nature Center - Zionsville Parks and Recreation**

6/10/2016 - 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Event location: 690 Beech Street, Zionsville, IN 46077

Contact: Mindy Murdock

mmurdock@zionsville-in.gov

<http://www.zionsville-in.gov/zionnaturecenter>

Drop in during our Nature Play Day hours to explore around the Zion Nature Sanctuary. Insect nets, pond dipping nets, children's binoculars and other equipment will be available for families to borrow as you discover what lives in our local wetland, forest and meadow.

Naturalist Mindy Murdock and Zion Nature Center staff will be on hand to help show you how to use the equipment and help identify what you have found. Discover YOUR Backyard!

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Children's House Nature Play Day

Montessori School of Westfield

6/1/2016 - 10:00am - 12:00pm

Event location: 800 Sycamore St., Westfield, Indiana 46084

Contact: Sarah Kalen

sarahbeth33@gmail.com

The Montessori School of Westfield will be hosting a Nature Play Day on Wednesday, June 1 for students in the Children's House Classrooms. We will have water play, mud art, make chalk drawings, take a hike in the woods, blow bubbles, plant a butterfly garden, and pretend to be butterflies.

Nature Play Day at the HRH Playground

Hendricks Regional Health Playground

6/13/2016 - 3:00-6:00PM

Event location: 1000 East Main Street, Danville, Indiana 46122

Contact: Bogan Sue

sebogan@hendricks.org

<http://www.supporthendricks.org/news/playground-open-house/>

Plan to attend the 2016 Nature Play Day on Monday, June 13 from 3-6 on the playground. Lots of fun activities for kids of all ages! Enter in the Northwest Entrance to access the playground

A dedication and open house was held October 19, 2015, officially inviting kids of all ages to enjoy the welcoming

playground courtyard. Click here to see photos from the occasion. The playground is open, weather permitting, during daylight hours at our Danville hospital. Adult supervision is recommended.

This kid-friendly healing space is made possible thanks to generous contributions from caring individuals and businesses. It was created with input of students from local elementary schools who voted on the components included in the design. Photos taken weekly throughout construction show the amazing transformation and can be viewed here.

Storybook Walk in the Park

Avon Parks and Recreation/Avon-Washington Township Public Library

6/11/2016 - 10am-noon

Event location: 498 N Avon Ave, Avon, IN 46123

Contact: Britt Woodard

bwoodard@avongov.org

Join the Avon-Washington Township Public Library and Avon Parks and Recreation for a Storybook Walk in the Park!

Show off your reading skills and enjoy the beautiful 0.5 mile trail between the library and Town Hall Park.

Participants will meet at the library, then read their way through the June Story Walk Trail. Read-aloud stations will be located along the trail, and everyone who completes the S will enter into a prize drawing.

To promote smooth traffic on the trail, please sign up in advance for your Storybook Walk time slot. Sign ups will be available soon on the Town of Avon and Avon-Washington Township Public Library websites.

Unplugged June

Putnam County Families in Nature

6/11/2016 -

Event location: Putnam County, Greencastle, Indiana 46135

Contact: John Garner

johngailgarner@gmail.com

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Unplugged June

Make June a month to get outside and enjoy the nature close to home. Select an activity for each day in June. A calendar can be found on Facebook.

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A. Hike, Board Games, Visit a Nursing Home, Visit a Park, Pick Up Trash, Homemade Ice Cream, Play Favorite Games of Childhood Past, Visit a Library, Visit a Covered Bridge, Draw Something in Nature

B. Gardening, Stargaze, Ultimate Frisbee, Walk on People Pathways, Plant Flowers, Community Service, Cataract Falls and Visit Country Store There, Putnam County Museum, Take a Hike

C. Hide and Seek, Go Fishing, Rocking Chair, Visit DePauw Nature Park, Eat Watermelon Outside, Play Almost Anything Goes Contest, Putnam County Playhouse, Paint a Picture

D. Rea a Book, Picnic, Frisbee, Sit in Silence, Walk The Labyrinth or Track at DePauw, Hike at Deer Creek Fish and Wildlife Area (but not During Hunting Season), Finger Paint, Go to a Playground

E. Sit a Fire, Jog, Visit a Friend, Lay in a Hammock, Power Walk, Paint a Picture, Visit a Farm, Visit Fern Cliff, Pick Up Trash, Take a Nap, Sit by a Stream, Climb a Tree

F. Ride a Bike, Write a Letter to a Friend, Sit a Spell, Walk the Filmore Trail, Watch a Ballgame, Fly a Kite, Camp Out in the Backyard, Start Recycling, Watch the Clouds, Visit the City Pool

G. Walk the Dog, Look at Family Pictures, Enjoy Nature, Scrapbook, Go to the Beach by Oakalla Covered Bridge, Sit on the Porch and Watch the World Go By, Walk in a Creek, Play in the Sprinkler

Summer Kick-off to Gardening
Boys and Girls Club of Morgan County
6/14/2016 - 1:30 p.m.

Event location: 490 St. Clair Street, Mooresville, Indiana 46158
Contact: Kelsey Schultz
kschultz@bgcofmorganco.org
N/A

Our local Master Gardeners are volunteering their time to volunteer with the members of our Boys and Girls Club. We will harvest our plants from the spring season to make room to plant new vegetables and flowers for our summer season. The Master Gardeners are also teaching our members about composting and why it is important!

Creek Hike to Gollywop Forest
Waycross Camp
6/19/2016 - 2-5

Event location: 7363 Bear Creek Rd, Morgantown, IN 46160
Contact: Jenifer Oliphant
reservations@waycrosscenter.org

Bring your hiking shoes and get ready for an adventure. Adults and kids alike will have a great time splashing in the creek and hearing the story of the Gollywops! Lemonade will be served at the conference after hikes. The hike is about 1

hour round trip and we will start about every 1/2 hour. We look forward to splashing around with you.

Nature Day Creek Hike
Waycross Camp & Conference Center
6/19/2016 - 2:00pm-5:00pm

Event location: 7363 Bear Creek Rd, Morgantown, IN 46160
Contact: Van Beers
director@waycrosscenter.org

We will be gathering on the beginning day of summer camp. Kids will have a tour of camp and opportunities to participate in some camp activities. There will be guided creek hikes throughout the day, and free beverages for those who come! Some of our camp alumni will be hosting the event.

Nature Play Day
Hendricks County Parks & Recreation
6/10/2016 - 10:00 am-noon

Event location: 8518 Hughes Road, North Salem, IN 46165
Contact: Sarah Wolf
mcloudnp@hcparks.net
<http://www.hendrickscountyparks.org/index.php>
Park Naturalists will be leading families to investigate critters on land and in the creek, helping kids utilize important tools for nature exploration, and leading hikes that will lead to some fun water play.

Pop Up Adventure Playground
Daystar Childcare
6/15/2016 - 9:30-12:00 and 1:00-3:00

Event location: 57 North Rural, Indianapolis, IN 46201
Contact: Ann Aull
raull@tds.net
daystarchildcare@indy.rr.com
Pop-Up Adventure Playgrounds are expressions of child directed in public settings. They are characterized re-purposing an assortment of loose part; safe clean and open-ended materials. These events are free to attend and children are free to participate as they please. Adults are there to support children's creative play. Daystar childcare has a beautiful natural play area located near the childcare center. We plan to offer a pop up playground experience for the children and families at Daystar

IWF's Sundown Scavenger Hike
Indiana Wildlife Federation
6/13/2016 - 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Event location: Graham Edward Martin Park, Indianapolis, IN 46202
Contact: Aaron Stump
stump@indianawildlife.org
<http://www.indianawildlife.org/>

As the sun goes down, nature comes alive. Bring your family and join the IWF team as we unwind with a hike along a little-known treasure in the heart of Indianapolis, the White River Urban Wilderness Trail. We'll smell the coneflowers, look out for arriving monarchs, search for fox and beaver tracks, and learn about why being out in nature is so important for all of us. A scavenger list will be provided so you can track all the things you spot on the trail.

Questions? Contact us: info@indianawildlife.org

**Nature Play Days Kickoff
Monument Circle Downtown Indianapolis**
6/10/2016 - 11-1

Event location: 1 Monument circle, Indianapolis, IN 46204

Contact: Warren Gartner

wgartner@dnr.in.gov

<http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/7543.htm>

Meet us on the circle in downtown Indianapolis to celebrate the start of Nature Play Days! We will have fishing games, bird watching (maybe sight rare Peregrine Falcons in their nest box, live snakes, and more. Learn more about upcoming Nature Play Days around the state from steering committee members of the Indiana Children and Nature Network.

**YMCA Nature Play Day
YMCA of Greater Indianapolis Day Camps**
6/17/2016 - 6:30am - 6pm

Event location: 615 N. Alabama Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Contact: Andrew Catt

acatt@indymca.org

Our Nature Play Day will be an all day event hosted at all of the YMCA's Summer Day Camps throughout the city of Indianapolis.

At the Y, we already put an emphasis on outside play and being in nature so this day will an opportunity for all our campers and staff to do just that. Throughout the day, campers will participate in numerous nature activities ranging from sensory skills to scavenger hunts, games to outdoor education lessons and so much more!

**Summer in the Garden Family Program
Indianapolis Public Library - Central Library**
6/18/2016 -

Event location: 40 E. St. Clair St., Indianapolis, IN 46204

Contact: Shellie Rich

srich@indypl.org

Event isn't on our calendar yet but will be at:

<http://www.indypl.org/events/calendar>

Join the library for the summer installment of our In the Garden series for children and their families. We will have activities, crafts, songs and stories focusing on connecting families with the natural world. No fee or registration

required. Drop in when you can and leave when you need to.

**Bike Fest!
Reconnecting to Our Waterways**
6/18/2016 - 11am until 11pm

Event location: 4000 N Michigan Road, Indianapolis, IN 46208

Contact: Molly Trueblood

mtrueblo@butler.edu

www.indycog.org/2016bikefest

Gear up for an exciting FREE bike crawl!

BIKE ALONG OR COME TO JUST ONE

This wild ride will take us along some of our city's finest bicycle greenways to art and cultural destinations. This full day of activities includes BMX STUNTS, PUBLIC ART, OUTDOOR FILM SCREENINGS, FOOD and more! All events are FREE to the public so make a day of it!

LAUNCH: Indianapolis Museum of Art- Art and Nature Park from 11:00 - 2:00. 4000 Michigan Rd. Solstice activities, Bike activities, Food trucks, Local Music, Art Swap. extra bicycle parking will be available.

Stop 1: Herron Sculpture Building TIME 2:30- 3:30. 1350 Indiana Ave. Art gallery, Bicycle short film screening, fun design activity.

Stop 2: BMX TRICKS at St. Anthony Festival TIME 4:00- 5:00. 337 N Warman Ave

Stop 3: White River Trail TIME 5:30 - 7:15. 1015 Kentucky Ave. Bombastic activities and outdoor public sculpture

FINALE: PEE WEE's BIG ADVENTURE at Pleasant Curve Amphitheater ARRIVAL TIME 8:00, MOVIE STARTS 9:00. Free Public Screening of PeeWee's Big Adventure. Food Trucks

IndyCog will lead the night ride back to IMA. Freewheelin will provide limited vehicle transport back to IMA. More Info at Bigcar.org

Partners: Big Car Collaborative, Reconnecting to Our Waterways, StreamLines, IndyCog, Freewheelin Community Bikes, Knozone, Saint Anthony Catholic Church Indianapolis

Register at IndyCog.org/2016bikefest

Visit this event on facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/609498162550859/>

**IMA Community Day- Summer Solstice: Girls Rock!/Bike Fest and Art Swap
Indianapolis Museum of Art**
6/18/2016 -

Event location: 4000 N. Michigan Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46208
Contact: Tariq Robinson
trobinson@imamuseum.org
<http://www.imamuseum.org/special-event/community-day-summer-solstice-girls-rock-bike-festival-and-art-swap>
Location: The Virginia B. Fairbanks Art & Nature Park: 100 Acres Admission: Free with suggested donation benefiting community partner Girls Rock! Indianapolis' Welcome the official start of summer with music, games, food and the 2nd Annual Indy Art Swap in partnership with Indy Star. Bring a blanket and enjoy a food truck picnic with family and friends. Activities for budding young musicians will be provided by our friends at Girls Rock! Indianapolis. Use the Central Canal Towpath and ride your bike to the Park, joining in a traveling bike festival down the Canal Towpath lead by the organizers of the Reconnecting Our Waterways (ROW) and StreamLines projects.

Family Fishing and Birdwatching
Fort Harrison State Park - Delaware Lake
6/15/2016 - 10-12

Event location: 6000 N. Post Road, Indianapolis, IN 46216
Contact: Warren Gartner
wgartner@dnr.in.gov

Join us at the Delaware Lake Shelter to go fishing and/or bird watching with Division of Fish & Wildlife education staff. Fishing equipment, bait, and binoculars will be provided.

Nature Play Day
Indianapolis Zoo
6/11/2016 - 10-3

Event location: 1200 W. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46222
Contact: Josh Dodson
jdodson@indyzo.com
<http://www.indianapoliszoo.com/SitePages/Home.aspx>
Explore, play, learn! For the Zoo's special Nature Play Day, there will be fun activities designed to get the whole family active with the amazing nature all around us. Come play with us on June 11th from 10am – 3pm! Activities will be in our brand new Family Nature Center and our White River Gardens areas!

Nature Play Day in the Nina Mason Pulliam EcoLab
Marian University Nina Mason Pulliam EcoLab
6/11/2016 - 1-5 pm

Event location: 3200 Cold Spring Road, Indianapolis, IN 46222
Contact: Stephanie Schuck
sschuck@marian.edu
<http://www.marian.edu/calendar/event-details/2016/06/11/main-calendar/nature-play-day-in-the-nina-mason-pulliam-ecolab>
The Nina Mason Pulliam EcoLab staff realize how extremely important it is to get our kids outside, which is why we are

thrilled to participate in this initiative and have our own Nature Play Day! It will be an afternoon of fun for all ages, full of activities for the whole family. We will have scavenger hunts, loose parts play for the little ones, guided adventure hikes on the trails, macroinvertebrate sampling in the pond, citizen science projects, eco-friendly prizes, and more!

The event will be held in the EcoLab Fields between 1-5 p.m. Parking is available on campus in the Marian Hall parking lot.

No registration is required, and questions can be directed to Stephanie Schuck, sschuck@marian.edu.

Discover the Other Side of Riverside
Friends of the White River

June 11 & June 18 - 10am-12pm

Event location: 3001 N White River Pkwy West Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46222
Contact: Kevin Hardie
friendsofwhiteriver@yahoo.com

Friends of the White River, in cooperation with Reconnecting to Our Waterways, is conducting FREE family-friendly raft floats through the park for the next two weekends of June. Join us on one of the next two Saturdays, 6/11 and 6/18, for a morning of safe and informative fun for both adults and children (ages 10 and up, accompanied by an adult).

Meet on the northwest side of the 30th Street bridge, across from the Naval Armory, at 10 a.m. to learn about what White River, Fall Creek and the Canal can mean for the future of this neighborhood and for the city!

Please make your reservation at friendsofwhiteriver@yahoo.com or by calling (317) 371-9418 to assure a space! There is no charge, but space is limited to 30 participants.

Nature Play Day
Eagle Creek Park Earth Discover Center
6/18/2016 - 10-4

Event location: 5901 Delong Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46254
Contact: Dawn VanDeman
dawn.vandeman@indy.gov
<http://www.indy.gov/eGov/City/DPR/ECPark/Pages/Calendar.aspx>

Enjoy our beautiful Indiana forests, ponds, and wildlife in our largest Indianapolis city park! We'll have guided nature walks, pond scooping, and other activities throughout the day at the Earth Discovery Center, or stop by the Ornithology Center to learn more about our amazing Indiana birds (free with park admission). In addition you can cool down with a swim in the reservoir at the swimming area or rent a canoe or kayak and go for a paddle (additional fees apply), or explore our several miles of beautiful hiking trails.

Explore Nature and Learn to Be the Change

Peace Learning Center

6/17/2016 - 10:30-3:30

Event location: 6040 Delong Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46254

Contact: Kristina Hulvershorn

khulvershorn@peacelearningcenter.org

Come enjoy some of our city's most beautiful scenery and wildlife at Eagle Creek. After you explore the gorgeous forest, streams, and reservoir stop in to 'Be the Change' located within Peace Learning Center to learn how to help protect our environment (all ages). Please email khulvershorn@peacelearningcenter.org for more information.

Holliday Park Nature Play Day

Holliday Park Nature Center

6/12/2016 - 1:30-2:30pm

Event location: 6363 Spring Mill Road, Indianapolis, IN 46260

Contact: Erica Schneider

erica.schneider@indy.gov

www.hollidaypark.org

Holliday Park Nature Play Day

Indiana turns 200 this year! Join in a wonderful birthday celebration devoted to Indiana's plants and animals. Discover Indiana State Symbols and enjoy a Naturalist lead hike through the park. Come prepared to be outdoors.

Sunday, Jun. 12

1:30-2:30 pm

Free! No registration required

Family Fishing and Birdwatching

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6/13/2016 - 10-12

Event location: 6358 Eagle Creek Pkwy, Indianapolis, IN 46278

Contact: Warren Gartner

wgartner@dnr.in.gov

Join us at Eagle Creek Park's Lilly Lake shelter to go fishing and/or bird watching with Division of Fish & Wildlife education staff. Fishing equipment, bait, and binoculars will be provided.

Family and Friends Nature Play Day Hike- Moore Road Farm The STEM Connection

6/18/2016 - 3:00pm - 4:00pm

Event location: 8407 Moore Road, Indianapolis, IN 46278

Contact: Mary Stumpf

mstumpf@thestemconnection.org

<http://thestemconnection.org/science-and-nature-hikes/>

Our Family and Friends Nature Play Day Hike will be facilitated by our Executive Director, Vera VanderKooy. Our

themed hike is a great way to spend some time in nature with your family and friends as we explore the different ecosystems at Moore Road Farm, including fields, deciduous forest, and Eagle Creek.

Nature Play Zone Indiana Play Day

Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

6/11/2016 - 9-5

Event location: 1100 N. Mineral Springs Road, Porter, IN 46304

Contact: Julianne Larsen

julianne_larsen@nps.gov

Contact Ranger Juliannne Larsen at the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore for more details (219) 395-1821. A fort building and sand sculpture contest are among the activities offered in the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore Nature Play Zone today. These types of activities are encouraged everyday in this zone adjacent to the Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education. Free play is welcome in this large, no rules area where digging, building and creating are encouraged. New this year is nearby access to water for creating that extra special sand sculpture. The park furnishes rocks and tree branches of all sizes along with shovels, buckets, ID sheets, trays and the like. Family members are always welcome here.

National Get Outdoors Day Celebration

Dunes Learning Center

6/11/2016 - 11 am to 3pm

Event location: 700 Howe Rd, Chesterton, Indiana 46304

Contact: Sandi Weindling

sweindling@duneslearningcenter.org

www.duneslearningcenter.org/events

Get Outdoors and explore your national lakeshore at our 5th annual Get Outdoors Day celebration. Learn about the secret life of the Little Calumet River, learn to kayak safely with the Northwest Indiana Paddling Association or have a live animal encounter thanks to the Moraine Ridge Wildlife Rehabilitation Center. Guided hikes, science games, music, art and a picnic lunch under the trees are all free with your pre-registration!

Thanks to event partners and sponsors: Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, ArcelorMittal, BP, Culligan of Valparaiso, Enbridge, Friends of Indiana Dunes, Lakeshore Public Media, Lamar Advertising Company, Moraine Ridge Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, NIPSCO and Prism Science & Technology.

Funding for this program was provided in part by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Lake Michigan Coastal Program. Arts activities made possible, in part, with support from the Indiana Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

2016 Water Festival
City of Hobart Stormwater District
6/18/2016 - 10-4

Event location: 111 East Old Ridge Road, Hobart, IN 46342
Contact: Sherryl Doerr
sdoerr@cityofhobart.org

Many environmental activities, Dumpster Drummers, Silly Safari Animal Show, D.J., Potawatomi Indian Water Ceremony, climbing wall, bounce house water slide, Crazy Kayak race, fishing instruction, food vendors and much much more.

Frame Conservation 4-H Day
Porter County Chapter, Izaak Waltom League
6/18/2016 - 1-4

Event location: 1288 N. County Line Road, Michigan City, IN 46360
Contact: Bill Iltzsche
biltzsche@hotmail.com

Get outdoors and experience archery, fishing, an insect hunt, and help build a butterfly garden!

Nature Play Day
National Park Service/Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore
6/11/2016 - 9 am - 4pm

Event location: 100 N. Lake Street, Gary, IN 46403
Contact: Julianne Larsen
julianne_larsen@nps.gov
www.nps.gov/indu
In our new nature play area, shovels, pails, tarps, rakes and the like are furnished for fort building, rock sorting or whatever your children decide. Nature furnishes long sticks, trees and rocks of all sizes. Small fort building prizes given throughout the day.

Cobus Creek Festival
Friends of Cobus Creek
2/18/2016 - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Event location: 30680 C.R. 8, Elkhart, IN 46514
Contact: Herms Cynthia
clherms@me.com
<https://www.facebook.com/events/100598100316658/>
Mark the Date -----2nd Annual Cobus Creek Festival
Saturday June 18, 2016

Free family fun with an environmental slant! From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on June 18, 2016, the Cobus Creek Festival will be held at Cobus Creek Park (will feature multiple interactive science and environmental booths and displays, 3 family hikes of various levels, fishing demonstrations, fishing instruction for children, a scavenger hunt throughout the park, food for sale and a multitude of children's games and face painting. In

addition there will be a live raptor meet and greet during the entire festival time, which will allow people to interact with the birds, take photos with them and have any questions they might have about raptors answered. Raptor viewing and activities are free, as is entry to the festival, however there is a charge for children's games. Food is also available to purchase. Book sale. Silent Auction. Duck races. All proceeds will go to assist in purchasing needed stream monitoring instruments.

Pop Up Adventure Nature Play
Woodlawn Nature Center
6/13/2016 - 10am-1pm

Event location: 604 Woodlawn Ave, Elkhart, IN 46514
Contact: Carla Gull
woodlawnnaturecenteronline@gmail.com
<https://woodlawnnature.org/2016/06/03/pop-up-adventure-nature-play-day/>
Pop Up Adventure Nature Play Day
Woodlawn Nature Center
June 13
10 am - 1 pm

Woodlawn Nature Center is hosting a Pop Up Adventure Nature Play Day on June 13 from 10 am to 1 pm in the Nature Explore certified outdoor classroom behind the Nature Center at 604 Woodlawn Avenue, Elkhart. In addition to the normal outdoor classroom activities, such as outdoor weaving, making music in nature, log climbing, den and fort building building, dirt digging, block building, messy materials, and nature art, children and families are invited to create with found and natural items during the Pop Up Play. There is no attendance fee though recycled or natural materials, such as boxes, lids, fabrics, glue and tape, paper bags, plastic bottles, pinecones, long sticks, etc. are requested as donations to the event and will help give more options for creative minds. The Nature Center will also be open for an additional fee of \$3/child.

Nancy Brown from Elkhart County Soil and Water Conservation District, one of the event sponsors, mentioned, "It will be fun to go back to the times when the world was all about a child's sense of adventure!" The Pop Up Adventure Nature Play Day will do just that"allow for active children's play, creativity, building, and imagination. In an era when technology is consuming more of children's time, providing safe, fun children's activities that promote creativity and imagination is needed, as Woodlawn Nature Center regularly hosts Nature Play Days throughout the month on various topics. Later in the month, International Mud Day will be celebrated on June 29 as another Nature Play Day.

Industries that have waste that could be repurposed for creative purposes, such as electrical spindles, cardboard pieces and cones, string, straw bales, rope, duct tape,

packing tape, and other safe materials are also encouraged to contact Carla Gull at 966-0250 or woodlawnnaturecenteronline@gmail.com for donation purposes.

Visit the Calendar of Events for upcoming programs or follow Woodlawn Nature Center on Facebook.

Woodlawn Nature Center's woods, outdoor classroom, and natural history museum are located within the Elkhart City limits on Woodlawn Avenue, two blocks East of Cassopolis Street. Woodlawn Nature Center celebrated 50 years in Elkhart in 2015.

Insect Discovery

Rum Village Nature Center

6/19/2016 - 2:00 PM

Event location: 2626 S. Gertrude Street, South Bend, IN 46614

Contact: Hannah Teshka

hteshka@southbendin.gov

<http://sbpark.org/parks/rum-village-park/rum-village-nature-center/>

Join us at Rum Village Nature Center as we head outside to learn about bugs! Activities will include playing Bug Bingo, sweeping for insects, and making a bug to take home!

Good, Clean, Dirty Fun!

St. Joseph County Parks

6/15/2016 - 6-8pm

Event location: 50651 Laurel Rd, South Bend, IN 46637

Contact: Shelley Chaffee

schaffee@sjcparks.org

www.sjcparks.org/calendar

Make mud pies and mud art, slide on the giant slip and slide, stomp in the swamp, explore compost, and more!

Nature Play Day at Merry Lea

Merry Lea Environmental Learning Center of Goshen College

6/14/2016 - 1-6:30

Event location: 2388 S. 500 W., Albion, IN 46701

Contact: Jane Litwiller

janell@goshen.edu

<https://www.goshen.edu/merrylea/category/event/rainbow-Scavenger-hunt-in-the-greenhouse-and-self-guided-tour-of-Christy-Woods>

Plug-In To Nature Sunday at Moser Park Nature Center

Moser Park Nature Center - New Haven Parks & Recreation

6/12/2016 - 12-4pm

Event location: 601 Main Street, New Haven, IN 46774

Contact: Heather Baker

hbaker@newhavenin.org

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

Unplug from your daily routine and enjoy the outdoors. Kick the kids off of their electronics; leave your handheld devices at home and enjoy a day outside at the Moser Park Nature Center where we will explore woodlands and swamp habitats, pond life, and native plants. Weekly programs will engage the family in outdoor learning experiences like tree and native plant identification, wildlife habitat preservation, water conservation, community heritage, and the benefits of outdoor play. Building is located at the head of the Rivergreenway trail by the pond.

Lets See Some Stars

Free Thought Fort Wayne

6/10/2016 - 9:30pm

Event location: 1702 Webster Rd., New Haven, IN 46774

Contact: Kenneth Ely

kenrely@yahoo.com

<https://www.facebook.com/events/250522488643771/>

Free Thought Fort Wayne and the Fort Wayne Astronomical society have teamed to to present, Lets See Some Stars. A night of late night Stargazing. Are you ready for some late night stargazing? We will be breaking out the telescopes to view the heavens. This isn't LA but we've got a map of all the great the stars. We've got some big names coming out. North Star, Beetlejuice, Antares just to name a few. Some excellent group appearances such as Libra, Gemini, and Cancer. We may have a few surprise Planets joining us as well. Ready for this late show? UPDATE: Come out to Jefferson Township Park just past New Haven - 1702 S. Webster Rd. New Haven 46774. For best results show up once it gets dark. Not a bad idea to bring some bug spray. If it is cloudy we'll have to postpone the event and we'll make an announcement here so please check this page before leaving for the event. Let's have some fun.

Morning Face Toddler Series

Gene Stratton-Porter State Historic Site

6/16/2016 - 10:00 a.m.

Event location: 1205 Pleasant Point, Rome City, Indiana 46784

Contact: Tiffany Conrad

gspmemorialsociety@gmail.com

www.genestratton-porter.com

Gene Stratton-Porter wrote Morning Face[®], a book of children's poems for her beloved granddaughter nicknamed Morning Face. At these events, toddlers will learn one of Gene's sing-songs (poems) then explore the grounds with a hike and a craft activity. \$2 per child.

Also offered July 21st and August 18th.

Nature's Play Event at Eagle Marsh

Little River Wetlands Project

6/11/2016 - 9 am - 11am

Event location: 6801 Engle Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46804

Contact: Liz Hincks

l.hincks@lrwp.org

lrwp.org

We will have a variety of nature based hands-on stations, activities, and self-guided hikes at Eagle Marsh as we celebrate nature with this learning adventure for visitors of all ages. We are a restored wetlands so we recommend that you wear your boots (but we do have some you could borrow in the barn) and bring your own water bottle and sunscreen.

Helping Wildlife at Home

IUPU Fort Wayne- Environmental Resources Center

6/11/2016 - 11 am - 1 pm

Event location: 2101 E. Coliseum Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46805

Contact: Sasha Tetzlaff

erc@ipfw.edu

erc.ipfw.edu

You don't always have to go miles out into the wilderness to experience and help nature. Discover fun facts about native plants and animals and simple ways to make your backyard a certified wildlife habitat. Make a toad abode and receive seeds from wildflowers to plant so you can provide a hangout for animals that visit your house. IPFW campus. Each event is from 11 am – 1 pm, limited to 30 people per event (including adults) and is geared for children ages 5-12. Programs are free to attend, but registration is required and can be done by phone (260-481-5725) or email (erc@ipfw.edu). When registering, please tell us how many people will be attending in your party and provide a contact name, phone number and/or email for your group. Registration will close for each respective program one week before the program is held. Go to erc.ipfw.edu for more information.

3Rivers Federal Credit Union Pedal, Paddle, and Play Northeast Indiana Water Trails

6/11/2016 - 12 - 5pm

Event location: 1004 Cass Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46808

Contact: Kyle Quandt

kyle.quandt@co.allen.in.us

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1706593342946573/>

Come down on banks of the St. Marys River for this FREE family event to learn about the NE Indiana Water Trails, learn from area environmental and community organizations, get your face painted, ride a zip line over the river or walk on water in a giant hamster ball, and hear some great live local music on Saturday, June 11th! You can also see the FW Police Department K-9 unit and climb in a real tank! Or the whole family can register to paddle on the rivers or pedal on the multi-use land trails for your chance to win some amazing

prizes including a kayak package valued at \$1200!

Registration for the Pedal or Paddle is free for children 15 and under with a paying adult! Register at Fort Wayne Outfitters and Bike Depot (1004 Cass St) or Earth Adventures Unlimited (1804 W. Main St). You can bring your own bike or boat or rent one from Fort Wayne Outfitters and Bike Depot or Earth Adventures. See you on the water!

Celebrate the Wildcat at Adams Mill

Adam's Mill on Wildcat Creek

6/11/2016 - 10am-4pm

Event location: County Road S 75 E, Cutler, IN 46920

Contact: Bonnie Maxwell

b_maxwell@frontier.com

<http://www.adams-mill.org/events>

This annual event is co-sponsored by Adams Mill, Wildcat Guardians, NICHES Land Trust, and Promoting Wildcat Valley. Free escorted canoe rides around the Oxbow at Adams Mill are featured. Food, and drinks, including desserts prepared by the Cutler Church ladies, will be available for sale. Creekside critter identification for kids is a popular feature! Free Mill tours and educational displays and demonstrations about the Wildcat Valley and its natural resources are included. This Indiana Bicentennial year, there will be special activities for children in celebration of "Nature Play Days."

Clarksville Parks Nature Play Day- Lapping Park Clarksville Parks & Recreation

6/13/2016 - 6:30pm-8:00pm

Event location: 2404 Greentree North, Clarksville, IN 47129

Contact: Ken Conklin

kconklin@clarksvilleparks.com

<http://www.clarksvilleparks.com/>

Join us as we explore all nature has to offer during this special outdoor event. Bring the family and hike the trails of Lapping Park, play a little sand volleyball, explore our playgrounds, or join us inside Endris Lodge for a special LIVE SNAKES presentation by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. We will also have special nature inspired crafts for the kids.

Nature Play Day

Decatur County Parks and Recreation Department

6/14/2016 - 9-2

Event location: 115 N. County Road 80 NE, Greensburg, IN 47240

Contact: Teresa Kovacich

tkovacich@etczone.com

www.decatourcountyparksandrecreation.com

Bicycle Safety, Archery, Pony Rides, Stem Van (Girl Scouts Crime Solving Activity), Story Time under the Trees by the Decatur County Public Library, Silly Safari featuring Crocodile Courtney, Water Play, Sack Races, Trail Hiking, Free Hot Dogs

and Drinks for Lunch

**National Get Outdoors Day Open House
Dunes Learning Center**

6/11/2016 - 11-3

Event location: 700 Howe Rd, Porter, IN 47274

Contact: Anicia Kosky

akosky@duneslearningcenter.org

DunesLearningCenter.org

Explore your national lakeshore at Dunes Learning Center's 5th annual Get Outdoors Day celebration. This day of family fun features guided hikes, science activities, animal interactions, kayak demonstrations, nature crafts, live music and a picnic lunch under the trees.

Nature Play Day

Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge

6/11/2016 - 10-2

Event location: 12985 E. U.S. Hwy. 50, Seymour, IN 47274

Contact: Donna Stanley

donna_stanley@fws.gov

The Nature Play Day at Muscatatuck NWR will be from 10 am to 2 pm. on June 11. There will be a nature craft for children, investigations of aquatic wildlife in a pond, a nature scavenger hunt, and nature games. At 11 am and 1 pm Julie Lemming will give a program to adults on "Connecting Kids with Nature- Balancing Today's World with Outside Play". Activities for youngsters will be provided during the talk. A simple picnic lunch will be provided. at noon.

Nature Story time and Nature Walk

Muncie Public Library - Maring - Hunt Branch

6/16/2016 - 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Event location: 2005 S. High Street, Muncie, IN 47302

Contact: Mary Lou Gentis

carrie@muncieby5.org

For this event, we will begin outside by reading a short story about a nature walk. Families will then be led by a library employee on a nature walk around the library's garden area. On this walk children and adults will collect different twigs, rocks, grasses, etc. to use in creating a found art piece upon returning to the starting point.

Teachers in Parks

Ivy Tech School of Education

6/15/2016 - 12-2pm

Event location: 1700 S Grant St., Muncie, IN 47302

Contact: Marissa Rose

marissa@muncieby5.org

<https://www.facebook.com/munciedelawareB5/events>

Heekin Park Corner of S. Madison St & E. Memorial Dr. --Ivy Tech Education Students will be stationed at Heekin Park to

help facilitate fun hands-on nature activities for kids.

Family Yoga on the East Lawn

Minnetrista

6/16/2016 - 9-11am

Event location: 1200 N Minnetrista Parkway, Muncie, IN 47302

Contact: Marissa Rose

marissa@muncieby5.org

<https://www.facebook.com/munciedelawareB5/events>

Bring your own mat or towel for some fun, family stretching.

Exploring the Nature PlayScape

TRC Muncie Head Start

6/14/2016 - 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Event location: 3900 E. Wysor St., Muncie, IN 47303

Contact: Tyanne Vazquez

tvazquez@transitionresources.org

Explore the NEW Nature Playscape - play with loose parts, fort building, sand play, dirt digging, bird watching and art activities.

I-Spy and Insect Safari

Red-tail Land Conservancy

6/14/2016 - 10am-12pm

Event location: 505 N. Gavin St, Muncie, IN 47303

Contact: Marissa Rose

marissa@muncieby5.org

<https://www.facebook.com/munciedelawareB5/events>

Craddock Wetland-- Look for bugs and other interesting nature landmarks at our I-Spy activity. Need directions? Click here to enter your address and get driving directions: <http://bit.ly/1UYA3P6>

Garden Fun & Picnic

Open Door Health Services & First Baptist Church

6/17/2016 - 10am-12:30pm

Event location: 333 S Madison St, Muncie, IN 47303

Contact: Marissa Rose

marissa@muncieby5.org

<https://www.facebook.com/munciedelawareB5/events>

Join us for a gardening and nutritional activity at the Open Door/First Baptist picnic area, with free lunch for kids from 11:30-12:30 at First Baptist Church.

Nature story time and Seed Planting

Muncie Public Library - Kennedy Library

6/15/2016 - 10:30-11

Event location: 1700 W. Mcgalliard Rd., Muncie, IN 47304

Contact: Donna Catron

carrie@muncieby5.org

nature story time with a seed planting in the earth boxes outside at the library.

Ready to Learn Nature Boxes
Huffer Child Care Resource and Referral
6/18/2016 - 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Event location: 3413 W. Fox Ridge Lane, Muncie, IN 47304
Contact: Liane Nickey
lnickey@huffermcc.org

RSVP please for this event /no charge.765-284-0887 Families will use nature boxes and connect the items in the boxes as to how they promote school readiness.

How to make DIY Seed Bombs & Explore Outdoor Space
Apple Tree Child Development Center YMCA
6/14/2016 - 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Event location: 3501 Chadam Lane (behind rural king), Muncie, IN 47304
Contact: Diana Badger
dbadger@muncieymca.org

Come explore our 2 acre play space! Have a scavenger hunt, do tree rubbings, make and take tree cookies, make seed bombs and enjoy outdoor exploration.

Nature Play Days Kick-Off
Minnetrasta
6/11/2016 - 8am-12pm

Event location: 1200 N Minnetrista Parkway, Muncie, IN 47304
Contact: Marissa Rose
marissa@muncieby5.org
<https://www.facebook.com/munciedelawareB5/events>
Come to the Minnetrista Farmer's Market to learn about all the fun Nature Play Days events happening in Delaware County. Come to three Nature Play Days Events and be entered into a raffle for a prize!

Betty's Cabin
Minnetrasta
6/12/2016 - 12-4pm

Event location: 1200 N Minnetrista Parkway, Muncie, IN 47304
Contact: Marissa Rose
marissa@muncieby5.org
<https://www.facebook.com/munciedelawareB5/events>
Come to Betty's Cabin for tools to explore the outside world.

Veggie & Herb Garden Work & Play
Minnetrasta
6/13/2016 - 12-3pm

Event location: 1200 N Minnetrista Parkway, Muncie, IN

47304
Contact: Marissa Rose
marissa@muncieby5.org
<https://www.facebook.com/munciedelawareB5/events>
Have fun getting your hands dirty in the garden.

Rainbow Scavenger Hunt
Dr. Joe and Alice Rinard Orchid Greenhouse
6/13/2016 - 10am-12pm

Event location: 2111 W. Riverside Ave, Muncie, IN 47304
Contact: Marissa Rose
marissa@muncieby5.org
<https://www.facebook.com/munciedelawareB5/events>
Come explore the tropical paradise while your little one searches for the colors of the rainbow with the orchids, banana plants, and poison dart frogs.

Betty's Cabin
Minnetrasta
6/14/2016 - 10am-2pm

Event location: 1200 N Minnetrista Parkway, Muncie, IN 47304
Contact: Marissa Rose
marissa@muncieby5.org
<https://www.facebook.com/munciedelawareB5/events>
Come to Betty's Cabin for tools to explore the outside world.

Courtyard Garden Work & Play
Minnetrasta
6/14/2016 - 9-11am

Event location: 1200 N Minnetrista Parkway, Muncie, IN 47304
Contact: Marissa Rose
marissa@muncieby5.org
<https://www.facebook.com/munciedelawareB5/events>
Discover nature as we prepare hummingbird habitats.

Teachers in Parks
Ivy Tech School of Education
6/15/2016 - 12-2pm

Event location: 2750 W. White River Blvd, Muncie, IN 47304
Contact: Marissa Rose
marissa@muncieby5.org
<https://www.facebook.com/munciedelawareB5/events>
Westside Park-Corner of S. Tillotson Ave. & White River Blvd.
-Ivy Tech Education Students will be stationed at Westside Park in Muncie to help facilitate fun hands-on nature activities for kids.

Betty's Cabin
Minnetrasta
6/15/2016 - 4-7pm

Event location: 1200 N Minnetrista Parkway, Muncie, IN

47304

Contact: Marissa Rose
marissa@muncieby5.org
<https://www.facebook.com/munciedelawareB5/events>
Come to Betty's Cabin for tools to explore the outside world.

I Spy and Insect Safari
Red-tail Land Conservancy
6/16/2016 - 6-8pm

Event location: E 650 S Rd., Muncie, IN 47304
Contact: Marissa Rose
marissa@muncieby5.org
<https://www.facebook.com/munciedelawareB5/events>
Red-tail Nature Preserve--Come search for insects and other natural entities at the Red-tail Nature Preserve, located just south of the Muncie Reservoir. Need driving directions? Click this link and input your address: <http://bit.ly/1WuZpVU>

Betty's Cabin
Minnetrasta
6/16/2016 - 10am-2pm

Event location: 1200 N Minnetrista Parkway, Muncie, IN 47304
Contact: Marissa Rose
marissa@muncieby5.org
<https://www.facebook.com/munciedelawareB5/events>
Come to Betty's cabin for tools to explore the outside world.

Mudpies in the Backyard Garden
Minnetrasta
6/17/2016 - 2-5pm

Event location: 1200 N Minnetrista Parkway, Muncie, IN 47304
Contact: Marissa Rose
marissa@muncieby5.org
<https://www.facebook.com/munciedelawareB5/events>
The mudpie factory is open at Minnetrista! Come play in the dirt and make as many pies as your hands can handle.

Betty's Cabin
Minnetrasta
6/18/2016 - 12-4pm

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Contact: Marissa Rose
marissa@muncieby5.org
<https://www.facebook.com/munciedelawareB5/events>
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47304

Contact: Marissa Rose
marissa@muncieby5.org
<https://www.facebook.com/munciedelawareB5/events>
The mudpie factory is open at Minnetrista! Get your hands dirty making as many mudpies as you can handle!

Bike Rentals & Scavenger Hunt
Cardinal Greenways

June 11 - June 19, 2016 - Saturday and Sundays 10-3 M-F/ 8-4

Event location: 700 E. Wysor St. - The Depot, Muncie, IN 47305
Contact: Angie Pool
angie@cardinalgreenways.org

FREE Bike Rental with ID and self guided scavenger hunts!

Gardening Picnic
Open Door Health Services/First Baptist Church
6/17/2016 - 10-11 gardening Open Door 11:30-12:30 Free lunch First Baptist Church

Event location: 333 S. Madison Ave., Muncie, IN 47305
Contact: Andrea Bruno
anbruno@opendoorhs.org

Join us for a gardening and nutritional activity at Open Door Health Services followed by a FREE lunch/picnic at the First Baptist Church located right next door.

Bike Rental & Scavenger Hunt
Cardinal Greenways

6/13/2016 - Anytime between 8am-4pm

Event location: 700 E. Wysor St, Muncie, IN 47305
Contact: Marissa Rose
marissa@muncieby5.org
<https://www.facebook.com/munciedelawareB5/events>
Wysor Street Depot--Bike rental available daily, as well as self-guided scavenger hunts available at Depot location.

Bike Rental & Scavenger Hunt
Cardinal Greenways

6/17/2016 - Anytime between 8am-4pm

Event location: 700 E. Wysor Street, Muncie, IN 47305
Contact: Marissa Rose
marissa@muncieby5.org
<https://www.facebook.com/munciedelawareB5/events>
Bike rental available daily, as well as self-guided scavenger hunts available at Depot location.

Finale Raffle Drawing
Cardinal Greenways

6/19/2016 - 2:30pm

Event location: 700 E. Wysor Street, Muncie, IN 47305
Contact: Marissa Rose
marissa@muncieby5.org
<https://www.facebook.com/munciedelawareB5/events>
Completing the raffle drawing for the grand prize winners of Nature Play Days participants who have attended 3 or more Nature Play Days events in Delaware County.

**Play with All Five Senses at the Outdoor Learning Center
Muncie Children's Museum**
6/11/2016 - 10am-5pm

Event location: 515 S. High St., Muncie, IN 47305
Contact: Marissa Rose
marissa@muncieby5.org
<https://www.facebook.com/munciedelawareB5/events>
The Outdoor Learning Center is a place for exploration and discovery. Find the Five Senses garden, climb in the tree house or count our resident turtles in the pond.

**Play with All Five Senses in the Outdoor Learning Center
Muncie Children's Museum**
6/12/2016 - 1-5pm

Event location: 515 S. High St., Muncie, IN 47305
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marissa@muncieby5.org
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**Play with All Five Senses in the Outdoor Learning Center
Muncie Children's Museum**
6/19/2016 - 1pm-5pm

Event location: 515 S. High St., Muncie, IN 47305
Contact: Marissa Rose
marissa@muncieby5.org
<https://www.facebook.com/munciedelawareB5/events>
The Outdoor Learning Center is a place for exploration and discovery. Find the Five Senses garden, climb in the tree house or count our resident turtles in the pond.

**Exploring the world of Orchids
Dr. Joe & Alice Rinard Orchid Greenhouse**
6/13/2016 - 12-Oct

Event location: 2111 W. Riverside Ave., Muncie, IN 47306
Contact: Cheryl LeBlanc
cleblanc@bsu.edu

Rainbow Scavenger hunt in the greenhouse and self guided tour of Christy Woods.

Creek Hike

Cope Environmental Center
6/18/2016 - 9:30am-11:30am

Event location: 4910 Shoemaker Road, Centerville, Indiana 47330

Contact: King Kyle
k.king@copeenvironmental.org
<http://www.copeenvironmental.org/upcoming-events-programs/>

Join us for a Nature Play Day Creek Hike at Cope Environmental Center from 9:30-11:30am during the annual EEAI (Environmental Education Association of Indiana) conference. It is \$5 per child, and it is free for the children of EEAI participants.

Unnatural Trail

Whitewater Memorial State Park
6/14/2016 - 2:00 p.m.

Event location: 1418 S. State Road 101, Liberty, Indiana 47353
Contact: Kristie Ridgway
kridgway@dnr.in.gov

How keen are your observation skills? Find out on this easy hike that will have you looking for what doesn't belong. We will discuss the importance of camouflage and learn about some animals that really know how to blend in. Meet at Poplar Grove Shelter for this 40 minute program.

Buzzin' Bees

Whitewater Memorial State Park
6/15/2016 - 2:00 p.m.

Event location: 1418 S. State Road 101, Liberty, Indiana 47353
Contact: Kristie Ridgway
kridgway@dnr.in.gov

Meet at the Naturalist Cabin to make a buzzing bee to take home with you! Discover why our pollinators are so important at this 40 minute program.

Creature Feature

Whitewater Memorial State Park
6/16/2016 - 2:00 p.m.

Event location: 1418 S. State Road 101, Liberty, Indiana 47353
Contact: Kristie Ridgway
kridgway@dnr.in.gov

Join us at the Naturalist Cabin to meet some common reptiles of Indiana. Learn about their habitats and help us give them some exercise and sunshine! Make a critter craft to take home with you! 40 minutes.

The Story of the Stars

Summit Lake State Park
6/11/2016 - 8 p.m.

Event location: 5993 N. Messick Road, New Castle, IN 47362
Contact: Rachel Bennett
rrickyb2@gmail.com

Standard Gate Fees apply: \$7.00 per Indiana residence vehicle Please bring chairs, a flashlight and bug spray.

The Story of the Stars is an interactive program suitable for most ages.

Program Breakdown:

8-8:30 p.m. we will be making star wheels.

8:40- 9:00 The Naturalist will be telling stories about stars while sitting around a cozy campfire.

At dusk we will do stargazing while the Naturalist talks about constellations.

*Program subject to cancellations if it is raining.

Outdoor Investigator's Club Summer Day Camp

Cope Environmental Center
June 13-17 - 9am-12pm

Event location: 4910 Shoemaker Road, Centerville, Indiana 47374

Contact: Kyle King
k.king@copeenvironmental.org
<http://www.copeenvironmental.org/programs/summer-programs/>

There will be an outdoor mystery to be solved every day, so bring your investigative skills! Badges will be included! Enjoy Hikes, Crafts, Hands-on Activities, Woodland Games, Habitat Exploration and much more!

Museum Nature Play Day

Joseph Moore Museum
6/12/2016 - 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Event location: 801 National Road West, Richmond, IN 47374
Contact: Nelson Erika
nelsoer1@earlham.edu

Outdoor activities at the Joseph Moore Museum on the Earlham College campus including the Bird Migration Game

and Seed Dispersal Challenge.

Nature Play at Oakwood Center

Oakwood Retreat Center

6/16/2016 - 12-Oct

Event location: 3801 S County Road 575, Selma, IN 47383

Contact: Director Ted

oakwoodretreatcenter@gmail.com

Explore the World Garden, barns with chickens and goats, stone circle and walking trails. If you are feeling adventurous we can make the ½ mile walk to wade in the river.

Nature Play & Tour of the Grounds

Oakwood Retreat Center

6/17/2016 - Open

Event location: 3801 S. Country Road 575, Selma, IN 47383

Contact: Marissa Rose

marissa@muncieby5.org

<https://www.facebook.com/munciedelawareB5/events>

Stop in at main building to request tour. Explore the World Garden, barns with chickens and goats, stone circle and walking trails. If you are feeling adventurous we can make the ½ mile walk to wade in the river.

Hike It Baby! At Morrow's Meadow

Hike It Baby

6/13/2016 - 10-11am

Event location: 1901 S. Tiger Dr., Yorktown, IN 47396

Contact: Marissa Rose

marissa@muncieby5.org

<https://www.facebook.com/munciedelawareB5/events>

Morrow's Meadow--Join us for an easy, one mile hike around the park followed by playtime. Strollers and carriers are welcome. We will meet next to the playground near the canoe entrance. This is the playground that will be to your right upon entering the park. Learn more about Hike it Baby and other scheduled hikes at www.hikeitbaby.com.

Nature Play Day

Monroe Lake

6/19/2016 - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Event location: 4850 S. State Road 446, Bloomington, Indiana 47401

Contact: Jill Vance

jvance@dnr.IN.gov

<http://stateparks.in.gov/2954.htm>

Nature Play Day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Paynetown State Recreation Area

Bring your willingness to play and a digital camera! You'll visit different stations, complete a fun activity at each one, and then document it with a photo. When

you're finished, show your photos to a naturalist to claim a certificate and prize!

To begin: Check in at the tent on the Beach between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

To finish: Check in at the Activity Center between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Nature Play Day

Wesselman Woods

6/18/2016 - 10 am- 2pm

Event location: 551 North Boeke Rd., Evansville, IN 47711

Contact: Garrett Gena

ggarrett@wesselmannaturesociety.org

Wesselman Nature Society is partnering with Hike It Baby and 4C of Southern Indiana to offer guided hikes and play stations for kids ages 0-5.

Take A Kid Mountain Biking Day

Friends of Griffin Bike Park

6/11/2016 - 9-3

Event location: 10700 Bono Road, Terre Haute, IN 47802

Contact: Rich Moore

Rich@griffinbikepark.com

www.griffinbikepark.com

Group rides, family fun and more!

35th Annual Kids' Fishing Rodeo

Terre Haute 35th Annual Kids Fishing Rodeo

6/11/2016 - 8-11

Event location: 5170 E. Poplar S, Terre Haute, IN 47803

Contact: Carissa Lovett

carissa.lovett@terrehaute.in.gov

Free fishing event for kids ages 2-15 years of age held at John G. Dobbs Memorial Grove at 5170 E. Poplar St., Terre Haute, Indiana 47803. Kids will compete for prizes in three age categories. Participants will receive a free hot dog and Pepsi product and have a chance to win a door prize. Contact Carissa Lovett at 812-877-1095 or carissa.lovett@terrehaute.in.gov for more information and how to register.

Nature Play Days: Plug into Nature

Vigo County Parks and Recreation Department and Vigo County Public Library

6/14/2016 - 5:30-7:30

Event location: 6067 East Old Maple Avenue, Terre Haute, IN 47803

Contact: Amber Slaughterbeck

amber.slaughterbeck@vigocounty.in.gov

www.vigocounty.in.gov

Hawthorn Park: Dogwood Shelter

All Ages

Free!

Unplug your devices and plug into nature. Play in the park with the Vigo County Public Library and Vigo County Parks and Recreation Department! Activities include water games, hopscotch, fort building, mud pies, nature hike and scavenger hunt.

Outdoor Explore! - A Beyond Your Backyard Sampler
Tippecanoe Co. Park & Rec Dept. and Tippecanoe Co. SWCD
6/11/2016 - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Event location: 4449 St. Rd. 43 North, West Lafayette, IN 47906

Contact: Mary Cutler
mcut@msn.com

currently not available

Tippecanoe Co. Amphitheater--This free, all-ages event will provide opportunities for participants to learn about and try out a variety of outdoor pursuits - from archery and earthcaching to outdoor cooking and mountain biking (bring your bikes!) and so much more! Local park venues will also be featured to provide info. on places to practice these new-found hobbies. Free weiner roast and other food available on site for purchasae. Event will take place rain or shine.

Mini 4-H Nature Play Day
Benton County Mini 4-H
6/11/2016 - 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Event location: 2743 W State Road 352, Boswell, Indiana 47921

Contact: Kelsie Muller
kmuller@purdue.edu

Families and youth (K-2) come out and play at the Benton County Fairgrounds June 11th, 10:00am-12:00pm.

Nature Play Day - Covington City Park Playground Plan
Reveal Event
Friends of the Covington City Park
6/19/2016 - 3 pm - 5 pm

Event location: 1 City Park, Covington, IN 47932

Contact: Amanda Strawser
amandastrawser@rocketmail.com

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

We are gathering at the Covington City Park to play outdoors and reveal the final schematic plan for our future playground. Scavenger hunt, ice cream social and more fun for the whole family!

Shades State Park Nature Play Day
Shades State Park
6/11/2016 - 8am -10pm

Event location: 7751 S CR 890 W, Waveland, IN 47989

Contact: Kayla Leach

kleach@dnr.in.gov

8-9:30am Barbara's Big Bubbles! – Make your own bubble maker and use it with stunning results! Recipe provided for more fun at home. Campground Bathhouse. 6-7:30pm Roving Naturalist – Watch for the naturalist in the campground to see something amazing from nature, and discover all the fun programs going on throughout the weekend. 8pm What's In The Water? – Meet at the pond to discover all of the unique critters that make the water their home. Hands-on activity! 45 minutes. 9:30pm Flashlight Scavenger Hunt – Pick up a scavenger hunt list at the campground amphitheater, take a photo of each item and return to the naturalist before 10pm to earn a prize! Great for all ages! Bring a flashlight or borrow one of ours.
