



INTERPRETIVE Programs

Pokagon State Park

OCTOBER 2023

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NATURE CENTER HOURS:
Open Weds – Sun (closed Mon/Tues)
10 am to 5 pm

For the safety and enjoyment of our visitors, children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult at all programs.

REOCCURRING PROGRAM

WEDNESDAYS: 10:30 am – 11:30 am: PRESCHOOL HOUR – Come join us at the Nature Center for a story and fun activity. We will explore a different nature topic each week. Come ready to listen, learn, and create. Join us on October 4, 11, 18, and 25.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

10 am – 4 pm: CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS DOCUMENTARY – Today we will be airing a short film about the history of the CCC. Stop by the Nature Center auditorium anytime today to learn more!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

4 pm – 5:30 pm: HIKE TO THE SPRING SHELTER – Join a naturalist for a guided hike to the spring shelter. The hike will be approximately 3 miles and mildly strenuous. Meet at Nature Center.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

11 am – 12 pm: DIY BIRDFEEDERS – Stop by the Nature Center to build your own birdfeeder using peanut butter, pinecones, and birdseed!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

1 pm – 4 pm: BONE BONANZA – Drop in the Nature Center auditorium to check out some interesting bones. Think you can tell which animal each belongs to?

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

10:30 am – 11:30 pm: KIDS NATURE WALK – Meet at the Nature Center for a guided nature walk! We will take the paved bike trail and learn about local plants and animals along the way. This hike is stroller friendly!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

9 am – 5 pm: PLEIN AIR DEMONSTRATION - Artists from the Northern Indiana Plein Air Artists Association (NIPAAA) will be painting during these hours at Trine SRA. Visitors are encouraged to drop in, observe their work, and ask questions.

6 pm – 8 pm: SOCIAL HOUR - Stop by the communal fire pit near Swenson Lodge to chat with some of our plein air artists.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

9 am – 3 pm: PLEIN AIR DEMONSTRATION - Artists from NIPAAA will be painting during these hours at Trine SRA. Visitors are encouraged to drop in, observe their work, and ask questions.

12 pm – 2 pm: FALL CRAFT DROP-IN – Meet at the Wild Turkey Shelter at Trine SRA for some fall-themed crafts! Open to children (and the young at heart) of all ages.

3 pm – 5 pm: ART SHOWCASE – Stop in Swenson Lodge to explore the artists' completed works. An artists talk will occur from 3 pm to 4 pm, and art will be on display until 5 pm.



6 pm – 8 pm: HOCUS POCUS WOMEN'S GROUP HIKE - Calling all witches, enchantresses, and sorceresses! The Pokagon Women's Hiking Group is hosting a magical sunset stroll just in time for Halloween. Ladies—put on your witch's hat and ride your broom over to the Main Beach parking lot. Then join the park naturalist on a 2.5-mile guided hike along Trails 2 and 5 where we will see the sunset over Snow Lake.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

9 am – 12 pm: PLEIN AIR DEMONSTRATION - Artists from NIPAAA will be painting during these hours at Trine SRA. Visitors are encouraged to drop in, observe their work, and ask questions.

1 pm – 3 pm: INTRODUCTORY PAINT SESSION – Learn the basics of plein air painting, led by NIPAAA member David Broerman. All materials provided. Limited to six participants. RSVP to northernindianapleinair@gmail.com.

1 pm – 5 pm: WOMEN'S GROUP HIKE, HELL'S POINT CHALLENGE - Ladies! Join us for our monthly group hike where you can get outdoors and meet like-minded women. For this month's hike, we will complete the 8-mile Hell's Point Challenge. All who complete the challenge will receive a finisher's decal sticker. Portions of the hike range from easy to rugged and include stairs. Sturdy shoes and water are recommended. This hike typically takes 3-4 hours to complete. Meet at the Nature Center where restrooms and a water bottle filler are available. Restrooms are limited on the trail.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

2 pm – 3 pm: CREATURE FEATURE – Drop in the Nature Center to meet some of our animal residents up close!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

11 am – 12 pm: BAT CRAFT – Stop by the Nature Center to learn how to make a bat friend out of recycled materials!

SELF-GUIDED ACTIVITIES - ENJOY THESE FUN EVENTS ANYTIME!

HELL'S POINT CHALLENGE: Put your endurance to the test by completing the Hell's Point Challenge—a hiking route that links 8 miles of Pokagon's trails! The Challenge begins at the Nature Center where you can pick up a map of the route. Along the way, photograph 6 specific waypoints. Show the photos to the Nature Center staff when you finish and receive a sticker.

LEARN ABOUT THE CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORP: Walk through the CCC Camp Interpretive Trail. This easy trail begins on the Nature Center lawn, just behind the fire ring. Follow the signs to learn what life was like for the boys in CCC Co. 556.

GEOCACHING: An outdoor scavenger hunt-style game using GPS coordinates to find a hidden container. Pokagon State Park has a four-part multi cache dedicated to "The Boys" that built Pokagon!

Begin your journey here: N 41° 42.197' W 085° 01.839'

Using this set of coordinates locate the object and answer the question. Take your answer to the Pokagon Nature Center, to receive the coordinates for the rest of the cache. Once you find the geocache, open it up and sign the logbook. Take something, leave something. Then place the container back exactly how you found it. Happy hunting!

EARN A HOOSIER QUEST EXPLORE PIN: Complete just five requirements and each participant is eligible to purchase an enamel pin available at the Nature Center for \$2.

- Visit the CCC Pocket Museum located inside the Historic Gatehouse. Read the panels and exhibits.
- Hike or bike for at least 30 minutes on park trails or roads.
- Visit the Spring Shelter.
- 1 hour of volunteer time. Pick up litter along a trail, by a playground, or the toboggan run.
- Report to the Nature Center staff how your volunteer time benefitted you and the park.

BECOME A MEMBER OF THE FRIENDS OF POKAGON

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