

# Indiana Dunes State Park

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All programs are free (unless otherwise noted) and open to the public after paying the park entrance fee. Our interpretive programs are designed to entertain and enrich folks of all ages. Children under 12, please bring an adult.

## Facilities:

**State Park Nature Center**  
219-926-1390  
9:30am-4:30pm Daily

**Main Park Office**  
1600 N 25 E  
Chesterton, IN 46304  
219-926-1952  
8:30am-4pm Daily

**Swimming Beach Hours**  
Closed for Season



Program support comes from the Friends of Indiana Dunes. Learn more at [www.friendsofindiandunes.org](http://www.friendsofindiandunes.org).



**Camping and shelter reservations can be made at [www.camp.in.gov](http://www.camp.in.gov).**



**Celebrating 100 years of making memories naturally!**

## Saturday, October 1

**10am Fall Color Along Dunes Creek.** Learn about this amazing creek that runs through the park while viewing the early fall color. We'll be out for about 45 minutes. Meet at the Campground Shelter. GT

**2pm Fall Turtles!** Explore what our resident turtles are up to as they prepare for the long winter ahead. Scoot into the Nature Center for this 45-minute program! Great program for the kids! GT

**2pm-4:30pm Pokémon Go Party!** Catch them all at the Nature Center this afternoon. We'll have lure modules, charging stations, and a chance to win prizes today. Join the naturalist for a hike to see the "real Pokémon of the dunes" at 3pm. It'll be a great day to enjoy Pokémon Go in the park! MC

## Sunday October 2

**10am Feed the Birds.** Join the Naturalist outside the Nature Center for the daily feeding of our birds. Get great close up views of chickadees, cardinals, and woodpeckers! Great fun for all! GT

**2pm Tree ID Trek!** Let's explore some simple ways to ID the trees here in the park and in your own backyard. Perfect for those with leaf ID projects this fall. We'll also explore the different colors being produced right now. Meet outside the Nature Center. GT

## Saturday, October 8

**10am Fall Birding.** Meet at the Nature Center for a morning stroll, looking for late migrating warblers, sparrows, and early winter finches that may be in the area. We'll be out for about an hour. Bring a pair of binoculars, or borrow a pair of ours. CF

**2pm Dunes through Four Seasons.** Check out the changing seasons from the comfort of the Nature Center during this 45-minute slide show with the naturalist. Join us! GT

**5pm-8pm Twilight: A photography open house!** Local photographer Jesse Meyer will showcase his unique view of the dunes during this month long photography exhibit looking at the dunes after dark. Jesse will be on hand for questions and comments during this 3 hour open house at the Nature Center. This program is part of the 2016 Arts in the Parks series.

## **Storytelling Festival-Oct 15!**

Visit the Nature Center to watch some of Indiana's best storytellers weave their magic during the 27th Annual NWI Storytelling Festival. Special sessions will go on throughout the day, including:



**10:30am-12pm: Stories for children of all ages.**

**1pm-2:30pm: Storytellers' Favorite Stories.**

**2:30pm-3pm: Stories from**

**Around the World & Open Mic.**

**5:30pm & 7pm: Ghost Stories at the Wilson Shelter.**



## **Dunes Saw-whet Owl Banding Station!**

Burn the midnight oil with us for our eighth season of saw-whet owl banding. Visitors can learn about Indiana's smallest owl in this up close and personal experience. Though special nights are scheduled, banding occurs nearly nightly, Oct 11-Nov 20 if conditions are right. Join the owl banding text and email alert program for nightly status updates. Sign up for alerts at <http://bit.do/owlbanding>

## Sunday, October 9

**10am Peak Fall Color from Mt. Tom!** Check out the dunes' great view from atop Mt. Tom. We'll enjoy the amazing crimson, oranges, and gold from high above Lake Michigan. Meet at the Campground Shelter for this 60-minute, moderate jaunt. GT

**2pm Just a Few Furs!** Learn about the variety of dunes critters during this interactive 45-minutes at the Nature Center. GT

## Friday, October 14

**7pm Fun Stories, Songs, and Sing Along!** Meet the NW Indiana Storytelling Guild for an hour of stories and folk songs at the Campground Shelter (by site 113). We'll have some hot cider courtesy the Friends group. BB

## Saturday October 15

### **27<sup>th</sup> Annual NWI Storytelling Festival!**

**10am Dune Stories Through Time Hike!** Join the Naturalist at the Nature Center for a morning trek to Mt. Tom. We'll explore some of the stories these dunes hold secret, as well as enjoy the peaking fall color! BB

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**5:30pm and 7pm Ghost Stories!** Bring a blanket and a friend to hold onto as we welcome back the NWI Storytellers for two special story sessions at the Wilson Shelter. The first session is for younger children and their parents, while the second session is for older children and adults. Apple cider and snacks available, courtesy of the Friends of Indiana Dunes. The program is free, but donations are accepted.



## Sunday October 16

**10am Spooky Feed The Birds** Join the Naturalist outside the Nature Center for the daily feeding of our birds.

**1pm Capturing Fall Colors Workshop.** Learn the skills in capturing the most colorful season in the dunes with Indiana DNR photographer Frank Oliver during this three hour, hands on workshop at the nature center. A camera is needed, and pre-registration is required. A \$5 registration fee is due upon arrival.

## Friday October 21

**6pm Owl Wine and Canvas Event.** Register for this special Dunes Birding Festival sponsored workshop at the Craft House. \$25 registration covers all supplies.

## Saturday October 22

**10am Beaver Business Walk!** Take a fresh air morning jaunt along Dunes Creek this morning. We'll meet at the Campground Gate and take a peek at this special habitat and the special animal that lives here. GT

**2pm Who Pooped In the Park!?** Win prizes for knowing your scat during this fun 45-minutes at the Nature Center. We'll play a little game as we look at ways to tell what animals were around. Great fun for the family! GT

## Sunday October 23

**10am A Witch Hunt!** Meet at the Nature Center for a 45-minute stroll in search of the last woodland flower of the year... the witch hazel! We'll also explore the other sights and sounds of fall. Join us! GT

**2pm Scales and Tales!** Explore what our resident turtles and snakes are up to as they prepare for the long winter ahead. Slither into the Nature Center for this 45-minute program! Great program for the kids! GT

## Saturday October 29

### **"Howl"oween in the Dunes!**

**10am Zombie Hike.** Okay, we actually won't be looking for zombies, in fact we won't even talk about them on this special "Howl"oween weekend morning, fresh air jaunt with Greg. Meet at the Nature Center for this hour stroll in search of all things related to the fall season. GT

**2pm Creepy Campground Crafts.** Meet at the Campground Shelter (by site 113) for some spooky craft fun. Bring the kids! CF, MC



**4pm-7pm Campsite Decorating Contest!** All campers receive voting ballots at check-in. Winners will be posted at the Campground Gate after 8pm.

**4pm-5:30pm Trick or Treating!** Our annual tradition takes place this afternoon! Bring your ghouls and goblins for some trick-or-treating fun in the campgrounds

**5:30pm-7pm Hay Rides!** Join us for a fun hayride to the beach and back! Tickets are \$2/person (under 3 free) and can be purchased at the campground gate.

**6pm Owl Prowl!** Registration is limited for this special "Howl"oween night hike. Sign up starts at the Nature Center at 9:30am. All kids must have an adult with them. CF

**7:30pm Saw-whet Owl Banding Night!** Join us at the Nature Center for a look at our special saw-whet owl banding project. If conditions are right, we'll have up close views of this amazing owl. Bundle up and join us! BB

## Sunday October 30

**10am Spooky Feed The Birds** Join the Naturalist outside the Nature Center for the daily feeding of our birds.

**2pm 100 Years of Indiana State Parks.** Visit the Nature Center for this 45-minute PBS film exploring our 100 years of rich history. Special showing today.