

# National Public Lands Day

## At Indiana State Parks



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September 24 (and more on the 25!), 2016

National Public Lands Day is the nation's largest, single-day volunteer effort for public lands in the country. Will you join us?



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Below is a sampling of the many volunteer programs and other activities at DNR properties during National Public Lands Day Weekend. For current listings, see [www.InterpretiveServices.IN.gov](http://www.InterpretiveServices.IN.gov), call the specific property you plan to visit or ask the gate attendant when you arrive.

### Saturday, September 24

#### Brookville Lake – Project Healing Waters & Lake Clean-up

9:00 am – 1:00 pm. We will be partnering with the Army Corp of Engineers and Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Inc. to celebrate National Public Lands Day. According to their official website, “Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Inc. is dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active military service personnel and disabled veterans through fly fishing and associated activities including education and outings.” Volunteers are invited to join us in helping assist Project Healing Waters Staff. Volunteers are also invited to help beautify our lake by picking up litter near our tailwaters. Meet at the Shelter House next to the tailwaters at 9 am to receive your assignment for the day.

**Clifty Falls State Park- Clifty Creek Sweep** -10 am. Would you like to be part of helping keep our creek beautiful? One of our most popular trails follows Clifty Creek. Help the naturalist get it beautiful again. Meet at Nature Center.

**Falls of the Ohio State Park - Garden Blitz.** 9:00 am-2:00 pm. Volunteers needed to rehab our largest public garden. We will weed, trim, transplant, plant, restack rock, haul away garden debris, spread mulch, etc. Participants will assemble in picnic area behind the Interpretive Center. Wear old clothes and garden gloves. If you have small clippers, trowels or garden shovels, feel free to bring to use.

**Harmonie State Park-Trail Work Day.** 9am -12 pm. Meet at the campground parking lot. Volunteers will be working on clearing branches and replacing broken steps. Volunteers are invited to bring loppers, power drill and bits, and work gloves. Drinks and snacks provided.

**Lincoln State Park- Park Clean up.** 8 am. Join park staff for a park clean up and invasive removal day. Meet at the Nature Center.

**Lieber State Recreation Area – Gardening for Smokey.** 10:00 am. Volunteers can clean up and weed the flower beds, at the Nature Center and Smokey's Garden. Please sign-in at the main gate, and meet at the Nature Center.

**Mississinewa Miami SRA -Volunteer Day.** 9 am. Volunteers should meet at the main office and plan to bring their work gloves, insect repellent, sun screen, wide brim hats, water bottle, and sack lunch; no chainsaws please. For more information and to register, please contact 260-468-2127.

**Monroe Lake- Furs, Fins and Feathers. Fun!** 1:00 pm -4:00 pm. Stop by Paynetown State Recreation Area for demonstrations on displays on hunting dogs, falconry, electrofishing, wild game cooking and more! A great opportunity for both kids and adults to explore different types of hunting, fishing, and water recreation sports. Ask how you can volunteer to help at Monroe Lake.

**Mounds State Park- Archaeology Day.** 10 am-3 pm. Come to the park and learn more about Archaeology, both prehistoric and historic, and learn ways you can volunteer and help Mounds State Park.

**Ouabache State Park– Friends of Ouabache Membership and Fire Tower Fundraising Drive.** 11:00 am-9:30 pm. Come check out the Friends Booth in Industrial Tent at the Bluffton Street Fair, September 20-24. The booth will have information about the group, how to join, how to help the park and ways to help with the Fire Tower Restoration Project. Join us for the parades on Sept. 20 and 22 both start at 7 pm. For more information please contact [friendsofouabache@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofouabache@gmail.com).

**Pokagon State Park – Beach Litter Clean-Up.** 2:00 p.m. Meet the Naturalist at the CCC Shelter where we will scan the picnic areas all the way to the water looking for trash. We will then meet on the Beach to discuss ways we can create fun bubble makers from items that we often throw away.

**Potato Creek State Park– Park Clean Up.** 9am. Meet at the Porter Rea Cemetery Parking Lot. Volunteers needed to beautify the area around the historical Spring House and Red Barn. Some general clean-up, trimming, trail surfacing, maybe some light building maintenance and/or painting. Gloves, water and equipment provided. Time/people permitting Schoolhouse trail trimming and cleanup. Short looped trail by Nature Center needs trimmed, invasives removed, clear some of the observation deck and cleaned up – we could use your help! Questions or to pre-register call park office at 574-656-8186

**Raccoon State Recreation Area-Fall into Archery.** 10am. Raccoon SRA is hosting a Fall into Archery program. This hour long event teaches folks how to use a bow. Afterwards folks will join the interpreter in helping to maintain the archery trail by painting bow racks and trail signs, putting new bales of straw behind targets and picking up trash and litter from the trail.

**Salamonie Reservoir- Volunteer Day.** 9 am. Volunteers should Meet at the Interpretive Center and plan to bring their work gloves, insect repellent, sun screen, wide brim hats, water bottle, and sack lunch; no chainsaws please. For more information and to register, please contact 260-468-2127.

**Shakamak State Park – Friends of Shakamak Membership and Volunteer Drive.** 9:00 am-12:00 pm. Come join us Saturday, September 24 during our Friends of Shakamak Membership and Volunteer

Drive. The booth will be set up from 9 to 12 in Jasonville, IN at the corner of Lawton St. and SR 48. We will be collecting plastic bottle caps, plastic lids and plastic pill container lids to put recycled bench's around the park. Join us for the Jasonville Homecoming Parade at 12 noon. For more information please contact 812-665-2158.

**Summit Lake State Park – Invasive Species Removal.** 9am-3pm Volunteers needed to help remove invasive species from a restored prairie at Ziegler Nature Preserve. Meet at the Park Office at 9am. Volunteers are invited to bring loppers, bow saws, and work gloves. Insect repellent, sunscreen, water bottle, and sack lunch recommended. Please wear long pants, long sleeves, and sturdy footwear. Come for the whole day or drop in for a couple of hours! For more information contact the office at 765-766-5873.

**Tippecanoe River State Park - Trail Improvement Day-** 9am to 12pm. Volunteers will be helping improve various trails on the property and will be able to choose from several trail assignments upon arrival. Please bring work gloves, hand pruners, hand saws and bug spray if possible. Limited gloves, hand tools and trash bags will be provided. Meet park staff at the River Shelter/ Nature Center to begin the day.

**Turkey Run State Park - Workday at the Park!** 10 am. Join thousands of park visitors across the country this day, and help clean up the trails or eradicate non-native plants. Bring work gloves (we have a few pairs to lend), drinking water (we have a few bottles to share), and snacks and a sack lunch if you like. Work an hour or work all day! This is a great family opportunity. Register at Nature Center between 9:30am-10am for your work project and pick up supplies and materials. Stay after your project for the 1pm Threats to our Environment program where you can learn how to be a better steward for the natural resources we all love and enjoy.

**Whitewater Memorial State Park – Veteran’s Vista Trail Clean-up.** 9:00 am. Join DNR staff as we work to clear and clean-up our Veteran’s Vista Trail. We invite you to bring work gloves, hand trimmers or loppers. Meet at Silver Creek Boat Ramp.

## **Sunday, September 25**

**McCormick’s Creek State Park - Friends of McCormick’s Creek & Owen Co. YMCA 5K and 10K Trail Run.** Sunday, Sept. 25, 2:00 pm. The Friends help to set-up and staff the event along with YMCA employees & volunteers. Come watch the Friends in action and learn how you can become a “Friend”. Runners and walkers are invited to register online at [www.friendsmccormickscreek.org/YMCARace/race-registration-form.php](http://www.friendsmccormickscreek.org/YMCARace/race-registration-form.php) , print a mail-in entry form from <http://www.owencountyyymca.org/>, or stop by the Owen County Family YMCA to register. Early registration discounts available until September 10. Race day registrations will also be accepted on site.

**Ouabache State Park- Park Clean Up.** Sunday, Sept. 25- 1-4 pm. Volunteers are invited to bring brooms, hand trimmers, rakes, work gloves, insect repellent, sun screen, wide brim hats, water bottle; no chainsaws please to help clean up shelters and trails. For more information and to register, please contact 260-468-2127. Meet at the main office.

## All Weekend

**Hardy Lake- Raptor Days Celebration**- September 23, 24, 25. Hardy Lake celebrates National Public Lands Day during their annual Hardy Lake Raptor Days. The Friends of Hardy Lake host this event that focuses on native birds of prey. This is a great opportunity to see the Hardy Lake Friends Group in action and learn how they help the Lake and the Dwight Chamberlain Raptor Center. Be sure to pick up a Friends of Hardy Lake brochure to learn how you can become a "Friend". For more information 812-794-2244 or [lgrow@dnr.in.gov](mailto:lgrow@dnr.in.gov)

*This then, is the value of our public estate. That we have set aside forever a part of the original domain. That by leaving it in its natural condition we have made the past intelligible to our and to coming generations. That we have attracted visitors from other states and shown them the beauty of our own. That we have found a measure of appreciation for the good of our day and an offset in part for some of its evils. That we have strengthened citizenship and helped create the appreciation of the soil which cannot but increase our attachment to our own state and to the nation. That we have tried in our State to educate the masses of our people to look upon conservation not merely as a means of self-preservation; a practical conserving of our resources, but also as a need for the appreciation and uplift of the soul of man.*



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*- Richard Lieber, 1923,  
Founder of the Indiana State Park System*