SPECIAL EVENTS

This 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.

JANUARY

JAN. 1
All State Parks & Reservoirs
First Day Hikes

Monroe Lake: Fairfax SRA
First Day Trail Run and Walk*
Fee

Mounds State Park
Poetry and Photo Contest Begins

O'Bannon Woods State Park
First Day Hike-Walk with an Ox

JAN. 7
Fort Harrison State Park
Museum of 20th Century Warfare
Battle of the Bulge (Weekends starting Jan. 7)

Mississinewa Lake
Sunrise Eagle Watch*

Patoka Lake
Eagle Watch*
Fee

JAN. 8
Fort Harrison State Park
Merit Badge Sunday*
$10

JAN. 14
Salamonie Lake
Silence of a Winter's Night*
Fee

JAN. 14 & 21
Patoka Lake
Hunter Education Class
Advance registration required

JAN. 21
Indiana Dunes State Park
Dunes Geocache Adventure

JAN. 21
Mississinewa Lake
Sunrise Eagle Watch*

JAN. 22-27
Pokagon State Park
Potawatomi Inn Road Scholar Program

JAN. 27-29
Monroe Lake: Fairfax SRA
Eagles over Monroe
Fee

Turkey Run State Park
Eagles in Flight Weekend
Fee

FEBRUARY

FEB. 4
Brown County State Park
Winter Dog Hike

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

FEB. 11
Salamonie Lake
Eagle Watch Evening Field Trip*

FEB. 12
Fort Harrison State Park
Merit Badge Sunday
$10, advance registration required

Salamonie Lake
Eagle Watch Evening Field Trip*

FEB. 18
Versailles State Park
Polar Plunge*
Fee

FEB. 18-19
Potato Creek State Park
Great Backyard Bird Count

Spring Mill State Park
Civil War Winter Battle

FEB. 25
Fort Harrison State Park
Museum of 20th Century Warfare: Volunteer Day

Salamonie Lake
Cowboy Gathering*
Fee

MARCH

MARCH 4-5
Fort Harrison State Park
M20CW: Eastern Front Display

MARCH 11
Indiana Dunes State Park
Running with the Irish 5K
Fee

MARCH 12
Fort Harrison State Park
Merit Badge Sunday*
$10

MARCH 18
Patoka Lake
Fly A Kite Workshop
$5/per person

MARCH 21
Monroe Lake: Paynetown SRA
Map and Compass Workshop*
$10

MARCH 23
Salamonie Lake
Indiana Master Naturalist Class Begins*
Fee

MARCH 24-25
McCormick's Creek State Park
Amphibian Outing

MARCH 25-26
Prophetstown State Park
Maple Sugaring Days

APRIL

APRIL 1
O'Bannon Woods State Park
Spring Stroll

APRIL 8
Indiana Dunes State Park
Friends Native Plant Sale

O'Bannon Woods State Park
Resource Field Day and Open House
Hellbender Hustles 5K Run and Woodrat Walk

Versailles State Park
Easter Egg Hunt

APRIL 8-9
Monroe Lake: Paynetown SRA
Hunter Education Class*

Patoka Lake
Blackhawk Manor Renaissance Festival

APRIL 9
Fort Harrison State Park
Merit Badge Sunday*
Fee

APRIL 15
Charlestown State Park
Raptor Day

Clifty Falls State Park
Kite Flying
Donations accepted for materials

Fort Harrison State Park
Easter Egg Hunt

Harmonie State Park
Easter Egg Hunt

Mounds State Park
Poetry and Photo Contest Submission Deadline

Potato Creek State Park
Egg Hunt
Fee

Shakamak State Park
Easter Egg Hunt

Summit Lake State Park
Egg Hunt

APRIL 16
Monroe Lake: Paynetown SRA
Campfire Cooking Workshop*
$20

Whitewater Memorial State Park
Liberty Lions Easter Egg Hunt

APRIL 21
Potato Creek State Park
Earth Day for Schools*
Fee

APRIL 22
Brookville Lake: Mounds SRA
Earth Day

Clifty Falls State Park
Earth Day

Mounds State Park
Geocache Adventure
Fee

Ouabache State Park
Wildlife Merit Badge*
Fee

Patoka Lake
Beginner's Kayak Lesson
Advance registration required

Potato Creek State Park
Earth Day Celebration
Fee

Shakamak State Park
Long Fish Dash 5k/10k*
Fee

Spring Mill State Park
Earth Day Celebration

APRIL 22-23
McCormick's Creek State Park
McCormick's Creek Wildflower Weekend

Patoka Lake
Youth Turkey Hunt
Advance registration required

APRIL 28-29
Indiana Dunes State Park
Glamping Weekend & Vintage Camper Rally

APRIL 28-30
Brown County State Park
Spring Wildflower Foray

APRIL 28-30
Patoka Lake
Women's Wilderness Weekend*
Fee

APRIL 29
Brown County State Park
Friends Plant Sale

Clifty Falls State Park
National Volunteer Week

Fort Harrison State Park
M20CW: Volunteer Day

Hardy Lake
Breakfast with the Birds*
Fee

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

APRIL 29-30
Chain O'Lakes State Park
Indiana Trail 100 Ultramarathon

Historic Mansfield Roller Mill
Mansfield Village Mushroom Festival

MAY

MAY 4-7
Indiana Dunes State Park
Indiana Dunes Birding Festival*
Fee

MAY 6
Brown County State Park
Morel Mushroom Festival

Harmonie State Park
Spring into Geocaching

Shakamak State Park
Hound Hike

Versailles State Park
Welcome Back/Spring Wildflowers Hike

MAY 6-7
All State Parks & Reservoirs
Let's Camp America Weekend

Fort Harrison State Park
M20CW: Soldiers throughTime: Vietnam Re-enactment, Great War Re-Enactment

Spring Mill State Park
The Story Begins: Gristmill Turns 200

*Advance registration required.

MAY 13
Clifty Falls State Park
International Migratory Bird Day

Mounds State Park
Friends' Native Plant Sale

Patoka Lake
Beginner's Archery Lesson*
Advance registration required

Potato Creek State Park
International Migratory Bird Day Celebration & the Indiana Audubon Society May Bird Count*

Prophetstown State Park
Native Plants Sale

Turkey Run State Park
Bird Bonanza

MAY 14
Spring Mill State Park
Plant and Seed Exchange

Monroe Lake: Paynetown SRA
Campfire Cooking Workshop*
$20

MAY 20
All Indiana State Parks
Kids to Parks Day

MAY 21
Fort Harrison State Park
Merit Badge Sunday*
Fee

MAY 27
Brookville Lake: Mounds and Quakertown SRAs
Memorial Day Cornhole Tournament

Fort Harrison State Park
Edward Zlaty Band Concert

Lincoln State Park
Ghost Walk

Tippecanoe River State Park
Wild about Wildlife

Whitewater Memorial State Park
Memorial Day Cornhole Tournament

MAY 27-28
O'Bannon Woods State Park
1800s Living Pioneer Farmstead and Haypress Demonstration

Spring Mill State Park
Living History Weekend

MAY 28
Summit Lake State Park
Cornhole Tournament

JUNE

JUNE 3
Summit Lake State Park
Youth Fishing Derby

Tippecanoe River State Park
Casting like a Champion

JUNE 3-4
All Indiana State Parks & Reservoirs
Free Fishing Weekend

Brookville Lake: Mounds SRA
National Trails Day

Clifty Falls State Park
National Trails Day

Falls of the Ohio State Park
Free Fishing Day

Lieber State Recreation Area
Youth Fishing Derby

Lieber State Recreation Area
National Trails Day

McCormick's Creek State Park
National Trails Day

Monroe Lake: Paynetown SRA
Youth Fishing Derby

Patoka Lake
Kids Fishing Derby

Potato Creek State Park
Free Fishing Weekend Activities

Raccoon SRA
Youth Fishing Derby

Whitewater Memorial State Park
National Trails Day

Fort Harrison State Park
M20CW: D-Day Display

Spring Mill State Park
Spring Mill Nature Series: Flora

JUNE 4
Fort Harrison State Park
Merit Badge Sunday*

Ouabache State Park
DNR vs. City Baseball Game
1-3 p.m. Ouabache Ball Diamond

JUNE 9
Patoka Lake
Full Moon 5K*
Fee

JUNE 9-11
Clifty Falls State Park
Tales of Scales Weekend

JUNE 10
McCormick's Creek State Park
Arts in the Park Festival

JUNE 10 & 11
Fort Harrison State Park
Ford Hoosier Outdoor Experience

Spring Mill State Park
Civil War Weekend

JUNE 16-18
Monroe Lake: Fairfax SRA
International Bowhunting Triple Crown Tournament, 2nd Leg*
Fee

JUNE 17
Brown County State Park
Pollinator Awareness Day

Chain O' Lakes State Park
Poker Paddle

Fort Harrison State Park
Symphonic Band Flag Day Concert

Harmonie State Park
Jammin' on the Wabash
Bluegrass & Dulcimer music

Lieber State Recreation Area
Nature Play Day

McCormick's Creek State Park
Summer Concert Series

Ouabache State Park
Bison Bash

Versailles State Park
Tri-State Mountain Bike Race*
Fee

JUNE 18
Lieber State Recreation Area
Super Dad Contest

JUNE 21
Mounds State Park
Summer Solstice Celebration

JUNE 23-24
Mississinewa Lake
Fireworks over the Mississinewa and Family Fun
Free, donations appreciated

JUNE 24
Brown County State Park
Smokey Safety Day

Fort Harrison State Park
Ed Zlaty Band Concert

Hardy Lake
Breakfast with the Birds and Car Show*
Fee

Monroe Lake: Paynetown SRA
The Faerie Gathering

Patoka Lake
Star Party (26th Annual)

Shades State Park
6th annual Chautauqua

Summit Lake State Park
Gone to the Birds

Tippecanoe River State Park
Telescope Clinic and Star Gazing

JUNE 24-25
Falls of the Ohio State Park
Clark Days at George Rogers Clark home site

Spring Mill State Park
Limestone Weekend

JUNE 26-29
Prophetstown State Park
Hands-on History Day Camp*
Fee

JUNE 28-29
Salamonie Lake
Youth Day Camp and Family Overnight*
Fee

JUNE 29
Indiana Dunes State Park
Fireworks on the Beach

Pokagon State Park
Fort Wayne Philharmonic Patriotic Pops Concert

JULY

JULY 1
Brookville Lake: Mounds and Quakertown SRAs
Independence Day Cornhole Tournament

Brookville Lake: Quakertown SRA
Independence Day Cornhole Tournament

Chain O'Lakes State Park
Family Sand Castle

Lieber State Recreation Area
Sand Sculpturing Contest

Ouabache State Park
Smokey Bear Birthday Bash

Ouabache State Park
Bocce Ball Tournament 11 a.m.

Patoka Lake
Thunder over Patoka

Pokagon State Park
Fireworks by Lake James Association

Raccoon SRA
Independence Day Fireworks

Versailles State Park
Fireworks

Whitewater Memorial State Park
Independence Day Cornhole Tournament

JULY 1-2
O'Bannon Woods State Park
1800s Living Pioneer Farmstead and 1850 Haypress Demonstration

Spring Mill State Park
Old-fashioned Independence Celebration

JULY 4
Fort Harrison State Park
Lawrence 4th of July Parade with Smokey Bear

Summit Lake State Park
Sand Castle Contest

JULY 7-9
Monroe Lake: Paynetown SRA
Heritage Days

JULY 8
Chain O'Lakes State Park
Tie-Dye Fun

Lieber State Recreation Area
3-on-3 Volleyball Tournament

Mississinewa Lake
Smokey Bear Birthday Bash

Patoka Lake
Dog Dayz of Summer

JULY 8-9
Fort Harrison State Park
M20CW: Korean War Display

JULY 9
Fort Harrison State Park
Merit Badge Sunday
$10*

JULY 15
Brookville Lake: Mounds SRA
Smokey Bear's Birthday Bash

Brookville Lake: Quakertown SRA
Smokey Bear's Birthday Bash

Fort Harrison State Park
Barton Rodgers Band Concert

Harmonie State Park
Luau dinner*
Fee

Indiana Dunes State Park
20th annual Sand Sculpture Contest

Lieber State Recreation Area
Smokey Bear's 73rd Birthday Party

McCormick's Creek State Park
Summer Concert Series

Spring Mill State Park
Virgil I "Gus" Grissom Day

Turkey Run State Park
Pioneer Heritage Festival

Whitewater Memorial State Park
Smokey Bear's Birthday Bash

JULY 15-16
Versailles State Park
DINO XTERRA Triathlon*
Fee

JULY 21-22
Salamonie Lake
Christmas in July
Smokey Bear Birthday Bash
Youth Archery Shoot

Shakamak State Park
Christmas in July

JULY 22
Charlestown State Park
Southern Indiana Butterfly Festival

Lieber State Recreation Area
Horseshoe Tournament

*Advance registration required.

JULY 29
Fort Harrison State Park
M20CW: Volunteer Day

Fort Harrison State Park
Indiana Symphonic Band Concert

Hardy Lake
Breakfast with the Birds and Car Show*
Fee

McCormick's Creek State Park
Wild About Wildlife

Potato Creek State Park
'Tater Traditions
Fee

Tippecanoe River State Park
Tippy Tri-Challenge*
Fee

JULY 30
Pokagon State Park
Civilian Conservation Corps Co. 556, 64th Open House and Reunion

AUGUST

AUG. 5
O'Bannon Woods State Park
1800s Living Pioneer Farmstead, 1850 Haypress Demonstration
Evening on the Farm

Ouabache State Park
Ouabache Olympiad
Bison Bash 5K walk/run

Raccoon SRA
Smokey's Birthday Pedal Parade

Tippecanoe River State Park
Smokey Bear Birthday Party

AUG. 5-6
Spring Mill State Park
Heritage Days

AUG. 6
Lieber State Recreation Area
Smokey Bear

Spring Mill State Park
Quilt Show

AUG. 10
Mounds State Park
National S'more Day

AUG. 11
Indiana Dunes State Park
S'mores Day Fun

AUG. 12
Indiana Dunes State Park
Hummingbird Banding Demonstrations

Indiana Dunes State Park
11th annual Perseid Stargaze

Monroe Lake: Paynetown SRA
S'mores Celebration

Patoka Lake
Smokey Bear's 73rd Birthday Bash

AUG. 13
Lieber State Recreation Area
Smokey Bear Birthday

AUG. 19
McCormick's Creek State Park
Summer Concert Series

Shakamak State Park
Kicking Bear Camp

Summit Lake State Park
Paddler's Paradise

AUG. 19-20
Fort Harrison State Park
M20CW: Pacific Theater Display

Monroe Lake: Paynetown SRA
Hunter Education Class*

Spring Mill State Park
Children's Outdoor Weekend

AUG. 26
Fort Harrison State Park
Indiana Symphonic Band Concert

Hardy Lake
Breakfast with the Birds and Car Show*
Fee

Patoka Lake
Patoka Lake Cleanup Day

AUG. 26-27
Spring Mill State Park
Cave Weekend

AUG. 27
Fort Harrison State Park
Merit Badge Sunday*
Fee

SEPTEMBER

SEPT. 1-4
Brown County State Park
Nature Fair

SEPT. 2
Brookville Lake: Mounds SRA
Cornhole Tournament

Brookville Lake: Quakertown SRA
Cornhole Tournament

Fort Harrison State Park
Ed Zlaty Band Concert

Lieber State Recreation Area
Fireworks

Whitewater Memorial State Park
Cornhole Tournament

SEPT. 2-3
O'Bannon Woods State Park
1800s Living Pioneer Farmstead and 1850 Haypress Demonstration

SEPT. 3
Brown County State Park
Survivor

SEPT. 8
Potato Creek State Park
Prairie Maze opens

SEPT. 9
Falls of the Ohio State Park
Digging the Past

Harmonie State Park
Wild Turkey Day

Historic Mansfield Roller Mill
Beans and Cornbread Day

McCormick's Creek State Park
BBQ & Blues Festival

Mississinewa Lake
Mighty Mississinewa Triathlon*
Fee

Potato Creek State Park
Archaeology Day

SEPT. 9-10
Indiana Dunes State Park
History Comes Alive Weekend

SEPT. 10
Fort Harrison State Park
Merit Badge Sunday*
$10

Monroe Lake
Shoreline Cleanup*

Whitewater Memorial State Park
Veterans Appreciation

SEPT. 11
Salamonie Lake
Senior Fall Workshop

SEPT. 15-17
Salamonie Lake
Salamonie Riders Rendezvous*
Fee

SEPT. 16
Monroe Lake: Paynetown SRA
Furs, Fins & Feathers

Patoka Lake
Wheelin' IN The Fish

Tippecanoe River State Park
Poker Paddle*
Fee

SEPT. 16-17
Prophetstown State Park
Archaeology Weekend

SEPT. 22-24
Hardy Lake
Raptor Days

Versailles State Park
Hassmer Fest*
Fee

SEPT. 23
Clifty Falls State Park
Run the Falls 5K*

Lieber State Recreation Area
Public Lands Day Celebration

Ouabache State Park
Autumn Owls

Raccoon SRA
Fall into Archery

Spring Mill State Park
Tri Kappa Candlelight Tour

Summit Lake State Park
Fall Festival

SEPT. 24
Monroe Lake: Paynetown SRA
Campfire Cooking Workshop*
$20

McCormick's Creek State Park
Trail Run and Walk
Fee

Pokagon State Park
Sea Plane Splash-in

SEPT. 27
Charlestown State Park
Charlestown Under the Stars

SEPT. 30
Clifty Falls State Park
NPLD

Harmonie State Park
Harvest Craft & Vendor Fair
Mushroom Foray

Indiana Dunes State Park
Singing Sands Star Gaze

Mounds State Park
Archaeology Day

Pokagon State Park
Autumn Harvest Hoedown

Potato Creek State Park
National Public Lands Day

Turkey Run State Park
National Public Lands Day

OCTOBER

OCT. 1
Indiana Dunes State Park
HERO Half Marathon
Fee

OCT. 6-7
Mississinewa Lake
Autumn Camping Weekend I*
Fee

OCT. 7
Fort Harrison State Park
M20CW: Air War over Europe

Mounds State Park
Tree ID Day

O'Bannon Woods State Park
Apples, Engines and Hay

Spring Mill State Park
Campsite Decorating Contest

OCT. 7-8
Spring Mill State Park
Autumn Harvest Days

OCT. 8
Fort Harrison State Park
Merit Badge Sunday*
$10

OCT. 10-NOV. 19
Indiana Dunes State Park
Saw-whet Owl Banding Demonstrations

OCT. 13-14
Mississinewa Lake
Autumn Camping Weekend II*
Fee

Whitewater Memorial State Park
Spooktacular

OCT. 13-15
Mississinewa Lake
Mississinewa 1812
Fee

OCT. 13-22
Historic Mansfield Roller Mill/ Raccoon SRA
Parke County Covered Bridge Festival

OCT. 14
Lieber State Recreation Area
Gobble-uns Weekend
Fee

Lincoln State Park
Friends Fall Frolic

Mounds State Park
Pioneer Day

*Advance registration required.

Spring Mill State Park
Haunted Village
Fee

Summit Lake State Park
Spooktacular Camping

OCT. 14-15
Spring Mill State Park
Scarecrow Weekend

OCT. 15
Monroe Lake: Paynetown SRA
Campfire Cooking Workshop*
$20

OCT. 20-21
Charlestown State Park
Halloween

Patoka Lake
Autumn Getaway Weekend I

Salamonie Lake
Salamonie Fall Festival

Brookville Lake: Mounds SRA
Spooktacular

Shakamak State Park
Shakamak's Fall Festival

OCT. 20-22
Ouabache State Park
Fall Festival Weekend

Prophetstown State Park
Fall Funfest: A Harvest Celebration

OCT. 21
Brown County State Park
Halloween

Hardy Lake
Fall Family Fun Days

Harmonie State Park
Haunted Harmonie Campground

Indiana Dunes State Park
NWI Storytelling Festival and Ghost Stories

Indiana Dunes State Park
Dunes Volksmarch
Fee

Lincoln State Park
Friends Fall Frolic

OCT. 21-22
Spring Mill State Park
1800s Music Weekend & Gristmill Birthday Party

OCT. 27-28
Chain O'Lakes State Park
All Hallows Eve

Fort Harrison State Park
Soldiers' Haunt

McCormick's Creek State Park
Fall-o-ween Festival

Monroe Lake: Paynetown SRA
Ghostly Gathering

Patoka Lake
Autumn Getaway Weekend II

Turkey Run State Park
Halloween Camping Weekend

OCT. 27-29
Clifty Falls State Park
Halloween Weekend

Mounds State Park
Hoots and Howls Weekend

Ouabache State Park
Fall Festival Weekend

OCT. 28
Hardy Lake
Owl-o-ween Weekend

Harmonie State Park
Trunk or Treat

Indiana Dunes State Park
"Howl"oween

O'Bannon Woods State Park
Outdoor Adventures Camping Weekend

Ouabache State Park
Zombie Run

Potato Creek State Park
Halloween Celebration
Fee

Raccoon SRA
Un-BOO-lievable Happenings

Tippecanoe River State Park
Halloween Event

Versailles State Park
Halloween Trick-or-Treat, Campsite Decorating

OCT. 28-29
Pokagon State Park
Halloween Happenings & Spooky Storytelling

NOVEMBER

NOV. 4
Fort Harrison State Park
M20CW: Volunteer Day

NOV. 4-5
Raccoon SRA
Trapper Education Course

NOV. 11
Fort Harrison State Park
Return to the '40s Dinner Dance

NOV. 12
Fort Harrison State Park
Merit Badge Sunday*
Fee

NOV. 17
Lieber State Recreation Area
Hunters Rendezvous
Chili Supper

NOV. 24-DEC. 15
Ouabache State Park
Wonderland of Lights
(Nightly on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays)

DECEMBER

DEC. 1-31 (NIGHTLY)
Ouabache State Park
Wonderland of Lights

DEC. 1-2
Spring Mill State Park
Holiday in the Village

DEC. 2
Fort Harrison State Park
Breakfast with Santa

DEC. 9
Mounds State Park
Christmas at the Bronnenberg Home

DEC. 10
Fort Harrison State Park
Merit Badge Sunday*
$10

DEC. 16
Brown County State Park
Christmas Bird Count

Fort Harrison State Park
Museum of 20th Century Warfare
Battle of the Bulge (Weekends in December)

Indiana Dunes State Park
Christmas Bird Count

DEC. 24
Indiana Dunes State Park
Christmas Eve Morning Stroll

DEC. 31
Potato Creek State Park
North Liberty Christmas Bird Count*

INDIANA STATE PARKS

Memories made naturally.

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