

Pokagon State Park Interpretive Programs September 2016 & Other Park Events

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NATURE CENTER HOURS

Tuesday - Friday 12 to 4 p.m.
Weekends 10 to 5 p.m.
Closed Mondays

All our programs are on Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

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The DNR Calendar is Available at www.calendar.in.gov

Potawatomi Inn Activities

There are numerous activities that take place at the Potawatomi Inn.

Take a leisurely 1-1.5 hour ride on our pontoon boat where you will be able to explore the first and second basin of Lake James. You will learn the history of the lake and of Pokagon State Park in this fun tour. Check the front desk for launch times going on through September 18th. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors, and \$7 for children under 12 years old. These can be purchased at the Boathouse along with other boat rental options.

Whether it's business or pleasure, the Potawatomi Inn has what you need...



Saturday (September 10th)

7:30 – 8:30 a.m. YOGA ON THE BEACH - Bring your yoga mat or a beach blanket and join Jessica Cole from the Steuben County YMCA on the Potawatomi Inn Beach as she leads you through the practice of yoga with beautiful Lake James as your backdrop. This class is suitable for all age groups and skill levels. Registration is at the boathouse prior to the start of the class and the cost is \$10. 

9:00 a.m. PAINT CHIP HIKE - Explore the flora and fauna of Trail 1 as we try to match colors to objects in nature. Meet on the Nature Center lawn.

11 – 1 p.m. CARDBOARD BOAT REGATTA - This afternoon at the Pokagon State Park Potawatomi Inn Beach, the local Steuben County United Way will host its Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta. Potential boat builders and racers can contact United Way at (260) 665-6196 or visit <http://unitedwaysteuben.org>. Even if you are not entering a boat, stop by to vote on your favorite watercraft and watch the great fun as they race. Boats will be on display beginning at 11:00 am. Race time is Noon. 

2:00 p.m. SNAKES ALIVE! - Slither over to the Nature Center to see both small and large native snakes up-close and learn more about these often misunderstood creatures.



Sunday (September 11th)

8:30 a.m. BIRDS BEFORE BREAKFAST - Come along for our traditional Sunday morning hike searching for birds and other summer wildlife. Meet the Naturalist on the Inn Sun Deck. Binoculars provided.



Hoosier Quest State Park Pin and Patch Program



This is a great program for all ages and families. There are fun activities that have you exploring all of our Indiana State Parks. Stop by the Nature Center any time and learn how you can earn a patch or pin!

Saturday (September 17th)

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. YOGA ON THE BEACH - Bring your yoga mat or a beach blanket and join Jessica Cole from the Steuben County YMCA on the Potawatomi Inn Beach as she leads you through the practice of yoga with beautiful Lake James as your backdrop. This class is suitable for all age groups and skill levels. Registration is at the boathouse and the cost is \$10.

8:00 a.m. LACE UP FOR LITERACY 5K RUN/WALK & 1-MILE KID RUN - Come out and enjoy the beautiful Trine State Recreation Area as you run to support the Steuben County Literacy Coalition. Registration begins at 7:00 a.m. at the Wild Turkey Shelter. The race starts at 8:00 a.m. For more information visit www.steubenliteracy.org.



2:00 p.m. TREE I.D. SPREE - If the trees "leaf" you wondering, then join the Naturalist in this fun program where you go on a short hike to learn to identify trees. Return to the Nature Center Auditorium for an easy craft with leaves. 

Sunday (September 18th)

8:30 a.m. MORNING MEANDER - Come along for our traditional Sunday morning hike searching for birds and other wildlife. Meet the Naturalist on the Inn Sun Deck. Binoculars provided.

2 - 4 p.m. DIGITAL CAMERA COLOR SCAVENGER HUNT - Fall is just around the corner! Be some of the first to document some early fall colors in this challenge where you "focus" on capturing images from our list of color-themed items. You can use your camera or phone camera in this fun adventure that starts at the Nature Center anytime during this two-hour period. Prizes will be awarded. 

Saturday (September 24th)

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. YOGA ON THE BEACH - Bring your yoga mat or a beach blanket and join Jessica Cole from the Steuben County YMCA on the Potawatomi Inn Beach as she leads you through the practice of yoga with beautiful Lake James as your backdrop. This class is suitable for all age groups and skill levels. Registration is at the boathouse and the cost is \$10.



10:30 a.m. CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS – AN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE -

Gather in the Nature Center Auditorium where we will show a 60-minute PBS - TV documentary on the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC).  National Public Lands Day

2:00 p.m. BEACH LITTER CLEAN-UP - In Celebration of National Public Land's Day, Pokagon State Park invites interested volunteers to meet the Naturalist in front of the CCC Shelter. Here we will scan the picnic areas, trails and beach parking lots and down to Lake James looking for litter.

3:00 p.m. BUBBLES ON THE BEACH - All park volunteers are invited for a fun demonstration at the Main Beach Concession Stand that involves audience participation creating bubblemakers from items often thrown away. 

7:30 - 10:00 p.m. 32nd ANNUAL AUTUMN HARVEST HOEDOWN! - Come on down  and gather at the South Beach Parking Lot for this fun tradition that includes music, square dancing, campfire, and all around great time! The music will be supplied by the Prairie Fire String Band. A square dance caller will lead us in the steps. No experience necessary. Local Boy Scout Troop 125 will be selling hot dogs and other refreshments. Lawn chairs and picnic blankets are recommended. In case of bad weather, this event will be held in the CCC Shelter. 

Sunday (September 25th)

8:30 a.m. EARLY AUTUMN BIRD HIKE - Come along for our traditional Sunday morning hike searching for birds and other fall wildlife. Meet the Naturalist on the Inn Sun Deck. Binoculars provided.

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. SEA PLANE FLY-IN - Planes will be arriving all day on the Potawatomi Inn lawn. Stop by to view planes, talk with pilots, and sign up for a drawing for a free ride. For more information, visit www.seaplanepilots.org. 

2:00 p.m. SCOOP ON SCAT - Do you ever see a dropping and wonder who left it behind? Learn to read the clues in scat and play a game where we get the scoop on poop! 