



Potato Creek State Park Nature Center Programs

Monday, September 5

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – Come to the nature center to help put out seed, suet and nectar (in season), and then watch as wild birds and mammals eat and interact. 30 minutes.

10:30am Recycled Bubbles – Create your own recycled bubble maker and discover all the ways you can reuse common household items to have amazing fun. Nature Center. 30 min.

Tuesday & Wednesday, September 6-7

Nature Center OPEN 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

12pm Help Feed The Birds – See above. Nature Center.

Thursday & Friday, September 8-9

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – See above. Nature Center.

Also on Thursday, Sept. 9th...

OPENING DAY @ THE PRAIRIE MAZE! – Pick up maze maps and instructions at the park's information center, entrance gate or nature center. The first 45 groups to successfully solve the maze puzzle receive a 100th Anniversary of State Parks pin.

(NOTE: 1 PIN PER VEHICLE)

OPEN DAILY until early Nov. or the grass falls over☺

Saturday, September 10

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – See above. Nature Center.

10:45am Habitat Hike – Gather at the nature center to explore some homes and critters during a 1-hour moderate hike.

2pm Leaf Hunt – See how easy it is to ID trees by their leaves. Get some tips from the naturalist, and then go with her for a short, easy hike to sharpen your skills. 1 hr. Nature Center.

Sunday, September 11

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – See above. Nature Center

10:45am Feeding Time At The Nature Center – Come meet all the captive animals as they wolf down breakfast!

2pm Colorful Fish of Worster Lake – Discover the variety of fish living in Worster Lake, and then make a fish kite that looks like your favorite. 45 minutes. Nature Center.

Children younger than 14 must be with an adult while in the nature center or at programs.

Monday through Wednesday, September 12-14

Nature Center OPEN 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

12pm Help Feed The Birds – Come to the nature center to help put out seed, suet and nectar (in season), and then watch as wild birds and mammals eat and interact. 30 minutes.

Thursday & Friday, September 15-16

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – See above. Nature Center.

Saturday, September 17

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – See above. Nature Center.

10:45am Turtle Talk – Greet our captive turtles at the nature center as we investigate all the different kinds you might see in the park. Program and craft! 45 minutes.

2pm Armchair Birdwatch – Gather in front of the nature center's wildlife observation window to chat with a naturalist about the variety of animals visiting this popular feeding station. 30 minutes.

Sunday, September 18

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – See above. Nature Center.

10:45am Feeding Time At The Nature Center – Come meet all our captive animals as they wolf down breakfast!

2pm Dragons & Damsels – Our wetlands teem with dragonflies and damselflies. Discover the differences and similarities between these lightning-fast aerialists and create a gorgeous one to take back home! 45 minutes. Nature Center.

Monday through Wednesday, September 19-21

Nature Center OPEN 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

12pm Help Feed The Birds – See above. Nature Center.

Also on Tuesday, September 20th ...

7pm How Will They Survive The Winter? – Should they migrate, hibernate, estivate or tough it out? Let's figure it out together during a fun, interactive program. Snacks provided by the Friends of Potato Creek. 45 minutes. Nature Center

Thursday & Friday, September 22-23

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – See above. Nature Center.



Hoosier Quest Program
Earn pins & patches!
Get started at the Nature Center.

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National Public Lands Day

Saturday, September 24

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

9am National Public Lands Day – Come work at the park for a couple of hours and give something back to Potato Creek! Bring the family or come alone. Bring work gloves, loppers, trimmers & drinking water if you have them, but come anyway if you don't - we have some to share. **Meet at the Porter Rea Cemetery parking lot at 9am.** We have a variety of projects that include something for all ages and interests.

10am Help Feed The Birds – Come to the nature center to help put out seed, suet and nectar (in season), and then watch as wild birds and mammals eat and interact. 30 minutes.

2pm Traipse & Trim – Gather in front of the nature center for a hike-and-work project. We'll explore the wetland and nature trail near the center with a naturalist, and remove nasty invaders as we go. 1 hour moderate exploration.

Sunday, September 25

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – See above. Nature Center.

10:45am Breakfast W/The Critters – Come to the nature center to watch us feed our captive animals.

2pm Bats: Fact or Fiction? – Discover some amazing truths about our only flying mammal. This fun family program may surprise you! 40 minutes. Nature Center.

Monday - Wednesday, August 26-28

Nature Center OPEN 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

12pm Help Feed The Birds – See above. Nature Center.

Thursday & Friday, September 29-30

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – See above. Nature Center.

Saturday, October 1

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

10am Help Feed The Birds – See above. Nature Center.

10:45am Autumn At Potato Creek – Gather in the Friends Trail parking lot to experience nature with a naturalist as summer changes to autumn. 1 hour easy walk.

2pm Birds: Now You See Them, Now You Don't
Create your own field guide for the birds that leave for the winter & return in the spring. 40-minute activity. Nature Center.



Sunday, October 2

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10:45am Breakfast W/The Critters – Come to the nature center to watch us feed our captive animals.

2pm Scaly & Beautiful – Come meet the only vertebrate animals w/scales that don't have legs. 45-minute program and crazy cool craft. Nature Center.

Monday through Wednesday, October 3-5

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Thursday & Friday, October 6-7

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Find us on Facebook by searching for

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Find our "Friends" volunteer group at

<http://friendsofpotatocreek.org/>

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