January 20 - 10:00 a.m.
Nature's Engineer
Pre-registration is required.
$1.00 registration fee
Take a trip down to the wetlands to see what the beaver has been up too. Make a beaver craft on returning from the hike. Please dress for the weather.

February 3 - 10:00 a.m.
Earth Movers
Celebrate Groundhog Day with an intimate look into the life of the woodchuck.

March 10 - 1:00 p.m.
Rockology
Pre-registration is required.
$1.00 registration fee.
After a discussion on Indiana's amazing geology attendants will be able to break their own geode to take home.

April 14 - 10:00 a.m.
Walk Through The Wildflowers
Trek through the old growth forest for a view of nature's carpeted woodland floor. Learn to identify spring wildflowers during this hour long excursion. Please dress for muddy conditions.

April 21
Earth Day Celebration
At White Violet Center for Eco-Justice at St.Mary-of-the-Woods

May 19 - 10:00 a.m.
Endangered Indiana
The Endangered Species Act protects many of Indiana's wildlife. Find out which ones and why they continue to need protection. Also learn about animals that used to call Indiana home.

June 9 - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
26th Annual Kid's Fishing Rodeo
Free event from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. with free hot dog, soft drink and prizes for participants. Registration is from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Competition categories are ages 5-7, 8-11 and 12-15 and a fish for fun category 2-4 years of age.
Pre-registration is suggested, but not required.

July 14 - 10:00 a.m.
Domestic Disturbances
Discover the effects our family pets have on the wildlife in and around our homes. Find out what you can do to help this growing problem.

August 11 - 1:00 p.m.
An Afternoon With The Butterflies
Join the naturalist in the Butterfly Garden to explore the beautiful world of butterflies. Fun learning for children and adults.
Meet at the Nature Center.

September 8 - 1:00 p.m.
Wet & Wild
What lives in the Dobbs Park pond? Find out as we search for critters with nets and microscopes. We will also tests the water for nutrients and pH. Wear old clothes and shoes.

October 13 - 10:00 a.m.
Not so Creepy Creatures
Pre-registration is required.
$2.00 registration fee.
Some creatures instill fear, loathing or even disgust within a person's mind. The more we understand and learn about these animals the less frightened and more appreciative one can be.
Paint a wooden snake to take home.

November 10 - 10:00 a.m.
Flying in the Friendly Skies
Pre-registration is required.
$1.00 registration fee.
As the birds head south for the winter, join the naturalist for a discussion on flight and build your very own bird to take home.

December 8 - 10:00 a.m.
Hot Dogs and Cool Cats
Pre-registration is required. $1.00 registration fee.
Meet the wild cats and dogs that call Indiana home. See the differences in each and what to look for when in the woods. Learn their common behaviors and conservation efforts to protect these beautiful animals.
Make a craft to take home.

Saturday Programs

- Some programs involve some outdoor activity, please dress for the weather.
- Our programs are always educational and everyone is invited to attend each program.
- Children must be accompanied by an adult.
- Inclement weather may cancel some programs. Please call ahead for program updates.

School & Organization Programs

The naturalist is available during the week for school or organizational group programs. Please call at least one week in advance to schedule a program with the naturalist. For information on programs and available times, please contact Carissa Lovett at (812)877-1095 during business hours.

Junior Naturalist Program

Any park visitor from the age of seven years and up may participate in this program. See the park naturalist for your card and instructions on how to begin. To complete the program you must accomplish the following requirements.

1. Devote two hours of service to the Dobbs Park property.
2. Nature Project
3. Attend three naturalist-led events.
4. Identify ten items found in nature.
5. Observe a bird, mammal or plant for 10-15 minutes and be able to answer some questions about it.

RULES AND REGULATIONS
THIS IS YOUR PARK - TAKE CARE OF IT

All visitors should observe the following rules which are designed to fulfill the purpose for which the park was intended and to preserve it in its natural state for the enjoyment of future visitors.

1. Do not injure or damage any structure, tree, flower or wild animal within the park.
2. Dogs and cats must be kept on a leash while in the park.
3. Only foot traffic is allowed on trails. (No horses, bicycles, motorcycles or ATV's)
4. Fires should be built only in grills provided for that purpose.
5. Trash should be placed in trash cans.
6. All firearms, BB guns, bows and arrows, paintball guns, etc. are prohibited from the park.
7. Vending or advertising is prohibited without permission of the Park Department.
8. No animal or plant may be removed from the park.

Thank you for visiting Dobbs Park!

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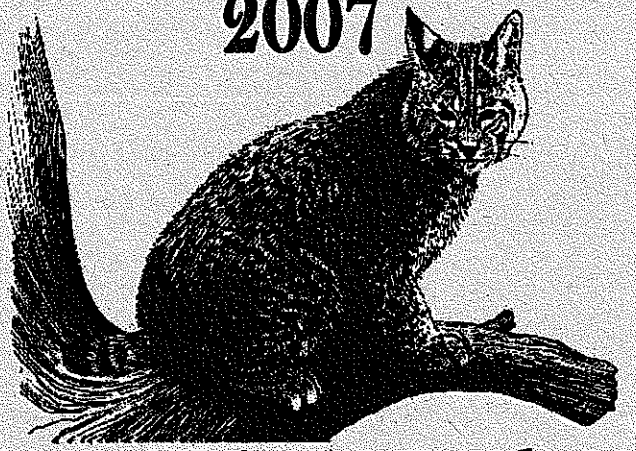

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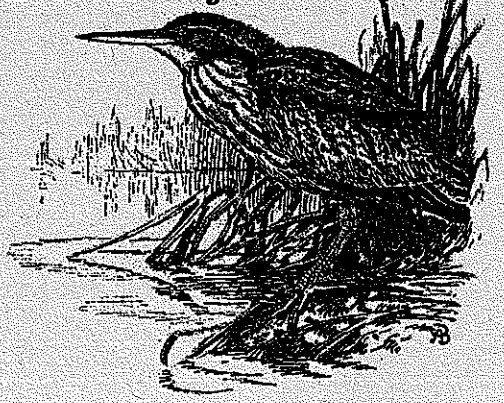
Hours
Monday-Saturday: 9:00am-5:00pm
Sunday: 12:00pm-5:00pm
Closed all major holidays.