

Saturday Programs

- 🦋 Some programs involve outdoor activities; please dress for the weather.
- 🦋 Our programs are always educational and adults and children alike are invited to attend each program.
- 🦋 Children must be accompanied by an adult
- 🦋 Inclement weather may cancel some programs. Please call ahead for updates.
- 🦋 If you would like to be on our yearly mailing list, call, e-mail, or just stop by!

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 or Karen Moffett at (812) 877-1095 during regular 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 Dobbs Park.
2. Complete a Nature Project.
3. Attend three naturalist-led events.
4. Identify ten items found in nature.
5. Observe an animal or plant for 10-15 minutes and be able to answer questions about it.

For more information, contact the naturalists!

RULES AND REGULATIONS

THIS IS YOUR PARK—PLEASE TAKE CARE OF IT!

Our park rules are not to hinder your enjoyment of the park, but to protect and preserve it in its natural state for the enjoyment of future generations.

1. Do not injure, damage, or harass any structure, tree, flower, or wild animal within the park.
2. Pets must be kept on a leash at all times while in the park.
3. Only foot traffic allowed on trails. (No horses, motorcycles, bicycles, etc.)
4. Fires should be built only in grills provided for that purpose.
5. All trash should be placed in trash cans. Not only is litter unattractive, it can be fatal to wildlife! There is an aluminum can recycling container in front of the Nature Center.
6. All firearms, BB guns, bows and arrows, paintball guns, etc. are banned from the park.
7. Vending or advertising is prohibited without permission of the Park Department. Contact the Park Office at 812-232-2727.
8. No animal, plant, or other item may be removed from the park. This includes mushrooms and berries. **Exception:** Fish of legal size/quantity caught with a valid fishing license.
9. Please do not feed any of the animals, including ducks and geese.
10. Protect wildlife and avoid poison ivy by staying on designated trails. Pets should also remain on the trails.

Thank you for visiting Dobbs Park!

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Hours

Monday-Saturday: 9:00am-5:00pm
Sunday: 12:00pm-5:00pm
Closed all legal holidays

The Underworld

January 10, 10:30 am

Pre-registration; \$1 fee

Learn about our many native animals that live underground or in caves, and make an awesome leather bat pin!



Wildlife: Pests or Guests?

February 21, 10:30 am

Pre-registration; \$1 fee

We'll discuss the pros and cons of backyard wildlife and how to attract or deter them. Make a friendly critter magnet.

Trash Talkin'

March 14, 10:30 am

Pre-registration; Free

Join speakers from the ISU Recycle Center to learn about all the stuff we use every day that is made from recycled materials. Make a gift sack and a gift box from recycled greeting cards.



Backyard Wildlife Habitat Workshop

March 28

9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Pre-registration req; \$35 fee; Space limited.

Sponsored by the Indiana Wildlife Federation, TREES Inc. and Dobbs Park. Property owners will learn how to get the most out of their wildlife habitats. Topics include advice on food, water and cover for a variety of wildlife, insect control, & the benefits of native plants. Please bring a sack lunch.

Earth Day Celebration

April 18, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

White Violet Center for Eco-Justice
at St. Mary-of-the-Woods

Free fun-filled day for the whole family!



Walk Through The Wildflowers

April 25, 10:30 am

Pre-registration; \$1



Trek through the old growth forest to see nature's carpeted woodland floor. Learn to identify spring wildflowers during a short slide show and a hike. Make a flower photo holder. Please dress for muddy conditions.

Leave No Trace

May 16, 10:30 am

Pre-registration; Free

Guest speaker Tony Doyle will teach us how hikers, backpackers, and campers can have the least impact on the wild areas they visit. We will make a nature journal to take on your hikes.



28th Annual

Kids' Fishing Rodeo

June 13, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Free event! Fun! Prizes! Freebies!

Registration is from 8 am to 10 am.

Competition categories are ages 5-7, 8-11, & 12-15, and fish-for-fun for ages 2-4.

Participants receive a free hot dog and soda!

Pre-registration is suggested.

For complete rules, contact the Nature Center.

Swamp Stompin'

July 11, 10:30 am

Pre-registration; Free

Wetlands may seem like worthless wastelands, but they are vital to a healthy planet. Hike to the wetlands with guest speaker Alicia Barnard from Waste Water Management, and participate in fun activities for all ages.



An Afternoon with the Butterflies

August 8, 1:00 pm

Pre-registration; \$1 fee

Join the naturalists in the Butterfly Garden & Prairie to explore the beautiful world of butterflies. Paint a butterfly keychain. Meet at the Nature Center.



3rd Annual ISU Bat Festival

September 19

10:00 am - 5:00 pm at ISU

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm at Dobbs Park

Free event for all ages!

Sponsored by Indiana State University & Dobbs Park Nature Center.

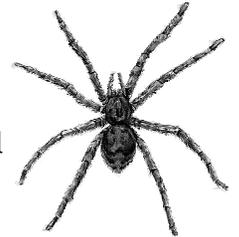
For more information, contact the Nature Center or call ISU Bat Center at 812-237-2383.

Sensational Spiders

October 10, 10:30 am

Pre-registration; \$1 fee

Learn about these insect control specialists and make a beaded spider of your own!



Fall Finery

November 14, 10:30 am

Pre-registration; \$1 fee

Identify some of our most beautifully colored fall trees. We'll make leaf rubbings and a pair of felt coasters to take home!

Who Gives a Hoot?

December 12, 10:30 am

Pre-registration; \$2 fee

Indiana's owls are some of the best hunters in the state. Learn about these elusive but beautiful animals, and dissect an owl pellet.

