Turkey Run State Park
Nature Center Programs

Wednesday, July 1
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, and then watch as wild birds and mammals eat and interact.

Thursday, July 2
Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT
9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.
10am The Fight For Turkey Run – Hear the epic battle between a timber company & conservationists for the land that is Turkey Run. Beautiful historic photos. 1hour. Nature Center.
3pm Lusk Home Tour – Meet in the basement of the Lusk Home for a fun 1-hour tour of an 1841 brick mansion. Tour includes 3 flights of stairs. A $2 per person donation is suggested. Hike, or drive and park at the Home. Doors open 2:45.

Friday, July 3
Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT
9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.
10:15am Hike the Bluebird Trail - Meet on the nature center porch for a 1-hour easy stroll along our bluebird trail. We will open the nest boxes to check on any families inside! 2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. Reservations Recommended. Nature Center.
5:30-8:45pm Naturalist in the Campground – Watch for the naturalist roaming the campground to see something cool from nature & to hear about the weekend’s programs

Saturday, July 4
Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT
9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.
10:15am Giant Bubbles! – Make GIANT red, white and blue bubbles from stuff around the house. Bubble recipe included. Nature Center. 45 minutes.
3pm Lusk Home Tour – See previous listing.
9pm Light Up The Sky – Discover the amazing lightning bug: talk to some®, catch some, & explore their habitat during a 45-minute program and easy hike. Meet in front of the Inn.

Sunday, July 5
Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT
9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.
10:15am Stream Safari – Meet in front of the Inn to go on a 1½-hour rugged hike through a streambed to discover the unique animals that live there. You will get your feet wet, so bring proper footwear!
3pm Lusk Home Tour – See previous listing.

Monday & Wednesday, July 6 & 8
Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. EDT
10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

Tuesday, July 7
Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT
10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.
3pm Lusk Home Tour – See previous listing.

Thursday, July 9
Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT
10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.
10:15am Hike the Bluebird Trail - Meet on the nature center porch for a 1-hour easy stroll along our bluebird trail. We will open the nest boxes to check on any families inside!
3pm Lusk Home Tour – See previous listing.

Friday, July 10
Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT
10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.
5:30-8:45pm Naturalist in the Campground – Watch for the naturalist roaming the campground to see something cool from nature & to hear about the weekend’s programs

Saturday, July 11
Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT
9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.
10am-3pm Photo Scavenger Hunt - Grab a hunt sheet & trash bags at the nature center & help clean up the hiking trails as you search for our fun list of things to photograph. Show your photos at the nature center before 3pm for a prize. Turn in litter for an extra prize!
3pm Lusk Home Tour – See previous listing.
8:30pm River Otter Romp - Come to the Nature Center to learn all about nature's scuba divers, the river otter! Then join us for a moderately rugged hike to explore their habitat and look for signs of this unique critter. 1 hour.

Sunday, July 12
Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT
9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.
10:30am Summer Symphony – Meet on the nature center porch for a 1½ hour moderately rugged hike to look and listen for our summer songsters, and learn easy ways to identify birds by the noises they make. Bring binoculars or borrow some of ours.
3pm Lusk Home Tour – See previous listing.

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Hoosier Quest Program
Earn pins & patches!
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**Turkey Run State Park**

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**Monday & Wednesday, July 13 & 15**

**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, and then watch as wild birds and mammals eat and interact.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – Discover the fun of stargazing during a 40-minute tour of tonight’s starry skies. Constellations, legends, planets and more! Reservations Recommended. Nature Center.

**Tuesday, July 14**

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

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.


3pm Lusk Home Tour – Meet in the basement of the Lusk Home for a fun 1-hour tour of an 1841 brick mansion. Tour includes 3 flights of stairs. A $2 per person donation is suggested. Hike, or drive and park at the Home. Doors open 2:45.

**Thursday, July 16**

**Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT**

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.


7pm Volunteer Meeting – Gather in the basement of the Inn to see what our Friends Volunteer Group is doing and to see how you can be a part of it all! 1 hour.

**Friday, July 17**

**Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT**

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:15am Hike The Bluebird Trail – Meet on the nature center porch for a 1-hour easy stroll along our bluebird trail. We will open the nest boxes to check on any families inside!


5:30-8:45pm Naturalist in the Campground – Watch for the naturalist roaming the campground to see something cool from nature & to hear about the weekend’s programs.

**Pioneer Heritage Festival**

**Saturday, July 18**

**Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT**

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Come to the nature center to put out seed, suet & nectar, & then watch the animals eat and interact through the windows of the observation room.

10am-1pm The Pioneer Life: Make It & Take It
Experience the life and times of folks who lived on the frontier during the early 1800s. Dip candles, use a crosscut saw, make your own ice cream and MORE! $1/person. Nature Center.


3pm Lusk Home Tour – Gather in the basement of the Salmon Lusk Home for an entertaining 1-hour tour of an 1841 brick mansion. Doors open at 2:45pm. $2/person. Must be able to stand, and climb 3 flights of stairs. Hike or drive to the Home: Parking is available during tours only.

7:30pm The Sounds That Scared The Pioneers – Gather at the amphitheater (beside Olympic pool) to hear strange sounds of the night and discover what makes them. 45 minutes.

**Sunday, July 19**

**Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT**

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:15am Turtle Talk – See a native turtle and make a fun turtle craft during this 45-minute family program. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.. Reservations Recommended. Nature Center.

3pm Lusk Home Tour – See previous listing.

**Monday & Wednesday, July 20 & 22**

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

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.


**Tuesday, July 21**

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

10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.


3pm Lusk Home Tour – See previous listing.

**Thursday, July 23**

**Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT**

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

10:15am Hike The Bluebird Trail – Meet on the nature center porch for a 1-hour easy stroll along our bluebird trail. We will open the nest boxes to check on any families inside!


3pm Lusk Home Tour – See previous listing.

**Friday, July 24**

**Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT**

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.


5:30-8:45pm Naturalist in the Campground – Watch for the naturalist roaming the campground to see something cool from nature & to hear about the weekend’s programs.

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Reptile Celebration!
Saturday, July 25
Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT
9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Come to the nature center to help put out seed, suet and nectar, and then watch as wild birds and mammals eat and interact.
10am Snake Mobiles! - Create your own unique snake to use as a kite, tie on your bike, or hang as a spinning mobile! 30 minute activity. Nature Center.
10:45am A Skink & A Turtle – Discover two types of reptiles that live at Turkey Run. See how similar and yet how very different they are. 30 minutes. Nature Center.
2pm Planetarium Star Show – Stargazing is FUN! Come enjoy a 40-minute tour of tonight’s constellations & planets and hear about some spectacular meteor showers! Reservations Recommended. Nature Center.
3pm Sneaky Snakes – Meet a variety of Indiana’s native, nonvenomous snakes face-to-face. See how they use their senses and shape to survive during this 1-hour, fun family program at the Amphitheater (beside Olympic pool). With snake expert Jarrett Manek. In case of rain, program will move to nature center.
8pm Fangs & Venom: Live Venomous Snakes! – Join special guest Jarrett Manek and his Venomous 4! Discover the unique features of the copperhead and cottonmouth snakes as well as the massasauga and timber rattlers, and where you may find them in Indiana. 1-hour program at the amphitheater (beside Olympic pool). In case of rain, program will move to nature center.

Sunday, July 26
Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT
9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.
10:30am The Call of the Wild – We suspect that O’Bannon Woods’ naturalist Jarrett Manek is part wild animal. Don’t miss this rare opportunity to hear and see him in action as he recreates native animal sounds and tells their stories and meanings. 30-minute interactive family program. Amphitheater (beside Olympic pool). In case of rain, program will move to nature center.
3pm Lusk Home Tour – Meet in the basement of the Salmon Lusk Home for a fun 1-hour tour of an 1841 brick mansion. Tour includes 3 flights of stairs. A $2 per person donation is suggested. Hike, or drive and park at the Home. Doors open 2:45.

Monday & Wednesday, July 27 & 29
Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT
10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.

Tuesday, July 28
Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT
10am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.
3pm Lusk Home Tour – See previous listing.

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Thursday, July 30
Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT
9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.
10:30am Life Without Lungs – Does Indiana have wolves? What’s the deal with river otters? Discover the animals of Indiana, past and present, in this 1-hour program in the nature center.
3pm Lusk Home Tour – See previous listing.

Friday, July 31
Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT
9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.
10:15am Hike the Bluebird Trail – Meet on the nature center porch for a 1-hour easy stroll along our bluebird trail. We will open the nest boxes to check on any families inside!
5:30-8:45pm Naturalist in the Campground – Watch for the naturalist roaming the campground to see something cool from nature & to hear about the weekend’s programs.

Saturday, August 1
Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT
9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.
10am Owl Kites – Stop by the nature center to make a kite that you can run with. 30 minute activity.
10:30am Where The Wild Things Are – Does Indiana have wolves? What’s the deal with river otters? Discover the animals of Indiana, past and present, in this 1-hour program in the nature center.
3pm Lusk Home Tour – See previous listing.
3:30pm Like A Moth To A Flame – Come to the nature center for a 1-hr. family program. Use lights & nets to get hands-on & explore the lives of moths & other nighttime insects.

Sunday, August 2
Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT
9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Nature Center.
10am Favorite Foods at Feeding Time – Watch us feed the center reptiles. Warning: live mice & worms may be consumed!
3pm Lusk Home Tour – See previous listing.

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