



# Programs and Events February 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	 1	 2 <b>Groundhog Day</b>	3 Still haven't gotten your annual pass yet? They're for sale in the main office or at the gatehouse!	 4	5 Listen for fox yelps as they prepare to mate	6 <b>M20CW: TET OFFENSIVE DISPLAY</b> 	
7 	8 Happy Boy Scout Day! On this day in 1910, William Dickenson Boyce created the Boy Scouts of America	9  9 <b>Mardi Gras</b>	10 Great horned owls begin to nest 	11  11 <b>Indiana Master Naturalist Class #2</b>	12  12 <b>Lincoln's Birthday</b>	13 It's cold outside! Come stop by the visitor center to warm up! 	
14 Merit Badge Sunday: Soil and Water Conservation 1p-4p  14 <b>Valentine's Day</b>	15  15 <b>Presidents' Day</b>	16  16	17  17 Skunks begin to mate	Did you notice that February has 29 days this year? That's because it's a leap year! It takes the Earth 365.24 days to circle the sun. That time adds up so we add an extra day every four years!			20
21 Look for animal tracks in the snow!  21	22  22 <b>Full Snow Moon</b>	23  23	24  24	25 Listen for the sounds of the redwinged blackbirds as they return	26  26	27 <b>M20CW: DESERT STORM DISPLAY</b> 	
28 Many animals have an adaptation that changes their fur's color to better blend in with the winter landscape  28	<b>Park Staff:</b> Property Manager: Brady Givens Assistant Property Manager: Daniel Wetli Office Manager: Carolyn Runyan Park Office Hours: Mon - Sat: 8:30a-4:00p Park Office Phone: (317) 591-0904  Park Visitor Center open daily: 8:30a - 4:00p Visitor Center phone: (317) 591 - 0122						

## Program Descriptions February 2016

**Merit Badge Sunday:** Merit badge classes are held from 1p-4p at the Visitor Center for Boy Scouts. **Pre-registration is required.**

**Tet Offensive Display:** Join the Museum of 20th Century Warfare as they present information tables about the biggest military campaign of the Vietnam War.

The Snow Moon is also known as the Bone Moon as this was the time many Native Americans would go hungry and gnaw on bones for nutrition.

**Desert Storm Display:** The Museum of 20th Century Warfare is presenting information on Operation Desert Storm that took place during the Gulf War.

**2016 is the  
Indiana  
State Parks  
Centennial!**

**Look for  
special  
events at  
the state  
parks all  
year!**

Mardi Gras (also known as "Fat Tuesday") originated as a Medieval European celebration of indulgence before the fasting period of Lent. The first Mardi Gras celebrated in the United States was in 1703 when French-Canadian explorers brought the feast to the tiny settlement of Fort Louis de Mobile in what is now Louisiana. Since then the holiday has gained popularity and grew into what we know today.

Questions? Feel free to contact the interpretative naturalist staff at [fortinterp@dnr.in.gov](mailto:fortinterp@dnr.in.gov) or stop by!





