

McCormick's Creek State Park

August 2016-Activities Schedule

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Property Manager – Dwight Brooks

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 A non-denominational church service will be held at the Nature Center at 9 am every Sunday from Memorial Day to Labor Day.	<u>1</u> <u>Come and visit the nature center!</u> <u>Open 9:30am-5:00pm daily</u>	<u>2</u> 10 am – Backyard Birds Nature Center 2 pm – Critter Feeding Nature Center	<u>3</u> <u>Come and visit the nature center!</u> <u>Open 9:30am-5:00pm daily</u>	<u>4</u> 10 am – The Civilian Conservation Corps N.C. Program Room 3 pm – Nature Film Series N.C. Program Room	<u>5</u> 10 am – Critter Stomp On Trail 5 Meet @ Wolf Cave parking 3 pm – Venomous Snakes of Indiana Nature Center	<u>6</u> 10 am – Fire Tower Hike Meet @ Canyon Inn 2 pm – Stick Coaster craft Nature Center Centennial Celebrations: 7 pm – Jack Shannon Nature Center Amphitheater
7 10:30 am – Turtle Feeding Canyon Inn Lobby 3 pm – Turtle Trot Nature Center	<u>8</u> <u>Come and visit the nature center!</u> Ask the Nature Center Staff about the State Parks Fitness Challenge!	<u>9</u> 10 am – Backyard Birds Nature Center 2 pm – Critter Feeding Nature Center 5 pm – Friends' Annual Pool Party & Picnic Pool & Redbud Shelter	<u>10</u> <u>Come and visit the nature center!</u> 3 pm – Creature Feature Nature Center	<u>11</u> <u>Come and visit the nature center!</u> 3 pm – Nature Film Series N.C. Program Room	<u>12</u> 10 am – Butterfly Cove Hike Meet @ Canyon Inn We will carpool to the site 3 pm – Monarch of the Land Nature Center	<u>13</u> 10 am – Wild Edibles Hike Meet @ Canyon Inn 3 pm – Butterfly craft Nature Center
<u>14</u> 10:30 am – Turtle Feeding Canyon Inn Lobby 3 pm – Spiders! Nature Center	<u>15</u> <u>Come and visit the nature center!</u> <u>Open 9:30am-5:00pm daily</u>	<u>16</u> 10 am – Backyard Birds Nature Center 2 pm – Critter Feeding Nature Center	<u>17</u> 10 am – McCormick's Through the Years N.C. Program Room 3 pm – Nature Film Series N.C. Program Room	<u>18</u> 10 am – Going Batty! N.C. Program Room 3 pm – Nature Film Series N.C. Program Room	<u>19</u> 10 am – Quarry Hike Meet @ Canyon Inn 3 pm – Turtle Trot Nature Center	<u>20</u> 10 am – Wolf Cave Hike Meet @ Wolf Cave Parking 3 pm – Creature Feature Nature Center Centennial Celebrations: 6 pm – Fiddle River Stringband & Foot Squad Park Amphitheater
<u>21</u> 10:30 am – Turtle Feeding Canyon Inn Lobby 3 pm – The Useful Worm Nature Center	<u>22</u> <u>Come and visit the nature center!</u> Ask the Nature Center Staff about the State Parks Fitness Challenge!	<u>23</u> 10 am – Backyard Birds Nature Center 2 pm – Critter Feeding Nature Center	<u>24</u> 10 am – Animals Do the Grossest Things! Nature Center 3 pm – Creature Feature Nature Center	<u>25</u> <u>Come and visit the nature center!</u> 3 pm – Nature Film Series N.C. Program Room	<u>26</u> 10 am – Peden Farm Hike Meet @ Deer Run shelter 3 pm – Turtle Trot Nature Center	<u>27</u> Centennial Celebrations: Migratory Bird Treaty Act 9:30 am – Bluebird Hike (NC) 3 pm – Woodpecker Watch (Inn) 7:30 pm Owls Hike (Inn)
<u>28</u> 10:30 am – Turtle Feeding Canyon Inn Lobby 3 pm – Snake in the Water! Nature Center	<u>29</u> 10 am – Backyard Birds Nature Center 2 pm – Critter Feeding Nature Center	<u>30</u> <u>Come and visit the nature center!</u> <u>Open 9:30am-5:00pm daily</u>	<u>31</u> <u>Come and visit the nature center!</u> <u>Open 9:30am-5:00pm daily</u>	Programs will go on in the event of rain. Outdoor programs will be cancelled or moved indoors in the event of severe weather.		Celebrate our centennial summer through our "100 Days for 100 Years" of programming. Look for history programs and centennial celebration events on this calendar.

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Centennial Celebrations

McCormick's Creek State Park is turning 100! Here are highlights of our August activities:

August 6th: Jack Shannon, a published songwriter, will perform original songs as well as songs by other artists.

At the close of his performance he will conduct a song writing workshop open to up to 10 participants. The workshop is free of charge.

August 20th: Fiddle River Stringband & Foot Squad. Band members Bob Lucas, Chris Westhoff, Jamie Gans and Tamara Loewenthal will present *Percussive Dance in America*.

August 27th: Migratory Bird Treaty Act

We are celebrating this important milestone in conservation with a whole day of bird hikes. Join us!

Animals Do the Grossest Things!: Talk- Animals do some pretty gross things to survive. We'll take a closer look at some disgusting animals; you might just see them differently.

Backyard Birds: Talk – Help the Nature Center staff fill our bird feeders and learn how to attract and identify the birds that come to your backyard

Bluebird Hike: Hike – At the park we have 36 nesting boxes set in an area mostly closed to the public. Join us as we show and tell you all about our bluebird monitoring program.

Butterfly Cove Hike: Hike – We will carpool to a site normally closed to the public to explore and enjoy the last flying colors of summer.

Crafts: Make a nature-themed craft to take home! (No fee, but donations are appreciated.)

Creature Feature: Talk- Visit the Nature Center to see what animal the naturalist features, why it is so special.

Critter Feeding: Activity- Every Tuesday we feed our resident Nature Center animals. Come find out what they eat and more!

Critter Stomp: Hike – We love to look at snakes, turtles, and salamanders. Join a park naturalist to find some of these awesome creatures.

Fire Tower Hike: Hike- Wildfires do occur in Indiana. Climb the fire tower and learn about McCormick's Creek's fire ecology.

Friends of McCormick's Creek Annual Pool Party & Picnic: Interested in joining the Friends of McCormick's Creek State Park? Come to the **August 9th** meeting, have some fun, meet interesting people and see what new projects are in the works.

Going Batty!: Talk – They quietly swoop around in the darkness and eat, and eat ...

McCormick's Through the Years: Talk – Take a seat in our program room and enjoy a slideshow presentation that details the history of McCormick's Creek State Park

Monarch of the Land: Talk – A closer look to the monarch butterfly and its amazing journey.

Nature Film Series: Movie - Need a break from the heat? Cool off and relax in the NC program room while watching one of our many informative and inspiring nature themed films. .

Owls Hike: Hike – An easy evening walk to investigate some of our hunters of the night.

Quarry Hike: Hike - Take a guided tour of

Peden Farm Hike: Hike - Visit the homestead of one of the park's earliest settlers and be one of the first to see the newly restored spring house.

Quarry Hike: Hike - Take a guided tour of the Statehouse Quarry with a park interpreter.

Snake in the Water!: Talk – Learn about snakes that live in ponds, lakes, and rivers and get a chance to meet the two most common ones.

Spiders!: Talk – Too many legs? Come to face your fears and learn what adaptations make those multi-legged creatures special. We will have a guest from a far away land to admire and study.

Summer Concert Series: See Centennial Celebrations description on the left.

Trees of McCormick's: Hike - Meet at the designated place for an easy introduction to identifying tree species. We will walk a trail and learn to ID trees using different characteristics and a simple key.

The Civilian Conservation Corps: Talk – A look back to the history and the accomplishments of the CCC boys at our Park.

The Useful Worm: Talk – If you like fishing you are familiar with them. But how well do you really *know* them?

Turtle Feeding: Talk - Join us Sunday mornings at the Canyon Inn while a Naturalist feeds the resident turtle. A special critter guest may also make an appearance.

Turtle Trot: Talk – Come meet our resident box turtle as he walks through the grass outside the nature center soaking up the sun.

Venomous Snakes of Indiana: Talk – We have 4 species of venomous snakes in Indiana. Learn what you should know about them from a park naturalist, for a safe and enjoyable summer. .

Wild Edibles: Hike- Nature has provided abundant food sources! Discover what things you can eat straight from the forest, and sample some yummy treats!

Woodpecker Watch: Talk - What a neat bird! Learn interesting facts about the woodpeckers' unique excavating techniques, and take a short walk to see their work.

Wolf Cave Hike: Hike - Take Trail 5 through Wolf Cave Nature Preserve with a park interpreter and see the unique geologic features of McCormick's Creek. Bring a flash light or borrow one of ours if you want to explore the cave.