

## December 2014 & Holiday Program Schedule

# MOUNDS STATE PARK

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*All programs are FREE of charge unless otherwise noted.*

*Nature Center open daily, 9 am-4 pm*

*Park open daily, 7 am-11 pm*



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Park Map

### Saturday, December 6

1 pm – *Evergreen Holiday Cards Workshop*. Get creative this afternoon as we craft holiday cards and gift tags by “pounding” fragrant evergreens onto special paper. Suggested donation is \$1 per card or two gift tags. We’ll craft until 3 pm. No registration is necessary. Meet at the Nature Center. Cocoa provided!

### Sunday, December 7

Anytime today – *Photo Scavenger Hunt!* Grab your camera and find all ten photo challenges! Pick up a

### Saturday, December 13

7-9 pm – *Christmas at the Bronnenberg Home*. Stop by anytime this evening to celebrate Christmas like the pioneers! Wander through the restored home, see the naturalists dressed in historic clothing, enjoy treats and cider, help trim the tree with cranberry-popcorn garland, discover old Christmas traditions and craft with us.

*\*Nature Center will not open until 2 pm today due to tonight’s event.\**



Scavenger Hunt at the Nature Center. Beautiful nature posters awarded. Great activity for young and old.

### Sunday, December 14

2 pm – *Knit in Nature*. Have a seat on the comfy Nature Center couches as we knit and crochet surrounded by the beauty of nature. We’ll watch for birds and other critters as we work on our latest projects. Hot beverages will be available. We’ll craft until 4 pm.

### Saturday, December 20

1 pm – *Happy Owl-idays!* Curious how our owls are celebrating the holiday season? Fly to the Nature Center for this 45-minute indoor program. We’ll take a peek at an owl pellet and practice our hooting skills!

### Sunday, December 21

2 pm – *Winter Solstice Wander!* Join us for a hike to Earthwork D to discover what the Winter Solstice meant to the Adena-Hopewell. Meet at the Nature Center for this 45-minute hike.

*The Nature Center may be closed from Tuesday, December 23 to Friday, December 26 for the holiday. The park will remain open until 11 pm daily and restroom facilities will be available on the east end of the Nature Center.*

## Saturday, December 27

1 pm – *Cocoa and a Movie: Planet Earth*. Grab some complimentary cocoa and settle into a seat at the Nature Center as we show this fascinating 50-minute BBC documentary.

## Sunday, December 28

9 am – *Audubon Bird Walk*. Join experts from the local Robert Cooper Audubon Society as they take a count of morning birds. The hike will last approximately two hours and is open to folks of all skill levels. A limited supply of binoculars and guide books will be provided and cookies served after. Meet at the Nature Center.

2 pm – *Knit in Nature*. See December 14 for program description.

## Monday, December 29

1 pm – *Nature Story Time: Scat! Scurry* over to the Nature Center as the naturalist reads *Story of the Little Mole Who Went in Search of Whodunit*, a tale about a critter's attempt to track down the animal that left a stinky "plop" on his head. Afterward, we'll explore the world of scat, hands-on! Program lasts 45 minutes.

## Tuesday, December 30

1 pm – *Toad-ally Tadpoles!* Come meet our resident tadpoles and discover the life cycle of a frog, first-hand! Program takes place at the Nature Center and lasts 30-minutes. Hop on over!

## Wednesday, December 31

1 pm – *Hoosier Quest Pin Program!* Would you like to earn a special Mounds collector pin? Stop by the Nature Center until 3:30 pm to learn how you can begin collecting pins by

## Thursday, January 1

7, 7:15, and 7:30 pm – *Luminary First Day Hikes!* Join us for a First Day Hike! We'll have three 45-minute naturalist-led hikes (all the same content) departing from the Nature Center. Stroll along an easy illuminated trail to the Great Mound while the naturalists, dressed in historic costume, tell tales about the year 1896 and the coming changes to the landscape.



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## Friday, January 2

1 pm – *Critter Feeding Time!* Discover what the Mounds' critters are having for an afternoon snack. Kids will get to help with the feeding of our herptiles! Meet at the Nature Center for this 30-minute adventure.

## Saturday, January 3

Anytime today – *Baby Snapper Meet 'n' Greet!* Stop by the Nature Center anytime until 3:30 pm to see what the stork dropped off. Make discoveries about snapping turtle habitat, diet, and predators.

### Homeschool Mondays

Hour-long educational sessions on history & natural resources. Indoor or outdoors depending on weather.

All ages welcome!

10 am & 1 pm (repeat session)

\$1/student

#### **Upcoming dates**

Dec. 1 & 15

Jan. 12 & 26

### Pre-K Wednesdays

Hour-long exploratory nature sessions for little hands. Indoor or outdoors depending on weather.

Up to age 6 welcome!

10 am & 1 pm (repeat session)

\$1/child

#### **Upcoming dates**

Dec. 3 & 17

Jan. 14 & 28

Register for each individual session at (765) 649-8128.