

Raccoon State Recreation Area

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All children under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

These programs are designed to entertain and enlighten folks of all ages.

Friday, August 7th

5pm **Roving Naturalist** – Look for the Naturalist in the campground to see what piece of nature they have with them!

8:30pm **Starry Night** – Join us on this enchanting star filled hike along Trail 5. As night falls, listen to the Naturalist's tales of the stars and the stories the ancient peoples told to explain them. (1 hour) Hike meets @ Bluebird Shelter Parking Lot near William H. Hill Memorial Picnic Area.

Saturday August 8th

10:30am **Nature Hunt** – Join the Naturalist for a fun scavenger hunt/hike! See what cool things YOU can find in nature! 1 hour @ Chapel Shelter.

1pm **Butterfly Watch** – Take a break from your day to join the Naturalist as they observe and identify butterflies and skippers roaming the Butterfly Garden near Chapel Shelter. (1 hour)

4pm **Ssssnakes Alive!** Come learn a little about some native reptiles of Indiana, highlighted by an appearance of our resident Rough Green Snake! 30-45 minutes @ Chapel Shelter

8pm **BYOP** – Bring Your Own Popcorn to this family movie held at Chapel Shelter. No cost of admission, open to all ages. (Movies are rated PG or lower)

Sunday August 9th

10:30am **Roving Farewell** – Look for the Naturalist as you are packing up to leave and see what item they may have with them

2:00pm **Nature's Beauty** – Join the Naturalist for this short 45 minute hike through native wildflowers and new growth forest. Hike meets @ Bluebird Shelter Parking Lot near William H. Hill Memorial Picnic Area.

Friday August 14th

5pm **Roving Naturalist** – Look for the Naturalist in the campground to see what piece of nature they have with them!

8:30pm **Starry Night** – Join us on this enchanting star filled hike along Trail 5. As night falls, listen to the Naturalist's tales of the stars and the stories the ancient peoples told to explain them. (1 hour) Hike meets @ Bluebird Shelter Parking Lot near William H. Hill Memorial Picnic Area.

Saturday August 15th

10:30am **Nature Hunt** – Join the Naturalist for a fun scavenger hunt/hike! See what cool things YOU can find in nature! 1 hour @ Chapel Shelter.

1pm **Butterfly Watch** – Take a break from your day to join the Naturalist as they observe and identify butterflies and skippers roaming the Butterfly Garden near Chapel Shelter. (1 hour)

4pm **Furry Critters** – Join the Naturalist for this fun, hands-on talk about furry critters in their own backyard. Meet @ Chapel Shelter. (1 hour)

8pm **Stories 'Round The Fire** – Bring the whole family to hear some fantastic tales told around the fire by the Naturalist. 1 hour @ The Amphitheater next to Chapel Shelter.

Sunday August 16th

10:30am **Roving Farewell** – Look for the Naturalist as you are packing up to leave and see what item they may have with them!

2:00pm **Berry Walk** – Join the Naturalist at the camp store for this walk along the Berry drive vistas, out to the old Berry homestead site and Payne family cemetery. (1 hour) Hike meets @ Camp Store

Friday August 21st

5pm **Roving Naturalist** – Look for the Naturalist in the campground to see what piece of nature they have with them!

8:30pm **Starry Nights**– Join us on this enchanting star filled hike along Trail 5. As night falls, listen to the Naturalist's tales of the stars and the stories the ancient peoples told to explain them. (1 hour) Hike meets @ Bluebird Shelter Parking Lot near William H. Hill Memorial Picnic Area.

Saturday August 22nd

10:30am **Fancy Fliers**- Come Learn about butterflies and their amazing lifecycle. Afterwards, make a butterfly to take home with you! (1 hour craft/talk) Meet @ Chapel Shelter.

1pm **Butterfly Watch** – Take a break from your day to join the Naturalist as they observe and identify butterflies and skippers roaming the Butterfly Garden near Chapel Shelter. (1 hour)

4pm **Casting Tracks!** – Join the Naturalist at the Chapel Shelter to learn about the signs animals leave behind and cast some of your own tracks to take with you! 1 hour.

8pm **BYOP** – Bring Your Own Popcorn to this family movie held at Chapel Shelter. No cost of admission, open to all ages. (Movies are rated PG or lower)

Sunday August 23rd

10:30am **Roving Farewell** – Look for the Naturalist as you are packing up to leave and see what item they may have with them!

2:00pm **Nature's Beauty**- Join the Naturalist for this short 45 minute hike through native wildflowers and new growth forest. Hike meets @ Bluebird Shelter Parking Lot near William H. Hill Memorial Picnic Area.

Friday August 28th

5pm **Roving Naturalist** – Look for the Naturalist in the campground to see what piece of nature they have with them!

8:30pm **Moon Walk** – Join the Naturalist on this fun night walk and learn about the moon while bathed in its silvery light and hear several stories told by those who were here before us. Meet @ Bluebird Shelter Parking Lot near William H. Hill Memorial Picnic Area. (1 hour)

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Saturday August 29th

10:30am **It's Bugs! Craft** – Join the Naturalists at Chapel Shelter for this fun build-a-bug craft and talk about bugs and insects!

1pm **Butterfly Watch** – Take a break from your day to join the Naturalist in observing and identifying butterflies and skippers roaming the Butterfly Garden near Chapel Shelter. (1 hour)

4pm **Survival by Fire** – Lost in the back country? New to Camping? Learn and practice several techniques to make a fire when matches and lighters fail. 1 hour @ Chapel Shelter.

8 pm **BYOP** – Bring Your Own Popcorn to this family movie held at Chapel Shelter. No admission cost, open to all ages. (Movies are rated PG or lower)

Sunday August 30th

10:30am **Roving Farewell** – Look for the Naturalist as you are packing up to leave and see what item they may have with them!

2:00pm **Berry Walk** -- Join the Naturalist at the camp store for this walk along the Berry drive vistas, out to the old Berry homestead site and Payne family cemetery. (1 hour) Hike meets @ Camp Store



Rising three and a half stories from sandstone foundation on the banks of Big Raccoon Creek in Parke County, Indiana, is the Historic Mansfield Roller Mill. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the mill exemplifies the transitional period in milling that accompanied a change from stone to roller grinding.

The Historic Mansfield Roller Mill is located six miles south of U.S. 36 off S.R. 59 in Mansfield, Indiana. It is approximately 6 miles from Raccoon State Recreation Area.

The mill is open only for the Mushroom Festival (April 25th-26th) Cornbread and Beans Day (September 12th) and the Parke County Covered Bridge Festival (October 9th-18th)

You can also contact the park office at (765) 344-1412 to schedule guided or group tours.