

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, July 3rd

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

Saturday July 4th

12-2pm: **Craft Blast** @ Chapel Shelter.

Come make some fun Independence Day crafts!

6-8pm: **Big Bang Cornhole Tournament** @ Hilltop Parking Lot

\$5 entry per team to play. Limited amount of spots for teams, on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration begins at 5:30pm.

(See property office for tournament rules).



(NOTICE: This year's fireworks display has been cancelled due to high floodwaters caused by recent rains).

Friday July 10th

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

Saturday July 11th

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 a 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 July 12th

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

Friday July 17th

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

Saturday July 18th

10:30am **Craft** – Come join the Naturalist to make a fun craft! 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 **Scenic Nature** – Join the Naturalist for this short hike through native upland forest along **Trail 1**. Hike meets @ Camp Store.

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

Sunday July 19th

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

Friday July 24th

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

10pm **Starry Sky** – Join the Naturalist and watch the sun set and the stars rise in this fun night hike. 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 near William H. Hill Memorial Picnic Area.

Saturday July 25th

10:30am **Trees! Trees! Trees!** – Come join the Naturalist for this fun hike through the forest. We will learn about trees and the amazing creatures that inhabit them! (1 hour) Hike meets @ Camp Store.

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 **Fancy Fliers** – Come learn about butterflies and their amazing lifecycle. Then, make a butterfly to take home with you! (1 hour craft/talk) Meet @ 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 July 26th

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

Friday July 31st

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

Saturday August 1st

10:30am **Trees! Trees! Trees!** – Come join the Naturalist for this fun hike through the forest. We will learn about trees and the amazing creatures that inhabit them! (1 hour) Hike meets @ Camp Store.

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 **Turtle Craft** – Come learn about these amazing animals and their ability to survive predators! Afterwards, make a turtle to take home with you! 1 hour craft/talk @ Chapel Shelter

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8pm **Stories 'Round a 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.

10pm **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 our ancestors. Meet @ Bluebird Shelter near the William H. Hill Memorial Picnic Area. (1 hour)

Sunday August 2nd

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



**Historic
Mansfield
Roller Mill**

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.