

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, May 22nd

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

Saturday, May 23rd

10:30am Nature scavenger Hunt – Come out and see what cool things you can find in nature – 1 hour @ Chapel Shelter

1pm Beach Break – Take a break from the day and join the naturalist at the beach for some fun beach games! – 1 hour @ Beach (DUE TO HIGH WATER, THIS PROGRAM MAY BE CANCELLED.)

4pm Fancy Fliers – Come learn about the lifecycle of butterflies and make your own to take with you! 45 minutes @ Chapel Shelter

Sunday May 24th

10:30am Roving Naturalist – Look for the naturalist in the campground to see what piece of nature they have with them

2pm Spring Wildflower Hike – Join the naturalist for this short hike through some native wildflower plots, grasslands and upland forest along trail 5. Meet @ Bluebird Shelter parking lot

Friday May 29th

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

9pm Stories 'Round a Fire – Come hear tales of yesteryear told around a campfire by the Naturalist. Feel free to bring an instrument or your voice for campfire songs afterwards (all songs must be family appropriate) 1 hour @ Chapel Shelter

Saturday May 30th

10am Introduction to Archery! – Come learn how to shoot a bow and arrow in this introductory level course! It is free to attend and open to folks of all ages. Meet @ The Archery Flag (Limited parking is available next to the gatehouse)

1pm Beach Break - Take a break from the day and join the naturalist at the beach for some fun beach games! – 1 hour @ Beach (DUE TO HIGH WATER, THIS PROGRAM MAY BE CANCELLED.)

4pm - Spring Hike Through the Forest – Join the naturalist for this short hike through native upland forest along Trail 1. Meet @ the Camp Store

Sunday May 31st

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 Naturalist at rplotkin@dnr.in.gov to schedule guided or group tours.

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