

# Turkey Run State Park Nature Center Programs

Thursday - Friday, October 1-2

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Come to the nature center to help put out seed, suet and nectar, and then watch as wild birds and squirrels eat and interact.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – Let a naturalist show you around the night sky. Discover tricks for locating constellations, hear some star stories, and find out which meteor shower is coming your way! 40 minutes. Nature Center.

Saturday, October 3

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**11am Why Do The Leaves Fall?** – Join the naturalist for a short program to see why leaves turn colors & fall, and then make a set of notecards to celebrate the season. 45 minutes. Nature Center!

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations Recommended on weekends.* Nature Center.

**3pm Lusk Home Tour** – Discover fact, fiction and furnishings of the Salmon Lusk family during an entertaining 1-hour tour of their 1841 brick mansion. A \$2 per person donation is requested. Tour includes 3 flights of stairs. Hike out on Trails 1 or 4, or drive out and park at the Home. Doors open at 2:45pm.

Sunday, October 4

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**10:45am Favorite Foods at Feeding Time** – Watch the nature center reptiles eat breakfast. Warning: live mice & worms may be consumed!

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations Recommended on weekends.* Nature Center.

Monday, Thursday-Friday, October 5 & 8-9

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

**10 am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. Nature Center.

Tuesday & Wednesday, October 6-7

Nature Center CLOSED

Saturday, October 10

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**10:30am Hibernation Hustle** – Discover how animals survive the cold season, staying warm, finding food and surviving winter storms. Come to the nature center for this fun, 30-minute talk that includes a real live snake!

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations Recommended.* Nature Center.

**3pm Lusk Home Tour** – See previous listing. \$2/person.

**Children younger than 14 must be with an adult while in the nature center or at programs.**

**Hoosier Quest Program  
Earn pins & patches!  
Get started at the Nature Center**

Sunday, October 11

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**10:30am The Queen & Her Court** – Examine the lives of honeybees through video, live bees, hands-on equipment and honey tasting! Make a buzzin' bee to keep. Nature Center.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – Let a naturalist show you around the night sky in the middle of the day. Discover tricks for locating constellations and planets and hear some ancient legends! 40 minutes. *Reservations Recommended on weekends.* Nature Center.

**3pm Lusk Home Tour** – Discover fact, fiction and furnishings of the Salmon Lusk family during an entertaining 1-hour tour of their 1841 brick mansion. A \$2 per person donation is requested. Tour includes 3 flights of stairs. Hike out on Trails 1 or 4, or drive out and park at the Home. Doors open at 2:45pm.

Monday, Thursday-Friday, October 12 & 15-16

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**10:30-11:30am Having Fun With Nature** – Stop by the nature center to make or experience something cool!

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. Nature Center.

Tuesday & Wednesday, October 13-14

Nature Center CLOSED

Saturday, October 17

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**10:45am Foraging In The Forest** – Meet in front of the Inn for a 1-hour moderately-rugged foray for fall edibles.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations Recommended on weekends.* Nature Center.

**3pm Lusk Home Tour** – See previous listing. \$2/person.

Sunday, October 18

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Come to the nature center to help put out seed, suet and nectar, and then watch as wild birds and squirrels eat and interact.

**10:45am Recycled Birdfeeders** – Create cheap, practical feeders for your birds at home. 30 minutes. Nature Center.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations Recommended on weekends.* Nature Center.

Monday - Thursday, October 19 & 22

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**10:30-11:30am Having Fun With Nature** – Stop by the nature center to make or experience something cool!

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. Nature Center.

Tuesday & Wednesday, October 20-21

Nature Center CLOSED



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## Hallow-Scream Camping Weekend

Friday, October 23

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Come to the nature center to help put out seed, suet and nectar, and then watch as wild birds and squirrels eat and interact.

**10:30-11:30am Having Fun With Nature** – Stop by the nature center to make or experience something cool!

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – Let a naturalist show you around the night sky. Discover tricks for locating constellations, hear some star stories, and find out which meteor shower is coming your way! 40 minutes. Nature Center.

**Campsite Decorating Contest** – Judging will take place from 7:30-8:30pm Saturday evening, with prizes awarded at the Amphitheater after the Saturday evening program.

**Pumpkin Carving Contest** – Pick up a pumpkin when you arrive at the park, carve it nice & spooky, and then bring it to the Amphitheater Saturday evening between 7:30 and 8pm to enter it in the contest. Prizes awarded after the evening program – must be present to win. NOTE: pumpkins only available if there's a good pumpkin harvest.

**8:30pm Hike Into The Night** – Gather outside the nature center for a spooky walk in the dark. Watch and listen for the animals that work the night shift and pit your senses against theirs. 1-hour easy hike. Flashlights optional

Saturday, October 24

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

**10am Halloween Treats For The Birds** – No tricks allowed during this 30-minute activity at the nature center. Make bird treats & help lay out a banquet for wild birds & squirrels.

**11am Live Owls (& A Hawk)!** – Join Mark Booth of Take Flight Wildlife Education and meet 3 live owls and a hawk. Discover how they live and what they hunt, and hear the individual stories of these beautiful raptors. 1-hour program at the Amphitheater (between tennis court & Olympic pool).

**1 & 2pm The Stars Of Halloween** – See which constellations are visible this Halloween season in a 40-minute tour of the night sky. *Reservations Recommended for either of these 2 programs.* Nature Center.

**3-4pm Costume Contest** – Categories are Dogs, Children (under age 14), Big Kids (ages 15 and up) and Groups. Amphitheater (between tennis court & Olympic pool).

**3-4pm Campsite Trick-Or-Treat** – Due to limited parking, and out of fairness to the campers bringing the candy, this evening of trick-or-treating is available only to Turkey Run campground guests.

**7:30-8pm Enter Jack-O-Lanterns in Contest** – Bring your carved pumpkins to the Amphitheater to enter them. Prizes awarded after evening program. Must be present to win.

**8-8:45pm Scary Sounds & Stories** – Enjoy an evening of creepy sounds, chilling stories and wild animals, with hot drinks and snacks and a crackling fire to keep you warm.

**8:45pm Pumpkin Carving And Campsite Decorating Awards** – Must be present to win.

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**For additional interpretive programs:**  
[stateparks.IN.gov/2420.htm](http://stateparks.IN.gov/2420.htm)

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"Turkey Run and Shades State Parks"

Sunday, October 25

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**11am Lusk Home Tour** – Discover fact, fiction and furnishings of the Salmon Lusk family during an entertaining 1-hour tour of their 1841 brick mansion. A \$2 per person donation is requested. Tour includes 3 flights of stairs. Hike out on Trails 1 or 4, or drive out and park at the Home. Doors open at 2:45pm.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations Recommended on weekends.* Nature Center.

Monday, Thursday-Friday, October 26, 29-30

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing.

Tuesday & Wednesday, October 27-28

Nature Center CLOSED

Saturday, October 31

*Happy Halloween!*

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EDT

**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**10:45am What's Left Behind** – Search for signs of wildlife: tracks, scat, chewings and more! Meet at the nature center for this 1½-hour moderately rugged discovery hike.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing. *Reservations Recommended on weekends.* Nature Center.

**3pm Lusk Home Tour** – See previous listing. A \$2 per person donation is suggested. Hike, or drive and park at the Home. **Set clocks BACK one hour tonight!**

Sunday, November 1

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST

**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Come to the nature center to help put out seed, suet and nectar, and then watch as wild birds and squirrels eat and interact.

**10:45am Reptile Rendezvous** – Come and meet our captive reptiles, touch a live snake, and then watch them as we offer food. Warning: live mice and worms may be consumed. 30 minutes (or until everyone's full). Nature Center.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing.

Monday, Thursday-Friday, November 2 & 5-6

Nature Center OPEN 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. EST

**10am Help Feed The Birds** – Nature Center.

**2pm Planetarium Star Show** – See previous listing.

Tuesday & Wednesday, November 3-4

Nature Center CLOSED

**Park Office:** 765-597-2635

Chris Newcomb, Property Manager

Steve Stockton, Ass't. Property Manager

**Nature Center:** 765-597-2654

Barbara Tibbets, Interpretive Naturalist

Kayla Leach, Interpretive Naturalist

Andrew Hoffman, Interpretive Naturalist

**Campground Host:**

Richard & Barbara Williams

**Turkey Run Inn** 765-597-2211 or 877-500-6151

Rob Parker, General Manager

Tim Thurman, Ass't. General Manager

Kristina Hale, Sales Director