

Mark Your Calendars for Fall Events!

September 23rd

Registration Deadline for Trail of Scarecrows (registration forms available at the Visitor Center, Main Gate, and online)

October 1st to November 6th

Trail of scarecrows

October 21st – 23rd

Fall Funfest Celebration

Fall Funfest Weekend October 21-23

- Harvest Celebration at Native American Village
- Fall Farm Fun
- Trick or Treating
- Campsite and Pumpkin Decorating Contests
- Special Programs
- Hayrides

Trail of Scarecrows



SEPTEMBER 2016

PROPHETSTOWN STATE PARK

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Stop in and see us at the Visitor Center. We have educational animals for you to meet, nature exhibits you can touch, and informational displays to read.

VISITOR CENTER HOURS 8:30am – 4:00pm DAILY

We hope you'll join us for a program too. Programs are free of charge (except as noted) and open to the public after paying the park admission fee of \$8/carload (in-state) or \$10/carload (out-of-state.) Campground programs are also open to the public – just park at the campground gate and walk in. Children under 14 should be accompanied by an adult. All programs begin promptly at scheduled times.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD

9:00am-4:00pm – Digital Scavenger Hunt - Stop by the **Visitor Center** and pick-up your scavenger hunt list. Then come back any time before 4:00pm and show your photos to the office clerk. Collect your prize!

12:00pm – 3:00pm- Cordage and Twining at the Prophetstown Village –

Join us at the Native American village where we'll be making cordage out of natural material. You'll be able to make a twined bracelet to take home. Also tour the council house, medicine lodge, chief's cabin, and granary. **Park at the Visitor Center and safely cross the road to walk the trail back to the village.**

7:30pm – Prophetstown Archaeology – A part of the Prophetstown story can be told through the lens of archaeology. Join us for this hands-on program filled with artifacts and items from nature. **Bring a lawnchair and meet at the Campground Shower Building.**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH

10:00am – Feeding Frenzy – After you've had your breakfast, come watch our nature center critters gobble down their favorite foods. **Visitor Center**

11:00am – 12:00pm-Barn and Farm Talk - Mauri Williamson will be on The Farm talking about barns and the rich history behind them. Mauri is an active board member for the Indiana Barn Foundation and was an integral part of the development in the early years of The Farm at Prophetstown.

2:00pm - Bubbles, Bubbles, Everywhere – Did you know that some critters use bubbles to survive? Find out how during this fun interactive program. **Visitor Center**

8:00pm – Campfire Fun – Join us for fun times around the campfire. We'll share stories, songs, and more (sort of like "open mic night") – and then roast a marshmallow for s'mores! **Meet at the Campground Shower Building.**

-- see inside for more programs --

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th Labor Day!

 **10:00am – Monarch Madness** – This beautiful butterfly takes a long journey around the country with the hopes of finding special plants to lay her eggs and feed from. Join us for a short walk, a game, and a craft. **Meet at the Campground Shower Building**

1:00-3:00pm – Sumac Tea at Prophetstown Village - Join us at the village where we'll be working under the shade shelter and enjoying a cool drink of sumac tea. Tour the council house, medicine lodge, chief's cabin, and corn crib. **Park at the Visitor Center; safely cross the road to walk back to the village.**



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th

1:00-3:00pm – Wednesdays in the Wild – Join the naturalist for a walk to the wetland. Discover this unique fen habitat and all the beautiful wildflowers growing there this late in the year. **Meet at the Far East End Parking Lot.**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th

11:00am-2:00pm – A Day in the Park with Morton! – Join your favorite Morton Center artists for an afternoon of art making. Participants of all ages can engage in the creative process with accomplished artists, including Plein Air painting with Rena Brouwer, a theater performance by the Morton Youth Actors led by Susan Kisinger, children's art exploration with Jeannette Rehmel, and dance! Art activities are free and open to the public. Pre-registration is recommended, but not required. The first 40 "vehicles" that contain a pre-registered individual will have the gate fee waived. Pre-registration code: 209000-01 For more information, please contact Bess Witcosky via email at BWITCOSKY@WL.IN.GOV To pre-register call the Morton Community Center Office at 765-775-5120



10:00am-4:00pm – Country Fair! – Join us for an exciting day on The Farm! Enjoy great music, food, games, demonstrations, antique tractors, tour the Gibson Farmhouse, and the Battle Ground Saddle Club will be on hand to show off different horse breeds. Back again this year, we will host a pie eating contest at 12pm! \$5 per car event fee.



12:00pm –3:00pm- Prophetstown Village - Join us at the Native American village for tours of the council house, medicine lodge, chief's cabin, granary, and more. **Park at the Visitor Center and walk across the road (for shorter walking distance) or park at the Farm and walk the trails back to the village.**

8:00pm –Flavors of Fall – Join us around the campfire and discover the flavors of wild foods that come from the park – hazelnuts, mountain mint, and more. **Meet at the Campground Shower Building.**



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th

10:00am – Seed Tape - Save time and seeds by sowing seeds right where you want them. Kid-friendly project that helps any gardener get ready for next year's planting. **Meet at the Campground Shower Building.**

2:00pm - Seed Collecting - Join us as we'll be walking the prairies collecting seeds. These seeds will be used for next year's crop of prairie plants – and you can be a part of it! **Meet at the Visitor Center**

 **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th**
6:00-8:00pm Farm to Table Dinner- Enjoy a 5 course meal served in the Farmhouse! Socialize and make new friends. Reservations are required and space is limited. \$50 per person. Call 765-567-4700 or email events@prophetstown.org to make your reservation.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th

10:00am “Fen”tastic Hike – Join us for this wonderful wetland hike. Discover what makes a fen unique and the plants and animals that live there. **Meet at the Far East End Parking Lot.**

1:00pm-3:00pm- Teas of the Season – Join us at the Village and taste some delicious teas that are available to make this time of year – sassafras, mountain mint, and more. Tour of the council house, medicine lodge, chief's cabin, granary, and more. **Park at the Visitor Center and safely cross the road to walk back to the village.**



7:30pm -Skins and Skulls – If you just caught a glimpse of a critter, would you know what it was? If you were hiking on a trail and came across some bones, could you identify it? Discover ways to identify some of the park's wildlife by examining furs and skulls. **Meet at the Campground Shower Building.**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th

10:00am – Leaf Art – Shapes and patterns are necessary details to identify a leaf. They can also be interesting and useful when making art. **Meet at the Campground Shower Building.**

1:00pm – 2:00pm Norman Rockwell Puzzle- Philomena Gillen, one of our youngest volunteers, will be on hand to assist in putting together this historic puzzle. Join us in celebrating one of the most iconic artists of all time.



 **3:00pm – Tree ID & Leaf Collection Hike-** Need help on your leaf collection project. Learn how to easily identify some of Indiana's trees and collect leaves at the same time. Bring a notebook, old phonebook, or baggies to organize and label your leaves. **Meet at the Visitor Center.**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd

12:00pm – 3:00pm Celebrate: First Day of Autumn- Treat yourself to freshly popped popcorn and apple cider in the Gibson Farmhouse. Help us welcome fall by enjoying a fall afternoon on The Farm.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th Archaeology Weekend

September is Archaeology month - join us this weekend for hikes, activities, displays, and more all about the archaeology of Prophetstown State Park and how it helps us tell the story of this land and the people who called this place home.



10:00am – Prophetstown History Hike – Join us at the *Far East End Parking Lot* where we'll begin our hike to the special historical places in the park. We'll use artifacts to help tell these stories about the rich, cultural history of this land.

1:00pm –4:00pm- Prophetstown Village - Join interpretive naturalists at the Native American village for natural and cultural displays that highlight archaeological items found at Prophetstown. Hands-on activities for all ages. **Park at the Visitor Center and walk across the road (for shorter walking distance) or park at the Farm and walk the trails back to the village.**

 **2:00pm – Pottery Workshop** – Join us for this free program on historic pottery. Build your own "air-dry" clay pot using coil building techniques. **Meet in the Village Council House.**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th

12:00pm – 2:00pm Fall Scavenger Hunt- Bring the kids up to The Farm for a fun filled scavenger hunt. Find all of the items on The Farm and get a treat!

1:00pm –3:00pm- Prophetstown Village - Join interpretive naturalists at the Native American village for natural and cultural displays that highlight archaeological items found at Prophetstown. Hands-on activities for all ages. **Park at the Visitor Center and walk across the road (for shorter walking distance) or park at the Farm and walk the trails back to the village.**

