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Please arrive on time for scheduled programs.

Programs listed here are designed for families/individuals.

Schools, scouts, and other organized groups should contact the Interpretive Naturalist for info on scheduling a private program. Private programs are available at all Monroe SRAs and offsite locations in Monroe, Brown, Jackson, and Lawrence Counties.

February Schedule

1st Annual Reservoir Ramble Geocache Challenge

Saturday, February 4

The Challenge starts at the Paynetown SRA Office (4850 S. SR 446, Bloomington). **You may begin anytime between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. All cachers who complete the entire Challenge by 4 p.m.** will be entered into a drawing to win a 2012 State Parks & Reservoirs Entrance Pass.

It's "year one" of this geocaching event, so we're going to begin with a Challenge that will take you on a tour of every public recreation area on Lake Monroe (plus a couple of less well-known spots). It's a BIG reservoir, so be prepared to do a lot of driving - carpooling with your fellow cachers is encouraged! After you reach each location, the caches themselves will require only minimal walking. **Are you a member of geocaching.com? If yes, RSVP at coord.info/GC38DVA**

Animals in Winter: A Program Series for Home School Students

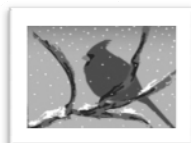
Tuesdays in February from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (7, 14, 21, and 28)

Open to home school students in grades 1 to 6; limited to 25 students.

Cost is \$10 per student, which includes all 4 sessions.

Pre-registration is required by February 2! To sign up, call the Monroe County Parks and Recreation office at 812-349-2800. Payment is due at time of registration.

*The program series will take place at **The Commons Building in Karst Farm Park** (2450 S. Endwright Road, Bloomington, Indiana).*



A surprising number of animals are out and about during the cold months! Through a combination of indoor activities and outdoor explorations, we'll discover who these animals are and what they are doing. A portion of each session will be conducted outside, so please dress your child accordingly.

Presented by Monroe County Parks and Recreation & Monroe Lake Interpretive Services.

Owl Prowl

Session 1: Monday, February 13 at 6 p.m.

Session 2: Thursday, February 16 at 6 p.m.

*The program is free but **limited to just 15 people.***

Pre-registration is required! To register, call the Paynetown SRA Office (812-837-9546) by 4 p.m. on Feb. 9 (if no one answers, leave a voicemail for Jill Vance). You can also send an email to jvance@dnr.IN.gov. Please specify which session!

Registered participants should meet the naturalist at the Paynetown SRA Office (3850 S. SR 446, Bloomington); the program will last 30 to 45 minutes. Please dress for the weather!



February is a perfect time of year to try calling for owls. Owls are actively searching for a mate and are quick to respond to another owl's hoot. We'll attempt to get a "conversation" going with some wild barred owls and, if we're lucky, one of them might just come in close to check us out!

Owls: The Perfect Predator

Monday, February 20 at 6:00 p.m.

Outreach Program at the **Bedford Public Library,**
1323 K St. in Bedford, IN

Free and open to the public! No registration is necessary.

The nocturnal predator life style requires very special refinements, and owls display a variety of fascinating features and behaviors. We'll examine some of the adaptations that make their nocturnal life possible, and take a look at the types of owls live in this area. This is also the ideal time of year for "calling" in owls and we'll show you how to try it at home.



This program is designed for adults and older teens, but is also suitable for older elementary and middle school students who are interested in the subject material.

Lake Monroe on the Move!

Saturday, February 25 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Outreach Table at the Winter Farmers Market in Bloomington,
located at Harmony School, 909 E. 2nd Street, Bloomington, IN

If you live in the Bloomington area, we hope you'll stop by and visit our table today at the Winter Farmers Market! We'll have information about upcoming programs and events at the reservoir, details on volunteer opportunities, and some interesting "show and tell" items.

The vendors at the Winter Farmers Market will have local produce, meats, baked goods, dairy, and more for sale. You can pick up great ideas for spring and summer visits to Lake Monroe, while getting your grocery shopping done at the same time!