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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.

March Schedule



Woodcock Walk

Wednesday, March 7 at 6:15 p.m.

Free, but limited to 10 people. Pre-registration is required by March 2; to sign up, call 812-837-9546 and ask for Jill Vance (or email jvance@dnr.IN.gov).

Fairfax SRA, 8803 S. Fairfax Rd. in Bloomington, IN

Registered participants should meet the naturalist at the parking area for the Hunter Check Station (located on your right along the main entrance road).

American woodcocks begin their search for a mate in early spring. As the sun goes down, we'll try to sneak a peek at the male courtship behavior. The combination of a distinct call and an aerial display make this an enjoyable bird to both watch and hear! *We'll be outdoors the whole time, so please dress for the temperature. If there is rain/snow, the walk will be cancelled (woodcocks don't really like being out in bad weather either!).*

Wildflower Folklore

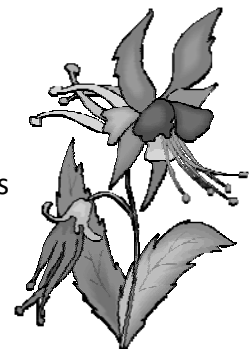
Tuesday, March 13 at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Plants have been the centerpieces of stories and legends for thousands of years. We'll examine some of the fascinating superstitions, sayings, and stories that surround some of the plants that grow here in south-central Indiana.

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.



Spring Break, *Naturally*

A special series of **free nature programs during Spring Break for children in grades 1-2**, presented by Monroe Lake's Interpretive Naturalist!

Pre-registration is required by March 7. Limited to 15 children!

A parent/guardian must attend with their child. Each program will be 30 to 45 minutes in length.

TO REGISTER: Call the Monroe Lake Paynetown SRA Office at 812-837-9546 by March 7 and ask for Jill Vance (or register by email to jvance@dnr.IN.gov).

Program Location: Monroe County Public Library, Room 1C
303 E. Kirkwood Ave. in Bloomington, IN



Tuesday, March 13 at 10:00 a.m.

Discover why some wildflowers bloom really early, learn how to sort flowers into groups, and plant seeds to grow in your own window.



Thursday, March 15 at 10:00 a.m.

Explore where butterflies have been this past winter, learn the parts of a butterfly, and make a butterfly craft to take home.



Friday, March 16 at 10:00 a.m.

Learn why different birds build different kinds of nests, figure out what types of materials they use, and create a "nest building kit" to hang outside for the birds.

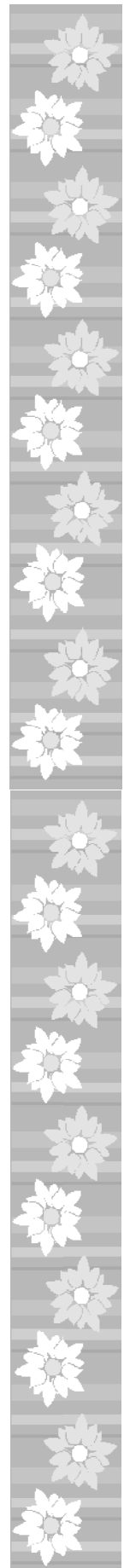
Lake Monroe on the Move!

Saturday, March 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 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!



Volunteer Event: Allens Creek Shoreline Cleanup

Saturday, March 31 at 10:00 a.m.

Directions to Allens Creek SRA: From the intersection of SR 46 and SR 446 on the east side of Bloomington (by Bruster's Ice Cream), head south on SR 446. After crossing the causeway over the lake, continue south for about 3 more miles to Allens Creek Road. Turn right (west) onto Allens Creek Road. The SRA is located at the end of the road.

Please come and join us for a fun-filled day of hiking and picking up trash! Today's efforts will focus on the peninsula of Allens Creek SRA, where trash from boaters, flood events, and illegal campers is marring our beautiful shoreline. Garbage bags and bottled water will be provided; please bring your own work gloves. Volunteers should wear good hiking shoes as the terrain requires good footing.

Park Pass Giveaway! The volunteer who has stepped up to organize this cleanup will be giving away a 2012 State Parks & Reservoirs Annual Entrance Pass. Everyone who volunteers during this cleanup event will be entered into the drawing!

Do you have a small motor boat? If you are willing to use it to help ferry trash and people from the tip of the peninsula back to the parking lot, please bring it! (There is a boat ramp at Allens Creek that you can launch it from.)

Are you a geocacher? If so, check this event out on the geocaching.com site (it's a CITO!) under the cache ID of GC3C612.



Hunter Education Class

Saturday, March 31 and Sunday, April 1 at 9a.m.

This class is generally required for anyone born in 1987 or later, and recommended for everyone else, who wishes to purchase a hunting license in Indiana.

This is a 2-day class (March 31 and April 1); attendance on both days is required. All participants must pass a written test at the end of the second day to successfully complete the class.

Class will end at 4 p.m. on both days; participants should bring a sack lunch or plan on making a trip into Bloomington for fast food during the lunch break. The class will take place in the Service Area at Paynetown State Recreation Area.

Advance registration is requested to the Monroe Lake Office at 812-837-9546.