

Holliday Park Happenings

August to November 2014
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Welcome to Holliday Park



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One of Indianapolis' oldest parks, Holliday Park is among the most environmentally diverse, yet accessible, tracts of land within Marion County. The park is located along the banks of the White River and has 95 acres of woodland and over three miles of trails. As a major urban resource, it features a 13,000 square foot nature center with rental spaces, arboretum, prairie, ornamental and native gardens, playground, rock garden, and picnic areas.

Holliday Park is host to over 30 community and educational groups that use the nature center throughout the year. Thirty thousand participants annually attend Holliday Park's environmental education programs and events.

Program Registration Information

Program registration begins Friday, July 11, 2014. Call 327-7180 or visit www.indy.gov/parks to register. Fees due upon registration. We accept cash, check (payable to Indy Parks), Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express.

Holliday Park Hours:

Dawn to Dusk

Nature Center Hours:

Monday–Saturday 9 am–5 pm

Sunday 1 pm–5 pm

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Youth and Family Programs

Hunt of the Month

Stop by the front desk of the nature center to grab a copy of our monthly scavenger hunt. Then put on your detective hat and head out into the park to see what you can find!

Daily, Mon. – Sat. 9:00 am-5:00 pm, Sun. 1:00-5:00 pm

Free! No registration required

Homeschool Nature Day

Bring your homeschooler to Holliday Park for a day of outdoor learning. Students will dive into learning about pond study, insects and plants. Hands-on activities will provide students the opportunity to learn through discovery. Participants will be assigned to groups of twenty and rotate through four classes. More information will be mailed prior to class. For students ages 8-12.

Thursday, Aug. 21 (221726)

10:00 am-2:00 pm

\$10/child, pre-registration required

Beastly Brunch

What is your favorite breakfast food? The animals at Holliday Park love crickets, worms, and even mice. Come see the nature center animals eat and learn about these native critters.

Wednesdays: Aug. 27, Sept. 17, Oct. 15 & 29

10:30-11:00 am

Free! No registration required

Small Wonders

Explore the natural world through fun and creative activities and hikes. Hands-on experiences designed for children and their caregiver offer a chance to discover nature together. This is a parent/child class for ages 3 and 4.

Tuesdays: Sept. 2: Migration Madness (221729), Oct. 7: Fall Frolics (221730), Nov. 11: Autumn Adventures (221731), Dec. 2: Animals in Winter (221732)

9:30-10:30 am

\$5/child, pre-registration required

Youth and Family Programs

Photography Exhibit by the Garfield Photo Club

Sept. 12 – Nov. 2, daily during nature center hours

Family Friday Night Campfire

Tired of spending your Friday night in front of the TV? Come share in a fun adventure for the whole family. We will start around the campfire and then focus on the topic of the evening. We will provide the roasting sticks and s'mores, you are welcome to bring hot dogs and make a meal of it!

Friday, Sept. 12: Nocturnal Animals (221707)

6:30-8:00 pm

\$5/person, pre-registration required

Family Creek Stomping

Holliday Park is home to wetlands, ponds, and seeps teeming with plants and wildlife. Have fun discovering all the unique creatures that love these wet places. Wear old shoes and clothes that you don't mind getting muddy!

Sunday, Sept. 21 (221705)

1:30-2:30 pm

\$5/person

pre-registration required



Fall Break Fun Day

If you are looking for a fun and educational outdoor adventure during fall break, this is a day for you! We will learn about the animals that call Holliday Park home, where and how to find them, and how they survive. Using hands-on learning, participants will explore the park and will even get to see some animals up-close! For children 6-12 years old.

Thursday, Oct. 9 (221725)

9:30 am-3:30 pm

\$20/participant, pre-registration required

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Youth and Family Programs

Hauntless Halloween

Join Holliday Park and Indianapolis Civic Theater for an enchanted evening of fun! Families will hike along candlelit trails to visit with some forest inhabitants, who have come alive for these special evenings, then venture back to the nature center to enjoy a campfire, refreshments and more!

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Oct. 16, 17, & 18

Hikes start every 10 minutes from 5:50 until 7:30 pm on Thursday, 5:50 until 8:00 pm on Friday and Saturday

\$8/adults, \$6/children 12 and under, children two and under are free

Pre-registration is required; call early as hikes fill quickly!

Holliday Park Fall Festival

Celebrate autumn during the annual Holliday Park Fall Festival! Join us between 1 and 5 pm for a campfire, crafts, refreshments and fun fall activities. Visit www.hollidaypark.org for additional details.



Sponsored by the Friends of Holliday Park.

Sunday, Oct. 26

1:00-5:00 pm

Free! No registration required

Create and Decorate: Nature Bandanas

Come anytime between 1:30-3:30 pm to create and decorate your own nature-inspired bandana. We will provide all materials and decorations.

Sunday, Nov. 9 (221708)

1:30-3:30 pm

\$5/bandana, pre-registration required

Junior Girl Scout Overnight

Join us for an adventure for Junior Girl Scouts! Scouts will make dinner around the campfire and take a night hike to earn an Overnight Fun patch. We'll go for a hike Saturday morning before heading home. Dinner and breakfast will be provided. Whole troops welcome with an adult-to-scout ratio of 1:5.

Friday to Saturday, Nov. 21-22 (221711)

6:00 pm-9:00 am

\$20/scout, \$4/adult, pre-registration required

Adult Programs

Thoreau and Walden at Holliday Park

This series examines the deeper aspects of Henry David Thoreau's Walden and it explores its significance for today's rapidly changing world. Written over 150 years ago, this powerful statement about the environment, society and the spiritual world still continues to challenge us today. Tom Potter, immediate Past-President of the International Thoreau Society, will be guiding our review of this and other of Thoreau's works. Tom regularly lectures at Concord and elsewhere around the country on Thoreau's works and message.

Tuesdays: Aug. 19, Sept. 2 & 16, Oct. 7 & 21, Nov. 4 & 18

10:00-11:30 am

Free, no registration required

Hoosier Herpetological Society

The Hoosier Herpetological Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to the education of its members and the conservation of all reptiles and amphibians. All programs are open to the public, families are welcome. Visit www.hoosierherpsoc.org for more information.

Wednesdays: Aug. 20, Sept. 17, Oct. 22 and Nov. 19

7:00-9:00 pm

Free! No registration required

Indiana Daffodil Society

See the newest styles of daffodils, choose daffodils from a catalog and learn how to extend your blooming season. All programs and shows are open to the public.

Daffodil Sale: Saturday, Aug. 23, 10 am-3 pm

Public Programs:

Saturdays: Aug. 23, 3:00-5:00 pm, Oct. 4, 2:00-4:00 pm

Free! No registration required

Adult Programs

Garden Work Days

The gardens of Holliday Park provide visitors beauty throughout the seasons. Whether you are fulfilling master gardener requirements or just want to give back, here's your chance to become a steward of these beautiful grounds.

Wednesdays: Aug. 27, Sept. 10 & 24

Saturdays: Aug. 23, Sept. 6 & 20, Oct. 4 & 25

9:30-11:30 am

Free! No registration required

Labor and Learn Garden Workshops

Join a team of volunteers to work with horticulturalist Chris Turner to assure the Rock Garden remains an asset to Holliday Park. Each session, Chris will spend 30 minutes addressing a garden topic or answering your questions. The remainder of the time will be spent working. Sponsored by FHP.



Fridays: Aug. 29, Sept. 12 & 26, Oct. 10 & 24

9:00-11:00 am

Free! No registration required

Volunteer Naturalist Trainings

If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity and enjoy sharing your love of the outdoors with others, then this is the place for you. Monthly trainings prepare volunteers to lead groups of children during our Environmental EdVentures field trips.

Wednesdays: Sept. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 5

9:30-11:00 am

Free! No registration required



Adult Programs

Hoosier Riverwatch Basic Training

This volunteer “basic” training introduces citizens and educators to water quality monitoring utilizing hands-on habitat, chemical, and biological assessment methods. The session is held both inside and outdoors. Any interested adult is welcome to attend, and once certified, may teach students how to monitor. Hoosier Riverwatch is a program run through the Indiana Department of Environmental Management.

Saturday, Sep. 6

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Register by calling or emailing John Ulmer, 317-769-3500 or watersheds@tds.net

Late Season Wildflower Hike

Join Norma Wallman, author of *Wildflowers of Holliday Park*, for a leisurely hike to see what’s blooming! Norma is a park visitor who began documenting wildflowers on her walks and has now collected 19 years of information specific to the flowers of Holliday Park.

Saturday, Sept. 6 (221910)

10:00-11:30 am

\$5/person, pre-registration required

Amos W. Butler Audubon Society

Named after one of Indiana’s greatest naturalists, the Amos W. Butler chapter of the National Audubon Society is a grassroots organization that promotes the enjoyment and stewardship of birds in central Indiana. The public is invited to join each monthly program. For more information, visit www.amosbutleraudubon.org

Tuesdays: Sept. 9, Oct. 7 & Nov. 11

7:00-9:00 pm

Free! No registration required

Adult Programs

Natural History Book Club

Bookstores have natural history books galore with authors from Rachel Carson to Aldo Leopold. This monthly program offers adults a chance to learn about nature through the words of nature writers.

Fridays: Sept. 12: *What Has Nature Ever Done for Us*, by Tony Juniper

Oct. 10: *Birdology*, by Sy Montgomery

Nov. 14: *Wolves in the Land of Salmon*, by David Moskowitz

10:00-11:30 am

Free! No registration required

Beekeeping for Beginners

Join local hobbyist Lynn Bierlein to learn the in's and out's of what it takes to begin beekeeping as a hobby. The workshop is free, but donations will be accepted for copies of the handouts.

Saturday, Sept. 27

1:00-3:30 pm

Free! No registration required

Indianapolis Hosta Society

Organized in 1886, the Indianapolis Hosta Society consists of hosta gardening enthusiasts who gather to learn more about shade gardening and share their gardening experiences with each other and the public.

Public Programs:

Sunday, Oct. 5, 2:00-5:00 pm

Monday, Nov. 10, 6:30-8:00 pm

Free! No registration required

Central Indiana Wilderness Club

Founded in 1982, Central Indiana Wilderness Club is a nonprofit volunteer-run club organized for the purpose of providing education and affordable wilderness adventures. Meetings are open to the public.

Fall Work Day: Saturday, Oct. 11

9:00 am-12:00 pm

Free! No registration required

The Friends of Holliday Park



About The Friends of Holliday Park:

Friends of Holliday Park (FHP) was formed in 1991 and is an independent 501(c)(3) public charity committed to preserving and improving Holliday Park. To that end, FHP initially raised approximately \$400,000 to install the playground. FHP then raised approximately \$4.8 million to construct, endow, and donate to the city, the Nature Center, which opened to the public in 2000. FHP works closely with Indy Parks to support and maintain many aspects of the Park, including sponsorship of the free summer concert series, restoration of the rock garden, regular trail renovations, and support of environmental education programs. FHP's current \$3.2 million capital campaign seeks to renovate The Ruins and The Exhibit Hall. To learn more about these exciting projects, and to donate, please visit www.hollidaypark.org/pricelessasset.



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