

Holliday Park Happenings

May to August 2015
Program Guide

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Welcome to Holliday Park

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 April 24, 2015. 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.

Nature Center Hours:

Monday–Saturday 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Sunday 1:00 pm-5:00 pm

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Indianapolis, IN 46260

www.hollidaypark.org

www.indy.gov/parks

Holliday Park Hours:

Dawn to Dusk



Volunteer Opportunities at Holliday Park:

Do you like nature hiking, sharing, gardening, and learning? Then volunteering at the nature center might be just for you!

Please call Katie at 327-7180, stop by the nature center or visit www.hollidaypark.org for volunteer opportunities. We would love to hear from you.

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Exhibits & Special Events

Photography by Michael McKinley

Stop by the nature center to enjoy photography displays.

Daily:

May 8-Jul. 5

Mon.-Sat. 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Sun. 1:00-5:00 pm

Free! No registration required

Photography by Glory-June Greiff

Stop by the nature center to enjoy photography displays.

Daily:

Jul. 10-Sep. 6

Mon.-Sat. 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Sun. 1:00-5:00 pm

Free! No registration required

Summer Concert Series

Pack a picnic, bring a blanket, and head to Holliday Park for a free evening of family fun! Sponsored by Friends of Holliday Park.

Thursdays 7:00 pm:

May 28: Cathy Morris (electric violin, jazz)

Jun. 11: Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra

Jun. 25: Matt Roush (popular covers)

Jul. 9: Dave and Rae (popular covers)

Jul. 16: Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra * 8:00 pm

Jul. 23: Whitney Erin (country)

Free!



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Youth and Family Programs

Beastly Brunch

What is your favorite food? The animals at Holliday Park love crickets, worms, and even mice. Come see the nature center staff feed the animals their breakfast and learn about their diets.

Wednesdays:

Jun. 3 & 17, Jul. 8 & 22, Aug. 12 & 26

10:30-11:00 am

Free! No registration required

Family Friday Night Campfire

Join us for a fun family Friday night adventure around the campfire. Each night focuses on a different topic to learn about as we gather near the campfire. We will provide the roasting sticks and s'mores, you are welcome to bring hot dogs and make a meal of it!

Fridays:

Jun. 5: Fireflies (229238)

Aug. 14: National S'more Day (229239)

7:00-8:30 pm

\$5/person, pre-registration required

Family Learn to Fish Day

Go fishing on the banks of the White River in Holliday Park! Explore Indiana fish, aquatic ecosystems, fish management, and basic fishing ethics and skills (i.e. knot tying, casting, catch and release). No fishing experience or license is needed. All fishing equipment will be provided by the IDNR GoFishIN program.

Sunday, Jun. 7 (229179)

1:30-3:30 pm

\$8/individual (1-2 people), \$15/family (3+people)

Pre-registration required

Youth and Family Programs

Small Wonders Preschool Program

Explore the natural world through fun, hands-on, and creative activities and hikes. The classes are designed for children and their caregiver, providing the chance to discover nature together. For children ages 3-4.

Tuesdays:

Jun. 9: Bees (229163)

Jul. 7: Shapes in Nature (229164)

Aug. 11: Animal Senses (229165)

9:30-10:30 am

\$6/child, pre-registration required

Perfect Pollinators

Celebrate National Pollinator Week at the nature center! Pollinators are crucial to the world's food production. Learn, through fun activities and crafts, how bees, birds, and other animals help plants to grow.

Sunday, Jun. 21 (229180)

1:30-2:30 pm

\$5/child, pre-registration required



Create and Decorate: Grass Animals

Grow your own grass animal. We will use stockings and seeds to create a cute buddy. Take it home with you to watch it grow throughout the summer. All materials provided.

Sunday, Jul. 12 (229245)

1:30-2:30 pm

\$6/craft, pre-registration required

Youth and Family Programs

Family Creek Stomp

Holliday Park is home to wetlands, ponds, and creeks 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, Jul. 26 (229178)

1:30-2:30 pm

\$5/person, pre-registration required



Meet a Critter: Crawfish

Get a close-up experience with a nature center animal! We'll learn about, touch, and search for crawfish in the wetlands of Holliday Park. Proceeds from the program go to support the care of the nature center animals.

Sunday, Aug. 9 (229181)

1:30-2:30 pm

\$5/child, pre-registration required

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Adult Programs

Indiana Daylily-Iris Society

IDIS is a group dedicated to the promotion of daylilies and iris and presents exciting programs, shows and sales that are open to the public. Visit www.indianadaylilyirissociety.org for more information.

Tuesdays:

Jun. 2 & Aug. 4

6:30-8:00 pm

Free! No registration required

Volunteer Naturalist Training

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:

Jun. 3, Jul. 1, Aug. 5

9:30-10:30 am

Free! No registration required



Adult Programs

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.

Fridays:

Jun. 5 & 19, Jul. 10, 17 & 31, Aug. 14 & 28

9:00-11:00 am

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.

Sale: Saturday, Jun. 6, 12:00-4:00 pm

Show: Saturday, Jun. 6, 2:00-4:00 pm

Public Program: Monday, Aug. 3, 6:30-8:30 pm

Free! No registration required

Garden Work Days

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

Wednesdays:

Jun. 10 & 24, Jul. 15 & 29, Aug. 12 & 26

Saturdays:

Jun. 20, Jul. 11 & 25, Aug. 8 & 22

9:30-11:30 am

Free! No registration required

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Adult Programs

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.

Visit www.ciwclub.org for more information.

Wednesday, Jun. 10

6:30-8:30 pm

Free! No registration required

Natural History Book Club

There are countless nature-related books that present a variety of pressing environmental concerns. This monthly program offers adults a chance to learn about nature and environmental issues through the words of different nature authors.

Fridays:

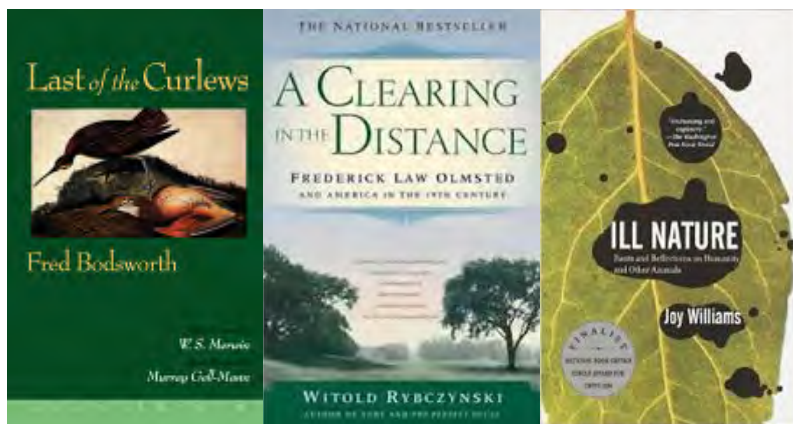
Jun. 12: *Last of the Curlews* by Fred Bodsworth

Jul. 10: *A Clearing in the Distance* by Witold Rybczynski

Aug. 14: *Ill Nature* by Joy Williams

10:00-11:30 am

Free! No registration required



Adult Programs

Hoosier Herpetological Society

The Hoosier Herpetological Society is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the education of its membership 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:

Jun. 17, Jul. 15, Aug. 19

7:00-9:00 pm

Free! No registration required

Backyard Wildlife Habitat Workshop

Help animals by creating a certified backyard habitat under the instruction of the Indiana Wildlife Federation staff. Learn how to provide a nourishing environment for wildlife, as well as how to contribute valuable data regarding the flora and fauna within your community. Fee includes an annual membership to the Indiana Wildlife Federation.

Saturday, Jun. 27 (229871)

9:30-12:30 pm

\$35/person, pre-registration required



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Adult Programs

OASIS: Wild Edibles

The forest is full of food. Learn to identify and even taste edible plants that grow within Holliday Park. Wear sturdy shoes and prepare your taste buds.

Tuesday, Aug. 4

10:00-11:30 am

\$5/person, pre-registration required through OASIS.
Call (317) 396-3751 or visit www.oasisnet.org to register.



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.

Public Program: Saturday, Aug. 8, 1:00-4:00 pm

Sale: Saturday, Aug. 29, 10:00 am-3:00 pm

Free! No registration required

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Friends of Holliday Park

Visit the new Habitat Hall!

Friends of Holliday Park (FHP) is proud to announce the opening of the new Habitat Hall at the Holliday Park Nature Center. The project, which is part of a \$3.2 million capital campaign by FHP, offers an exciting new experiential learning opportunity for children and families. The new Habitat Hall is free and open to the public during the Nature Center's normal operating hours, providing a one-of-a-kind resource to the community.

The renovation, made possible through the generosity of Lilly Endowment Inc. and other donors, transformed the space with hands-on elements allowing visitors to learn about the natural world through sight, touch, sound and smell. The new exhibits include the White River Water Table, Music of the Wetlands exhibit, an elevated Hardwood Forest viewing area allowing visitors to experience the forest canopy, and a Scent Mural. The space offers imaginative play encouraging visitors to utilize animal costumes, games, puzzles and books.



Coming Soon: The Revitalized Ruins!

Thanks to your generosity and support, the revitalization of The Ruins is now underway. The new design will establish The Ruins as a beautiful, safe and open place for the public. Plans include a shimmer fountain, a children's water table, a tree-lined promenade with accessible benches, rain gardens, bio-swales, a green roof, and terrace and festival lawns to provide venues for community events and performances.

There is still time to donate and be a part of these exciting projects. Visit www.hollidaypark.org to learn more and donate today.

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