

Holliday Park Happenings

June through August 2016
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 Habitat Hall including interactive displays and live animals, 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:

Registration for summer programs is now open. Call 327-7180 or visit www.indy.gov/parks to register. Fees due upon registration. We accept cash, check (payable to Indy Parks), and all major credit cards.

Nature Center Hours:

Monday–Sunday 9 am–5 pm
Sunday 1 pm–5 pm
Indianapolis, IN 46260

www.hollidaypark.org
www.indy.gov/parks

Holliday Park Hours:

Dawn to Dusk



Volunteer Opportunities:

Holliday Park and Nature Center would not be the beautiful, dynamic, and happening place it is without energetic and caring volunteers. They assist in the office, with school groups, out on the trails, in the gardens and with special events. A priceless asset they are, and you can be too! Please call 327-7180 for more information and watch the video “Give Back to Holliday Park” at

www.hollidaypark.org

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Exhibits and Special Events

Bicentennial Photography by Andrea Neal and Laura Harris

In 2016, Indiana celebrates its bicentennial and Holliday Park celebrates the centennial anniversary of its founding. In honor of both occasions, Holliday Park presents an exhibit exploring the places, people, and events that have helped to preserve our natural heritage. Stop by the nature center to see two special historical photography displays: “Indiana at 200” by Andrea Neal and “Parksapes” by Laura Harris.

Daily:

May 13-Sep. 11

Mon.-Sat. 9 am-5 pm

Sun. 1-5 pm

Free! No registration required



Clustertruck Thursdays

Holliday Park hosts food trucks on Thursday nights this summer! Each week features different food trucks.

Visit www.indyfta.com to check the schedule and menus.

Thursdays:

Jun. 2-Jul. 28

6-9 pm

Costs vary. 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 the Friends of Holliday Park.

Thursdays:

Jun. 2: Cathy Morris (electric violin, jazz)

Jun. 16: Matt Roush (popular covers)

Jun. 30: Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra

Jul. 14: The Tides (island rock)

Jul. 28: Tim Brickley & the List (popular covers)

7-9 pm

Free! No 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. Nets and collecting tubs are provided. Wear old shoes and clothes that you don't mind getting muddy!

Sundays:

May 29 (9811)

Jul. 31 (10397)

Sep. 11 (10400)

1:30-2:30 pm

\$5/person, pre-registration required

Family Friday Night Campfires

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

Fridays:

Jun. 3: Coyotes (10403)

Jul. 8: Cicadas (10406)

Aug. 12: National S'more Day (10409)

6:30-8 pm

\$5/person, pre-registration required

Nature Play Day

Indiana turns 200 this year! Join in a wonderful birthday celebration devoted to Indiana's plants and animals. Discover Indiana State Symbols and enjoy a naturalist-lead hike through the park. Come prepared to be outdoors. Visit www.indianachildrenandnature.org for more Nature Play Day info.

Sunday, Jun. 12

1:30-2:30 pm

Free! No registration required.



**Indiana Children &
Nature Network**

Happier, Healthier, Smarter

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. 15 & 29, Jul. 13 & 27, Aug. 10 & 24

10:30-11:00 am

Free! No registration required

Small Wonders Preschool Programs

Learn easy ways to engage your preschooler in nature and encourage their curiosity in the natural world. A new topic will be introduced each class through hands-on activities, hikes and stories, with take-home ideas for continuing the exploration at home. Classes are designed for children ages 3-4 and their caregiver. Sign up for individual classes or all three at a discounted price.

Tuesdays:

Jun. 21: Beavers (10388)

Jul. 19: Snakes (10389)

Aug. 16: Ladybugs (10390)

Package of three (10385)

9:30-10:30 am

\$6/child, \$15/package of three, pre-registration required

Create and Decorate Workshops

Make unique crafts and discover interesting new techniques. Each class focuses on a different art project. All materials are provided during these hands-on workshops.

Sundays:

Jun. 26: Pizza Garden (10415)

Aug. 28: Nature Journals (10417)

1:30-2:30 pm

\$6/craft, pre-registration required

Call 317-327-7180 or visit
www.indy.gov/parks to register.

Youth and Family Programs

Meet a Critter: Bees

Get a close-up experience with the nature center animals. We'll learn about what makes each animal unique, as well as how our naturalists keep them happy and healthy. Proceeds from the program support the care of the nature center animals!

Sunday, Jul. 17: Bees (10420)

1:30-2:30 pm

\$5/child, pre-registration required

Girl Scout Late-Night Bat Campfire

Take part in a special late-night adventure! We will start around the campfire making s'mores and talking about bats, then head out to search for these incredible nocturnal creatures. Roasting sticks and s'mores are provided, bring your own hot dogs and make a meal of it! Whole troops welcome. Come prepared to be outdoors. Register through the Girl Scouts of Central IN at

www.girlscoutsindiana.org/activities

Friday, Aug. 26 (10396)

8-9:45 pm

\$6/scout, \$3/adult, pre-registration required



Support Friends of Holliday Park by becoming a member today!
Visit www.holidaypark.org to learn more.

Adult Programs

Labor and Learn Garden Workshops

Join a team of volunteers to work with horticulturalist Chris Turner to assure our many gardens remain 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:

May 27, Jun. 10 & 24, Jul. 8 & 22, Aug. 5 & 19
9-11 am

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. 1: Creek Stomping

Jul. 6: Decomposers

Aug. 3: Insects

9:30-11 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.

Saturday, Jun. 4

12-4 pm: Plant Sale

2-4 pm: Regional Show

Monday, Aug. 1: Public Program

6:30-8:30 pm

Free! No registration required

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.

Tuesday, Jun. 7

6:30-8 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, ages 16+.

Visit www.ciwclub.org for more information.

Wednesday, Jun. 8: Public Program

6:30-8:30 pm

Free! No registration required

Mornings in the Garden

The gardens of Holliday Park provide visitors beauty throughout the seasons. Whether you are looking to fulfill Indiana 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. 8 & 22, Jul. 20, Aug. 3, 17 & 31

Saturdays: Jun. 11 & 25, Jul. 23, Aug. 6 & 20

9:30-11:30 am

Free! No registration required



Adult Programs

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. 10: *Untamed* by Will Harlan

Jul. 15: *The Mindful Carnivore* by Tovar Cerulli

Aug. 12: *Sixth Extinction: Unnatural History* by Elizabeth Kolbert

10-11:30 am

Free! No registration required

Hoosier Herpetological Society

The Hoosier Herpetological Society is a nonprofit 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:

Jun. 15, Jul. 20, Aug. 17

7-9 pm

Free! No registration required

Healing Plants Workshop

Learn about the healing properties of native and non-native herbs and medicinal plants with certified aromatherapist and herbalist enthusiast Jane VanOsdol. Discover their historical uses and how to incorporate them into a wellness lifestyle today. Whether you love drinking teas, making your own healing salves, or are interested in essential oils, there's something for you in this hands-on class. Receive lavender bath/foot salts! Ages 16+.

Saturday, Jun. 18 (10433)

10 am-12 pm

\$12/person, pre-registration required

Adult Programs

Central Indiana Beekeeper's Association

The mission of the Central Indiana Beekeeper's Association (CIBA) is to communicate and share beekeeping knowledge and trends in the urban and rural settings of Marion and Hamilton Counties. Meetings are open to the public, ages 16+. Learn more at www.indyurbanbeekeeping.org

Mondays:

Jun. 20, Jul. 18, Aug. 15

6:30-8:30 pm

Free! No registration required



Check out the new observation hive in Habitat Hall.

Indiana Daffodil Society

Discover all about daffodils! See the newest styles, choose unique varieties from a catalog, or learn how to extend your blooming season. All programs, shows, and sales are open to the public.

Saturday, Aug. 13: Bulb Sale

11 am-3 pm

Free! No registration required

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Special Adult Program

McCormick's Creek State Park Trip

Celebrate Indiana's bicentennial by exploring scenic parks in Indiana. Learn about the beautiful natural features of McCormick's Creek State Park in Spencer, Indiana. Discover the area's natural history, see incredible wildlife and simply enjoy the hike. Ages 16+

Saturday, Aug. 6 (10434)

8 am-4 pm

\$50/person, pre-registration required

*Cost includes transportation, lunch, snacks, park entrance fees, and naturalist guides.



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Ruins Update



THE RUINS AT HOLLIDAY PARK

A PRICELESS ASSET IN PROGRESS

Completed Ruins Coming This Summer!
Support Friends of Holliday Park,
Visit www.hollidaypark.org to learn more about
progress at The Ruins and upcoming Ruins events.

In the last two months a lot has happened with the project. Sidewalks have been poured, yellowwoods have been planted, groundwork for the new fountains is currently underway, and restrooms at The Ruins are in the works. Depending on weather conditions, the work on The Ruins will be completed and open for use this summer.

Join us as we celebrate the opening season of The Ruins with a public grand opening and donor appreciation event on September 17, 2016.



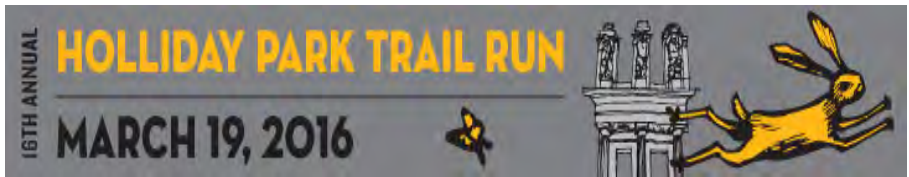
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