

Holliday Park Happenings

January - May 2017
Program Guide

Coming this season!

Sap to Syrup

Holliday Park Trail Run

2017 Day Camps



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 winter/spring programs is now open. Call 317-327-7180 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–Saturday 9 am–5 pm
Sunday 1–5 pm
6363 Spring Mill Rd
Indianapolis, IN 46260
www.holidaypark.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. They are a priceless asset, and you can be too! Please call 317-327-7180 for more information and watch the video “Give Back to Holliday Park” at www.holidaypark.org

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Exhibits and Special Events

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Daily:

Jan. 13-Mar. 5

Mon.-Sat. 9 am-5 pm

Sun. 1-5 pm

Free! No registration required.

Children's Art Show

Daily:

Mar. 10-May 7

Mon.-Sat. 9 am-5 pm

Sun. 1-5 pm

Free! No registration required.

Sap to Syrup Day

Help celebrate the magic of maple trees! Join us anytime between 12:30-2 pm to journey around the trails learning all about making maple syrup. Try a syrup taste test, complete a craft, and enjoy a delicious Sugar Maker's Sundae (trust us, you'll love it!). Tours will depart every fifteen minutes, meet in the lobby.

Saturday, Feb. 25 (11910)

12:30-2 pm

\$7/person, pre-registration required.



Exhibits and Special Events

Holliday Park Trail Run

Run a 5-mile or walk/hike a 3-mile course leading through Holliday Park to Marott Park. Participants encounter hills, rugged trails, and the White River, making it challenging, beautiful, and fun (ages 10+). This event includes a 1-mile run/hike for kids (ages 6-12) and a Tot-Trot (ages 2-5).

Event benefits the Friends of Holliday Park.

Register at www.tuxbro.com or call 317-475-9482 for more information.

Saturday, Mar. 18

9:30 am-1:30 pm

Pre-registration required:

5-mile run \$25/person (before Mar. 18), \$35/person (on Race Day).

3-mile walk/hike \$25/person (before Mar. 18), \$35/person (on Race Day).

Shirts are extra, costs vary.

1-mile run/hike \$15/child (shirt is included).

Tot Trot is Free!



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

Youth and Family Programs

Beastly Brunch

It's feeding day at the nature center, mice and crickets are on the menu! Here's your chance to watch staff feed the animals and learn about their diets! Meets in the lobby.

Wednesdays:

Jan. 11 & 25, Feb. 8 & 22, Mar. 15, Apr. 19, May 17

10:30-11 am

Free! No registration required. Donations appreciated.

Animal Adoption Program

Do you or someone you know have a favorite nature center animal? Animal adoption is a great way to show support or can be a unique gift for any animal lover. This donation program provides funds for the animals' care, housing, and food. Donors receive an Adoption Certificate, Fact Sheet, an invitation to our annual adoption party, and recognition. To adopt a nature center animal visit the nature center, call 317-327-7180 or visit

www.hollidaypark.org.

Small Wonders Preschool Programs

Learn easy ways to engage your preschooler in nature and scientific exploration. Each class introduces a new topic through hands-on activities, hikes and crafts, and provides ideas for exploring at home. Classes are designed for children and their caregiver. Ages 3-4. Sign up for an individual class, or the whole series for a discounted price!

Tuesdays:

Jan. 17: Animal Homes (11787)

Feb. 21: Snowflakes (11790)

Mar. 21: Wildflowers (11792)

Apr. 18: Salamanders (11794)

May 16: Worms (11796)

Package of five (11786)

9:30-10:30 am

\$6/child, \$25/package, pre-registration required.



Youth and Family Programs

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:

Jan. 18, Feb. 15, Mar. 15, Apr. 19, May 17

7-9 pm

Free! No registration required.

Owl Prowl Night Hike

Join us for a special late night venture. We will meet the nature center Eastern Screech Owl, learn owl calls, dissect owl pellets, and take a hike listening and calling for owls in the forest.

Friday, Jan. 27 (11900)

6:30-8:30 pm

\$6/person, pre-registration required.



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

Youth and Family Programs

Spring Backyard Bird Count

This annual event uses citizen science to count birds and gain valuable information. Help us add to this important data! Spend time in our bird room or take a self-guided hike through the forest counting the different birds you see. A naturalist will help with identification and recording what was seen. Take home an Indy Birding Trail Guide!

Sunday, Feb. 12

1:30-2:30 pm

Free! No registration required.



Webelos Badge Blitz

Scouts take part in activities that will help them earn the Walkabout, Camper, and Castaway badges, as well as the Into the Wild and Into the Woods elective badges. Dens are welcome and must be accompanied by a least one adult. Come prepared to be outdoors and indoors.

Sunday, Feb. 19 (11801)

1:30-4 pm

\$8/scout, pre-registration required.

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

Youth and Family Programs

Create and Decorate Workshops

Get into the spirit of spring by making these seasonal crafts! Make a wind chime to catch the spring air or start your seedlings from scratch. All materials are provided.

Sundays:

Feb. 26: Wind Chimes (11903)

Apr. 23: Seed Starting (11904)

1:30-2:30 pm

\$6/craft, pre-registration required.

Girl Scout Winter Wonder Overnight

Join us for an overnight adventure! Friday starts with dinner around the campfire then we will meet a live owl, dissect owl pellets, and go for a night hike. On Saturday, the girls will eat a pancake breakfast and learn about making maple syrup. Girls earn and receive a Maple Syrup Patch. Dinner and breakfast are provided. Whole troops are welcome. Ages 7-11. Register through the Girl Scouts of Central IN at www.girlscoutsindiana.org/activities.

Friday-Saturday, Mar. 3-4. (11896)

6 pm-9 am

\$25/scout, \$9/chaperone, pre-registration required.



Youth and Family Programs

Spring Break Fun Days

If you are looking for a fun and educational outdoor experience during spring break, these days are for you! Participants will explore the park, make crafts, play games and even see animals up-close! Each day we will learn about something new. Dress for outdoor exploration. Sign up for both days for a discount! Ages 6-12.

Monday, Mar. 27: Pioneer Explorers (11799)

Tuesday, Mar. 28: Wacky Weather (11800)

Package of two (11798)

9 am-3 pm

\$24/child, \$40/package, pre-registration required.

Family Friday Night Campfires

Join us for a fun family Friday night around the campfire. Discover campfire cooking recipes and techniques, or listen to famous campfire stories and legends. Roasting sticks and s'mores provided, bring your own hot dogs and make a meal of it!

Fridays:

Mar. 31: Campfire Cooking (11898)

May 19: Storytelling (11899)

6-7:30 pm

\$5/person, pre-registration required.



Youth and Family Programs

Meet a Critter: Toads and Frogs

Get a close-up experience with the nature center toads and frogs. We'll learn about their unique lifecycle, the differences between toads and frogs, and how our naturalists keep them happy and healthy. Proceeds from the program support the care of the animals!

Sunday, Apr. 9: Toads & Frogs (11901)

1:30-2:30 pm

\$5/child, pre-registration required.

Brownies Hiker Badge

Improve your hiking skills at Holliday Park. Girls will learn about picking the right gear for a hike, how to make and follow trail signs, as well as identifying plants on the trail. Girls earn and receive a Hiker Badge. Whole troops are welcome. Come prepared to be outdoors. Register through the Girl Scouts of Central IN at

www.girlscoutsindiana.org/activities.

Sunday, May 7 (11897)

1:15 pm-2:15 pm

\$7/scout, \$1/adult, pre-registration required.

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 provided. Wear old shoes and clothes that you don't mind getting muddy!

Sunday, May 21 (11902)

1:30-2:30 pm

\$5/person, pre-registration required.



Adult Programs

Thoreau Study Group

Take part in examining the deeper aspects of Henry David Thoreau's works and explore their environmental implications for today's world. Tom Potter, Past-President of the International Thoreau Society, guides each session. Tom regularly lectures around the country on Thoreau's works. Morning sessions will discuss various Thoreau essays, while the new evening sessions will focus on *Walden* in celebration of the 200th anniversary of Thoreau's birth. Ages 18+.

Thoreau's Essays:

Jan. 3 & 17, Feb. 7 & 21, Mar. 7 & 21, Apr. 4 & 18
10-11:30 am

Thoreau's *Walden*:

Jan. 10 & 18, Feb. 20, Mar. 14 & 20, Apr. 11 & 17
7-8:30 pm

Free! No registration required.

Volunteer Naturalist Training

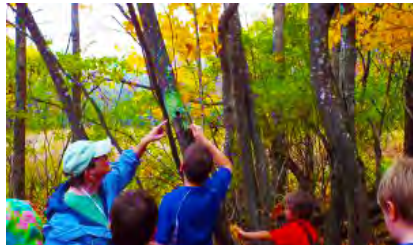
If you are looking for an environmental volunteer opportunity and enjoy sharing the outdoors with others, then this is the place for you. Monthly trainings prepare volunteers to lead groups of children during environmental field trip programs at the nature center.

Visit www.hollidaypark.org/volunteer.

Wednesdays:

Jan. 4: Owls
Feb. 1: Winter Tree ID
Mar. 1: Outdoor Ecology
Apr. 5: Wildflowers
May 3: Senses
9:30-11 am

Free! No registration required.



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

Adult Programs

Amos Butler Audubon Society

Named after one of Indiana's greatest Naturalists, the Amos Butler chapter of the National Audubon Society is an organization that promotes the enjoyment and stewardship of birds in central Indiana. Join ABAS members during their monthly programs and morning bird hikes. Meetings and hikes are open to the public. Beginning birders welcome! For more information, visit www.amosbutleraudubon.org.

Public Programs

Tuesdays: Jan. 10, Feb. 14, Mar. 14, Apr. 11, May 9
7:30-9 pm

Free! No registration required.

Morning Bird Walks

Tuesdays: Mar. 21, Apr. 18, May 16
7:30-9 am

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:

Jan. 13: *The Living Shore: Rediscovering a Lost World*
by Rowan Jacobsen

Feb. 10: *Strange As This Weather Has Been*
by Ann Pancake

Mar. 10: *Our Only World: Ten Essays* by Wendell Berry

Apr. 21: *Replenishing the Earth: Spiritual Values
for Healing Ourselves and the World*
by Wangari Maathai

May 12: 'Reading' chapter from *Walden*
by Henry David Thoreau

10-11:30 am

Free! No registration required.

Adult Programs

Central Indiana Beekeeper's Association

The Central Indiana Beekeeper's Association (CIBA) strives to communicate and share beekeeping knowledge and trends in Marion and Hamilton counties. Membership and meetings are free and open to anyone, ages 16+. Learn more at www.indyurbanbeekeeping.org.

Tuesday, Jan. 17

Mondays:

Feb. 20, Mar. 20, Apr. 17, May 15

6:30-8:30 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.

Public Programs:

Wednesdays: Jan. 25, Apr. 12

6:30-8:30 pm

Beginning Backpacking Class:

Saturday, Mar. 4

9:30-12 pm

Free! No registration required.

Indiana Daylily-Iris Society

IDIS is dedicated to the promotion of daylilies and irises in central Indiana. They present exciting programs, shows and sales that are open to the public. For more information visit www.indianadaylilyirissociey.org.

Tuesdays:

Mar. 7, Apr. 4

Wednesday, May 3

6:30-8 pm

Free! No registration required.

Adult Programs

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.

Sunday, Mar. 19, 2-4 pm

Mondays:

Apr. 10, May 1

6:30-8:30 pm

Free! No registration required.

Garden and Grow Workshops

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. Join a team of volunteers who help maintain and improve the gardens of Holliday Park alongside horticulturalists Chris Turner and Kelly Frank. A relevant garden topic will be presented on alternate Friday sessions. Refreshments provided.

Fridays:

Apr. 7 & 21, May 5 & 19

Saturdays:

Apr. 15 & 29, May 13 & 27

9-11 am

Free! No registration required.



Spring Wildflower Hike

Join Norma Wallman, author of *Wildflowers of Holliday Park*, for a leisurely spring hike to see what's blooming. Norma began personally documenting wildflowers on walks and has now collected 20 years of data specific to the flowers of Holliday Park. Ages 16+.

Saturday, Apr. 8 (11914)

10-11:30 am

\$6/person, pre-registration required.

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

Adult Programs

Fall Creek Garden Club

The Fall Creek Garden Club (FCGC) aims to promote the knowledge and love of gardening, and is part of the national network of The Garden Club of America. It was established in 1941 by women living near Fall Creek but now includes members citywide. Club members are skilled in gardening with expertise on native plants, landscape design, invasive plant management, conservation and floral arrangements. Meetings are open to public. For more information contact the FCGC president at sarazeckel@gmail.com.

Monday, Apr. 10

1-2 pm

Free! No registration required.

Indiana Daffodil Society

Discover daffodils during the Indiana State Daffodil Show at Holliday Park. See hundreds of varieties on display, learn growing techniques, and get the chance to talk to experts. All shows are open to the public.

State Show:

Friday, Apr. 21

3-5 pm

Saturday, Apr. 22

9 am-3 pm

Free! No registration required.



Adult Programs

Hoosier Riverwatch Basic Training

Volunteer “basic” training introduces citizens and educators to water quality monitoring utilizing hands-on habitat, chemical, and biological assessment methods. The sessions are 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 of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management. Registration is required.

Saturday, Apr. 29

9:15 am-4 pm

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

White River Raft Tour

Explore the White River in Indianapolis on a scenic raft tour with trained naturalists. Learn about the river’s natural history, see incredible wildlife and simply enjoy the ride. We will drop in at the Indianapolis Art Center and travel three miles downstream to Rocky Ripple.

Cost includes transportation, use of rafts, and equipment. Ages 16+.

Saturday, May 6 (11915)

9-12 am

\$25/person, pre-registration required.



Nature Discovery Day Camps

Camp registration begins Monday, January 23, 2017.

To register, call 317-327-7180 or www.indy.gov/camps.

4-5 yr. old camps

Flying Frenzy, May 30-Jun 2, 9 am-12 pm

Group A 11420 / Group B 11421, \$75

Slippery, Slimy Science, Jul 5-7, 9 am-12 pm 11422, \$65

Five Senses, Jul 17-21, 9 am-12 pm 11423 / 1-4 pm 11424, \$85

The Wild Bunch, Jul 31-Aug 4, 9 am-12 pm

Group A 11425 / Group B 11426, \$85

6-7 yr. old camps

Eco Adventures, Jun 5-9, 9 am-4 pm 11427, \$140

Nature CSI, Jun 19-23, 9 am-4 pm 11428, \$140

Make a Splash!, Jul 10-14, 9 am-4 pm

Group A 11429 / Group B 11430, \$140

Insect Safari, Jul 17-21, 9 am-4 pm 11431, \$140

8-9 yr. old camps

Hands-on Habitats, Jun 5-9, 9 am-4 pm 11432, \$140

Into the Wild, Jun 26-30, 9 am-4 pm M-W

Overnight: 9 am TH-12 pm F 11433, \$150

Bump in the Night, Jul 24-28, 9 am-4 pm M-W

Overnight: 9 am TH-12 pm F 11434, \$150

10-12 yr. old camps

Outdoor Adventures Jr., Jun 12-16, 9 am-4 pm

Field Trips Included, 11435, \$150

Trail Blazers, Jun 26-30, 9 am-4 pm M-W

Overnight: 9 am TH-12 pm F 11436, \$150

13-15 yr. old Counselor in Training Program

CIT Program @ HP, Various weeks May 30-Aug 4,

9 am-4 pm, Call 317-327-7180 to schedule an interview.

\$75/ week.

Friends of Holliday Park

Holliday Park Trail Run 2017



Saturday, March 18, 2017

Friends of Holliday Park is proud to organize the 17th annual Holliday Park Trail Run. This event has raised over \$350,000 to support park programming and maintenance over the last 16 years. The Holliday Park Trail Run is a 5-mile course in which runners of all ages run, jump, climb or scramble along the trails of Holliday Park and Marott Park. New this year is a 3-mile walking/hiking course! Children may participate in a 1-Mile Trail Run/Hike or Tot Trot.

Learn more at www.hollidaypark.org.
Registration opens in January. Register at www.tuxbro.com.
Sponsorship opportunities available.
Contact spotasnik@hollidaypark.org for more information.

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