



Holliday Park

JAN-MAY 2020 Program Guide

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Holliday Park Winter/Spring 2020 Programs

SPECIAL EVENTS & EXHIBITS:

Art Exhibits at Holliday Park

Holliday Park Nature Center hosts quarterly art exhibitions and receptions that are free and open to the public. The art is displayed in the center's main corridors, bird room, and auditorium. View the artwork during nature center hours: Monday - Saturday 9-5 pm, Sunday 1-5 pm.

Rachel Benito Art Show

Feb. 10 – Mar. 18

Art Reception Saturday, Feb. 15, 2-4 pm

Children's Art Show

Mar. 23– May 20

Art Reception Sunday, Apr. 26, 2-3:30 pm

Holliday Park Owl Prowl Weekend

Despite the cold, owls are very active this season and more likely to be seen. This weekend is devoted to owl discovery with many ways for you to learn about these amazing creatures. Sign up for a night hike, drop-in to meet a live screech owl, enjoy a free owl craft, learn to identify owls, or watch a live owl show! Some activities require pre-registration and a fee. All ages welcome!

Owl Craft Time in lobby: FREE

Friday, Jan. 24 & Saturday, Jan. 25, 9-5 pm

Sunday, Jan. 26, 1-5 pm

Live Owl Presentations: FREE

Saturday, Jan. 25, 10-10:30 am & 3-3:30 pm

Sunday, Jan. 26, 2-3 pm

Morning Bird Hike: FREE

Sunday, Jan. 26, 8:30-10 am

Owl Night Hikes, 6:30-8:30 pm:

Friday, Jan. 24 (21199)

Saturday, Jan. 25 (21200)

\$7/person, Pre-registration required.

Holliday Park Trail Run- 20th Anniversary!

Run a five-mile or walk a three-mile course leading through Holliday Park to Marott Park. Runners encounter hills, rugged trails, and the White River, making it challenging, beautiful, and fun (ages 10+). The event includes a one-mile run for kids (ages 6-12) and a tot-trot (ages 2-5). Event benefits the Friends of Holliday Park. Register at www.hollidaypark.org/trail-run or call (317) 475-9482 for more information.

Saturday Mar. 21, 9:30 am-1:30 pm

Fees vary. Pre-registration required.

Sap to Syrup Day

Celebrate the magic of maple trees! Stop by anytime between 1-3 pm to visit different maple discovery stations and learn how to make maple syrup. Try a syrup taste test, complete a craft, and enjoy a delicious Sugar Maker's Sundae (trust us, you'll love it!). All Ages.

Saturday, Feb. 29 (21214)

1-3 pm

\$7/person, pre-registration required.



YOUTH & FAMILY

Beastly Brunch

The animals at the nature center eat rather interesting food. Watch staff and volunteers feed the animals crickets, worms, and even mice, and learn about their diets! Meets in the lobby.

Wednesdays: Jan. 8 & 22, Feb. 12 & 26, Mar. 11 & 25, Apr. 8 & 22, May 20

10:30-11 am

Free! No registration required. Suggested donation of \$2. Proceeds go toward the animals' care.

Create & Decorate Workshops

Get creative this winter. Use natural materials to make unique crafts during these hands-on workshops. All materials are provided. All ages welcome.

Sundays: Feb. 9 – DIY Valentines (21222)

Apr. 19 – Mini Birdbaths (21223)

2-3 pm

\$7/craft, pre-registration required.

Family Creek Stomp

Holliday Park has ponds and creeks teeming with wildlife. Participants will have loads of fun getting wet and muddy exploring the creatures that live in these wet places. A naturalist will help you identify what you find! Wear old shoes and clothes that can get dirty. Nets and collecting tubs provided.

Sundays: Apr. 26 (21190)

May 31 (21191)

2-3 pm

\$5/person, pre-registration required.



Free Yoga Open House

Start the year off right with a free yoga class! Meet Holliday Park's new Yoga & Meditation instructor, JP Rowley, and discover what yoga classes the park is offering this season. The first five participants through the door receive a gift! Beginners welcome. Please bring your own mat or towel.

Saturday, Jan. 4 (21226)

10-11 am

Free. No registration required. *Arrive early, space is limited to 40.*

Friday Night Campfires

Join us for a fun Friday night around the campfire. Enjoy a sweet treat by the fire, learn something new, and experience night hiking! Roasting sticks and s'mores provided. Bring your own hot dog dinner and make a meal of it!

Fridays: Mar. 27 – Coyotes (21192)

Apr. 24 – Tree ID (21193)

May 15 – Endangered Species (21194)

6:30-8 pm

\$6/person, pre-registration required.



Girl Scout Overnight

Join an overnight adventure! Friday starts with a campfire dinner, then meeting a live owl, dissecting pellets, and going for a night hike. Saturday morning includes a pancake breakfast, then learning how to make maple syrup. Meals and snacks are provided. Girls earn and receive a Maple Syrup Patch. Whole troops welcome. Ages 7-11.

Friday- Saturday, Mar. 6-7 (21212)

6 pm-9 am

\$25/scout, \$10/chaperone, pre-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: Jan. 15, Feb. 19, Mar. 18, Apr. 15, May 20

7-9 pm

Free! No registration required.

Meet-A-Critter Mondays

Get a close-up experience with the nature center animals. Each month, staff and volunteers will get out a different animal for participants to meet. Learn all about the animals and how we keep them happy and healthy.

Mondays: Jan. 27, Feb. 24, Mar. 30, Apr. 27, May 25

3-3:30 pm

Free! No registration required. *Suggested donation of \$2. Donations go toward the animals' care.*

Small Wonders

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 3-5. Sign up for an individual class, or all of them for a discounted price!

Tuesdays: Jan. 21: Water Cycle (21201)

Feb. 18: Groundhogs (21202)

Mar. 17: Rainbows (21203)

Apr. 21: Earth Day (21204)

May 19: Fireflies (21205)

Package of five (21206)

9:30-10:30 am

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



Spring Break Fun Week: Nature's Builders

Holliday Park is now offering an entire week of fun and educational outdoor activities during spring break. Campers will spend the week discovering incredible animal creations. Each day introduces a new builder and campers even build creations of their own! Dress for the weather and outdoor exploration. Ages 6-11.

Monday- Friday, Mar. 30-Apr. 3 (21207)

9 am-3 pm

\$145/child, pre-registration required. *More information will be e-mailed before the start of camp.*

White River Clean-up Day

Clean drinking water is a universal concern and demands a global effort. Indianapolis' very own White River provides drinking water to more than half of its citizens. Help take action and do your part to keep the White River clean and a vibrant feature of Indianapolis. Holliday Park will be hosting a river clean-up in collaboration with the Friends of the White River in celebration of World Water Day. Come roll up your sleeves and join the cause! Wear old shoes and clothes. Ages 10+.

Sunday, Mar. 22

2-4 pm

Free! No registration required.



ADULT

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 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, 7:30-9 pm: Jan. 14, Feb. 11, Mar. 10, Apr. 14, May 12

Morning Bird Walks: Tuesdays, 8:30-10 am: Jan. 21, Feb. 18, Mar. 17

8-9:30 am: Apr. 21, May 19

Free! No registration required.



Central Indiana Beekeepers Association

The Central Indiana Beekeepers Association communicates and shares 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. 21

Mondays: Feb. 17, Mar. 16, Apr. 20, May 18

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 providing education and affordable wilderness adventures for Hoosiers. Meetings are open to the public, ages 16+.

Visit www.ciwclub.org for more information.

Public Programs: Wednesdays Jan. 22 & Apr. 8, 6:30-8:30 pm

Beginning Backpacking Class: Saturday, Mar. 7, 9:30-12:30 pm

Free! No registration required.

Fall Creek Garden Club

The Fall Creek Garden Club promotes knowledge and love of gardening. It was originally established in 1941 by women from Fall Creek, but now includes members citywide. Members are great resources for native plants, landscape design, invasive plant management, conservation and floral arrangements. Meetings are open to the public.

Mondays: Feb. 10 & Apr. 13

1-3 pm

Free! No registration required.

Garden and Grow Workshops

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 is presented on alternate Friday sessions. Refreshments provided.

Fridays: Apr. 3 & 17, May 1, 15 & 29

9-11 am

Free! No registration required.

Dress for working in the gardens. Meets in nature center parking lot.



Hoosier Riverwatch 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.

Saturday, Apr. 25

9:15 am-4 pm

Pre-registration required. Call or email John Ulmer at 317-769-3500 or watersheds@tds.net.



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, 1-4 pm, Mar. 22

Mondays, 6:30-8:30 pm: Apr. 13 & May 11

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. 10: *The Beast in the Garden: The True Story of a Predator's Deadly Return to Suburban America* by David Baron

Feb. 14: *Half-Earth: Our Planet's Fight for Life* by E.O. Wilson Montgomery and Elizabeth Thomas

Mar. 13: *The Owl That Fell From the Sky: Stories of a Museum Curator* by Brian Gill

Apr. 17: *Deerland: America's Hunt for Ecological Balance & the Essence of Wildness* by Al Cambronne

May 8: *The Secret Wisdom of Nature* by Peter Wohlleben

10-11:30 am

Free! No registration required.



Marion County Master Gardener Plant Sale

This annual sale helps raise funds to support Marion County Master Gardeners. Purchase quality perennials, annuals, trees, shrubs, and house plants, as well as gardening tools and pots from local Master Gardeners. Use the opportunity to ask questions and get recommendations first hand.

Monday, May 11

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. 18 (21208)

10-11:30 am

\$7/person, pre-registration required.

Thoreau & Walden Study Group

Take part in examining the deeper aspects of Henry David Thoreau's *Walden* and explore 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 more of Thoreau's works. Tom regularly lectures around the country on Thoreau's works and message. Ages 18+.

Tuesdays: Jan. 7 & 21, Feb. 4 & 18, Mar. 3 & 17, Apr. 7 & 21, May 19

10-11:30 am

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 during environmental field trips, programs, and events at the nature center. For more information visit www.hollidaypark.org/volunteer.

Wednesdays: Jan. 15 – Winter Activities

Feb. 19 – Nature Flipbooks

Mar. 18 – Spring Program Review

Apr. 15 – History Field Trip (*Pre-registration required*)

May 20 – Insects

9:30-11 am

Free! No registration required.

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 aquatic 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 30 (21210)

9-12 pm

\$25/person, pre-registration required.

Yoga & Meditation

Stretch and relax your cares away in the natural settings of Holliday Park with Registered Yoga Instructor JP Rowley. Expand your yoga skills, improve on flexibility and strength, and discover yoga's uplifting and rejuvenating power. Sign up for whole sessions for a discounted price or simply drop-in when you can. Beginners welcome. Please bring your own yoga mat. Ages 12+. Meets in the nature center auditorium.

Thursdays: Session 1- Jan. 9 – Mar. 12 (21224)

Session 2- Mar. 26- May 28 (21225)

6:15-7:15 pm:

\$100/session or \$12/drop-in price. Pre-registration required. *Drop-in participants should arrive 10 minutes before class to register and pay at the front desk.*



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