



Holliday Park

JAN-MAY 2021 Program Guide

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Holliday Park Winter/Spring 2021 Programs

SPECIAL EVENTS

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. Pre-registration required for the night-time, outdoor program. Meet us at the Holliday Park Pavilion for an evening of owl themed activities! We will have an owl presentation, dissect owl pellets, and take a hike while listening and calling for owls in the forest. Activity is designed for children ages 3+ with their adult(s). Masks required and social distancing enforced.

Friday, Jan. 29, 6-7:30p (24533)

Saturday, Jan. 30, 6-7:30p (24534)

\$7/person, pre-registration required.

Sap to Syrup Day

Celebrate the magic of maple trees! Reserve your time-slot to visit different 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!). Event held outside. Dress for the weather! Activity is designed for children ages 3+ with their adult(s). Masks required and social distancing enforced.

Saturday, Feb. 13

First time-slot at 12:30p, last time-slot at 3:30p

\$50/group, max 8 people per group. Pre-registration required. Registrant groups sign up for a specific time slot.

Hikes begin every 30 minutes.



Holliday Park Trail Run- 21st 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). Event benefits the Holliday Park Foundation. Register at www.hollidaypark.org/trail-run or call (317) 475-9482 for more information.

Saturday, Mar. 20, Times TBD

Fees vary, pre-registration required.

YOUTH & FAMILY PROGRAMS

Family Craft Time

Join us on select Mondays for Family Craft Time at the Holliday Park Nature Center! Participants will have the opportunity to create and decorate nature-based crafts and learn about Indiana nature topics. All materials are provided. Activity is designed for children ages 3-5 and their adult. Masks required and social distancing enforced.

Mondays, 2:30-3:30p

Jan. 11 - Shapes in Nature (24472)

Jan. 25 - Fossils (24473)

Feb. 8 - Nature Valentines (24474)

Feb. 22 - Nature's Builders (24475)

Mar. 8 - Nature Journals (24476)

Mar. 22 - Nature Boats (24479)

Mar. 29 - Flowers (24487)

Apr. 12 - Rocks (24550)

Apr. 26 - Turtles (24552)

\$6/craft. For groups with multiple children, each child that will be participating in the craft must be registered.

Family Waterway Explorers

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. Activity is designed for children ages 5+ with their adult(s). Masks required and social distancing enforced.

Saturday, April 17, 2-3p (24518)

\$5/person, pre-registration required (including adults).



Creature Feature

Meet us inside the Nature Center on select Wednesday mornings for an up-close look at one of our Animal Ambassadors and watch a live feeding. Activity is designed for children ages 2+ with their adult(s). Masks required and social distancing enforced. Creature featured each week is TBD and subject to change. Space is limited and seating will be assigned upon arrival.

Wednesdays, 11-11:30a

Jan. 13 (24510), Jan. 27 (24511), Feb. 10 (24512), Feb. 24 (24513), Mar. 10 (24514), Mar. 24 (24515), Apr. 7 (24531), Apr. 21 (24532)

Free, pre-registration required (including adults) - NO drop-ins.

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. Activity is designed for children ages 2+ with their adult(s). Masks required and social distancing enforced.

Friday, Feb. 19, 6:00-7:30p - Native Plants (24516)

Friday, Mar. 26, 6:30-8p - Endangered Species (24517)

\$6/person, pre-registration required (including adults).

Hoosier Herpetological Society

HHS 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, 7-9p

Jan. 20; Feb. 17; Mar. 17; Apr. 21; May 19

Free, no registration required.

ADULT PROGRAMS

MASKS REQUIRED WITHIN THE NATURE CENTER.

Central Indiana Beekeepers Association

CIBA communicates and shares beekeeping knowledge and trends in Marion and Hamilton counties. Ages 16+.

Learn more at www.indyurbanbeekeeping.org.

Mondays., 6:30-8:30

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

Free, no registration required.



Thoreau & Walden Study Group - schedule TBD

Take part in examining the deeper aspects of Henry David Thoreau's Walden. Led by Tom Potter, immediate past-president of the International Thoreau Society. Ages 18+.

Free, no registration required.

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 morning bird hikes or monthly meetings. Beginning birders welcome! For more information, visit www.amosbutleraudubon.org.

Public Programs:

Tuesdays, 6-9p

Jan. 12; Feb. 9; Mar. 9; Apr. 13; May 11

Free, pre-registration required.

Held virtually. To register, visit: <https://www.amosbutleraudubon.org/events/>



Morning Bird Walks:

Tuesdays, 8:30-10a

Jan. 19; Feb. 16; Mar. 16

Tuesdays, (8-9:30a)

Apr. 20; May 18

Free, no registration required. Meets in the Nature Center parking lot.

ADULT PROGRAMS (cont.)

MASKS REQUIRED WITHIN THE NATURE CENTER.

Central Indiana Wilderness Club

Founded in 1982, Central Indiana Wilderness Club (CIWC) is a nonprofit volunteer-run club organized for the purpose of providing education and affordable wilderness adventures. Ages 16+. Learn more at www.ciwclub.org.

Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30p

Jan. 27; Apr. 7

Free, no registration required.

Fall Creek Garden Club

The Fall Creek Garden Club (FCGC) 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. For more information contact the FCGC president at sarazeckel@gmail.com.

Mondays, 1-3p

Feb. 8; Apr. 12

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.

Mondays, 6:30-8:30p

Mar. 8; Apr. 12; May 10

Free, no registration required.

Natural History Book Club - schedule TBD

There are countless nature-related books that represent 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 authors.

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. Meets at the Nature Center. Themes TBD.

Thursdays, 9:30-11a

Jan. 14; Feb. 11; Mar. 11; Apr. 8; May 13

Free, no registration required.





Garden and Grow Workshop

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 the first session of every month. Volunteer work in the garden is required to participate in the presentations. Meets in the Nature Center parking lot. Fridays, 9-11a

Mar. 19; Apr. 2; Apr. 16; Apr. 30; May 14; May 28

Free, no registration required.

VIRTUAL OFFERINGS

Tune-in on Facebook Live! facebook.com/indyhollidaypark

Virtual Creature Feature

Get a close-up experience with the nature center animals. Staff and volunteers will get out a different animal. Learn all about the animals and how we keep them happy and healthy. Creature featured each week is subject to change.

Tuesdays, 3-3:15p

Jan. 19 - Box Turtle

Feb. 16 - Tree Frogs

Mar. 16 - Red Eared Slider

Apr. 20 - Box Turtle



Virtual Nature Minute

Join a park Naturalist as they share an up-close look at some of the wonders of Holliday Park!

Wednesdays, 2p

Jan. 6; Jan. 20; Feb. 3; Feb. 17; Mar. 3; Mar. 17; Mar. 31; Apr. 14; Apr. 28

Virtual Field Trips

Holliday Park is now offering virtual Environmental Education sessions! Each session includes a 30-minute lesson, followed by a 15-minute Q & A. Choose from our offerings (Food Chains, Wildlife, or Seasonal Changes) or call for a customized lesson! For Pre-K through 8th Grade. \$75/session. Scholarships available for qualifying schools. Call the Nature Center for more details and to book your field trip today!

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