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September-December

*The
Pathfinder*

Welcome

Thank you for already making 2024 one we'll never forget! Here at Lake County Parks we're having the time of our lives creating memorable experiences for you to enjoy, and are thrilled to present you with the final Pathfinder of 2024, full of programs and places designed to help you connect with nature, stay active, and create unforgettable memories! We invite you to dive into this guide, plan your next adventure, and end your year in some of the most beautiful places Lake County has to offer! Whether you visit these parks daily, or will be joining us for the first time, we're so glad you're here!

Get out, go play, Explore!

Your Friends at
Lake County Parks

P.S. In 2025, we'll be releasing an annual version of this guide so that you can plan to maximize your year of park fun! Keep your eyes peeled!

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We're All About
PARKS



Lake County Parks is home to scenic and diverse parks, trails, and natural areas, offering opportunities for outdoor recreation, education, play, and relaxation.



**A State
 Dedicated
 Nature
 Preserve**

**5 World
 Class
 Disc Golf
 Courses**

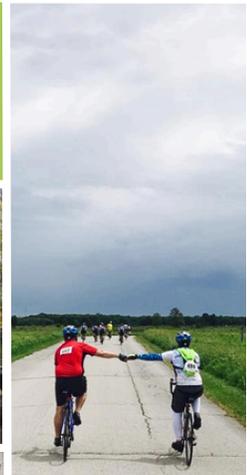


**100+ Miles
 of Trails**

**A Sixty-Foot
 Custom Built
 Pirate Ship**



**15 Water
 Slides**



**A Working Farm with
 Over a Dozen Species of
 Livestock**



**1 Million
 Annual
 Visits**

**Dozens of Rare
 and
 Endangered
 Plants,
 Animals,
 Habitats**



**One of
 the Only
 Public
 Hunting
 Areas in
 NWI**



**28 Picnic
 Shelters**





GO BACK WITH

BUCKLEY HOMESTEAD

Featuring

Historical Working Farm
Animal Encounters
Agricultural Programs
Unique Special Events
Walking Paths

Park open daily 7 AM - Sunset

Shelter Rentals

Now accepting reservations for the next season of shelter rentals! Visit lakecountyparks.com/register or call 219-769-7275

School Group Visits

Now Booking Fall Group Outings

- Hands On Tours - \$8/person
- Farm Tours - \$4/person

Calumet Astronomy Center

19110 Chase St. Lowell, IN
Visit CASOnline.org for Membership & Open House Information

3606 Belshaw Rd.

Lowell, IN 46356

219-696-0769

lakecountyparks.com/buckley

 @BuckleyHomesteadCountyPark

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Open Year-Round 7 AM-Sunset

What is a working farm anyway?

"In fourteen hundred ninety-two, Columbus sailed the ocean blue." Sound familiar? Maybe you've sung along *"I'm just a bill...sitting here on Capitol Hill,"* to learn about the creation of laws, or *"The ten-dollar founding father without a father..."* to discover who Alexander Hamilton really was. So much of learning history has been boiled down to memorizing definitions, reciting dates, and committing a list of names to memory. Through songs, rhymes, and mnemonic devices we often water down the reality that history is the recollection of real life.

Buckley Homestead is a living history farm. We exist outside of textbooks sharing stories and experiences in addition to dates and facts. Whether you're learning about the Buckley family, pioneer era farming, or the parallels between how we live, work, and learn today compared to a time over 100 years ago, history at Buckley Homestead is meant to be seen, heard, touched, and felt.

Our events and tours are designed to give participants a hands-on experience with history that leaves an impression. But many people visit the park without looking for a history lesson. Whether drawn in by its beauty with a desire for exercise, to see animals, explore nature, or take photos with an idyllic backdrop, the history of the farm is still gently nudging you towards the past. Like today's visitors, those at Buckley Homestead centuries before also worked their bodies, cared for their animals, enjoyed the beauty and bounty of nature, and even took time to render those same backdrops through an artist's lens.

So join us as we go back to a time both wildly different, yet oddly familiar, and see what Buckley Homestead has in store for you.

Bellaboo's? What's Bellaboo's?

What even is Bellaboo's? It's part Children's Museum part Imagination Garden. A fun field trip destination and birthday party venue, to be sure. But to the children who visit, Bellaboo's is the site of their next adventure sailing the seven seas and searching for a big blue whale. It's their personal artist's studio, where they'll create masterpieces never before seen. A whole pretend-play neighborhood lets kids explore being parents, veterinarians, shopkeepers, chefs, and whatever else they can dream up. To us, Bellaboo's is a fun day of play. To children, a fun day of play is everything.

The building provides countless opportunities for confidence building through autonomy. Each child is in charge of their own adventure, getting to decide where to go next, what to play, and for how long to engage with each activity. They can explore what happens when you make the world's longest toy train, mix every color of paint, see if a pumpkin boat will sink or float. It's experimentation, trial and error, independence building, and socializing. Play is everything a child needs it be. We have so much to learn from watching them immersed in their imagination or sweating from the "real work" they're busy doing.

Whether at Bellaboo's or in your own backyard, let the children in your life dive into the good work of play. You just might learn something, and they definitely will.

LEARN AND PLAY AT BELLABOO'S PLAY & DISCOVERY CENTER

Featuring

12 interactive indoor play areas
Immersive Outdoor Imagination Garden
Daily Themed Activities
Birthdays & Field Trips
Seasonal Water & Splash Elements
Cafe

Regular Hours

Tuesday to Friday 10am to 3pm
Saturday and Sunday 10am to 4pm

Summer Break Hours

Tuesday-Sunday 10am-4pm

Prices

People ages 1 to 100: \$11
Under 1 or over 100: FREE
Discounted Admission for *Indiana Access Pass* Holders
Play Pass Memberships Available for
Unlimited Annual Admission

2800 Colorado St.

Lake Station, IN 46405

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GREAT GOLF IN LAKE COUNTY PARKS

Cedar Creek Family Golf Course

10483 W. 104th Ave.

Cedar Lake, IN 46303

219-365-2902

lakecountyparks.com/cedarcreek

 @CedarCreekGolfCenter

Turkey Creek Golf Course

6400 Harrison St.

Merrillville, IN 46410

219-982-5170

turkeycreekgolf.com

 @TurkeyCreekGolf

Banquet on the Green &

Legendary Sports Bar

219-887-3550

Cedar Creek Family Golf Center

Featuring

- 9 Hole Executive Course
- Driving Range

Regular 2024 Season Rates

9 or 18 Holes : Weekday - \$10

Weekend - \$12

Junior/Senior : Weekday - \$9

Weekend - \$11

Child (under 11, w/ Adult) - \$5

Walking Carts - \$2

Riding Cart - \$10/person

Prices are listed per 9-holes

Range Token - \$5

Memberships Available!

Turkey Creek Golf Course

Featuring

- 18 Hole Golf Course
- Legendary Sports Bar & Grill
- Outing & Event Space

Regular 2024 Season Rates

Weekday : 18 Holes - \$34

9 Holes - \$26

Seniors/Students - \$26

Twilight - \$26

Weekend: 18 Holes - \$42

9 Holes - \$33

Twilight - \$33

Super Twilight- \$26

Cart Rentals: 18 Holes - \$13/person

9 Holes - \$8/person

Memberships Available!

Memories Old & New

Deep River County Park is steeped in a rich history. Several centuries ago the Wood family settled in the area of the park, building a sawmill and a grist mill, and using the river to power them. As industry grew, a small community sprung up, and as the area continued to develop along the Lincoln Highway. The area even acted as a way station for gold-seeking 49ers and army convoys making their way west.

Today, the park still houses Wood's Historic Grist Mill and educates on Lake County's industrial history. Additionally, alongside the river, runs a deep vein of nostalgia. The park has held onto not just its 19th-century history but has eked out space in the memory of Northwest Indiana.

Maybe you visited the park with your school to learn about the marvel of maple syrup. Sometimes with snow still on the ground, you warmed up near the fire of the sugar shack and dipped your finger to taste real maple syrup. Or maybe you sat next to your grandpa at a Deep River Grinders Vintage Baseball game, sipping sarsaparilla and enjoying the history and spectacle out on the field. Deep River has played a remarkable role in many love stories from first dates, to proposals, to weddings under the gazebo. And as love and families grow, so do the family photos with the same old mill standing watch in the background.

Regional history is important, but so is personal history. Parks like Deep River are proud to be a part of the tapestry of memory that hold together our community.

Other Park Entrances

County Line Entrance
7510 County Line Rd.
Hobart, IN

Big Maple Lake
7302 Ainsworth Rd.
Hobart, IN

THE SWEET STUFF DEEP RIVER COUNTY PARK

Featuring

Historical Programs

Hiking

Photography Opportunities

Historic Grist Mill & General Store

(Open May - October & During Events)

Shelter Rentals

Now accepting reservations for the next season of shelter rentals! Located at the County Line and Big

Maple Lake areas of Deep River. Visit

lakecountyparks.com/register or call 219-769-7275

Wedding Gazebo

Reservations are open for the Deep River Wedding Gazebo which includes seating for 100 and is located in the beautifully landscaped Historic Area of the park.

School Group Visits

Now Booking for Trips

The Marvel of Maple Syrup - \$8/person

Timber Through Time - \$8/person

Mill Tours - \$4/person

Main Historic Area

9410 Old Lincoln Hwy.

Hobart, IN 46342

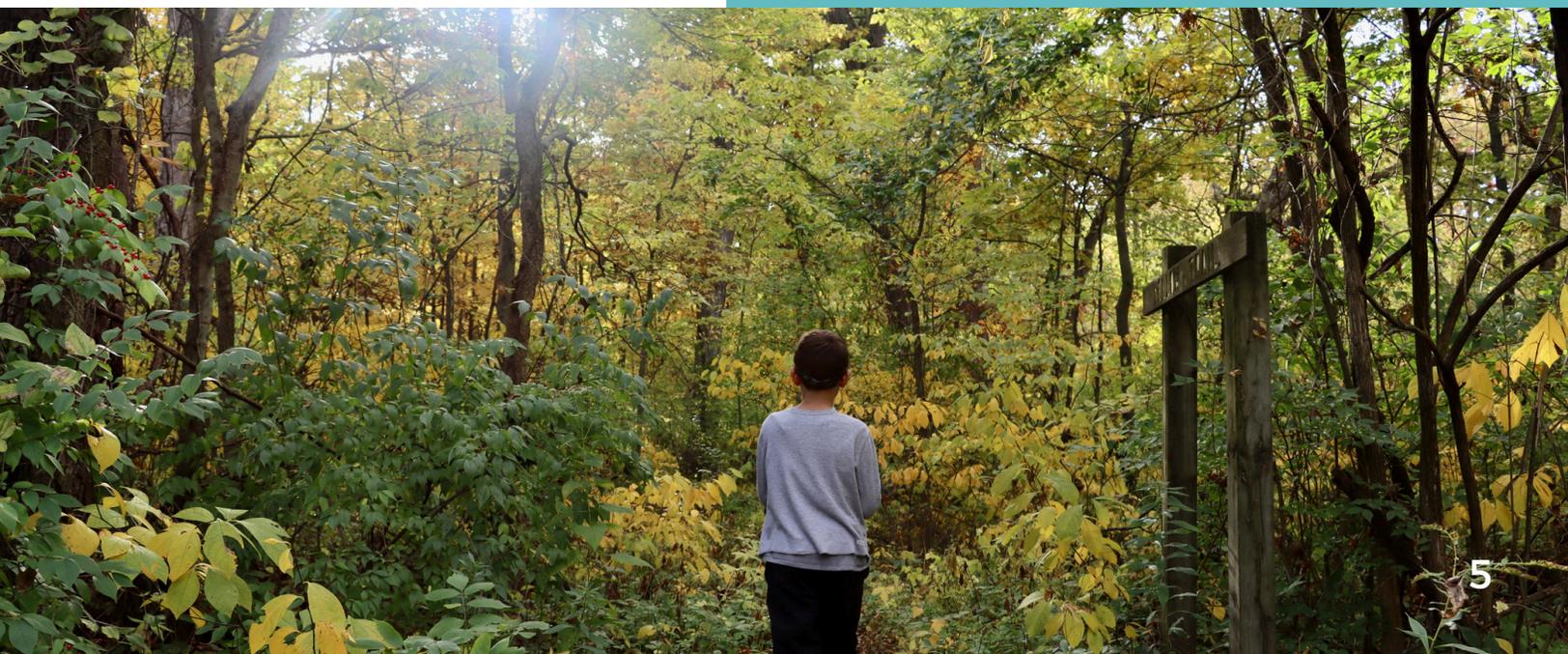
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SKATE THE PLAZA AT...

DEEP RIVER WATERPARK

Featuring

An Ice Rink
(NEW!) Skate Rentals
Concessions
Private Rentals & Events
Fun Programs
a GLOW Skate NYE Bash!

Skating Fun begins in December
(pending the weather)



Summer Hiring Begins in Spring! Apply Online Today!

9001 E. Lincoln Hwy.
Crown Point, IN 46307
219-947-7850
deepriverwaterpark.com
f @DeepRiverWaterpark

Ice Skating is Back at Deep River!

Did you know you can enjoy Deep River Waterpark throughout the winter months? That's right, each year we transform the park into a dynamic skate plaza, complete with skate rentals, balance aides, concessions, and fun programming!

Join us (weather pending) Thanksgiving Weekend through January and Skate the Deep River Waterpark Plaza!

Thursdays: 4pm - 8pm

Fridays: 4pm - 8pm

Saturdays: Noon - 8pm

Sundays and Holiday periods: Noon - 8pm

Closed Monday - Wednesday, **except** during Holiday/School break periods and private rentals
Closed Christmas Eve Day/Eve & Christmas Day.

Check DeepRiverWaterpark.com or visit us on Facebook for day-of weather and ice condition updates!

Skate Rates

Open Skate - \$5

Spectators Free

Skate Rental - \$6

Group & Passholder Discounts Available

Make it a SPLASHTASTIC Summer with a Deep River Waterpark Season Pass!

Visit just 3 times and your season pass pays for itself!

DeepRiverWaterpark.com

****Ice Skating is BACK! Skate the Plaza at Deep River Waterpark this Winter, too!***

What Makes a Nature Preserve?

In 1967 the Indiana General Assembly established a system of Nature Preserves with the express purpose of providing permanent protection to significant natural areas within the state. In November of 1981 Gibson Woods officially joined this exclusive list and was officially dedicated by the state as a Nature Preserve.

What exactly does that mean, though? Nature preserves hold onto their natural character, and may be home to unusual or scientifically significant flora, fauna, or geological features. In doing so, nature preserves act as a special sort of living history museum, increasing our awareness of the area's natural and historical heritage.

Gibson Woods topography is exceptionally well preserved, providing an example of what Northwest Indiana would've looked like 4000 years ago. Native Americans were the first people to call the Gibson Woods area home, remaining there seasonally until the 1830s.

A dune and swale environment dominates Gibson Woods. With higher dunes that alternate with lower wetlands, this unique and endangered ecosystem was historically significant to native tribes. Today, we maintain the dune and swale at Gibson Woods through prescribed burns and careful land management, protecting not only the rare and endangered plants and animals who call the preserve home, but the history held within its roots as well.

GIBSON WOODS NATURE PRESERVE & NATURE CENTER

Featuring

State Dedicated Nature Preserve
Boardwalk Hiking
Bird Watching
Environmental Education Center

School Group Visits

Now Booking for Trips
Into the Woods - \$2/person
Nature Scene Investigation - \$4/person
Almost All About Birds - \$4/person

6201 Parrish Ave.
Hammond, IN 46320
219-844-3188

lakecountyparks.com/gibsonwoods

 @GibsonWoodsCountyPark

Park Hours

Summer/Fall: 9 AM - 5 PM Tuesday-Sunday

Winter: 9 AM - 4 PM Tuesday-Sunday

Nature Center Hours

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday
12 - 4 PM





EVERGLADES OF THE NORTH

GRAND KANKAKEE MARSH

Featuring

Horseback Riding (seasonal)
Boat Launch River Access
Hunting
Fishing

21690 Range Line Rd.
Hebron, IN 46341
219-552-0033
lakecountyparks.com/GKM
Facebook icon @GKMCountyPark

**Open Year-Round 7 AM-Sunset
Hours & Public Access May Vary During
Hunting Season**

Grand Kankakee Marsh

Did you know that Grand Kankakee Marsh was once a popular presidential hunting site, bringing big names such as Teddy Roosevelt, Benjamin Harrison, and Grover Cleveland? The then-vast marsh stretched over 500,000 acres across northern Indiana. Everything changed during the second industrial revolution when ditching, draining, and dredging nearly destroyed the entirety of the marshland leaving many indigenous game animals and birds without a home.

While the dream of fully restoring the Grand Kankakee Marsh to its historic magnificence may be a challenge, the dedicated efforts of the Lake County Parks & partners persist for both restoration and preservation. The park's ecological makeup features forested wetlands, emergent marshes, wet prairies, and open waters; and is home for deer herds, various duck species, and a plethora of wildlife. The marsh continues to be an excellent place for birding and is a temporary stopover for sandhill cranes' migration. With seasonal flooding creating natural nesting grounds, there's hope that bald eagles sometimes seen above the park will begin to nest, a testament to the restoration efforts taking root.

"You can't ask children to save the planet, unless you teach them to love it first." Many paddlers are learning to love the Grand Kankakee Marsh. Recently designated a National Water Trail, river recreation along the Kankakee is at an all time high. The levees, created by industrial intervention, now serve as excellent equestrian trails, allowing the public to reconnect with nature by horseback or foot.

As we reflect on the history of the Grand Kankakee Marsh, we're reminded that conservation is not just about preserving the past but nurturing a future where humans and nature coexist harmoniously.

Make Your Day Truly Special

Lake Etta Banquet Hall and Wedding Pergola

Escape the ordinary and unlock the magic of Lake Etta County Park, a 112-acre oasis nestled in the heart of Gary's southwest corner. Whether you're planning a wedding, family reunion, business retreat, or any special event, Lake Etta's breathtaking banquet hall and wedding pergola are ready to turn your dreams into reality.

Convenience Meets Tranquility

Located not far from major highways and bustling neighborhoods, Lake Etta offers surprising tranquility that's perfect for outdoor relaxation. Imagine the convenience of escaping the urban hustle to find yourself in a peaceful haven by the Little Calumet River.

Endless Recreation Choices

Lake Etta County Park is more than a venue—it's a program designed to meet the diverse needs of park visitors. During the weekdays, host your special programs and events in our state-of-the-art indoor facility. On weekends, let the children's playground, hiking trails, accessible fishing pier, and fitness trail be the backdrop for your larger gatherings.

The Banquet Hall Experience

Step into our indoor facility and be captivated by the glimmering chandelier in the entryway, warm wooden ceilings, and expansive windows that bathe the space in natural light. Let the beauty of our surroundings complement the joy of your celebration.

Come Play!

You decide how to use this versatile space, and we're here to make it happen. Contact us today and let the magic of Lake Etta turn your occasion into a cherished memory!

NATURE'S HIDDEN GEM

LAKE ETTA

Featuring

Playground
Trail Walk
Fishing

Banquets & Large Group Shelter

Shelter Rentals

Now accepting reservations for the next season of shelter rentals! Visit lakecountyparks.com/register or call 219-769-7275

Banquets

The beautiful banquet hall at Lake Etta is open for event reservations. To set up your next event, contact Dining Solutions at 219-923-3830

4801 W. 29th Ave.
Gary, IN 46406
219-944-9601

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 @LakeEttaCountyPark

Open Year-Round 7 AM-Sunset

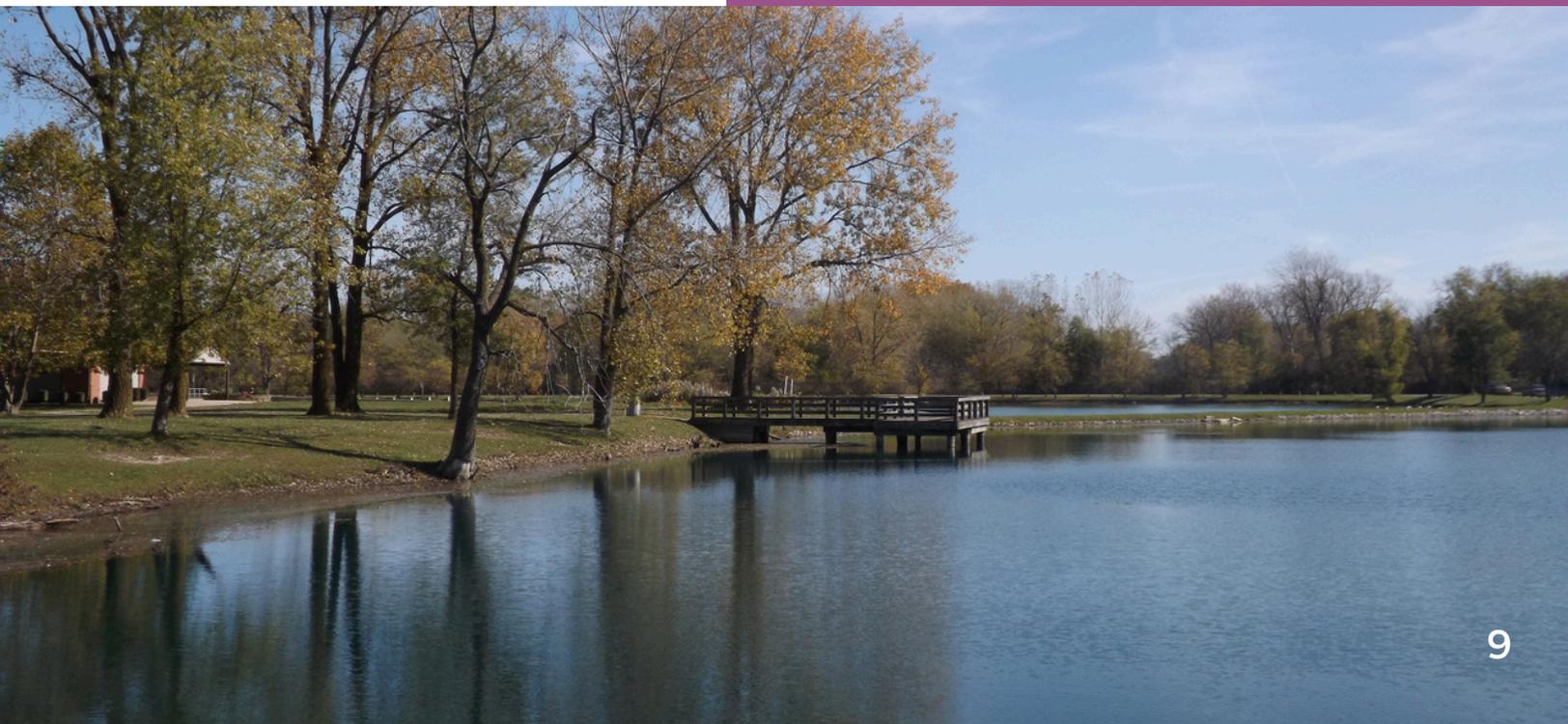




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A ZEST FOR FUN

LEMON LAKE

Featuring

Walking Trail
Disc Golf
BRAND NEW Playground
Dog Park

Shelter Rentals

Now accepting reservations for the next season of shelter rentals! Visit lakecountyparks.com/register or call 219-769-7275

Disc Golf Flight Center

Disc Golf Sales & Events
facebook.com/lemonlakediscgolf
Course Contact - 219-771-3472

6322 W. 133rd Ave.
Crown Point, IN
219-663-7627

lakecountyparks.com/lemonlake

 @LemonLakePark

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The First Lake County Park

Lemon Lake County Park is where the spirit of adventure meets the joy of recreation!

The adventure began in 1968 when the first 160 acres were purchased by the Lake County Parks Department. Why Lemon Lake, you ask? Well, it turns out there was a tiny marsh with big dreams historically named Lemon Lake, and the parks department decided to keep the zest alive!

Lemon Lake proudly took the stage as the very first Lake County Park in 1972, and it's been a destination for residents ever since. Sprawling across 400 acres, this park has a little something for everyone.

Whether you're a disc-golf champ or just a casual thrower, Lemon Lake has you covered with 5 dynamic disc golf courses. Swing by the playground and ride the tire swing and slides, or embark on one of the many paved or natural trails that wind through forests and around water. Let's not forget our four-legged friends! There are two large dog park spaces where tails wag freely, and furry friendships bloom.

Hey, nature enthusiasts! Lemon Lake is a hotspot for wild plants and flowers rare to the Midwest, offering a rainbow of colors and scents. Keep your eyes peeled for white-tailed deer, snapping turtles, birds, owls, fish, and wild turkey—they're the real VIPs of the park.

Lemon Lake also boasts one of the first covered bridges ever built in Lake County. A vintage charmer built in 1974. It's a nostalgic nod to the past, reminding us that even in a world of change, Lemon Lake County Park stays timeless.

The Trails that Connect Us

Connected communities result in stronger, healthier, and altogether more desirable places to live and work. Parks do a lot to help foster connection from providing equitable gathering spaces to creating dynamic cultural experiences.

One of the most tangible ways to create a more connected community is through accessible trails. Oak Ridge Prairie is a regional hub for many of Lake County's walking and biking trails. From the park, visitors can access the Erie Lackawanna Trail, which runs 17 miles from Hammond to Crown Point. The park also begins the Oak Savannah trail which runs 9 miles to the county line in Hobart (and then continues an additional 11 miles as the Prairie Duneland Trail through Portage and Chesterton). Soon the C&O Greenway will also be accessible from the park, running from Griffith to Merrillville.

According to a recent nationwide study of thousands of Americans, 3 out of 4 people want walking or biking trails close to home. More than half of those individuals ranked this wish as extremely or very important. Lake County Parks is proud to partner with the many organizations and municipalities in the region to bring these types of accessible trails all across Northwest Indiana.

In addition to being a regional bike trail hub, Oak Ridge Prairie is home to an epic sledding hill, a quaint fishing pond, plenty of more rugged hiking trails, unique native wildlife throughout the prairie, two playgrounds, and loads of geocaches. Get out, go play, and explore all that Oak Ridge Prairie has to offer!

RIDE THE RAILS AT OAK RIDGE PRAIRIE

Featuring

Biking & Hiking Trails
Playgrounds
Sledding Hill
Native Plant Prairie

Shelter Rentals

Now accepting reservations for the next season of shelter rentals! Visit lakecountyparks.com/register or call 219-769-7275

Trail Info

For more information about Lake County Parks managed trails and others in the area NIRPC (Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Commission) has created an app called "Calumet Greenways + Blueways" featuring trails across Northwest Indiana.

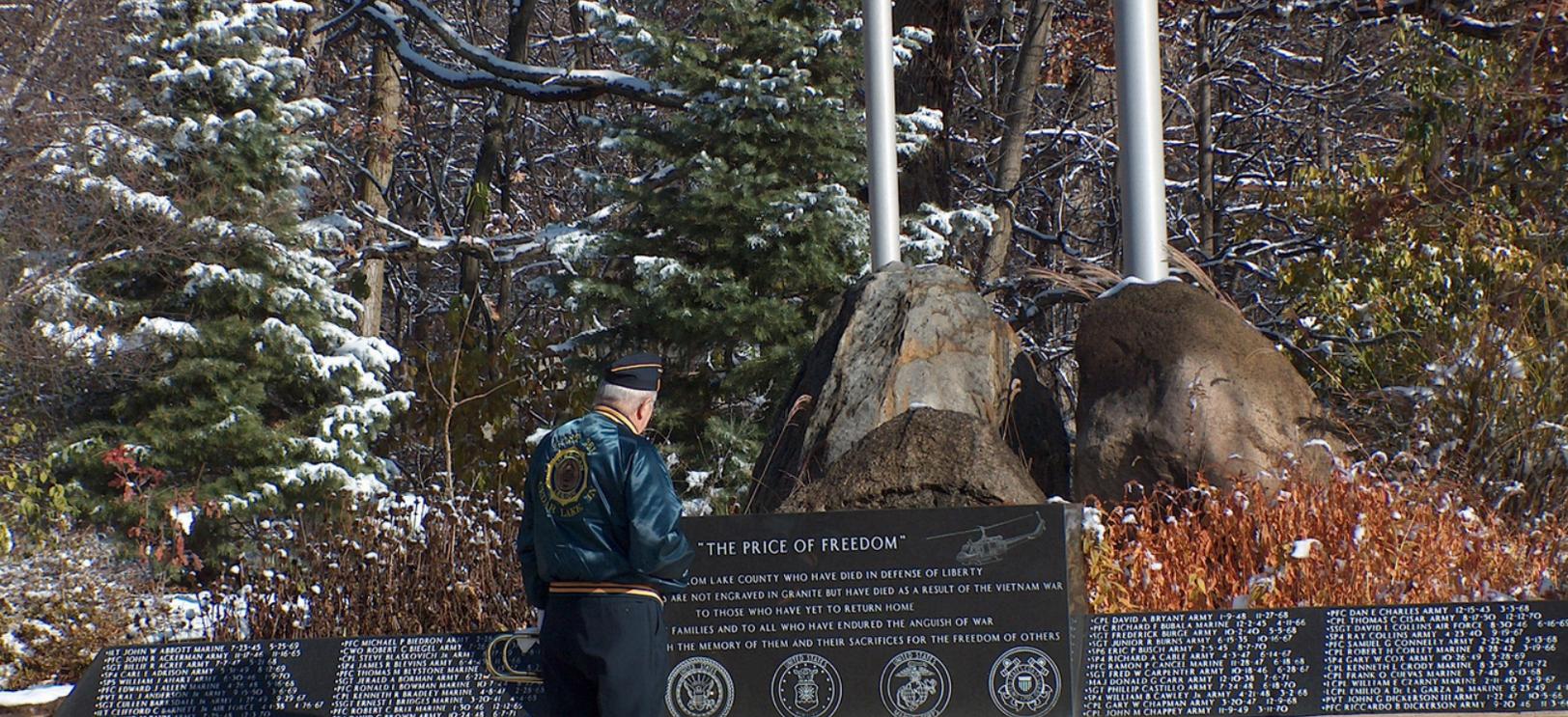
301 S. Colfax St.
Griffith, IN 46319
219-219-552-0033

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REMEMBER & HONOR AT STONEY RUN

Featuring

- Classic Wood Playground
- Vietnam Veterans Memorial
- Hiking
- Equestrian Trails (Seasonally)

Shelter Rentals

Now accepting reservations for the next season of shelter rentals! Visit lakecountyparks.com/register or call 219-769-7275

9230 E. 142nd Ave
Hebron, IN 46341
219-996-6500

lakecountyparks.com/stoneyrun

 @StoneyRunCountyPark

Open Year-Round 7 AM-Sunset

Veterans Memorial

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Stoney Run was one of the first official monuments honoring Vietnam War Vets. It came to exist through many small acts of compassion and community.

David Michael Baum was one of the 261 young men from Lake County, Indiana, and one of the more than 58,000 from across the nation, who gave their lives for their country while serving in the Vietnam War. As his family worked through their loss and grief they sought a space to honor their son and others like him. While David's death brought an initial outpouring of sympathy, the Baums were still distraught over the way most returning Vietnam Veterans were treated. As cards and dollars came in to honor their son, the Baum Family chose to use those gifts to create a much needed Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Lake County. With the creation of the David M. Baum memorial fund, the community came together to provide labor and materials. Three large granite boulders were placed around an American Flag in Stoney Run County Park in November of 1973.

Since then, the space has grown through both committee and community, creating a place of peace for all who visit. While the Baum's story is their own, the memorial belongs to everyone who needs a space to remember, reflect, and honor.



Health & Wellness in the Parks

The health and wellness benefits of “green spaces” are well-researched and documented. From the physical boost of exercise to the mental calm nature provides, time spent amongst the trees is good for mind, body, and brain.

Did you know that the green space benefits increase with the presence of blue spaces? Being near water stimulates the senses and promotes psychological healing. Interestingly, people who seek out nature spaces with water are more likely to engage in physical activities, even when those activities don't involve water. Waterside walks also lead to better sleep, with studies showing an average sleep increase of 47 minutes compared to those who walked away from water.

Three Rivers is fortunate to have plenty of blue and green space for visitors to enjoy. The lake is surrounded by a paved trail that is bustling with butterflies, wildflowers, and birdsong. Across the way is a new river access point. There you can see a series of riffles, or shallow fast-moving sections of stream, that help oxygenate the water and improve fish habitat. Stonework along the riverbank allows visitors to get close to the water with a place to sit for fishing, or just relaxing.

Three Rivers is also home to Bellaboo's Play & Discovery Center. This children's museum features an outdoor imagination garden and is a feast for young minds learning and growing through play. Bellaboo's does collect a daily admission fee, but access to Three Rivers park amenities are completely free.

WATERFRONT WONDERS

THREE RIVERS

Featuring

Waterfront Walking Trail
Biking
Picnicking
Fishing

Shelter Rentals

Now accepting reservations for the next season of shelter rentals! Visit lakecountyparks.com/register or call 219-769-7275

2800 Colorado St.
Lake Staiton, IN
219-962-7810

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 @ThreeRiversCountyPark



SHELTER RENTALS

Available at the following park sites:

- Buckley Homestead
- Deep River - County Line Road
- Deep River - Big Maple Lake
- Lake Etta
- Lemon Lake
- Oak Ridge Prairie
- Stoney Run
- Three Rivers

Shelter Rental Rates

Weekday/Weekend: \$40/\$100 (+tax)

Lemon Lake Large Group Shelter
\$85 Weekdays, \$225 Weekends

Lake Etta Group Pavilion
\$200 Weekdays, \$465 Weekends
Weekend Rates Apply on Holidays

Reserve online at LakeCountyParks.com/register
or by phone at 219-769-PARK



BIRTHDAYS

Birthday Parties are available at Bellaboo's and Deep River Waterpark.

Visit mybellaboos.com or deepriverwaterpark.com for more details. Shelter Rentals make for a great party, too!

WEDDINGS

Weddings ceremonies can be booked at the Deep River Gazebo. For \$250 we provide up to 100 chairs, and 2 hour use of the gazebo. Call 219-769-PARK to reserve.

Wedding ceremonies are also available at Lake Etta's wedding pergola. Call 219-923-3830 for more information.

BANQUETS

Banquet facilities are available at **Lake Etta Banquet Hall** via Dining Solutions (219-923-3830, diningsolutions@gmail.com), and also at **Turkey Creek's Banquets on the Green** via Legendary Sports Bar & Grill (219-887-3550).



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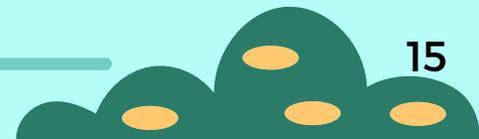
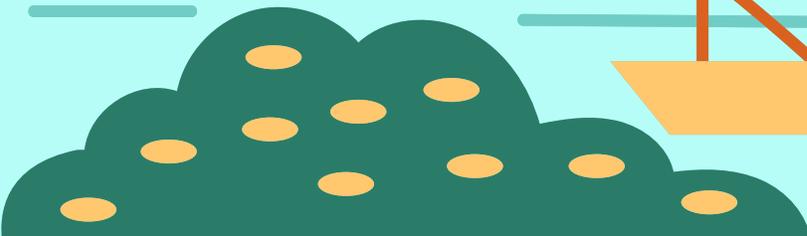
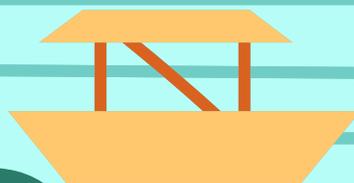
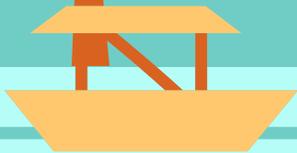
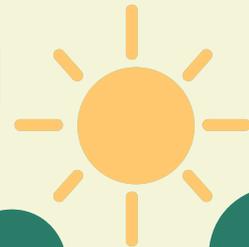


WITH THE PARKS

Make a Difference. Join the Fun!



APPLY HERE



PROGRAMS & EVENTS

For more details on each event visit lakecountyparks.com/calendar

SEPTEMBER

BIRD MIGRATION HIKE

Wednesday, September 4, 9:30-11 AM
Fall is a great time to see a variety of migrating bird species including thrushes, warblers, sparrows and vireos. Walk with a park naturalist to see who is visiting the Woods. **GW Ages 10+ FREE ▲**

FOLLOW THE FARMER

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Tuesday, September 10, 10-11:15 AM
The land looked much different when the settlers first came to what is now Indiana. Take a hike and 'travel back in time' to enjoy the beauty of the tallgrass prairie in late summer. **ORP Ages 5+ FREE ▲**

SCRATCH & SNIFF SENSORY WALK

Tuesday, September 10, 2-3:15 PM
Let's explore the outdoors through touching, smelling, listening, and observing the plants and animals on a guided walk in the woods. **GW All Ages FREE ▲**

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WORK FROM HOME RECHARGE

Wednesday, September 11, 11 AM - 12 PM
Take a break from the computer with a long lunch break to recharge with nature. Includes private time for bird room viewing. **GW Adults FREE ▲**

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FALL IN LOVE WITH YOUR PARKS: GRAND KANKAKEE MARSH

Friday, September 13, 1 to 2:30 PM
Lake County Parks are fantastic! Join a park naturalist this fall and learn to love them like we do. Please dress for the weather. **GKM All Ages FREE ▲**



THE LEGEND OF SLEEPY HOLLOW

Friday & Saturday, September, 13 & 14
Friday & Saturday, September 20 & 21, Shows from 6:30 to 9:30 PM
Tickets are required for this classic Lake County Parks Event. The in-person sale happens (8/24/24) at Buckley Homestead. Any remaining tickets are available online the following Monday. If you have tickets already, get ready to enjoy a dreamy evening as you are transported to Tarrytown, NY! Ichabod Crane is on the loose and maybe, just maybe you can keep your head on long enough to find him! **BH Advance Tickets Required**



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HOOKED ON Crochet



Embark on your journey to crochet mastery in the serene setting of **Deep River County Park!**

Register online at
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- **Crochet Crash Course**
For all ages, just getting started
- **Stitch & Splatter Yarn Bomb Club**
For friendship & fun projects

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POND EXPLORATION DAY

Saturday, September 14, 12:30 to 2 PM

Ever wonder what lives underwater in a pond besides fish? Join us as we collect and look at some of the smaller and spectacular species of the watery world. Wear shoes/clothes you do not mind getting dirty/wet. **ORP Ages 3 & up FREE** ▲

REPTILE SHOW

Saturday, September 14, 11 AM

The Lowell Library presents Dave DiNaso's Traveling World of Reptiles at Buckley! In addition to being educational, Dave's program is loaded with laughs and interactive moments with the audience. Remember to bring your camera, camping chair or blanket to sit on! **BH All Ages FREE**

BELLABOO'S GOLDEN BIRTHDAY BASH

Sunday, September 15, 10 AM to 3 PM



Join us as we celebrate 15 years of play, discovery, service and adventure! **HAPPY 15 YEAR ANNIVERSARY, BELLABOO'S!!! BB Regular Admission Prices**

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NATIONAL COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, September 21, All Day, Anytime

Head to your local park and lend a helping hand! This is a BYO supplies and protective gear. Please use the park garbage cans, we'll take it from there. Both the parks and the planet **THANK YOU! All Parks, Priceless**

AUTUMN EQUINOX STROLL

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BLUE JAY TALK & WALK

Saturday, September 28, 9:30 to 11 AM

Are blue jays really the bullies of the bird world? Discover this and more as we welcome Carol Harsh from Wild Birds Unlimited to help us dive into the life of a blue jay. Afterwards, Carol and a park naturalist will lead a short hike looking for them in their native habitat. **GW All Ages FREE** ▲

NEXT TO NATURE

Sunday, September 29, 10 to 11 AM

Get up close to the sights and sounds of the woods as the summer sun makes way for fall. **GW Ages 5 & Up FREE** ▲

OCTOBER

FALL HARVEST FUN

The Month of October

Paint pumpkins, find flowers, sort gourds, and become batty with weekly fall festivities sponsored by Harvest Tyme Family Farm! *while supplies last **BB Included with Admission**



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FALL FEST

Saturday & Sunday, October 5 & 6
10 AM to 4 PM

THE Fall Favorite! Complete with historic games, demonstrations, crafts, shopping live music, and DELICIOUS FOOD Fall Fest at Buckley Homestead is one you won't want to miss! **BH All Ages \$5 (5 & Under FREE)**

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GRINDERS VS. ROCK SPRING GROUND SQUIRRELS

Sunday, October 6, 2 PM

Come see one of Lake County's favorite sports teams as the Deep River Grinders take you back in time once again! Join us as we travel back to 1858 for a game of vintage baseball. Pack a picnic blanket or some lawn chairs and grab an ice-cold sarsaparilla as you enjoy beautiful Deep River County Park. **DR All Ages FREE**

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LAKE COUNTY parks rec
OCTOBER 5 & 6
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BUCKLEY HOMESTEAD COUNTY PARK. LOWELL, IN
Park on Hendricks St., South from Rt. 2.
No access from Belshaw Road during event.
\$5 PER PERSON
AGES 5 & UNDER FREE
Buildings Open, No Pets Please.

HAYRIDES CRAFT VENDORS
FOOD HISTORY
KIDS' ACTIVITIES & MORE

STITCH & SPLATTER: YARN BOMB CLUB

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DO IT TOGETHER CAMPFIRE AND SNACKS

Saturday, October 12, 3:30 to 4:30 PM & 5:30 to 6:30 PM

Let's learn about fire building as we make a campfire together as a group. We will enjoy some special snacks over the fire as a reward! **ORP Ages 8 & Up \$5** ★

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CSRI INCLUSIVE HAYRIDE

Sunday, October 13, 12 to 2:30 PM

A specially equipped haywagon for our special needs community. Enjoy a quiet ride and some light refreshments and games before or after your ride. **ORP All Ages \$3 per person** ★

PUMPKIN FUN

Saturday, October 13, 1 to 2 PM

Enjoy the fall colors on the patio while learning about the importance of pumpkins over the years. **GW Ages 5 & Up FREE** ▲

I SPY YOUNG NATURALISTS

Monday, October 14, 9:30 to 11:30 AM

Connect with nature as you foster that natural curiosity in your little one by venturing outdoors to 'spy' what's happening at Gibson Woods Nature Preserve. Each session will include story, craft, snack and plenty of outdoor exploration you're guided by a park naturalist in using your senses to enjoy the moment and be present. **GW Ages 3 to 6 with Caregiver \$5 per child** ★

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GNOME HOMES

Wednesday, October 16, 9:30 to 11 AM

There is gnome place like home in the woods. Participants will build a house in the woods for gnomes and nature's friends to visit. This unique activity encourages kids to go outside and connect with the natural world, while nurturing care and respect for the environment. Please dress for the weather. **SR Ages 3 & Up \$2 per child** ★

CREATURE CHATS

Wednesday, October 16, 12 to 12:30 PM

An educator from Gibson Woods Nature Preserve packs up her traveling bag of animal wonders for the kids to see, touch and learn about. **BB included with Admission**

FULL HUNTERS MOON STROLL

Thursday, October 17, 6 to 7 PM

Enjoy a fall evening stroll as a fall full moon rises. **GW Adults \$2** ★

WOODLAND TEA PARTY

Friday, October 18, Choose 2pm or 4pm

A Woodland Tea Party with Story Time invites children to enjoy a whimsical tea party in a magical park setting. Participants (Kids and Adults alike!) will sip herbal tea and enjoy light snacks at decorated tables. The event includes a captivating story time session featuring enchanting tales of woodland creatures. **DR All Ages, Registration Required \$7** ★



NATURE WALK AND WATERCOLOR

Saturday, October 19, 9:30 to 11 AM

Join us as we take a short walk on the trails to find inspiration in nature and then make and take a watercolor painting for home. All painting supplies provided. **GW Ages 6 & Up \$2** ★

COFFEE & CANVAS

Saturday, October 19, 10 AM to 1 PM

Join us for a serene morning of art-making in the park with your pals! We'll provide all the essentials for you to fully immerse yourselves in the creative process. Enjoy being surrounded by the fall colors while you bring your canvas to life! **LL Older Children & Up. Registration Required \$40** ★



FALL INTO COLOR

Saturday & Sunday, October 19 & 20, 10 AM to 4 PM

The leaves are changing, the air is crisp and THE PUMPKINS ARE WEARING SWEATERS at Deep River County Park! Enjoy a weekend surrounded by the historic buildings of Deep River as you play games, see demonstrations, shop and HUNT for beautifully hand-crocheted and painted Colorful Pumpkins. **DR All Ages FREE**

STORY ADVENTURES

Thursday, October 24, 12 to 12:30 PM

Stop in for a stellar Storytime! Thanks for sharing your stories (and storytellers!). Lake County Public Library! **BB included with Admission**

NATURE PLAYDATE

Friday, October 25, 10 to 11 AM

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STORY ADVENTURES

Friday, October 25, 12 to 12:30 PM

Stop in for a stellar Storytime! Thanks for sharing your stories (and storytellers!). Crown Point Library! **BB Included with Admission**

BLACK CAT'S MEOW

Friday, October 25, 4 to 7 PM

We're back for a bewitching evening of fun, frights, and major delights! Dress up in your costumes, grab your best mates, and secure your tickets before it's too late.

Advance ticket sales will be available online. A limited number of rush tickets will be available at the door. **BB Registration Required \$** ★



OWLS VISIT GIBSON WOODS

Friday, October 25, 6:15 to 7:15 PM

Owl be glad to see you as we invite Nicole Harmon, director of Humane Indiana Education and Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, for a visit with some of our favorite nocturnal animals. Sponsored by Dunes-Calumet Audubon Society. **GW All Ages FREE** ▲

CAMPFIRE CHILLERS

Friday, October 25, 6:30 to 8:30 PM

Presented by the Northwest Indiana Storytellers Guild. Visit the park for spooky tales around the campfire! **DR FREE**

SKULLS, BONES AND FURS

Saturday, October 26, 10 to 11:15 AM

Join a naturalist to touch and learn about an assortment of biofacts (bones and body coverings) from different animals that call Gibson Woods home. **GW All Ages FREE** ▲

I WONDER: WHAT DOES AN OWL EAT?

Saturday, October 26, 2 to 3:15 PM

Come dissect owl pellets with us to discover what's been on the menu lately. We will end our time with a short walk through the preserve. **GW Ages 7 & Up \$5 per child** ★

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Humane Indiana
Wildlife

SPIDERS ARE ARACHNIDS

Wednesday, October 30, 3:30 to 4:30 PM

Spiders have an important role in our environment. Learn about the life cycle of a spider with games and a craft. **GW Ages 7 & Up. FREE** ▲

BOO! AT BELLABOO'S

Thursday, October 31, 10 AM to 2 PM

A Not-So-Spooky day of fun, friends, and frights. featuring: Kooky Kid's Cooking, Dance-maniacs, and Ghoul School. Costumes are encouraged for added festiveness. **BB Regular Admission Rates**

NOVEMBER

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CROCHET CRASH COURSE

Saturday, November 2, 9 to 11 AM

Discover the joy of crochet in this no experience necessary crash course! Learn essential techniques and gain the confidence to tackle your first project. All supplies included in the cost! **DR. All Ages. Registration Required \$30** ★

PREPARING FOR WINTER

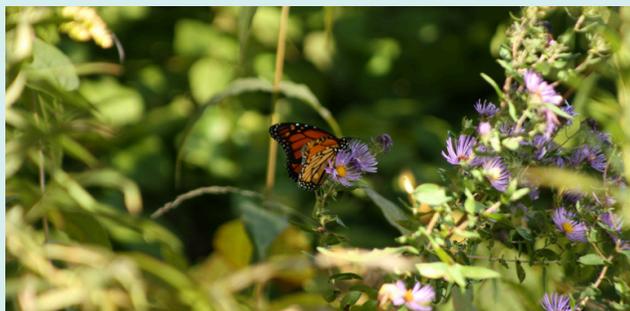
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Join us as we wrap up our year and prepare for winter. All buildings will be open as we explore historical aspects of getting ready for winter. Stop in and see our animals one last time before we move them into their winter homes. **BH All Ages FREE**



Saturday, November 2, 1 to 3:30 PM

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MINDFUL WALK

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TREE TALES

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Saturday, November 9 at 10:30 AM

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NIGHT-O ORIENTEERING

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Thursday, November 14, 12 to 12:30 PM

The Purdue Extension Lake County Urban Ag program for children provides hands-on learning in understanding sustainability and nutrition. Through engaging activities, kids learn about gardening, composting, and conservation, ideally fostering responsibility and a connection to nature. **BB included with Admission**

STITCH & SPLATTER: YARN BOMB CLUB

Thursday, November 14, 6:15 PM

Crochet together! BYO supplies to make crocheted works of art alongside fellow hobbyists. **DR FREE**

FULL BEAVER MOON STROLL

Friday, November 15, 4:30 to 5:30 PM

Venture out with a naturalist and enjoy the woods under full moon light. **GW Adults \$2** ★



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PROGRAMS & EVENTS CONTINUED

BEAVER MOON FIRESIDE FOLKTALES

Friday, November 15, 6 to 7:30 PM

Nothing spooky about this night when the campfire is hot and friends are near.

Gather at the park just after sunset and learn more about your night senses while enjoying a smattering of stories all about the creatures around you as they settle into their nightly shenanigans! **SR All Ages. Reservations Required \$5** ★

NATURE PAINTING WITH ADRI PAINT STUDIO

Friday, November 15, 6 to 8 PM

Join us in our nature center for a unique event of nature, inspiration and fun with Adri Paint Studio; includes 11x14 artwork, instruction and refreshments. **GW Ages 10 & Up. Registration Required \$40** ★

WINTER SEED SOWING BASICS

Saturday, November 16, 10 AM to 12 PM

Join us as Dolly Foster, local native plant expert, goes over the basics of this easy and fun way to start your native plant gardens for the upcoming year. **GW Ages 10 & Up. FREE** ▲

NAME THAT TUNE

Wednesday, November 20, 9:30 to 11 AM

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CREATURE CHATS

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STORY ADVENTURES

Thursday, November 21, 12 to 12:30 PM

Stop in for a stellar Storytime! Thanks for sharing your stories (and storytellers!), Lake County Public Library! **BB included with Admission**

NATURE PLAYDATE

Friday, November 22, 10 to 11 AM

Discover the natural wonders of the Lake County Parks during a monthly play date. We will meet at a different park each month to see what nature has in store to explore. **DR Ages 2 to 6 with Caregiver. FREE**

HOMESCHOOL WANDERING WILD WONDERS

November 22, 1 to 2:15 PM

Nature has so many things to explore and teach us! As we wander through the county, visiting a new park each month, we will see what wild wonders we can unearth. Please prepare for the weather and wear clothes you do not mind getting dirty; snack & supplies included. **DR Ages 10 & Under. Registration Required \$5** ★

OWL PROWL

Friday, November 22, 5 to 6:15 PM

Join us for a special evening venture as we take a hike as the night forest animals awaken. **DR Ages 5 & Up. Registration Required \$2** ★

GIBSON WOODS NATURE JOURNAL CLUB

Sunday, November 24, 10 to 11:30 AM

Improve your memory, find serenity and peace, and have a new skill in your life toolbox- no experience necessary. Outdoors (weather dependent-indoor area available.) Bring a notebook/paper, pen, pencil, lawn chair, and come out and nature journal. **GW Ages 10 & Up FREE**

WILD WEDNESDAYS WITH HUMANE INDIANA

Wednesday, November 27, 12 to 12:30 PM

Rehabilitated local animal friends (and their fantastic human ambassadors!) visit with the families at Bellaboo's. Kids get to see, learn, and sometimes even touch a variety of animals and enjoy each of their unique stories. Bird releases and other adventures abound, each week month is something new just for you! **BB included with Admission**



Humane Indiana
Wildlife

#OPTOUTSIDE: TURKEY TALES AND TRAILS

Friday, November 29, 11 AM to 12:30 PM

What better way to work off some of those Thanksgiving calories than with a hike while searching for and learning about wild turkeys? It will be a goblin' good time. **GW All Ages FREE** ▲

#OPTOUTSIDE: ALMOST NEW MOON CAMPFIRE AND OWL PROWL

Friday, November 29, 4:30 - 6:15 PM

Enjoy the dark skies around a campfire and in search for owls as we unplug from the hustle and bustle & #optoutside. **SR All Ages. Registration Required. \$5** ★



HOLIDAY STEAL DEALS!

Friday, November 29

The BEST deal the "Boo" has to offer. Available online, in-person or over the phone! Pay \$40 and get \$50! Starts the Friday after Thanksgiving through a limited time! **BB** ★

OWL PROWL

Saturday, November 30, 5 to 6 PM

Join us for a special evening venture as we take a hike as the night forest animals awaken. **GW Ages 3 & Up. Registration Required \$2** ★

DECEMBER

MINDFUL WALK

Sunday, December 1, 10 to 11 AM

This will be a day to connect with nature. Guided by a naturalist, take time to utilize your senses such as sight, sound and touch, enjoying the moment to just be. **GW Ages 18 & Up. FREE** ▲



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Wednesday, December 4, 9:30 to 11 AM
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HOMESCHOOL MAKERS LAB

Friday, December 6, 10-11:15 AM ONLY
Build, craft, make and take alongside other homeschool families...or anyone else who has the day free and would like to join! Make classic contraptions together and new friends. **DR Ages 3 to 10, Registration Required \$5** ★

TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS...AT THE MILL

Friday, December 6. Select Evening Times
"Twas the Night Before Christmas at the Mill" transforms a Deep River into a festive Christmas experience. Stroll through cobblestone streets alive with carols and the aroma of roasting chestnuts. Meet Santa, enjoy performance bits of the classic tale, and immerse yourself in the magic of the season with twinkling lights and warm treats. Plan for a charming celebration where holiday traditions come to life within the beauty of the park. **DR All Ages. Registration Required** ★



SKATE THE SOUNDTRACK

Friday, December 6, 4 to 8 PM
Our season opener is **HOME ALONE!** Guests are welcome to dress up and coordinate with the theme. Pizza, hot cocoa and more available for purchase to help keep you warm! **DRWP All Ages. included with Admission**

CHRISTMAS AT THE MILL

Saturday & Sunday, December 7 & 8 from 10 AM to 4 PM
The Mill will be decorated. Chestnuts will be roasting on an open fire. The general store will be open donning locally made or sourced treats, goods, Deep River memorabilia and more! Come thirsty, hot drinks will be available! **DR All Ages FREE**

SANTA SATURDAYS

Saturday, December 7, 12 to 3 PM
Santa's back! The sweetest Santa along the South Shore is available on Saturdays in December for DIY photos at noon. Enjoy Storytime with Santa before he leaves at 3, too. Letters to Santa, Holiday Crafts, Goodies and bonus holiday fun all December long! **BB included with Admission**

CHRISTMAS ON THE FARM

Saturday, December 7, 12-3 PM
Buckley Homestead is joining Lowell Winterfest! Come meet Mrs. Claus and see what she's doing around the homestead to get ready for the holidays! **BH All Ages FREE**

WILDLIFE HOLIDAY

Saturday, December 7, 2 to 3 PM
Many animals stick around for our cold Northwest Indiana winters. Stop in to see some of them at the feeder station and make some edible ornaments for them to enjoy. **GW All Ages. FREE** ▲

I SPY YOUNG NATURALISTS

Monday, December 9, 9:30 to 11:30 AM
Foster that natural curiosity in your little one by venturing outdoors to 'spy' what's happening at Gibson Woods Nature Preserve. Each session will include story, craft, snack and plenty of outdoor exploration. **GW Ages 3 to 6 with Caregiver. Registration Required \$5** ★

SKATE THE SOUNDTRACK

Join us for an evening of fun and music as you skate along to some of your favorite movie soundtracks! These themed skate nights include music and skating...but guests are welcome to dress up and coordinate with the theme!

December 6 **HOME ALONE & FAMILY FAVS**

December 13 **NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS (& OTHER TIM BURTON HITS)**

December 20 **ELF! + HOLIDAY HITS**

December 27 **SWIFTIES ON SKATES**

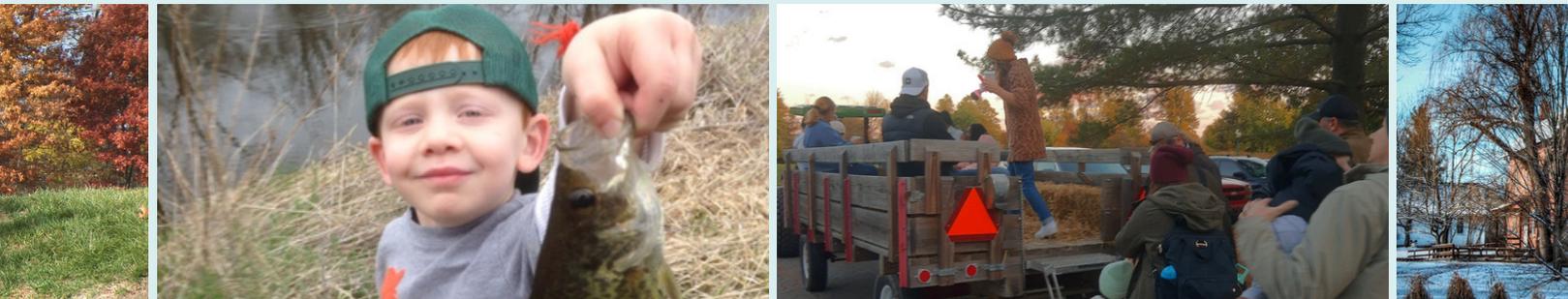
DEEP RIVER WATERPARK

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Wednesday, December 11, 9:30 to 11 AM
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ENVIROMOBILE

Wednesday, December, 11 AM - 12 PM
Lake County Solid Waste Management visits with their interactive Enviromobile for all to enjoy. Reduce, re-use, recycle, re-invent, and let imaginations run wild! **BB Included with Admission**



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Thursday, December 12, 6:15 PM

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SUNSHINE SESSIONS
Friday, December 13, 9 AM

Play Pass Holders are invited to join us for 1 hour of bonus play before the facility opens to the general public. **BB FREE for Play Pass Holders**

HOMESCHOOL FRI-YAY! CANDY CANE SCIENCE
Friday, December 13, 9 AM then Stay & Play!

Bellaboo's educational and social experience is designed for Homeschoolers ages 3-9. Interactive Learning, Children's Cooking & a Guided Mini-Naturalist Program to match each changing theme. Added-value learning is always available through art projects, play stations, building projects, and more. **BB Registration Required \$ ★**

SKATE THE SOUNDTRACK - TIM BURTON TUNES

Friday, December 13, 4 to 8 PM
Don your holiday spooky attire for this nightmare of a skate! Guests are welcome to dress up and coordinate with the theme. Concessions available for purchase to help keep you warm! Every Friday of the season features a new soundtrack! **DRWP All Ages. included with Admission**

SANTA SATURDAYS
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FOLLOW THE FARMER
Sunday, December 15, 9:30 AM
Checking on the farm doesn't stop when the weather is cold, hot or anywhere in-between! Our farmer is happy to take you with as he makes his rounds checking on the animals and taking a lap (or more!) around the homestead. A perfect way to stay active and enjoy some kind company this season. **BH All Ages FREE**

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Wednesday, December 18, 9:30 to 11 AM
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CREATURE CHATS
Wednesday, December 18, 12 to 12:30 PM
An educator from Gibson Woods Nature Preserve packs up her traveling bag of animal wonders for the kids to see, touch and learn about. **BB Ages 10 & Under. included with Admission**

STORY ADVENTURES
Thursday, December 19, 12 to 12:30 PM
Stop in for a stellar Storytime! Thanks for sharing your stories (and storytellers!), Lake County Public Library! **BB included with Admission**

SKATE THE SOUNDTRACK - ELF
Friday, December 20, 4 to 8 PM
Now's the time to bust out that Elf onsie in your closet and wear it to the rink! Guests are welcome to dress up and coordinate with the theme. Pizza, hot cocoa and more available for purchase to help keep you warm! Every Friday of the season features a new soundtrack! **DRWP All Ages. included with Admission**

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WINTER SOLSTICE SUNSET CAMPFIRE AND HIKE
Saturday, December 21, 3:30 to 5 PM
Enjoy the shortest day of the year and the start of calendar winter with a guided hike, followed by a campfire (with snacks) at Oak Ridge Prairie. Please dress for the weather. **ORP Ages 3 & Up. Registration Required \$5 ★**

COOKIE BURNER HIKE
Friday, December 27, 10:30 to Noon
Burn off those holiday calories with a hike around the trails at Lemon Lake. Please dress for the weather. **LL Ages 8 & Up FREE ▲**

STORY ADVENTURES
Friday, December 27, 12 to 12:30 PM
Stop in for a stellar Storytime! Thanks for sharing your stories (and storytellers!), Crown Point Library! **BB included with Admission**

SKATE THE SOUNDTRACK: SWIFTIES ON SKATES
Friday, December 27, 4 to 8 PM
Only Taylor Tunes - All. Night. Long! Guests are welcome to dress up and coordinate with the theme. Pizza, hot cocoa and more available for purchase to help keep you warm! Every Friday of the season features a new soundtrack! **DRWP All Ages. included with Admission**

Bellaboo's **SANTA SATURDAYS**
DECEMBER 7, 14, + 21
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BELLABRATION

Tuesday, December 31, 10 AM to 3 PM
Ring in the New Year at NOON! This afternoon New Year's Eve Party is designed to check all the New Year's Eve boxes, kid-style! You don't want to miss the "Big Balloon Drop" at noon! Time-capsules, toasts & fun galore. Who could ask for more! **BB \$ ★**

GLOW SKATE - A NEW YEAR'S EVE BASH

Tuesday, December 31, 5 to 9 PM
Get ready to rock your best glow gear for the New Year's Eve Bash! We've got the ultimate NYE playlist lined up for an epic 7 PM Neon Toast. All ages welcome. Don't miss it! **DRWP All Ages \$5**



FIRST DAY HOT COCOA HIKE

Wednesday, January 1, 3:30 to 5 PM
Begin the new year with a hike around Gibson Woods to enjoy the first sunset of 2025 and then warm up with some hot cocoa afterwards. Please dress for the weather. **★ GW Ages 3 & Up Register \$5**



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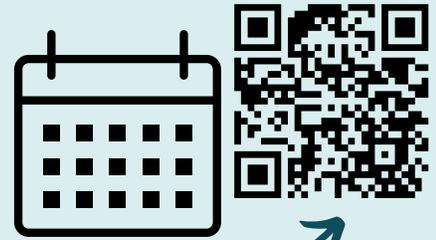
SAVE THE DATE

Unification Celebration - January 20
at Bellaboo's

Belaboo's Rockstar Recess - February 17
at Bellaboo's

Maple Syrup Time - March 8 & 9 and 15 & 16
at Deep River County Park

Find Flopsy - April 18
at Buckley Homestead



Check LakeCountyParks.com/Calendar for more details on all programs & events!



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Bellaboo's: 2 to 8yrs

Peter Peter Pumpking Eater

This special Autumn program was designed to get your students jumping into fall! Move and groove your way through our imaginary pumpkin patch & practice sequencing skills as you find fall fun 'round every corner!

Silly Snow Science

It's a winter wonderland! Experience first-hand how ice reacts to various temperature changes in our "science lab".

Buckley Homestead: 5 to 11 yrs

Buckley Homestead Farm Tours

Come tour a beautifully preserved historical working farm, gaining insights into the transformative impact of agriculture, industry, and transportation on our Hoosier state.

Deep River: 8 to 13 yrs

The Marvel of MAPLE SYRUP

Unravel nature's sweet mystery and learn all about pure maple syrup production. *Book now, enjoy later!

Mill Tour

We will guide you through the fascinating history of Deep River & Wood's Historic Grist Mill and learn their place in NWI History.

Gibson Woods: all ages

Into the Woods

Happy to lead you on a hike to explore nature at our very own State Dedicated Nature Preserve.

Nature Scene Investigation

Join us to explore the ecological makeup of the area, awakening your senses to the unique beauty and adaptations of nature throughout the seasons!

Almost All About BIRDS!

We'll guide a birding excursion then return to our Bird Room for more serene observations.

Wonders of Wetlands

Through water quality testing and macroinvertebrate sampling, discover the true wonders of aquatic biodiversity.

GET OUT
GO PLAY
EXPLORE

MORE OPTIONS!

*Sometimes, the best adventures are the ones you design yourself! If you haven't found the perfect trip for your group, fear not! We offer Custom Guided Experiences at some of the most scenic locations, including **Grand Kankakee Marsh, Lake Etta, Lemon Lake, Oak Ridge Prairie, Stoney Run, or Three Rivers**. Our customized programs cover a variety of topics, aiming for a perfect fit for your group's interests and educational goals.*



HOME-SCHOOL

Bellaboos

Homeschool Fri-YAY!

Designed around a fun theme, this unique experience combines interactive learning, children's cooking, and a guided Wild Wonders program led by a nature expert. Join us for a journey where curiosity meets creativity!

Buckley Homestead

Homesteading Homeschool

Immerse yourself in a lifestyle rich in tradition, where the timeless practices of animal care, farm chores, food preservation, and more are shared and passed along as they were meant to be.

Deep River

Makers Lab

Dive into the world of STEM as we build, craft, make, and take on exciting projects alongside other homeschool families from the area. Advance registration required, thanks!

All Parks!

Wandering Wild Wonders

Visit a new park each month & see what wild wonders we can unearth! Please prepare for the weather and wear clothes you do not mind getting dirty!

PARKS TO YOU

Can't get out of the classroom as much as you'd like? We're happy to come to you instead. We'll bring a selection of interactive activities and hands-on materials for kids to see, learn, touch, and experience elements of our parks and nature right from their desk.



SERVICE HOURS

Make a positive impact on the environment and community by participating in projects that support our parks and educational initiatives. Experience the satisfaction of contributing to the well-being of our community while learning valuable skills and gaining hands-on experience.

Reach out to Kara at karam@lakecountyparks.com to discuss your community service needs and get your curious and helpful kids started on a fulfilling volunteer experience.



Gibson Woods Nature Preserve



Lake Etta County Park



Oak Ridge Prairie



Cedar Creek Family Golf Course



Lemon Lake County Park



Buckley Homestead County Park



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Three Rivers County Park



Bellaboo's Play & Discovery Center



Turkey Creek Golf Course



Deep River County Park

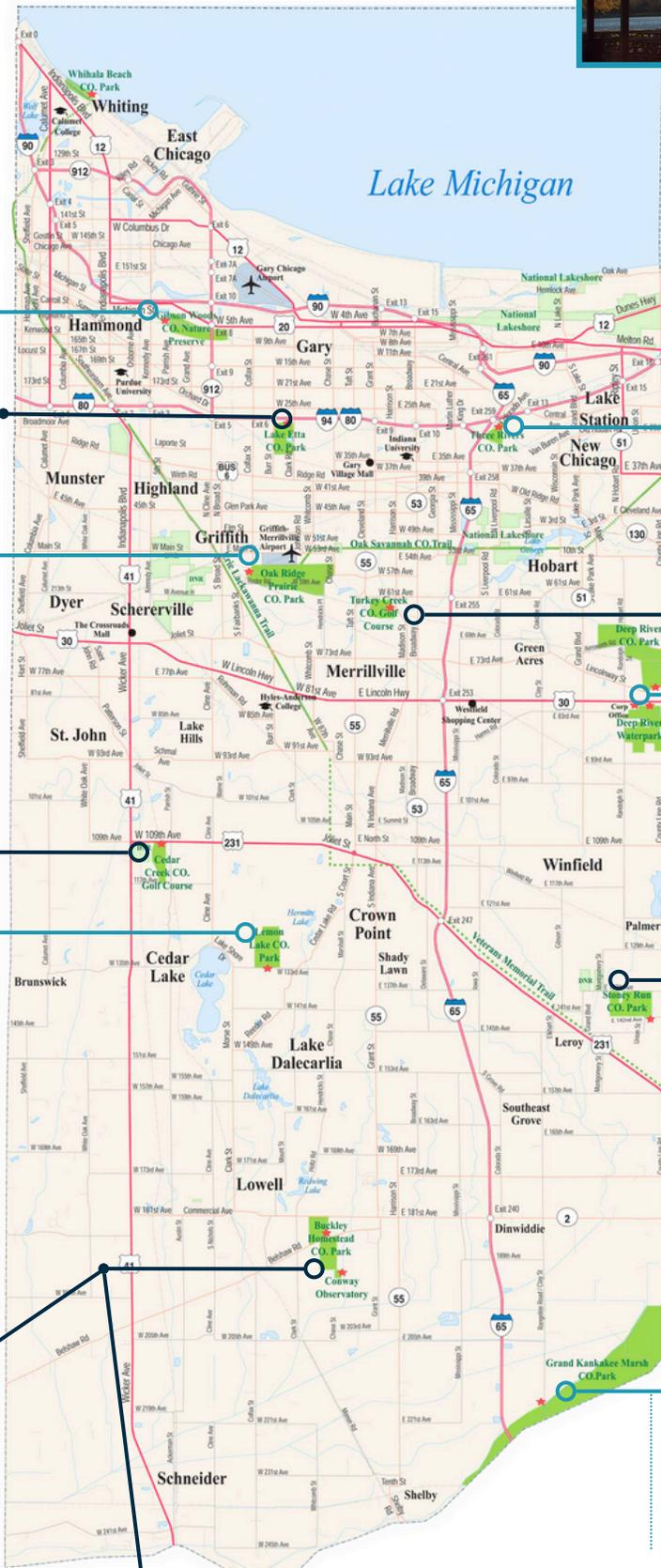


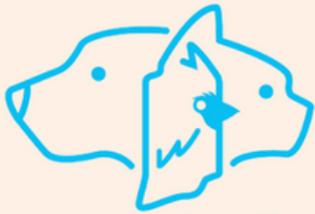
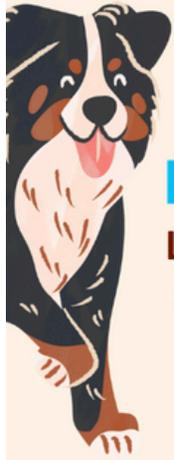
Deep River Waterpark

Stoney Run County Park



Grand Kankakee Marsh





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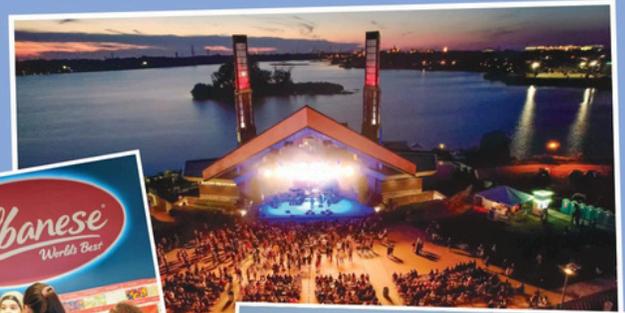
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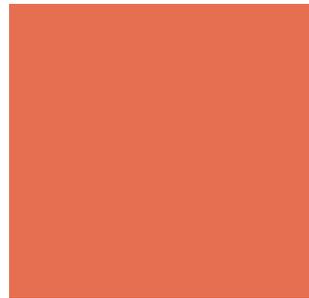
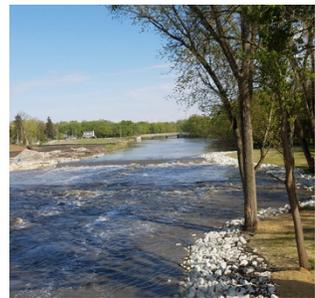
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