



# Thirteen Lines

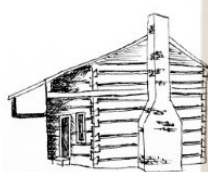
News and Notes from the LaGrange County Department of Parks and Recreation

Summer 2023

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### By Gone Days June 12 - June 16

By Gone Days meets daily at David Rogers Memorial Park. Outdoor games & activities are shared at the historic log house village. Finish the week with a traditional Campfire Cook Out. For grades 1-6. Meets daily 9:00-3:00. Led by Park Naturalist. **\$50**



### Adventure Bound June 26-June 30

Adventure Bound is for youth grades 6-9. Special activities may include, ropes courses, canoeing the Pigeon River, swimming, and more. Adventure Bound meets at Dallas Park daily 9:00-3:00. **\$75**



### Nature Bound

June 19-23 or July 24-28

Have fun outside! Nature games, environmental education, outdoor skills, and hands-on activities are all part of Nature Bound. Two sessions of Nature Bound to choose from. Meets at Dallas Lake Park. Enjoy swimming, hiking, games, and crafts. For grades 1-6. Meets daily 9:00-3:00. Led by Park Naturalist. **\$50**



### Conservation Camp July 17-July 21

In cooperation with LCYC and Indiana DNR. For youth ages 12-15. Fishing, Archery & Shooting, Hunter ED, and more! Conservation Camp meets at Pine Knob Park daily 9:00-2:00. **Free**



**Call the Park Office to register: 260-854-2225**

Office Hours: Mon-Fri 8 am-noon & 12:30-3:30 pm

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LaGrange County Offices Closed:

May 29; July 3 and 4

Indiana Free Fishing Days:

May 7; June 3 and 4

Dallas Lake Park Fitness Trail

Opening May 6

Summer Swim Lesson Schedule is still in the works! Check our website and social media often for announcements!

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# Delt Church Youth Event



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## LaGrange County Connecting with Youth

For youth 6th -12th grades

**SATURDAY JUNE 17, 2023**

**10 AM - 2 PM**

**DELT CHURCH PARK**

**6455 S 200 W Wolcottville**

**ALL FREE!**

- ▶ Activities & Games
- ▶ Food (lunch & snacks)
- ▶ Doorprizes

Forging positive relations between our youth and local law enforcement & community partners.

Programs and/or services presented by:

- LaGrange County Youth Center
- LaGrange County Department of Parks & Rec.
- JDAI
- LaGrange Sheriff & Police Depts.
- Prosecutor & Probation Officers
- Indiana State Police & State Excise Officers
- Conservation Officers
- LaGrange County Park Police
- EMS
- Purdue University - Extension Office
- Boy Scouts
- United Way
- Shipshewana Police
- Topeka Police
- Wolcottville Police
- Local Fire Departments
- Bowen Center
- Parkview Hospital
- LaGrange Kappa Sig
- Reason for Hope
- And More!!



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# Every Park, Every Trail



## Every Park Every Trail Fitness Walking Club 2023

**MAY 6**

**Dallas Lake Park**

0505 W 700 S  
Wolcottville, IN

9am - Office Trailhead

**JUNE 3**

**Delt Church Park**

6455 S 200 W  
Wolcottville, IN

9am - East River Pavilion

**JULY 8**

**Mike Metz Fen**

2825 E SR 120  
Howe, IN

9am - Pine Knob Clubhouse

**AUGUST 5**

**Mike Metz Fen**

2825 E SR 120  
Howe, IN

9am - Pine Knob Clubhouse

**SEPTEMBER 2**

**Dallas Lake Park**

0505 W 700 S  
Wolcottville, IN

9am - Office Trailhead

**OCTOBER 7**

**Maple Wood  
Nature Center**

4550 E 100 S  
LaGrange, IN

9am - Nature Center

**NOVEMBER 4**

**Pine Knob Park**

2825 E SR 120  
Howe, IN

9am - Pine Knob

### FREE TO PARTICIPATE!

- Bring friends, meet new friends, or go solo.
- Walk at your own pace.
- Each trail is approximately 2 miles. Do your best!
- Dress for the weather.
- Bring water / water bottle!
- If needed: bring insect repellent, sunscreen, hat, sunglasses, hiking stick, etc.

### HEALTH BENEFITS!

1. Boosts heart health, mood, & immunity
2. Better strength
3. Sleep better
4. Group support & friendly encouragement
5. Overall better physical & mental health

### FUN REWARD!

A Park Naturalist will be present at the trailhead at 9 am to record participation & answer questions. You must walk at least once at each of the five trails (2 repeat) to receive a participation reward. The rewards will be handed out at the last walk to those who qualify.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: 260-854-2225 [parks@lagrangecounty.org](mailto:parks@lagrangecounty.org)



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Website: [www.lagrangecountyparks.org](http://www.lagrangecountyparks.org)

Trail maps may be found at the trailhead, on our website, or on the AllTrails App.



# Monthly at Maple Wood

## Make - n - Take Crafts

***Second Saturdays, Come at 10:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m.***

***Maple Wood Nature Center - Free!***

May 13: Global Big Day Bird Count! Make an "Owl Always Love You!" Mother's Day Owl Handprint Card. Made with construction paper, markers, and googly eyes.

June 10: Nature Center Scavenger Hunt! Prizes awarded!

July 8: Nature Center Scavenger Hunt! Prizes awarded! (This hunt will be different from June.)

## Sewing Group

***Fourth Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.***

What is a UFO? If you answered an un-finished object...this is the perfect sewing group for you!

Open to anyone! Bring your sewing machine. Get help and direction with a project, share ideas with others, and make new friends. Please bring a sack lunch and munchie to share. Please bring a \$5.00 donation for LaGrange County Parks. RSVP to Linda Grobis 260-351-3609

## Folk Jams

***Fourth Sundays, 1:30 - 5:00 p.m.***

Jams are mostly folk, country, and bluegrass music, with other styles occasionally added. Bring a snack to share if you like. For more information contact Erv Troyer, at 463-2247, or reo43@aol.com

**May 28**

**June 25**

**July 23**

# Summer Programs



## Quilt Class

**Saturday, May 20**

**9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Maple Wood Nature Center**

May Pattern: Christian Cross aka Album Block Quilt

This pattern can be scrappy or made with just a couple of colors. It is a fun quilt to make! Registration is required. Instructions are provided upon registration. To register, call the Park Office, 260-854-2225. Fee is \$25 (\$5 is given back to Parks). For more information, contact Julia Wolheter, 260-367-1449 or Ira Johnson, 260-367-1438. Please bring a sack lunch and/or potluck contribution. There will be no June or July quilt class.



## Patchwork Trails

**All walks start at 6:00 p.m.**

Tuesday, May 16: Lonidaw ACRES Preserve, 987 N. Allen Chapel Road, Kendallville, IN

Tuesday, June 20: Krider World's Fair Garden Park, 302 Bristol Ave., Middlebury, IN

Tuesday, July 18: David Rogers Park, 2355 W 550 S, Wolcottville, IN

No fees or registration are required; just meet us at the designated starting point. This walking program is a partnership between LaGrange County Public Library and LaGrange County Parks and Recreation. Each walking location was chosen for low-impact, easy trails. Patchwork Trails is designed to combine exercise with education, good company, and good fun. To learn more, contact Public Library Adult Services at 260-463-2841.

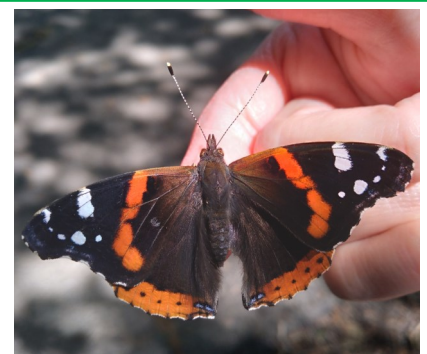


**Patchwork Trails**

## East LaGrange County Butterfly Count

**Saturday, July 22**

Do you live in LaGrange County east of SR 9, north of Big Long Lake, and west of SR 327? You live where we want to count butterflies! You can count anytime during the day, for a minimum of 30 minutes. You need to know how to identify the most common butterflies in our area or have the ability to take clear photos of the butterflies you see. To join the count, or for more information, contact Leslie Arnold at 260-854-2225 or [larnold@lagrangecounty.org](mailto:larnold@lagrangecounty.org). RSVP required by July 14, to receive free butterfly ID handouts and count paperwork.



Red Admiral, Credit: Leslie Arnold



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Park Hours: 8:00am—Sunset

Park Office Hours: Monday-Friday

8:00am-Noon, 12:30-3:30pm

[Like us on Facebook!](#)

### Maple Wood Nature Center

4550 E 100 S, LaGrange, IN, 46761

(260) 463-4022 (Answering Machine)

#### Hours:

Wednesdays 8:00a—4:00p

2nd Saturdays 9:00a—5:00p

4th Sundays 1:00p—5:00p

To Receive *Thirteen Lines* Newsletter as an email, send us an email with “Thirteen Lines” in the subject. It is also available for download at [www.lagrangecountyparks.org](http://www.lagrangecountyparks.org).

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Park Ranger Randy asks all patrons to please practice “leave no trace” when visiting our parks and beaches, and to follow posted speed limit signs for our children’s safety. Let’s all work together to keep our parks clean and safe.

