



Thirteen Lines

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

Fall 2024

By forces seemingly antagonistic and destructive Nature accomplishes her beneficent designs - now a flood of fire, now a flood of ice, now a flood of water; and again in the fullness of time an outburst of organic life. -John Muir

I must confess that I am an adrenaline junky. I love the thrill of a roller coaster, climbing a rock wall, or body surfing in waves that might be a bit to tall for comfort. In my search for that dopamine surge I have found that the most joy I get is from the sights and activities that the power of the natural world provides. Riding the Top Thrill Dragster at Ceder Point is a rush for the two minutes you are belted in but it pales to the rush of standing on the edge of the Grand Canyon, or getting barrel rolled by the Pacific.

During my time in the military, I worked with a rocket system that delivered 200 pounds of explosive to a target hundreds of miles away. It was an awe inspiring sight to see. But compared to a single volcano eruption it was nothing. The Mt. Saint Helens eruption produced 24 megatons of thermal energy in a moment. In that instant 100 times the energy of the entire worlds nuclear arsenal was released.

Currently, part of the Svartsengi volcanic system is erupting in Iceland. I have the luck of having a brother who is on the island and he was able to get video (from a distance) of the lava as it exploded into the air. Closer to home we can see the results of natural forces that shaped our landscape. Our lakes formed by sheets of ice that were mind boggling in their size and scope, ancient seas that laid the limestone that bears the name(and weight) of our state.

We forget the power of the natural world around us as we go through our daily lives. The only time we notice it is when it causes the roads to drift over, or when a natural disaster strikes a little too close to home.

As our summer winds down lets take a deep breath of fresh air and stop to apriate the wonder and power of the world we live in before the cold and wind reminds us again of natures fury.

Daniel Schelinski

Naturalist

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LaGrange County Offices
Closed:

Sep. 2nd Labor Day

Oct. 14th Columbus Day

Fun Holidays:

Sep. 18th Air Force Birthday

Sep. 28th National Public
Lands Day

Oct. 9th Lief Erikson Day

Oct. 13th Navy Birthday

Oct.. 16th Boss Day





Maple Wood Programs

Quilt Classes: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

September 21 : Disappearing Pinwheel

The pinwheel doesn't entirely disappear but does take on a new life; this project can be done in multiple designs of your choice.

Photo shown: - reds, greens blues, yellows

October 26: Loop to Loop

A fun interlocking geometric design; it looks a lot harder than it is.

Photo shown - light blue and yellow



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).

Please join us for a light potluck lunch; bring a dish to pass and your own drink; table service is provided. There is an oven, microwave, and refrigerator. You may want to bring a pillow to sit on to be more comfortable.

For more information, contact instructors:
Julia Wolheter, 260-367-1449, or
Ira Johnson, 260-367-1438.

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



Breakfast with the Birds

Third Wednesdays

8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

September 18

October 16

Coffee, doughnuts, and casual nature conversation. For all ages.



Folk Jams

Fourth Sundays

1:30 - 5:00 p.m.

September 22

October 27

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

Walking and Running Events

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Every Park Every Trail Fitness Walking Club

MAY 4	JUNE 1	JULY 13	AUG. 3	SEPT. 7	OCT. 5	NOV. 2
Dallas Lake Park 0505 W 700 S Wolcottville, IN Office Trailhead	Delt Church Park 6455 S 200 W Wolcottville, IN East River Pavilion	Mike Metz Fen 2825 E SR 120 Howe, IN Pine Knob Clubhouse	Mike Metz Fen 2825 E SR 120 Howe, IN Pine Knob Clubhouse	Dallas Lake Park 0505 W 700 S Wolcottville, IN Office Trailhead	Maple Wood Nature Center 4550 E 100 S LaGrange, IN Nature Center	Pine Knob Park 2825 E SR 120 Howe, IN Pine Knob Clubhouse

All Walks begin at 9am at specified location. A Park Representative will be present for check-in.
Trail maps may be found at the trailhead, on our website, or on the AllTrails App.

FREE TO PARTICIPATE!

FUN REWARD!

HEALTH BENEFITS!



Saturday, September 28, 2024

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Dallas Lake Park

505 W 700 S, Wolcottville IN

Visual Arts & Crafts

Photography & Culinary Arts

Kids Corner & Live Music

daytonlocal.com



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Not so Spooky Trail

Maple Wood Nature Center
4550 E 100 S, LaGrange IN

October 18
5:00-7:30pm



A fall family program with little ones in mind.

- Wagon rides through the woods
- Pumpkin games
- Roasting marshmallows
- Face-painting
- Seasonal crafts
- Yummy snacks (donations appreciated)



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LaGrange County Connecting with Youth

Youth grades 6th -12th

RESCHEDULED!

ALL FREE!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
10 AM - 1 PM

DALLAS LAKE PARK
505 W 700 S Wolcottville

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

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

Programs and/or services presented by:

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



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In cooperation with
LaGrange County Department
of Parks & Recreation

Calendar



SEPTEMBER 2024

For more information: Check our Facebook Events or call the office at 260-854-2225



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Labor Day Park Offices are closed	3	4 National Wildlife Day	5	6	7 Every Park Every Trail Dallas Lake Park 9am
8 	9	10 	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Patchwork Trails Patchwork Trails Nature Walk Pine Knob 6pm	18 Breakfast with the Birds Maple Wood 8-10 am 	19 Park Board Meeting Maple Wood 7pm	20	21 Youth Event Dallas Lake Park 10am-1pm Quilt Class \$* Maple Wood Nature Center 9am-3pm
22 Folk Jam Maple Wood Nature Center 1:30 - 5pm	23	24	25 Sewing Group Maple Wood 9:30am - 3:30pm	26	27	28 Arts in the Park Dallas Lake Park 10-2
29	30				* = RSVP required	\$ = Registration Fee required

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OCTOBER 2024

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
EMOTIONAL WELLNESS MONTH						5 Maple Wood 9am Mindfulness Trail Ribbon Cutting and Every Park Every Trail
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Columbus Day Park Offices Closed	15	16 Breakfast with the Birds Maple Wood 8-10 am 	17 Park Board Meeting Maple Wood 7pm	18 Not so Spooky Trail Maple Wood 5-7:30 pm	19
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27 Folk Jam Maple Wood Nature Center 1:30 - 5pm				30	31 Happy Halloween!	* = RSVP required \$ = Registration Fee required

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Park Office Hours: Monday-Friday

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

Park Hours Labor Day—April 30:
8:00am—Sunset

Park Hours May 1—Labor
Day:8:00am– 9pm

Maple Wood Nature Center

4550 E 100 S, LaGrange, IN, 46761

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.lagrangeparks.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.

