



Thirteen Lines

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

Summer 2025

Summer Day Camps



ADVENTURE BOUND June 9-13 Grades 6-9 \$100

By Gone Days June 16-20 Grades 1-6 \$75

Nature Bound June 23-27, July 7-11, or July 14-18
Grades 1-6 \$75

WILDERNESS BOUND July 21-25 plus 2 prior prep days

- Free
- For youth entering grades 9 - 12 in fall of 2025
- Led by our Park Naturalist with additional assistance
- Will be a small group limited to 10 students



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

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

Free Swim Lessons!

Registration opens
May 5

- Dallas Lake Park
- For students ages 5 - 12
- For swim levels 1 - 4
- 10 classes over a two week session



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LaGrange County Offices
Closed:

May 26 Memorial Day

July 4 Independence Day

Fun Holidays:

May 5 Cinco De Mayo

May 11 Mothers Day

June 16 Fathers Day

June 20 Summer Solstice

July 12 Simplicity Day

July 29 Rain Day

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Maple Wood Programs

Spring Quilt Classes:

May 17 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

"Candyland"

With this pattern, you get to choose the primary block. It can be a pieced block, an appliqué, or some orphan blocks. For the pieced block, you can choose colors to coordinate.

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). Instructors will be present to assist with any of your project questions.

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 Wolhuter, 260-367-1449, or Ira Johnson, 260-463-1438



Sewing Group

Third Wednesday of each month 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

Breakfast with the Birds

Third Wednesday 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

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

May 21- Indiana Turtles

June 18- Invasive Species

July 16- Basics of Bird Watching



Events



Butterfly Monitoring Class

Thursday May 29 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Are you interested in being a part of the effort to assess the current state of butterfly populations in our area? Come learn how to conduct butterfly surveys according to a national protocol and how to enter this data into a national database. John Brittenham from Blue Heron Ministries will conduct the class, followed by a field training day on Saturday, May 31 at Pine Knob Park from 1:00-4:00.

Please register by May 23 for this free class.

Register and direct any questions to John at johnbrittenham@gmail.com



Indiana Free Fishing Day

Saturday June 7 7:30-11:30 a.m.

Take the family fishing for free on Saturday, June 7, 2025, from 7:30 – 11:30 a.m. at Pine Knob Park. Enjoy Indiana's free fishing weekend. Indiana residents do not need a fishing license or a trout/salmon stamp to fish the state's public waters on June 7-8. All other rules such as seasons, bag and size limits still apply.

Summer Solstice Work Day

Friday June 20 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Our work day on June 20 for the summer solstice will be at Duff Memorial Park. We will be working on invasive control for the property and trail maintenance. We will be there from 9:30 in the morning until 4:30 and all are welcome as you are able. Come spend a part of the longest day of the year with us!

Free Canoeing at Pine Knob Park

Friday June 27 and July 11 12:00– 5:00 p.m.

Come and Practice your Canoe Skills! June 27 and July 11 from 12:00 to 5:00 participants can borrow a canoe and life jackets for 30-minute time periods. Canoes will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. paddle Meteer Lake for free in a County Parks canoe! Children aged 15 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. This event will be canceled for high wind or storms.

Simplicity Day

Saturday July 12 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Henry David Thoreau's birthday is celebrated as Simplicity Day on July each year. We will take in the beauty of Pine Knob Park, learn about this author's, and naturalist, life and read some of his work to celebrate the day.

Meet at Pine Knob, at the pavilion, at 10:00 AM.

Walking and Running Events



20 Every Park Every Trail 25 Fitness Walking Club

All walks begin at 9 am at specified location.
A Park Representative will be present for check-in.
Find Trail maps: trailhead, website, AllTrails App.

May
3

Dallas Lake Park
505 W 700 S, Wolcottville

Office
Trailhead

June
7

Delt Church Park
6455 S 200 W, Wolcottville

East River
Pavilion

July
12

Mike Metz Fen
2825 E SR 120, Howe

Pine Knob
Clubhouse

Aug.
2

Mike Metz Fen
2825 E SR 120, Howe

Pine Knob
Clubhouse

Sept.
6

Dallas Lake Park
505 W 700 S, Wolcottville

Office
Trailhead

Oct.
4

Maple Wood Nature Center
4550 E 100 S, LaGrange

Trailhead

Nov.
1

Pine Knob Park
2825 E SR 120, Howe

Pine Knob
Clubhouse

FREE!
FUN REWARD!

Walk at your own pace. Each trail is approximately 2 miles. Dress for the weather. Bring water! If needed: bring insect repellent, sunscreen, hat, sunglasses, hiking stick, etc.

You must walk at least once at each of the five trails (2 repeat) to receive a reward. Rewards will be handed out at the last walk to those who qualify.



FOR MORE INFORMATION: 260-854-2225 parks@lagrangecounty.in.gov
@ lagrangecountyparks Website: www.lagrangecountyparks.org

Calendar



MAY 2025

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



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
* = Reservations are appreciated	\$ = Registration Fee is required	<div> Self Guided Spring Wildflower Walk Maple Wood Nature Center Will announce ending date on FB & website. </div>			1	2
4 Indiana Free Fishing Day	5	6	7	8	9	10 National Archery Day
11 Mother's Day!	12	13	14	15 Park Board Meeting Dallas Lodge 7pm	16	17 Quilt Class \$* Maple Wood 9am-3pm
18	19	20 Patchwork Trails Nature Walk @ Dallas Lake Park 6pm	21 Breakfast with the Birds Maple Wood 9-11 am Sewing Group Maple Wood 9:30am - 3:30pm	22	23	24
25 Folk Jam Maple Wood Nature Center 1:30 - 5pm	26 Memorial Day Park Offices Closed	27	28	29 Ascension Day Butterfly Monitoring Class Maple Wood 5:30-8:30 pm	30	31 Butterfly Monitoring Class Pine Knob 1 - 4 pm

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JUNE 2025



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	Great Outdoors Month!		3 National Running Day	4	5	6 Fitness Walking Club Delt Church Park at Trailhead 9am National Trails Day Indiana Free Fishing Day at Pine Knob Park 7:30-11:30am
7	8 Indiana Free Fishing Day	9	10	11	12	13
	Adventure Bound Summer Day Camp					14
	LCYC Conservation Day Camp at Pine Knob					
15 Father's Day	16	17 Patchwork Trails Nature Walk @ Gene Stratton Porter 6pm	18 Breakfast with the Birds Maple Wood 9-11 am Sewing Group Maple Wood 9:30am - 3:30pm	19 Park Board Meeting Maple Wood 7pm	20 Happy First Day of Summer! Summer Solstice Volunteer Day at Duff Memorial Park 9:30 am - 4:30 pm	21
	By Gone Days Summer Day Camp					
22 Folk Jam Maple Wood 1:30 - 5pm	23	24	25	26	27 Canoeing at Pine Knob Park 12 - 5 pm	28
	Nature Bound Summer Day Camp					
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JULY 2025



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
NATIONAL PARK & RECREATION MONTH		1	2	3	4 Independence Day Park Offices Closed	5 National Play Outside Day
6	7	8	9	10	11 Canoeing at Pine Knob Park 12 - 5 pm	12 Fitness Walking Club Mike Metz Fen at Pine Knob Trailhead 9am Simplicity Day / Henry David Thoreau's birthday and readings - Pine Knob 10-11:30
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	<div>Nature Bound Summer Day Camp</div> <div>LCYC Conservation Summer Day Camp at Pine Knob Park</div>					
20 National Ice Cream Day	21	22	23	24	25	26
Folk Jam 27 Maple Wood Nature Center 1:30 - 5pm	28	29	30	31	* = 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

\$5.00 Donations to offset the yearly cost of printed versions of 13 lines are requested

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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.

