



Thirteen Lines

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

Winter 2026



We want to express how grateful we are for our community, donors, volunteers, and park visitors for supporting our missions in 2025!

Our community is absolutely amazing!

We look forward to sharing 2026 with you, and we hope you will continue to enjoy all LaGrange County Parks have to offer.

The Park Dept Staff:

Mary, George, Chris, Emily, Eric, Jacob, Jim, Randy, Tim

A Peak Inside

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Park Office Is Closed On:

- Nov. 11 ... Veterans Day
- Nov. 27 & 28 ... Thanksgiving
- Dec. 25 & 26 ... Christmas
- Jan. 1 & 2 ... New Years
- Jan. 19 ... MLK Jr. Day

Fun Days:

- Nov. 2 ... Fall Time Change
- Nov. 17 ... Take a Hike Day
- Dec. 2 ... Giving Tuesday
- Dec. 21 ... Winter Solstice
- Jan. 5 ... National Bird Day
- Jan. 31 ... Hot Chocolate Day

From all of us at
LaGrange County Parks:
Happy Thanksgiving,
Merry Christmas, and
Happy New Year!

**LaGrange
County
Parks** 
and recreation



Programs & Events

Winter Quilt Classes

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

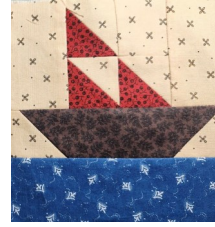
Maple Wood Nature Center 4550 E 100 S, LaGrange

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 your project questions.

November 22

UGRR Patterns: Bow Tie & Sailboat

Alternate Pattern: Tree Wall Hanging



December 6

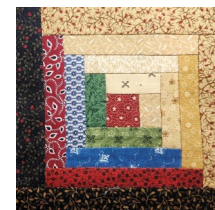
Catch up Day. No specific pattern this month!

Choose your own pattern, catch up on a previous project, or finish up Christmas gifts.

January 17

UGRR Patterns: North Star & Log Cabin

Alternate Pattern: Snowman



Join us for a light potluck lunch; bring a dish to pass and your own drink.

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

Be a Trail of Lights Sponsor!

Visit our website or contact the Parks Office to find out more details. Any amount helps us maintain and improve this community event each year.

Donations may be mailed to the Parks Office, or paid online at the following link: <https://pay.gov.us/EndUser/PaymentAgency.aspx?ttid=20116>

Or, scan the QR code to take you directly to the payment website. Be sure to enter "Trail of Lights Sponsor" in the purpose of payment box.



Please contact the Parks Office with any questions! 260-854-2225



BE A SPONSOR!

A wonderful opportunity for individuals, families, organizations, and businesses!

Cindy Lou \$50

Includes small name on sponsor board in Greenwood Pavilion and flyers

Elf \$100

Includes large name on sponsor board in Greenwood Pavilion and flyers

Rudolph \$250

Includes large name on sponsor board in Greenwood Pavilion and flyers, and mention on website and social media

Kris Kringle \$500

Includes large name/Logo on sponsor board in Greenwood Pavilion, flyers, website, & social media, and exterior yard sign with name and logo

George Bailey \$1000 or more

Includes larger name in color with Logo on sponsor board in Greenwood Pavilion, flyers, website, & social media, and exterior yard sign with name and logo

Deadline: Friday, November 21st

Make checks to "LaGrange County Parks" with Trail of Lights in the memo. Checks may be mailed to:

LaGrange County Parks
505 W 700 S, Wolcottville, IN 46795

Contact the Parks Office to sign up or for more information.

Call 260-854-2225 or Email
parks@lagrangecounty.in.gov

November



2025 Turkey Trot 5K Fun Run & Walk

Thursday, November 27

Delt Church Park 6455 S 200 W, Wolcottville

Hosted by Friends of LaGrange County Parks

8 am: Check-in and Walk-in Registration

8:30 am: Turkey Trot begins



Online registration now open on [EventBrite.com](https://www.EventBrite.com) or scan the QR code to the right.



May also sign up on day of event with exact cash.

Fee \$15 per participant.

This is not a timed event. Enjoy the scenery!

Fun awards and refreshments will be shared afterward in the Greenwood Pavilion.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
* = Registration Required	\$ = Fee is required	NATIONAL GRATITUDE MONTH				National Play ¹ Outside Day Every Park Every Trail Fitness Walk Pine Knob 9am
 ²	³	⁴	⁵	⁶	⁷	⁸
⁹	¹⁰	Veteran's Day ¹¹ Park Offices Closed National Indiana Day	¹²	¹³	¹⁴	¹⁵
¹⁶	National Take a Hike Day ¹⁷	¹⁸	¹⁹	Park Board Meeting ²⁰ Maple Wood 7pm	²¹	²² Quilt Class \$* Maple Wood Nature Center 9am-3pm
²³	²⁴	²⁵	²⁶	Turkey Trot \$* ²⁷ Delt Church Park 8am Thanksgiving Park Offices Closed 27 & 28	 ²⁸	²⁹
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December

2025 Trail of Lights - Christmas in the Country

Delt Church Park 6455 S 200 W, Wolcottville

5:30 - 8:30 pm on the following evenings:

December 4, 5, & 6

December 11, 12, & 13

December 18, 19, & 20

Enjoyment fee: Free-will Donation to help fund next year!

Bring your family & friends and walk the just over half mile wooded trail and enjoy the Christmas lit displays. Refreshments will be available in the Greenwood Pavilion beside the fireplace!

Sponsored in part by LaGrange County Convention & Visitors Bureau



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Check page 2, visit our website, or contact the Parks Office to find out more details.

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7	8	9	10	11 Trail of Lights - Delt Church Park	12 Trail of Lights - Delt Church Park	13 National Cocoa Day
14	15	16	17	18 Trail of Lights - Delt Church Park Park Board Meeting Maple Wood 7pm	19 Trail of Lights - Delt Church Park	20 Trail of Lights - Delt Church Park
21 Winter Solstice	22	23	24	25 Christmas Park Offices Closed 25 & 26	26 Christmas Park Offices Closed 25 & 26	27
28	29	30	31	New Year's Park Offices Closed Jan 1-2		

January 2026



First Day Hike: A Glow Walk Trail

Thursday, January 1, 2026 5:30– 7:00 p.m.

Delt Church Park 6455 S 200 W, Wolcottville

Be a part of the national movement of First Day Hikes and begin 2026 with a step towards good health. The glow walk trail will start at and end at the trail head.

We invite you to wear family-friendly glow in the dark clothes and accessories.

Dress for the elements! Free warm beverages in the Greenwood Pavilion for participants, while supplies last. RSVP's are encouraged! Call the Park Office at 260-854-2225, by Friday, December 26.

Spring 2026 Save the Dates

March 14 - Sap Run & Syrup Stroll

March 21 & 22 - Maple Syrup Days



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[http://](http://www.lagrangeparks.org)

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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

A \$5.00 Donation is requested, to offset the yearly cost of printed versions of the Thirteen Lines Newsletter.

To Receive *Thirteen Lines* Newsletter as an email, send us an email with "Thirteen Lines" in the subject line.

Thirteen Lines is also available for download at www.lagrangeparks.org

Follow us on Facebook!

Join our Email Community! Contact the park office to sign-up. 260-854-2225

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Our Park Rangers ask 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.

