



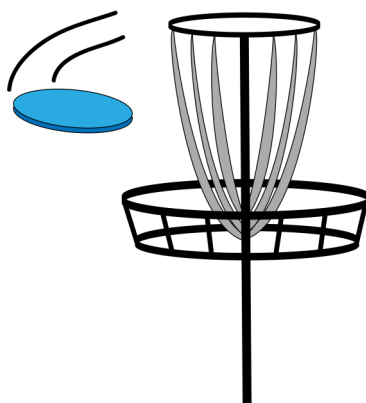
# Thirteen Lines

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

Summer 2022

Park Staff is pleased to announce several improvements to the Delt Church Disc Golf Course. We listened to community suggestions about the needs of the aging course, and have applied your feedback. Here is a list of new design elements and upgrades currently in the works:

- Relocating half of the holes
- Standardizing the appearance of the tees
- Upgrading course signs
- Placing marker flags above each basket for better navigation and identification
- Installing a shade sail at the location of the former Logan Field Pavilion
- Routing the beginning, middle point, and end of the course to the same location at the shade sail



The goal is to have all improvements complete mid-summer 2022. It is our hope the course revitalization will encourage new players and challenge veteran players. Park Staff would like to see the course become the location of future tournaments. We also hope people will discover the beauty and versatility of Delt Church Park while playing the course. Congrats to Chris Sluyter, of Park Maintenance, for being a great ambassador of this project.

Thank you to Disc Golf Improvement Sponsors:

Mark & Laura O'Shaugnessy  
Parkview LaGrange Hospital Community Health Improvement Grant  
Doug Bontrager  
Howe Lions Club  
Heart of Gold 2021 LCCF Grant - Laurie Couture's Choice

Donations are still needed. If you would like to contribute, please contact the Park Office at 260-854-2225.

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## LaGrange County Offices Closed:

May 3

May 30

July 4

## Indiana Free Fishing Days:

May 1

June 4-5

September 24





# Butterfly Counts



**Chain O' Lakes Count**  
**Tuesday, June 21**  
**12:00 - 3:00 p.m.**

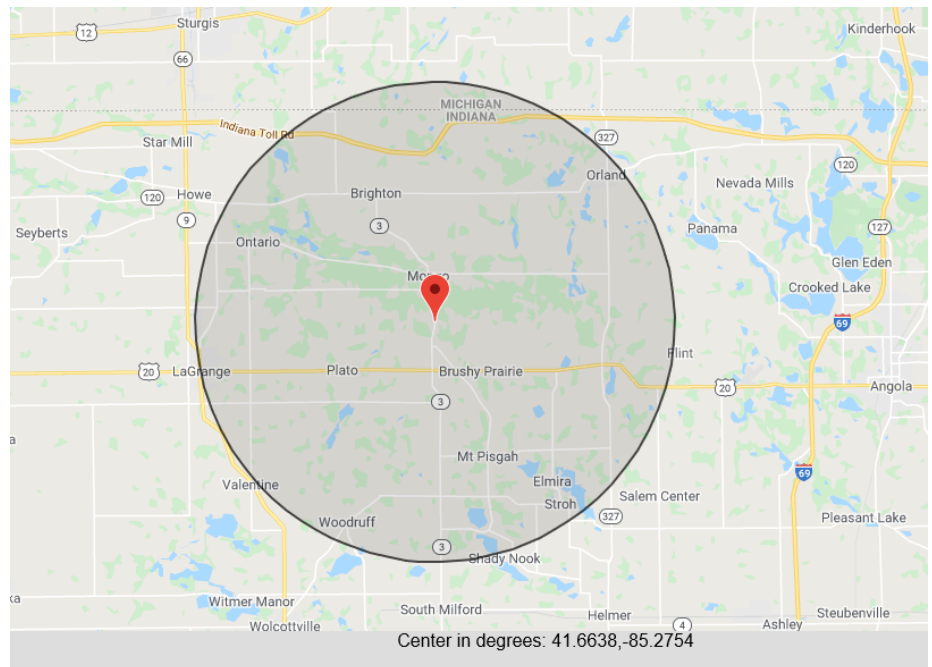
Our Naturalist is partnering with the staff of Chain O' Lakes State Park to count butterflies! Volunteers are needed. All volunteers will be given free admission for the day! We'll begin in the parking lot of the Stanley Schoolhouse. Hopefully we'll have enough people to divide into teams and count more areas of the park. This is a great opportunity to meet fellow butterfly lovers and enjoy a day in a beautiful park.

The rain date is Friday, June 24.  
Contact Leslie Arnold at 260-463-4022 or [larnold@lagrangecounty.org](mailto:larnold@lagrangecounty.org) to register.

## **East LaGrange County Count** **Saturday, July 23**

Volunteers needed to help count butterflies! Participants can count butterflies at any time during the day. If you live inside the count circle, you can stay in your own backyard. If you live outside of the circle, the Naturalist has some suggestions of hot spots to count. Help us contribute to a national database of butterflies!

It is helpful to know some butterflies, but not necessary. Upon registration, you will be given a packet of butterfly ID pictures to help you. Children are excellent at counting; this can be fun for the whole family. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Leslie Arnold at 260-463-4022 or [larnold@lagrangecounty.org](mailto:larnold@lagrangecounty.org).



# Children's Programs



## **Forest Readers: Rocks**

**Tuesday, May 17, 9:00-11:00 a.m.**

**Dallas Lake Park Office lawn**

Families will play nature games, read the story Everybody Needs a Rock, and make a pet rock to take home. We'll look at different kinds of rocks and compare their qualities. We'll also go on a short walk to the marsh to observe the plants and animals. This program is best suited for children aged 5-12, but everyone is welcome. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs, snacks, water bottles, sun screen and insect repellent. Space is limited. An adult must accompany children. RSVP to the Naturalist at 260-463-4022 or [larnold@lagrangecounty.org](mailto:larnold@lagrangecounty.org).

## **Ascension Day**

### **Animal Detective Games**

**Thursday, May 26, 12:30-2:00 p.m.**

**Delt Church Park Playground**

The Naturalist will be stationed near the playground with the furs and skulls of several different native Indiana animals. Try to match the skull to the animal and win a prize. Learn how the teeth of animals can tell you what they eat.

## **Forest Readers: Insects**

**Friday, June 3, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.**

**Dallas Lake Park Office lawn**

Families will play nature games, read the story Butterflies are Pretty...Gross, and go on a walk to look for insects. Nets and viewing containers will be provided. We will also practice a "living lasso" activity, where families look for tiny living beings in small spaces. This program is best suited for children aged 5-12, but everyone is welcome. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs, snacks, water bottles, sun screen and insect repellent. Space is limited. An adult must accompany children. RSVP to the Naturalist at 260-463-4022 or [larnold@lagrangecounty.org](mailto:larnold@lagrangecounty.org).



# 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 14: Butter in a Jar**

**June 11: Father's Day "Deer Dad" handprint gift**

**July 9: Ice Cream in a Bag**



## 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 22

June 26

July 24



# Programs



**Global Big Day**  
**Saturday, May 14**  
**9:30 - 11:30 a.m.**  
**Maple Wood Nature Center**

Help celebrate global May World Migratory Bird Day! The theme for 2022 is raising awareness of artificial light pollution and the threat to migratory birds. You can participate by switching off or dimming your outside lights during spring migration.



We will be counting the birds that come to the feeders at Maple Wood Nature Center to contribute to the global effort. This is a great opportunity to learn the names of common feeder birds. Come anytime and stay as long as you like.

**LaGrange County Public Library Homeschool Final Meeting and Picnic**  
**Friday, May 13**  
**10:30 a.m.**  
**David Rogers Park**

Homeschool families can unite for the final meeting of the school year. Come and play outdoor games with Naturalist Leslie Arnold. Stick around for a picnic lunch after the program. Please bring your own lunch and picnic supplies. All ages are welcome. Registration is required by May 4! RSVP to the Public Library at 260-463-2841. David Rogers Park is located at 2355 W 550 S, Wolcottville, IN, 46795.

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



## **May 21: Illusion or The Sunflower**

The Illusion Quilt can be adapted easily to use whatever the size of your blocks. It is a good one to use up leftover charms, layer cake squares, panel blocks, orphan blocks from other projects. You can also just use a focus fabric. With the additions of a "shadow" fabric and background fabric, it is quick to make.

The Sunflower wall hanging is a quick graphic project to have ready in time for summer décor. Sunflowers now come in many colors so you don't have to use just 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). For more information, contact instructors Julia Wolhuter, 260-367-1449, or Ira Johnson, 260-367-1438.



# Walking Events

**Tuesday, May 17, 6:00 p.m.**

**Patchwork Trails: Badger Barrens**

160 Lane 100, Lake Anne, Fremont, IN, 46737

Driving Directions: From Fremont, head East on SR 120, turn Left onto CR 925 E, turn Left onto Ln 100 Lake Anne, follow lane to parking lot. Hopefully we will have the right timing to see the Wild Blue Lupine blooms.



**Tuesday, June 21, 6:00 p.m.**

**Patchwork Trails: Delt Church Park**

6455 S 200 W, Wolcottville, IN, 46795

We will meet in the playground parking lot and walk through the prairies.



**Tuesday, July 19, 6:00 p.m.**

**Patchwork Trails: Pumpkinvine Trail**

Shipshevana, IN, 46565

The trailhead parking lot is at the corner of Depot St. and Talmadge St. near the baseball diamonds. For a Pumpkinvine Trail map, visit <https://pumpkinvine.org/the-trail/>



Patchwork Trails is a partner program with the LaGrange County Public Library. For more information about the walking series, contact the Library at 260-463-2841.



**July 16**

**Delt Church Park**

- 18 hole basket course
- Prizes will be awarded!

More information will be available soon online at the Friends of LaGrange County Parks Facebook page.



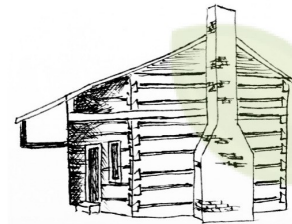


# Summer 2022

## By Gone Days June 20 - June 24

By Gone Days meets daily at David Rogers Memorial Park. Outdoor games and pioneer 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.

\$50



## Adventure Bound June 27-July 1

Adventure Bound is for youth grades 6-9. Special activities may include challenge initiatives, ropes courses, canoeing the Pigeon River, swimming, and more.

Adventure Bound meets in various locations, daily 9:00-3:00. Schedule provided prior to camp.

\$75



## Nature Bound

July 11-15, July 18-22, July 25-29

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

\$50



**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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Park Hours: 8:00am—Sunset

Park Office Hours: Monday-Friday

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

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## Maple Wood Nature Center

4550 E 100 S, LaGrange, IN, 46761

(260) 463-4022

Hours:

Wednesdays 8:00a—4:00p

2nd Saturdays 9:00a—5:00p

4th Sundays 1:00p—5:00p

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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.

