

## Outdoor Adventure Festival 2021

Event Name	Date	Time	Starting Location	Description
<b>Friday, September 10</b>				
<b>Self-led Hike - Trail 8 (3 Dunes Challenge) State Park</b>	Friday 9/10/21	All Day	Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center 1600 N 25 E Chesterton, IN 46304 41.659393, -87.050071 (Decimal Degrees)	Trail 8 is a classic hike and showcases the three of the tallest dunes in the region, passing through hardwood forest to the lakefront itself. The challenging climbs are made easier by the shaded trails along the way. This is a self-led hike and can be done at any time. After completing the hike, go to the state park Nature Center or the Indiana Dunes Visitor center for a free sticker!  Notes: 1. You must pay the state park's daily per car entrance fee of \$7 in-state / \$12 out-of-state. 2. This event starts at the Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center located at the northern terminus of State Road 49 in Chesterton.
<b>Self-led Hike - Trail 9 State Park</b>	Friday 9/10/21	All Day	Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center 1600 N 25 E Chesterton, IN 46304 41.659393, -87.050071 (Decimal Degrees)	Trail 9 is renowned for its stunning views atop Beach House Blowout. Many consider this trail the finest hike in the Indiana Dunes. This moderate hike first travels through a mature forest ecosystem, and then climbing to a foredune overlooking Lake Michigan. The total hike time is 2 hours and the distance is 3.6 miles. This is a self-led hike and can be done at any time.  Notes: 1. You must pay the state park's daily per car entrance fee of \$7 in-state / \$12 out-of-state. 2. This event starts at the Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center located at the northern terminus of State Road 49 in Chesterton.
<b>Boat Tour - Lake Michigan</b>	Friday 9/10/21	10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Michigan City Millennium Plaza 1 Washington Street Michigan City, IN 46360 (near the yacht club) 41.722563, -86.906766 (Decimal Degrees)	Join a national park ranger for a guided 90-minute boat tour on Lake Michigan with Harbor Country Adventures. This is an incredible way to see the Indiana Dunes from a new perspective. See Mount Baldy and the 1933 World's Fair homes from the water. There is an additional fee and reservations are required.  Please register with Harbor Country Adventures at: <a href="http://www.harborcountryadventures.com/classic-lake-tour-southwest-michigan/">http://www.harborcountryadventures.com/classic-lake-tour-southwest-michigan/</a> Book the Saturday, September 11 cruise that starts at 10:00 am.  Notes: 1. This event starts at Millennium Plaza next to the Michigan City Yacht Club in Michigan City. 2. You must register with Harbor Country Adventures using the above link and pay the tour fee.
<b>Fall in Love with Your Parks - Stoney Run Park</b>	Friday 9/10/21	1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Stoney Run County Park 9230 East 142nd Avenue Hebron, IN 46341 41.599688, -87.451444 (Decimal Degrees)	Lake County Parks are fantastic! Join a park naturalist this fall and learn to love them like we do. Please dress for the weather. PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED; please call 219-844-3188.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Stoney Run County Park located in Hebron, IN.
<b>Hike - Diana of the Dunes Dare West Beach</b>	Friday 9/10/21	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	West Beach Parking Lot 376 North County Line Road Gary, IN 46403 41.622934 -87.207747 (Decimal Degrees)	Join national park ranger Cookie Ferguson for a hike on the Dunes Succession trail at West Beach. Learn about Diana of the Dunes. This short one mile trail offers spectacular views of Lake Michigan and Chicago and features over 250 stairs along the way. The trail really shows off the uniqueness of the varied habitats of the Indiana Dunes.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the West Beach parking lot located off of County Line Road north of U.S. Highway 12 in Portage.

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<b>Beyond the Pond, Beyond the Trail Hike - Coffee Creek</b>	Friday 9/10/21	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Coffee Creek Watershed Preserve Amphitheater 2401 Village Point Chesterton, IN 46304 41.584992, -87.041243 (Decimal Degrees)	Join Coffee Creek Watershed Conservancy's Stewardship Manager, Matt Harmon, will take hikers on an exclusive, beyond the pond and beyond the trail, into areas of Coffee Creek experienced by very few. Hikers will walk through remnant forested areas that host a variety of unique flora and fauna. Experience Porter County like those who came before us, by following the deer trails and touching the same old growth beech trees that Native Americans and Colonists once saw. Be prepared to crouch through trees and underbrush while on this rustic 3+ mile hike.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Coffee Creek Amphitheater, located south of Sidewalk Road along State Road 49. 2. Dress appropriately including boots, long pants, and a long-sleeved shirt.
<b>Hike - Keith Richard Walner Nature Preserve</b>	Friday 9/10/21	3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Keith Richard Walner Nature Preserve Parking Lot West Taylor Street Chesterton, IN 46304 41.622152, -87.050383 (Decimal Degrees)	Join Eric Bird of the Shirley Heinze Land Trust for a hike at the awesome Keith Richard Walner Nature Preserve. The preserve features upland forest, steep ravines, and nearly a half-mile of frontage along the East Arm of the Little Calumet River. The floodplain forest includes oxbows from the river's original course. The riverside trail offers excellent opportunities for viewing migrating warblers, kingfishers, and more. Nearly 100 different species of birds have been spotted here. Beginners to birding are welcome, and we will have limited equipment available to borrow.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Keith Richard Walner Nature Preserve located on West Taylor Street in Chesterton.
<b>Feed the Animals - Chellberg Farm</b>	Friday 9/10/21	4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Chellberg Farm Barn 618 North Mineral Springs Road Porter, IN 46301 41.627099, -87.089162 (Decimal Degrees)	Assist in feeding the farm's cows, pigs, chickens, and turkeys!  Notes: 1. This event starts at the main Bailly / Chellberg parking lot located off of Mineral Springs Road between U.S. Highway 12 and U.S. Highway 20. 2. Please go directly to the hay barn to feed the animals.
<b>Photography - Sunset at Mount Baldy</b>	Friday 9/10/21	6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Mount Baldy Parking Lot 101 Rice Street (U.S. Highway 12) Michigan City, IN 46360 41.706852, -86.929907 (Decimal Degrees)	Join national park ranger and photographer Rafi Wilkinson for a hike to the top of Mount Baldy to photograph the sunset overlooking Lake Michigan and Chicago. Bring your camera and a tripod if you have one. Rafi will give tips on how to capture a compelling sunset photo. The total length of the hike is 1.5 miles. The hike does involve a steep climb in the sand up Mount Baldy.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Mount Baldy parking lot located on U.S. Highway 12 in Michigan City.
<b>Night Hike - Mount Baldy</b>	Friday 9/10/21	8:00 PM - 9:30 PM	Mount Baldy Parking Lot 101 Rice Street (U.S. Highway 12) Michigan City, IN 46360 41.706852, -86.929907 (Decimal Degrees)	For a unique experience, hike with national park ranger Rafi Wilkinson to the top of Mount Baldy in the dark to see this iconic dune from a totally new perspective. The total length of the hike is 1.5 miles. The hike does involve a steep climb in the sand up Mount Baldy.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Mount Baldy parking lot located on U.S. Highway 12 in Michigan City.
<b>Saturday, September 11</b>				

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<b>America's Race - Obstacle Course Race West Beach</b>	Saturday 9/11/21	All Day	West Beach Parking Lot 376 North County Line Road Gary, IN 46403 41.622934 -87.207747 (Decimal Degrees)	<p>The National Park Service is partnering with Leon's Triathlon and Team Rubicon Disaster Response to present the inaugural "America's Race" on September 11, 2021 at Indiana Dunes National Park's West Beach. This event is part of a national recognition of the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks and honors our military veterans and first responders.</p> <p>The 5K and 10K championship features obstacles representing numerous American conflicts. Race participants will fight their way through the forests of the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. Crawl through the trenches of WWI. Negotiate the obstacles at Normandy Beach. Go on patrol in Vietnam. Run up sand dunes in the Middle East and climb the stairs of the Twin Towers.</p> <p>Be prepared to low crawl, bear crawl, carry sandbags, drag dummies and negotiate numerous obstacles spread throughout the racecourse. There will be a water point approximately at the halfway point and snacks and refreshments will be provided close to the finish line. Opportunities for spectators will be shared later when this information is available. For more information on this race event, visit the race website at <a href="https://leonstriathlon.com">https://leonstriathlon.com</a>.</p>
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<b>Photography - Sunrise Great Marsh</b>	Saturday 9/11/21	5:30 AM - 7:00 AM	Great Marsh Gravel Parking Lot 500 South Broadway Beverly Shores, IN 46301 (North of Fire Department) 41.674825, -86.986607 (Decimal Degrees)	<p>Join national park ranger and photographer Rafi Wilkinson for an early morning hike at the Great Marsh to catch a sunrise. Bring your camera and tripod for tips on how to capture photos in the twilight of the morning. The total hike is less than a mile and completely flat.</p> <p>Notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This event starts at the Great Marsh Trail gravel parking lot on Broadway Avenue in Beverly Shores.</li> </ol>
<b>Birding Hike - Miller Woods</b>	Saturday 9/11/21	8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education 100 North Lake Street Gary, IN 46403 41.606466, -87.268527 (Decimal Degrees)	<p>Join Julie Bonnema, local birding expert from the Indiana Audubon Society, for a birding hike at the national park's awesome Miller Woods.</p> <p>Notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This event starts at the Paul H. Douglas Center located on Lake Street in Miller.</li> <li>2. Please bring binoculars if you have them.</li> </ol>

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<b>Nature Hike - Howes Prairie</b>	Saturday 9/11/21	9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Cowles Bog Trail North Parking Lot 1450 North Mineral Springs Road Dune Acres, IN 46304 (Just before guard shack) 41.645191, -87.084633 (Decimal Degrees)	Join Nathanael Pilla of Orbis Environmental Consulting for an insiders' tour of the amazing Howes Prairie and Lupine Lane, areas of the national park that have never been publicly toured. Nathanael, formerly of the National Park Service and Save The Dunes, is one of the foremost botanists of the region and can truly showcase the uniqueness of this area. The total trail length is approximately 3.0 miles and moderate in difficulty. Please wear long pants and hiking boots to be able to walk off trail.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the north Cowles Bog gravel parking lot on Mineral Springs Road, just south of the Dunes Acres guard shack.
<b>Nature and Birding Hike - Great Marsh</b>	Saturday 9/11/21	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Great Marsh Gravel Parking Lot 500 South Broadway Beverly Shores, IN 46301 (North of Fire Department) 41.674825, -86.986607 (Decimal Degrees)	Join national park ranger Cookie Ferguson for a nature hike in the Great Marsh. The marsh is teeming with life and a great place to get into nature.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Great Marsh Trail gravel parking lot located on Broadway Avenue in Beverly Shores. 2. Please bring binoculars if you have them.
<b>Geology Hike - Mount Baldy</b>	Saturday 9/11/21	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Mount Baldy Parking Lot 101 Rice Street (U.S. Highway 12) Michigan City, IN 46360 41.706852, -86.929907 (Decimal Degrees)	Join Erin Argyilan for an expert's behind-the-scenes tour of iconic Mount Baldy. Erin, a Professor with Indiana University Northwest, is one of the foremost geologists of the region and was a lead investigator of the causes of the mysterious holes in Mount Baldy. The total length of the hike is 1.5 miles. The hike does involve a steep climb in the sand up Mount Baldy.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Mount Baldy parking lot located on U.S. Highway 12 in Michigan City.
<b>Bike Ride West End National Park</b>	Saturday 9/11/21	9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education 100 North Lake Street Gary, IN 46403 41.606466, -87.268527 (Decimal Degrees)	Join a national park ranger for a bike ride around the west end of the national park. Begin at the Douglas Center and ride the Chanute and Marquette bike paths to see shoreline, oak savanna and wetland habitats. Bring your own bike and helmet. The path is relatively flat and only a short section of the ride will be on roadways.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Paul H. Douglas Center located on Lake Street in Miller.
<b>Kids Scavenger Hunt - Paul H. Douglas Center</b>	Saturday 9/11/21	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education 100 North Lake Street Gary, IN 46403 41.606466, -87.268527 (Decimal Degrees)	Bring your kids for a monarch butterfly-themed scavenger hike with a park ranger at the Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education. Kids will enjoy the outdoor beauty of the Nature Play Zone.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Paul H. Douglas Center located on Lake Street in Miller.
<b>Fur Trader Encampment - State Park</b>	Saturday 9/11/21	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Indiana Dunes State Park Pavilion 1600 N 25 E Chesterton, IN 46304 41.662136, -87.063413 (Decimal Degrees)	Indiana Dunes State Park invites guests to relive the area's fur-trading past during History Comes Alive Weekend. Members of the Ouatatonon Brigade, a re-enacting group, will land on the beach and set up camp near the beach pavilion. The brigade portrays the French-Canadian voyageurs of the 1700s in dress, food and lifestyle.  Notes: 1. You must pay the state park's daily per car entrance fee of \$7 in-state / \$12 out-of-state. 2. This event starts at the Indiana Dunes State Park Pavilion located at the northern terminus of State Road 49 in Chesterton.
<b>Geocaching - Indiana Dunes Visitor Center</b>	Saturday 9/11/21	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Indiana Dunes Visitor Center 1215 North Indiana State Road 49 Porter, IN 46304 41.633349, -87.053762 (Decimal Degrees)	A new cache will publish at 10 am at the Dorothy Buell Visitor Center on September 11. Be one of the first to find it. Meet with NWIndiana Geocacher Nancy Lakin at the entrance to the visitor center to learn about caching in the area. View the Top 10 geocaches as determined by favorite points awarded.

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<b>Beaver Trading Hike - State Park</b>	Saturday 9/11/21	10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center 1600 N 25 E Chesterton, IN 46304 41.659393, -87.050071 (Decimal Degrees)	Meet the naturalist at the Nature Center for a trek through the dunes and a meeting with the early French fur traders that inhabited this area nearly 200 years ago! Bring your beaver pelt or borrow one of ours!  Notes: 1. You must pay the state park's daily per car entrance fee of \$7 in-state / \$12 out-of-state. 2. This event starts at the Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center located at the northern terminus of State Road 49 in Chesterton.
<b>Ecology Hike - Great Marsh</b>	Saturday 9/11/21	11:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Great Marsh Gravel Parking Lot 500 South Broadway Beverly Shores, IN 46301 (North of Fire Department) 41.674825, -86.986607 (Decimal Degrees)	Join local ecologists Steve Sass and Amanda Smith from Indiana Nature LLC for a fun-filled, educational hike of the Great Marsh. On this hike, participants will explore many facets of nature including botany, insects, fall bird migration, natural and cultural history, and plant succession while enjoying a brisk autumn hike through the dunes.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Great Marsh parking lot located on Broadway in Beverly Shores.
<b>Rocks on the Beach: Geology 101 in Sandals, a History of Great Lakes Geology</b>	Saturday 9/11/21	11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Kemil Beach Parking Lot 27 North East State Park Road (300E) Beverly Shores, IN 46301 41.677357, - 87.00895 (Decimal Degrees)	Join Professor David Dolak from Columbia College for a truly revealing presentation and stroll along lake Michigan. Beachcombing for rocks along the beaches of Lake Michigan is not only fun, but also serves as a textbook study into the geologic story of the Great Lakes region. The variety of rocks such as sedimentary limestone containing fossils of corals, including Petoskey Stone, crinoid stems "Indian beads," and brachiopods indicate that the Midwest was once under a tropical ocean, while igneous and metamorphic erratic rocks brought hundreds of miles south from outcrops in Canada show the movement of glaciers during the Ice Age. This presentation will add a new dimension of geologic appreciation to your next stroll along the beaches of Lake Michigan.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Kemil Beach Parking lot located on East State Park Road in Beverly Shores.
<b>Hike - Bailly / Chellberg</b>	Saturday 9/11/21	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Chellberg Farm Parking Lot 618 North Mineral Springs Road Porter, IN 46301 41.624679, -87.089502 (Decimal Degrees)	Join national park ranger Brittany Mathis for a hike at the historic Bailly Homestead and Chellberg Farm. Learn about the some of the earliest settlers of the region while hiking through a beautiful landscape.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the main Bailly / Chellberg parking lot located on Mineral Springs Road in Porter.

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<b>J.D. Marshall Shipwreck Program - State Park</b>	Saturday 9/11/21	1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center 1600 N 25 E Chesterton, IN 46304 41.659393, -87.050071 (Decimal Degrees)	Set anchor in the Nature Center's auditorium as the Naturalist describes one of Lake Michigan's shipwreck stories.  Notes: 1. You must pay the state park's daily per car entrance fee of \$7 in-state / \$12 out-of-state. 2. This event starts at the Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center located at the northern terminus of State Road 49 in Chesterton.
<b>Geocaching - Bailly Chellberg</b>	Saturday 9/11/21	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Chellberg Farm Parking Lot 618 North Mineral Springs Road Porter, IN 46301 41.624679, -87.089502 (Decimal Degrees)	Did you know there are objects hidden in plain sight? Have you ever heard the word geocache, but do not know what it is? Join geocacher and park ranger Steve Rossi for a trip around the Maple Sugar geocaching trail at the Chellberg Farm. During this family-fun event, you'll learn what geocaching is, how to get started, and even find a few geocaches hidden around the farm.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the main Bailly Chellberg parking lot located on Mineral Springs Road in Porter. 2. Visit this webpage for more information: <a href="https://www.nps.gov/indu/planyourvisit/indiana-dunes-geocaching.htm">https://www.nps.gov/indu/planyourvisit/indiana-dunes-geocaching.htm</a>
<b>Art in the Park</b>	Saturday 9/11/21	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	On-line Zoom Class	An experienced art instructor will guide students through the process of painting a scene inspired by the Indiana Dunes. Each class will feature a different nature-related theme.  Registration is open by calling 219-395-1882. There is a limit of 20 participants per virtual session. These online sessions are presented on the Zoom app. Those unfamiliar with Zoom may wish to visit <a href="https://zoom.us/resources">https://zoom.us/resources</a> to better understand the format before class since the instructor will have limited time to assist with technical difficulties during sessions. The sessions may be recorded for later use by the National Park Service, Art Barn or Friends of Indiana Dunes.  Registered participants can pick up a free supply kit (including a canvas, acrylic paint and a brush) at the Indiana Dunes Visitor Center before the event. If you cannot pick up a kit, please call 219-395-1882 before registering for the class to make alternate arrangements. The kits are provided through the generous support of the Friends of Indiana Dunes.
<b>Feed the Animals - Chellberg Farm</b>	Saturday 9/11/21	4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Chellberg Farm Barn 618 North Mineral Springs Road Porter, IN 46301 41.627099, -87.089162 (Decimal Degrees)	Assist in feeding the farm's cows, pigs, chickens, and turkeys!  Notes: 1. This event starts at the main Bailly / Chellberg parking lot located off of Mineral Springs Road between U.S. Highway 12 and U.S. Highway 20. 2. Please go directly to the hay barn to feed the animals.
<b>Afternoon Relaxation Hike - Gibson Woods</b>	Saturday 9/11/21	4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Gibson Woods Parking Lot 6201 Parrish Avenue Hammond, IN 46323 41.599563, -87.451246 (Decimal Degrees)	Spending time in the great outdoors has been scientifically proven to reduce stress levels, help you find clarity, and rejuvenate your mind and body, so join us for a leisurely afternoon hike to relax and renew. PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED; please call 219-844-3188.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Gibson Woods parking lot in Hammond, IN.

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<b>Owl Prowl - State Park</b>	Saturday 9/11/21	7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center 1600 N 25 E Chesterton, IN 46304 41.659393, -87.050071 (Decimal Degrees)	Join Julie Bonnema, local birding expert from the Indiana Audubon Society, for an evening hike looking for owls. The State Park is one of the best spots in the whole region for birding. Please bring binoculars if you have them.  Notes: 1. You must pay the state park's daily per car entrance fee of \$7 in-state / \$12 out-of-state. 2. This event starts at the Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center located at the northern terminus of State Road 49 in Chesterton.
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<b>Photography Sunrise Mount Baldy</b>	Sunday 9/12/21	5:30 AM - 7:00 AM	Mount Baldy Parking Lot 101 Rice Street (U.S. Highway 12) Michigan City, IN 46360 41.706852, -86.929907 (Decimal Degrees)	Join national park ranger and photographer Rafi Wilkinson for an incredible opportunity to watch the sun rise over Mount Baldy. Bring your camera and tripod for instructional tips on how to capture a pleasing sunrise photograph. The total length of the hike is 1.5 miles. The hike does involve a steep climb in the sand up Mount Baldy.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Mount Baldy parking lot located on U.S. Highway 12 in Michigan City.

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<b>Birding Hike - State Park</b>	Sunday 9/12/21	7:30 AM - 9:30 AM	Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center 1600 N 25 E Chesterton, IN 46304 41.659393, -87.050071 (Decimal Degrees)	Join Matt Kalwasinski, local birding expert from the Indiana Audubon Society, for a morning birding hike. The State Park is one of the best spots in the whole region for birding. Please bring binoculars if you have them.  Notes: 1. You must pay the state park's daily per car entrance fee of \$7 in-state / \$12 out-of-state. 2. This event starts at the Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center located at the northern terminus of State Road 49 in Chesterton.
<b>Bike Ride - Geology of the Region</b>	Sunday 9/12/21	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Calumet Dunes Trail (USGS Research Station) Parking Lot 1596 North 300 E (Kemil Road) Chesterton, IN 46304 41.661836, -87.010109 (Decimal Degrees)	Join professor Dave Dolak for a unique bicycle-level perspective of the Indiana Dunes National Park. Dave is an avid cyclist and has studied the geology of the region for over 30 years. The highlights of the interpretive ride include views along the lake, visiting Mount Baldy and Pinhook Bog, and learning about the fascinating history that the land tells us about the ending of the last ice age and the formation of the Valparaiso Moraine and the ancient beach ridges of Lake Michigan. The ride is approximately 35 miles in length.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the U.S. Geological Survey parking lot located at the corner of U.S. Highway 12 and East State Park Road (Kemil Road / 300E). This is the site of the old visitor center. 2. Please bring water, lunch, snacks. 3. The ride distance is approximately 35 miles. Most of the ride will be on lightly traveled, paved county roads with one brief section of well-graded unpaved surface. As with all road riding, bright visible clothing and/or reflectors and lights are recommended. 4. Please arrive at 8:30 am to be able to start the ride at 9:00 am. 5. A helmet is required to participate in the event. 6. Please make sure that your bike is in good working condition.
<b>Fur Trader Encampment - State Park</b>	Sunday 9/12/21	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Indiana Dunes State Park Pavilion 1600 N 25 E Chesterton, IN 46304 41.662136, -87.063413 (Decimal Degrees)	Indiana Dunes State Park invites guests to relive the area's fur-trading past during History Comes Alive Weekend. Members of the Ouatatonon Brigade, a re-enacting group, will land on the beach and set up camp near the beach pavilion. The brigade portrays the French-Canadian voyageurs of the 1700s in dress, food and lifestyle.  Notes: 1. You must pay the state park's daily per car entrance fee of \$7 in-state / \$12 out-of-state. 2. This event starts at the Indiana Dunes State Park Pavilion located at the northern terminus of State Road 49 in Chesterton.
<b>Kids Scavenger Hunt - Paul H. Douglas Center</b>	Sunday 9/12/21	9:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education 100 North Lake Street Gary, IN 46403 41.606466, -87.268527 (Decimal Degrees)	Bring your kids for a monarch butterfly-themed scavenger hike with a park ranger at the Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education. Kids will enjoy the outdoor beauty of the Nature PlayZone.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Paul H. Douglas Center located on Lake Street in Miller.
<b>Birding Hike - Fall Migration</b>	Sunday 9/12/21	9:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Gibson Woods Parking Lot 6201 Parrish Avenue Hammond, IN 46323 41.599563, -87.451246 (Decimal Degrees)	Fall is a great time to see a variety of migrating bird species including thrushes, warblers, sparrows and vireos. Walk with a park naturalist to see who is visiting the Woods. Ages 10 and up.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Gibson Woods Nature Center located on Parrish Avenue in Hammond.



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<b>Hike - Dune Ridge Trail</b>	Sunday 9/12/21	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Kemil Beach Parking Lot 27 North East State Park Road (300E) Beverly Shores, IN 46301 41.677357, -87.00895 (Decimal Degrees)	Join national park ranger Rebecca Ashby for a hike on the Dune Ridge Trail. There is perhaps no other place in the national park where you can see a wider range of habitats in just one mile. The hike features a great overlook of the Great Marsh from the top of the dune ridge.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Kemil Beach parking lot located on East State Park Road in Beverly Shores.
<b>Geocaching - Mount Baldy</b>	Sunday 9/12/21	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Mount Baldy Parking Lot 101 Rice Street (U.S. Highway 12) Michigan City, IN 46360 41.706852, -86.929907 (Decimal Degrees)	Did you know there are objects hidden in plain sight? Have you ever heard the word geocache, but do not know what it is? Join geocacher and park ranger Steve Rossi in an scientific exploration around Mt. Baldy. This event will focus on one special type of geocache: an earth cache. During this 2-hour program you'll learn what a geocache is, how earth caches take you to unique places for observation, and how to follow the science to earn your geocaching smile.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Mount Baldy parking lot located off of US Highway 12 in Michigan City. 2. Visit this webpage for more information: <a href="https://www.nps.gov/indu/planyourvisit/indiana-dunes-geocaching.htm">https://www.nps.gov/indu/planyourvisit/indiana-dunes-geocaching.htm</a>
<b>Beaver Trading Hike</b>	Sunday 9/12/21	10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center 1600 N 25 E Chesterton, IN 46304 41.659393, -87.050071 (Decimal Degrees)	Meet the naturalist at the Nature Center for a trek through the dunes and a meeting with the early French fur traders that inhabited this area nearly 200 years ago! Bring your beaver pelt or borrow one of ours!  Notes: 1. You must pay the state park's daily per car entrance fee of \$7 in-state / \$12 out-of-state. 2. This event starts at the Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center located at the northern terminus of State Road 49 in Chesterton.
			Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk Pavilion	Indiana Dunes National Park, in partnership with the Northwest Indiana Paddling Association, Shirley Heinze Land Trust and Save The Dunes, will host a paddle on the East Branch Little Calumet River. You can paddle from the Portage Lakefront beach upstream for up to 3.5 miles before returning to the beach. Bring your boat, or borrow one of ours!  Participants bringing their own watercraft can unload at the traffic circle at the northernmost point of the road, adjacent to the beach, before proceeding back south to one of the parking lots. People borrowing a boat may park first. You may arrive and launch anytime between 11:00 am and 12:30 pm. A map and directions to check-in will be emailed the week of the event.  Space and boats are limited, so we invite you to register as soon as you know you plan to attend. Use the REGISTER button on the page above. Please also consider joining NWIPA, or make a donation on the REGISTER page.  Please bring your own boats and paddling equipment if you have it. Kayaks will be available to borrow. If you are going to borrow equipment, you must contact the Northwest Indiana Paddling Association in advance of the paddle to reserve equipment. Please use the following link to reserve a boat:  <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/outdoor-adventure-festival-little-calumet-paddle-tickets-166832465395">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/outdoor-adventure-festival-little-calumet-paddle-tickets-166832465395</a>

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<b>Paddling - Lower East Branch of the Little Calumet River</b>	Sunday 9/12/21	11:00 AM - 3:00 PM	100 Riverwalk Road Portage, IN 46368 41.630994, -87.178383 (Decimal Degrees)	<p>Requirements</p> <p>All participants must register via Eventbrite (see REGISTER button on this page). Each adult must register separately; parents and guardians must register each child. We need a separate registration, with the individual's name, for each participant.</p> <p>You will receive an email that provides directions, and your ticket. Please bring all tickets with you.</p> <p>Registering means that you have read and agree with our Waiver Of Liability, which includes our rules regarding COVID. Parents and guardians are acknowledging waiver of liability on behalf of the children they are registering.</p> <p>Because this event launches and returns to the same location, we do not need to provide a shuttle. At this point, therefore, we are not requiring masks. If federal, state or local COVID guidelines require us to modify or cancel the event, you will be informed.</p> <p>All participants must wear a Coast Guard-approved life vest, properly fitted and secured, all the time they are on the water.</p> <p>If for any reason you cannot attend the event after registering, please come back to Eventbrite and cancel your registration by September 10th. That way you will not prevent another person from being able to attend or borrow a boat if we reach capacity. Thank you!</p>
<b>Geocaching - International Geocaching Presentation</b>	Sunday 9/12/21	1:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Chellberg Farm Parking Lot 618 North Mineral Springs Road Porter, IN 46301 41.624679, -87.089502 (Decimal Degrees)	<p>Join NWI Geocaching for a fascinating talk about geocaching. Derek and Tina Germain from Valparaiso have geocached in nine different countries including the Canary Islands, France, England, Netherlands, and the Galapagos Islands. They will discuss the triumphs and challenges of geocaching outside the United States.</p> <p>Notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The talk will take place at Picnic Shelter 2 located at the main Bailly Chellberg parking lot located on Mineral Springs Road in Porter.</li> </ol>
<b>Flora/Fauna Hike - Cowles Bog</b>	Sunday 9/12/21	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Cowles Bog Trail South Parking Lot 1450 North Mineral Springs Road Dune Acres, IN 46304 (Just after the railroad tracks) 41.645191, -87.084633 (Decimal Degrees)	<p>Join national park ranger Cookie Ferguson for a nature hike through the incredible Cowles Bog. The bog is teeming with life and a great place to get into nature. Cowles Bog is one of the most special places in the national park.</p> <p>Notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This event starts at the south Cowles Bog Trail gravel parking lot located off of Mineral Springs Road in Dune Acres.</li> <li>2. This lot is the paved Greenbelt lot located just north of the railroad tracks.</li> <li>3. Please bring binoculars if you have them.</li> </ol>
<b>Battle of the Dunes Walk</b>	Sunday 9/12/21	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center 1600 N 25 E Chesterton, IN 46304 41.659393, -87.050071 (Decimal Degrees)	<p>Although marked by historic signs and briefly mentioned in local histories, the Battle of Le Petit Fort (also known as the Battle of Trail Creek) remains a mysterious part of the Indiana Dunes story. Meet the naturalist at the Nature Center to begin an easy 1.5 mile history walk all about the Revolutionary War battle at the Dunes.</p> <p>Notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. You must pay the state park's daily per car entrance fee of \$7 in-state / \$12 out-of-state.</li> <li>2. This event starts at the Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center located at the northern terminus of State Road 49 in Chesterton.</li> </ol>

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<b>Hike - Miller Woods</b>	Sunday 9/12/21	1:30 PM - 3:30 PM	Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education 100 North Lake Street Gary, IN 46403 41.606466, -87.268527 (Decimal Degrees)	Join national park ranger Nadia Kacmar for a hike through the Indiana Dunes National Park's exceptional Miller Woods. The hike follows the Paul H. Douglas Trail and is spectacular in its varied habitats including globally rare black oak savanna, interdunal pannes, wetlands, and towering sand dunes that offer incredible views of Lake Michigan and Chicago.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Paul H. Douglas Center located on Lake Street in Miller.
<b>Feed the Animals - Chellberg Farm</b>	Sunday 9/12/21	4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Chellberg Farm Barn 618 North Mineral Springs Road Porter, IN 46301 41.627099, -87.089162 (Decimal Degrees)	Assist in feeding the farm's cows, pigs, chickens, and turkeys!  Notes: 1. This event starts at the main Bailly / Chellberg parking lot located off of Mineral Springs Road between U.S. Highway 12 and U.S. Highway 20. 2. Please go directly to the hay barn to feed the animals.