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<b>Friday, September 8</b>					
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<b>Boat Tour - Lake Michigan</b>	9/8/2023	11:00 AM	12:30 PM	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. The tour 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. <b>Please REGISTER with Harbor Country Adventures at <a href="http://www.harborcountryadventures.com">www.harborcountryadventures.com</a>.</b>  Notes: 1. This event starts at Millennium Plaza next to the Michigan City Yacht Club in Michigan City. <b>2. You must REGISTER with Harbor Country Adventures using the above link and pay the tour fee.</b>
<b>Chellberg Farm Open House</b>	9/8/2023	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Chellberg Farm Parking Lot 618 North Mineral Springs Road Porter, IN 46301 41.624679, -87.089502 (Decimal Degrees)	Stop by the historic Chellberg Farm to tour the farmhouse and visit the animals. Rangers and volunteers will be on site to share the area's history.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the main Baily / Chellberg parking lot located off of Mineral Springs Road between U.S. Highway 12 and U.S. Highway 20. 2. Stop by any time during the scheduled program to explore. 3. Please proceed directly to the farmhouse.

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<b>History Hike - Diana of the Dunes Dare at West Beach</b>	9/8/2023	3:30 PM	5:30 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. 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. 2. Please note that this hike does involve climbing 250 stairs.
<b>Photography - Sunset at Mount Baldy</b>	9/8/2023	6:00 PM	7:45 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 rangers and photographers Michael Gard and 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. Get 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 the side of Mount Baldy.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Mount Baldy parking lot located on U.S. Highway 12 in Michigan City.
<b>Bat Hike - Mnoke Prairie</b>	9/8/2023	6:30 PM	8:00 PM	Mnoke Prairie Parking Lot 401 Howe Road Porter 46304 41.621156, -87.093043 (Decimal Degrees)	Na na na na Bat Walk! Experience the park at dusk with a ranger and learn all the bat facts you didn't know you needed! Learn about the area's native bats, methods used to study them, and recent bat research that has been performed. Bring the whole family for a bat-tastic time!  Notes: 1. Meet at the Mnoke Prairie parking lot on Howe Road in Porter. 2. Feel free to bring a flashlight or headlamp with a red light.
<b>Night Hike - Mount Baldy</b>	9/8/2023	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 9</b>					
<b>Photography - Sunrise Great Marsh</b>	9/9/2023	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)	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 if you have one. Rafi will give tips on how to capture photos in the morning twilight before sunrise. The total hike is less than a mile and completely flat.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Great Marsh Trail gravel parking lot on Broadway Avenue in Beverly Shores.

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<b>1966 Hiking Challenge - Dune Ridge Trail &amp; World's Fair Homes</b>	9/9/2023	8:00 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)	Experience the sweeping views of extensive wetlands, forested dunes, and historic sites intertwined within the national park and Beverly Shores community. This hike is part of Project 1966, a hiking challenge totaling 19 hikes and covering 66 miles in honor of the year the park was established. Can't make all of the ranger guided hikes? Look on our website for a link to Project 1966 to hike them on your own.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Kemil Beach parking lot on East State Park Road in Beverly Shores.
<b>Kids Scavenger Hunt - Paul H. Douglas Center</b>	9/9/2023	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 self-guided pollinator themed scavenger hunt along our new interactive pollinator trail. Also, have the kids enjoy the outdoors while building forts and having fun in our 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>	9/9/2023	9:00 AM	5:00 PM	Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center 1600 North 25 East Chesterton, IN 46304 41.659393, -87.050071 (Decimal Degrees)	Indiana Dunes State Park invites guests to relive the area's fur-trading past during History Comes Alive Weekend. Members of the Ouiatenon 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.

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<b>Birding Hike - Fall Migration at Gibson Woods County Park</b>	9/9/2023	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. <b>PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED; please call 219-844-3188.</b> Geared towards adults.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Gibson Woods Nature Center located on Parrish Avenue in Hammond.
<b>Beaver Trading Hike - State Park</b>	9/9/2023	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center 1600 North 25 East 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>Geology Hike - Rocks on the Beach: Geology 101 in Sandals, a History of Great Lakes Geology</b>	9/9/2023	10:00 AM	12:00 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. 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.
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<b>J.D. Marshall Shipwreck Program - State Park</b>	9/9/2023	12:30 PM	1:30 PM	Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center 1600 North 25 East 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>Chellberg Farm Open House</b>	9/9/2023	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Chellberg Farm Parking Lot 618 North Mineral Springs Road Porter, IN 46301 41.624679, -87.089502 (Decimal Degrees)	Stop by the historic Chellberg Farm to tour the farmhouse and visit the animals. Rangers and volunteers will be on site to share the area's history.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the main Baily / Chellberg parking lot located off of Mineral Springs Road between U.S. Highway 12 and U.S. Highway 20. 2. Stop by any time during the scheduled program to explore. 3. Please proceed directly to the farmhouse.
<b>Douglas Center Open House</b>	9/9/2023	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Paul H. Douglas Center for Environmental Education 100 North Lake Street Gary, IN 46403 41.606466, -87.268527 (Decimal Degrees)	Visit the Paul H. Douglas Center for a day of family friendly fun. Enjoy the free nature themed craft set up in the art room, visit the live animal room, or build a fort in the Nature Play Zone.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Paul H. Douglas Center located on Lake Street in Miller.
<b>Ecology Hike - Tolleston Dunes</b>	9/9/2023	1:30 PM	3:30 PM	Tolleston Dunes Parking Lot 5800 U.S. Highway 12 (Dunes Highway) Ogden Dunes, IN 46368 41.615054, -87.192739 (Decimal Degrees)	Hike over rolling sand dunes and through a globally rare, black oak savanna with a ranger. Learn about this special ecosystem and why it is so unique.  Notes: 1. Meet in the Tolleston Dunes parking lot located of U.S. Highway 12 in Ogden Dunes.
<b>Ecology Presentation - The Life and Times of Midwest Amphibians</b>	9/9/2023	1:30 PM	3:30 PM	Indiana Dunes Visitor Center 1215 North Indiana State Road 49 Porter, IN 46304 41.633349, -87.053762 (Decimal Degrees)	Immerse yourselves in the lives and struggles of amphibians in the Midwest with IUN professor Spencer Cortwright.  Notes: 1. The presentation will take place at the Indiana Dunes Visitor Center located on State Road 49, just south of U.S. Highway 20.
<b>Ecology Hike - Monarch Migration Celebration</b>	9/9/2023	1:30 PM	4:00 PM	Gibson Woods Parking Lot 6201 Parrish Avenue Hammond, IN 46323 41.599563, -87.451246 (Decimal Degrees)	Monarchs are on the move to Mexico... are they stopping at Gibson Woods? Check out the trails to see if they are around. Help create some habitat for them next spring by making milkweed seed bombs to take home and more. <b>PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED; please call 219-844-3188.</b> All ages.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Gibson Woods Nature Center located on Parrish Avenue in Hammond.

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<b>Pioneering of the Dunes Presentation - State Park</b>	9/9/2023	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center 1600 North 25 East Chesterton, IN 46304 41.659393, -87.050071 (Decimal Degrees)	Join Serena Ard, Curator of the Westchester Township History Museum, in the Nature Center Auditorium as she discusses the earliest pioneer settlement in the dunes of Indiana, including trails, pioneer journals, inns and taverns, and some interesting personalities.  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 - Pinhook Bog Tour</b>	9/9/2023	3:00 PM	6:00 PM	Pinhook Bog Parking Lot 946 North Wozniak Road LaPorte, IN 46360 41.621214, -86.850227 (Decimal Degrees)	Journey into the quaking bog with a ranger and experience the charm of this unique ecosystem. Get a glimpse of the carnivorous plants and rare orchids.  Notes: 1. The event starts at the Pinhook Bog parking lot located off North Wozniak Road in LaPorte. Parking is limited. 2. Tours start at 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, and 5:00 pm. 3. Dogs are not permitted in the bog.
<b>Calumet Beginnings - Ken Schoon on the Indiana Dunes</b>	9/9/2023	4:00 PM	5:30 PM	Indiana Dunes Visitor Center 1215 North Indiana State Road 49 Porter, IN 46304 41.633349, -87.053762 (Decimal Degrees)	Immerse yourself in the geologic wonders of the region, from the dunes to the wetlands. Local geologist and author, Ken Schoon, professor emeritus from Indiana University Northwest, will present the fascinating features of the park's fragmented ecosystem.  Notes: 1. The presentation will take place at the Indiana Dunes Visitor Center located on State Road 49, just south of U.S. Highway 20.
<b>Dunes Ridge Hike - Kemil Beach with Save the Dunes</b>	9/9/2023	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Kemil Beach Parking Lot 27 North East State Park Road (300E) Beverly Shores, IN 46301 41.677357, -87.00895 (Decimal Degrees)	Join Save the Dunes for an evening hike at the Dune Ridge Trail. The Dune Ridge Trail offers great views of the extensive wetlands and forested dune. The different habitats you'll see along the trail help make Indiana Dunes National Park one of the top five most biologically diverse of all the national parks.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Kemil Beach parking lot on East State Park Road in Beverly Shores.
<b>Birding Hike - Sounds of the Night</b>	9/9/2023	6:30 PM	8:00 PM	West Beach Parking Lot 376 North County Line Road Gary, IN 46403 41.622934 -87.207747 (Decimal Degrees)	Venture into the dunes after dark and listen to the symphony of nature with a ranger.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the West Beach parking lot located off County Line Road north of U.S. Highway 12 in Portage. 2. Feel free to bring a flashlight or headlamp with a red light.

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<b>Birding Hike - Dunes Calumet Owl Prowl</b>	9/9/2023	7:30 PM	9:00 PM	Indiana Dunes Visitor Center 1215 North Indiana State Road 49 Porter, IN 46304 41.633349, -87.053762 (Decimal Degrees)	Join Kim Ehn, of the Dunes Calumet Audubon Society for an Owl Prowl throughout the National Park. The event starts at the Indiana Dunes Visitor Center. Then carpool to the Kemil Beach parking lot, Great Marsh parking lot or Dunewood Campground in search of the screech, barred, and great horned owls.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Indiana Dunes Visitor Center located on State Road 49, just south of U.S. Highway 20.
<b>Sunday, September 10</b>					
<b>Photography - Sunrise Mount Baldy</b>	9/10/2023	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 the side of 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 - Great Marsh</b>	9/10/2023	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	Great Marsh Gravel Parking Lot 500 South Broadway Beverly Shores, IN 46301 (North of Fire Department) 41.674825, -86.986607 (Decimal Degrees)	Come learn some basic birding techniques with a ranger. Get a glimpse of the various birds that make their homes in the Great Marsh while enjoying the views of this wetland that stretches along the southern coast of Lake Michigan. Binoculars will be provided.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Great Marsh Trail gravel parking lot on Broadway Avenue in Beverly Shores.

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<b>Bike Ride - Geology of the Region</b>	9/10/2023	9:00 AM	12:00 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, and visiting Mount Baldy and the Heron Rookery. Learn 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 20 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 and snacks. 3. The ride distance is approximately 20 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. 7. Rain date on Saturday, September 16.
<b>Fur Trader Encampment - State Park</b>	9/10/2023	9:00 AM	1:00 PM	Indiana Dunes State Park Pavilion 1600 North 25 East 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 Ouiatenon 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.
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Wellness Walk - Gibson Woods County Park	9/10/2023	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Gibson Woods Parking Lot 6201 Parrish Avenue Hammond, IN 46323 41.599563, -87.451246 (Decimal Degrees)	Did you know there are plenty of benefits to being out in nature? Join us for a leisurely stroll through Gibson Woods to reap the emotional, physical, mental, and spiritual benefits of being on our trails. Please dress for the weather. <b>PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED; call 219-844-3188.</b> All ages.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Gibson Woods Nature Center located on Parrish Avenue in Hammond.
Beaver Trading Hike - State Park	9/10/2023	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center 1600 North 25 East 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.
America's Race - Obstacle Course Race West Beach	9/10/2023	10:00 AM	2:00 PM	West Beach Parking Lot 376 North County Line Road Gary, IN 46403 41.622934 -87.207747 (Decimal Degrees)	The National Park Service is partnering with Leon's Triathlon and Team Rubicon Disaster Response to present "America's Race" on September 10, 2023 at Indiana Dunes National Park's West Beach. This event is part of a national recognition of the of the 9/11 attacks and honors our military veterans and first responders.  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.  Be prepared to low crawl, bear crawl, carry sandbags, drag dummies, and negotiate numerous obstacles spread throughout the race course. There will be a water point approximately at the halfway point and snacks and refreshments will be provided close to the finish line.  <b>For more information on this race event and how to REGISTER, visit the race website at <a href="https://leonstriathlon.com">https://leonstriathlon.com</a>.</b>

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<b>Paddling - Salt Creek and Lower Little Calumet River</b>	9/10/2023	10:30 AM	2:30 PM	Izaak Walton League Miller Chapter Riverside Park Marine Court Portage, IN 46368 41.613563, -87.173128 (Decimal Degrees)	<p>Indiana Dunes National Park, in partnership with the Northwest Indiana Paddling Association, the Izaak Walton League Miller Chapter, Shirley Heinze Land Trust and Save The Dunes, invite you to paddle on Salt Creek and the East Branch Little Calumet River. You can paddle from the Izaak Walton League's beautiful riverside park near IN-249 upstream on the East Branch and Salt Creek before returning to the park, a paddle of a little over four miles. Experienced paddlers may also be interested in paddling along Burns Ditch to the Portage Lakefront Park on Lake Michigan. Bring your boat, or borrow one of ours!</p> <p>Participants bringing their own watercraft may arrive and launch anytime between 10:00 am and 12:00 pm. Participants who borrow a NWIPA kayak should arrive between 10:30 and 11:00 to get outfitted with a kayak and attend a mandatory safety talk. A map and directions to check-in will be emailed the week of the event.</p> <p>Space and boats are limited, so we invite you to REGISTER as soon as you know you plan to attend.</p> <p><b>EACH PARTICIPANT MUST REGISTER.</b> Please also consider joining the Izaak Walton Miller chapter and Northwest Indiana Paddling Association, or make a donation on the REGISTER page.</p> <p>Please bring your own boats and paddling equipment if you have it. A limited number of kayaks will be available to borrow. <b>If you are going to borrow equipment, make sure you request on at the "Add-ons" area of the REGISTER page.</b></p> <p><b><a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/outdoor-adventure-festival-salt-creek-lower-little-cal-paddle-tickets-618658663717">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/outdoor-adventure-festival-salt-creek-lower-little-cal-paddle-tickets-618658663717</a></b></p>
<b>Boat Tour - Lake Michigan</b>	9/10/2023	11:00 AM	12:30 PM	Michigan City Millennium Plaza 1 Washington Street Michigan City, IN 46360 (near the yacht club) 41.722563, -86.906766 (Decimal Degrees)	<p>Join a national park ranger for a guided 90-minute boat tour on Lake Michigan with Harbor Country Adventures. The tour 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. <b>There is an additional fee and reservations are required. Please REGISTER with Harbor Country Adventures at <a href="http://www.harborcountryadventures.com">www.harborcountryadventures.com</a>.</b></p> <p>Notes:            1. This event starts at Millennium Plaza next to the Michigan City Yacht Club in Michigan City.            2. <b>You must REGISTER with Harbor Country Adventures using the above link and pay the tour fee.</b></p>
<b>Chellberg Farm Open House</b>	9/10/2023	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Chellberg Farm Parking Lot 618 North Mineral Springs Road Porter, IN 46301 41.624679, -87.089502 (Decimal Degrees)	<p>Stop by the historic Chellberg Farm to tour the farmhouse and visit the animals. Rangers and volunteers will be on site to share the area's history.</p> <p>Notes:            1. This event starts at the main Baily / Chellberg parking lot located off of Mineral Springs Road between U.S. Highway 12 and U.S. Highway 20.            2. Stop by any time during the scheduled program to explore.            3. Please proceed directly to the farmhouse.</p>

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<b>Ecology Hike - Flora and Fauna at Cowles Bog</b>	9/10/2023	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)	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.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the south Cowles Bog parking lot located off of Mineral Springs Road in Dune Acres. 2. This lot is the paved Greenbelt lot located just north of the railroad tracks. 3. Please bring binoculars if you have them.
<b>Walk Through Time - Bailey Homestead</b>	9/10/2023	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Chellberg Farm Parking Lot 618 North Mineral Springs Road Porter, IN 46301 41.624679, -87.089502 (Decimal Degrees)	Stop by the Bailey Homestead and explore the remaining building of this historic fur trading post from the early 1800s. The two-story cabin, chapel and fur trader cabin will be open for viewing; the main house and brick house will be closed due to construction.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the main Bailey / Chellberg parking lot located off of Mineral Springs Road between U.S. Highway 12 and U.S. Highway 20. 2. Proceed directly to the Bailey Homestead.
<b>Ecology Hike - Miller Woods</b>	9/10/2023	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 a national park ranger 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>Battle of the Dunes History Hike - State Park</b>	9/10/2023	2:00 PM	4:00 PM	Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center 1600 North 25 East Chesterton, IN 46304 41.659393, -87.050071 (Decimal Degrees)	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.  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>Feed the Animals - Chellberg Farm</b>	9/10/2023	4:30 PM	5:00 PM	Chellberg Farm Parking Lot 618 North Mineral Springs Road Porter, IN 46301 41.624679, -87.089502 (Decimal Degrees)	Assist in feeding the farm's cows, goats, chickens, and turkeys!  Notes: 1. This event starts at the main Bailey / 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>Monday, September 11</b>					

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Kids Scavenger Hunt - Paul H. Douglas Center	9/11/2023	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 self-guided pollinator themed scavenger hunt along our new interactive pollinator trail. Also, have the kids enjoy the outdoors while building forts and having fun in our Nature Play Zone.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Paul H. Douglas Center located on Lake Street in Miller.
Chellberg Farm Open House	9/11/2023	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Chellberg Farm Parking Lot 618 North Mineral Springs Road Porter, IN 46301 41.624679, -87.089502 (Decimal Degrees)	Stop by the historic Chellberg Farm to tour the farmhouse and visit the animals. Rangers and volunteers will be on site to share the area's history.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the main Bailey / Chellberg parking lot located off of Mineral Springs Road between U.S. Highway 12 and U.S. Highway 20. 2. Stop by any time during the scheduled program to explore. 3. Please proceed directly to the farmhouse.
<b>Tuesday, September 12</b>					
Kids Scavenger Hunt - Paul H. Douglas Center	9/12/2023	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 self-guided pollinator themed scavenger hunt along our new interactive pollinator trail. Also, have the kids enjoy the outdoors while building forts and having fun in our Nature Play Zone.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Paul H. Douglas Center located on Lake Street in Miller.
Dragonfly Hunt - Gibson Woods County Park	9/12/2023	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	Gibson Woods Parking Lot 6201 Parrish Avenue Hammond, IN 46323 41.599563, -87.451246 (Decimal Degrees)	Gibson Woods is home to 20+ documented species of dragonflies. Explore the trails in search of these amazing winged hunters. <b>PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED; please call 219-844-3188.</b> Geared towards adults.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Gibson Woods Nature Center located on Parrish Avenue in Hammond.
Horseback Riding at West Beach - Tickets go on sale August 21st	9/12/2023	12:30 PM	2:30 PM	West Beach Parking Lot 376 North County Line Road Gary, IN 46403 41.622934 -87.207747 (Decimal Degrees)	Join fellow equestrians for an extremely rare chance to ride on the beaches of Lake Michigan! BYOH (bring your own horse). No horse rentals will be available. Reservations are required and space is limited. <b>Please call the Indiana Dunes Visitor Center at 219-395-1882 or come into the Visitor Center for more information and to make RESERVATIONS.</b> There is a \$25 fee for this program, due at the time of registration in addition to the park entrance fee. Owners are expected to clean up the area around their trailer. Be prepared to take home any waste.  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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What's Up with White-tailed Deer? - Gibson Woods County Park	9/12/2023	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Gibson Woods Parking Lot 6201 Parrish Avenue Hammond, IN 46323 41.599563, -87.451246 (Decimal Degrees)	During this walk and talk program, we will be discussing the life history of white-tailed deer. How they can help and hinder the landscape, as well as how they play a role in the food chain. Please dress for the weather. <b>PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED; call 219-844-3188.</b> Ages 10 and up.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Gibson Woods Nature Center located on Parrish Avenue in Hammond.
Horseback Riding at West Beach - Tickets go on sale August 21st	9/12/2023	3:00 PM	5:00 PM	West Beach Parking Lot 376 North County Line Road Gary, IN 46403 41.622934 -87.207747 (Decimal Degrees)	Join fellow equestrians for an extremely rare chance to ride on the beaches of Lake Michigan! BYOH (bring your own horse). No horse rentals will be available. Reservations are required and space is limited. <b>Please call the Indiana Dunes Visitor Center at 219-395-1882 or come into the Visitor Center for more information and to make RESERVATIONS.</b> There is a \$25 fee for this program, due at the time of registration in addition to the park entrance fee. Owners are expected to clean up the area around their trailer. Be prepared to take home any waste.  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.
Sunset Horseback Riding at West Beach - Tickets go on sale August 21st	9/12/2023	5:30 PM	7:30 PM	West Beach Parking Lot 376 North County Line Road Gary, IN 46403 41.622934 -87.207747 (Decimal Degrees)	Join fellow equestrians for an extremely rare chance to ride on the beaches of Lake Michigan! BYOH (bring your own horse). No horse rentals will be available. Reservations are required and space is limited. <b>Please call the Indiana Dunes Visitor Center at 219-395-1882 or come into the Visitor Center for more information and to make RESERVATIONS.</b> There is a \$25 fee for this program, due at the time of registration in addition to the park entrance fee. Owners are expected to clean up the area around their trailer. Be prepared to take home any waste.  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.
<b>Wednesday, September 13</b>					
Kids Scavenger Hunt - Paul H. Douglas Center	9/13/2023	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 self-guided pollinator themed scavenger hunt along our new interactive pollinator trail. Also, have the kids enjoy the outdoors while building forts and having fun in our Nature Play Zone.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Paul H. Douglas Center located on Lake Street in Miller.

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<b>Birding Hike - Fall Migration at Gibson Woods County Park</b>	9/13/2023	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. <b>PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED; please call 219-844-3188.</b> Geared towards adults.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Gibson Woods Nature Center located on Parrish Avenue in Hammond.
<b>Chellberg Farm Open House</b>	9/13/2023	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Chellberg Farm Parking Lot 618 North Mineral Springs Road Porter, IN 46301 41.624679, -87.089502 (Decimal Degrees)	Stop by the historic Chellberg Farm to tour the farmhouse and visit the animals. Rangers and volunteers will be on site to share the area's history.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the main Baily / Chellberg parking lot located off of Mineral Springs Road between U.S. Highway 12 and U.S. Highway 20. 2. Stop by any time during the scheduled program to explore. 3. Please proceed directly to the farmhouse.
<b>Sunset Fire Side Chat - Portage Lakefront</b>	9/13/2023	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk Pavilion 100 Riverwalk Road Portage, IN 46368 41.630994, -87.178383 (Decimal Degrees)	Join a ranger and watch the sunset from the pavilion. Bring your own marshmallows to roast in the pavilion's fireplace.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk Pavilion in Portage.
<b>Thursday, September 14</b>					
<b>Birding Hike - Bird Walk and Talk</b>	9/14/2023	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	Indiana Dunes Visitor Center 1215 North Indiana State Road 49 Porter, IN 46304 41.633349, -87.053762 (Decimal Degrees)	Join a ranger for a morning stroll while observing the vast array of plant and bird life that the park has to offer.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Indiana Dunes Visitor Center located on State Road 49, just south of U.S. Highway 20. 2. Meet at the Visitor Center and then carpool to the chosen location in the park. Drive time is included.
<b>Kids Scavenger Hunt - Paul H. Douglas Center</b>	9/14/2023	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 self-guided pollinator themed scavenger hunt along our new interactive pollinator trail. Also, have the kids enjoy the outdoors while building forts and having fun in our Nature Play Zone.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Paul H. Douglas Center located on Lake Street in Miller.
<b>Chellberg Farm Open House</b>	9/14/2023	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Chellberg Farm Parking Lot 618 North Mineral Springs Road Porter, IN 46301 41.624679, -87.089502 (Decimal Degrees)	Stop by the historic Chellberg Farm to tour the farmhouse and visit the animals. Rangers and volunteers will be on site to share the area's history.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the main Baily / Chellberg parking lot located off of Mineral Springs Road between U.S. Highway 12 and U.S. Highway 20. 2. Stop by any time during the scheduled program to explore. 3. Please proceed directly to the farmhouse.

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<b>Friday, September 15</b>					
<b>Self-led Hike - Trail 8 (3 Dunes Challenge) at the State Park</b>	9/15/2023	7:00 AM	11:00 PM	Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center 1600 North 25 East 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. The trail passing through hardwood forests 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 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 at the State Park</b>	9/15/2023	7:00 AM	11:00 PM	Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center 1600 North 25 East Chesterton, IN 46304 41.659393, -87.050071 (Decimal Degrees)	Trail 9 is renowned for its stunning views atop Beach House Blowout. Many consider the 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>Forest Bathing - Meadowbrook Preserve</b>	9/15/2023	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	Meadowbrook Preserve 109 West 700 North Valparaiso, IN 46385 41.535720, -87.087314 (Decimal Degrees)	Restore the body and mind with a relaxing forest bathing walk through Meadowbrook Nature Preserve. Learn about the history of forest bathing, or Shinrin-yoku, and how to incorporate it into your everyday life! The hike will take about 1.5 hours over trails that range from flat gravel paths to moderately uneven terrain (small inclines, stairs, and bare roots). We will stop along various points to take in the views and practice forest bathing exercises. <b>For more details and to REGISTER for the event, visit <a href="http://www.heinzetrust.org">www.heinzetrust.org</a>.</b>  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Shirley Heinze Meadowbrook Preserve located on County Road 700N in Valparaiso.
<b>Kids Scavenger Hunt - Paul H. Douglas Center</b>	9/15/2023	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 self-guided pollinator themed scavenger hunt along our new interactive pollinator trail. Also, have the kids enjoy the outdoors while building forts and having fun in our Nature Play Zone.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Paul H. Douglas Center located on Lake Street in Miller.

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<b>Nature Playdate - Buckley Homestead County Park</b>	9/15/2023	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Buckley Homestead County Park 3606 Belshaw Road Lowell, IN 46356 41.281549, -87.378596 (Decimal Degrees)	Discover the natural wonders of the Lake County Parks during a monthly play date. We will meet at a different park each month to see what nature has in store to explore. At Buckley Homestead, we'll see what the summer's ending looks like on the farm. Ages 2-6 with caregiver.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Buckley Homestead County Park located in Lowell, IN.
<b>Fall in Love with Your Parks - Lemon Lake County Park</b>	9/15/2023	1:00 PM	2:30 PM	Lemon Lake County Park 6322 West 133rd Avenue Crown Point, IN 46307 41.382761, -87.407489 (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. <b>PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED; please call 219-844-3188.</b> All ages.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Lemon Lake County Park located in Crown Point, IN.
<b>Chellberg Farm Open House</b>	9/15/2023	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Chellberg Farm Parking Lot 618 North Mineral Springs Road Porter, IN 46301 41.624679, -87.089502 (Decimal Degrees)	Stop by the historic Chellberg Farm to tour the farmhouse and visit the animals. Rangers and volunteers will be on site to share the area's history.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the main Baily / Chellberg parking lot located off of Mineral Springs Road between U.S. Highway 12 and U.S. Highway 20. 2. Stop by any time during the scheduled program to explore. 3. Please proceed directly to the farmhouse.
<b>Ecology Hike - Pollinator Hike at Mnoké Prairie</b>	9/15/2023	2:00 PM	3:30 PM	Mnoké Prairie Parking Lot 401 Howe Road Porter, IN 46304 41.621156, -87.093043 (Decimal Degrees)	Join the Indiana Dunes pollinator research crew on a hike throughout the Mnoké Prairie trail system to explore the park's many different pollinators and the wildflowers they help to pollinate. This hike takes you through the recently restored Mnoké Prairie for a glimmer of the vast stretches of pre-settlement grasslands decorated with many different species of goldenrods, asters, and boneset. No bathrooms or water stations are available at this location, so please plan accordingly. Binoculars are highly recommended for the better viewing of butterflies.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Mnoké Prairie parking lot on Howe Road in Porter.
<b>Forest Bathing (EASTERN TIME ZONE) - Lydick Bog</b>	9/15/2023	2:00 PM	3:30 PM	Lydick Bog 25898 U.S. Highway 20 South Bend, IN 46628 41.715071, -86.367750 (Decimal Degrees) Eastern Time Zone	Restore the body and mind with a relaxing forest bathing walk through Lydick Bog Nature Preserve. Learn about the history of forest bathing (shinrin yoku) and how to incorporate it into your everyday life! This hike will take approximately 1.5 hours along a mix of raised boardwalk to moderate inclines. We will stop along various points to take in views and practice forest bathing exercises. <b>For more details and to PRE-REGISTER for the event, visit <a href="http://www.heinzetrust.org">www.heinzetrust.org</a>. Please note this hike is in EASTERN TIME ZONE.</b>  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Shirley Heinze Lydick Bog located off of U.S. Highway 20 in South Bend. <b>2. Please note this hike is in Eastern Time Zone.</b>



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<b>Photography - Eastern Park Tour with Sunset</b>	9/15/2023	5:30 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 rangers and photographers Michael Gard and Rafi Wilkinson for a photography tour of the eastern end of the park. Stops will include Mount Baldy, Central Avenue Beach, the Great Marsh, Century of Progress Homes, and the sunset at Dunbar Beach.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Mount Baldy parking lot located on U.S. Highway 12 in Michigan City.
<b>Sunset Hike - Mount Baldy</b>	9/15/2023	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 Penny Callahan for an incredible opportunity to watch the sun set over Lake Michigan. 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>Music Heritage Series Concert - Visitor Center</b>	9/15/2023	7:30 PM	9:00 PM	Indiana Dunes Visitor Center 1215 North Indiana State Road 49 Porter, IN 46304 41.633349, -87.053762 (Decimal Degrees)	Come out for a night of music and song. The Save the Tunes Council is a group of local musicians devoted to preserving and passing on folk songs using a variety of traditional musical instruments.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Indiana Dunes Visitor Center located on State Road 49, just south of U.S. Highway 20.
<b>Saturday, September 16</b>					
<b>Photography - Sunrise on the Dune Ridge Trail</b>	9/16/2023	5:30 AM	7:00 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 and photographer Rafi Wilkinson for an early morning hike overlooking the Great Marsh from the top of the Dune Ridge Trail. Bring your camera and tripod if you have one. Rafi will give tips on how to capture photos in the morning twilight before sunrise. The total hike is less than a mile and completely flat.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Kemil Beach parking lot on East State Park Road in Beverly Shores.
<b>Self-led Hike - Trail 8 (3 Dunes Challenge) at the State Park</b>	9/16/2023	7:00 AM	11:00 PM	Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center 1600 North 25 East 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. The trail passing through hardwood forests 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 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.

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<b>Self-led Hike - Trail 9 at the State Park</b>	9/16/2023	7:00 AM	11:00 PM	Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center 1600 North 25 East Chesterton, IN 46304 41.659393, -87.050071 (Decimal Degrees)	Trail 9 is renowned for its stunning views atop Beach House Blowout. Many consider the 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>1966 Hiking Challenge - Bailly Chellberg</b>	9/16/2023	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	Chellberg Farm Parking Lot 618 North Mineral Springs Road Porter, IN 46301 41.624679, -87.089502 (Decimal Degrees)	Meander through a beech maple forest with ranger Brittany Mathis as you take a step back in time and learn about the area's early settlers. This hike is part of Project 1966, a hiking challenge totaling 19 hikes and covering 66 miles in honor of the year the park was established. Can't make all of the ranger guided hikes? Look on our website for a link to Project 1966 to hike them on your own.  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.
<b>Kids Scavenger Hunt - Paul H. Douglas Center</b>	9/16/2023	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 self-guided pollinator themed scavenger hunt along our new interactive pollinator trail. Also, have the kids enjoy the outdoors while building forts and having fun in our Nature Play Zone.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Paul H. Douglas Center located on Lake Street in Miller.
<b>Art Blitz with the Art Barn</b>	9/16/2023	9:00 AM	5:00 PM	Art Barn School of Art 695 North 400 East Valparaiso, IN 46383 41.533495, -86.984139 (Decimal Degrees)	The Art Barn School of Art presents the 7th annual Art Blitz!. Join the Art Barn in immersing yourself in a world of art-making, with live demos and creative detours for all ages. Participate or watch as artists paint the Monarch themed mural or the sunflower gardens in full bloom. <b>PRE-REGISTER for the event at <a href="https://www.artbarnschool.org/art-blitz">https://www.artbarnschool.org/art-blitz</a>.</b>  Notes: 1. This event takes place at the Art Barn School of Art located on County Road 400 East in Valparaiso, IN.
<b>1966 Hiking Challenge Celebration - Chellberg Farm</b>	9/16/2023	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Chellberg Farm Parking Lot 618 North Mineral Springs Road Porter, IN 46301 41.624679, -87.089502 (Decimal Degrees)	Enjoy this inaugural celebration of the 1966 Hiking Challenge with 19 spectacular hikes ranging over 66 miles. Refreshments and light snacks will be provided. Bring your 1966 Hiking trifold and honor those that completed the challenge. Don't forget to grab your certificate and swag.  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.

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<b>Beach Mysteries Hike - State Park</b>	9/16/2023	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center 1600 North 25 East Chesterton, IN 46304 41.659393, -87.050071 (Decimal Degrees)	Meet the Naturalist at the Nature Center for this fun moderate 2-mile trek along Trail 7 to the beach and back. Along the way you will learn about the natural and cultural significance of mysteries that wash ashore.  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 - Ambler Flatwoods Nature Preserve</b>	9/16/2023	10:00 AM	12:00 PM	Ambler Flatwoods Nature Preserve Meer Road, north of Tryon Road (800 North) Michigan City, IN 46360 41.728911, -86.816288 (Decimal Degrees)	Join local ecologists Steve Sass and Amanda Smith from Indiana Nature LLC for a fun-filled, educational hike of an outstanding natural wonder. This boreal flatwoods natural community is found nowhere else in Indiana and is a haven for plants typically found much farther north. At least 39 state-listed plant species and many others considered rare in the Chicago region are found here.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Ambler Flatwood Nature Preserve located on Meer Road in Michigan City.
<b>Duneland Fall Festival - Chellberg Farm</b>	9/16/2023	10:00 AM	4:00 PM	Chellberg Farm Parking Lot 618 North Mineral Springs Road Porter, IN 46301 41.624679, -87.089502 (Decimal Degrees)	Visit the heart of the Outdoor Adventure Festival at Chellberg Farm for a day of fall fun. There will be musical groups, live entertainment, and demonstration booths showcasing skills that farmers would have used in the early 1900s. Wagon rides will be available for a suggested donation to the Friends of Indiana Dunes to help maintain the farm.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the main Baily / Chellberg parking lot located off of Mineral Springs Road between U.S. Highway 12 and U.S. Highway 20.

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<b>Paddling - East Branch of the Little Calumet River</b>	9/16/2023	10:30 AM	3:00 PM	<p><b>Put-in Location:</b> Kieth Richard Walner Preserve West Taylor Street Chesterton, IN 46304 41.622269, -87.050407 (Decimal Degrees)</p> <p><b>Take-out Location:</b> Howe Road Kayak Launch 733 Howe Road Porter, IN 46304 41.622635, -87.094886 (Decimal Degrees)</p>	<p>Indiana Dunes National Park, in partnership with the Northwest Indiana Paddling Association, Shirley Heinze Land Trust and Save The Dunes, invite you to join a paddling tour on the East Arm Little Calumet River. The tour will start in Chesterton at the Keith Walner Preserve and paddle to Howe Road in Porter.</p> <p>For this event, you must bring your own kayak or canoe. Participants should drop off their boat at the Keith Walner Preserve parking area, where NWIPA and NPS personnel will be present starting at 9:00am, and then travel to Howe Road to park their car. A single bus will transport kayakers from Howe Road to Keith Richard Walner Preserve, so please be sure to arrive at Howe Road before 10:20 am so that the bus can leave on time at 10:30 am. Directions and a map will be emailed just prior to the event.</p> <p>Space is limited, so we invite you to REGISTER as soon as you know you plan to attend.</p> <p><b>EACH PARTICIPANT MUST REGISTER.</b> Please also consider joining the Izaak Walton Miller chapter and Northwest Indiana Paddling Association, or make a donation on the REGISTER page.</p> <p><a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-outdoor-adventure-festival-east-arm-little-calumet-paddle-tour-tickets-694786353687">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-outdoor-adventure-festival-east-arm-little-calumet-paddle-tour-tickets-694786353687</a></p>
<b>Festival de la Monarca - The Nature Conservancy</b>	9/16/2023	11:00 AM	5:00 PM	<p>Kosciuszko Park 800 West 151st Street (Indianapolis Boulevard) East Chicago, IL 46312</p>	<p>The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and partners are hosting the sixth annual Festival de la Monarca. The free festival—which will be held at the City's Kosciuszko Park—raises awareness of the plight of the monarch butterfly and unites the surrounding community through educational activities, music, art, and dance.</p> <p>Festival attendees also have the opportunity to learn how they can help the imperiled monarch. One great way is to plant pollinator plants, particularly milkweed. Monarch caterpillars feed exclusively on milkweed plants.</p> <p>Notes: 1. This event starts at Kosciuszko Park located at the corner of 151st Street and Indianapolis Boulevard in East Chicago.</p>
<b>Ecology Hike - Pinhook Bog Tour with Nathanael Pilla</b>	9/16/2023	1:00 PM	2:30 PM	<p>Pinhook Bog Parking Lot 946 North Wozniak Road LaPorte, IN 46360 41.621214, -86.850227 (Decimal Degrees)</p>	<p>Join Nathanael Pilla of Midwest Biological Survey for an insiders' tour of the amazing Pinhook Bog the Upland Trail and learn about the vast array of plants in the wetland community. Nathanael, formerly of the National Park Service, 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.</p> <p>Notes: 1. The even starts at the Pinhook bog parking lot located off North Wozniak Road in LaPorte. Parking is limited. 2. Dogs are not permitted in the bog.</p>

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<b>Artist-in-Residence Shared Experience - Presentation by Artist Mary Ann Pals</b>	9/16/2023	1:30 PM	2:30 PM	Indiana Dunes Visitor Center 1215 North Indiana State Road 49 Porter, IN 46304 41.633349, -87.053762 (Decimal Degrees)	Experience the park through the eyes of an artist with 2023 Artist-in-Resident, Mary Ann Pals. Learn about her adventures in the park and view her Indiana Dunes inspired masterpieces. This presentation will take place in the Visitor Center's auditorium. Her art will also be on display at the Visitor Center from September 11 through September 17 during normal business hours.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Indiana Dunes Visitor Center located on State Road 49, just south of U.S. Highway 20.
<b>Who's Scat is That? - State Park</b>	9/16/2023	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center 1600 North 25 East Chesterton, IN 46304 41.659393, -87.050071 (Decimal Degrees)	Become a nature detective and get the scoop on poop in this program where your poo IQ will be tested.  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>Yoga for All-levels - Portage Lakefront</b>	9/16/2023	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk Pavilion 100 Riverwalk Road Portage, IN 46368 41.630994, -87.178383 (Decimal Degrees)	Join yogini Lorraine of Sandy Pause Yoga for a feel-good yoga flow overlooking Lake Michigan! In this all levels class, you will move through a playful sequence of yoga poses, linking breath to movement for a moving meditation to release tension and cultivate flexibility and spaciousness in body and mind. This class is appropriate for adults aged 18+ and is accessible for beginner and more experienced yoga students alike. Stay after class to enjoy the sunset and s'mores around the firepit! <b>Visit <a href="http://www.sandypauseyoga.com">www.sandypauseyoga.com</a> for details.</b>  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk Pavilion in Portage. 2. Please bring a yoga/exercise mat and water.
<b>Photography - Sunset at West Beach</b>	9/16/2023	6:00 PM	7:30 PM	West Beach Parking Lot 376 North County Line Road Gary, IN 46403 41.622934 -87.207747 (Decimal Degrees)	Join national park ranger and photographer Rafi Wilkinson for a hike to the top of the Dunes Succession Trail 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 1.0 mile. The hike does involve climbing stairs and a short walk on the beach..  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.
<b>Sunset Fire Side Chat - Portage Lakefront</b>	9/16/2023	6:00 PM	7:30 PM	Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk Pavilion 100 Riverwalk Road Portage, IN 46368 41.630994, -87.178383 (Decimal Degrees)	Join a ranger and watch the sunset from the pavilion. Bring your own marshmallows to roast in the pavilion's fireplace.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk Pavilion in Portage.
<b>Sunday, September 17</b>					

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<b>Self-led Hike - Trail 8 (3 Dunes Challenge) at the State Park</b>	9/17/2023	7:00 AM	11:00 PM	Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center 1600 North 25 East 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. The trail passing through hardwood forests 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 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 at the State Park</b>	9/17/2023	7:00 AM	11:00 PM	Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center 1600 North 25 East Chesterton, IN 46304 41.659393, -87.050071 (Decimal Degrees)	Trail 9 is renowned for its stunning views atop Beach House Blowout. Many consider the 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>Kids Scavenger Hunt - Paul H. Douglas Center</b>	9/17/2023	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 self-guided pollinator themed scavenger hunt along our new interactive pollinator trail. Also, have the kids enjoy the outdoors while building forts and having fun in our Nature Play Zone.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Paul H. Douglas Center located on Lake Street in Miller.
<b>Feed the Birds B-I-N-G-O - State Park</b>	9/17/2023	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center 1600 North 25 East Chesterton, IN 46304 41.659393, -87.050071 (Decimal Degrees)	Join the Naturalist at the Nature Center to help fill all of the bird feeders and play this fun game at our bird feeding windows!  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>Wellness Walk - Gibson Woods County Park</b>	9/17/2023	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Gibson Woods Parking Lot 6201 Parrish Avenue Hammond, IN 46323 41.599563, -87.451246 (Decimal Degrees)	Did you know there are plenty of benefits to being out in nature? Join us for a leisurely stroll through Gibson Woods to reap the emotional, physical, mental, and spiritual benefits of being on our trails. Please dress for the weather. <b>PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED; call 219-844-3188.</b> All ages.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Gibson Woods Nature Center located on Parrish Avenue in Hammond.

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<b>Duneland Fall Festival - Chellberg Farm</b>	9/17/2023	10:00 AM	4:00 PM	Chellberg Farm Parking Lot 618 North Mineral Springs Road Porter, IN 46301 41.624679, -87.089502 (Decimal Degrees)	Visit the heart of the Outdoor Adventure Festival at Chellberg Farm for a day of fall fun. There will be musical groups, live entertainment, and demonstration booths showcasing skills that farmers would have used in the early 1900s. Wagon rides will be available for a suggested donation to the Friends of Indiana Dunes to help maintain the farm.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the main Baily / Chellberg parking lot located off of Mineral Springs Road between U.S. Highway 12 and U.S. Highway 20.
<b>Forest Bathing - Baily Homestead</b>	9/17/2023	10:30 AM	2:30 PM	Chellberg Farm Parking Lot 618 North Mineral Springs Road Porter, IN 46301 41.624679, -87.089502 (Decimal Degrees)	Join Cynthia Smith and enjoy some peace and quiet in nature through a mini forest bathing experience/. Listen to what nature has to say at the historic Baily Homestead. Bring a blanket or towel to sit on. Sessions are from 10:30 am-10:55am, 11:00am-11:25am, 11:30am-11:55am, 1:00pm-1:25pm, 1:30pm-1:55pm, and 2:00pm-2:25pm.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the main Baily / Chellberg parking lot located off of Mineral Springs Road between U.S. Highway 12 and U.S. Highway 20. 2. Please proceed directly to the Baily Homestead.
<b>Yoga for the Family - Portage Lakefront</b>	9/17/2023	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk Pavilion 100 Riverwalk Road Portage, IN 46368 41.630994, -87.178383 (Decimal Degrees)	Yogini Lorraine of Sandy Pause Yoga will lead a fun-filled family yoga class overlooking Lake Michigan! This playful class will provide an opportunity for kids of all ages to enjoy yoga poses, simple breath exercises and games to build self-confidence, practice self-regulation, and for the simple enjoyment of moving their bodies in new ways. All kids and adults are welcome for family yoga! Visit <a href="http://www.sandypauseyoga.com">www.sandypauseyoga.com</a> for details.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk Pavilion in Portage. 2. Please bring a yoga mat and water.
<b>Geology Hike - Mount Baldy</b>	9/17/2023	1:00 PM	3:00 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 geologist Erin Argyilan for an expert's behind-the-scenes tour of iconic Mount Baldy. Erin 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>Critter Dinner - State Park</b>	9/17/2023	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Indiana Dunes State Park Nature Center 1600 North 25 East Chesterton, IN 46304 41.659393, -87.050071 (Decimal Degrees)	Hop, slither, or turtle trot on over to the Nature Center's Auditorium to see our resident reptiles and amphibians eat their live meals!  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>Bat Hike - Gibson Woods County Park</b>	9/17/2023	6:45 PM	7:45 PM	Gibson Woods Parking Lot 6201 Parrish Avenue Hammond, IN 46323 41.599563, -87.451246 (Decimal Degrees)	With summer's ending and autumn's near beginning, let's enjoy a sunset hike looking for bats before they begin their journey to their hibernation spots. <b>PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED; call 219-844-3188.</b> Geared towards adults.  Notes: 1. This event starts at the Gibson Woods Nature Center located on Parrish Avenue in Hammond.