



Naturally Speaking Winter 2023-2024



What's New at the Parks?



The Nature Center at Luhr County Park
is on winter hours!

Tuesday & Thursday: 1-4pm
Wednesday & Friday: 10am-4pm
Saturday - Monday: CLOSED



Luhr County Park now has **snowshoes**! On days when we have had a decent amount of snow, you will be able to check out snowshoes for both children and adults to use on the trails at Luhr County Park for free! Call the Nature Center for more details at 219.324.5855



LaPorte County Parks has a holiday gift for all of you on the nice list a bathroom at Creek Ridge with running water and heat!

Our website has been updated! Scan the QR code or visit our website to stay up to date.

www.laportecountyparks.org



We are updating our mailing and email list. Please be sure to let us know if you would like to remain on the list or be added to either list for future Naturally Speaking newsletters. Send an email to cfitzgerald@laporteco.in.gov or give us a call at 219-324-5855.

Bluhm County Park
3855 S. 1100 West
Westville

Creek Ridge County Park
7943 W. 400 North
Michigan City

Luhr County Park
3178 S. 150 West
LaPorte







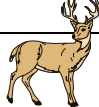



Red Mill County Park
0185 S. Holmesville Rd.
LaPorte

Sebert Woods County Park
3608 W. 925 North
Michigan City



DECEMBER



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					 1 Elves in Trouble Various Parks NOW-JAN 8	2
3	4	 5 Nature's Tiny Tots Luhr 11:30am-12:30am	6	 7 A Brush with Madness Luhr 6pm-8pm	8	 Science Saturday Luhr 10am-11:30am Knitting Circle Luhr 2pm-4pm
10	11	 12 Drum Fit for Boomers Red Mill 8am-9am	13	 14 Celestial Night Hike Creek Ridge 5pm-6:30pm	 15 All About ___ Red Mill 5pm-6:30pm	16
17	18	 19 Nature's Tiny Tots Luhr 11:30am-12:30am	20	 21 A Brush with Madness Luhr 6pm-8pm	22	23
24	 25 Christmas Offices CLOSED	26	27	28	29	30
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JANUARY



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	 1 New Year's Day Offices CLOSED	2	3	 4 Celestial Night Hike Red Mill 5pm-6:30pm	5	6
7	 8 Elves in Trouble Various Parks FINAL DAY	 9 Nature's Tiny Tots Luhr 11:30am- 12:30am	10	 11 A Brush with Madness Luhr 6pm-8pm	12	 13 Science Saturday Luhr 10am-11:30am
14	 15 MLK Jr. Day Offices CLOSED	 16 Drum Fit for Boomers Red Mill 9am-10am	17	 18 All About Luhr 5pm-6:30pm	19	20
21	22	 23 Nature's Tiny Tots Luhr 11:30am- 12:30am	24	 25 A Brush with Madness Luhr 6pm-8pm	26	 27 Winter Fest Red Mill See times in description
28	29	 30 Drum Fit for Boomers Red Mill 9am-10am	31			



FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	 3 Science Saturday Luhr 10am-11:30am
4	5	 6 Nature's Tiny Tots Luhr 11:30am-12:30am	7	 8 All About Red Mill Luhr 5pm-6:30pm	 9 Celestial Night Hike Luhr 5pm-6:30pm 	10
11	12	 13 Drum Fit for Boomers Red Mill 9am-10am	14	 15 A Brush with Madness Luhr 6pm-8pm	16	17
18	 19 Presidents' Day Offices CLOSED	 20 Nature's Tiny Tots Luhr 11:30am-12:30am	21	22	 23 Fractal Frolic Dance Red Mill 6pm-8pm	 24 Fractal Frolic Dance Red Mill 2pm-4pm
25	26	 27 Drum Fit for Boomers Red Mill 9am-10am	28	 29 A Brush with Madness Luhr 6pm-8pm		

A Brush with Madness
Luhr County Park
\$8/person

Take home your very own masterpiece following easy-to-follow directions. All painting supplies provided. No experience necessary. All ages welcome.
Register by the Tuesday before the class.

All About_: formerly
Parent/Child Discovery Days
Various Parks
FREE

Join us for an educational night where we will learn about nature and complete a craft. Topics for this season will be as follows:
Dec: All About Reindeer and enjoy Persimmon Pudding
Jan: All About Tracks
Feb: All About Our Love of Animals in Nature. The LPCPL will be reading a story during this program.
Register at least 1 week before the class.

Celestial Night Hike
Various Parks
FREE

Go on a hike, rain or shine. Learn about constellations. On clear nights observe meteor showers. Enjoy a snack around a campfire while the park rangers tell a story.
Register 1 week before the class.

Drum Fit for Boomers
Red Mill County Park
FREE

Get your exercise in with music and fun! Drum on yoga balls to the beat of the music. Instruction, drum sticks, and yoga balls provided.
Register by the Friday before the class.

Elves in Trouble
Various Parks
FREE

Santa's elves made some wonderful ornaments this year, but misplaced them in the parks. Can you help find them? Clues to their hiding places will be posted each Friday on our Facebook page. Post a selfie with the ornaments you find in the comments or on the event page. There will be a prize for the most ornaments found by January 8th. Happy hunting!
Visit our Facebook page @LaPorte County Parks for clues and to post your finds!

Fractal Frolic Dance: formerly the Daddy/Daughter Dance
Red Mill County Park
\$25/couple; \$5/each additional child

Join us for a memorable outing. Children 10 and under bring your favorite adult and enjoy a fun-filled night of dancing. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.
Feb. 23, 6-8pm Feb. 24, 2-4pm
Register at least 1 week before the event.

Nature's Tiny Tots
Luhr County Park
FREE

Bring your toddler for a morning of fun learning! We will read a story, do a craft, and enjoy some physical activity!
Register by the Monday before the class.

Science Saturday
Luhr County Park
FREE

Come out to the Nature Center on Saturday for a cool science experiment. This class is designed for children in middle school through high school. Topics for this season will be:
Dec: Atom Ornaments
Jan: Snowflake Science
Feb: Edible Glaciers
Register at least 1 week before the class.

Winter Fest
Red Mill County Park
FREE

We have some fun activities planned for Winter Fest! Join us for any activity you choose.
12-2pm: **Cookies & Crafts** while learning about the science of snowflakes!
2-3pm: **Game**, Arctic Animal Survival
3-4pm **Snowshoeing**, weather permitting, we will have snow shoes available to check out for free! Led by a naturalist.
4-5pm **Night Hike**, flash lights provided.
5:00-6:30pm: **Campfire**, Story Telling and S'mores

For more information about each program, visit our website at www.laportecountyparks.org or find us on Facebook @LaPorte County Parks.



LaPorte County Parks Programs 2023 Fall Registration Form (Please Print)

To register for programs, please fill out this form
or call Red Mill County Park at 219-325-8315.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Name of person filling out registration: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration/payment can be completed over the phone at (219)325-8315, in person at Red Mill County Park, or through snail mail.

Make Checks Payable to:
LaPorte County Parks Dept.

Mail this form and payment to:
LaPorte County Parks Dept.
Program Registration
0185 South Holmesville Road
LaPorte, In 46350

Please pre-register for programs that say "Registration Required" even if there is no cost for the program. Most programs have limited space, so be sure to register early!

If registering through mail, be sure to send it early. Registration will not be accepted after the due date or after the program is filled, whichever comes first.

ALL SALES ARE FINAL

Make sure to send registration form and pre-payment to the address listed above.
Thank you!

A BRUSH WITH MADNESS

Name of painter(s): _____

Age: _____

Check the program(s) you wish to attend. \$8 per person per program. Classes in the same month are the same painting. **Please do not select more than one date each month!**

__Dec 7 __Dec 21

__Jan 11 __Jan 25

__Feb 15 __Feb 29

FRACTAL FROLIC DANCE

Name of dancer(s): _____

Age: _____

This program fills up fast so be sure to sign up early!

Check the program you wish to attend. \$25 per couple; \$5 per each additional child.

__Feb 23, 6pm-8pm __Feb 24, 2pm-4pm