



# Naturally Speaking Spring 2024



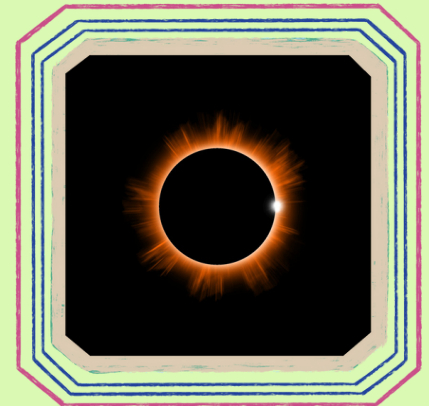
## What's New at the Parks?



We had so much fun at Luhr County Park with all of the snow! We were able to test out our new snowshoes, and it was fantastic! We hope next year allows for even more winter activities!

**Luhr Nature Center is now open on weekends. Starting Saturday March 2 and Sunday March 3 From 12-5pm**

Our next grand adventure is directed skyward. April 8 LaPorte County will be in the path of a partial solar eclipse in which approximately 96% of the sun will be covered by the moon. The LaPorte County Public Library and LaPorte County Parks are partnering up to get you ready for the eclipse! Check out the dates for the Eclipse Series.



Join us at the LaPorte County Parks and Recreation Board Meetings to find out what is going on with our parks and let your voice be heard. Meetings start at 5pm on the dates and locations below.

March 5th - Red Mill, Smith Hall

April 2nd - Red Mill, Smith Hall

June 4th - Luhr, Morgan Shelter

We are updating our mailing. Please be sure to let us know if you would like to be removed or remain on the list. Send an email to [cfitzgerald@laporteco.in.gov](mailto: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



# MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Luhr Nature Center is now open on weekends 12-5pm
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10	11	12 Drum Fit for Boomers Red Mill 9am-10am	13	14	15 Glow in the Dark Night Hike Luhr 7pm-8:30pm	16
17	18	19 Drum Fit for Boomers Red Mill 9am-10am Nature's Tiny Tots Luhr 11:30am-12:30am	20 Breakfast with the Birds Luhr 8am-10am	21 A Brush with Madness Luhr 6pm-8pm	22	23
24	25	26 Eclipse Series #1 Luhr 11am-noon	27	28 Easter Egg Hunt for dogs Creek Ridge 9am-Noon	29 Good Friday Offices CLOSED	30
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# APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		Eclipse Series #2 Creek Ridge 11am-noon	Nature's Tiny Tots Luhr 11:30am-12:30am	A Brush with Madness Luhr 6pm-8pm		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Solar Eclipse Viewing Luhr & Creek Ridge 11:30am-4pm	Drum Fit for Boomers Red Mill 9am-10am				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		Nature's Tiny Tots Luhr 11:30am-12:30am	Corny's Birthday Celebration Open House Luhr Noon-6:30pm	A Brush with Madness Luhr 6pm-8pm		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Earth Day at Creek Ridge 4-6pm Celestial Night Hike Creek Ridge 7:30pm-9pm	Drum Fit for Boomers Red Mill 9am-10am	Nature's Tiny Tots Luhr 11:30am-12:30am Naturalist Guided Program: Wildflowers Bluhm 5pm-6:00pm	All About Flowers Red Mill 5pm-6:30pm		
28	29	30				
	Hoosier Rivewatch Training Red Mill 9am-4pm	Hoosier Riverwatch Training Red Mill 9am-1pm				





# MAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			 <b>1</b> Drum Fit for Boomers Red Mill 9am-10am	 <b>2</b> A Brush with Madness Luhr 6pm-8pm	 <b>3</b> Riverwatch Skills Review Red Mill 10am -3pm	 <b>4</b> Celestial Night Hike and Hay Rides Bluhm 7pm-9:30pm
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	 <b>7</b> Election Day Offices CLOSED	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
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<b>26</b>	 <b>27</b> Memorial Day Offices CLOSED	 <b>28</b> Drum Fit for Boomers Red Mill 9am-10am	 <b>29</b> Naturalist Guided Program: Beautiful Birds Luhr 5pm-6:30pm	 <b>30</b> All About_ Frogs Luhr 5pm-6:30pm	<b>31</b>	



**All programs are FREE unless otherwise specified. Please register one week before.**

**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.

**All About\_\_  
Various Parks**

Join us for an educational night where we will learn about nature, complete a craft, and read a story. This program is geared toward elementary aged children. However, ALL ages are welcome! Topics for this season will be as follows:

March- **Luhr**-Birds

April-**Red Mill**- Flowers -This program will be joined by the LaPorte County Public Library.

May- **Luhr**-Frogs

**Breakfast with the Birds  
Luhr County Park**

The Nature Center at Luhr County Park has a wonderful bird viewing area. We will provide a pancake breakfast while you sit and enjoy the company of the birds.

**Celestial Night Hike  
Various Parks**

Go on a hike, rain or shine.

Learn about constellations.

Enjoy a snack around a campfire while the park rangers tell a story.

March- **Luhr**- Glow in the Dark

night hike look for glowing leprechauns on a scavenger hunt.

April- **Creek Ridge**- night hike we will observe meteor showers.

May-**Bluhm** -night hike we will observe meteor showers and we will be offering hay rides for free.

**Corny's Birthday Celebration  
Luhr County Park**

Corny the corn snake is turning 23 years old! Her birthday present is a new enclosure. Come celebrate her birthday and learn about snakes at the Nature Center at Luhr County Park!

Activities and snacks provided.

Pet Supplies Plus will be doing a presentation on Snakes from 5-6:30pm.

**No registration required.**

**Drum Fit for Boomers  
Red Mill County Park**

Get exercising with music and fun! Drum on yoga balls to the beat of the music. Instruction, drum sticks, and yoga balls provided. All ages welcome!

**Earth Day at Creek Ridge**

Come celebrate Earth Day with us! We will be picking up trash, and do a reuse craft.

**Easter Egg Hunt For Dogs  
Creek Ridge**

Bring your dogs into the dog run and let them find Easter Eggs filled with dog treats.

**Eclipse Series  
Creek Ridge and Luhr**

Experience this partial solar eclipse where most of the sun will be blocked out by the moon! Get ready for the experience by attending both days in this series. This program will be joined by the LaPorte County Public Library.

**Series #1 Luhr**- We will read a story, make a solar system mobile, and hike the solar system.

**Series #2 Creek Ridge**- We will do a STEM lesson about the eclipse and learn about the sun.

**Hoosier Riverwatch Training  
Red Mill - Environmental Education  
Center**

Get trained on how to monitor Indiana's local streams. Learn more about water quality issues that are impacting our watersheds.

**Nature's Tiny Tots  
Luhr County Park**

Bring your toddler for a morning of fun learning! We will read a story, do a craft, and enjoy some physical activity!

**Naturalist Guided Programs For all  
Ages:**

**Various Parks**

**Beautiful Birds -Luhr**- Come to the Nature Center and learn about birds while watching them eat at the feeders. Then, go for a hike looking for birds with binoculars provided by LaPorte County Parks.

**Wild Flower Hike -Bluhm** Learn to identify wild flowers that bloom only in the spring.

**Riverwatch Skills Review  
Red Mill - Environmental Education  
Center**

Join trained volunteers to review water monitoring techniques. If you have already had the training or are new, this training will help you get back in the water.

**Solar Eclipse Viewing  
Luhr County Park & Creek Ridge County  
Park**

Come out to either Luhr County Park or Creek Ridge County Park to view the partial solar eclipse! The eclipse starts at 12:52pm and peaks at 2:08pm. Be sure to get to the park early to catch the full experience! Fun activities and snacks will be provided. This program will be joined by the LaPorte County Public Library.

**No registration required.**

**For more information about each program, visit our website at  
[www.laportecountyparks.org](http://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.

### 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!**

\_\_ Mar 7 \_\_ Mar 21

\_\_ Apr 4 \_\_ Apr 18

\_\_ May 2 \_\_ May 23

### ALL SALES ARE FINAL

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