Woodpecker 101

Saturday, February 22nd, 10-11:30am

How many species of woodpeckers can be found in Beall Woods? Do all woodpeckers have similar feeding and nesting behaviors? Find out the answers to these questions and learn how to identify the species common to our area. Don't forget your binoculars! A guided hike will take place after the presentation.

Take a Wild Guess

Saturday, March 7th, 2pm

This is a picture puzzler program. Can you guess the subject of a photograph by only seeing a small portion of the picture? View local photography while having fun figuring out what was in front of the camera!

Greater Prairie Chickens in IL

Saturday, March 14th, 2-3pm

Join Illinois Master Naturalist, Bob Shelby, as he discusses the physical and behavioral characteristics of the Greater Prairie Chicken. Discover how the bird's population has declined over time and what is being done to help sustain the state's population. Shelby began working out of Prairie Ridge SNA in 1999 and still assists with the translocation of the Greater Prairie Chickens from Kansas.

Woodland Wildflower Hikes

Saturdays, April 4th and 18th,10:30am-noon

Discover past uses of our native flora and interesting characteristics about each wildflower species during a 1 mile hike along the trails of the Nature Preserve. Feel free to bring along your camera to capture the intricate design and delicate nature of these spring beauties.

Wander Among the Wildflowers

Saturday, April 18th, 1:00pm-2:30pm

* Program targets Girl Scouts * 1 mile hike/craft

Two Bob's Adventures

Saturday, April 18th, 3pm-4pm

Love spending time in the outdoors and discovering interesting places. Join father and son (Bob Ellis, III and IV) as they share experiences and photographs from their hiking adventures throughout Illinois, Indiana, and Kentucky. Discover where their favorite trails are located, how they plan and execute a several mile hike versus a short day hike, and situations they have encountered during their trek. In 2016, this father-son duo made a decision to not only start hiking but to record their trips and create a YouTube Channel known as Two Bobs' Adventures. They currently have around 75 videos uploaded to YouTube.

Amazing Animal Mothers

Saturday, May 9th, 2-3pm

Spring Bird Count

Saturday, May 9th or 10th

*Checklist available inside Visitor Center

Norm Cline Photography

Saturday, May 16th, 2pm - 3pm

Norm has traveled near and far to capture amazing images of wildlife, waterfalls, flowers, and fungi. You never know where he may end up looking for new species or beautiful landscapes. Join Norm as he shares his favorite photos and hear stories about his encounters during a powerpoint presentation in the Visitor Center.

Silent Fliers

Saturday, May 23rd, 9am-11am

Owls are amazing nocturnal birds of prey. Learn why owls are classified as birds of prey, which species are common to our area, what types of prey make up their diet, why they regurgitate pellets, and discover facts about their unique abilities and senses. Participants can dissect an owl pellet after the presentation.

Fitness Day at the Park

Saturday, June 6th

Registration begins at 8:30am Event is FREE!

Classes and instructors will be announced at a later date!

Sponsored By: Wabash General Hospital

Junior Naturalist Programs

***Ages 8-12 *Registration Required**

Get in Touch With Nature

Friday, June 5th, 9am-11am

Becoming a Bird Nerd

Friday, June 19th, 9am-11am

Pollinator Party

Friday, June 26th, 9am-11am

*Please register your child for one, two, or all three of the Junior Naturalist programs by June 1st. Adults are welcome to stay with their child during the program. Each week, a participation form must be completed by a parent or guardian. Participants should wear old clothes.

Fishing With My Dad

Saturday, June 13th

Registration 8:30am-9am

Fishing 9-10:30am

Fishing With My Dad is sponsored by the Wabash County Health Department (All Our Kids Network) and is for children ages 5 and under. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please remember to bring your fishing gear and register upon arrival at the shelter by the boat dock. Everyone should return to the shelter by 10:45am for prizes.

Youth Fishing Derby

Saturday, June 20th
Registration 8-8:30am, Fishing 8:30-10:30am

Calling all anglers ages 6 to 16! Find your favorite fishing pole and lucky bait. You are invited to Beall Woods State Park's annual youth fishing derby, sponsored by The Hanging Rock Bass Club. Please register upon arrival between 8am-8:30am. Participants will have two hours to fish. Prizes will be presented at approximately 10:45am. This event is free of charge and participants must be accompanied by an adult.

GARDENING FOR POLLINATORS

Saturday, July 11th, 9am-10am

With the array of brilliant colors added to the green landscape, flowers bring forth a state of peacefulness and happiness to their observers. Not only is their aesthetic value of importance, but many organisms rely on flowers for survival. Find out how to attract wildlife to your yard by planting beautiful native prairie plants. Participants should meet at the north shelter at 9am. We will be taking a short hike around the pollination garden and the prairie restoration site. Feel free to bring your camera!

ENTICE : Illinois Bats

Thursday, July 30th, 5pm-9pm

The only true flying mammals will be examined at this workshop for educators of grades one through four. Work with resource professionals as you learn about the life history of bats and their relationships to other species in the environment. Experience hands-on activities that can be instantly implemented into your curriculum. Professional Development Hours are available. Educators of other grade levels are welcome to attend the workshop. Register at https://www.enticeworkshops.com/.

Tagged Fish Challenge

Forty-five tags are distributed among different species of fish in the park's lake including large-mouth bass, crappie, bluegill and channel catfish. The fishing frenzy will end on August 31st, 2020. Twenty-five of these tags will correspond with specific prizes donated by sponsors. The other 20 will not be prize specific; anglers catching tags 1514-1534 will be entered to win a "grand prize". This prize will be presented at the end of the contest. Information on eligibility and rules can be found inside of the Visitor Center.

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Citizens National Bank	$100
Ingram Meredith Funeral Home	$100
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Wabash Valley Bass Club	$100
CTB Repair	$65 value
Hanging Rock Bass Club	$50
Wabash Valley Association	$50 gift card
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KOZ - Little Prairie CC	$50
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GRAND PRIZE
Guided Fishing Trip

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