



Thirteen Lines

News and Notes from the LaGrange County Department of Parks and Recreation

Summer 2019

To make a prairie it takes a clover and one bee,
One clover, and a bee.
And revery.
The revery alone will do,
If bees are few.

-Emily Dickinson

All things by immortal power
Near or far
Hiddenly
To each other linked are
That thou canst not stir a flower
Without troubling of a star

-Francis Thompson

Please join us this summer!
You can stroll, spin, stitch or swim.
Go to camp with friends.
We've got two types of jam,
Yummy BBQ, and a rockin' band.
Yes, summer spent in nature sure is grand.

-Leslie A. Arnold, Naturalist

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Public Park Board Meeting April 25

Maple Wood Nature Center will be closed Sundays in July.

LaGrange County Offices will be closed May 27, Memorial Day and July 4, Independence Day.

Indiana's Free Fishing Days are April 20, May 18, and June 1-2.

Pine Knob Fish & Field Day is Sept 21.





June 1 Free Family Fishing Day

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Rainbow Pit, Pigeon River FWA

- Poles and bait provided
- Fishing games and handouts
- Fileting demonstrations
- Prizes!
- **Freewill Fish Fry 11:30 - 1:00**

All fish fry donations benefit the Friends of LaGrange County Parks.



Special Events

June 22 Delt Doggy Dash

1 Mile Benefit Dog Walk

10:00 a.m.

Delt Church Park



Ark Animal Sanctuary hopes to have microchipping and dog tag making services available at the walk.

Registration begins May 1. Forms will be found at www.lagrangecountyparks.org OR stop by the Park Office. **\$5.00 per person.** Come and walk without a dog too!

Each person registered receives a ticket to enter a drawing of choice. Purchase more tickets to increase your odds of winning! Tickets will also be sold on June 22nd, at 9:00 a.m.

ALL of the registration money goes to Ark Animal Sanctuary and the Friends of LaGrange County Parks.

Dogs must show proof of rabies vaccine and must be leashed at all times. A water station will be available.

Thank you Meijer for your generous donation and support!





Pro-Am Disk Golf Event

July 27
2:00 p.m.

Delt Church Park

- 18 basket course with a shotgun start
- Prizes for best drive, longest putt, and lowest score



More information will be available soon online at the Friends of LaGrange County Parks Facebook page.

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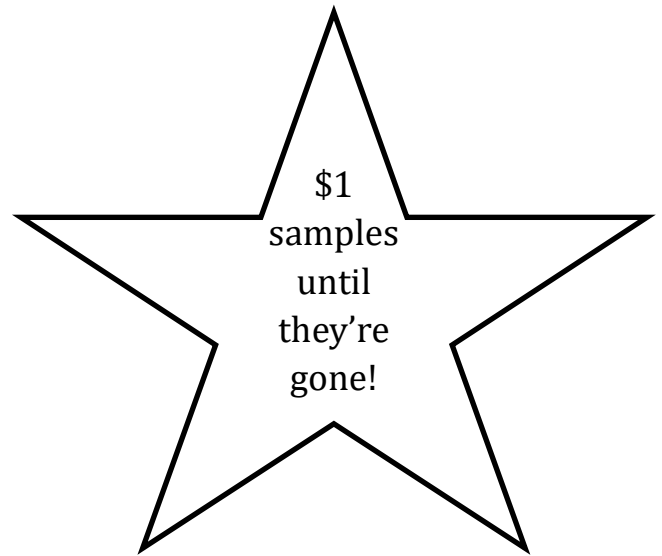
June 29 Ribs @ Rogers

12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

David Rogers Memorial Park

Pro - Am BBQ Competition Cook Off

- 12:00 Park Opens
- 2:00 Second Wind band
- 2:30 Judging
- 3:30 Meal Tickets on Sale!



Homemade Maple Baked Beans & Mac-n-Cheese

Homemade Root Beer Floats



Would you like to compete? Registration Packets are available at www.lagrangecountyparks.org OR stop by the Park Office.



Monthly at Maple Wood

Make - n - Take Crafts

Second Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.

May 11: Cupcake Paper Flowers

June 8: Track Stamp Booklets

July 13: Sand Art

Easy nature crafts for the entire family!
Free of charge (donations appreciated).



Maple Wood Fiber Guild

Second Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Open to anyone and any kind of fiber art! Knitting, crocheting, spinning, weaving, dyeing, tatting, embroidery, and more!

Bring projects to work on, get inspiration from others, or learn a new hobby. *Children welcome!*
Please bring a dish to share for the potluck lunch and cash donation for LaGrange County Parks.

Sewing Group

Fourth Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

What is a UFO? If you answered an un-finished object...this is the perfect sewing group for you!

Open to anyone! Bring your sewing machine. Get help and direction with a project, share ideas with others, and make new friends. Please bring a sack lunch and munchie to share. Please bring a \$5.00 donation for LaGrange County Parks. Questions? Contact Linda Grobis (260) 351-3609

Monthly at Maple Wood



Breakfast with the Birds

Third Wednesdays, 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

May 22 (4th Wed); June 19; July 17

Walking, Suet Cake Recipes, and Doughnuts!

- Make suet cakes to take home!
- Learn to ID featured birds and their calls
- Take a casual, social walk with friends
- Enjoy coffee and doughnuts



Bird and nature lovers of all ages are welcome.
Our trails are made of crushed limestone for a flat, even surface.

Maple Wood Nature Center Wish List: Please call (260) 463-4022 to learn more!

Sunday Afternoon Hosts

Eagle Scout to build an outdoor turtle corral

Bird feed of any kind

Summer Quilt Class

May 18

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



May Quilt Class: Spring Fling! If you have a jelly roll with a matching charm pack, this is the project for you! If you do not have those pre-cuts, directions will be given for cutting fabric from yardage. Attendees can make a table topper or throw size.

Registration is required. Instructions are provided upon registration. To register, call the Park Office, 260-854-2225, or email lgrangecountyparks@yahoo.com. Fee is \$25 (\$5 is given back to Parks)

For more information, contact the instructors Julia Wolheter, 260-367-1449 or Ira Johnson, 260-367-1438. Please bring a dish for the potluck lunch.

Folk Jams

1:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Folk Jam music sessions are hosted the 4th Sunday of each month. Jams are mostly folk, country, and bluegrass music, with other styles occasionally added.

May 26

June 23

July 28

For more information, Contact Erv Troyer, at 463-2247, reo43@aol.com, or Maple Wood at 260-463-4022.



Walks & Talks

Patchwork Trails May - September

In partnership with the LaGrange County Public Library, "Patchwork Trails combines exercise, education, friendship, and fun! Each walk will showcase seasonal beauty unique to each property. We'll look at what's blooming, what's singing, what's flying, and what's underfoot." FREE

Tuesday, May 21: Delt Church Park

6:00 p.m.

Meet at the Playground, 6455 S 200 W, Wolcottville

Tuesday, June 18: Maple Wood Nature Center

6:00 p.m.

Meet at the Nature Center, 4550 E 100 S, LaGrange

Tuesday, July 16: Dallas Lake Park

6:00 p.m.

Meet at the Park Office parking lot, 0505 W 700 S, Wolcottville



Patchwork Trails



Global Big Day Bird Count at Maple Wood

Saturday, May 4

8:30 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.

Be a part of the world's biggest birding day! In 2018, more than 7,000 species were noted in a single day. Help Maple Wood Nature Center contribute to this record making event. We'll keep track of the birds that visit the feeders at Maple Wood, and turn in our list to the global count. Each session must last for at least 15 minutes. More experienced birders are welcome to hit the trails and count birds they see or hear outside. FREE

No Cook Strawberry Jam Workshop at Maple Wood

Saturday, July 27

10:00 a.m.



Learn how to make an easy, summer kitchen staple - strawberry freezer jam. Every participant will make approximately 3 pints of jam to take home and enjoy! Children are welcome with chaperones.

To register, call (260) 463-4022 or email Leslie Arnold at lanold@lagrangecounty.org.

Summer Camps



The summer recreation registration packet can be found at www.lagrangecountyparks.org OR stop by the Park Office. Please call (260) 854-2225 prior to mailing in the form to confirm there are still available spaces.

Camps run 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Daily
Adventure Bound Day Camp: Grades 6-9, \$50.00
July 8-12
Meets at Various Locations

By Gone Days: Grades 1-6, \$50.00
June 24-28
David Rogers Memorial Park

Nature Bound: Grades 1-6, \$50.00
July 15-19; July 22-26; July 29-Aug 1
Dallas Lake Park & Delt Church Park

Swimming Lessons: Ages 5 and older, \$50.00
June 24-July 5 (No July 4th)
July 8-19
July 22-Aug 2
Dallas Lake Park



LaGrange Junior Naturalist Club May - October

Saturday, May 4: Maple Wood Nature Center
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Wildflower Hike and flower craft for Mother's Day gift

Saturday, June 1: Pigeon River FWA, Rainbow Pit
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Free Family Fishing Day

Thursday, July 18: LaGrange County Fairgrounds
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Homemade ice cream and bubbles activity

To register: contact Purdue Extension
Kelsey Younce
kyounce@purdue.edu
(260) 499-6334
Cost: \$15.00 per child, covers May - Oct.

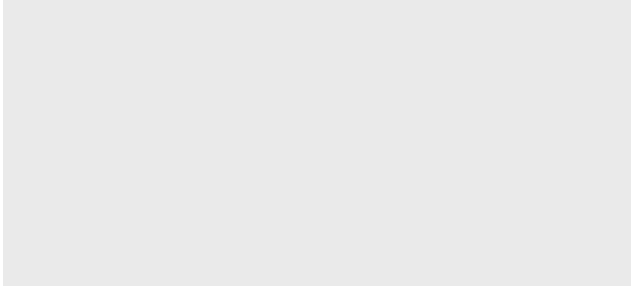


Does your child enjoy playing outdoors and exploring nature? Spend the summer and fall in Parks! This program is recommended for children aged 8-12, but parents can use their own discretion. Adults are encouraged to stay and have fun too. Participants do not have to be in 4-H.

Visit www.lagrangecountyparks.org to view the flyer with full schedule.



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lagrangecountyparks@yahoo.com

<http://www.lagrangecountyparks.org>

Park Hours: 8:00am—Sunset

Park Office Hours: Monday-Friday

8:00am-Noon, 12:30-3:30pm

Like us on Facebook!

Maple Wood Nature Center
4550 E 100 S, LaGrange, IN, 46761

(260) 463-4022

Hours:

Wednesday 8:00a—4:00p

Saturday 9:00a—5:00p

Sunday 1:00p—5:00p

(Closed Sundays in July)

To Receive *Thirteen Lines* Newsletter as an email, send us an email with "Thirteen Lines" in the subject. It is also available for download at www.lagrangecountyparks.org.

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Park Ranger Randy asks all patrons to please practice "leave no trace" when visiting our parks and beaches, and to follow posted speed limit signs for our children's safety. Let's all work together to keep our parks clean and safe.