



Thirteen Lines

News and Notes from the LaGrange County Department of Parks and Recreation April 2020

April 14, 2020

This special edition of *Thirteen Lines* is to inform our wonderful patrons that all of our parks, trails, and playgrounds are temporarily closed. The Dallas Lake Park Office and Maple Wood Nature Center are closed to the public. Please call (260) 854-2225, with any questions. If you need to speak to the Naturalist, please call (260) 463-4022.

For questions about shelter and lodge rentals, please call (260) 854-2225.

We have had several people ask about purchasing maple syrup. We have plenty of maple syrup, so please stay home and stay safe. Syrup and other items will be for sale this summer and fall at Maple Wood Nature Center.

There will be another *Thirteen Lines* newsletter released May 15, that will hopefully include information about summer camps and programs.

If you can't gather with family and friends, try gathering with trees, flowers, birds and butterflies. Check out our family-friendly nature videos! Visit our Facebook page for links to Nature Leslie's short videos.

To your health,
Leslie A. Arnold, Naturalist

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All LaGrange County Offices are CLOSED to the public until further notice. County Offices are scheduled to be closed April 10 for Good Friday.

Indiana's Free Fishing Days are May 3, June 6-7, September 26.

Free Family Fishing Day at Rainbow Pit Saturday, June 6

For Patchwork Trails information, call the Library at 260-463-2841x1030





Monthly at Maple Wood

Make - n - Take Crafts

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

June: Maple Wood Nature Center is closed for private party.

July: Ice Cream in a Bag!



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

Maple Wood Fiber Guild (Beginning May 13)

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.



Monthly at Maple Wood



Breakfast with the Birds - Now once a season!

8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Spend the morning with fellow nature lovers. All ages are welcome. Doughnuts and hot beverages will be served while supplies last. This is a casual, social atmosphere. We'll take a short walk after the talk if weather permits.

Summer: Wednesday, June 17: Happy Hummingbirds

Learn about the fascinating abilities of a Ruby-throated Hummingbird and get tips on feeding hummingbirds at home. Make a perch!



Fall: Wednesday, September 16: Pawpaw Party

We'll explore all things Pawpaw: tree identification, the benefits of the fruit, and recipes. Keep your fingers crossed for ripe fruit to sample.



Wednesday, October 21: Maple Syrup Recipes

This program was originally scheduled March 25.

The winter meeting is yet to be determined.

Quilt Class at Maple Wood, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

May 16: Bow Ties

This is an old pattern. Learn a new, easy way to make it. Have fun choosing your fabric!

Please bring a dish to share for the potluck lunch. Registration is required. Instructions are provided upon registration. To register, call the Park Office, 260-854-2225, or email lagrangecountyparks@yahoo.com. Fee is \$25 (\$5 is given back to Parks)

For more information, contact the instructors Julia Wolhete, 260-367-1449 or Ira Johnson, 260-367-1438.



Monthly at Maple Wood

Folk Jams

1:30 - 5:00pm

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 24

June 28

July 26

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

Sewing Group

May 27, 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. Bring a sack lunch or munchie to share, and \$5.00 donation for LaGrange County Parks. Questions? Contact Linda Grobis (260) 351-3609

Breakfast with Homeschool - Now once a season!

9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

These mornings are designed for outdoor-loving, curious children! Every program will have a craft or activity. If the weather permits, we'll also go for a hike. The programs have been developed from Project WET and Project WILD curriculum and meet many state proficiency standards. Children aged for K - 5th grade will enjoy these mornings the most, but younger and older children will have fun too! Younger siblings are always welcome. Doughnuts and hot beverages served while supplies last.

Summer: Wednesday, May 20: Hiding in Plain Sight

Learn about the importance of camouflage, make color collages, and play hide-n-seek. Live amphibians.

Fall: Wednesday, August 19: Butterfly and Grasshopper Safari

Make a butterfly life cycle chart. Study grasshoppers up close. Discover their awesome jumping skills and practice measuring distance.

The winter meeting is yet to be determined.

Hit the Trail - from home!



Spring Beauty

Virtual Spring Wildflower Walks at Maple Wood

Let's see what's blooming! Come on a virtual walk with me!

All scheduled April naturalist led walks have been canceled.

Nature Leslie is working on a series of spring wildflower videos beginning mid-April: early blooms; trilliums and their friends; late blooms. Look to Facebook and our website for information in the near future.

The videos will feature beautiful color photographs and descriptions to help you identify them on your own in the future. Learn fun facts about name origins and historic uses.

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Park Hours: 8:00am—Sunset

Park Office Hours: Monday-Friday

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

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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)

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