








FEBRUARY

EAGLE CREEK PARK 2017

Programs located at:
Earth Discovery Center
Ornithology Center
 Other (location)



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Earth Discovery Center (EDC) 317-327-7148 Ornithology Center (OC) 317-327-BIRD (2473) Open Monday-Saturday 9-5, Sunday 1-5 56th St. Admin. Office 317-327-7110 Open Monday-Friday 9-5			1 8:30am Volunteer Coffee Talk 	2 Groundhog Day 9:30am Story Time on the Reservoir-Groundhog at Evergreen Road	3 4pm Bird Feeder Craft	4 1:30pm Discovery Class 2:30pm Raptor Feeding Time
5 9am Birdwalk 1:30pm Feeding Time 2:30pm Meet a Raptor	6 	7	8 4pm Backyard Birds	9 9:30am Story Time on the Reservoir-Stranger in the Woods 	 10 4pm Woodpecker Watch	11 10:00am Coffee & Canvas* 1:30pm Discovery Class 2:30pm Raptor Feeding Time
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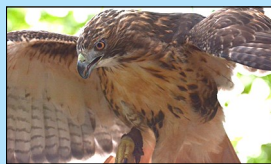
Recurring Programs

All recurring programs are free with park admission!

Saturdays:

Nature Discovery Class, 1:30pm

at the Earth Discovery Center. Enjoy some nature fun at the Earth Discovery Center! Call 317-327-7148 for details.

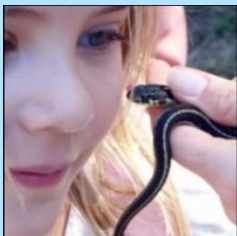


Raptor Feeding Time, 2:30pm at the Ornithology Center.

Join a naturalist at the Ornithology Center to watch us feed one or more of our live birds of prey. Feeding will only take a few minutes so make sure not to be late!

Sundays:

Sunday Morning Birdwalk, 9am-11am at the Ornithology Center. Join a group of new and experienced birders for a brisk morning bird walk! Meets every Sunday morning, rain or shine. The walk is not geared specifically toward children, but they are welcome to attend.



Feeding Time, 1:30-2pm at the Earth Discovery Center. Watch as our educational reptiles, amphibians and other critters enjoy their lunch!

Meet A Raptor, 2:30-3pm at the Ornithology Center. Join a naturalist to discover the world of raptors! You will meet one (or more!) of our special live birds of prey and learn about what makes them raptors.

Thursdays:

Story Time on the Reservoir, 9:30am at the Earth Discovery Center. After reading a nature-themed story, participants will visit stations at their own pace. Stations will vary from week to week but may include puppets, coloring pages, games, artifacts, or additional books. If the weather is too cold or windy, we will meet in the nature center.

About the Great Backyard Bird Count

The Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) is a free, fun, and easy event that engages bird watchers of all ages in counting birds to create a real-time snapshot of bird populations. Participants are asked to count birds for as little as 15 minutes (or as long as they wish) on one or more days of the four-day event and report their sightings online at birdcount.org



February Programs

To register for programs go to www.indyparks.org and enter the 5 digit course # at the end of the description.

Feb 1 (Wed) **Volunteer Coffee Talk**, 8:30am at the Earth Discovery Center. Join us at the Earth Discovery Center on the first Wednesday of every month for a natural history presentation by park staff, volunteers, or guest speakers. Also a great chance to meet Eagle Creek Park volunteers and learn more about volunteer opportunities at the park! Free with park admission.

Feb 3 (Fri) **Bird Feeder Craft**, 4pm at the Ornithology Center. Learn how to make a bird feeder out of everyday homemade ingredients! Free with park admission.

Feb 8 (Wed) **Backyard Birds**, 4pm at the Ornithology Center. Watch the bird feeders and learn how to feed your backyard birds through the winter. Free with park admission.

Feb 10 (Fri) **Woodpecker Watch**, 4pm at the Ornithology Center. Watch the bird feeders for these unique birds and learn how to attract them to your own yard! Free with park admission.

Feb 11 (Sat) **Coffee & Canvas**, 10am-12:30pm at the Ornithology Center. Fresh shade-grown coffee (and other beverages) and a step-by-step art class where you will create a beautiful winter bird painting to take home. A little nervous to paint? Don't worry! No talent or experience is necessary. Program fee includes park admission, refreshments, and all art supplies. \$20/person, ages 15+, course #12018

Feb 16 (Thu) **Little Ducklings (Backyard Birds)**, 10:30-11:30am at the Ornithology Center. A new topic will be introduced each class through hands-on activities, hikes, stories, and take-home ideas for continuing the exploration at home. Sign up for an individual class or multiple! Feb. 16: Backyard Birds (course #12008), \$5/child, \$20/package (#12006), ages 3-5 with adult.

Feb 17 (Fri) **DIY Peanut Butter Suet**, 4pm at the Ornithology Center. Learn how to make your very own "bark butter" to feed the birds in your backyard! Free with park admission.

Feb 18 & 19 (Sat, Sun) **Great Backyard Bird Count**, Sat 10-10:30am & 2-2:30pm; Sun 2-2:30pm at the Ornithology Center. Count the birds we can see from the reservoir and bird feeder rooms and learn about ways you can attract birds to your backyard. No birding experience required! The GBBC is a nearly-twenty-year-old citizen science program run by the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and National Audubon Society where bird watchers of all ages create a real-time snapshot of where birds are all over the world!

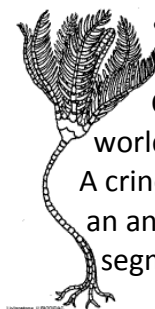
Feb 24 (Fri) **Friday Night Hoots**, 5:30-7pm at the Ornithology Center. It may be cold outside, but that means the owls are becoming more active! See owls up close and take a hike into the night to discover the owls of Eagle Creek! Bring a flashlight! Children under 18 must be accompanied by a registered adult. \$8/person, \$2 discount/person for 3 or more registrants, all ages, course #12012.

Feb 25 (Sat) **Winter Trail Half Marathon**, 10am starting at the Beach Shelter. Half and quarter marathon distances available. Register online at <https://131events.com/winter-trail-frosty>

Feb 28 (Tue) **Bird Craft Corner**, 1pm at the Ornithology Center. Stay out of the cold but still spend time in nature! Free with park admission.

Did you know?

- Groundhogs (also known as woodchucks, whistle-pigs, and mouse-bears) burrows are more than just holes in the ground. They can consist of nearly 50ft of tunnels, 5ft underground, with multiple exits in case they need to escape from predators. Groundhogs sleep, raise their young, and hibernate in their burrows.



- The crinoid is one of Indiana's most prized fossils. Fossils beds near Crawfordsville produce some of the world's finest and best preserved specimens. A crinoid may look like a flower, but it is really an animal anchored to the sea floor by a segmented stem and root structure.