PROGRAMS~STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

JUL-AUG WEDNESDAYS in the WILD programs in separate flyer AND on p. 3 of the electronic version of Native Roots

WABASH RIVERFEST 2026

SAT, JUL 11th 9am to 4pm **at Tapawingo Park, West Lafayette**

A celebration of Indiana's historic Wabash River—
the longest free-flowing river in the eastern US!

Free to the public and great for all ages. Join us at Tapawingo Park for float trips, art classes, fishing lessons, canoe races, and much more!

FREE Admission ~ Details/Schedule: *www.wabashriverfest.com*

FRIENDS OF THE SANDS, TNC, DNR NATURE PROGRAMS

Children and families, and people of all ages are welcome!

FULL PROGRAM LIST/DETAILS at website: *friends-of-the-sands.com*

QUESTIONS? Jeanette Jaskula *jmjaskula@yahoo.com* 219-869-1004

WED AUG 12th 7-10pmCT **Evening Wildflower Wander!** ~ *Lake Village*
Enjoy an evening of Blazing Stars and Shooting Stars. Join Friends of the Sands on this gentle stroll through the unmowed prairie at Beaver Lake Nature Preserve amongst the blazing stars in bloom. Watch sunset, then watch for shooting stars in the sky! Bring chair and snack to share!
Beaver Lake Nature Preserve is at 1999 W 600 N in Lake Village
INFO/RSVP: Gus Nyberg *nyberggus@gmail.com* or 765-427-4345

SATs JUL 18, AUG 22 8-9amCT **Yoga on the Prairie**
A new way to experience the Kankakee Sands prairie at this all-levels yoga series focused on body alignment and awareness. No experience needed. Come to one/all sessions! *Children with an adult* are welcome. Meet at TNC's Native Plant Nursery: *1492 W CR 250 N, Morocco.*
INFO/RSVP: Colleen Edmonson *colleen.m.edmonson@gmail.com*

PROPHETSTOWN STATE PARK NATURE PROGRAMS**

Enter park via Swisher Rd (off N. 9th St, just south of Battle Ground)
Campground programs are open to the public: park at campground gate.
Programming free with Park admission fee unless noted otherwise.

EVERY FRIDAY 8:30-9:15am**Phenology Fridays**–*Meet at Overlook Deck*
Join a naturalist or park volunteer at the overlook deck (just off the far east end parking lot) to study the seasons and how things change. Look for birds, mammals, plants, and more. *Bring binoculars & hiking boots*.

FRI JUL 17th 9-10pm **Firefly Fiesta** ~ *at the campground campfire circle*
Join a naturalist to learn more about fireflies! Bring a container to catch fireflies for observation. *All fireflies will be released at the end of the pgm.*

SUN JUL 19th 10-11am **Monarch Migration Madness** – *at campground campfire circle* –the perils of migration & the plants they need to thrive!

SAT AUG 1st 9:30am-3pm **Ranger for a Day Camp** ~ Kids ages 6-14 should be at the Visitor Center by 9:30am $10/participant (adult may stay with child at no extra charge). **REG REQ'D:** email Jenna Parks.

More INFO: Jenna Parks Freeman *jparks@dnr.in.gov* or 765-320-0503

EVENT SCHEDULE/DETAILS on website: *on.in.gov/prophetstown*

Ouabache Land Conservancy Nature Programs

Free Family-Friendly Events ~ NO Registration Required

DETAILS: *www.ouabachelandconservancy.org/events*

SAT JUL 11 10-11:30am **Tallgrass Prairie Walk** ~Jackson-Schnyder N.P. at 3635 W. Concannon Ave., West Terre Haute, IN 47885
Phil Cox (Purdue Extension Educator) & Dr. Jim Nardi (Retired Research Entomologist) lead hikers on the Julius Trail around the 4-acre tallgrass prairie while IDing the native & invasive flora, pollinators & other insects.

SAT JUL 25 8:30-11pm **Moth Night Out** ~ Atherton Island Natural Area Parking available at 6540 W CR 800 S, Rosedale, IN, near Lyford
Celebrate National Moth Week and learn about prairies, creatures of the night, "foxfire" fungi. Easy 8:30pm prairie walk; then 9:15 program with Great Horned and Screech Owl ambassadors followed by monitoring bat activity, attracting/IDing moths, ant lions, beetles & more! AND there will be a telescope available to do some skygazing by the nearby campfire!

IF QUESTIONS, contact Phil: 765-492-5335, *cox119@purdue.edu*

Tippecanoe County Soil & Water Conservation District-SWCD

QUESTIONS? *You can contact Tippecanoe County SWCD* ***by email at soil.water@tippecanoe.in.gov*** or ***by phone at 765-474-9992 ext 3***

NEED HELP EVALUATING YOUR WILDLIFE HABITAT?

Robert Suseland, Habitat Specialist for Tippecanoe County (SWCD) wrote:
"Summer is a great time to evaluate wildlife habitat.
The growing season highlights the good and the bad living in a field."
If you would like me to evaluate your habitat, please reach out to me:
Robert Suseland 765-474-9992x4008 or *rsuseland@tippecanoe.in.gov*
This is a free service. Your land does not need to be enrolled in a program

2026 FALL TREE AND SHRUB SALE

Orders accepted now through SEP 7th ~pick up THU SEP 24 11am-6pm

SALE DETAILS/2026 Catalog at ***tippecanoecountyswcd.org/tree-sale***

VOLUNTEER TICT TUESDAYS!! ~ 10am-noon

Tippecanoe Invasive Cooperative Taskforce

MORE INFO/schedule: tippecanoecountyswcd.org/tict-calendar

TICT helps to facilitate collaboration between partners to create a greater impact on invasive species through community education and action.

ForINFO/Get TICT OFF Newsletter, email *tictaboutinvasives@gmail.com*

NICHES Land Trust ~ Helping Ecosystems Survive!

Executive Director Shannon Stanis: *shannon@nicheslandtrust.org*

Office: Clegg Memorial Garden 1782 N 400 E, Lafayette 765-423-1605

MORE INFO/Events/Property directions at *www.nicheslandtrust.org*

Stay Up-to-date with e-Newsletter The Acorn: website under About/Contact

NICHES VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

DETAILS/Directions/TO REG: *nicheslandtrust.org/calendar*

SAT JUL18 10am-1pm **Shawnee Bottoms Preserve Workday**~*FountainCo*

FRI's 1-4pm **JUL 31 – OCT 23 "2026 Volunteer Seed Collection Series"**

INFO on what seeds will be collected where: ***nicheslandtrust.org/calendar***

SAT AUG 15 10am **Wildcat Creek Cleanup ~** from Peter's Mill Access site on the Wildcat to Davis Ferry Access site on the Wabash!

Trail Stewards Needed *to help maintain our 15+ miles of trails!* If you are interested, contact Sam Cody, NICHES Volunteer & Outreach Coordinator.

QUESTIONS? Sam Cody: *sam@nicheslandtrust.org* or 765-423-1605

NICHES EVENTS/PROPERTY HIKES ~ *Registration Preferred*

DETAILS/Directions/TO REG: *nicheslandtrust.org/calendar*

FRI JUL 10 11am-2pm **Creek Stomp ~** Wright Rock Creek Preserve – *Warren*

FRI JUL 10,AUG 14 5-6pm **FridayPhenologyHikes** ~Clegg Memorial Garden

WED JUL 15 10-noon **St. Swithin's Day Hike ~**Williams Woods NP – *Warren Co.*

FRI JUL 24 8-11pm **Insects in a New Light** ~ Clegg Memorial Garden – *Tipp.*

SAT JUL 25 10-noon **Big Shawnee Creek Hike** ~WhistlerHareWoods-*Fount*

SUN AUG 2 2-4pm **Mindfulness Hike–Wetlands & Cleansing** – *Warren Co.* at Cranberry Marsh with Dr. Jessica Outcalt, NR Training Specialist,Purdue

SAT AUG 8 9-11pm **Insects in a New Light** ~ Frog's Glory – *Carroll Co.*

JUL 15th Fisher Oak Savanna hike**:** *Weds in the Wild* flyer p.3 e-Native Roots

**WARREN PIECE EVENT ~ ALL Ages 7 and up

Connecting with Nature and with Each Other

SAT AUG 15th 10pm-1am **Perseid Meteor Shower Watch**

at 3300 N 050 W Williamsport, IN ~ **REG REQ'D**

Join us under a dark summer sky for one of the most exciting celestial events of the year with unforgettable "did you see that?" moments.

Before settling under the stars, enjoy a fun comet demonstration and learn what you're actually seeing overhead. Spoiler: they're not "shooting stars."

REG at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/perseid-meteor-shower-watch-tickets-1992623131426

QUESTIONS? Contact Marian: *marianm.rodriguez@gmail.com*

A private land trust since 2002, Warren Piece has now become a non-profit organization of volunteers planting seeds of reciprocity with the earth and with the surrounding community. Learn more at **wpconnect.org

VOLUNTEER WORKDAYS

...with TNC and Friends of the Sands

Meet at parking lot at the bend in the gravel road 725 N that runs thru CSS.

THU JUL 9 8-11amCT **Conrad Station Savanna Workday**
Focus is on the same 15 acres as the Fourth Friday Weed Wrangles below.

INFO/RSVP: Carly Hlebasko *carly.hlebasko@tnc.org*

Fourth FRIs 9am-noonCT **Weed Wrangle Series –ConradStationSavanna**
JUL 24,AUG 28,SEP 25,OCT 23,NOV 27 focus: honeysuckle & autumn olive
These monthly workdays will focus on 15 acres: removing invasive plants to transform the overgrown woodland into a flower-filled savanna!

INFO/RSVP: Alyssa Nyberg *anyberg@tnc.org* or 219-866-1706

...with DNR, Friends of the Sands, Friends of the Kankakee

Location/RSVP: Gus Nyberg *nyberggus@gmail.com* or 765-427-4345

SAT JUL 11 8am-noonCT **Brush Cutting, Treating and Piling** to rejuvenate the oak savanna complex in Willow Estates.

THUs JUL 16, 23, 30 8-11amCT **Weeding Workdays at Beaver Lake N.P.**
Remove non-native invasive plants to help native plant species win at Beaver Lake! *Gloves & light snacks provided!*

SAT JUL 18 8am-noonCT **Island Workday on Kankakee River~NewtonCo**
Inaugural workday controlling non-native and native species to encourage more oak regeneration on a 48-acre island, across from Shelby Public Access Site/Lake County, IN—you'll go by boat across the river to the site!

Why this newsletter?

If you're like me, you'd like to have all your nature news in one place —so you don't miss out on some interesting natural history programs or stewardship opportunities. That's my intent here.

***Submissions for SEP-DEC issue need to reach me by* AUG 15th.**

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