



# INTERPRETIVE Programs



## Prophetstown State Park

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### Aquatic Center Hours

Open Labor Day weekend September 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>

#### Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>

##### **10am-1pm** *Pedal Prophetstown State Park*

Assemble your team to compete in the Pedal Prophetstown Challenge! Families and friend groups can work in teams of up to 8 riders to complete a park-wide series of challenges. All team members must use bicycles, scooters, skateboards, or rollerblades to complete the activities as a team. Prizes awarded for speed and accuracy. Sign your team up online here: <https://psp-22-pedal.eventbrite.com>

##### **Noon-2pm** *Living History on The Farm: The Gibson Kitchen*

Feel the heat of the wood stove and smell the fire as it warms the house. Meet a 1920's farm wife as she works in her kitchen, preparing to feed her farm family. Try your hand at making fresh butter and learn just what it took to prepare food in a 1920's kitchen. FREE with park admission.

#### Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>

##### **7pm-8:30pm** *Campfire Fun*

Enjoy games and smore's around the campfire with the park naturalists! Bring your own lawn chair. Follow the tiki torches to the right of the Campground Playground back to the Campground Campfire Circle.

#### Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>

##### **1pm-2pm** *Reptiles Rule!*

Join naturalist staff to learn about the cold-blooded critters that call Prophetstown SP home while interacting with some of our educational ambassador animals. Meet at the Bergamot picnic shelter in the Prairie View picnic area.

#### Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>

##### **7:30pm-9pm** *Night Sky Wellness Walk*

Join a naturalist for a guided night sky walk! During this leisurely stroll, we'll take time to appreciate the sights and sounds of Prophetstown State Park after dark. Bring a blanket for the chance to stargaze! This walk is about 0.5 miles in length and takes place on flat, level ground. Meet at the Meadow View Picnic Area. This program is offered through Project AWARE, learn more: <https://www.projectawarein.org/>

#### Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>

##### **10am-11am** *Walk with a Researcher*

Take a morning stroll through the prairie while learning about the natural traits of the flowers that bloom throughout Prophetstown SP. Researcher Richard Hull will share about his vascular plant research throughout the state and offer a plant pressing demonstration. Meet at the Visitor's Center.

### **For all programs:**

Bug spray, sunscreen, and a full water bottle are recommended.

Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

All programming free with park admission unless otherwise noted. All times are Eastern.

Campground programs are also open to the public—park at the campground gate and walk in.



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## **Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> continued...**

### **11am-3pm *Country Fair at The Farm***

Join us for our annual Country Fair! Enjoy a fun day on The Farm for food, games, demonstrations, the Gibson Farmhouse, the I. Floyd Garrett Tenant House, plus lots of family fun. Battle Ground Saddle Club will be on hand to show off different horse breeds. We will have our annual pie eating contest at 12:00pm. \$5 per car, plus park admission.

## **Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**

### **1:30pm-3pm *Walking Stick Workshop***

\*Registration required\* Make and take home a walking stick from Prophetstown State Park! In celebration of Girl Scouts Love State Parks, we've discounted this workshop to \$5 per walking stick (a savings of \$2!) All materials provided. Meet at the Bobolink picnic shelter in the Meadow View picnic area. Space is limited, register and pay by calling (765)567-4919.

## **Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**

### **1pm-2:30pm *Village Tour***

Join us for a tour of the Native American Village and learn about the Prophetstown settlement. This guided program will include stops at the medicine lodge, chief's cabin, granary, and an easy walk through the prairie. Meet at the Visitor's Center.

## **Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**

### **10am-11am *Monarch Migration Madness***

Learn about the migration and life cycle of the monarch butterfly through an interactive game! Participants will get a prize for completing the game. Meet at the campground campfire circle. Follow the paved lane to the right of the campground playground.

### **1pm-3pm *Class - Crochet Basics with Dani***

The twenties and thirties saw crochet make the move from a decorative embellishment to a method for producing entire garments. Head over to the Gibson Farmhouse to try your hand at the art of crochet. \$15 per person, registration required. Includes park admission. Call 765-567-4700 to book your spot.

## **Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> *Free Fishing Day, National Public Lands Day***

*Do a good turn for your public lands! Stop by the Visitor Center and pick up a bag to collect trash as you hike through the park.*

### **11am-Noon *Catch a Keeper***

Try your hand at casting on dry land with a fun fishing game. This game allows soon-to-be anglers learn the basics of fishing, with no water or live fish involved! Great activity for those who have never tried fishing but are interested in learning. Meet at the Bergamot picnic shelter in the Prairie View picnic area.

### **1pm-3pm *Class - Wreath Making***

Use natural materials to construct a seasonal wreath. Learn weaving and wreathmaking skills from our gardener Susan Wilson. Decorate and take home your work. \$10 per person. Registration required. Includes park admission. Call 765-567-4700 to book your spot.

## **Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> *Free Park Admission Day***

### **2pm-3pm *Plant Uses at the Native American Village***

Join a naturalist in the Native American Village to learn more about the uses of native plants at the Prophetstown settlement. We'll discuss how some plants were used for medicinal purposes while others were used for lifeways. You'll be able to make and take home a small keepsake magnet to remind you of what you've learned! Park at the Visitor's Center and safely cross the road.

### **Participate in the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Trail of Scarecrows!**

Create your own scarecrow to add to this Prophetstown autumn tradition. Support your community, highlight an organization, promote special events and more! Free to participate. Scarecrows will be featured along Prophetstown's paved accessible trail for easy hiking, biking, and strolling. To register, email Jenna Parks Freeman at [jparks@dnr.in.gov](mailto:jparks@dnr.in.gov). Registration closes September 19<sup>th</sup>.