

# National Public Lands Day

## At Indiana State Parks



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September 30, 2017

National Public Lands Day is the nation's largest, single-day volunteer effort for public lands in the country. Will you join us?



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Below is a sampling of the many volunteer programs and other activities at DNR properties during National Public Lands Day Weekend. For current listings, see [www.InterpretiveServices.IN.gov](http://www.InterpretiveServices.IN.gov), call the specific property you plan to visit or ask the gate attendant when you arrive.

### **Friday, September 29**

Many parks will be hosting INDOT Cares Event where employees of INDOT will be volunteering at the State Parks.

**Summit Lake State Park** – 9:00 am – 12 pm. We will be partnering with INDOT Cares to celebrate National Public Lands Day. Volunteers are welcome to join us at the boat rental as we try to clean our shorelines and islands making them free of trash. We will have canoes and a few trolling motor boats to help transport people to the shorelines. We will also be able to transport people to the islands in our rescue boat. Gloves, buckets, and trash grabbers will be available. All volunteers are welcome! For more information contact the office at 765-766-5873.

### **Saturday, September 30**

#### **Brookville Lake/Whitewater State Park –**

**Brookville Lake- Boat Ramp Sweep-** All Day- Stop by the Mounds State Recreation Area's Office between 8 am and 4 pm to sign-up to help beautify our boat ramps. We have 10 boat ramps on our lake that are enjoyed by thousands of visitors ever year. We are always extremely thankful for our volunteers that help us keep them litter free! You will be provided with gloves and trash bags upon sign-up. For more information contact 765-647-2657 x 214

**Whitewater Memorial State Park- Tidy the Trails-** All Day- Stop by the Whitewater Memorial State Park's Office between 8 am and 4 pm to sign-up to help beautify our beloved trails. We have over 10 miles of hiking trails throughout the park that are enjoyed by thousands of walkers and runners every year. We are always extremely thankful for our volunteers that help us keep them litter and debris free! You will be provided with gloves and trash bags upon sign-up. For more information contact 765-647-2657 x 214

**Brown County State Park- Wildflower Meadow Workday-** 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Meet the Naturalist by the Hoosier's nest in the Wildflower Meadow where we will spend some time eradicating some invasive

multi-flora rose, and helping this year's seeds disperse properly. Please bring work gloves, eye protection, sun screen, & water! Long shirts and pants are suggested but not required. For more information contact 812-988-5240.

**Chain O' Lakes- Nature Center Cleanup-** 10-11 a.m. We need your help making sure Nature Center is ready for winter! A fun chance to roll up your sleeves and see how we prepare for winter, cleaning tanks, cleaning mounts and more. This will also be a wonderful opportunity for you to meet your new year round naturalist, Kaitlyn. Meet at the nature center and be sure to bring some clothes you don't mind getting dirty. More information contact 260-636-2654.

**Charlestown State Park- Trash Pickup-Cedar-** 5:00 p.m. Come to the Cedar Grove Picnic Area to participate in a trash cleanup for your favorite Trail/Area of the park! This is in celebration of National Public Lands Day and a great way to keep our park looking nice! We will have trash bags and gloves to hand out, as well as a sign up sheet where you will sign up for the area you are going to pick trash up at. Afterwards you can deposit your trash in one of the dumpsters in the park (Campground or Office). For more information contact 812-406-0855.

**Clifty Falls State Park- Nature Preserve Cleanup-** 9-10 a.m. Meet our Naturalist at the Tunnel Falls parking lot to volunteer to help clean up inside the Nature Preserve and keep our park clean! This is a perfect opportunity to see some of Clifty's historical structures that the public normally does not have a chance to witness. Trash bags will be provided. For more information contact 812-801-5504

**Fort Harrison State Park- Playground Work-** 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. The park is partnering with their Friends group and REI to conduct a work day at one of the playgrounds. Activities include painting walls and stair areas, removing plant overgrowth, planting new materials, and general clean-up of the area. Wear old clothes and comfy shoes. Feel free to bring your own hand tools and work gloves, but some will be available for public use. Meet at 9am at the large playground in front of the sledding hill. For questions, contact the Visitors Center at 317-591-0122.

**Hardy Lake- Breakfast with the Raptors-** 7- 10 a.m. Join the Friends of Hardy Lake for this fundraising event which helps support the Dwight R Chamberlain Raptor Center. Come out to learn how you can help this amazing non-profit group and make some great friends. For more information contact 812-794-2244.

**Harmonie State Park- Tellum All Mushroom Foray and Harvest Craft Fair-** All Day. Come enjoy the special event and see many volunteers in action. Ask how you can become a volunteer. For more information contact 812-682-3658

**Indiana Dunes State Park- VOLUNTEER CALL OUT!** 10am -12pm. Indiana Dunes State Park invites interested volunteers to come by the Nature Center to fill out an application and learn more about the variety of volunteer opportunities within our park. There will be jobs available in morning for all ages to help with some fall cleaning inside and outside of our Nature Center today. Come join us for a rewarding time!

**Lieber State Recreation Area – Gardening for Smokey.** 10:00 a.m. Volunteer activities will include weeding flower beds at the Nature Center, grooming Smokey’s Garden and grooming main road through the Park. Please plan to bring your own work gloves, insect repellent, sun screen and water. Please sign-in at the main gate and meet at the Nature Center. For more information contact 765-795-4576.

**McCormick’s Creek State Park- Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup-** 10 a.m. Volunteers are to meet at Westbrook Shelter. Join the Friends of McCormick’s Creek State Park and help to cleanup the highway in front of the park. Sturdy footwear and long pants recommended. Rubber gloves, trash bags and other tools will be provided. For more information contact 812-829-4344.

**Mississinewa Miami SRA -Volunteer Day.** 9 am. Volunteers should meet at the main office and plan to bring their work gloves, insect repellent, sun screen, wide brim hats, water bottle, and sack lunch; no chainsaws please. For more information and to register, please contact 260-468-2127.

**Monroe Lake- Stillwater Marsh Hike-** 4:00 p.m. Meet at Waterfowl Check Station on Kent Road. In celebration of National Public Lands Day, join us for a hike through our Stillwater Marsh to learn how we manage this area with wildlife in mind. We’ll explore the crops planted for wildlife food, check out the nesting boxes, see where (and how) the marsh gets flooded each year to create a seasonal wetland, and explore the types of trees, plants, and animals that live here. Sign up at <http://bit.ly/stillwatersep2017> . For more information contact 812-837-9967.

**Mounds State Park- Archaeology Day.** 10 am-3 pm. Come to the park and learn more about Archaeology, both prehistoric and historic, and learn ways you can volunteer and help Mounds State Park.

**O’Bannon Woods State Park- River Clean Up.** 9 am- noon. Volunteers should meet at the Interpretive Center and plan to bring their work gloves, insect repellent, sun screen, wide brim hats, water bottle, and sack lunch or snack; no chainsaws please. Trash bags will be provided. We will focus on cleanup for areas of access along the Blue River and Ohio River picnic area of the Park. For more information and to register, please contact 812-738-8234.

**Ouabache State Park– Trail and Prairie Restoration Work-** 9:30 a.m. Meet at the Pool Parking lot. Bring work gloves, insect repellent, sun screen, wide brim hats, water bottle, and a sack lunch. We will be in our prairie and on trails. Restrooms and picnic tables outside of the pool will be available for volunteers. For more information contact 260-824-0926.

**Patoka Lake- Park Cleanup-** All day- Volunteers can arrive at the Patoka Lake Office to take part in several opportunities for the betterment of the park! Activities will include cleanup of park lands and facilities, invasive species removal and a painting project to sand and paint railings at boat ramps. For more information contact 812-685-2447

**Pokagon State Park –Woodland Window Cleanup.** 2:00 p.m. Join us this National Public Lands Day to learn about volunteering as you help the Nature Center. We will give our outside bird feeding area a spruce-up. Wear old clothes, roll up your sleeves, and join us! For information contact, [MGamble@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:MGamble@dnr.IN.gov)

**Raccoon State Recreation Area- Cleanup the Trails-** 10 a.m. Meet the Raccoon Naturalist at the property office to help us clean up our trails. For more information contact 765-280-4012.

**Salamonie Reservoir- Volunteer Day.** 9 am. Volunteers should Meet at the Interpretive Center and plan to bring their work gloves, insect repellent, sun screen, wide brim hats, water bottle, and sack lunch; no chainsaws please. For more information and to register, please contact 260-468-2127.

**Spring Mill State Park- Invasive Plant Removal-** 9-11:30 a.m. The park is partnering with Hoosier National Forest to offer an invasive plant event. Meet at Lakeview Activity Center. There will be a short presentation on invasive plants. Volunteers will use provided loppers to cut and treat burning bush. Volunteer need to wear appropriate clothing and bring gloves. For more information contact 812-849-3534

**Summit Lake State Park- Trail Cleanup-** 9 a.m. - noon. Meet at the Nature Center as we try to clean up the trails! We will split up into groups and hike each trail picking up trash along the way. Grabbers, gloves, and buckets will be provided. For more information contact the office at 765-766-5873.

**Tippecanoe River State Park – River Overlook Work-** 9:30 a.m. Meet at the Nature Center to help stain the two river overlooks. Please bring gloves and wear clothes to paint in. For more information contact 574-946-3213.

**Turkey Run State Park - Turkey Run State Park - Workday at the Park!** 10 am. Join thousands of park visitors across the country this day, and help clean up the trails or eradicate non-native plants. Bring work gloves, drinking water, and a sack lunch if you like. Work an hour or work all day! This is a great family opportunity. Register at the Nature Center between 9:30am-1pm for your work project and to pick up supplies and materials. For more information contact 765-597-2654

*This then, is the value of our public estate. That we have set aside forever a part of the original domain. That by leaving it in its natural condition we have made the past intelligible to our and to coming generations. That we have attracted visitors from other states and shown them the beauty of our own. That we have found a measure of appreciation for the good of our day and an offset in part for some of its evils. That we have strengthened citizenship and helped create the appreciation of the soil which cannot but increase our attachment to our own state and to the nation. That we have tried in our State to educate the masses of our people to look upon conservation not merely as a means of self-preservation; a practical conserving of our resources, but also as a need for the appreciation and uplift of the soul of man.*



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*- Richard Lieber, 1923,  
Founder of the Indiana State Park System*