



# SEPTEMBER 2011

## MOUNDS STATE PARK

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DNR website: [www.interpretiveservices.in.gov](http://www.interpretiveservices.in.gov)

### INTERPRETIVE CENTER HOURS - Daily 9:00am – 5:00pm

**PLEASE NOTE:** Programs are free of charge (except as noted) and open to the public after paying the park admission fee.

**All programs begin promptly at scheduled times. PROGRAM LOCATIONS:** VC–Visitor Center VCP–Visitor Center Porch CG – Campground. The public is encouraged to attend **Campground** programs; Park at **Campground Entrance** and walk up.

## LEAF COLLECTING HIKE SERIES

It's leaf collection time once again at Mounds State Park! We are glad to offer tree hikes to help students, scouts, and anyone else wanting to learn about Indiana trees. During the hike you will learn how to identify the trees not only from simple and compound leaves, but also from bark. You will also hear folklore about the tree and how the wood has been used in the past and how it's used today. Participants can expect to collect 20 different leaves. Hike lasts 60-90 minutes.

### Tree Hike Dates

All hikes meet at the Visitor Center and start promptly at:

**11:00am SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

**2:00pm SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

**2:00pm SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

**6:30pm TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

**2:00pm SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2**

**11:00am SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8**



It is only during these hikes that a park employee will help students find some, but not ALL, of the leaves. These collections are to be a learning experience, so the student must be doing most of the work. **If your teacher has given you a tree list, make sure to bring it! Also bring along some method of collecting and labeling your leaves – baggies, a large note pad or old phonebook for flattening, pen or marker, etc.**

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 LABOR DAY WEEKEND**

**11:00am - TREE ID HIKE**- Need to collect and identify leaves for your school project? Learn how to identify common Indiana trees during this hike. **VCP**

**1:00-4:00pm-BRONNENBERG HOUSE OPEN**-This historic house will be open for the public to view and to see the plans for its future restoration.

**2:00pm- ATLATL THROWING DEMONSTRATION -** Discover how the Adena-Hopewell people hunted in our Indiana woods. Try your hand at this pre-historic tool. **VCP**

**7:30pm- THE WILD DOGS OF MOUNDS -** Meet our 3 wild dogs, feel their fur, and learn coyote-speak! Then take a short, easy hike and try to talk with them. **CG**

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 LABOR DAY WEEKEND**

**11:00am- MYSTERIES OF THE MOUNDS -** Stroll into our prehistoric past on this easy hike. Learn about who, how, and why the Mounds were built. **VCP**

**1:00-4:00pm-BRONNENBERG HOUSE OPEN**-This historic house will be open for the public to view and to see the plans for its future restoration.

**2:00pm- HOLD HISTORY IN YOUR HAND -** Get an up-close look at some of Mounds State Park's artifacts from 50 years ago to 2,050 years ago. You can hold a railroad spike from the interurban train line or feel the edge of a pre-historic spear point. Discover our history during this artifact program. **VC**

**8:30pm-LAYERS OF HISTORY -** Join us for this picture presentation of the history of this land. From the pre-historic people who built the mounds to the early Indiana settlers through the amusement park and state park eras. Bring a lawnchair and join us for this walk through history. **CG**

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 LABOR DAY**

**11:00am-CRITTER FEEDING**- Before you gobble down your picnic lunch, help the naturalist feed the nature center animals. **VC**

**1:00-4:00pm-BRONNENBERG HOUSE OPEN**-This historic house will be open for the public to view and to see the plans for its future restoration.

**2:00pm-LUCKY BUCKEYE** – Fall is right around the corner and nut trees are dropping their bounty. Discover the fun stories behind the buckeye tree and its nut. Then make a “lucky buckeye” necklace to take home. **VC**

#### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

**11:00am – SNAKES ALIVE** – Meet some of Indiana’s cold-blooded creatures up close and personal. **VC**

**1:00-4:00pm-BRONNENBERG HOUSE OPEN**-This historic house will be open for the public to view and to see the plans for its future restoration.

**3:00pm- TV DINNER** - That’s Turkey Vulture to you amateurs. See what’s on the menu for this Indiana bird. He’s as important as he is gross – discover why during this up-close program. **VC**

#### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

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**2:00pm-TREE ID HIKE**- Need to collect and identify leaves for your school project? Learn how to identify common Indiana trees during this hike. **VCP**

JOIN US AT FORT HARRISON STATE PARK  
FOR THE HOOSIER OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE

September 17<sup>TH</sup> & 18<sup>TH</sup> from 9am-6pm.

Visit <http://www.in.gov/dnr/5009.htm> for more information about this fun free event!



#### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

**10:30am - MYSTERIES OF THE MOUNDS** - Stroll into our prehistoric past on this easy hike. Learn about who, how, and why the Mounds were built. **VCP**

**1:00-4:00pm-BRONNENBERG HOUSE OPEN**-This historic house will be open for the public to view and to see the plans for its future restoration.

**2:00pm-HEDGE APPLE ANIMALS**- Have you ever wondered what those big green balls are in the picnic area? Come learn what they are and make a cool critter out of them. **Meet by Playground in Picnic Area**

#### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

**1:00-4:00pm-BRONNENBERG HOUSE OPEN**-This historic house will be open for the public to view and to see the plans for its future restoration.

**2:00pm-TREE ID HIKE**- Need to collect and identify leaves for your school project? Learn how to identify common Indiana trees during this hike. **VCP**



## **ARCHAEOLOGY WEEKEND**

**September 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**11:00 am to 4:00 pm**

*Discover historic and pre-historic archaeology at Mounds State Park and see what story it reveals!*

- **Artifact I.D.** – Archaeologist, Jim Mohow will identify artifacts brought in by the public.
- **Hikes** – You won’t want to miss this rare opportunity to go on an in-depth mounds hike.
- **DHPA** – The Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology will answer questions.
- **Public Dig (Saturday only)** – Help BSU archaeologists look for Bronnenberg outbuildings.
- **Kids Archaeology Dig** - Unearth the many wonders of archaeology.
- **Bronnenberg Homestead Mapping** – Discover what the historic homestead looked like during the 1840’s.
- **Displays and hands-on tables**- Take a closer look at historic and pre-historic archaeology.
- **Artifact display by U.W.R.A.S.**- Come and see artifacts from Paleo-Indian to contact.
- **Atlatl Demonstration/Throwing**- Demonstrations and public participation of this ancient weapon.
- **Flint Knapping Demonstration**- See demonstrations of the ancient art of making stone tools.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27<sup>th</sup>**

**6:30pm - TREE ID HIKE**- Need to collect and identify leaves for your school project? Learn how to identify common Indiana trees during this hike. **VCP**

## Mark your calendars now! Mounds 2011 Special Events

**September 17-18**  
**Hoosier Outdoor Experience**  
**Fort Harrison SP**

**September 24-25**  
**Archaeology Weekend**

**October 14-16**  
**Kid's Fall Funfest Weekend**  
**Campsite Decorating Contest**

**October 21-22**  
**Haunted Trail**

**December 10**  
**Holidays are for the Birds!**

**December 28-30**  
**Winter Day Camp**  
**\$35/camper**