



Calendar of Events May – December 2008

Please remember **events will be added, some may be cancelled and details may change.** Please call the monument at (563) 873-3491 or check our website (www.nps.gov/efmo) for more details / confirmation closer to the event date or to volunteer to assist with programs.

May - September	<i>Guided Bird Walks</i>	Departing from the visitor center, one guided bird walk will be held each month beginning May 10 th International Migratory Bird Day . Other walks are scheduled to leave on June 14 th , July 12 th , August 23 rd & September 27 th .
June 14 - Sept. 1	<i>Ranger Programs</i>	Daily at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.: Hikes, Walks and Talks that discuss the history of the mounds and nature.
	<i>Junior Ranger Saturdays</i>	Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - A special Junior Ranger hike or activity will be held which can then be followed by a Junior Ranger activity guidebook, signing out a Discovery Pack, or attending one of the other park programs.
	<i>Ranger Choice Programs</i>	<p><i>Impromptu programs when staffing allows - (sometimes available upon request)</i></p> <p>Ancient Indian Tools Learn about various tools and implements used by ancient American Indians. Hands on activities include objects such as stone points, spear launchers (atlatl) and fire starters.</p> <p>Atlatl Demonstrations Learn how this ancient spear launcher was utilized by American Indians to hunt wild game.</p> <p>3-Mound Talk A condensed version of the Fire Point Hike for those not able to join the full tour.</p> <p>Prairie Walks Visit the restored tall grass prairie along the Fire Point Trail. This two mile round trip hike will take approximately 2 hours.</p> <p>Ancient Indian Tools Learn about various tools and implements used by ancient American Indians. Hands on activities will include objects such as stone points, spear launchers (atlatl) and fire starters.</p> <p>Indian Village / Boardwalk Trail. Tour our reconstructed Indian village and garden area; enjoy a one mile round trip walk into the wetlands below the visitor center.</p>
June - July	<i>Teachers Workshops</i>	June 14th and 28th July 12th and 26th Programs that are geared for teacher education about Native American Culture and prehistoric history. <u><i>By reservation only; Reserved Spaces are FULL (Closed).</i></u>
August 26	<i>Cultural Presentation Brian Hammill</i>	Brian Hammill, internationally known Ho-Chunk hoop dancer and flute player will be performing at 7:00 p.m.

August 16th & October 11th	<i>Moonlight Hikes</i>	Presented annually, these popular activities can include walks along the Yellow River Bridge Boardwalk Trail and hikes the long the Fire Point Trail to the top of the bluff. Effigy mound building culture, the impact of the historic settlement period and moonlit views of the Mississippi Yellow River Valleys are featured.
		<i>Moonlight Hike reservations are required and will be taken beginning on the preceding Monday (August 11/Oct. 6th). Call the visitor center for reservations at 563- 873-3491.</i>
August 23	<i>Archeology for Kids</i>	10:00 a.m – 3:30 p.m. > A special offering of Founder's Day programs will feature Family / Jr. Ranger oriented learn through doing activities about American Indian pottery, tools, and weapons; participate in a demonstration and an archeological field excavation. Meet at the Visitor Center.
August 25	<i>National Park Service Founders Day</i>	Fee Free Day! To celebrate the 92 nd anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service, August 25, 1916. No entrance fees will be charged.
		<i>Please call after August 1, 2008 for specific events.</i>
September 27	<i>National Public Lands Day</i>	<u>Fee Free Day</u> The National Park Service will join other agencies for a Fee free day in celebration of National Public Lands Day. Volunteers across the country celebrate National Public Lands Day by assisting with conservation projects on their favorite public lands. Call after September 3 rd for details.
October 4- 5	<i>Annual HawkWatch Weekend</i>	Celebrate the annual fall migration! Enjoy fall foliage with live raptor demonstrations, adult educational programs, children's activities, and hawk banding catch and release). Programs and activities from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
		<i>Please call after September 8th, 2008 for specific events.</i>
October 1 - 31	<i>Iowa Archaeology Month</i>	Special programs are scheduled during the annual recognition of Iowa's archaeological past. <i>Please call the visitor center at 563- 873-3491 after August 1st for specific dates and events.</i>
October 11	<i>Moonlight Hike</i>	This popular activity can include walks along the Yellow River Bridge Boardwalk Trail and hikes the along the Fire Point Trail. With good weather, moonlit views of the Mississippi & Yellow River Valleys are featured.
		<i>Moonlight Hike reservations are required and will be taken beginning on the preceding Monday (Oct 6). Call the visitor center for reservations at 563- 873-3491.</i>
November	<i>Native American History Month</i>	<i>Every month is Native American History Month at Effigy Mounds National Monument!</i> Visit the park to learn about ancient American Indians and their legacy.
December 6	<i>Holiday Open House</i>	Visitor Center: Refreshments, crafts made from natural materials.

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