



## July 2024 Weekend Activities

Indiana Dunes National Park has an entrance fee of \$25 per car for a 1–7-day pass. A \$45 annual pass for the national park is also available. Please purchase passes or pay the entrance fee at the Indiana Dunes Visitor Center, Paul H. Douglas Center, West Beach Entrance Station or at [www.recreation.gov/sitepass/indu](http://www.recreation.gov/sitepass/indu). Veterans/Military/Gold Star Family, Access, and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade passes are available for free. For more information on national park passes go to [www.nps.gov/indu](http://www.nps.gov/indu).

### Lake Michigan Boat Tour

Every Saturday, and Sunday in July

Experience the Dunes from Lake Michigan on a ranger guided, 90-minute boat tour with Harbor Country Adventures. There is a fee and reservations are required. Visit [www.harborcountryadventures.com](http://www.harborcountryadventures.com) for details.

### Michigan City Millennium Plaza

11:00 am–12:30 pm and 2:00 pm–3:30 pm

### Chellberg Farm Open House\*

Every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday in July

Stop by the historic Chellberg Farm to tour the farmhouse and visit the animals. Rangers and volunteers will be on hand to share the area's history.

### Chellberg Farmhouse

1:00 pm–3:00 pm

## Saturday

### Project 1966: Hike Every Trail in the Park

Saturday, July 6

8:00 am–11:00 am

Saturday, July 13

8:00 am–11:00 am

Saturday, July 20

8:00 am–10:00 am

Saturday, July 27

8:00 am–11:00 am

### Meet at the Trailhead Parking Lot

Dunes Kankakee Trail (4.6 mi)

Harbor Belt/Paul H. Douglas Center (3.5 mi)

Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk (1.5 mi)

West Beach 3 Loops (3.5 mi)

Hike all the trails in the national park. The challenge will take place over the course of the summer, each week featuring a new trail. There will be a total of 19 hikes covering 66 miles to honor the year the park was established. Can't make all the ranger guided hikes? Look on our website for a link to Project 1966.

### Gardening at Chellberg Farm

Saturday, July 6, 20

Spend the morning helping the Chellberg Farm garden grow big and plentiful. Gardening is a great way to spend your morning at the National Park.

### Chellberg Farm

9:00 am–11:00 am

### Wonders of Wildlife\*

Saturday, July 6

Join a ranger at the Paul H. Douglas Center and learn about what makes the Indiana Dunes so unique.

### Paul H. Douglas Center

10:00 am–11:30 am

### West Beach Evening Hike

Saturday, July 6

Enjoy a beautiful evening hike at the Dunes Succession Trail and learn about Diana of the Dunes.

### West Beach Parking lot

5:00 pm–6:30 pm

### Art in the Park

Saturday, July 13

Learn how to paint your own dunes-inspired painting with local artist from the Art Barn. Reservations are required at [www.artbarnschool.org](http://www.artbarnschool.org). There is a \$15 fee for the program.

### Paul H. Douglas Center

1:00 pm–3:00 pm

### Nature Play Date\*

Every Saturday in July

Visit the Paul H. Douglas Center for a day of family friendly fun. Enjoy the free nature themed crafts set up in the art room, visit the live animal room, or build a fort in the Nature Play Zone.

### Paul H. Douglas Center

1:00 pm–3:00 pm

### Stargazing at Kemil Beach

Saturday, July 13

Join Michiana Astronomical Society and fellow astronomy lovers to enjoy the night sky from one of the darkest spots in Indiana Dunes National Park. Telescopes will be provided for your viewing pleasure. Please plan to arrive early to ensure parking and the safety of other visitors.

### Kemil Beach Parking Lot

9:00 pm–11:00 pm

For more information on these and other programs at Indiana Dunes National Park you can call (219) 395-1882. Please visit our website, download the official National Park Service app, or view our Facebook page.

**Chicago and South Shore Railroad Car Day****East Troy, WI***Saturday, July 13**All Day*

Travel to East Troy, Wisconsin to take a ride on a historic South Shore Railroad car and learn about the history of this railroad and how it helped save the dunes. There is a fee for this program. To learn more, go to [www.easttroyrr.org](http://www.easttroyrr.org) or call 262-642-3263.

**Junior Wildland Firefighter****Dunewood Campground Amphitheater***Saturday, July 20**11:00 am-12:00 pm*

Meet the Indiana Dunes National Park's fire crew and learn about their jobs and equipment. After this hands-on program, children will receive their very own Junior Wildland Firefighter activity book and patch.

## Sunday

**Pinhook Bog Open House****Pinhook Bog Parking Lot***Every Sunday in July**9:00 am-10:00 am and 10:00 am-11:00 am*

Experience this unique ecosystem with a ranger. Get a glimpse of the carnivorous plants and rare orchids. Two hikes will take place starting at 9:00 am and 10:00 am. Be aware, parking may be limited.

**Critter Talk****Location Varies***Sunday, July 7**10:00 am-11:30 am**Portage Lakefront & Riverwalk**Sunday, July 14**10:00 am-11:30 am**West Beach*

Join a ranger and learn about the animals that make the Indiana Dunes their home. Discover how and where they live throughout the park's many ecosystems.

**Geology 101****Indiana Dunes Visitor Center***Sunday, July 14**10:00 am-11:30 am*

Join regional expert Dave Dolak for a presentation on the geology of the dunes and the rocks of the region as found on the beach.

**Miller Woods Hike****Paul H. Douglas Center***Every Sunday in July**1:30 pm-3:30 pm*

Hike with a ranger through a globally rare black oak savanna, by beautiful wetlands, and around sandy dunes.

**Feeding at the Farm\*****Chellberg Farm***Every Sunday in July**3:30 pm-4:00 pm*

Join a ranger and help feed the animals at the historic Chellberg Farm. This program is sponsored by Friends of Indiana Dunes. For more information on how to join, visit [dunefriends.org](http://dunefriends.org).

**Music at the Farm****Chellberg Farmhouse***Sunday, July 7, 14 & 28**5:00 pm-6:00 pm*

Unwind with the Save the Tunes Council at the Chellberg Farmhouse for a relaxing evening of folk music and fun. The performance will take place outside on the lawn. Bring a blanket or folding chair.

## Volunteering - Drop In

**Trash Trekkers****Indiana Dunes Visitor Center***Daily**8:30 am-4:00 pm*

Lend a hand in our drop-in litter cleanup program. Simply check in at the Visitor Center to receive trash bags, then choose from one of our many beach areas or hiking trails to collect trash. Participants can earn a free, reusable water bottle for filling up their bags. Please leave trash at a trash can on the site you hiked.

**Porter Beach Restoration****Porter Beach Parking Lot***Saturday, July 13**9:00 am-12:00 pm*

Join staff and fellow volunteers in helping to care for your local national park. Wear comfortable clothes; work gloves and equipment will be provided. Please contact the volunteer office at (219) 221-7098 or email [indu\\_volunteer@nps.gov](mailto:indu_volunteer@nps.gov) if you are planning on attending.

**Drop in Volunteering - Chellberg Farm Care****Chellberg Parking Lot***Saturday, July 20**9:00 am-12:00 pm*

Meet up with a ranger and fellow volunteers to help care for the Chellberg Farm. Equipment and protective gear will be provided.

*\*These programs are sponsored by the Friends of Indiana Dunes, a non-profit group that is dedicated to enhancing and foster understanding, appreciation, and enjoyment of the Indiana Dunes through the sponsorship of special educational programs and events throughout the park. For more information on how to get become a member, visit [dunefriends.org](http://dunefriends.org)*