



Thirteen Lines

News and Notes from the LaGrange County Department of Parks and Recreation

Winter 2025

Look! the massy trunks Are cased in the pure crystal; each light spray, Nodding and tinkling in the breath of heaven, Is studded with its trembling water-drops, That glimmer with an amethystine light.

-William Cullen Bryant

November has always been the start of the winter season for me. The air starts to be consistently cold, the days are noticeably shorter, and football season is in full swing. Although I enjoyed the perks of living in California for a while the Pacific breeze and 75 degrees for Christmas was nice), I missed the change of the seasons that prepared my mind for the end of a year. Warm sweaters, hot chocolate, dodging deer on the road, and them dodging me in the woods prepares me for the stark realities of December snow, January cold and February slush to come.

There is still natural beauty in these cold months though. There are few sights that can compare to a full moon beaming down on fresh snow covering a field or sounds that rival the chill a fox scream brings on an early morning. The beauty of our natural world may be harder to spot in these winter months whether because of the effects of the cold on our environment, or on us trying to see them. That beauty though is more impressive because of the harshness on those creatures that stick through the winter.

I urge you to keep using our parks this winter. You might have to adapt a bit with heavier clothing, or a slower pace to get around the Fen at Pine Knob but it would be a shame to miss out on the show to come.

Winter is coming. As 2024 comes to a close I am reflective of everything that has happened in this last year. I have had the pleasure of getting to know Lagrange County and many of the people in it. Our county is full of beautiful environments that have been a joy to explore. It is also home to people who are warm, welcoming, and willing to lend a hand when asked. Thank you for the warm reception and help throughout this year.

Daniel Schelinski

Naturalist

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LaGrange County Offices Closed:

Nov. 5th Election Day

Nov .11th Veterans Day

Nov. 28th-29th Thanksgiving

Dec. 24th-25th Christmas

Jan 1st. New years Day

Jan 20th MLK Day

Fun Holidays:

Nov 10th USMC Birthday

Nov 17th Take a hike day

Dec. 20th Ugly Sweater day

Jan 21st Squirrel day





Maple Wood Programs

Winter Quilt Classes

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Registration is required. Instructions are provided upon registration. To register, call the Park Office, 260-854-2225. Fee is \$25 (\$5 is given back to Parks).

November 23

Pattern: Pioneer

A chance to use charm squares, layer cakes, or 8" squares. You can use coordinating or scrappy for the center triangles.

You will need a dark and lighter background fabric.



December 7

Sew Day

No specific pattern this month! This is your chance to choose your own pattern, catch up on a previous project, and/or finish up Christmas gifts.

January 18th

Pattern: Hopscotch

Description: It is a combination of 2 blocks - half square triangle and a 4 patch. Four distant colors will make your quilt show the diagonal lines. Instructors will be present to assist with any of your project questions.

Please join us for a light potluck lunch; bring a dish to pass and your own drink; table service is provided.

There is an oven, microwave, and refrigerator.

You may want to bring a pillow to sit on to be more comfortable.

For more information, contact instructors:

Julia Wolheter, 260-367-1449, or Ira Johnson, 260-367-1438.



Sewing Group

Third Wednesdays

9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

What is a UFO? If you answered an un-finished object...this is the perfect sewing group for you!

Open to anyone! Bring your sewing machine. Get help and direction with a project, share ideas with others, and make new friends. Please bring a sack lunch and munchie to share. Please bring a \$5.00 donation for LaGrange County Parks. RSVP to Linda Grobis 260-351-3609.



Breakfast with the Birds

Third Wednesdays
8:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Coffee, doughnuts, and casual nature conversation.
For all ages.

Folk Jams

Fourth Sundays
1:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Jams are mostly folk, country, and bluegrass music, with other styles occasionally added. Bring a snack to share if you like. For more information contact Erv Troyer, at 463-2247, or reo43@aol.com

Walking and Running Events

First Day Hike: A Glow Walk Trail

Wednesday, January 1, 2024 5:00– 7:00 p.m.

Dallas Lake Park

Be a part of the national movement of First Day Hikes and begin 2025 with a step towards good health. The glow walk trail is open from 5:00-7:00 p.m. You can come anytime and stay as long as you like. The glow walk trail will start at and end at the Dallas Lake Lodge

We invite you to wear family-friendly glow in the dark clothes and accessories. Glow necklaces will be provided (while supplies last) and the trail will be marked with lights. Walk at your own pace.

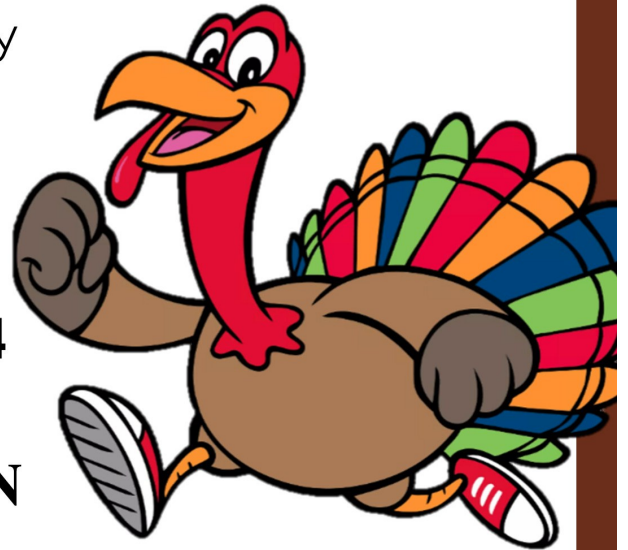
Dress for the elements! Free hot beverages in the lodge for participants, while supplies last. RSVP's are encouraged! Call the Park Office at 260-854-2225, by Friday, Dec. 27th.

TURKEY TROT

FUN RUN AND WALK



Start a new family tradition this Thanksgiving at Delt Church Park!



Thursday, November 28, 2024
Delt Church Park
6455 S 200 W, Wolcottville, IN



Sign up online with [Runsignup.com](https://www.runsignup.com) !

Ticket: \$15

Schedule:

- 8 am: Check-in & Walk-in registration
- 8:30 am: Turkey Trot begins
- After: Awards
- Beverages/Snacks in the Greenwood Pavilion

Fun awards will be given to first male & female finishers in four divisions:

- Child: ages 10-12
- Teen: ages 13-19
- Adult: ages 20-50
- Masters: ages 51 and up

This is **NOT** a timed race! This is a fun family event open to all who want to participate by walking, running, jogging, rolling, or any combination. Enjoy the scenery!! Accessible trails are crushed limestone and boardwalk.



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Trail of Lights

December 13th, 14th, 20th, 21st 5:30-8:30 PM

**DELT CHURCH
PARK**

6455 S 200 W
Wolcottville, IN

Calendar



NOVEMBER 2024



For program information: Check our Facebook Events or call the Parks Office 260-854-2225

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
* = RSVP required	\$ = Registration Fee required				1	Every Park Every Trail Pine Knob Park 9am ²
 ³	⁴	Election Day Park Offices Closed ⁵	⁶	⁷	⁸	⁹
¹⁰	Veteran's Day Park Offices Closed ¹¹	¹²	Breakfast with the Birds Maple Wood 8-10 am ¹³ 	¹⁴	¹⁵	¹⁶
National Take A Hike Day ¹⁷	¹⁸	¹⁹		Park Board Meeting Maple Wood 7pm ²¹	²²	Quilt Class \$* Maple Wood 9am-3pm ²³
Folk Jam Maple Wood 1:30 - 5pm ²⁴	²⁵	²⁶	²⁷	Turkey Trot Delt Church Park 8:30am Thanksgiving Park offices closed ²⁸	²⁹	³⁰

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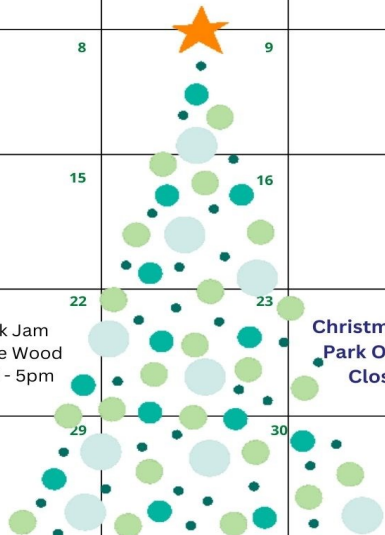

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DECEMBER 2024



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Giving Tuesday	National Cookie Day			Quilt Class \$* Maple Wood 9am-3pm
8	 ⁹	¹⁰	¹¹	¹²	Trail of Lights Delt Church Park 5:30-8:30 pm ¹³	Trail of Lights Delt Church Park 5:30-8:30 pm ¹⁴
15	 ¹⁶	¹⁷	Breakfast with the Birds Maple Wood 8-10 am ¹⁸ 	Park Board Meeting Maple Wood 7pm ¹⁹	Trail of Lights Delt Church Park 5:30-8:30 pm ²⁰	Christmas Crafts & Cookies Maple Wood 10 am - 12pm ²¹ Trail of Lights Delt Church Park 5:30-8:30 pm
Folk Jam Maple Wood 1:30 - 5pm ²²	²³	Christmas Eve Park Offices Closed ²⁴	Christmas Day Park Offices Closed ²⁵	²⁶	²⁷	²⁸
²⁹	³⁰	³¹			* = RSVP required	\$ = Registration Fee is required



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JANUARY 2025



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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	Breakfast with the Birds 15 Maple Wood 8-10 am 	Park Board Meeting 16 Maple Wood 7pm	17	Quilt Class \$* 18 Maple Wood Nature Center 9am-3pm
19	Martin Luther King Jr. Day 20 Park Offices Closed	21	22	23	24	25
Folk Jam 26 Maple Wood Nature Center 1:30 - 5pm	27	28	29	30	National Hot Chocolate Day 31	

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From all of us at the Lagrange County Parks Department, we hope you have a wonderful holiday season and a happy new year!

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Park Office Hours: Monday-Friday

8:00am-Noon, 12:30-3:30pm

Park Hours Labor Day—April 30:
8:00am—Sunset

Park Hours May 1—Labor
Day:8:00am– 9pm

A \$5.00 Donation, to offset the yearly cost of printed versions of the Thirteen Lines Newsletter, is requested.

To Receive *Thirteen Lines* Newsletter as an email, send us an email with “Thirteen Lines” in the subject.

It is also available for download at www.lagrangeparks.org

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Park Ranger Randy asks all patrons to please practice “leave no trace” when visiting our parks and beaches, and to follow posted speed limit signs for our children’s safety.

Let’s all work together to keep our parks clean and safe.

