

Nature Programs for September 11-25

Saturday, September 11

Mary Lake Deer Ex-closure, Hike

Saturday, September 11

1:30 to 3 p.m.

Meet outside Forest Inn, across from Douglas Lodge

Join the park naturalist as we take a hike along the Mary Lake Trail. Learn about the impact of deer on Itasca's forest. Hike concludes at the Mary Lake Deer Ex-closure.

Notes: Trail is narrow and rugged. Wear sturdy shoes; bring a hiking staff if you choose.

Music Under the Pines: Rebbly Ray

Band

Saturday, September 11

7 to 8:30 p.m.

Concert held inside Forest Inn, across from Douglas Lodge



Enjoy the original music of Rebecca Lee enhanced by the cool sounds of Jody Ray on bass and Scott Jarrett on guitar. With a classical foundation and a twist of folk, pop and rock, Rebecca Lee has a style all her own. Noted for their unique "jazzical" blend, the music of the Rebbly Ray Band reflects the love of the north woods in a relaxing style. Concert is free!

A Minnesota State Park Vehicle Permit is required in the park.
(There will be a brief intermission during this concert.)

Saturday, September 25

3rd Annual Autumn Harvest Festival: Lantern Lit Hike and Activities

"Wild, Wacky and Weird Science of Nature"

Saturday, September 25

6 to 8:30 p.m.

Meet at the Jacob V. Brower Visitor Center

Guides with lanterns will lead you down the kerosene lantern-lit trail during this family friendly evening hike. Meet Dr. Metamorphosis, Professor Phosphorescence, Dr. Decomposer and others as these mad scientists explain the weird, the wild and sometimes wacky systems in nature. *Ahhh HaHaHaHa!*

Group hikes will last about 30 minutes, departing every ten minutes from the Jacob V. Brower Visitor Center. Registration for hikes begins at 6 p.m. inside the Jacob V. Brower Visitor Center. The first hike leaves at 6:30 p.m. The last hike will begin at 8:10 p.m. Suitable for all ages! Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Other family activities will be on-going including: outdoor campfire, music, a variety of children's activities and food available for purchase.

Itasca's Music Under the Pines

Craig A. Willis

Enjoy this music performance by singer, songwriter and performer Craig A. Willis, whose "cowboy at heart" spirit is reflected in his original songs about the beauty of country living. Concert is free. A Minnesota State Park Vehicle Permit is required in the park.

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Nature Programs for October 2

Saturday, October 2

Itasca's Fall Family Festival and Ozawindib Walk

Saturday, October 2, 2010

See time schedule below

Event held at Forest Inn, across from Douglas Lodge

Gather at Itasca State Park during the peak of fall colors for a family fun afternoon! Join in some or all of the activities this afternoon and evening!

Hike/fund raiser: Register and hike during the 23rd Annual Ozawindib Walk. Sponsored by Friends of Itasca State Park, the Ozawindib Walk commemorates Ozawindib, the Ojibwe guide who lead Henry R. Schoolcraft to the Headwaters of the Mississippi River in 1832. For an added challenge, bring your GPS units and try the "Secrets of the Past" geocache along the Ozawindib walk route. Proceeds from the walk registration go towards projects within Itasca State Park.

Family Fun activities: Following the hike, participate in a variety of family fun activity stations at Forest Inn. Bring a picnic dinner while enjoying music or buy hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, cookies and pop. Afternoon activities suitable for all ages during this family friendly event!

Evening Music: Enjoy the original music of Minnesota artists Dancing Light (Greg and Kiki Webb).

Schedule:

1 p.m.: Registration for the Friends of Itasca State Park

2-2:30 p.m.: Annual meeting of the Friends of Itasca, open to everyone

2:30-3:30 p.m.: General registration for the Ozawindib Walk

3:30 p.m.: Ozawindib Walk begins

4:30-7 p.m.: signs of autumn activity stations; visit with Dana Holm author and photographer of the coffee-table book *Itasca State Park*; food (available for purchase).

7-9 p.m.: Music concert by Dancing Light

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Ozawindib Walk details:

Take in the rich colors of autumn during this afternoon hike! Participants will follow a 5 kilometer (3 mile) walk route and can either walk on their own or join the lead tour to learn more about Ozawindib—Henry Rowe Schoolcraft's Ojibwe guide who lead the way to Lake Itasca in 1832.

The walk starts at the Forest Inn (located near Douglas Lodge), follows Wilderness Drive, Aiton Heights Trail and the Ozawindib Trail and is routed to return to Forest Inn. The course is well marked.

Participants will assemble outside Forest Inn at 3:30 p.m. for the official start of the walk. Hikers can take an optional spur to the Aiton Heights Fire Tower to take in a panoramic view of the stunning fall colors. Pick up your GPS* challenge sheet at the registration table and look for hidden clues about the Schoolcraft expedition in 1832. (*you will need to bring your own gps units).

Itasca's Music Under the Pines

Dancing Light

7-9 pm

Concert held inside Forest Inn, across from Douglas Lodge

Enjoy the harmonic blend of Dancing Light. Their talent for music and songwriting make this national performing team of Kiki Carter Webb and Greg Webb a dynamic musical duo. Greg's acoustic guitar, supported by Kiki's vocal blend peppered with her percussion, makes for a cosmic acoustic folk sound. There will be a short intermission during this concert.



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Nature Programs for October 3-9

Sunday, October 3

Book Signing:

Presenting...

Author & Photographer

Dana Holm

Forest Inn lobby: 11 am to 2 pm
(across from Douglas Lodge)

Visit with Minnesota photographer and author Dana Holm while you have your personal copy of his coffee-table book *Itasca State Park* autographed by the author and photographer himself. Copies of his book are available for purchase from the park gift shops.



Wednesday, October 6

Circle Time Under the Pines: A is for Autumn

Wednesday, October 6

10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Meet in the Jacob V. Brower Visitor Center, the big building nestled under the tall pine trees.

Children 2-5 years old, come explore and have fun at Itasca as we learn about the signs of Autumn through stories, songs, crafts, and outdoor discovery.

Saturday, October 9

Teacher Workshop:

Digital Photography Bridge to Nature, at Itasca State Park

Saturday, October 9

10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Meet at the Jacob V. Brower Visitor Center

Teachers and classroom volunteers, maybe some of you are currently using photography to document your nature studies in the classroom and maybe some of you have thought about it, but due to lack of photographic equipment, you have not been able to create photo lessons to enhance and complement your curriculum.

Check out Minnesota's new statewide project called, "The Digital Photography Bridge to Nature." This workshop will train educators in the use of digital cameras so they can use them as a teaching tool in any subject area. Each four-hour workshop is standards-based, and designed to provide training in a variety of subject areas.

The format covers the use of digital cameras, basic photo tips, a hands-on photo activity, reviewing and discussing the photos taken by staff during the photo activity, downloading and editing techniques, and student project ideas. We'll show you how to enhance your curriculum, not add to it!

Who: Targeted for teachers and classroom volunteers for Grades 3-9

What: Digital Bridge to Nature Teacher/Volunteer Workshop

When: Saturday, October 9, 2010, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Where: Meet at the Jacob V. Brower Visitor Center at Itasca State Park

Cost: Free!

Things to Bring: Sack lunch, your own camera (if you like), a laptop (if available), and dress for going outside.

To register, contact:

Connie, 218-699-7259 or
Sandra, 218-699-7252 at
Itasca State Park

*Register early as space is limited to 20 participants. Please register by Friday, October 8. Minimum of 12 persons needed to conduct workshop.

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