



## 13th Annual Indiana Master Naturalist State Gathering, Nov 5-6 Turkey Run and Shades State Parks



\*\* Gathering will follow CDC, State and local safety and social distancing guidelines that are in place at the time of the conference. Please keep in mind things are changing on a weekly basis. Participants will be divided into groups of 30 or less majority of the time. Activities will be held outside majority of the time. **Dress for weather.**

The Gathering is open to any IMN student, certified IMN, Advanced IMN, IMN hosts and IMN workshop speakers. IMNs can bring spouse or friend.

**Deadline:** Registration deadline is **Oct. 4.** **Payment in check form will only be accepted this year.** For information about invoicing or other Gathering questions, contact Jody Heaston at [jheaston@dnr.in.gov](mailto:jheaston@dnr.in.gov) or call (463)-203-6562.

### **Local Lodging book on own:**

There are many lodging options around Turkey Run State Park particularly in Crawfordsville.  
For Turkey Run/Shades campground go to <https://indianastateparks.reserveamerica.com/>

Note: State Park entrance fee will be waived for Gathering attendees on Nov 5-6. Please let gatehouse know you are with IMN.

For more information about the Indiana Master Naturalist program visit [www.indianamasternaturalist.org](http://www.indianamasternaturalist.org)

**Pre-Gathering-Optional- Nov. 5**

Cost \$5 Time: 12:30 pm to 5:00 pm

See details on attached sheet

Option 1 -Portland Arch Nature Preserve and Sugar Creek Conservation Area

Option 2 – Atherton Island Natural Area and Mossy Point Nature Preserve

**IMN Gathering—Turkey Run State Park**

Cost \$40

3pm-6pm– Registration Opened at Turkey Run Nature Center

Optional programs offered

3pm- -Memorial hike/talk - Story of Juliet Strauss- see statue- Trail 11 to see Lieber Memorial and Log Church

4pm, 5pm, 6pm– Nature Center Planetarium program

Dinner on own, snacks will be available at Nature Center

7:00pm– Meet at Shades State Park for Astronomy program.

**Saturday, Nov. 6– Turkey Run/Shades**

Breakfast on own

Meet at Turkey Run Nature Center 8:30 am  
Then divide into 3 groups

8:30– Registration continues

Program rotation 9a-12:30

-Lusk home/Mill/Garden tour and talk

-Rocky Hollow hike

- Bird program at Shelter

12:30– Lunch at Tennis Court shelter

1:15– Shades State Park program at Shelter

2:45– meet at Shades State Park

Choose ONE program

- Trail 1 Canyon Hike. Rugged ~1 mile. Involves steps. Notable features: Silver Cascade Falls & Devil's Punchbowl
- Vista Walk. Easy flat 0.5 mile. Notable features: Prospect Point & Inspiration Point.

-Program at Shelter—TBA

-Kintz & Fritz Ravine Hike. Very Rugged 1.25 mile. Involves steps and 3 ladders. Notable Features: Unnamed waterfall, Sugar Creek, and steep ravines.

Gathering ends at 4:30 at Shades shelter

**Post-Gathering—Optional****Sunday, Nov. 7**

Location: Pine Hills Nature Preserve

Cost \$3 Time: 9am-noon

Meet at Pine Hills Parking Lot within Shades State Park

Description of tour- Pine Hills was Indiana's 1<sup>st</sup> State dedicated Nature Preserve in 1969. The rugged hike will be ~2 miles long with two rock scrambling spots on top of the Devil's Backbone. The unique geology here are the best examples of incised meanders east of the Mississippi. Indiana State Parks has been doing some invasive species management work along the trail to Pine Hills which will be discussed. Bring snacks, water, and hiking stick if you have one.

## Registration Form for the IMN 2021 Annual Gathering

Event	Cost	Number of registrants	Total this registration
Pre - Gathering Option 1	\$5		
Portland Arch NP and Sugar Creek Conservation Area			
Pre - Gathering Option 2	\$5		
Atherton Island Natural Area and Mossy Point NP			
Full Gathering Friday Evening-Saturday 4:30pm	\$40		
Includes Saturday lunch			
Attending <b>ONLY</b> Saturday programs 8:30am-4:30pm	\$35		
Includes Saturday lunch			
Sunday Post Gathering—Pine Hills Nature Preserve	\$3		
<b>TOTAL FOR THIS REGISTRATION</b>			

### Payment

\_\_\_\_ By Check only

Checks payable to: Indiana Master Naturalist

Send registration form with payment to: Jody Heaston.

Ouabache State Park,  
4930 E. State Rd 201  
Bluffton, IN 46714

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Guest\* (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Guests are required to pay fees to cover the cost of facilities, speakers, and meals.

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