

# PUNDERSON STATE PARK NATURALIST PROGRAMS



## March-April-May 2022

All programs are subject to change. Notify the naturalist if special accommodations are needed for your participation. It is recommended that all attendees wear proper foot attire, dress for the weather, and bring water.

Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

**March 4 Winter Birding Hike, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists in a brisk hike through the forest in search of winter birds. Meet at the nature center next to the campground office. All ages welcome! Allow for 2 hours of hiking at the group's specified pace, moderate difficulty.

**Winter Hike, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists in one of the last winter hikes of the season before the weather turns. Meet at the nature center next to the campground office. All ages welcome! Allow for 2 hours of hiking at the group's specified pace, moderate difficulty.

**Skulls & Pelts, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists in learning about some of the animals that inhabit Punderson State Park, through their skulls and pelts! Meet outside the Sports Chalet. All ages welcome! After the discussion, a quick hike may take place to find evidence of these critters for those interested. It is recommended that attendees wear proper footwear, dress for the weather, and bring water should a hike take place.

**March 6 Morning Maple Hike, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists on a morning hike to discuss maple trees and the processes behind maple syrup production. Stick around afterwards for a pancake buffet at the Manor Lodge (the pancake breakfast is not free!). The hike will start outside the Manor Lodge front entrance. All ages welcome! Allow for 1.5 hour of hiking at the group's specified pace, moderate difficulty.



### NATURE CENTER HOURS (APRIL & MAY)

Fridays: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Saturdays: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Sundays: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Hours subject to changes due to renovations occurring throughout spring, Questions? send us an email!

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**Animal Tracks, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists in learning about the types of tracks that animals leave in the woods of Punderson. Meet at the nature center next to the campground office. All ages welcome! Allow for 2 hours of exploring at the group's specified pace, moderate difficulty.

**March 11 Pictures in the Park, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists on a hike trying to find the most picturesque scenes in the park. Meet at the nature center next to the campground office. All ages welcome! Allow for 2 hours of hiking at the group's specified pace, moderate difficulty. All photography levels welcome, cameras will not be provided.



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**Antler Shed Hunt, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists as they hunt through the woods for rare antler sheds. Meet at the Punderson Disk Golf Course parking lot. All ages welcome! Allow for 2 hours of exploring at the group's specified pace, moderate difficulty.

**March 12 Skulls & Pelts, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists in learning about some of the animals that inhabit Punderson State Park, through their skulls and pelts! Meet outside the Sports Chalet. All ages welcome! After the discussion, a quick hike may take place to find evidence of these critters for those interested. It is recommended that attendees wear proper footwear, dress for the weather, and bring water should a hike take place.

**March 13 Morning Maple Hike, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists on a morning hike to discuss maple trees and the processes behind maple syrup production. Stick around afterwards for a pancake buffet at the Manor Lodge (the pancake breakfast is not free!). The hike will start outside the Manor Lodge front entrance. All ages welcome! Allow for 1.5 hour of hiking at the group's specified pace, moderate difficulty.

**Cast Iron Cooking with the Naturalists, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists as they cook up some interesting foods using cast iron cookware and common camping equipment. Meet at the nature center. All ages welcome! Attendees should indicate food allergies to the naturalists upon arrival and bring water.

**March 18 Buzzards & Scavengers, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists in spotting some of nature's cleanup critters. Meet at the nature center next to the campground office. All ages welcome! Allow for 2 hours of hiking at the group's specified pace, moderate difficulty.

**Cavity Nesters, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists as they identify possible tree cavity sites that birds and mammals may call home during the winter. Meet at the nature center next to the campground office. All ages welcome! Allow for 2 hours of exploring at the group's specified pace, moderate difficulty.

**March 19 Buzzards & Scavengers, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists in spotting some of nature's cleanup critters. Meet at the nature center next to the campground office. All ages welcome! Allow for 2 hours of hiking at the group's specified pace, moderate difficulty.

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**March 20 Morning Maple Hike, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists on a morning hike to discuss maple trees and the processes behind maple syrup production. Stick around afterwards for a pancake buffet at the Manor Lodge (the pancake breakfast is not free!). The hike will start outside the Manor Lodge front entrance. All ages welcome! Allow for 1.5 hour of hiking at the group's specified pace, moderate difficulty.

**Spring Wildflowers, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm:** Join the Naturalists in identifying some of the first wildflowers of the spring season. Meet at the nature center next to the campground office. All ages welcome! Allow for 2 hours of hiking at the group's specified pace, moderate difficulty.

**March 25 Bird Bash, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists as they search for some rare birds that inhabit the park. Meet at the nature center next to the campground office. All ages welcome! Allow for 2 hours of hiking at the group's specified pace, moderate difficulty.

**Health, Serenity, and Nature Walk, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists in enjoying the natural beauty of Punderson State Park, while getting some bonus exercise. Meet at the nature center next to the campground office. All ages welcome! Allow for 2 hours of hiking at the group's specified pace, moderate difficulty.



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- March 26 Spring Wildflowers, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm:** Join the Naturalists in identifying some of the first wildflowers of the spring season. Meet at the nature center next to the campground office. All ages welcome! Allow for 2 hours of hiking at the group's specified pace, moderate difficulty.
- March 27 Morning Maple Hike, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists on a morning hike to discuss maple trees and the processes behind maple syrup production. Stick around afterwards for a pancake buffet at the Manor Lodge (the pancake breakfast is not free!). The hike will start outside the Manor Lodge front entrance. All ages welcome! Allow for 1.5 hour of hiking at the group's specified pace, moderate difficulty.
- Fungus Amongus, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists for a moderate hike identifying the fungi that can be found at Punderson State Park. Meet at the nature center next to the campground office. All ages welcome! Allow for 2 hours of exploring at the group's specified pace.
- April 1 Animal Tracks, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists in learning about the types of tracks that animals leave in the woods of Punderson. Meet at the nature center next to the campground office. All ages welcome! Allow for 2 hours of exploring at the group's specified pace, moderate difficulty.
- Night Hike, 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists for a moon lit walk through the woods of Punderson, in search of some nocturnal critters. Meet at the nature center next to the campground store. All ages welcome! Attendees should bring a good flashlight, wear proper footwear, dress for the weather, and bring water.
- April 2 Spring Wildflowers, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists on a brisk hike to discover what wildflowers grow in Punderson. Meet at the nature center next to the campground office. All ages welcome! Allow for 2 hours of hiking at the group's specified pace, moderate difficulty.
- Pelt Palooza, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists in discovering what mammals inhabit Punderson, by examining their pelts! Hit the nearby trails afterwards find evidence of their presence. Meet at the Manor House. All ages welcome! Attendees are recommended to bring proper footwear, dress for the weather and pack water.
- Fireside Chats with the Naturalist, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm.** Join the Naturalists around the campfire to talk about nature, fun stories, and other adventures! Meet at the nature center next to the campground office. All ages welcome! Bring extra chairs for the whole family and friends.
- April 3 Fun at the Nature Center, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.** Come visit the nature center for an interactive program featuring discussion on a wide variety of environmental topics. Meet at the nature center next to the campground office. All ages welcome!
- Boardwalk Stroll, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists on a tour of the lake to spot wildlife along the boardwalk. Meet at the Manor House back patio. All ages welcome! Allow for 2 Hours of walking at the groups specified pace, easy difficulty.
- April 7 Wild Edibles, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists in foraging for wild edible plants and fungi that can be found throughout Punderson. Meet at the nature center next to the campground office.
- Health, Serenity, and Nature Walk, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists in enjoying the natural beauty of Punderson State Park, while getting some bonus exercise. Meet at the nature center next to the campground office. All ages welcome! Allow for 2 hours of hiking at the group's specified pace, moderate difficulty.
- April 8 Beginner Archery, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists in learning the basics of Archery. Groups will cycle through chances to shoot throughout the session. Maximum of 5 archers at one time. Meet at the Marina Shelter house near the archery range. All skill levels welcome!



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**Night Hike, 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists for a moon lit walk through the woods of Punderson, in search of some nocturnal critters. Meet at the nature center next to the campground store. All ages welcome! Attendees should bring a good flashlight, wear proper footwear, dress for the weather, and bring water.

**April 9 Spring Wildflowers, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists on a brisk hike to discover what wildflowers grow in Punderson. Meet at the nature center next to the campground office. All ages welcome! Allow for 2 hours of hiking at the group's specified pace, moderate difficulty.

**Skulls & Bones, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists in learning about the animals of Punderson through skull and bone identification. See if you can name them all! Hit the nearby trails afterwards to find evidence of these animals. Meet at the Manor House. All ages welcome! It is recommended that attendees bring water, proper footwear, and dress for the weather.

**Fireside Chats with the Naturalist, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm.** Join the Naturalists around the campfire to talk about nature, fun stories, and other adventures! Meet at the nature center next to the campground office. All ages welcome! Bring extra chairs for the whole family and friends.

**April 10 Fun at the Nature Center, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.** Come visit the nature center for an interactive program featuring discussion on a wide variety of environmental topics. Meet at the nature center next to the campground office. All ages welcome!

**Pictures in the Park, 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists on a hike trying to find the most picturesque scenes in the park. Meet at the nature center next to the campground office. All ages welcome! Allow for 2 hours of hiking at the group's specified pace, moderate difficulty. All photography levels welcome, cameras will not be provided.

**April 14 Wild Edibles, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists in foraging for wild edible plants and fungi that can be found throughout Punderson. Meet at the nature center next to the campground office.

**Fungus Amongus, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists for a moderate hike identifying the fungi that can be found at Punderson State Park. Meet at the nature center next to the campground office. All ages welcome! Allow for 2 hours of exploring at the group's specified pace.

**April 15 Spring Wildflowers, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists on a brisk hike to discover what wildflowers grow in Punderson. Meet at the nature center next to the campground office. All ages welcome! Allow for 2 hours of hiking at the group's specified pace, moderate difficulty.

**Night Hike, 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists for a moon lit walk through the woods of Punderson, in search of some nocturnal critters. Meet at the nature center next to the campground store. All ages welcome! Attendees should bring a good flashlight, wear proper footwear, dress for the weather, and bring water.

**April 16 Intro to Fishing, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists in learning the basics of fishing. Poles and bait will be provided, maximum of 5 groups at one time. Meet at the park boat launch across from the Archery Range. All ages welcome!

**Pelt Palooza, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists in discovering what mammals inhabit Punderson, by examining their pelts! Hit the nearby trails afterwards find evidence of their presence. Meet at the Manor House. All ages welcome! Attendees are recommended to bring proper footwear, dress for the weather and pack water.

**Fireside Chats with the Naturalist, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm.** Join the Naturalists around the campfire to talk about nature, fun stories, and other adventures! Meet at the nature center next to the campground office. All ages welcome! Bring extra chairs for the whole family and friends.

**April 17 Easter Scavenger Hunt, 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm.** Stop by the nature center to take part in an Easter Scavenger Hunt! More details can be found in the nature center. Prizes will be given out, along with games and crafts.



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- April 21** **Wild Edibles, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists in foraging for wild edible plants and fungi that can be found throughout Punderson. Meet at the nature center next to the campground office.
- Chat with the Naturalist, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm.** Have burning questions about Punderson State Park, Nature, or any other state parks? Chat with the naturalists on your favorite topics. Meet at the nature center next to the campground office.
- April 22** **Earth Day Hike, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm.** Celebrate Earth Day by joining the Naturalists on a fun hike around Punderson. Meet at the nature center next to the campground office. All ages welcome! Allow for 2 Hours of walking at the groups specified pace, moderate difficulty.
- Night Hike, 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists for a moon lit walk through the woods of Punderson, in search of some nocturnal critters. Meet at the nature center next to the campground store. All ages welcome! Attendees should bring a good flashlight, wear proper footwear, dress for the weather, and bring water.
- April 23** **Spring Wildflowers, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists on a brisk hike to discover what wildflowers grow in Punderson. Meet at the nature center next to the campground office. All ages welcome! Allow for 2 hours of hiking at the group's specified pace, moderate difficulty.
- Skulls & Bones, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists in learning about the animals of Punderson through skull and bone identification. See if you can name them all! Hit the nearby trails afterwards to find evidence of these animals. Meet at the Manor House. All ages welcome! It is recommended that attendees bring water, proper footwear, and dress for the weather.
- Fireside Chats with the Naturalist, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm.** Join the Naturalists around the campfire to talk about nature, fun stories, and other adventures! Meet at the nature center next to the campground office. All ages welcome! Bring extra chairs for the whole family and friends.
- April 24** **Fun at the Nature Center, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.** Come visit the nature center for an interactive program featuring discussion on a wide variety of environmental topics. Meet at the nature center next to the campground office. All ages welcome!
- Spring Awakening, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists in searching for signs of spring's awakening hibernators. Meet at the nature center next to the campground office. All ages welcome! Allow for 2 hours of exploring at the group's specified pace, moderate difficulty.
- April 28** **Wild Edibles, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists in foraging for wild edible plants and fungi that can be found throughout Punderson. Meet at the nature center next to the campground office.
- Health, Serenity, and Nature Walk, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists in enjoying the natural beauty of Punderson State Park, while getting some bonus exercise. Meet at the nature center next to the campground office. All ages welcome! Allow for 2 hours of hiking at the group's specified pace, moderate difficulty.
- April 29** **Arbor Day Hike & Tree ID, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists in learning about and identifying trees on a hike to celebrate Arbor Day. Meet at the nature center next to the campground office. All ages welcome! Allow for 2 Hours of walking at the groups specified pace, Easy difficulty.
- Night Hike, 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists for a moon lit walk through the woods of Punderson, in search of some nocturnal critters. Meet at the nature center next to the campground store. All ages welcome! Attendees should bring a good flashlight, wear proper footwear, dress for the weather, and bring water.
- April 30** **Spring Wildflowers, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists on a brisk hike to discover what wildflowers grow in Punderson. Meet at the nature center next to the campground office. All ages welcome! Allow for 2 hours of hiking at the group's specified pace, moderate difficulty.
- Pelt Palooza, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists in discovering what mammals inhabit Punderson, by examining their pelts! Hit the nearby trails afterwards find evidence of their presence. Meet at the Manor



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**Fireside Chats with the Naturalist, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm.** Join the Naturalists around the campfire to talk about nature, fun stories, and other adventures! Meet at the nature center next to the campground office. All ages welcome! Bring extra chairs for the whole family and friends.

**May 1 Fun at the Nature Center, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.** Come visit the nature center for an interactive program featuring discussion on a wide variety of environmental topics. Meet at the nature center next to the campground office. All ages welcome!

**5 Senses Fun, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm.** Test your 5 senses in this hands-on guessing game. Fun for the whole family and always generating some laughs! Meet at the nature center next to the campground office. All ages welcome!

**May 5 Wild Edibles, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists in foraging for wild edible plants and fungi that can be found throughout Punderson. Meet at the nature center next to the campground office.

**Pups in the Park, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm.** Bring your pawed pals along for a relaxing hike. Dogs must be on a leash at all times. Meet at the nature center next to the campground office. Allow for 2 hours of hiking at the group's specified pace, moderate difficulty.

**May 6 Bug Blitz, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists in catching as many interesting bugs as possible for identification! Bug nets will be provided. Meet at the nature center next to the campground office. All ages welcome!

**Night Hike, 9:00 pm – 10:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists for a moon lit walk through the woods of Punderson, in search of some nocturnal critters. Meet at the nature center next to the campground store. All ages welcome! Attendees should bring a good flashlight, wear proper footwear, dress for the weather, and bring water.

**May 7 Free Kayaking Sessions, 11:00 am, 1:00, 3:00 pm.** Join the Naturalist on a relaxing kayak tour of Punderson Lake, discussing the ecology and history of the state park. See program flyer for logistics and rules. Meet at the Campground office, Signup required (5 spots open per indicated time period).

**Boardwalk Stroll, 9:00 am – 10:00 am.** Join the Naturalists on a tour of the lake to spot wildlife along the boardwalk. Meet at the Manor House back patio. All ages welcome! Allow for 1 hour of walking at the groups specified pace, easy difficulty.

**Fireside Chats with the Naturalist, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm.** Join the Naturalists around the campfire to talk about nature, fun stories, and other adventures! Meet at the nature center next to the campground office. All ages welcome! Bring extra chairs for the whole family and friends.

**May 8 Fun at the Nature Center, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.** Come visit the nature center for an interactive program featuring discussion on a wide variety of environmental topics. Meet at the nature center next to the campground office. All ages welcome!

**Mother's Day Hike, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists on a relaxing hike for Mother's day. Stick around after the hike to make some nature inspired crafts for Mom! Meet at the nature center next to the campground. All ages welcome! Allow for 2 Hours of walking at the groups specified pace, moderate difficulty.

**May 12 Wild Edibles, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists in foraging for wild edible plants and fungi that can be found throughout Punderson. Meet at the nature center next to the campground office.

**Fungus Amongus, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists for a moderate hike identifying the fungi that can be found at Punderson State Park. Meet at the nature center next to the campground office. All ages welcome! Allow for 2 hours of exploring at the group's specified pace.



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- Night Hike, 9:00 pm – 10:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists for a moon lit walk through the woods of Punderson, in search of some nocturnal critters. Meet at the nature center next to the campground store. All ages welcome! Attendees should bring a good flashlight, wear proper footwear, dress for the weather, and bring water.
- May 14** **Bird Bash, 9:00 am – 10:00 am.** Join the Naturalists as they search for some rare birds that inhabit the Manor's boardwalk. Meet at the Manor House back patio. All ages welcome! Allow for 1 hour of hiking at the group's specified pace, Easy difficulty.
- Birding by Kayak: 11:00 am, 1:00, 3:00 pm.** Join the Naturalist on a birding tour by kayak around Punderson Lake, identifying unique waterfowl and other birds. See program flyer for logistics and rules. Meet at the Campground office, Signup required (5 spots open per indicated time period).
- Fireside Chats with the Naturalist, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm.** Join the Naturalists around the campfire to talk about nature, fun stories, and other adventures! Meet at the nature center next to the campground office. All ages welcome! Bring extra chairs for the whole family and friends.
- May 15** **Fun at the Nature Center, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.** Come visit the nature center for an interactive program featuring discussion on a wide variety of environmental topics. Meet at the nature center next to the campground office. All ages welcome!
- Pictures in the Park, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists on a hike trying to find the most picturesque scenes in the park. Meet at the nature center next to the campground office. All ages welcome! Allow for 2 hours of hiking at the group's specified pace, moderate difficulty. All photography levels welcome, cameras will not be provided.
- May 19** **Wild Edibles, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists in foraging for wild edible plants and fungi that can be found throughout Punderson. Meet at the nature center next to the campground office.
- Frogs & Tadpoles, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists in catching some frogs and tadpoles. Nets will be provided. Meet at the park Beach. All ages welcome! It is recommended that attendees wear water shoes or boots, dress for the weather, and bring water.
- May 20** **Intro to Fishing, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists in learning the basics of fishing. Poles and bait will be provided, maximum of 5 groups at one time. Meet at the park boat launch across from the Archery Range. All ages welcome!
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- May 22** **Fun at the Nature Center, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.** Come visit the nature center for an interactive program featuring discussion on a wide variety of environmental topics. Meet at the nature center next to the campground office. All ages welcome!
- Spring Wildflower Hike, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists on a brisk hike to discover what wildflowers grow in Punderson. Meet at the nature center next to the campground office. All ages welcome! Allow for 2 hours of hiking at the group's specified pace, moderate difficulty.
- May 26** **Wild Edibles, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists in foraging for wild edible plants and fungi that can be found throughout Punderson. Meet at the nature center next to the campground office.
- Chat with the Naturalist, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm.** Have burning questions about Punderson State Park, Nature, or any other state parks? Chat with the naturalists on your favorite topics. Meet at the nature center next to the campground office.
- May 27** **INaturalist Showcase, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists in showcasing the INaturalist app. Learn how to use this online tool to become a citizen scientist! Meet at the nature center next to the campground office. All ages welcome! It is recommended that attendees wear proper footwear for a quick hike, dress for the weather, and bring water. Allow for 2 Hours of exploration at the groups specified pace after the showcase, Easy difficulty
- Night Hike, 9:00 pm – 10:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists for a moon lit walk through the woods of Punderson, in search of some nocturnal critters. Meet at the nature center next to the campground store. All ages welcome! Attendees should bring a good flashlight, wear proper footwear, dress for the weather, and bring water.
- May 28** **Bird Bash, 9:00 am – 10:00 am.** Join the Naturalists as they search for some rare birds that inhabit the Manor's boardwalk. Meet at the Manor House back patio. All ages welcome! Allow for 1 hours of hiking at the group's specified pace, Easy difficulty.
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- Fireside Chats with the Naturalist, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm.** Join the Naturalists around the campfire to talk about nature, fun stories, and other adventures! Meet at the nature center next to the campground office. All ages welcome! Bring extra chairs for the whole family and friends.
- May 29** **Fun at the Nature Center, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.** Come visit the nature center for an interactive program featuring discussion on a wide variety of environmental topics. Meet at the nature center next to the campground office. All ages welcome!
- Salamander Search, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists in searching for secretive salamanders. Meet at the nature center next to the campground office. All ages welcome! Allow for 2 hours of exploring at the group's specified pace, moderate difficulty.
- May 30** **Memorial Day Fishing Derby, 11:00 am – 6:00 pm.** Join the Naturalists for an all-day fishing derby. Poles and bait will be provided while available. Two prizes will be given out for most fish caught and two prizes for largest fish caught. Meet at the park boat launch. Children may only receive prizes! See Memorial Day Fishing Derby Flyer for more information.



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