



Announcing 2026 West Central Indiana Master Naturalist Workshop

(Class size is limited and no previous naturalist experience is required)

1) Thursday, April 9

Introduction to IMN Program.....1:00-2:15.....Clinton Public Library.....Phil Cox, Purdue Ext. Educator, Vermillion Co.
313 S. 4th St., Clinton, IN

Volunteering & Reporting Volunteer Hours...2:15-3:00.....Nancy Swaim, Friends of TR&SSP & Susan Page, 3D Nature Tech.
The Irony & Dichotomy of Zane Grey’s Concern
about Conservation & the Environment.....3:00-4:00.....Elmer Guerri, Zane Grey’s West Society

2) Thursday, April 16

Changes in the Wabash River Corridor's

Vascular Plant Flora.....1:00-2:30.....Turkey Run SP Nature Center*.....Rich Hull, SALIX Ecological Consulting & Restoration
8121 E. Park Rd., Marshall, IN

Botanizing **Walk**.....2:30-4:00.....Rich Hull, SALIX Ecological Consulting & Restoration

3) Thursday, April 23

Hitchcock’s Crow Show & More.....1:00-2:30.....Turkey Run SP Nature Center*.....Mike Lunsford, Writer & Photographer
Meet an Indiana Conservation Officer.....2:30-4:00.....Jonah Mikel, Div. of Law Enforcement, IDNR

4) Thursday, April 30

Native Bees of Indiana.....1:00-3:00.....Turkey Run SP Nature Center*.....Dr. Rob Jean, Environ. Solutions & Innovations, Inc.

Native Bee Survey **Walk**.....3:00-4:00.....Dr. Rob Jean, Environ. Solutions & Innovations, Inc.

5) Thursday, May 7

Armadillos, Turtles, and Snakes Oh My!.....1:00-4:00.....Dobbs Park Nature Center.....Brad Westrich, State Mammologist, IDNR
5170 E. Poplar St., Terre Haute, IN Carissa Lovett, Naturalist, Dobbs Park

6) Thursday, May 14

Indiana & TRSP Geology.....1:00-2:30.....Turkey Run SP Nature Center*.....Chase Glass, Int. Naturalist, Turkey Run State Park

Turkey Run State Park Geology **Hike**.....2:30-4:00.....Chase Glass, Int. Naturalist, Turkey Run State Park
7)Thursday, May 21

Cranes Over Indiana.....1:00-2:00.....Turkey Run SP Nature Center*.....Dr. Angelica Solano, International Crane Foundation
Understanding Our Wetlands.....2:00-4:00.....Brendan Kearns, Executive Director, Vigo Co. SWCD

8)Thursday, May 28

Exotic Forest Bugs & More.....1:00-2:00.....Dobbs Park Nat. American Museum..Bob Bruner, Exotic Forest Pest Specialist, Purdue
5170 E. Poplar St., Terre Haute, IN

How to Grow Your Own Mushrooms.....2:00-4:00.....Cayle Moreo, Dir. of Sustainability, IN State U.

9)Thursday, June 4

Homoyas' Hoosier Orchid Big Year1:00-2:30.....Turkey Run SP Nature Center*.....Mike (State Botanist (ret.),IDNR), Barb (IN Native
Plant Soc.), & Wes Homoya (Natural Selections Tours)

Native Alternatives for Home Landscapes....2:30-4:00.....Karen Mitchell, Consumer Hort. Extension Specialist, Purdue

10)Thursday, June 11

Workshop Wrap-up, Quiz & Graduation.....1:00-4:00?.....Clinton Public Library.....Phil Cox, Purdue Ext. Educator, Vermillion Co.

I wish to enroll for the 2026 West Central Indiana Master Naturalist Program

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

County: _____ E-Mail: _____

Daytime Phone: (____) _____ Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____

Return this completed form by April 1, 2026 along with a check in the amount of \$60.00/person or \$90/couple (sharing books/materials) made payable to **“Purdue University”** and mail to: **Vermillion Co. Extension, ATTN: Phil Cox, 703 W. Park St., Cayuga, IN 47928.** *Questions? Contact:* Phil Cox at 765-492-5330 (cox119@purdue.edu). For IMN Program details see: www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/6321.htm

***Turkey Run State Park entry fee is required, i.e. \$7 per in-state vehicle or 2026 Indiana State Park Pass.**