

## Turtle River State Park - Summer interpretive activities schedule (2012)

\* Schedule is subject to change

Weekend			
Date	Theme/Program Title	Time	Description
<b>Weekend Theme: Free As A Bird</b>			
Friday, May 18, 2012	In Fine Feather	8:30 PM	Join the Naturalist at the Amphitheater to see what it takes to become a bird.
Saturday, May 19, 2012	DE: Lucky Ducks	10:30 AM	Join the Naturalist at the Visitor Center for games and a craft while you learn about the ducks in Turtle River State Park.
	Afternoon Hike	3:00 PM	Join the Naturalist at the CCC Shelter for a short hike on one of the many trails we have in the park.
	Those Wacky Birds	8:00 PM	Join the Naturalist at the Visitor Center to learn about some strange and crazy birds.
Sunday, May 20, 2012	Coffee with the Naturalist	9:30 AM	Join the Naturalist at the Amphitheater for coffee and hot cocoa and to discuss our topic of the week.
	Sunday Night Movie	8:00 PM	Join the Naturalist at the Visitor Center for a movie about a few remarkable birds.
<b>Weekend Theme: Conserving Turtle River</b>			
Friday, May 25, 2012	Can you Picture it?	8:00 PM	Join the Naturalist at the Amphitheater for a game of conservation Pictionary!
Saturday, May 26, 2012	DE: Garbology	10:30 AM	Join the Naturalist at the Visitor Center to find out how our trash can teach us a lot about conservation
	Afternoon Hike: The Un-Nature Hike	3:00 PM	Join the Naturalist at the Amphitheater for a not-so-natural hike and learn about the effects of littering.
	Leave no Trace	8:30 PM	Join the Naturalist at the Amphitheater to learn some fun ways we can interact with nature without damaging it.
Sunday, May 27, 2012	Coffee with the Naturalist	10:00 AM	Join the Naturalist at the Amphitheater for coffee and hot cocoa and to discuss our topic of the week.
	"The Lorax"	9:00 PM	Meet the Naturalist at the Amphitheater to hear the stories of the Lorax and the Truax and the effects industrialism has on nature.
<b>Weekend Theme: Bait a Hook</b>			
Friday, June 01, 2012	A Fish in the Sea	8:30 PM	Join the Naturalist at the Amphitheater to learn about the fish food chain and play a game!
Saturday, June 02, 2012	National Trails Day	10:00 AM	You're invited to a TRAILgate Party! There will be games, prizes, and a hike led through the beautiful Turtle River State Park. Attention Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts: This hike qualifies for the Girl Scout "Get With the Land" patch, and Boy Scouts can use this hike towards a belt loop, pin, or merit badge.

	Fish Tales	8:00 PM	Join the Naturalist at the Amphitheater for some fish fun, and to share some of your own fish stories.
Sunday, June 03, 2012	Coffee with the Naturalist	9:30 AM	Join the Naturalist at the Amphitheater for coffee and hot cocoa and to discuss our topic of the week.
<b>Get Lost...In Turtle River State Park</b>			
<b>Weekend Theme:</b>			
Friday, June 08, 2012	X' Marks the Spot	8:00 PM	Meet the Naturalist at the Hillside to have some fun while learning how to navigate with a map and compass.
Saturday, June 09, 2012	DE: Maps, Maps, and More Maps!	10:30 AM	Join the Naturalist at the Visitor Center to make your own map of Turtle River State Park.
	Hike-A-Thon!	2:00 PM	Meet the Naturalist across the road from the Woodland Lodge and have fun hiking and exploring the trails with your family and friends!
	Geo-what?	8:00 PM	Join the Naturalist at the Amphitheater to learn about geocaching in North Dakota State Parks.
Sunday, June 10, 2012	Coffee with the Naturalist	9:30 PM	Join the Naturalist at the Amphitheater for coffee and hot cocoa and to discuss our topic of the week.
<b>Daddy Dearest</b>			
<b>Weekend Theme:</b>			
Friday, June 15, 2012	Who's My Dad?	8:30 PM	In celebration of Father's Day, join the Naturalist at the Amphitheater to play a game and learn how animal dads are a lot like YOUR dad!
Saturday, June 16, 2012	TURTLE FEST		Come join us at Turtle River for a day of fun, games, music, fishing, minnow races, great food and lots more!
	Crafting with Dad	8:00 PM	Bring your dad to the Visitor Center to make a bird house with the Naturalist!
Sunday, June 17, 2012	Coffee with the Naturalist	9:30 AM	Join the Naturalist at the Amphitheater for coffee and hot cocoa and to discuss our topic of the week.
<b>Great American Backyard Campout</b>			
<b>Weekend Theme:</b>			
Friday, June 22, 2012	Playing with Fire	8:30 PM	Join the Naturalist at the Amphitheater to learn a fun, and tasty, new way to build a fire.
Saturday, June 23, 2012	DE: Firestarters	10:30 AM	Come on down to the Visitor Center to make firestarters for your next campfire.
	Afternoon Hike	3:00 PM	Join the Naturalist at the Woodland Lodge Trail Head to take a short walk on one of the many trails in the park.
	Delicious Campfire Desserts	8:00 PM	After supper, join the Naturalists at the Amphitheater for some yummy treats!
Sunday, June 24, 2012	Coffee and Breakfast with the Naturalist	9:30 AM	Join the Naturalist at the Amphitheater for coffee and hot cocoa and to learn how to make a delicious fireside breakfast!
<b>Weekend Theme: Animal Planet</b>			

Friday, June 29, 2012	Furry Critters	8:00 PM	Come to the Amphitheater to learn all about fur and its many uses in our society.
Saturday, June 30, 2012	DE: Small Animals in TRSP	10:30 AM	Join the Naturalist at the Visitor Center to learn all about the cute little critters you see everyday in Turtle River State Park.
	Afternoon Hike	3:00 PM	Meet the Naturalist at the CCC Trail Head to take a short walk on one of the many trails in the park.
	Tracks and Trails	8:30 PM	Meet the Naturalist at the Amphitheater to test your knowledge of animal tracks.
Sunday, July 01, 2012	Coffee with the Naturalist	9:30 AM	Join the Naturalist at the Amphitheater for coffee and hot cocoa and to discuss our topic of the week.
	Ranger's Choice	9:30 PM	Wander up to the Amphitheater to see what kind of fun we have in store for you to end your weekend off right!
<b>Weekend Theme: Tree Army</b>			
Friday, July 06, 2012	Tree I.D.	8:30 PM	about the trees of Turtle River.
Saturday, July 07, 2012	DE: Tree Scavenger Hunt	10:30 AM	Meet the Naturalist at the Visitor Center to find some treerific trees!
	EAB Alert	8:00 PM	Come to the Amphitheater to learn about one of the most dangerous threats to North Dakota's trees, the Emerald Ash Borer.
Sunday, July 08, 2012	Coffee with the Naturalist	9:30 AM	Join the Naturalist at the Amphitheater for coffee and hot cocoa and to discuss our topic of the week.
<b>Weekend Theme: Halloween in July</b>			
Friday, July 13, 2012	Spooktacular	9:30 PM	Meet the Naturalist at the Amphitheater for some scary stories around the campfire, if you dare!
Saturday, July 14, 2012	DE: Mask Making!	10:30 AM	Make some spooky masks for the Halloween festivities at the Visitor Center!
	Halloween in July		Dust off last year's Halloween costume and join the park staff in a howling good time by participating in decorating your campsite, a costume contest at the Amphitheater, trick-or-treating in the campgrounds, and our very own haunted trail! (Contact the Park Naturalists if your family would like to contribute a scene to the haunted trail. Call for (701) 594-4445 for more information.)
Sunday, July 15, 2012	Coffee with the Naturalist	9:30 AM	Join the Naturalist at the Amphitheater for coffee and hot cocoa and to discuss our topic of the week.
<b>Weekend Theme: Water, Water Everywhere!</b>			
Friday, July 20, 2012	Drip Drop	8:30 PM	Join the Naturalist at the Amphitheater to learn about one of our most valuable resources and play the Water Cycle Game.
Saturday, July 21, 2012	DE: Larimore Days Parade	10:30 AM	Go to Larimore to see Roscoe the Raccoon in the Larimore Days Parade!

	Splish Splash	8:00 PM	Ready, set, go! Head over to the Amphitheater to see who will win the gold medal in this years Water Olympics!
Sunday, July 22, 2012	Coffee with the Naturalist	9:30 AM	Join the Naturalist at the Amphitheater for coffee and hot cocoa and to discuss our topic of the week.
<b>Weekend Theme: Jurassic Park: Turtle River</b>			
Friday, July 27, 2012	Time Travelers	8:30 PM	Meet the Naturalist at the Amphitheater to see what kinds of critters may have called North Dakota home 10,000 years ago.
Saturday, July 28, 2012	DE: Become A Fossil	10:30 AM	Join the Naturalist at the Chalet to learn all about fossils and play a fun game.
	Go On A Dinosaur Dig	8:00 PM	Come to the Amphitheater to search for some fossils.
Sunday, July 29, 2012	Coffee with the Naturalist	9:30 AM	Join the Naturalist at the Amphitheater for coffee and hot cocoa and to discuss our topic of the week.
<b>Weekend Theme: Artsy Parksy</b>			
Friday, August 03, 2012	Artist in Residency	8:30 PM	Come to the Amphitheater to meet the Artist in Residency at Turtle River State Park.
Saturday, August 04, 2012	DE: Arts & Games	10:30 AM	Join the Naturalist and the Artist in Residency at the Visitor Center to learn about your artistic abilities!
	Papermaking 101	8:00 PM	Wander down to the Visitor Center to make your own recycled paper!
Sunday, August 05, 2012	Coffee with the Naturalist	9:30 AM	Join the Naturalist at the Amphitheater for coffee and hot cocoa and to discuss our topic of the week.
	Mystery Program	9:00 PM	Surprise! Come to the Amphitheater to see what kind of fun the Interpreters can come up with!
<b>Weekend Theme: CSI: Nature</b>			
Friday, August 10, 2012	PI: Park Investigator	8:30 PM	Meet the Naturalist at the Amphitheater to go on an animal stakeout!
Saturday, August 11, 2012	DE: Hoo Done It?	10:30 AM	Join the Naturalist at the Visitor Center and investigate just what it is that an owl eats.
	Timberrr	8:00 PM	Come to the Amphitheater to solve the mystery of the disappearing trees in Turtle River State Park.
Sunday, August 12, 2012	Coffee with the Naturalist	9:30 AM	Join the Naturalist at the Amphitheater for coffee and hot cocoa and to discuss our topic of the week.
<b>Weekend Theme: Happy Birthday Turtle River State Park</b>			
Friday, August 17, 2012	Birthday Bingo!	8:30 PM	Kick off the Birthday Bash a night early with a few games of bingo at the Amphitheater!
Saturday, August 18, 2012	Turtle River Birthdy Bash!		Come celebrate Turtle River State Park's 78th birthday with us! The day will be filled with games, crafts, and a watermelon feed!

	A Sweet Ending	8:30 PM	Continue the party at the Amphitheater with birthday cake, and relax a little after a long day.
Sunday, August 19, 2012	Coffee with the Naturalist	9:30 AM	Join the Naturalist at the Amphitheater for coffee and hot cocoa and to discuss our topic of the week.
<b>Weekend Theme: Plants and Edibles</b>			
Friday, August 24, 2012	Wildflower hike	8:00 PM	Meet the Naturalist at the Visitor Center for a hike and scavenger hunt for wildflowers in the park!
Saturday, August 25, 2012	DE: Flower Power	10:30 AM	Join the Naturalist at the Visitor Center to learn about flowers and make your own to take home.
	Wild Edibles	8:00 PM	Come to the Amphitheater for some delectable goodies made from wild plants found in Turtle River State Park.
Sunday, August 26, 2012	Coffee with the Naturalist	9:30 AM	Join the Naturalist at the Amphitheater for coffee and hot cocoa and to discuss our topic of the week.
<b>Weekend Theme: Under Blue Skies</b>			
Friday, August 31, 2012	Wind In Your Hair	8:30 PM	Glide over to the Amphitheater to discover the power of the wind and why North Dakota has so much!
Saturday, September 01, 2012	DE: Storm Warning	10:30 AM	Fly down to the Visitor Center to learn about thunder, lightning, tornadoes, and storm clouds!
	Weather Bingo	8:00 PM	Bingo! Join the Naturalist at the Visitor Center for a fun filled night of weather bingo.
Sunday, September 02, 2012	Coffee with the Naturalist	9:30 AM	Join the Naturalist at the Amphitheater for coffee and hot cocoa and to discuss our topic of the week.
	Mystery Program	8:00 PM	Join the Naturalist at the Amphitheater for a surprise program to close up our season here at Turtle River State Park.